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Stereocontrolled [4+2]-Annulation Accessing Dihydropyrans: Synthesis of the C1a-C10 Fragment of Kendomycin

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ABSTRACT

Development of new organosilane reagents bearing *C*-centered chirality where the stereocenter is fully substituted, and their use in the stereocontrolled synthesis of *cis*- and *trans*-dihydropyrans containing a trisubstituted olefin is described. The reagents participate in Lewis acid promoted [4+2]-annulations providing useful levels of selectivity with both aliphatic and aromatic aldehydes. A stereoselective synthesis of the C1a-C10 fragment of kendomycin (1) is also described.

Functionalized pyrans are important subunits of biologically active compounds, serving as common structural motifs of natural products and precursors to chemically diverse *C*-glycosides.¹ Much of their chemistry has been extensively reviewed.² Examples of complex natural products bearing pyran subunits include the phorboxazoles,³ lasonolide A,⁴ callipeltoside,⁵ and spongistatin 1.⁶ Accessing anomeric-

trolled manner would be a useful contribution to the field of synthesis. Approaches previously documented for the construction of dihydropyran ring systems include palladium mediated reactions,⁷ ring closing metathesis (RCM),⁸ radical cyclization,⁹ cationic cyclization,¹⁰ Prins cyclization,¹¹ hetero-Michael additions,¹² and hetero-Diels—Alder reaction path-

linked aliphatic and aromatic pyran systems in a stereocon-

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ways.¹³ Several of these methods constitute efficient pathways and high levels of selectivity for the formation of 2,6-cis-dihydropyrans. However, access to the complimentary 2,6-trans-dihydropyrans remains underdeveloped.¹⁴

We have described the use of chiral silanes $2\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{d}$ in [4+2]-annulations leading to the preparation of functionalized dihydropyrans. These reagents access pyrans of the general structure $3\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{e}$ illustrated in Scheme 1.

Scheme 1. Chiral Crotyl and Allyl Silanes in [4+2]-Annulations

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{QTMS} \\ \text{CO}_2\text{Me} \\ \text{SiMe}_2\text{Ph} \\ \text{2a} \\ \text{QTMS} \\ \text{QTMS} \\ \text{QTMS} \\ \text{QTMS} \\ \text{QTMS} \\ \text{QTMS} \\ \text{CO}_2\text{Me} \\ \text{SiMe}_2\text{Ph} \\ \text{2b} \\ \text{QTMS} \\ \text{SiMe}_2\text{Ph} \\ \text{2b} \\ \text{QR} \\ \text{SiMe}_2\text{Ph} \\ \text{2c} \\ \text{QTMS} \\ \text{QR} \\ \text{SiMe}_2\text{Ph} \\ \text{2c} \\ \text{QR} \\ \text{SiMe}_2\text{Ph} \\ \text{2c} \\ \text{QR} \\ \text{QTMS} \\ \text{QR} \\ \text{SiMe}_2\text{Ph} \\ \text{2c} \\ \text{QR} \\ \text{QR}$$

Herein, we describe the synthesis of dihydropyrans with high diastereo- and enantioselectivity from silanes **4a** and **4b** bearing a quaternary center at the carbon bearing the silyl group. ¹⁶ The described methodology will then be utilized in the synthesis of the C1a-C10 fragment of kendomycin **1**.

The synthesis of silanes $\mathbf{4a}$ and $\mathbf{4b}$ began with the preparation of vinyl silanes $\mathbf{7a}$ and $\mathbf{7b}$ (Scheme 3). The synthesis of E-vinyl silane used a silyl-zincation of (R)-3-pentyn-2-ol $\mathbf{6}^{17}$ employing lithium dimethylphenyl silane, 18

Scheme 2. New Chiral Crotyl Silanes in [4+2]-Annulation¹⁵

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Me} \\ \text{R} \\ \text{H} \\ \text{O} \\ \text{H} \\ \text{CO}_2\text{Me} \\ \text{Me} \\ \text{Syn-4a} \\ \\ \text{OTMS} \\ \text{Syn-4a} \\ \\ \text{OTMS} \\ \text{OTMS} \\ \text{OTMS} \\ \text{PhMe}_2\text{Si} \\ \text{Me} \\ \text{Syn-4a} \\ \\ \text{OTMS} \\ \text{PhMe}_2\text{Si} \\ \text{Me} \\ \text{OTMS} \\ \text{OTMS}$$

diethyl zinc, and a catalytic amount of copper(I) cyanide to give **7a** in 90% yield as a single stereoisomer.¹⁹

Scheme 3. Synthesis of (E) and (Z)-Vinyl Silanes

The complementary *Z*-vinyl silane **7b** was synthesized in 3 steps from **6**. A regioselective hydroalumination with Red-Al followed by an iodine trap provided an enantiomerically pure vinyl iodide.²⁰ The alcohol was then protected as the dimethylphenylsilyl ether and subjected to a retro-Brook rearrangement²¹ to give **7b** in 3 steps (65% yield).²² Both the *Z*- and *E*-vinyl silanes can be prepared on a 20 g scale with greater than 99% enantiomeric excess as determined by chiral HPLC.²³

With both vinyl silanes in hand the remaining steps in the formation of the desired crotyl silanes parallel each other with few variations in yield and procedure for [3,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement (Scheme 4). Substrates for the Claisen rearrangements were prepared through a DCC coupling of (4-methoxybenzyloxy)acetic acid^{24} with vinyl silanes depicted in Scheme 2 to give **8a** and **8b**. Treatment with LiHMDS and trapping of the intermediate lithium enolate at -78 °C with TMSCl and warming to room temperature afforded the desired α -alkoxy acids **9a** and **9b**. ^{25,26} The rearrangement of **8a** gave only one detectable diastereoisomer of the hexanoic acid by NMR. The comple-

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mentary **9b** was unfortunately obtained as a 5:1 to 8:1 mixture of *anti:syn* diastereomers, which may be separated at a later stage. Esterification with the phase transfer catalyst Adogen²⁷ in the presence of iodomethane followed by the deprotection of the PMB group gave a free α -hydroxy ester. The alcohol may then be protected as a TMS ether to complete the synthesis of both the *syn*- and *anti*-crotyl silanes (5 steps, 60% **4a**; 56% **4b**, respectively) from **7a** and **7b**.

