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A cross-metathesis approach for the synthesis of tedanolide and 13-deoxytedanolide: stereoselective synthesis of the C3–C16 segment[☆]

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Abstract—A unified synthetic strategy has been devised for the synthesis of both tedanolide and 13-deoxytedanolide, which involves a cross-metathesis reaction as the key step. We report herein the stereoselective synthesis of the C3–C16 segment (+)-**5b** and subsequent manipulation of the C12–C13 double bond leading to the preparation of both tedanolides. © 2007 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved.

Tedanolide (1), an antitumour macrolide was isolated from a prevalent Caribbean sponge *Tedania ignis* by Schmitz et al.¹ in 1984. In 1991, a closely related macrolide 13-deoxytedanolide (2) was discovered from the Japanese sponge *Mycale adhaerens*, by Fusetani et al.² These two polyketides exhibit remarkable cytotoxicity against P388 murine leukemia cells at pico to nanomolar ranges, and Fusetani et al. were able to identify the 60S large ribosomal subunit as the molecular target of (+)-13-deoxytedanolide (2).³ Recently, tedanolide C (3) was reported by Ireland et al.,⁴ which differs in the oxygenation and methylation pattern. The challenging structural complexity of the tedanolides in combination with their promising biological profile has prompted several research groups to investigate the synthesis of these natural products,⁵ resulting in a variety of fragment syntheses as well as fundamental studies. Consequently, two total syntheses of (+)-13-deoxytedanolide (**2**) were reported in 2003 and 2005 by Smith and Roush, respectively.⁶ The first total synthesis of (+)-tedanolide was reported by Kalesse et al.⁷ (see Fig. 1).



Figure 1. Structures of tedanolides.

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Scheme 1. Retrosynthesis of tedanolides 1 and 2.

Almost every group chose to disconnect the natural product at the C12–C13 bond, with the plan of eventually using some type of aldol coupling to form this bond once the synthesis of the two fragments had been completed. In continuation of our efforts^{5v} towards the total synthesis of tedanolides, we have devised a unified synthetic strategy, our retrosynthesis of tedanolides **1** and **2** is shown in Scheme 1.

Our retrosynthetic strategy for tedanolides 1 and 2 involves disconnections leading to two fragments 6 (C3-C13), and 7 (C12-C21) as shown in Scheme 1. Fragments 6 and 7 were designed to be connected by olefin cross-metathesis to give 5a. Subsequently, the C12-C13 double bond in 5a is planned to be manipulated utilizing the C11 allylic alcohol to afford the C3-C21 segments 4a and 4b of both the tedanolides. Later, an asymmetric glycolate aldol reaction to install the remaining two stereocentres at C2 and C3, followed by a Wittig olefination at C21 are expected to give the carbon back-bone of the tedanolides. In order to establish our synthetic strategy, we report herein the stereoselective synthesis of the C3–C16 segment 5b and subsequent manipulation of the C12–C13 double bond to afford the C3–C16 segments of both the tedanolides. We have utilized Crimmins asymmetric aldol protocol as the main tool to synthesize fragments 6 and 8.

The synthesis began with a Crimmins asymmetric aldol reaction⁸ between **9** and imide **10** to afford the Evans' *syn* aldol product (–)-**11** with high diastereoselectivity⁹ (Scheme 2). This was converted into a cyclic acetal **12** by reductive removal of chiral auxiliary (NaBH₄)¹⁰ followed by cyclic acetal formation (*p*-anisaldehyde dimethylacetal/CSA) on the resulting diol. Selective unmasking of the primary alcohol with DI-BAL-H¹¹ followed by TEMPO oxidation¹² gave aldehyde **13** in good yield, which was subjected to a Wittig olefination¹³ resulting in (+)-**14** in 92% yield (24:1 *E/Z*). The α,β -unsaturated ester was reduced with DI-BAL-H¹⁴ to the allylic alcohol and then oxidized with MnO₂¹⁵ to the corresponding aldehyde **15** in excellent yield.

A second Crimmins asymmetric aldol⁹ protocol with imide **10** followed by a silyl protection of the secondary hydroxyl group afforded (-)-**16**.

