Asymmetric Total synthesis of (+)-Cannabisativine Jeffrey T. Kuethe and Daniel L. Comins*

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Naturally Occurring Macrocyclic Polyamine Alkaloids Containing Spermidine Subunits



Retrosynthetic Approach to (+)-Cannabisativine



Preparation of Dihydropyridone 12



Preparation of Dihydropyridone 17



Luche Reduction Transition States



Protection steps to Intermediate 24



1,4-Addition and Reduction of Ketone



Selenation of Carbamate 24



Stereoselective Addition of the Acetic Ester Unit



Elimination of cis-Beta-Hydroxyselenides 34 and 35



Synthetic Approaches to Macrocyclization and Completion of (+)-Cannabisativine



Route A Macrocyclization



Reductive Cyclization of 54 Attempted



2. See Scheme 10



Completition of Asymmetric Total Synthesis via Route B



Conclusions

- The first asymmetric synthesis of (+)-Cannabisativine (1) was accomplished in 19 steps with a high degree of stereocontrol.
- The key steps include: the successful metallo enolate addition to the chiral 1-acylpyridinium salt (10);
- Conversion of the dihydropyridone (17) to bicyclic carbamate (24);
- A diastereoselective Mukaiyama-Michael addition of an acetic acid unit;
- And a regioselective ketone to alkene conversion via the *cis*-beta-hydroyxselenides (**34**) and (**35**).