## Total Synthesis of (+)-Peloruside A



**Total synthesis:** E.N. Jacobsen et al.ACIE, 2010, 49, 6147-50

Other total synthesis route: J.K. De Brabander et al. ACIE, 2003, 42, 1648-52 ((-)-peloruside) D.A. Evans et al. JACS, 2009, 131, 3840-41 T.R. Hoye et al. ACIE, 2010, 49, 6151-55

**Isolation:** from *Mycale hentscheli* (a marine sponge of the Pelorus Sound in New Zealand). and it also produces two other useful secondary metabolites mycalamide A (antiviral&antitumor), pateamine (imminosuppression).

(L.M. West, P.T. Northcote, J. Org. Chem. 2000, 65, 445-449)

#### Stuctural feature:

Relative stereochemistry determined by Northcote et al. (JOC, 2000, 65, 445-449); absolute one was determined by J.K De Brabander et al. (ACIE, 2003, 42, 1648-52). Polyoxygenated 16-membered macrolide containing 10 stereogenic centres. Becides above, highly substituded pyranose ring, Z-configured trisubstituded olefin and sterically crowded C8-C11 unit would also become challenges in synthesis. Peloruside A and B is differentiated in the methylation at C15.

## **Biological activity:**

A potent antitumor agent with microtubule-stabilizing activity, induces cell-cycle arrest in the G2-M phase acting in the similar manner as paclitaxel(Taxol), but in different binding site. The C24 primary alchohol and pyranose ring are reported to be essential in peloruside's bioactivity. (J.H. Miller et al. Cancer Res. 2002, 62, 3356-60; J.F. Diaz et al. ChemBioChem. 2010, 11, 1669-78)

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1.Retrosynthetic analysis



## Key strategy:

1. Construction of three different enantioenriched epoxides (**8**,**9** and **11**) by using catalytic asymmetric epoxidation and series of asymmetric ring opening (ARO) reaction of nonoptical epoxide (e.g. Asymmetric Payne rearrangement, Hydrolytic kinetic resolution)



2. Asymmetric hetero DIels-Alder reaction in synthesizing multisubstituded pyranose ring. (In this route, by using tridentate chromium(III)-salen catalyst)

## 2. Jacobsen-Katsuki Epoxidation ~Focus on Metal-Salen Complexes (I)~

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	<sup>R1</sup> / <sub>R<sup>3</sup></sub> +	IO 1 or 2 (1-6 mol	R <sup>1</sup> , O, I <sup>R<sup>2</sup></sup> %) R <sup>3</sup>	+		ſ			
entry	olefina	catalyst <sup>b</sup>	yield,' %	ee, %	confign <sup>d</sup>	T			
1	CH3	( <i>R</i> , <i>R</i> )-2	50	59	1 <i>R</i> ,2 <i>S</i> -(-)				
2	Ph Ph	$(S,S)-1^{g}$	63	33	S,S-(-)	(5.5)-1			
3	Ph 🔨	(S,S)-1	93*	20	1 <i>S</i> ,2 <i>S</i> -(-)	( <i>R,R</i> )-1			
4	Ph 🥪	$(R,R)-2^{g}$	75	57	<i>R</i> -(+)	( <i>R,R</i> )-2			
5		( <i>R</i> , <i>R</i> )- <b>2</b> <sup>g</sup>	72	67	(+) <sup>j</sup>				
6	$\bigcirc$	( <i>R</i> , <i>R</i> )- <b>2</b>	52	93	(-))	<u>A</u>			
7	Ph	( <i>R</i> , <i>R</i> )- <b>2</b>	73	84	1 <i>R</i> ,2 <i>S</i> -(-)				
8	$\bigcirc$	( <i>R</i> , <i>R</i> )- <b>2</b>	72	78	1 <i>R</i> ,2 <i>S</i> -(+)	- <b>G</b>			
9	Ph	( <i>R</i> , <i>R</i> )-2	36	30	<i>R</i> -(+)				



(S,S)-1: R = Ph, R' = H, X = H (R,R)-1: R = H, R'  $\equiv$  Ph, X  $\equiv$  H (R,R)-2: R = H, R' = Ph, X  $\equiv$  <sup>t</sup>Bu



ORTEP view of the cation of (S,S)-1-[acetone]<sub>2</sub>

<sup>a</sup> Reactions were run at 25 °C unless otherwise noted. <sup>b</sup>Reactions with 1 were run in CH<sub>3</sub>CN, while those with 2 were run in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>c</sup> Isolated yields based on olefin. <sup>d</sup>The sign corresponds to that of  $[\alpha]_D$ . Absolute configurations and ee's were established as described in the supplementary material. <sup>c</sup>These values correspond to the highest ee's previously reported for nonenzymatic catalysts. <sup>f</sup>From ref 1c. <sup>g</sup>Reaction run at 5 °C. <sup>h</sup>Based on 76% conversion of *trans-B*-methylstyrene. <sup>f</sup>From ref 1a. <sup>j</sup>Absolute configuration not ascertained. <sup>k</sup>From ref 1f.

