

Total Synthesis of (-)-5,6-Dihydrocineromycin B

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An asymmetric total synthesis of (-)-5,6-dihydrocineromycin B has been accomplished in 13 steps from (-)-linalool O-triethylsilyl ether or 12 steps from geraniol. The present synthesis features (i) an intermolecular Wittig reaction involving an aldehyde possessing a ketophosphonate functionality and (ii) an intramolecular Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons olefination.

5,6-Dihydrocineromycin B (1),^{1a} together with cineromycin B and some other secondary metabolites, was isolated by Zeeck et al. in 1999 from Streptomyces sp. (strain Gö 40/10).^{1b} The structural features of the macrolide antibiotic include four stereogenic centers, two carbon-carbon double bonds, two hydroxyls, and an ester functionality embedded on a 14membered macrocycle. Owing to their antibiotic activity against staphylococci, cineromycins and albocyclins have become alluring targets for total synthesis.² However, only one total synthesis of 5,6-dihydrocineromycin B has been published so far.^{2a} Herein we report a novel asymmetric synthesis of 5,6dihydrocineromycin B (1). As outlined in Scheme 1, our

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SCHEME 1. Synthetic Strategy for 5,6-Dihydrocineromycin B









synthetic strategy for assembling 1 would rely on the combination of four components: geraniol (2), (-)-linalool (3), phosphonate 4, and ylide 5. The addition of α -deprotonated phosphonate to aldehyde, Wittig reaction, esterification, and intramolecular Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons (HWE) olefination can serve as key reactions to connect the above four substances.

Our synthesis commenced from elaboration of geraniol (2), which was transformed into the known chiral vicinal diol 6 via Sharpless asymmetric epoxidation³ (TBHP, L-(+)-DIPT, Ti(O-^{*i*}Pr)₄, molecular sieves, CH₂Cl₂) followed by regio- and stereoselective reductive ring opening⁴ (NaBH₃CN, BF₃•Et₂O, THF) according to the documented procedures (Scheme 2). Selective tosylation of the primary hydroxyl (TsCl, Et₃N, DMAP, CH₂Cl₂, 86%) followed by reductive cleavage⁵ (LiAlH₄, THF, 90%) of the sulfonate led to the formation of alcohol 8 in high overall yield. Configuration inversion of the hydroxyl-bearing stereocenter in 8 was realized via sequential Mitsunobu esterification⁶ $(p-O_2N-C_6H_4CO_2H, PPh_3, DIAD, THF)$ and methanolysis in the presence of KOH; the key intermediate, 9, was thus obtained in 78% yield over two steps from 8.

In the meantime, (-)-linalool (3) was converted to triethylsilyl (TES) ether 10^7 (Scheme 3). A two-step sequence, comprising

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SCHEME 3. Synthesis of (-)-Dihydrocineromycin B (1) and Its Epimer 7-epi-1



(i) chemoselective dihydroxylation⁸ of the more electron-rich carbon-carbon double bond (OsO4, K3Fe(CN)6, K2CO3, MeSO₂NH₂, ^tBuOH, H₂O) and (ii) vicinal diol cleavage (NaIO₄, H₂O, Me₂CO), furnished aldehyde 11 in good yield (78%). Ketophosphonates 12 (dr = 1:1) were prepared in 78% yield over two steps through addition⁹ of α -deprotonated phosphonate 4 to aldehyde 11 followed by oxidation¹⁰ of the resultant alcohol with IBX in refluxing EtOAc. Ozonolysis of 12 provided aldehyde 13 (69%), which, after being subjected to Wittig reaction with ylide 5 in toluene at 80 °C overnight, was transformed into 14, an unsaturated methyl ester (73%). Apparently, the potential tandem intermolecular proton transfer/ intramolecular HWE olefination process was not favored since only a little cyclohexenone derivative was formed.¹¹ Furthermore, oligomerization or polymerization did not seem to take place to an appreciable extent under the reaction conditions. Next, saponification of 14 with LiOH in THF- H_2O (1:1) afforded, after an acidic workup, carboxylic acid 15 in 90% yield; the latter was subsequently coupled with alcohol 9 (DCC, DMAP, CH_2Cl_2 ¹² to furnish ester **16** in 65% yield. The trialkylsubstituted olefin moiety was then chemoselectively cleaved to give 17 in good yield (85%) over two steps {(i) OsO₄, NMO, $MeSO_2NH_2$, Me_2CO , H_2O ;⁸ (ii) $NaIO_4$, Me_2CO , H_2O }. The next step was to perform an intramolecular HWE olefination. Indeed, exposure of 17 to DIPEA and LiCl¹³ in acetonitrile effected the desired HWE reaction, which formed macrocycle 18 in moderate yield (65%).

