# Stereochemical Dichotomy in Two Competing Cascade Processes: Total Syntheses of Both Enantiomers of Spiroxin A

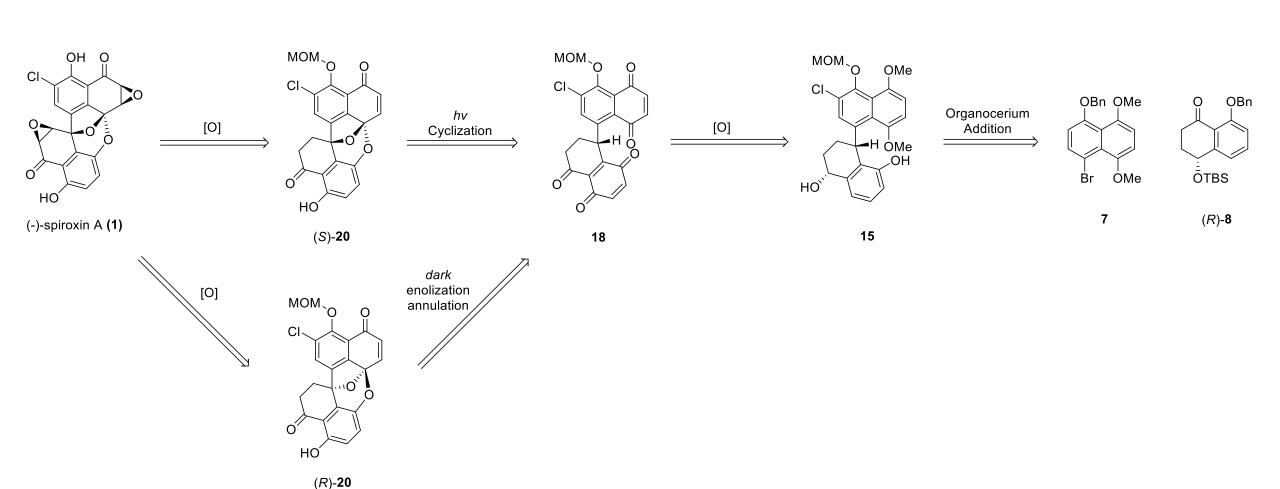
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## I. Introduction

- First total synthesis of both enantiomers of spiroxin A
- Spiroxin A is a marine antibiotic which has potential biological activity.
- Its structure contains a unique naphthoquinone dimer along with a highly complex architecture, strain from the distorted caged, various functional groups and multiple stereogenic centers.

## II. Retrosynthesis



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#### Diels-Alder followed by ring opening:

#### Benzyl Protection and NBS bromination:

## Benzyl Protection:

## Reduction using Ruthenium Catalyst:

OBn
$$Ac_2O, pyridine$$

$$DMAP, CH_2Cl_2$$

$$OBn$$

$$Ce(NH_4)_2(NO_3)_6$$

$$CH_3CN, H_2O, 0 °C$$

$$OAc$$

#### Protection of alcohol:

#### Oxidation using Ceric Ammonium Nitrate:

#### TPAP Oxidation:

#### Deprotection and Reprotection of Alcohol:

#### Lithium halogen exchange followed by addition to ketone and dehydration:

OBn OMe 
$$H_2$$
, 10% Pd / C  $THF$ , MeOH, 24 °C  $TBSO$   $TBSO$ 

## Benzyl Deprotections:

#### **Pivaloyl Preotection:**

#### Chlorination by Baran's reagent:

#### MOM Protection:

#### Deprotection of the Pivaloyl group:

#### Deprotection of the TBS group:

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#### Quinone Oxidation of phenol:

#### Quinone Oxidation using CAN:

#### Dess-Martin Oxidation:

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#### MOM Protection:

## Nucleophilic Epoxidation:

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## Ito-Saegusa Oxidation:

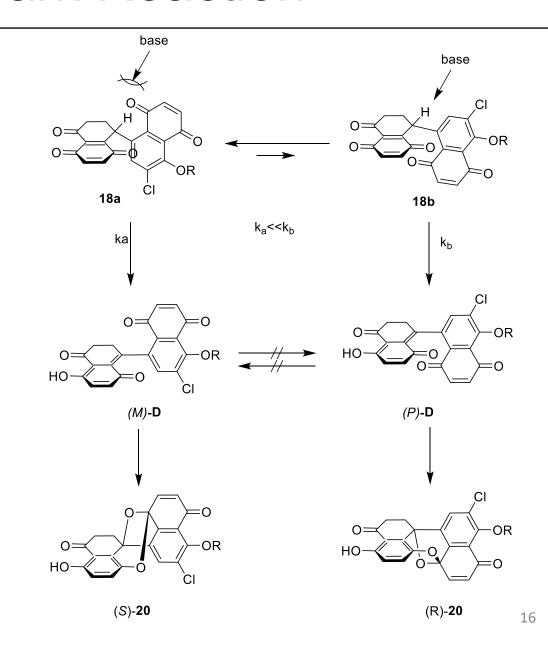
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#### Nucleophilic Epoxidation:

## MOM Deprotection:

## Rationale for Dark Reaction



## Synthetic Pathway for the (R) Enantiomer in the Dark

#### **Enolization-annulation:**