### Catalytically Active Spiecies in Jacobsen-Katsuki Epoxidation

Remembering a well-known and ubiquitous oxo-transfer model in living body--- **cytochrome P-450**, which possesses an iron-porphyrin active site wherein the molecular oxygen is activated as a form of iron-oxo species and then transfered to substrate.



Proposal: Formation of Mn-oxo complexes 2 in the Jacobsen-Katsuki epoxidation



Though no direct observation of Mn<sup>V</sup>-oxo complex was achieved, the similar Cr<sup>V</sup>-oxo model was unambiguously clarified by Kochi et al. (*JACS*, **1985**,*107*, 7606-17) and the direct indentification of Mn<sup>V</sup>-oxo complex with electrospray tandem mass spectrometry was achieved by Plattner et al. (*ACIE*, **1997**, *36*, 1718-19)

Studies on enantioselectivity

From the result on fomer page, three structural features of the catalyst 2:

- (1) the presence of bulky <sup>t</sup>Bu-groups to prevent substrate away from the diimine bridge (approach c)
- (2) the dissymmetry of the diimine bridge, which defavors attack from the side syn to the phenyl group
- (3) the steric bulk of diimine's two phenyl groups disfavors attack from the other side of diimine bridge



approach a (favored)

approach c (disfavored)

approach b (disfavored)

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	PhMe + NaOCI(aq) CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>							
entry	catalyst	yield," %	ee, %	epoxide confign				
1	( <i>R</i> , <i>R</i> )-1	88	84	1R, 2S-(+)				
2	(S,S)-2	54	49	1S, 2R - (-)				
3	(5,5)-3	87	80	1S, 2R - (-)				
4	(S,S)-4	56	55	1S, 2R - (-)				
5	(S,S)-5	81	92	1 <i>S</i> ,2 <i>R</i> -(-)				

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<sup>a</sup>Determined by GC by integration against an internal quantitative standard.



The possible reason for steric inversion:

In case of cat. 2~5, it is less hindered than 1 in the vincinity of the diimine bridge, and this arise competitive attack from approach d.

Further more, when changing Me on the Salen's benzen ring into much bulkier t-Bu(cat 5), attack from approach a was blocked thus approach d become dominant pathway.

Face selectivity may be attributed to the axial hydrogen's hinder to the larger substituent.



$\geq$	+	NaCIO	cat. 5	$\sqrt{0}$
/ \	•	Nacio	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	

entry	olefin	epoxide yield, <sup>b</sup> %	ee,° %	equiv of 5 required for complete reactn
1	Ph_Me	84	92	0.04
2	<sup>р-СІС</sup> 6 <sup>Н</sup> ₄Ме	67	92	0.04
3		72	98	0.02
4	NC	96	97	0.03
5	$\tilde{\Box}$	63	94	0.15
6 <sup>d</sup>	PhCO2Me	65*	89	0.10

<sup>a</sup>Reactions were run at 4 °C according to the general procedure outlined in ref 4. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yields based on olefin unless otherwise indicated. <sup>c</sup>Determined by analysis of the isolated epoxides by <sup>1</sup>H NMR in the presence of Eu(hfc)<sub>3</sub> and by capillary GC using a commercial chiral column (J & W Scientific Cyclodex-B column, 30 m × 0.25 mm i.d., 0.25- $\mu$ m film). All reactions were run in duplicate with both enantiomers of 5, and ee values were reproducible to  $\pm 2\%$ . <sup>d</sup>Reaction carried out in the presence of 0.4 equiv of 4-phenylpyridine N-oxide. <sup>e</sup> Yield determined by GC.

#### \* Two proposal for approach of olefins to the Mn-oxo salen complex 5

#### Jacobsen's proposal:

The bulky t-Bu groups blocks all the possible access direction except the diimine bridge side (b). At the same time, the axial hydrogen atom on diimine bridge directed away the larger sub -stituent on the olefin.

## Katsuki's proposal:

The direction of olefins approach was determined not only by steric pulsions but the repulsive  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions between the benzene ring of salen ligand and the unsaturated olefinic substituent.







entry	substrate	catalyst	solvent	oxidant	temp.	yield(%)	% ee	Confign.
1		6	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	NaOCI	0°C	78	91	1R,2S
2	"	7				78	97	1R,2S
3	Ph	6				75	91	3R,4S
4	"	7	ł	Ļ	ł	70	97	3R.4S

Above was proofs that contradict Jacobsen's axial steric repulsion propasal by Katsuki et al.. Since complex 7 bears axial methyl groups at C3" and C6" which should lead to opposite streostructure of products if Jacobsen's proposal was right.