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With 18 in hand, the remaining tasks were to stereoselectively reduce¹⁴ the carbonyl functionality of the enone moiety and remove the silvl protecting group. Several reduction methods were examined without success. For instance, Luche reduction¹⁵ gave exclusively 19 (in 80% yield), in which the stereochemical configuration at C-7 was opposite to that of the target molecule. The stereocontrol observed in this reaction might arise from the macrocyclic conformation of 18. Mitsunobu reaction (p-O₂N-C₆H₄CO₂H, PPh₃, DIAD, THF, 0 °C then rt) of allylic alcohol 19 followed by methanolysis (K₂CO₃, MeOH, rt) failed to give 20 because the first step involved an $S_N 2'$ rather than S_N2 reaction. In addition, the Corey–Bakshi–Shibata (CBS) reduction protocol¹⁶ proved to be unfruitful on this particular substrate. However, treatment¹⁷ of **18** with (S)-BINAL-H¹⁸ (prepared from LiAIH₄, (S)-BINOL and EtOH, in a 1:1:1 ratio) in THF at -100 to -78 °C provided the anticipated alcohol 20 (63%) together with **19** (25%), which could either be oxidized¹⁰ to regenerate enone 18 (IBX, EtOAc, reflux, 95%) for the recycling purpose or be converted to 7-epi-1 (87%) after desilylation^{2c} with TBAF in THF. Finally, desilylation^{2c} of **20**

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under the same conditions used for **19** produced in 77% yield 5,6-dihydrocineromycin B (**1**) as a colorless solid {mp 143–146 °C; lit.^{1a} 145–155 °C}. The structure of **1** was unambiguously confirmed by X-ray crystallographic analysis, while the ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data essentially match those disclosed in the literature^{1a} (see the Supporting Information). However, the optical rotation data of **1** determined in two different solvents $\{[\alpha]^{23}_{D} - 72.5 \ (c \ 0.1, MeOH); [\alpha]^{25}_{D} - 95.5 \ (c \ 0.15, CHCl_3)\}$ were opposite in sign to and prominently different in magnitude from that reported by Zeeck^{1a} $\{[\alpha]^{20}_{D} + 10 \ (c \ 0.1, MeOH)\}$.

In summary, a concise asymmetric total synthesis of (-)dihydrocineromycin B (1) has been accomplished in 13 steps (in 3.6% overall yield, without considering recycling of **19**) from (-)-linalool *O*-TES ether. The present synthesis features (i) an intermolecular Wittig reaction involving an aldehyde possessing a ketophosphonate functionality and (ii) an intramolecular HWE olefination. The strategy opens a practically viable way to construct a series of medicinally attractive cineromycin analogues.

Experimental Section

The synthesis, purification, and analytical data of the intermediates 7-9 and 11-15 are described in the Supporting Information.

