Catalytic Asymmetric Total Syntheses of Quinine and Quinidine



Quinine

Quinidine

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Quinine : The Anti-Malaria Drug

1630

Quina bark administered to the Countess of Chinchon





1897

Sir Ronald Ross deduced that the malaria parasite is spread by mosquitoes





1850

The G&T's of the Raj – a necessity before a pleasure



1679

Robert Talbot used 'Jesuit's Powder' to cure King Charles II



Quinine : Early Investigations



1820 : P. J. Pelletier and J. B. Caventou identified Quinine as the active ingredient of Cinchona. *Ann. Chim. Phys.* 1820, *15*, 291 and 337

1852 : Initial stereochemical investigations undertaken by L. Pasteur, identifying Quinine as *leavo*-rotatory.

Compt. Rend. 1853, 37, 110

1854 : A. Strecker established the empirical formula of Quinine as C₂₀H₂₄N₂O₂. Later confirmed by Zd. Skraup.

Ann. 1854, 91, 155

1907 : The correct connectivity of the atoms was established – largely through the work of P. Rabe.

Ann. 1907, 40, 3655

Quinine : First Attempted Synthesis

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"... it is obvious that *napthalidine*, differing only by the elements of two equivalents of water might pass into [quinine] simply by an assumption of water. We cannot of course, expect to induce the water to enter merely by placing it in contact, but a *happy* experiment may attain this end by the discovery of an appropriate metamorphic process."

A. W. Hofmann, Report of the Royal College of Chemistry, 1849

Sir William H. Perkin



Sir William H. Perkin : Easter, 1856





- 1857 : A dye factory set up to produce Mauveine, located just south of the Black Horse public House, in Greenford, West London. The Pub is still there.
- 1862 : At the Royal Exhibition, Queen Victoria made an appearance in a silk gown dyed with mauveine

Penny Red

1865 : The Perkin Process is patented and the 'Aniline Dye Industry' goes on to spawn many of the world's major pharmaceutical companies including BASF, Hoechst, Ciba–Geigy and ICI

> Account presented in Hofmann Memorial Lecture J. Chem. Soc. 1896, 69, 596 Corrected Mauveine Structure J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1, 1994, 5

Quinine : The Issue of Stereochemistry



The Alkaloids, R. H. F. Mankse, Ed; Academic Press, NY, 1953, Vol. 3, Chap. 16, p. 25

Pasteur's Degradation Reaction of Quinine



Louis Pasteur (1822 - 1895)

Chance favors only the prepared mind. —Louis Pasteur



Classics in Total Synthesis II, Wiley-VCH, Germany, 2003, Ch. 15

Quinine : 1918, the 'Rabe' Synthesis



P. Rabe, Chem. Ber. 1918, 51, 466 P. Rabe, Chem. Ber. 1911, 44, 2088

Formal Synthesis of Quinine By Woodward and Doering



Woodward/Doering' Retrosynthetic Analysis and Strategy



J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1945, 67, 860 J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1944, 66, 849

Woodward : Synthesis of Homomeroquinene





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What we can learn from Woodward's Synthesis

1. The formation, modification, and eventual cleavage of carbon frameworks in cyclic settings to generate acyclic stereochemical elements



2. Rapid construction of the carbon framework in the target molecule



3. The application of nitrite ester cleavage protocol can prevent epimerization, directly afford the requisite ester side chain, and make it easy to make double bond

Summary of Quinine Syntheses



Date	Group	Steps	Yield	Reality	Key Step)
1918	Rabe	3 ⁸	3%	C8/9 All 4	1:1	Original C8-N disconnection
1944	Woodward	23	0.075% ^b	C8/9 All 4	1:1	Non-selective hydrogenation
1970	Uskokovic	14	5%	C8 1:1	C9 5:1	Vinyl quinoline; C9 02 oxidation
1970	Gates	15 ^c	3% ^C	C8 1:1	C9 5:1	Wittig reagent from meroquinine
1974	Taylor	13 ^c	2% [°]	C8 1:1	C9 5:1	Quinoline derived phosphorane
1978	Uskokovic	15	5%	C8 1:1	C9 High	Amino-chloroepoxide cyclisation
1978	Uskokovic	17	1%	C8 1:1	C9 High	Via quinuclidine electrophile

a : Starts from Quinotoxin

- b : Uses Rabe results to complete a formal synthesis
- c : Incorporated Uskokovic steps and yields for meroquinine

The First Stereoselective Total Synthesis of Quinine By Stork



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Stork's Retrosynthetic Analysis and Strategy



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What we can learn from Stork's Synthesis

1. Conformational analysis shows that the two pseudo-chair forms of the synthetic precursor are of similar energy, and makes the C-8 non-stereoselective.