## Mechanistic Study of One Oxygen Atom Transfer from Mn-oxo Salen Complex to Olefins



Katsuki et al. Chem. Lett. 1995, 339

Although the factors controlling the enantiselectivity of Mn-salen comolexes are well understood, the mechanism of oxygen transfer stage remains controversial.

From first experimental results, it was summarized that

(a)alkyl-substituted alkenes proceeds though concerted path (A), as they only gave cis-product (b)conjugated alkenes proceeds in radical path (B),

However, compare experiments with same substrate cis- $\beta$ -methylstyrene under different conditions, it becomes clear that this conclusion is incorrect.



Table 1. Epoxidation of  $cis-\beta$ -methylstyrene (3c) with 0.04 equiv catalyst.

Cat.	Oxidant [a]	Additive	Yield [%]	cis:trans	<i>ee</i> fac [%][e]
1 <b>d</b>	NaOCl	4-PPNO [b]	98	95:5	81
1 d	MCPBA	NMO[c]	91	94:6	82
1 a	NaOCl	_	86	92:8	81
1 e	PhIO	4-PPNO[b]	48	77:23	88
1 d	PhIO	4-PPNO[b]	76	75:25	72
1c	NaOCl	_	86	71:29	81
1 c	NaOCl	<b>QAS[</b> d]	86	5:95	81



 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{1a: } R^1, \ R^1 = -(CH_2)_{4^-}, \ R^2 = rBu \\ \textbf{1b: } R^1, \ R^1 = -(CH_2)_{4^-}, \ R^2 = OMe \\ \textbf{1c: } R^1, \ R^1 = -(CH_2)_{4^-}, \ R^2 = OSii/Pr_3 \\ \textbf{1d: } R^1 = Ph, \ R^2 = Br \end{array}$ 



[a] NaOCI: in phosphate buffer/chlorobenzene; *m*-chloroperbenzoic acid (MCPBA): in dichloromethane; iodosobenzene (PhIO): in acetonitrile. [b] 0.2-0.4 equiv 4-phenylpyridine *N*-oxide (4-PPNO). [c] 10.0 equiv *N*-methylmorpholine *N*-oxide (NMO). [d] 0.2 equiv of a quaternary quinine ammonium salt (QAS). [e]  $ee_{iac} = \% cis \times ee_{cis} + \% trans \times ee_{trans}$ .

Extract from:

E.N. Jacobsen *et al. JACS*,1997, 109, 1798-1801; E.N. Jacobsen *et al. JACS*,1994, 116, 6937-38; T. Katsuki *et al. J. Mol. Catal*. 1996, 87-107

The epoxidation of vinylcyclopropanes provide a good indication for radical intermediates, as these "radical clocks" undergo ring-opening at a rate of approximately10<sup>11</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>.



To sum up above experimental results, it becomes clear that the diastereoselectivity are strongly dependent on the oxidant, the catalyst and the additives.

#### Summary:

1. J-K epoxidation is one of the most efficient methods for asymmetric epoxidation of unfunctionalized olefins (complementary to Prilezhaev reaction (racemic), and Sharpless AE(allyl alchohol)).

2. High enantioselectivity can be achieved in cis-olefins, cyclic olefins, and conjugated olefins. However, terminal olefins and trans-olefins are usually poor substrate (in contrast of Shi-epoxidation, which is efficient in trans-olefins and tri-substitude olefins).

## 3. Asymmetric Ring-Opening (ARO) Reactions of Epoxides

~Focus on Metal-Salen Complexes (II)~

## 3-1 Asymmetric Ring-Opening (ARO) Reaction of Epoxide by Metal-Salen Catalyst



#### Initial conception of ARO strategy

The groud state structure of epoxides coordinate to metal complex may share similar pattern as the transition state of olefin's epoxidation by metal complex oxo transfer.

Epoxidation Catalysis

(A) Schematic representation of the side-on approach model for olefin epoxidation by chiral salen complexes







Lewis Acid Activation of Epoxides

(B) Possible model of epoxide activation to asymmetric ring-opening by similar catalyst



## Mechanism of ARO

Active catalyst in ARO of epoxide by TMSN<sub>3</sub>



Evidence:

1. Byproduct 5 is generated only in the initial stages and in yields propational to the amount of catalyst employed.

2. The catalyst separated after 1st cycle reveals N-Cr in molar ratio of 5:1 and the absence of CI atom, also shows strong IR absorbence at 2058 cm<sup>-1</sup> which is consistent with Cr-N<sub>3</sub> N=N stretch.