Compound 16. To a solution of alcohol 9 (688 mg, 4.40 mmol) and acid 15 (2.38 g, 5.28 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) at 0 °C were added DCC (1.80 g, 8.72 mmol) and DMAP (54 mg, 0.44 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 5 h. After filtration and evaporation of the solvent, the residue was purified by flash chromatography to give 16 (1.68 g, 65%) as a colorless oil: IR (film) v 2960, 2936, 2877, 1717, 1456, 1378, 1256, 1162, 1108, 1050, 1023, 964, 744; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 0.60 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.61 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 9H), 0.96 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1.5H), 0.97 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1.5H), 1.10–1.20 (m, 1H), 1.18 (d, J= 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.31 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 1.38 (s, 3H), 1.35–1.39 (m, 3H), 1.63-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.68 (s, 3H), 1.82-2.07 (m, 4H), 2.44–2.94 (m, 2H), 3.11–3.27 (m, 1H), 4.06–4.16 (m, 4H), 4.84–4.93 (m, 1H), 5.09 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.92 (d, J =15.3 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 0.5H), 6.81 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 0.5H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 6.6 (3C), 7.0 (3C), 10.9 (0.5C), 11.0 (0.5C), 14.4 (1C), 15.8 (0.5C), 15.8 (0.5C), 16.3 (1C), 16.3 (1C), 17.6 (1C), 25.4 (1C), 25.6 (1C), 27.7 (0.5C), 27.8 (0.5C), 32.6 (1C), 36.3 (0.5C), 36.4 (0.5C), 36.9 (1C), 37.8 (0.5C), 37.9 (0.5C), 46.7 (d, J = 126.4 Hz, 1C), 62.4–62.5 (m, 2C), 74.2 (1C), 74.3 (0.5C), 74.3 (0.5C), 119.7 (0.5C), 119.8 (0.5C), 124.3 (1C), 131.5 (1C), 153.5 (0.5C), 153.6 (0.5C), 166.1 (0.5C), 166.2 (0.5C), 205.6 (0.5C), 205.6 (0.5C); ESI-MS m/z 611 (M + Na); ESI-HRMS calcd for C₃₀H₅₇O₇SiPNa 611.3509, found 611.3503.

Compound 17. To a mixture of **16** (943 mg, 1.60 mmol), acetone (16 mL), and water (2 mL) were added OsO_4 (4% in water, 1 mL, 0.16 mmol), NMO (50% in water, 0.50 mL, 2.4 mmol), and MeSO₂NH₂ (152 mg, 1.60 mmol). The mixture was stirred until the color turned light yellow. Then saturated aqueous Na₂SO₃ solution was added, and the stirring was continued for 30 min. After the acetone was removed, the mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated to give a crude diol, which was used directly in the next step without further purification.

The above crude diol was dissolved in acetone (10 mL), and NaIO₄ (680 mg, 3.18 mmol) was added. Then water was added dropwise until NaIO₄ was dissolved completely. The resultant mixture was stirred for 1 h and quenched with saturated aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ solution. After removing acetone under reduced pressure, the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography to give **17** (770 mg, 85%) as a colorless oil: IR (film) ν 2958, 2877, 1718, 1458, 1378, 1255, 1162, 1021, 965, 744; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 0.60 (q, *J* =

7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.61 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 4.5H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 4.5H), 0.96 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1.5H), 0.97 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1.5H) 1.21 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.32–1.37 (m, 3H), 1.31 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 1.38 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 3H), 1.60–1.64 (m, 2H), 1.78–1.87 (m, 3H), 2.41–2.94 (m, 4H), 3.12–3.27 (m, 1H), 4.06–4.16 (m, 4H), 4.83–4.91 (m, 1H), 5.93 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 0.5H), 6.82 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 0.5H) 9.78 (t, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 6.4 (3C), 6.9 (3C), 10.8 (0.5C), 10.9 (0.5C), 14.5 (1C), 16.1 (1C), 16.2 (1C), 36.8 (1C), 37.7 (0.5C), 37.8 (0.5C), 36.1 (1C), 36.2 (1C), 36.8 (1C), 37.7 (0.5C), 154.0 (0.5C), 166.0 (1C), 202.1 (1C), 205.5 (1C); ESI-MS m/z 617 (M + MeOH + Na), 585 (M + Na); ESI-HRMS calcd for C₂₇H₅₁O₈SiPNa 585.2989, found 585.2983.

