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Synthetic Studies toward Amphidinolide B_1: Synthesis of the C_9–C_{26} Fragment

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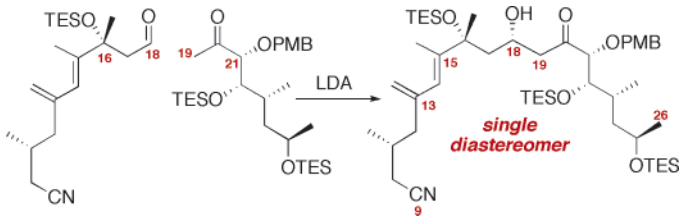
ABSTRACT

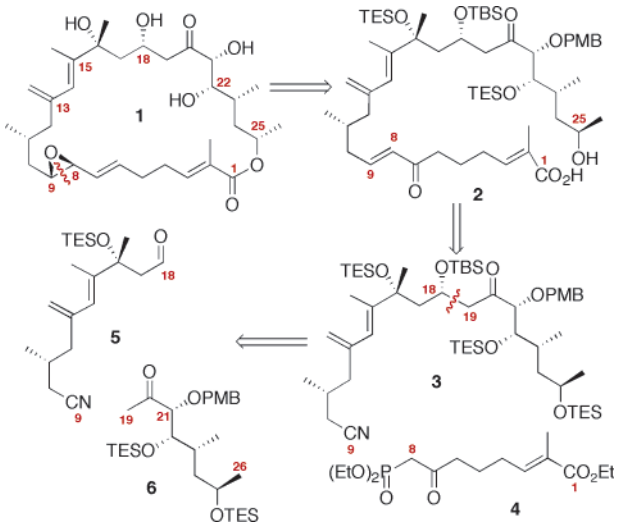


The synthesis of the C_9–C_{26} portion of amphidinolide B_1 is described. A Fleming allylation followed by elimination was employed for the construction of the C_{13}–C_{15} diene portion. Sharpless asymmetric dihydroxylation was utilized for regioselective functionalization of a styrene-derived alkene, in the presence of the C_{13}–C_{15} diene functionality. A highly diastereoselective aldol reaction was developed to establish the C_{18} stereochemistry.

Amphidinolide B_1 (**1**) was first observed in the dinoflagellate *Amphidinium* sp., isolated from the Okinawan flatworm *Amphiscolops* sp. (Scheme 1).[1] The relative stereochemistry of **1** was determined by X-ray crystal analysis,[2] and the absolute stereochemistry was established by degradation.[3] Macrolide **1** is a member of a diverse family of natural products[4] that are potent cytotoxic agents with impressive IC_{50} activity in a series of screens: L1210 murine leukemia cell line (0.14 ng/mL), human colon tumor HCT 116 cell line (0.12 μg/mL), and KB cancer cell line (4.2 ng/mL).[1,2,4,5] The biological activity and complex structural architecture of **1** has led to considerable synthetic interest;[6,7] yet, the total synthesis of **1** remains an elusive target.[8]

Our initial retrosynthetic strategy, as outlined in Scheme 1, involves a Mitsunobu macrolactonization of seco acid **2**.

Scheme 1. Retrosynthetic Strategy for Amphidinolide B_1



Compound **2** could, in turn, be available from Wadsworth−Emmons reaction of a C_9 aldehyde with the phosphonate **4**. A diastereoselective aldol reaction between methyl ketone