3. No measurable loss of activity and enantioselectivity occurs when recycled up to another 10 times.

In fact, 2-N<sub>3</sub> serves as both a Lewis acid for epoxide activation and an N<sub>3</sub>-dilivery agent. And the actual active catalyst is in form of (salen)Cr(N<sub>3</sub>)(epoxide).

#### Unusual rate expression

The reaction of HN<sub>3</sub> with cyclopentene oxide in presence of catalystic 2-N<sub>3</sub> obeys the following rate law:

rate =  $k[2-N_3]^2$ [epoxide]<sup>-1</sup>[HN<sub>3</sub>]<sup>0</sup>

A second order dependence on  $2-N_3$  is observed. Based on this rate expression, the mechanism of metal -salen catalyzed ARO of epoxidation is proposed as follow:



This second-order dependence on the catalyst strongly implicating the possibility of its showing extra coorpertive effect when designed as dimeric or polymeric form.

Two limiting geometries of metal-salen complex dimer can be envisioned, respectively as "head to head" and "head to tail".



"head to head"



"head to tail"



E.N. Jacobsen et al. JACS, 1998, 120,10780-81

Designed as the "head to head" transition stategeometry. Accelerated rate of ARO was observed. Kinetic experiments by plots of  $k_{obs}$ /[cat] vs [cat] (fighur in next page) shows complex **7** catalyzed the ARO primaryly through a first-order pathway.

Results earned from complex 7 and 8 suggest:

- 1. Cooperative reactivity was in fact occuring within the dimeric complex
- 2. The placement of tether (the link part) was critical to enantioselectivity
- 3. The "head to head" arrangement was not optimal geometry

Redesign dimeric complexes (4a~4g)in order to allow intramolecular reaction with a greater range of transtion state.



Considering a two-term rate equation involving both intra- and intermolecular components:

rate =  $k_{intra}[cat] + k_{inter}[cat]^2$ 

**Table 1.** Rate Constants and Enantioselectivity Data for the RingOpening of Cyclopentene Oxide Catalyzed by  $(salen)Cr-N_3$ Complexes

catalyst	п	% ee of product <sup><i>a</i></sup>	$(\min^{-1} \times 10^{-2})^b$	$(\mathbf{M}^{-1}\min^{-1})^{b}$	$M_{ m eff}$ $({ m M} imes10^{-3})^b$
1		93		0.6	
5		94		1.2	
4a	2	90	4.4	15.7	2.8
<b>4</b> b	4	90	5.4	15.1	3.6
4c	5	93	42.9	27.4	15.7
<b>4</b> d	6	93	31.7	15.8	20.1
<b>4</b> e	7	93	20.9	7.9	26.3
<b>4f</b>	8	94	14.7	10.5	14.0
4g	10	92	3.8	4.4	8.6



<sup>*a*</sup> From the reaction of cyclopentene oxide with TMSN<sub>3</sub>. <sup>*b*</sup> Kinetic studies were carried out with HN<sub>3</sub> as the azide source (ref 4; see Supporting Information).





nonlinear effects in ARO of cyclopentene oxide with  $\mathsf{TMSN}_3$  catalyzed by  $\mathbf{5}$  and  $\mathbf{4d}$ 

## 4. Hydrolytic Kinetic Resolution (HKR) of Terminal Epoxide

#### --- Practical Application of the ARO

General and practical method for enantioselective synthesis of terminal epoxide is still unavailable (refer to Summary of J-K asymmetric epoxidation), thus kinetic resolution of terminal epoxide from its inexpensively available racemic mixtures becomes a very attractive strategy.

#### The strategy of epoxide HKR:



First finding connected to the establishment of HKR

E.N. Jacobsen et al. Tetrahedron Lett. 1997, 38, 773-76



#### Initial report of metal-salen catalyzed epoxide HKR

#### E.N. Jacobsen et al. Science, 1997, 277, 936-38



		Concentration		Time	E	poxide	Diol			
Entry	R	<b>2b</b> (mol %)	Water (equiv)	(hours)	ee (%)	lsolated yield (%)	ee (%)	Isolated yield (%)	k <sub>rel</sub>	
1	CH <sub>3</sub>	0.2	0.55	12	>98	44	98	50	>400	
2	CH2ČI	0.3	0.55	8	98	44	86	38	50	
3	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	0.42	0.55	5	98	46	98	48	290	
4	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	0.42	0.55	6	99	45	97	47	260	
5	Ph	0.8	0.70	44	98	38	98*	39*	20	
6	CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	0.64	0.50	20	84	44	94	49	30	
7	CH=CH_	0.85	0.70	68	99	29	88	64	30	



\*After recrystallization.

