

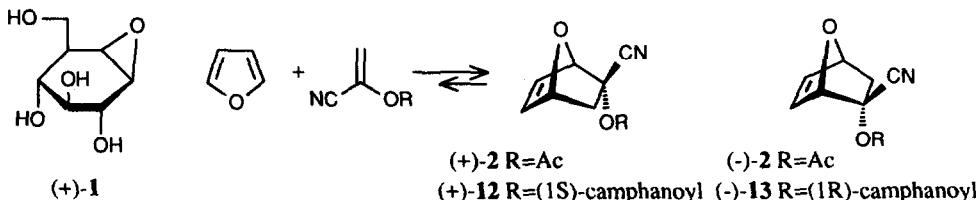
TOTAL SYNTHESIS OF CYCLOPHELLITOL STARTING FROM FURAN

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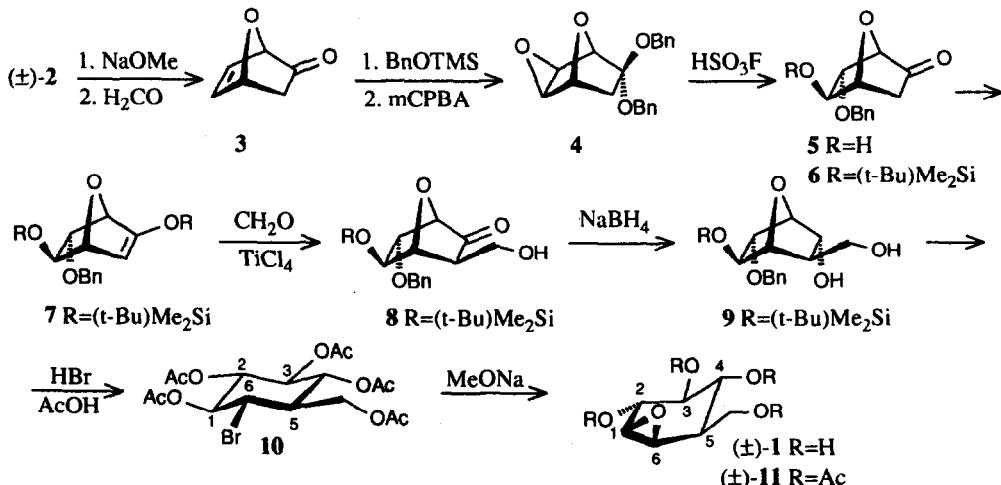
Summary: (\pm)-Cyclophellitol has been prepared in a highly stereoselective fashion from the Diels-Alder adduct of furan to 1-cyanovinyl acetate.

Cyclophellitol ((\pm)-1: (1S,2R,3S,4R,5R,6R)-5-hydroxymethyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]heptane-2,3,4-triol) is an unique pseudo-pyranose with an epoxide moiety; its three hydroxy groups and its hydroxymethyl



group substitute four contiguous carbon centres with the configuration of D-glucose. This natural compound isolated from a culture filtration of a mushroom, *Phellinus* sp., strongly inhibits almond-derived β -glucosidase and thus is a potential drug against human immunodeficiency virus and metastasis.¹ A first synthesis by Tatsuta et al.² derived (+)-1 from L-glucose. We report here a new approach starting from Diels-Alder adducts of furan to 1-cyanovinyl esters.³

The racemic Diels-Alder adduct (\pm)-2^{3a} was converted into the 7-oxanorbornanone 5 following the four step procedure (65% overall yield) of Le Drian et al.⁴ Silylation of its alcoholic moiety with (t-Bu)Me₂SiCl/imidazole (DMF) afforded 6 (82%; m.p. 57-58°C). The treatment of 6 with (Me₃Si)₂NK and