Compound 18. (a) Prepared by HWE of 17. To a solution of 17 (60 mg, 0.11 mmol) in CH₃CN (117 mL) were added LiCl (75 mg, 1.8 mmol) and DIPEA (0.30 mL, 1.7 mmol). The mixture was stirred overnight and diluted with water. After CH3CN was removed under reduced pressure, the residue was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography to give **18** (28.5 mg, 65%) as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]^{24.3}_{D}$ -53.48 (c 0.746, CHCl₃); IR (film) v 2956, 2876, 1716, 1664, 1456, 1283, 1256, 1159, 1107, 1005, 744; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 0.63 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 6H), 0.95 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 9H), 1.22 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.36 (s, 3H), 1.41–1.52 (m, 3H), 1.75 (s, 3H), 1.97-2.30 (m, 5H), 2.85-2.95 (m, 1H), 4.65-4.75 (m, 1H), 6.05 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 6.6, 7.0, 11.9, 17.5, 18.7, 26.7, 27.9, 31.6, 33.5, 38.8, 39.0, 75.2, 75.6, 120.5, 136.4, 143.7, 153.6, 165.8, 203.5; ESI-MS *m/z* 431 (M + Na); ESI-HRMS calcd for C₂₃H₄₀O₄SiNa 431.2594, found 431.2588.

(b) Prepared by Oxidation of 19. To a solution of 19 (35 mg, 0.085 mmol) in EtOAc (5 mL) was added IBX (104 mg, 0.371 mmol), and the reaction was refluxed for 4 h. After filtration through Celite, the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography to give 18 (33 mg, 95%) as a colorless oil.

Compounds 19 and 20 (Prepared by Reduction with (S)-BINAL-H). A solution of compound **18** (26.0 mg, 0.0636 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was treated at -100 °C for 1 h and at -78 °C for 2 h with (S)-BINAL-H, which was prepared from LiAIH₄ (95%, 15.2 mg, 0.380 mmol), ethanol (22.2 μ L, 0.380 mmol), and (S)-BINOL (108 mg, 0.377 mmol) in THF (1 mL) at rt. The mixture was quenched with methanol, warmed to rt, and diluted with EtOAc. After evaporation of the solvents, the residue was purified by column chromatography to give **19** (6.6 mg, 25%) and **20** (16.4 mg, 63%) as colorless oils.

Compound 19: $[\alpha]^{22.4}{}_{\rm D}$ -49.91 (*c* 0.985, CHCl₃); IR (film) ν 3456, 2955, 2876, 1714, 1459, 1376, 1259, 1156, 1107, 1047, 1008, 725; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 0.61 (q, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 6H), 0.93 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 9H), 1.29 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.41–1.52 (m, 2H), 1.56 (s, 3H), 1.64–2.11 (m, 7H), 3.96 (m, 1H), 4.53–4.62 (m, 1H), 5.43 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 6.7, 7.0, 14.9, 16.6, 19.1, 22.9, 27.2, 29.7, 33.1, 37.9, 39.0, 74.7, 75.0, 75.1, 118.2, 126.7, 136.1, 155.5, 166.5; ESI-MS *m/z* 433 (M + Na), 393 (M – OH); ESI-HRMS calcd for C₂₃H₄₂O₄SiNa 433.2750, found 433.2753.

