



Synthesis and stereochemistry of (–)-rosiridol and (–)-rosiridin

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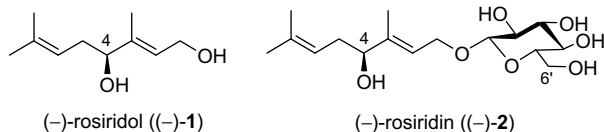
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ABSTRACT

The plant-derived monoterpenoids (–)-rosiridol and (–)-rosiridin can be assembled in an enantioselective manner via DIP–Cl reduction of a ketone precursor obtained by BCl₃-mediated C–C coupling of prenyl stannane and an α,β -unsaturated C₅ aldehyde. On the basis of Mosher analyses, the absolute stereochemistry 4S was assigned to (–)-rosiridol; this was confirmed by X-ray structure analysis of pentaacetylrosiridin. Glucosylation of (4S)-4-acetoxygeraniol proceeds under Koenigs–Knorr conditions in diethyl ether. (–)-Rosiridin was synthesized for the first time.

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Exploring the synthesis of cladiellane diterpenoids,¹ we became interested in the hydroxylated monoterpenoid (–)-rosiridol [(–)-**1**, (–)-4-hydroxygeraniol]. (–)-Rosiridol [(–)-**1**] has been isolated as a natural product from the rhizome of the medicinal plant *Rhodiola rosea*^{2–4} (Crassulaceae, roseroot), from the leaves of *Cunila spicata* (Lamiaceae),⁵ and was detected in petals of the rose *Rosa damascena*.⁶



Glycosylated derivatives of (–)-rosiridol [(–)-**1**] include the major component (–)-rosiridin [(–)-**2**] from *Rh. rosea*^{2,7} and rhodiolsides B and C from *Rhodiola sachalinensis*.^{8,9} A rosiridyl side chain occurs in the tyramine derivative acidissiminol from the wood apple tree *Limonia acidissima*¹⁰ and in a 5-methylcoumarin from *Mutisia orbignyana* (Asteraceae).¹¹ The carbon skeleton of the marine triterpenoid glycoside xestovanin A contains a 4-hydroxygeranyl partial structure.¹²

There are contradicting reports on the absolute stereochemistry of (–)-rosiridol. While Kadota et al.⁷ and Koike et al.⁸ concluded that (–)-rosiridol [(–)-**1**] should have 4R configuration, Hong et al.¹³ and Yoshikawa et al.⁹ derived 4S configuration. An

independent synthesis of (–)-rosiridol and a first synthesis of (–)-rosiridin [(–)-**2**] might shed some light on that issue.

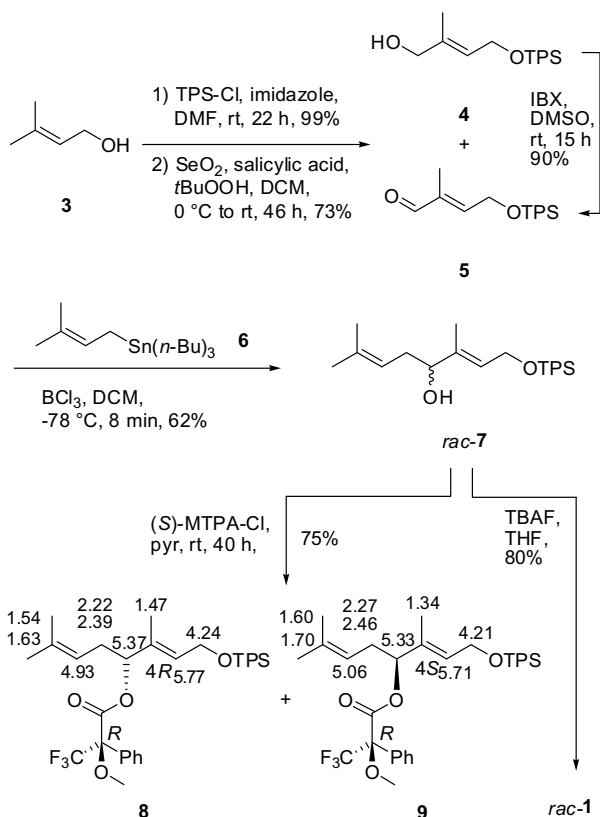
Hong et al. published the only total synthesis of (–)-**1** by coupling prenylzinc to a C₅ aldehyde in the presence of HMPA and a norbornene-derived chiral auxiliary under precisely defined conditions strongly dependent on the reaction time.¹³