 $k_{rel} = ln[(1-c)(1-ee)]/[(1-c)(1+ee)]$ , where ee is the enantiomeric excess of the epoxide and c is the fraction of epoxide remaining in the final reaction mixture.



In cases of HKR, polymeric matal-salen complexes also represent coorperative effect just as ARO

	0 +	H <sub>2</sub> OC	atalyst	0,, 			~ [ a ]
	└ `R		rt	ŕR	~ R		
Entry	Isolated Product	Catalyst	Co (Mol%)°	Time	(h) % yield <sup>e</sup> (ee)	$\sim$	
Epoxides						N	LAND HBULL
1	0//	Monomer (1b)	$0.5^{e}$	18	42 (99)		
		Oligomer ( <b>5</b> )	0.01	11	45 (99)		
2	O,,	1b	$0.85^{f}$	68	26 (99)	<u>τ</u> -Βύ <u>τ</u> -Βύ	
		5	0.05	24	36 (99)		
3	O.	1b	$0.8^{e}$	72	44 (99)	( <i>R</i> , <i>R</i> )-1: R = <i>t</i> -Bu ( <i>R</i> , <i>R</i> )-2: R = OC(O)CH(CI)CH.	
		5	0.08	24	37 (99)	a: M=Co	0
4		11.	$2 0^{e}$	19	41 (00)	<b>b</b> : $M = Co(OAc)$	
		10	2.0	40 24	41(99) 41(99)	c: M = Co(OTs)	n = 1 - 5
Diele"		5	0.1	24	-1 ( <i>)</i> )		
			2.04	24	50 (00)		
5	OH		2.0	24	50 (96)		
<i>.</i>	HO	5	0.01	1.5	40 (97)		
6	он	1b	0.64'	20	49 (94)		
	HO	5	0.03	4	46 (97)		
7	QН	1b	$0.8^{e}$	12	41 (98)		
	HO	5	0.08	4	43 (96)		
8	он	1b	$2.0^{e}$	20	40 (95)	E N. Jacobson	et al 1005 2001
	но	5	0.05	18	49 (95)		123, 2687-88

#### 5. Asymmetric Hetero Diels-Alder Reactions of Carbonyl Compounds

#### a. Danishefski's diene as enophile



<sup>*a*</sup> Unless noted otherwise, all reactions were run at 5.0 M in TBME using 2 mol % catalyst, 1.0 mmol of aldehyde, 1.0 mmol of diene 1, and 300 mg of oven-dried 4 Å molecular sieves for 24 h. <sup>*b*</sup> Enantiomeric excesses in parentheses were obtained after recrystallization (see Experimental). <sup>*c*</sup> Yields in parentheses refer to recrystallized yields. <sup>*d*</sup> Reactions were run on 10.0 mmol scale.



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with (3, 7)-cat.  $R^1 = Me, R^2 = OTBS: 97\% de = 88\% ee > 99\%$ with (*R*, *S*)-cat:  $R^1 = CH_2OPMB, R^2 = Me: 90\% de = 84\% ee > 99\%$  $R^1 = Ph, R^2 = OTBS: 58\% de = 56\% ee = 99\%$ 

(3)



R = n-Hex: 85% ee = 90% R = Cy: 32% ee = 96% R = 2-Fu: 93% ee = 90%R = (E)-PhCH=CH: 54% ee = 79%



E.N. Jacobsen et al. OL, 2002, 4, 1795-98



T. Katsuki et al. Tetrahedron, 57, 845-51



A. Berkessel et al. JOC, 2006, 5029-35

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#### (b) other type diene

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**4**b

4h

4 b

4 b

4 a

4 c

4h

5e

5 f<sup>[f]</sup>

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(1)		4					0
Me	OR I	Me + F : 1	<b>5</b> к¹сно	1) cat 4Å 2) TB/	alyst (3 m sieves, F 16-40 h AF, AcOH	nol%) RT	Me <sup>,,,,,Me</sup>
Entry	Diene	Aldehyde	e Condi	tions <sup>[b]</sup>	Catalyst	Yield [%]	<sup>[c]</sup> ee [%] <sup>[d]</sup>
1	4b	5a	А		1b	50	80
2	4 b	5b	Α		1b	n. d.	57
3	<b>4</b> b	5b	Α		2 b	n. d.	85
4	4b	5b	Α		3 a	88	98
5	4 b	5 b	Α		3b	93	98
6	<b>4</b> b	5 a	Α		3 a	n. d.	65
7	4b	5 a	Α		3 b	n. d.	81
8	<b>4</b> b	5 a	в		3 b	72 (80) <sup>[e]</sup>	90
9	4b	5b	в		3 a	90	99
10	4 b	5b	в		3b	97	>99
11	4 b	5c	в		3 b	89	94
12	4b	5d	Α		3b	85	98

