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Total Synthesis of (±)-8α-Hydroxystreptazolone

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The intramolecular Pauson–Khand reaction of 2-oxazolone derivatives with a suitable pentynyl appendage exclusively gave the corresponding 4-hydroxy-6-substituted-9-oxa-1-azatricyclo[6.2.1.0 5,11]undec-5-en-7,10-diones. Based on this newly developed Pauson–Khand reaction of 2-oxazolone-alkyne derivatives, the first total synthesis of (\pm)-8 α -hydroxystreptazolone was accomplished in a highly stereoselective manner.

Streptazolin (1) was first isolated from cultures of *Streptomyces viridochromogenes* by Drautz et al. in 1981.¹ This lipophilic neutral tricyclic compound has been shown to possess antibiotic and antifungal activities.² Its unique structural features as well as its promising biological activity profile have thus far led to four total syntheses.³⁻⁶ The total synthesis of 1 was first reported by Kozikowski and Park³ in a racemic form. Overman and Flann⁴ completed an enantioselective synthesis of 1 starting from L-tartrate. Kibayashi and co-workers⁵ also reported an enantioselective synthesis of 1 starting from L-tartrate by taking advantage of a palladium-mediated ring-closure reaction. In addition, the chiral auxiliary-mediated asymmetric synthesis of 1 was recently published by Comins and Huang.⁶

Figure 1.

Tang et al.⁷ very recently reported the isolation of a streptazolin-dimer and three new streptazolin analogues, including 8α -hydroxystreptazolone (2)⁸ together with streptazolin (1) and related known compounds⁹ as secondary metabolites from *Streptomyces* sp. and *viridochromogenes* via chemical screening. As part of our program directed

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⁽⁸⁾ Tang et al. called compound **2** 8α-hydroxystreptazolone.⁷ According to the IUPAC nomenclature system, (±)-**2** should be described as (4R*,7R*,8R*,11R*)-6-acetyl-4,7-dihydroxy-9-oxa-1-azatricyclo[6.2.1.0^{5,11}]-undec-5-en-10-one. This numbering system is used for the tricyclic compounds in this manuscript.

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toward the development of stereoselective Pauson—Khand reactions¹⁰ and their application to the total synthesis of natural products,¹¹ we have given considerable attention to the total synthesis of streptazolin and its related natural products via the Pauson—Khand reaction. A general retrosynthetic analysis for streptazolin and its analogues is outlined in Scheme 1. A common structural feature of these

Scheme 1

$$C_2$$
-unit

 C_2 -unit

natural products^{3-6,9,12} is the 7-hydroxy-6-substituted-9-oxa-1-azatricyclo[6.2.1.0^{5,11}]undecan-10-one framework **3**.8 Therefore, we envisioned that the tricyclic core framework, namely, 4-hydroxy-6-substituted-9-oxa-1-azatricyclo[6.2.1.0^{5,11}]undec-5-en-7,10-dione 4,8 would be a useful intermediate for the synthesis of various streptazolin-related compounds. The tricyclic skeleton 4 might be directly constructed by the intramolecular Pauson-Khand reaction of the 2-oxazolone derivative 5, which has a pentynyl moiety on a nitrogen atom. To the best of our knowledge, no previous reports have dealt with 2-oxazolone derivatives as an olefin counterpart in the Pauson-Khand reaction. Thus, this would be the first example in which 2-oxazolone is used as an olefin moiety (an enamine equivalent¹³) in the Pauson-Khand reaction. 2-Oxazolone-alkyne derivative 5 can be prepared from the coupling reaction between the iodo derivative 6 and 2-oxazolone. This Letter describes our preliminary results regarding (i) the stereoselective construction of the 9-oxa-1azatricyclo[6.2.1.0^{5,11}]undec-5-en-7,10-dione skeleton based on the intramolecular Pauson-Khand reaction of 2-oxazolone derivatives and (ii) its successful application to the first total synthesis of (\pm) -8 α -hydroxystreptazolone (2).