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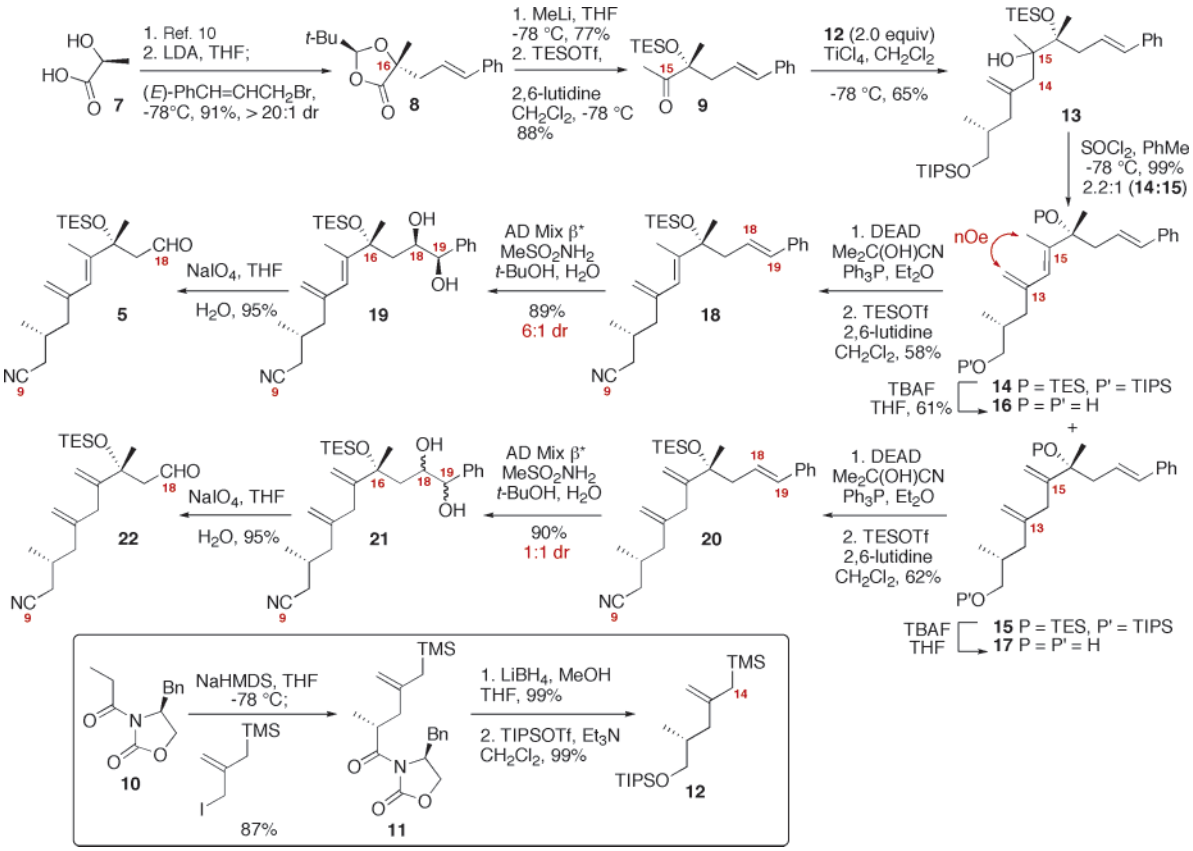
Scheme 2



6 and aldehyde **5** would be used to form the $C_{18,19}$ linkage. Finally, the 1,3-diene fragment present in **5** is particularly challenging as it appears that the C_{16}-alkoxy moiety renders a palladium- or copper-mediated strategy problematic for its formation.[7a,9] For this reason, an alternate method for its construction needed to be developed.

The synthesis of aldehyde **5** began with the commercially available (*S*)-lactic acid (**7**) (Scheme 2). After acetalization with pivaldehyde, Seebach alkylation[10] with cinnamyl bromide provided the tertiary alkoxy function in 91% yield and greater than 20:1 dr. Subsequent treatment with MeLi and silylation yielded the protected methyl ketone **9**. Combination with the readily available allyl silane **12** using freshly distilled $TiCl_4$ yielded the $C_{14,15}$-coupled material **13** in 65−70% yield as 6:1 ratio of diastereomers at C_{15}. Next, elimination of the homoallylic alcohol **13** using $SOCl_2$ and pyridine in toluene provided the $C_{13}-C_{15}$ diene **14** as a *single* stereoisomer at $C_{14}-C_{15}$. The desired product was contaminated with the unconjugated diene **15** in a 2.2:1 ratio (**14**/**15**). While compounds **14** and **15** could be separated by HPLC,

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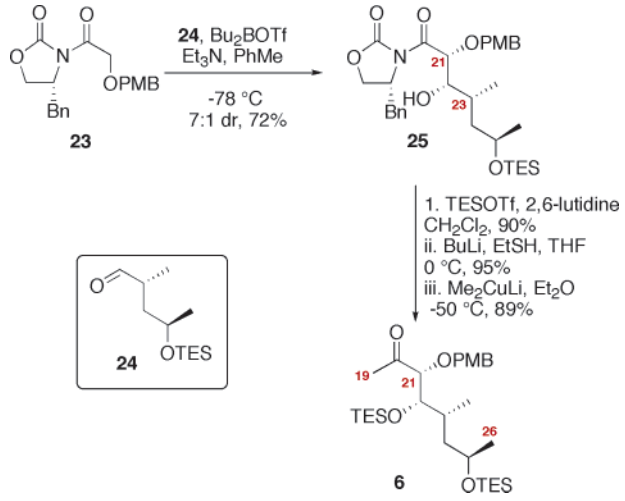
purification of the desilylated compounds **16** and **17** proved logistically easier as they were separable by standard chromatographic methods. Subsequent Mitsunobu-type incorporation of the C_9 cyanide[11] and protection yielded **18**. Next, Sharpless asymmetric dihydroxylation of **18** using AD mix β*[12] provided the $C_{18,19}$ diol as an inconsequential 6:1 mixture of diastereomers. The selectivity for the $C_{18,19}$ alkene over the $C_{13}-C_{15}$ diene was attributed to, in part, a beneficial π-stacking interaction between the neighboring aromatic ring and the corresponding Sharpless ligand.[13] Dihydroxylation under standard OsO_4, NMO conditions provided a complex mixture of products. AD mix α* also proved to be a poor reagent for this transformation. Interestingly, dihydroxylation of the unconjugated diene **20** with AD mix β* was again regioselective for the $C_{18,19}$ alkene; however, no diastereoselectvity was observed in the dihydroxylation. Finally, cleavage of the diol **19** yielded the necessary aldehyde **5**. An analogous procedure with the unconjugated diene series provided the aldehyde **22**.