3 h

3h

3 b

3b

**3**b

3b

3h

78

81

93

77

78 (84)<sup>[e]</sup>

28 (31)[e]

77 (86)<sup>[e]</sup>

98

98

96

95

98

96

94

4a: R = SiMe <sub>3</sub> (TMS)	5a: R <sup>1</sup> = Ph	<b>e</b> : $R^1 = (CH_2)_4CH = CH_2$
b: R = SiEt <sub>3</sub> (TES)	b: R <sup>1</sup> = CH <sub>2</sub> OTBS	f: $R^1 = CH_2CH_2Ph$
$c: R = Si(tBu)Me_2$ (TBS)	c: R <sup>1</sup> = CH <sub>2</sub> OBn	g: $R^1 = CH_2CH_2NHBoc$
<b>d</b> : R = Si( <i>i</i> Pr) <sub>3</sub> (TIPS)	<b>d</b> : R <sup>1</sup> = <i>n</i> -C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	h: R <sup>1</sup> = 2-furyl



[a] Unless noted otherwise, reactions were carried out with 1:1 diene and aldehyde on a 1.0 mmol scale with 3mol% catalyst and powdered 4 Å molecular sieves for 16–40 h as outlined in Scheme 1. [b] A: No solvent added. B: 200  $\mu$ L acetone added. [c] Yields of isolated product after flash column chromatography on silica gel. In cases where nonoptimal catalyst combinations are described, yields of isolated product were not determined accurately and are therefore not reported (n.d.). [d] Enantiomeric excesses (*ee*) were determined by GC using a commercial (Cylcodex- $\beta$ ) column. [e] Reaction did not reach complete substrate conversion after 40 h. Numbers in parentheses correspond to substrate conversion upon work-up. [f] Two equivalents of aldehyde used.

#### E.N. Jocobsen et al. JOC, 1999, 38, 2398-99



 $\begin{array}{l} {\sf R} = {\sf TBS:} \ 84\% \ de = 92\% \ ee \ (cis) = 87\% \ ee \ (trans) = 78\% \\ {\sf R} = {\sf TBDPS:} \ 55\% \ de = 94\% \ ee \ (cis) = 56\% \ ee \ (trans) = 32\% \\ {\sf R} = {\sf SiPh}_3: \ 49\% \ de = 92\% \ ee \ (cis) = 52\% \ ee \ (trans) = 31\% \end{array}$ 





A. Umani-Ronchi et al. Chem. Commun. 2002, 919-27



Q. Feng et al. JOC. 2006, 71, 4141-46

#### Summary:

After decades of studies, it has been proved to be effective in asymmetric imine-cyanation, conjugate addition, carbenoid insertion besides mentioned reaction types above. Thus makes it one of the so-called "priviledged catalysts"<sup>\*</sup>.

The first inspiration from heme-containing enzymes finally develops into salen's great hit, similarly shared many other "priviledge catalysts" such as Bi-oxazoline(BOX) ligand which was inspired by vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, These all reminds us nature could always provides "nutrients" in ligand design.

\* Reviewed by:

## Total Synthesis of (+)-Peloruside A

Synthesis of Intermediate 15 and 16



Synthesis of intermediate 7







## Topic: All Roads Lead to Rome---Approach to the Synthesis of 1,3-Diol Moiety via "inconventional" pathway

As seen in pelorudside, 1,3-diol moiety is one of the most common structural units in many natural products.

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Although the defination of "conventional" would be quite controversial, here I simply categorize these methodologies (vida infra) as "traditional":

- 1. Selective reduction of 1,3-hydroxyketones or 1,3-diketones
- 2. Alkyl/allylation of 1,3-hydroxyketone moieties (Keck reaction, Prins reaction etc.)
- 3. Aldol(+reduction)
- 4. Conjugate addition by O-nucleophile/reduction
- 5. Manipulation of allylic or homoallylic alchohol (including addition of O-nucleophiles and iodocarbonation etc.)

Above all are some "traditional" way for synthesizing 1,3-diol moieties. All of them are well developed and have been widely utilized. However, nevertheless the traditional methods have achieved great efficiency and mature system, methods for oxidative approach or direct convertion from C-H bond are still limited. Here I would like to introduce some thus "inconventional " method for constructing 1,3-diol moiety.

## 1. Oxygenation of Vinylcyclopropanes

Strategy:



The idea was inspired by the biosynthesis route of prostaglandin family:



Report: K.S. Feldman, Synlett. 1995, 217-225



Table 1. Oxygenation of Substituted Vinylcyclopropanes to form 1,2-Dioxolanes



#### Pros:

Cons:

- 1. Can induce two oxygen atom for diol in single step.
- 2. Directly using molecular O<sub>2</sub> as oxidant
- 3. Also promising in direct oxidizing poly-unsaturated moiety
- 1. Not easy to control (low dr. and ee)
- 2. Need reductive procesure
- 3. Initiator of S or Se compound is needed

#### Mechanistic study



Steric effect of substituents in syn/anti selectivity



1. Chair-like conformation and an equatorial substituent R at C(3) provides the lowest energy pathway in most cases, which makes syn-form **71** as major product.