Once a practical method was developed for the preparation of $\bf 4a$ and $\bf 4b$, we turned our attention toward exploring their utility in [4+2]-annulations with a number of different aldehydes (Table 1). On exposure to TMSOTf (0.05 M CH₂-Cl₂ at -50 °C) the desired dihydropyrans 2,6-cis $\bf 11a$ (from $\bf 4a$) and 2,6-trans $\bf 11b$ (from $\bf 4b$) were obtained respectfully.

Aromatic and conjugated aldehydes (entries 1–5 and 6) gave the corresponding pyrans with useful yields and high levels of diastereoselectivity. The lower yield observed for entry 5 was a result of competitive deprotection of a single acetonide group on the aromatic aldehyde. Aldehydes containing multiple heteroatoms (chelatable centers) also performed well under the described conditions (entries 2 and 5).

Aliphatic aldehydes (entries 7 and 8) showed slightly lower levels of diastereoselectivities with **4a**.²⁸ Interestingly the [4+2]-annulation utilizing **4b** with aliphatic aldehydes (entries 7 and 8) gave a 2,6-*cis* 5,6-*cis* relationship (**11b**) suggesting a mechanistic crossover in the stereochemical course of the annulation.

The utility of these crotyl silanes in complex molecule synthesis is documented in the synthesis of the C1a-C10 fragment of kendomycin 1 (Scheme 5).

Compound **1** was isolated from two different *Streptomyces* species as described in the patent literature. ²⁹ More recently this substance was re-isolated from *Streptomyces violace-oruber* (strain 3844-33C) in connection with a chemical

Table 1. Application of **4a/4b** in the [4+2]-Annulation Reaction

			11b		11c	11c	
_	entry	aldehyde	yield ^b	11a ^{c,d}	yield ^b	11b:11c ^{c,d}	
	1	Benzaldehyde	92	>30:1	92	>20:1	
	2	2, 5-Dimethoxy benzaldehyde	86	>30:1	80	>20:1	
	3	4-Chlorobenzaldehyde	89	>30:1	87	>20:1	
	4	2-Napthylaldehyde	84	>30:1	88	>20:1	
	5 ^e	OHC O	63	>30:1	45	2:1	
	6	Crotyl aldehyde	61	>30:1	67	>15:1	
	7	Propionaldehyde	91	>15:1	72	1:3	
	8	Cyclohexane carboxaldehyde	72	>15:1	79	1:5	

^a Typical experiment was run in CH₂Cl₂ (0.05M), using 1 to 1.3 equiv of aldehyde in the presence of TMSOTf (0.3 equiv). ^b All yields are based on isolated product after chromatography. ^c Relative stereochemical assignments were determined by nOe experiments. ^d The ratio of products is determined by ¹H NMR. ^e See the Supporting Information.

screening program to detect new metabolites from actinomycetes.³⁰ The highly substituted tetrahydropyran core of **1** makes for an attractive target for this methodology. Presently there is one reported total synthesis³¹ and multiple reports of synthetic approaches.³²

Use of silane *ent*-**4a** in the [4+2]-annulation with the highly substituted aromatic aldehyde **12b** gave the desired 2,5-*syn*-dihydropyran **13** in 85% isolated yield (dr > 30:1). The epoxidation of the resulting trisubstituted double bond with 1,1,1-trifluoro dimethyl dioxirane in acetonitrile at -20 °C gave epoxide **14** with an $\alpha:\beta > 12:1$ and 93% yield. Oxirane ring opening occurred with elimination of the intermediate β -methoxy ester in the presence of potassium carbonate in methanol and gave the secondary alcohol **15**.

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Scheme 5. Synthesis for the C1a-C10 Fragment of Kendomycin

Catalytic hydrogenation of the α,β -unsaturated ester completed the installation of the final two stereocenters. The stereochemical course of the reduction is consistent with a sterically controlled approach in a 69% 2 step yield and >20:1 selectivity for **16**. The undesired diastereoisomer **14\beta** could be recycled to give the correct C7 stereochemistry. This was realized with the oxirane ring opening, Swern oxidation of the resulting secondary alcohol, followed by selective Luche reduction³³ to give compound **15** in a 15:1 and 3 step 55% overall yield. Completion of the synthesis required the protection of secondary alcohol in **16** as a TBS ether, followed by DIBAl-H reduction of the methyl ester to give aldehyde **17**.

In conclusion, we have developed a reliable route for the preparation of two new organosilanes bearing a quaternary center on the carbon containing the silicon moiety. The route provides the silanes **4a** and **4b** in multigram quantities (>10 g) in high enantiopurity. These reagents were used in [4+2]-

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annulations with structurally diverse aldehydes to produce both 2,6-cis- and trans-dihydropyrans with useful levels of diastereoselectivity. Application in the synthesis of the C1a-C10 fragment of kendomycin has also been described. Further studies on the application of this reagent for complex molecule synthesis will be reported in due course.

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