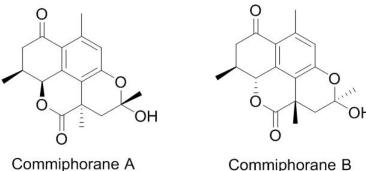




Asymmetric Total Synthesis of Commiphoranes A and B

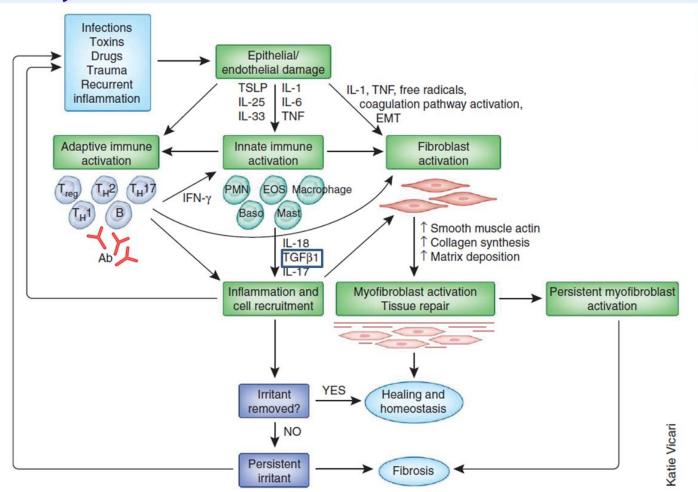
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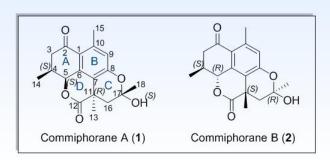


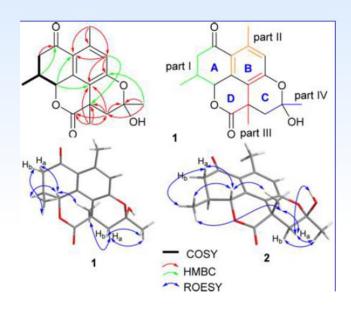
Fibrosis overview

Primary cause - Chronic inflammation



Newly isolated commiphoranes





Commiphoranes originates from Myrrh



Retrosynthetic analysis

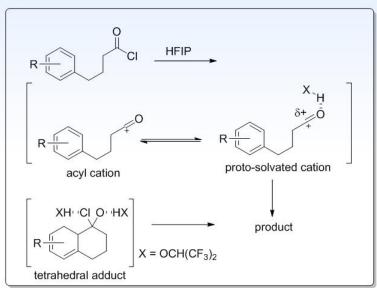
Enantioselective crotylation

Stereochemistries are controlled by chiral reagents

Acyl chloride formation

Intramolecular Friedel-Crafts promoted by HFIP

- Requires no reagent
- HFIP stabilizes transition state
- Works for sterically hindered substrates



Regioselective halogenation

Selectflour,
$$I_2$$
, MeCN, rt

OAc

13

14

15

NBS, H_2SO_4 , H_2O , $GO \circ C$

OAc Br

OAc

Selectflour, I_2 , MeOH, rt
OAc

OAc

Selectflour MeCN, rt

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Synthesis of fragment 7

DCC-mediated esterification

Connects both halves of the compound

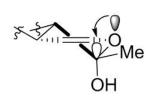
Intramolecular Heck reaction

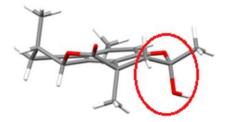
Chiral BINAP ligand controls stereoselectivity

Radical cyclization – An alternative to Heck reaction

Intramolecular hemiacetal formation

Intramolecular hemiacetal formation





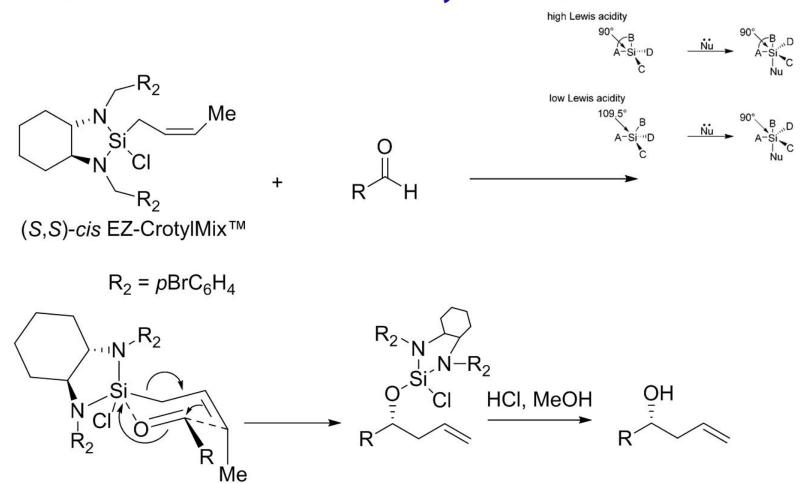


Summary

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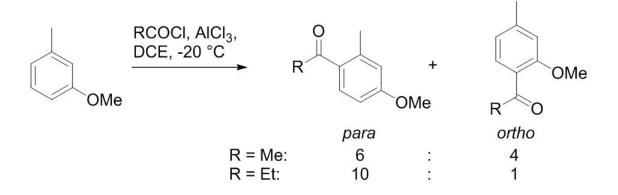
Crotylation Mechanism

Strain-release Lewis acidity of silane



FC regioselectivity

- Para position is most electron rich
- Poor selectivity for reactive MeCO+



Carbonylation mechanism

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