The synthesis of the eastern subunit **6** commenced with the previously prepared aldehyde **24**[6a] (Scheme 3). Boron-

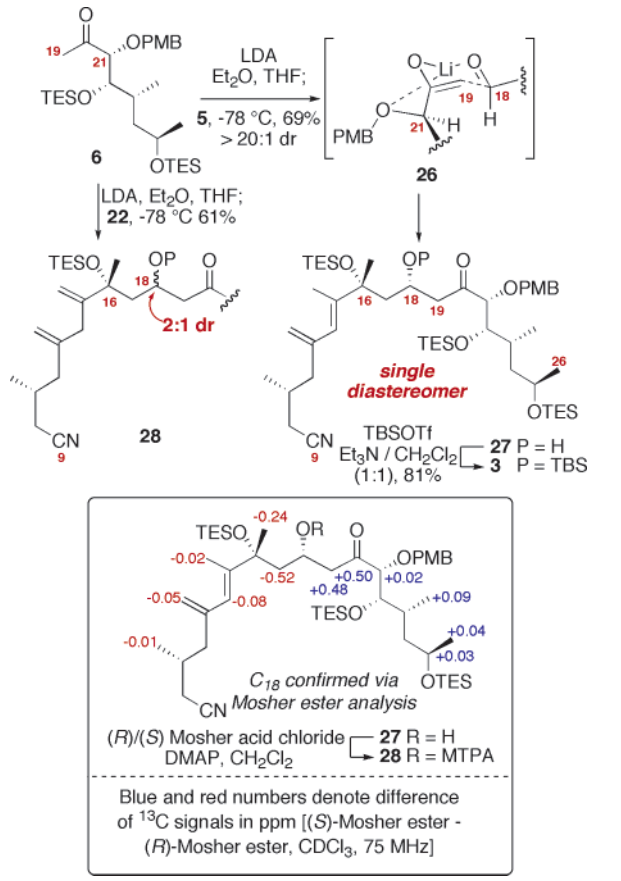
Scheme 3



mediated aldol reaction of aldehyde **24** with the oxazolidinone **23**[14] gave the desired $C_{21}-C_{23}$ *syn*,*syn* adduct **25** in good yield. The minor diastereomer in the aldol appeared to be the *anti* aldol adduct ($J_{H21,H22}$ = 9.0 Hz). Subsequent silylation at C_{22} followed by conversion to the thioester and cuprate addition yielded the desired methyl ketone **6**.

With the methyl ketone subunit **6** and the diene fragment **5** constructed, focus shifted toward their union (Scheme 4).

Scheme 4



Chelation-controlled aldol condensation of lithium enolate derived from the methyl ketone **6** with the aldehyde **5** provided the coupled material **27** in 69% yield as a *single* diastereomer. This result is in contrast to work by Pattenden's and Kobayashi's laboratories in which poor selectivity (approximately 3:2 dr) was observed using enolates derived from LDA, NaHMDS, or KHMDS.[7a,h] In both cases, non-chelating silyl protecting groups[15] were employed on C_{21} of the enolate. We attribute part of the improved selectivity at C_{18} to the use of the α-chelating PMB group on the enolate, as shown in the model **26**. It should be noted, however, that when the analogous aldol reaction with the unconjugated diene-containing aldehyde **22** was preformed, diminished selectivity (approximately 2:1 dr) was observed. The C_{18} stereochemistry of **27** was confirmed by Mosher ester analysis.[16] Finally, silyl protection under specific conditions[17]

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(12) AD mix β* = $(DHQD)_2PHAL$ (15.2 mg), $K_2OsO_4 \cdot 2H_2O$ (2.55 mg), K_2CO_3 (293.6 mg), $K_3Fe(CN)_6$ (699.6 mg). Commercially available AD mix β proved to be slow and inefficient.

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[TBSOTf (1.2 equiv), Et_3N/CH_2Cl_2 (1:1)] provided silyl ether **27**. If more traditional silylation conditions were employed [e.g., TBSOTf (1.2 equiv), 2,6-lutidine (1.5 equiv)], migration of the 1,1-disubstituted alkene at C_{13} into the $C_{12}-C_{13}$ trisubstituted position appeared to be observed.

In summary, an efficient approach to the C_9-C_{26} portion of amphidinolide B_1 is disclosed. Key steps in the approach include a novel method for the construction of the $C_{13}-C_{15}$ diene, regioselective dihydroxylation of a styrene derivative using Sharpless AD mix and a highly diastereoselective aldol reaction to form the C_{18} stereocenter. While much has been accomplished toward the total synthesis of **1**, significant challenges remain including the incorporation of the C_6-C_9 epoxy alkene moiety and the nontrivial Mitsunobu macrocyclization of an α,β-unsaturated seco acid.

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