Synthesis of rac-rosiridol. We first synthesized *rac*-rosiridol (*rac*-**1**) to obtain NMR data of both Mosher esters. Aldehyde **5** was prepared from prenyl (**3**) in three steps (Scheme 1).¹⁴ The concomitantly formed allylic alcohol **4** was oxidized to **5** with IBX. Regarding the regioselective S_N2 addition of the prenyl nucleophile to a carbonyl group,¹⁵ a procedure first employed by Danishefsky and co-workers worked best.¹⁶ BCl₃ was rapidly added to a cooled solution of aldehyde **5** and stannane **6** leading to the desired alcohol *rac*-**7** via transmetalation of the prenyl moiety from tin to boron (Scheme 1). We observed formation of the regioisomeric S_N2' product when the stannane **6** was prepared from prenyl bromide, whereas use of prenyl chloride led to complete S_N2 regioselectivity.¹⁷

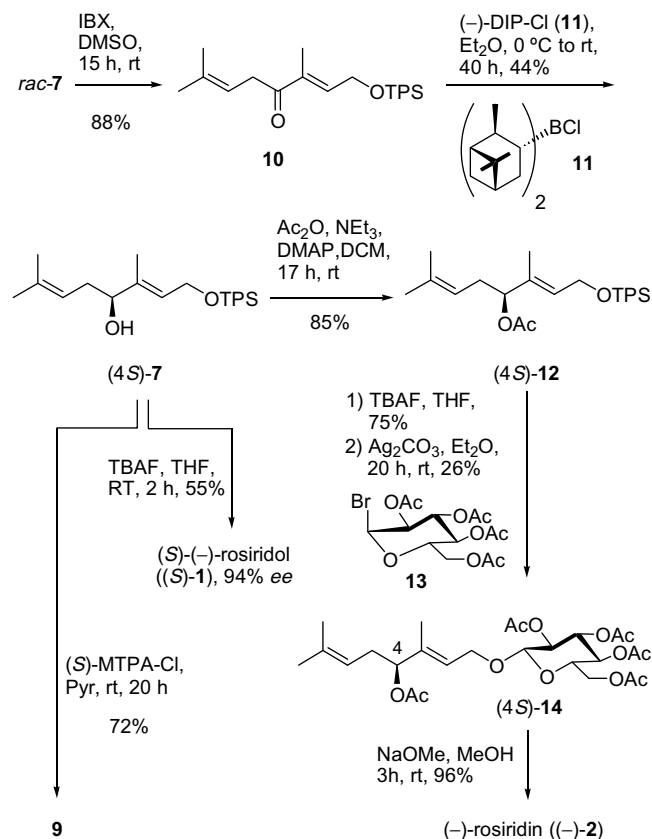
Removal of tin containing impurities was possible by column filtration on KF–silica (1:9) leaving the OTPS group intact.¹⁸ Deprotection under standard conditions afforded *rac*-rosiridol (*rac*-**1**) in 80% yield.¹⁹

Diastereomeric (*R*)-Mosher esters **8** and **9** were synthesized from *rac*-**7** (Scheme 1, Fig. 1) employing (*S*)-MTPA–Cl²⁰ and were analyzed by ¹H NMR spectroscopy (**8**: (*R*,4*R*), **9**: (*R*,4*S*)).²¹ The (*R*,*R*)-diastereomer **8** must exhibit the same ¹H NMR chemical shifts as the (*S*,*S*)-compound, which are to be compared with that of (*S*,*R*)-diastereomer **9**. We also desilylated **8** and **9** affording the 4-*O*-MTPA esters of *rac*-**1**, which exhibited ¹H NMR chemical shifts

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Scheme 1. Synthesis and Mosher analysis of *rac*-rosiridol (*rac*-1). ¹H NMR chemical shifts were obtained in CDCl₃.



Scheme 2. Synthesis of (-)-rosiridol [(-)-1] and (-)-rosiridin [(-)-2].

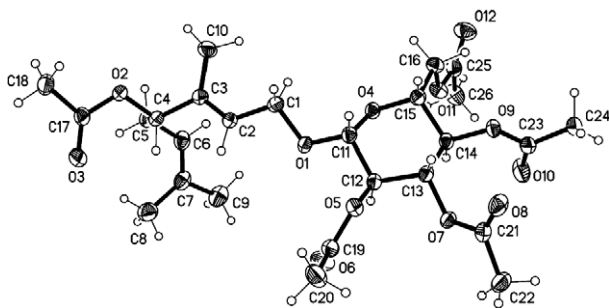


Figure 1. Structure of pentaacetylrosiridol [(4S)-14] in the crystal, obtained by recrystallization from EtOH.²⁹

corresponding well to those of **8** and **9**. The bulky TPS group does not appear to substantially change the average conformation of the Mosher esters.

