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Callipeltoside A (1) was isolated from the lithistid sponge Callipelta sp. by Minale and co-workers in 1996.1 Preliminary biological assays indicated that this marine natural product exhibits cytotoxic activity against NSCLC-N6 human bronchopulmonary nonsmall-cell lung carcinoma and P388 cell lines. 1 At the time this project was undertaken, the relative stereochemical relationships between the sugar and the macrolactone had been proposed on the basis of 2D-NMR studies. However, the relative stereochemistry of the chlorocyclopropyl side chain to the rest of the molecule and the absolute stereochemistry of callipeltoside A remained unassigned. Recently, both Paterson^{2a} and Trost^{2b} have found that enantiomeric trans-chlorocyclopropane side chains were too remote to induce visible differences in the ¹H- or ¹³C-NMR spectra of either the aglycons or the glycosylated macrolactones. However, the optical rotations of the two side chain stereoisomers were dramatically different. These values enabled Trost to determine the relative and absolute stereochemistry of callipeltoside A through his recently disclosed total synthesis. In this Communication, we wish to report a convergent asymmetric synthesis of callipeltoside A from the illustrated subunits (Scheme 1).

In prior communications, we have described approaches to the syntheses of L-callipeltose and the enantiopure chlorocyclopropanecontaining side chain fragments 4.3 On the basis of Celmer's model for macrolide stereochemical relationships,4 we selected the illustrated macrolactone enantiomer as the synthesis objective.

The synthesis began with the development of the illustrated [Cu((R,R)PhPyBox)](SbF₆)₂•2H₂O (**5**)^{5,6} catalyzed vinylogous aldol addition reaction⁷ between enolsilane 6^8 and p-methoxy benyzloxyacetaldehyde (7), which afforded the desired aldol adduct 8 in excellent yield (93%) and enantioselectivity (95%) as a single olefin isomer. This ester was then converted to aldehyde 9 in good overall yield. With aldehyde 9-(R) in hand, the anti-aldol reaction with β -ketoimide **10** was then investigated (Scheme 2, eq 1). ¹⁰ In contrast to prior precedent, this aldol reaction proceeded with poor facial selectivity, yielding a 55:45 mixture of the two anti-aldol adducts, favoring the desired isomer 11a.11 On the other hand, the analogous reaction with aldehyde 9-(S) afforded the aldol adduct 11b with excellent diastereochemical control (92:8). Taken together, these two reactions (eqs 1 and 2) document an unanticipated facial bias resulting from the remote secondary silyloxy stereocenter on the aldehyde reaction partner. This result forced us to reconsider the eventual macrocyclization strategy where the C13 center would have to be inverted.12

The assemblage of the seco acid continued with a hydroxyldirected anti-reduction of 11b, 13 followed by ring closure to lactone 12 (Scheme 3), a convenient point for purification. Following a routine series of transformations, Chan's diene¹⁴ was added to

Scheme 2 a

^a Reagents: (a) 2.5 mol% [Cu((R,R)-PhPyBox)](SbF₆)₂·2H₂O (**5**), CH₂Cl₂, -78 °C; HCl (aq), EtOAc, rt. (b) TBSCl, imid., DMF, rt. (c) LiAlH₄, Et₂O, rt. (d) SO_3 -pyr, DMSO, Et_3N , CH_2Cl_2 , 0 °C. (e) **10**, Cy_2BCl , $EtNMe_2$, Et_2O , $0 \rightarrow -78$ °C then RCHO, $-78 \rightarrow -20$ °C.

aldehyde 13 with excellent Felkin control (>95:5).15 Silylation, methanolysis, and methylation of 14 then produced the lactol methyl ether 15.

While attempts to induce macrolactonization under Mitsunobu conditions did not afford any desired product, it was found that exposure of mesylate 16 to cesium carbonate, and 18-crown-6 in

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Scheme 3 a

^a Reagents: (a) **10**, Cy₂BCl, EtNMe₂ 0 → −78 °C then **9**-(S). (b) Me₄NBH(OAc)₃, MeCN, AcOH, 0 °C. (c) HN(CH₂CH₂OH)₂, EtOAc, rt. (d) HNMe(OMe)·HCl, AlMe₃, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C → rt. (e) Me₂C(OMe)₂, PPTS, acetone, rt. (f) LiAlH₄, Et₂O, rt. (g) BF₃·OEt₂, toluene, −90 °C. (h) TBSOTf, 2,6-lutidine, CH₂Cl₂, −78 °C. (i) PPTS, MeOH, rt. (j) MeOTf, 2,6-di-*tert*-butylpyridine, CH₂Cl₂, rt. (k) TBAF, THF, rt. (l) MsCl, Et₃N, DMAP, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C. (m) LiOH, H₂O, MeOH, THF, rt. (n) 1.5 mM, Cs₂CO₃, 18-crown-6, toluene, 110 °C. (o) TBAF, THF, rt. (p) **3**, NIS, TfOH, 2,6-di-*tert*-butyl-4-methylpyridine, CH₂Cl₂, −15 °C → rt. (q) DDQ, MeOH, CH₂Cl₂, H₂O, rt. (r) SO₂·pyr, Et₂N, DMSO, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C.

Scheme 4 a

^a Reagents: (a) LiHMDS, **4a**, THF, -78 °C → rt. (b) LiHMDS, **4b**, THF, -78 °C → rt. (c) I₂, CH₂Cl₂, rt. (d) TBAF, AcOH, THF, rt.

refluxing toluene effected the desired macrocyclization to produce macrolactone 17 in 66% yield after $\mathrm{Bu_4N^+F^-}$ (TBAF) deprotection. NIS-mediated glycosidation of thioglycoside 3 with alcohol acceptor 17 formed the glycoside bond in 95% yield as a single anomer.

Consecutive deprotection of the C14 p-methoxybenzyl (PMB) ether and hydrolysis of the C3 ketal to lactol with DDQ afforded 18 in 83% yield, which was oxidized to 19 under Parikh—Doering conditions.¹⁷ Although olefination of phosphonate 4 was only moderately selective (E:Z = 3:1), this mixture could be cleanly isomerized to the trans olefin (E:Z >11:1) by using a catalytic amount of iodine (Scheme 4). Finally, desilylation with TBAF/ AcOH furnished 20 in 56% overall yield from alcohol 18. The other trans-chlorocyclopropane side chain isomer 21 was prepared in a similar manner. Indeed, while the spectral data of the diastereomers 20 and 21 were both completely consistent with natural callipeltoside, the optical rotations of the two diastereomers differed in both sign and magnitude: diastereomer 20 exhibited a rotation of -17° (c 0.19, MeOH) while diastereomer 21 registered a rotation of +140° (c 0.05, MeOH). Since natural callipeltoside A has a reported optical rotation of -17.6° (c 0.04, MeOH), we conclude that 20 is the structure of callipeltoside A, in full agreement with the conclusions drawn by Trost.

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