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14-Step Synthesis of (+)-Ingenol from (+)-3-Carene

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Isolation, Structure and biological activity

Ingenol was first isolated from Euphorbia ingens in 1968





- Unique *in,out*-[4.4.1]bicycloundecane core
- Ingenol esters possess important anticancer and anti-HIV activity.

Isolation, Structure and biological activity



- e.g. Ingenol mebutate was recently approved as a first-inclass treatment of actinic keratosis (precancerous skin condition) and can be synthesised from Ingenol.
- Synthesis of Ingenol is requested since the isolation of the natural product leads to a lot of waste (1.1mg/kg).

Synthesis of Winkler's group







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Retrosynthetic approach of Baran's group



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Ingenol 14 steps 1.2% overall yield

20-deoxyingenol



Martin's sulfurane Dehydrating agent

Conclusion

- total synthesis was achieved with 14 linear steps and an overall yield of 1.2%
- A catalytic allenic Pauson-Khand reaction producing the core carbon skeleton
- A vinylogous pinacol rearrangement setting the *in,out*-stereoselectivity
- Use of stoichiometric quantities toxic oxidants (OsO_4 and SeO_2) is a limitation

Thank you for your attention

Pauson-Khand reaction



Pinacol rearrangement