Enantioselective synthesis of (-)-rosiridol. Alcohol *rac*-**7** was oxidized with IBX affording ketone **10** (Scheme 2). For the reduction of **10** we employed (-)-DIP-Cl (**11**) and obtained alcohol (4S)-**7**. Removal of the TPS group afforded (-)-rosiridol [(-)-1] with negative optical rotation ($[\alpha]_D^{20} -7.2$, c 0.36, acetone), proving its identity with the natural product. The enantioselectivity of ketone reductions with (-)-DIP-Cl predicts the formation of the (*S*)-enantiomer.²² The absolute stereochemistry of (4S)-**7** was confirmed by ¹H NMR spectroscopy of the (*R*)-Mosher ester **9** and comparison with the data obtained on derivatization of *rac*-**7**. The enantiomeric ratio of (4S)-**7** and (4R)-**7** obtained by the (-)-DIP-Cl reduction was about 97:3 (¹H NMR analysis). We additionally confirmed this by using (*R*)-MTPA-Cl.²⁰

Koike et al. obtained rosiridyl 1-*O*-pivaloate by enzymatic hydrolysis of the diglycoside rhodioloside B, followed by esterifica-

tion.⁸ The ¹H NMR chemical shift differences reported for the Mosher esters of rosiridyl 1-*O*-pivaloate almost exactly mirror our data, but with opposite sign. The ¹H NMR chemical shift differences observed for the 4,6'-bis-Mosher esters of (-)-rosiridin [(-)-2] obtained by Kadota et al. are quite small and difficult to compare with our values.⁷ The Kadota and Koike groups both conclude that (-)-rosiridol [(-)-1] has *R* configuration. Contrastingly, Hong et al. base their opposite 4S assignment for (-)-rosiridol [(-)-1] not only on the Mosher esters of the TBS-protected analog of [(-)-1], but also on the conversion of the compound to the pheromone (-)-eldanolide.¹³ The absolute stereochemistry of (-)-eldanolide had been proven earlier by total synthesis.²³ Our own Mosher analysis, in accordance with the expected stereoselectivity of the (-)-DIP-Cl reduction, lets us draw the same conclusion as the Hong and Yoshikawa groups proposing 4S configuration for (-)-rosiridol [(-)-1].

Glucosylation. (4S)-4-*O*-Acetylrosiridol²⁴ was obtained from (4S)-**7** in the presence of DMAP, followed by desilylation of (4S)-**12** (Scheme 2).²⁵ Koenigs–Knorr glucosylation employing tetraacetylated α -glucopyranosyl bromide (**13**) in the presence of Ag₂CO₃ in Et₂O²⁶ provided the peracetylated compound (4S)-**14** in 26% isolated yield after chromatography with 15% recovered starting material.²⁷ Glucosylations carried out in DMF as described, for example, for xylosylations by Satgé et al.²⁸ were unsatisfactory in our hands. In a prior model reaction, glucosylation of geraniol provided the β -glucoside in an isolated yield of 34% after chromatography with 20% recovered starting material. These non-optimized yields are within the range of expectation for glucosylations of geraniol derivatives. We were able to determine the stereochemical outcome of the (-)-DIP-Cl reduction independently by X-ray analysis of crystalline pentaacetylrosiridin [(4S)-**14**, Fig. 1]; the absolute configuration was determined on the basis

of anomalous scattering by oxygen.²⁹ Saponification with NaOMe/MeOH liberated (–)-(4S)-rosiridin (96%).

The maximum deviation of ¹³C NMR chemical shifts (methanol-*d*₄) of (–)-(4S)-rosiridin, when compared with the data reported by Kadota⁷ and, recently, by Yoshikawa,⁹ was 0.9 and 0.2, respectively. In a control experiment we synthesized diastereomeric (–)-(4R)-rosiridin. Alcohol (4R)-**7** was obtained by reduction of **10** with (+)-DIP-Cl, followed by acetylation, glucosylation (30 °C, 44%), and saponification. 4S- and 4R-rosiridins exhibit very similar ¹³C NMR chemical shifts, with the largest difference of 0.2 ppm observed for C-3' (methanol-*d*₄). Optical activities were also comparable ($[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25}$ –33.4 (4S), *c* 0.9 (good agreement with Kurkin² and Yoshikawa⁹) and –22.5 (4R), *c* 1.6, acetone, respectively). For the diastereomeric pentaacetylosiridins (4S)-**14** and (4R)-**14**, however, the difference in optical rotation was more significant ($[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{28}$ –24.5 (4S), *c* 1.0 and –4.9 (4R), *c* 1.0, acetone, respectively). Kurkin et al. had reported $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ –28.4 (*c* 1.0, acetone) for (4S)-**14**.² This leads us to conclude that the natural product (–)-rosiridin has 4S configuration.

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