2. As increasing size of vinyl substituent R only had onlymodest stereoselectivity(**26f-h**) but reversion of sterwochemical preference occured(**26f,i**), these result indicates **68** is main route attribute to anti-form **72**.

Electronic effect



Figure 1. % Anti dioxolane vs. pKa of the parent alcohol, thiol or amine of the carbonyl substituent X in 26.

## **<u>2. Carbene insertion to alchohol moiety \alpha-C-H bond</u>**

Strategy



MeC	Ar D <sub>2</sub> C	2 <sup>+</sup> TB	SO	$R_1$	(1.0  mol%) hexane, 23°	) ) C MeC	Ar D <sub>2</sub> C ŌT	$\mathbb{R}_{1}$	$\begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} \text{red.} \\ & & \\ & & \\ \end{array} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{Ar}} \\ & & \\ & & \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \text{R}_1 \\ \\ & \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} \\ \end{array} \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} \\ \end{array} \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} \\ \end{array} \\ \end{array} \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} $
	entry	Ar	R1	R2	yield, %	de, %	ee, %		
	1*	p-ClPh	Н	Et	48	76	-		[ _ ]
	2*		Me	Me	44	70	-		
	3*		Me	Н	72	96	-		<sup>°</sup> N °O <del> </del> Rh   SO₂Ar
	4		Me	Н	72	96	80		
	5		Ph	Н	70	97	85		$Ar = p - C_{12}H_{25}C_6H_4$ $Bh_{2}(B - DOSP)_4$
	6		CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	Н	71	98	74		
	7	ł	Н	Н	35	98	90		
	8	Ph	Н	Н	52	>94	92		

**Report** H.L. Davies et al. OL, 1999, 1, 383-85

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\* Using racemic catalyst

## **Mechanistic Study**

Catalytic cycle of metallo-carbenoid insertion to C-H bond





EDG/EWG co-substituted carbenoid gains unique properties:

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1. Undesired carben dimerization pathway is significantly reduced.

2. Selectivity of intermolecular C-H insertions is increased.

Facile C–H insertion at activated sites positive charge buildup at insertion site stabilized when R = N, O, aryl, vinyl

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S M H approach from front  $MeO_2C$  Ar  $MeO_2C$  Ar  $MeO_2C$   $MeO_2C$ structure A structure B  $MeO_2C$  $MeO_2C$  Me

MeO<sub>2</sub>C

The large group(L) projects upward from cat. The small group(S) points toward cabenoid and the middle group(M) projects away from carbenoid.

H.M. Davies et al. Nature, 2006, 451, 417-424

However, the substition type of the allyl substrate influence the result of this reaction significantly. The major side reaction is cyclopropanation.

![](_page_22_Figure_8.jpeg)

When allyl acetate was used instead of silyl-ether, cyclopropanation became exclusive reaction.

![](_page_22_Figure_10.jpeg)

Also, when 2-methylpropenyl silyl ether was used, cyclopropantion proceeded without C-H insertion product.

$$\begin{array}{c} p\text{-CIPh} \\ \hline MeO_2C \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \hline N_2 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} Rh_2[(\pm)\text{-}DOSP]_4 \\ \hline nexane, 23°C \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \hline & OTBS \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} PCIPh \\ p\text{-}CIPh \\ OTBS \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} y. 54\% \end{array}$$

These results indicate :

(1) Electron rich site proceeds insertion easily.Carbenoid prone to proceed insertion to C-H bond adjacent to EDG rather than EWG.

![](_page_22_Figure_15.jpeg)

H.M. Davies et al. JOC, 2003, 68, 6126-32

(2) The steric factor influence carbenoid C-H insertion significantly.

Report 2 H.M. Davies et al. OL, 2, 4153-56

![](_page_23_Figure_1.jpeg)

The mechanism of this reaction is supposed to be similar to the former one.

![](_page_23_Figure_3.jpeg)

#### Summary:

Pros:

1. Carbenoud insertion one of the limited methods that can achieve high regioselectivity and enantioselectivity

- in C-H activation by now.
- 2. This method provides an alternative to tradittional pathways.

#### Cons:

1. The yield is moderate in most case and always have side reaction.

2. Substrate scope is still quite limited. And direct insertion between two alchohol would be hard to be achieved, as insertion direct O-H is highly competitive.