Since the targeted streptazolin-related natural products have a C_2 -unit at the C_6 -position,⁸ we prepared the 2-ox-

azolone-alkyne derivative **12** with the simplest C₂-unit, an ethyl group, at the C₆-position⁸ to not only identify suitable ring-closing conditions but also determine the level of stereoselectivity that could be expected in the intramolecular Pauson—Khand reaction. Thus, the 2-oxazolone-alkyne derivative **12**, required for the intramolecular Pauson—Khand reaction consistent with our retrosynthesis, was easily prepared from the known alcohol **7** by conventional means, as shown in Scheme 2. Oxidation of **7** was followed by addition

Scheme
$$2^a$$

OH
OH
OH
OH
OH
OTBDPS

OTBDMS
OTBDMS
OTBDMS

7
 $c = 10$
 e, f, g
OTBDPSO
 e, f, g
 $e = 10$
OTBDPSO
OT

^a Reaction conditions: (a) SO₃·Py, DMSO, Et₃N, 0 °C; (b) *n*BuLi, TMSC≡CH, THF, −78 °C, (75%); (c) K₂CO₃, MeOH, rt, (97%); (d) TBDPSCl, imidazole, DMF, rt, (98%); (e) *n*BuLi, THF, −78 °C, then Etl, 45 °C; (f) PPTS, MeOH, rt; (g) I₂, PPh₃, imidazole, CH₂Cl₂, rt, (69%); (h) 2-oxazolone, NaH, DMF, 0 °C, (86%).

of the acetylide, derived from trimethylsilylacetylene, to afford **8** in 75% yield. The terminal silyl group of **8** was removed by base treatment to afford **9** (97%), the secondary hydroxy group of which was then protected with a *tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl (TBDPS) group to give **10** in 98% yield. Introduction of an ethyl group at the triple-bond terminus of **10** was followed by desilylation and iodination to give the iodo derivative **11** in 69% overall yield. The coupling reaction between **11** and 2-oxazolone proceeded, upon treatment with NaH in DMF, to produce **12** in 86% yield.

The intramolecular Pauson—Khand reaction of **12** was carried out under various conditions, and typical results are summarized in Table 1. Treatment of **12** with Co₂(CO)₈ in Et₂O gave the corresponding cobalt complex, which was then heated in acetonitrile¹⁴ without a promoter to give only a trace amount of **13** (entry 1). Amine oxides such as trimethylamine *N*-oxide (TMANO)¹⁵ and *N*-methylmorpholine *N*-oxide (NMO)¹⁶ were found to be effective promoters for the Pauson—Khand reaction of cobalt-complexed **12** (entries 2–5). In particular, Pérez-Castells' procedure¹⁷ using TMANO and 4 Å molecular sieves in toluene at –10 °C

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Table 1. Pauson-Khand Reaction of 12

TBDPSO

1)
$$Co_2(CO)_8$$

Et

2) Pauson-Khand condition

12

TBDPSO

Et

O

N

H

O

H

13

entry	promoter	solvent	time	temp.	yield (%)
1	heat	MeCN	75 min	75 °C	trace
2	TMANO·2H ₂ O	CH_2Cl_2	3 h	rt	37
3	TMANO·2H ₂ O	CH_2Cl_2	5.5 h	reflux	55
4	NMO	CH_2Cl_2	20 h	rt	38
5	TMANO/4 Å MS	toluene	12 h	−10 °C	60
6	ⁱ PrSMe	Cl(CH ₂) ₂ Cl	45 min	reflux	16
7	CyNH ₂	Cl(CH ₂) ₂ Cl	30 min	reflux	11

effected ring-closure of the cobalt-complexed **12**, resulting in the exclusive formation of **13** in 60% yield (entry 5). The desired product **13** was also obtained, but in lower yields, under Sugihara conditions¹⁸ (entries 6 and7).

Desilylation of 13 followed by acetylation gave 14 in 79% yield. The relative stereochemistry of the three chiral carbon centers in 13 and 14 was determined by an examination of the NMR spectrum¹⁹ of 14. We next sought to transform

^a Reaction conditions: (a) TBAF, THF, rt; (b) Ac₂O, Et₃N, DMAP, CH₂Cl₂, **14** (79% from **13**), **16** (quantitative from **13**); (c) NaBH₄, CeCl₃, MeOH, 0 °C; (d) *p*-NO₂C₆H₄COCl, Et₃N, DMAP, CH₂Cl₂, 40 °C (95% from **13**); (e) *p*-NO₂C₆H₄CO₂H, DEAD, PPh₃, benzene, rt (94% from **13**).

the carbonyl functionality of 13 into a hydroxy group with the desired stereochemistry. Thus, reduction of 13 with NaBH₄ in the presence of $CeCl_3$ gave the alcohol 15, which

was acetylated under conventional conditions to give **16** in quantitative yield. NOE experiments²⁰ of **16** clearly showed that the newly generated stereogenic center (C₇-position) was not the same as that of streptazolin (**1**) and its related natural products. Inversion of the configuration at the C₇-position was realized by exposure of **15** to Mitsunobu conditions (*p*-nitrobenzoic acid, DEAD, and triphenylphosphine), which lead to the exclusive formation of **18** with the desired stereochemistry in 94% yield from **13**. *p*-Nitrobenzoylation of **15** gave **17**, the C₇-epimer of **18**, in 95% overall yield from **13**. Comparison of the coupling constant²¹ between H-7 and H-8 in both **17** and **18** with those of streptazolin and its related compounds, in combination with the results of NOE experiments²⁰ of **16**, unambiguously established that both **17** and **18** have the stereochemistries depicted in Scheme 3.