Subsequently, (-)-16 was reduced with NaBH₄ and the resulting primary alcohol was oxidized with TEMPO to afford aldehyde 17. Another iterative Crimmins asymmetric aldol protocol⁹ with imide 10 and subsequent reduction (NaBH₄) gave diol (+)-18 in very good yield and diastereoselectivity. The C5 hydroxyl group was protected as OPMB ether (-)-19 by converting the diol



Scheme 2.

into a cyclic acetal (*p*-anisaldehyde dimethylacetal/CSA) followed by DIBAL-H reduction. Protection of the primary alcohol as an OTBS ether and oxidative removal (DDQ) of the allylic OPMB ether selectively resulted in the desired fragment (+)- 6^{16} along with 15% of diol (-)- 20^{17} (Scheme 3).

On the other hand, the straightforward synthesis of fragment 8 is illustrated in Scheme 4. Accordingly, 21 was subjected to Crimmins aldol reaction with imide 22 to furnish the Evans' *syn*-aldol adduct,^{18,9b} which upon reduction with NaBH₄ yielded diol (–)-23 in excellent yield and diastereoselectivity. The C15-OPMB protection was carried out by cyclic acetal formation with anisaldehyde dimethyl acetal followed by regioselective opening with DIBAL-H (93%, two steps) to give (+)-24. Oxidation of the primary alcohol with TEMPO followed by a Wittig reaction on the resulting aldehyde with Ph₃P=CH₂·HBr and *n*-BuLi in THF afforded the fragment (+)-8¹⁹ in 85% yield (Scheme 4).

With the two fragments **6** and **8** in hand, the stage was set for the important cross-metathesis reaction. When we carried out this reaction with 10 mol% of Grubb's 2nd generation catalyst in refluxing dichloromethane,²⁰ to our surprise, we only obtained the homo-dimer product (+)- 25^{21} of fragment **6** and none of the desired

product. Starting material **6** was also recovered in small amounts. On the other hand, we carried out a crossmetathesis reaction between fragments **8** and (–)-**20** (a minor product obtained in the DDQ step), and to our delight we obtained the desired product (+)-**26**²² in 60% yield along with a small amount of homo-dimer (+)-**25**. Based on these results, we converted allylic alcohol (–)-**6** into (–)-**20** with DDQ in 92% yield and subsequent cross-metathesis reaction with **8** gave (+)-**26** in good yield (Scheme 5).

The initial success in the olefin cross-metathesis reaction encouraged us to transform fragment (+)-**26** into the C3–C16 segments of both the tedanolides. Accordingly, the allylic alcohol group in (+)-**26** was oxidized with DMP and the resulting α,β -unsaturated double bond was selectively reduced with NiCl₂·6H₂O/NaBH₄ to afford the C3–C16 segment of 13-deoxytedanolide (+)-**27**.²³ On the other hand, we converted (+)-**26** into the C3–C16 segment of tedanolide (–)-**28**²⁴ by epoxidation of allylic alcohol with *m*CPBA(Scheme 6).

In summary, we have successfully developed a convergent synthetic route towards the tedanolides by synthesizing the C3–C16 segments (+)-27 and (-)-28 from key intermediate (+)-26. Efforts are currently being directed towards the total syntheses of both the tedanolides, utilizing the above strategy.



Scheme 3.





(+)-26

Scheme 6.

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- 17. Spectral data for (-)-**20**: $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ -3.6 (c 0.5, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.87 (ddd, J = 16.8 Hz, 10.4 Hz, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (td, J = 17.2 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (td, J = 10.8 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (m, 2H), 3.53 (dd, J = 4.8 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 3.42 (dd, J = 7.6 Hz, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (m, 1H), 2.15 (br s, 1H), 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.62 (br s, 1H), 1.57 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 3H), 1.00 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (s, 18H), 0.03 (s, 6H), -0.007 (s, 3H), -0.03 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.0, 137.8, 136.8, 130.7, 129.3, 128.9, 118.0, 113.7, 84.3, 82.2, 73.3, 69.7, 65.9, 55.2, 39.2, 38.3, 37.2, 29.6, 25.8, 18.2, 18.1, 16.8, 13.8, 11.7, 9.3, -4.3, -4.9, -5.4, -5.5; IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3604, 3523, 2953, 2929, 1612, 1514, 1465, 1249, 1066, 1043, 837; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z (M+Na)⁺ calcd for C₂₇H₅₆O₄Si₂Na, 523.3615; obsd 523.3614.

