New Access to Pallambins



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> B.S. with Honors in Chemistry, New York University (1997)

> Ph.D. with Prof. K.C. Nicolaou, The Scripps Research Institute (2001)

> Postdoctoral with Prof. E.J. Corey, Harvard University (2003)

- > Associate professor, Scripps (2007)
- > Full professor, Scripps (since 2008)
- > More than 130 papers and several patents (39 years old)

> Focus on synthesizing complex organic compounds, the development of new reactions, and the development of new reagents.





Phil S. Baran

> Aiming for the Ideal Synthesis



Ideal Synthesis : "...creates a complex molecule...in a sequence of only construction reactions involving no intermediary refunctionalizations, and leading directly to the target, not only its skeleton but also its correctly placed functionality." - Hendrickson (1975)

T. Gaich, P. S. Baran, *J. Org. Chem.* **2010**, *75*, 4657–4673. J. B. Hendrickson, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1975**.

Pallambins C and D

> Pallambins A-D : isolated from the epilithic liverwort *Pallavicinia ambigua*

> No significant bioactivity but extraordinary chemical architectures





pallambin C : *(Z)* pallambin D : *(E)*

> Two synthesis of Palambins have been developped :

- Carreira (ETHZ, 2015) pallambins A and B in 23 steps
- Wong (Hong Kong, 2012) pallambins C and D in 38 steps

C. Ebner, E. M. Carreira, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2015**, *54*, 11227–11230. X.-S. Xu, Z.-W. Li, Y.-J. Zhang, X.-S. Peng, H. N. C. Wong, *Chem. Commun* **2012**, *48*, 8517–3.



Retrosynthetic Analysis



Zhang, J.-Z.; Zhu, R.-X.; Li, G.; Wang, L.-N.; Sun, B.; Chen, W.- F.; Liu, L.; Lou, H.-X. Org. Lett. 2012, 14, 5624. Wang, L.-N.; Zhang, J.-Z.; Li, X.; Wang, X.-N.; Xie, C.-F.; Zhou, J.-C.; Lou, H.-X. Org. Lett. 2012, 14, 1102.



> Tandem Eschenmoser-Claisen Rearrangement



A. E. Wick, D. Felix, K. Steen, A. Eschenmoser, Helv. Chim. Acta 1964, 47, 2425–2429.

> Reduction of the Amide catalyzed by Titan





S. Laval, W. Dayoub, A. Favre-Réguillon, P. Demonchaux, G. Mignani, M. Lemaire, *Tetrahedron Letters* **2010**, *51*, 2092–2094. C. Petit, A. Favre-Réguillon, B. L. Albela, L. Bonneviot, G. Mignani, M. Lemaire, *Organometallics* **2009**, *28*, 6379–6382.





Mukayama-Aldol Reaction



> Empirical discovery



Mechanistic Model for C-ring Formation







> Enol-Ether Difunctionalization Reaction





Interconversion of the Pallambins through Photoinduced Rearrangement



J.-Z. Zhang, R.-X. Zhu, G. Li, L.-N. Wang, B. Sun, W.-F. Chen, L. Liu, H.-X. Lou, Org. Lett. 2012, 14, 5624–5627.

Conclusion





> Concise synthesis

pallambin A : *(Z)* pallambin B : *(E)* pallambin C : *(Z)* pallambin D : *(E)*

- > 5.6% overall yield for 11 steps
- > No protecting group manipulation

> « In fact, of the 11 discrete steps of this synthesis, only two are nonstrategic (steps 7 and 9), making it 81% ideal. » - Phil S. Baran

> Supporting information well detailed about the failed route and the evolution of the strategy.

> Access of to all the pallambins with an extra step.