Scheme 4^a **TBDPSO TBDPSO** 20 19 **TBDPSO TBDPSO** 21 22 ,OMOM **TBDPSO TBDPSO** Ĥ Ĥ **24** : $R = p - NO_2C_6H_4CO$ 23 Ĥ

^a Reaction conditions: (a) NaH, DMF, 0 °C, (83%); (b) NaH-MDS, MeCHO, THF, −78 °C (86%); (c) Co₂(CO)₈, Et₂O, rt; (d) TMANO, 4 Å MS, toluene, −10 °C (51%); (e) MOMCl, 1 Pr₂NEt, CH₂Cl₂, reflux; (f) NaBH₄, CeCl₃, MeOH, 0 °C (90%); (g) p-NO₂C₆H₄CO₂H, PPh₃, DEAD, benzene, 60 °C; (h) concentrated HCl, THF, 60 °C; (i) Dess−Martin periodinane, CH₂Cl₂, rt (65%); (j) K₂CO₃, MeOH, rt; (k) TBAF, THF, rt (82%).

We could now develop an efficient procedure for constructing the tricyclic framework of streptazolin and its related

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⁽²⁰⁾ In a NOE experiment with **16**, irradiation of H-8 produced not only 11.4% enhancement of H-7 but also 12.6% enhancement of H-11.

⁽²¹⁾ H-7 of **17** appeared at δ 5.89 as a doublet with J=4.9 Hz, while that of **18** resonated at δ 5.80 as a singlet. The smaller coupling constant (J=0 Hz) is in good agreement with that of streptazolin and streptazolin acetate (J=0 Hz).^{1,5}

natural products, in which all of the stereogenic centers of 8α-hydroxystreptazolone (2) are constructed in a stereocontrolled fashion. Therefore, we next focused on the first total synthesis of 8α-hydroxystreptazolone (2). The coupling reaction of the iodo derivative 1922 with 2-oxazolone afforded 20 in 83% yield. Treatment of 20 with acetaldehyde in the presence of NaHMDS gave 21 in 86% yield as a mixture of two diastereoisomers. Cobalt complexation of 21²³ was followed by the Pauson-Khand reaction under the Pérez-Castells' conditions¹⁷ (TMANO and 4 Å molecular sieves in toluene at -10 °C) to afford the tricyclic compound 22 in 51% yield. The secondary hydroxy group of 22²² was protected with the MOM group, and the resulting compound was reduced with NaBH₄ in the presence of CeCl₃ to give 23 in 90% yield. Transformation of 23²³ into 24 was realized in 65% overall yield upon consecutive exposure of 23 to Mitsunobu conditions, demethoxymethylation, and oxidation. Finally, this total synthesis was completed by removing two protecting groups from the secondary hydroxy moieties of **24** to give (\pm) -8 α -hydroxystreptazolone (2) in 82% yield. The synthetic racemic 8α -hydroxystreptazolone (2) was identical to the natural compound on the basis of their ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra.

Thus, we have developed a novel and efficient procedure for constructing 7-hydroxy-6-substituted-9-oxa-1-azatricyclo- $[6.2.1.0^{5.11}]$ undec-5-en-7,10-dione (e.g., **13** and **22**) by the intramolecular Pauson—Khand reaction of 2-oxazolone species with the proper alkyne appendages. In addition, by taking advantage of this new method, we achieved the first total synthesis of (\pm) -8 α -hydroxystreptazolone (**2**) in a highly stereoselective manner. Since the tricyclic compound **22** has the entire carbon framework and suitable functionalities for further elaborations, it should be a versatile intermediate for the synthesis of streptazolin and its related natural products. Studies on the conversion of **22** into other related natural products are now in progress.

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⁽²²⁾ Compound 19 was prepared from 10 in 99% yield according to the procedure described for converting 10 into 11.

⁽²³⁾ Used as a mixture of two diastereoisomers.