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- 22. Spectral data for (+)-**26**: $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ 19.4 (c 0.5, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (m, 4H), 7.43–7.33 (m, 6H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.68 (dd, J = 15.2 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (dd, J = 15.6 Hz, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.46 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.75 (m, 2H), 3.54 (d, J = 4.4, 2H), 3.49 (m, 2H), 2.60 (m, 1H), 2.50 (m, 1H), 2.40 (br s, 1H), 1.76 (m. 2H), 1.60 (m. 2H), 1.58 (d. J = 0.8 Hz, 3H), 1.04 (s. 9H), 1.01 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.97 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.03 (s, 9H), -0.01 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.0, 137.2, 135.5, 134.3, 133.9, 130.9, 130.6, 129.5, 129.3, 128.4, 127.6, 113.6, 81.4, 79.3, 74.4, 71.5, 66.4, 60.6, 55.2, 39.3, 39.2, 38.3, 37.9, 34.1, 26.8, 25.8, 19.1, 18.2, 18.1, 15.8, 15.6, 13.3, 12.4, 9.0, -4.2, -4.9, -5.52, -5.55; IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3028, 2922, 2862, 1778, 1699, 1476, 1454, 1390, 1352, 1217, 1107, 1076, 1051, 1051, 975; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z (M+Na)⁺ calcd for C₅₆H₉₂O₇Si₃Na, 983.6049; obsd 983.6087.
- 23. Spectral data for (+)-27: $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ 56.7 (c 0.8, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (m, 4H), 7.43–7.33 (m, 6H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.28 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.74 (m, 1H), 3.56 (t, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 3.54-3.45 (m, 1H)2H), 3.38 (m, 1H), 2.45 (m, 2H), 2.35 (m, 1H), 1.80 (m, 4H), 1.70 (m, 3H), 1.61 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.12 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 0.97 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.85 (d, 3H)V = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.04 (s, 6H), 0.03 (s, 3H), -0.05 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 211.7, 158.9, 138.5, 135.5, 133.9, 133.8, 131.1, 129.5, 129.2, 127.5, 126.0, 113.6, 80.4, 79.3, 74.8, 71.4, 66.6, 60.8, 55.1, 45.7, 39.1, 38.1, 35.2, 33.5, 31.8, 29.6, 29.3, 26.8, 25.9, 25.8, 22.6, 19.1, 18.19, 18.1, 16.2, 15.2, 14.0, 13.0, 12.7, 8.6, 0.9, -4.3, -5.0, -5.54, -5.58; IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3504, 2929, 2856, 1712, 1612, 1512, 1465, 1249, 1109, 1072, 1039, 837; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z

 $(M+Na)^+$ calcd for $C_{56}H_{92}O_7Si_3Na$, 983.6049; obsd 983.6088.

24. Spectral data for (-)-**28**: $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -3.8 (c 0.5, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (m, 4H), 7.44-7.34 (m, 6H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.29 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.75 (m, 4H), 3.59-3.50 (m, 3H), 3.36 (dd, J = 7.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (dd, J = 7.6 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (br s, 1H), 2.77 (m, 1H), 1.80 (m, 3H), 1.60 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 3H), 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.07 (d, $J = 7.2 \text{ Hz}, 3\text{H}, 1.05 (s, 9\text{H}), 0.99-0.82 (m, 30 \text{ H}), 0.07 (s, 3\text{H}), 0.05 (s, 3\text{H}), -0.01 (s, 3\text{H}); {}^{13}\text{C}$ NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.0, 138.2, 135.5, 133.78, 133.74, 130.9, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 127.9, 127.6, 113.6, 81.8, 74.0, 72.2, 72.0, 66.0, 60.7, 57.3, 56.8, 55.1, 39.5, 38.8, 38.3, 37.5, 34.8, 31.8, 29.6, 29.3, 26.8, 25.8, 22.6, 19.1, 18.2, 18.1, 16.3, 14.0, 13.8, 11.9, 10.4, 9.0, 0.9, -4.3, -4.9, -5.5; IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3462, 2956, 2856, 1612, 1512, 1465, 1427, 1388, 1251, 1109, 1074, 1041, 837; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* (M+Na)⁺ calcd for C₅₆H₉₂O₈Si₃Na, 999.5998; obsd 999.6030.