![](_page_23_Figure_12.jpeg)

## 3. Direct C-C Cross-Coupling

#### Coupling of Alchohols at $\beta$ -position with Aldehyde

Report: Y-Q. Tu et al. Adv. Synth. Catal. 2008, 350,2189-93

![](_page_24_Figure_3.jpeg)

So far, this is the only report which achieved this type of reaction. However, substrate of this reaction was limited to t-BuOH only. When switch to other kinds of alchohol, a competing path which generate THP skeleton.

$$R^{1} \xrightarrow{Path B} R^{2} \xrightarrow{R^{2} OH} H^{3} \xrightarrow{R^{4} OH} H^{2} \xrightarrow{R^{4} OH} R^{4} \xrightarrow{R^{2} OH} R^{3} \xrightarrow{R^{2} OH} H^{2}$$

![](_page_24_Figure_6.jpeg)

Mechanism proposed by author:

![](_page_25_Figure_1.jpeg)

## 4. Selective C-H Oxidation

Selective oxidation oriented by directing group

Report: P.S. Baran et al. JACS, 2008, 130, 7247-49

Author proposed a pathway that includes dehydration and LA-activated/Rh catalyzed Prins-type reaction.

Though the detailed reaction mechanism is still unclear, the fact that either  $RhCl(PPh_3)_3$  or  $BF_3$ - $Et_2O$  alone could

not effectively promote this coupling reaction in parallel experiments suggests co-work of LA and Rh-catalyst is essential.

#### Summary:

Pros:

1. The only report that achieved direct coupling from alchohol and aldehyde to form 1,3-diol up to now.

2. Protection free, easily achievable reaction condition. Cons:

- 1. Very limited substrate scope
- 2. Yields are no more than moderate
- 3. Competitive pathway

![](_page_25_Figure_15.jpeg)

## Strategy

![](_page_26_Figure_1.jpeg)

# Solution to challenge A --- Tuning the side chain on N atom

The side chain on carbamate N bears great influence on the reactivity of N-bromocarbamates The more electron-withdrawing group it is, the higher the reactivity was obtained.

![](_page_26_Figure_4.jpeg)

# Solution to challenge B --- Employing  $Ag_2CO_3$  to promote cyclization to iminocarbonate

Summary: Pros:

1. Provide an unprecedent way directly convert alchohols to 1,3-diols, also with relative high efficiency.

![](_page_26_Figure_8.jpeg)

Previous synthesis: 4 steps, 12% J.G. Rico et al. TL, 1984, 25, 5977-80

(More aplications of this method in total synthesis please refer to Dr. Yin's Lit-seminar handout) 2. Shows excellent regioselectivity among dierect C-H oxidation methods.

![](_page_26_Figure_11.jpeg)

Cons:

- 1. Only benzylic and tertiary C-H are oxidized in synthetically useful yields.
- 2. Olefins, free carboxylic acids, amines, amides, unprotected alchohols, and azides are not tolerated.

#### Other methods of 1,3-diol moiety construction via selective C-H oxidation via directing group

![](_page_27_Figure_1.jpeg)

Perspective of 1,3-Diol Moiety Induction via Selective C-H Activation

(1) Direct Cross Dehydrogenative Coupling between Two Alchohols

![](_page_27_Figure_4.jpeg)

So far this type of reaction has not been achieved yet.

Main probable challenges in this reaction:

1.Selective activation of  $\alpha$ -C-H bond in one alchohol and  $\beta$ -C-H bond in another.

2. Reactivity control to prevent over oxidation and polymerization

Perspective:

1. This type of reaction is highly atom-economic

2. Would be very friendly to environment, when  $O_2$  is directly used as oxidant.

#### (2) Ultimate Oxidation ----- Selective Oxidation of C-H in "desired" site

The most ideal way to get 1,3-diol moiety would be selective oxidation to two-1,3-positioned sp<sup>3</sup> C-H bonds, without directing groups, only using  $O_2$  as oxidant, hopefully also with diastereao- and enantio-selectivities. This idea sounds nearly "Mission Impossible", because even enzymes could not accomplish such task.

However, recent years some achievement in selective oxidation of unacticvted sp<sup>3</sup> C-H brought light on this "impossible" task.

(A)Predictable selective oxidation solely on the base of the electronic and stetic properties of C-H bond was achieved.

----"A predictablely Selective Aliphatic C-H Oxidation Reaction for Complex Molecule Synthesis"

M.C. White et al. Science, 2007, 318, 783-87

(Detail please refer to Dr. Yin's Lit-seminar handout)

(B) Predicable and high chemo-,site-, and even diastereao-selective oxidation of **methelene** C-H bonds was achieved.

----"Combined Effects on Selectivity in Fe-catalyzed Methylene Oxidation"

M.C. White et al. Science, 2010, 327, 783-87