Compound 20: $[\alpha]^{22.2}{}_{\rm D}$ -71.57 (*c* 0.810, CHCl₃), IR (film) ν 3456, 2956, 2876, 1713, 1648, 1458, 1376, 1296, 1258, 1163, 1107,1043, 1010, 743, 725; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 0.59 (q, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 6H), 0.92 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 9H), 1.28 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.36-1.44 (m, 2H), 1.49 (s, 3H), 1.54-1.60 (m, 1H), 1.66-2.06 (m, 6H), 3.86 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.53-4.63 (m, 1H), 5.41 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 6.6, 7.0, 11.1, 17.0, 19.1, 23.0, 28.5,

29.0, 32.9, 38.1, 39.8, 74.8, 75.3, 80.3, 119.0, 128.4, 135.4, 154.6, 166.4; ESI-MS m/z 433 (M + Na), 393 (M - OH); ESI-HRMS calcd for $C_{23}H_{42}O_4$ SiNa 433.2750, found 433.2746.

Compound 19 (Prepared by Luche Reduction). To a solution of **18** (50 mg, 0.12 mmol) in MeOH (2 mL) and CH_2Cl_2 (1 mL) at 0 °C were added CeCl₃•7H₂O (68 mg, 0.18 mmol) and NaBH₄ (6.4 mg, 0.17 mmol). The mixture was stirred at this temperature for 15 min and diluted with EtOAc and water. The two layers were separated, and the organic layer was washed successfully with water and brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography to give **19** (40 mg, 80%) as a colorless oil.

Compound 1. To a solution of 20 (34 mg, 0.083 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added TBAF (1 M in THF, 110 µL, 0.110 mmol) at 25 °C. The mixture was stirred for 30 min and diluted with water. The two layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography to give 1 (19 mg, 77%) as a colorless solid: mp 143–146 °C (hexanes–CH₂Cl₂) (lit: 145–155 °C); $[\alpha]^{23}_{D}$ -72.5 (c 0.1, MeOH), $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ -95.5 (c 0.15, CHCl₃) {lit: $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ +10 (c 0.1, MeOH), $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ +53 ± 1 (c 0.178, CHCl₃)}; IR (film) v 3421, 2929, 1698, 1645, 1456, 1377, 1268, 1153, 1104, 1042, 984; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 0.94 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.25-1.32 (m, 1H), 1.30 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.35 (s, 3H), 1.37-1.45 (m, 1H), 1.54 (s, 3H), 1.57-1.61 (m, 1H), 1.67-1.73 (m, 2H), 1.75–1.89 (m, 3H), 2.02–2.16 (m, 1H), 3.98 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.51–4.60 (m, 1H), 5.51 (dd, J = 9.9, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.1, 17.2, 19.0, 23.8, 28.2, 29.3, 33.2, 38.1, 39.0, 73.1, 75.5, 79.6, 118.9, 128.8, 135.2, 153.8, 166.1; ESI-MS m/z 319 (M + Na), 279 (M - OH); ESI-HRMS calcd for $C_{17}H_{28}O_4Na$ 319.1885, found 319.1879.

Compound 7-epi-1. To a solution of 19 (27 mg, 0.066 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added TBAF (1 M in THF, 80 µL, 0.080 mmol) at 25 °C. The mixture was stirred for 30 min and diluted with water. The two layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography to give 7-epi-1 (17 mg, 87%) as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]^{24.6}_{D} - 47.2$ (*c* 0.186, CHCl₃) {lit: $[\alpha]^{20}_{D} - 46 \pm 1$ (*c* 0.195, CHCl₃)}; IR (film) v 3411, 2933, 2876, 1699, 1651, 1644, 1456, 1379, 1269, 1150, 1105, 1044, 983, 732; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 0.94 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.29 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.38-1.52 (m, 2H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.68-1.78 (m, 3H), 1.82-1.96 (m, 3H), 2.01-2.18 (m, 1H), 3.92-3.99 (m, 1H), 4.53-4.64 (m, 1H), 5.43-5.52 (m, 1H), 5.91 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 15.2, 16.6, 19.1, 23.4, 27.0, 30.1, 33.3, 37.6, 39.1, 72.9, 75.2, 75.3, 118.2, 127.1, 136.2, 154.4, 166.3; ESI-MS m/z 319 (M + Na); ESI-HRMS calcd for C₁₇H₂₈O₄Na 319.1885, found 319.1882.

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