2. Follow the words of wisdom by Robert Ireland: "All too often the most convenient way to draw a molecule on paper belies the most efficient synthetic approach." This helps to construct the C-8

stereocenter.



3. Install C-9 stereocenter by oxygenation which utilize the steric bulk of the bridgehead nitrogen in the quinuclidine ring.

Catalytic Asymmetric Synthesis of Quinine and Quinidine By Jacobsen



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Yesterday Once More: N1-C8 Disconnection Jacobsen's Retrosynthetic Analysis and Strategy



Jacobsen's Total Synthesis of Quinine



^a Conditions: (a) *n*-BuLi, THF, -78 °C to 0 °C, $\geq 50:1 E/Z$; (b) methyl cyanoacetate, (*S*,*S*)-**11** (5 mol %), *t*-BuOH, C₆H₁₂, rt; (c) Raney Ni, H₂, tol/MeOH (3:1), 650 psi, 80 °C, 12 h, 89%; (d) i. LDA, THF, -78 °C; ii. H₂O/THF (5%), -78 °C; (e) i. LAH, THF; ii. CBz₂O, TEA, CH₂Cl₂, 51%, separation of diastereomers by flash chromatography; (f) TPAP, NMO, CH₂Cl₂; (g) methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide, KO/Bu, THF, 0 °C, 73% (two steps); (h) TBAF, THF; (i) TPAP, NMO, CH₂Cl₂, 86% (two steps); (j) Cl₂CHB(pinacolate) (**15**), CrCl₂, LiI, THF, ≥20:1 *E/Z*, 79%.

Jacobsen's Total Synthesis of Quinine



^a Conditions: (a) i. ethyl propiolate, MeOH, rt, 12 h; ii. Dowtherm A, 250 °C, 30 min; (b) Ph₃PBr₂, CH₃CN, microwave, 170 °C, 15 min.



^a Conditions: (k) Pd(OAc)₂, **19** (2.5 mol %), K₃PO₄·H₂O, THF, 16 h, rt, ≥20:1 *E/Z*, 89%; (l) ADmix-β, CH₃SO₂NH₂, *t*BuOH, H₂O, 0 °C, ≥96:4 dr, 88%; (m) i. trimethylorthoacetate, PPTS (cat), CH₂Cl₂; ii. acetyl bromide, CH₂Cl₂; iii. K₂CO₃, MeOH, 81%; (n) Et₂AlCl, thioanisole, 0 °C to rt, then microwave, 200 °C, 20 min, 68%.

Jacobsen's Total Synthesis of Quinidine





^a Conditions: (a) ADmix-α, CH₃SO₂NH₂, tBuOH, H₂O, 0 °C, 86%; (b) i. trimethylorthoacetate, PPTS (cat), CH₂Cl₂; ii. acetyl bromide, CH₂Cl₂; iii. K₂CO₃, MeOH, 77%; (c) i. Et₂AlCl, thioanisole, 0 °C to rt, then microwave, 200 °C, 20 min, 74%.

What we can learn from Jacobsen's Synthesis

1. Application of recently developed (salen)Al-Catalyzed conjugate addition of methyl cyanoacetate to construct C4 stereocenter efficiently.

2. C8 & C9 chiral center can be formed by Sharpless dihydroxylation with high dr.

3. Yes, disconnection of N1-C8 bond provides a way to asymmetric total synthesis of quinine

Comparison of the Two Steroselective Total Synthesis of Quinine

Date	Group	Step	Yield	Reality	Key Step
2001	Stork	16	7%	Stereoselective	C8 High Stereospecific reduction set C8
2004	Jacobsen	16	5%	Catalytic,	C4, C8 and C9 High, Sharpless
				Asymmetric	dihydroxylation

Thank you and questions?



Park, O. S., Jang, B. S. Archives of Phar. Research, 1995, 18, 277

Future Work: Synthesis of VANOL and Resolution



Key point: monomer **5** must be pure for oxidative coupling



Bao, J.; Wulff, W. D. et al J. Am. Chem. Soc., 1996, 118, 3392

Conclusions

- 1) A new synthetic approach of VANOL was studied. This new method provides a cheap, efficient way for large scale synthesis of VANOL ligand.
- 2) Conditions for Michael addition, hydrolysis and Friedel-Crafts reaction were optimized.
- 3) Michael addition was scaled up successfully in high yields. More work is needed to scale up Friedel-Crafts reactions.
- 4) Dehydrogenation reaction was studied and optimization of the conditions is in progress.
- 5) Some new methods have been briefly discussed.