(t-Bu)Me₂SiCl (-78°C, THF) yielded the silyl enol ether **7** (87%).⁵ Monomeric formaldehyde (2.5 equivalents) was added to **7** (-78°C, CH₂Cl₂), followed by the addition of freshly distilled TiCl₄.⁶ After 2 hours at -78°C, the *exo* aldol **8** was isolated (89%).⁷ Reduction of **8** with NaBH₄ (0°C, MeOH) afforded the *endo* alcohol **9** (95%). Heating **9** in 30% HBr/AcOH (+ 2 drops of Ac₂O)⁸ to 60°C for 20 hours furnished the bromocyclohexane derivative **10** (69%) in which the six substituents occupy equatorial positions as shown by ¹H-NMR.⁹ The treatment of **10** with 8 equivalents of MeONa in anhydrous MeOH (20°C, 3.5 h) led to (\pm)-**1** which was characterized as its tetraacetate (\pm)-**11** obtained by treatment with Ac₂O, pyridine and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (90%).¹⁰ The structures of **6** - **10** were confirmed by their spectral data and elemental analyses.¹¹ The vicinal H-H coupling constants in ¹H-NMR spectrum of (\pm)-**11**¹⁰ suggested a "sofa" conformation for its six-membered ring.

Since the optically pure 7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-2-yl derivatives (+)-**12** and (+)-**13**^{3b} ("naked sugars")¹² are readily available, our total synthesis can be applied, in principle, to the preparation of cyclophellitol ((+)-**1**) and its enantiomer (-)-**1** with the same ease.¹¹

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- Data of **10**: colourless oil; IR (CH₂Cl₂) v: 3050, 2975, 1755, 1712, 1425, 1365, 1225 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (250 MHz, C₆D₆) δ_H: 5.36 (*dd*, ³J = 10, 11 Hz, H-C(1)); 5.28, 5.23, 5.10 (*3dd*, ³J = 10, 10.5 Hz, H-C(4), H-C(2), H-C(3)); 4.34, 4.08 (*2dd*, ²J = 12 Hz, ³J = 2 Hz, H₂C-C(5)); 3.80 (*t*, ³J = 11 Hz, H-C(6)); 1.9 (*m*, 16H, 5 Ac, H-C(5)); ¹³C-NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_C: 170.4, 169.6, 169.3 (*3s*), 74.1, 72.1, 70.9, 67.7 (*3d*); 59.9 (*t*), 47.1, 44.3 (*2d*); 20.7, 20.6, 20.5 (*3q*).
- Data of (\pm)-**11**: oil; IR (CHCl₃) v: 3010, 1745, 1365, 1195, 1084, 1058, 1035 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_H: 5.12 (*dd*, ³J = 10, 8.5 Hz, H-C(3)); 5.07 (*d*, ³J = 8.5 Hz, H-C(2)); 5.00 (*t*, ³J = 10 Hz, H-C(4)); 4.28 (*dd*, ²J = 10 Hz, ³J = 4 Hz) & 4.11 (*dd*, ²J = 10 Hz, ³J = 7.5 Hz, H₂C-C(5)); 3.41 (*dd*, ³J = 3.5, 1.5 Hz, H-C(6)); 3.11 (*d*, ³J = 3.5 Hz, H-C(1)); 2.49 (*dddd*, ³J = 10, 7.5, 4, 1.5 Hz, H-C(5)); 2.07, 2.06, 2.04, 2.00 (*4s*, 4 AcO); ¹³C-NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_C: 170.1, 170.1, 169.9, 169.7 (*4s*); 72.3 (*d*, ¹J(C,H) = 152 Hz); 70.9 (*d*, ¹J(C,H) = 155 Hz); 66.4 (*d*, ¹J(C,H) = 148 Hz); 62.1 (*t*, ¹J(C,H) = 150 Hz); 54.7 (*d*, ¹J(C,H) = 175 Hz, C(1)); 53.2 (*d*, ¹J(C,H) = 180 Hz, C(6)), 39.7 (*d*, ¹J(C,H) = 130 Hz, C(5)); 20.8, 20.6 (*2q*, ¹J(C,H) = 127 Hz).
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