# Total Synthesis of Cyanolide A in the Absence of Protecting groups, Chiral Auxiliaries, or Premetallated Carbon Nucleophiles



# Introduction

It is a glycosidic 16- membered macrolide

Isolated from the Papua New Guinea cyanobacterium *Lyungbya boulillonii* by Gerwick and co-workers

This structure is closely related to the Clavoside family of natural products



It exhibits potent molluscicidal activity against the water snail *biomphalaria glabrata* 

Rychnovsky's approach

Retrosynthetic analysis



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### Synthesis of $\beta$ - hydroxyacid 2



#### Synthesis of monomer 1



#### Synthesis of Cyanolide A by a Sakurai Dimerization





### Krische's approach

Retrosynthetic analysis



### Synthesis





X-ray structure





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# Key features

- 1. Double allylation of 1,3 glycols
- 2. Cascading cross-metathesis/ oxa-Michael cyclization

# Conclusion

Rychnovsky synthesized Cyanolide A in 10 longest linear steps (18 total steps)

Shortest route to the total synthesis of Cyanolide A was accomplished by Krische

- 1. Kirche's first generation total synthesis- 7 longest linear steps (11 total steps)
- 2. Second generation total synthesis -6 longest linear steps (10 total steps)