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PREFACE

Recent progress on three quite different alkaloid groups are discussed in this volume of *The Alkaloids: Chemistry and Biology*.

The first chapter, by Barbosa-Filho, da-Cunha, and Gray, describes in great detail the tremendous volume of research that has been conducted in recent years on the alkaloids of the Menispermaceae, a family which produces a wide structural range of benzyloquinoline alkaloids. The second chapter is a very special collaborative effort by three Japanese chemistry groups led by Somei, Murakami, and Ninomiya discussing the recent developments on the synthesis of the ergot alkaloids. Finally, Skaltsounis, Mitaku, and Tillequin discuss the diverse acridone alkaloids from the perspectives of their isolation, distribution, synthesis, and biological properties.

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ALKALOIDS OF THE MENISPERMACEAE

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I. Introduction

The plant family Menispermaceae is widely known for the production of a great variety of alkaloids. This was first noticed even before the family was created, when, after the first visits of European colonists, they came back talking about soldiers being wounded by arrows tipped with poison. Further details of this poison came later when it was observed that it was composed of extracts from poisonous herbs. There were many different herbs used to produce the poison, including one known by the natives as “ourari”. It is believed that the term curare, which describes

South American arrow poisons that kill by paralysis, is derived from this Indian name (*1*). Curare is used principally for hunting and fishing purposes by the Indian tribes of the Amazon region. In 1935 it was discovered that the alkaloid tubocurarine was the main active ingredient of curare. At that time, the structure given to this alkaloid was incorrect, and only in 1970 was the correct structure elucidated, showing that only one of the isoquinoline nitrogens was quaternary. The neuromuscular blocking activity of tubocurarine, very useful in anesthesia, led scientists all over the world to try to synthesise compounds with stronger activity and less toxicity. One of the compounds discovered in this way was the anaesthetic "atracurium" developed by researchers at the University of Strathclyde and the Wellcome Laboratories.

A. HISTORICAL ASPECTS OF THE FAMILY MENISPERMACEAE

The Menispermaceae (Moonseed family) was named by A. L. de Jussieu in 1789 and he included the genera *Menispermum* L., *Cissampelos* L., *Leaeba* Forsk., *Epibaterium* Forsk. and *Abuta* Aubl. (*2*). It was renamed later as *Ménispermoidées* by Ventenat and *Ménispermées* by Jaume. In 1824, it was finally designated Menispermaceae by A.P. de Candolle, who divided the family into three tribes: Menispermeae, Lardizabaleae and Schizandreae. The tribes Lardizabaleae and Schizandreae were later included in the families Berberidaceae and Magnoliaceae, respectively.

In 1851, Miers (*3*) described six tribes based on embryo structure: Heterocinaceae, Anomospermeae, Tiliacoreae, Leptogoneae, Platygoneae and Pachygoneae.

In 1867, Bentham and Hooker (*4*) subdivided the family into four tribes, containing a total of 31 genera according to the morphology of the carpels, fruits and seeds: Tinosporeae, Cocculeae, Cissampelideae and Pachygoneae.

In 1872, Baillon kept the same divisions as Bentham and Hooker, and substituted the tribe Tinosporeae with Chasmanthereae (*2*).

Finally, Diels (*5*) in 1910, based on Mier's work, published a new division of the family with 8 tribes: Anamirteae, Anomospermeae, Cocculeae, Fibraureae, Hyperbaeneae, Peniantheae, Tinosporeae and Tricliseae; three sub-tribes of the Cocculeae were delineated: Cocculineae, Stephaniineae and Cissampelineae containing a total of 72 genera.

Diel's idea, based on the morphological aspects of the albumen and cotyledons was kept by Troupin when in 1962 he published a botanical study of the African Menispermaceae (*6*). This is the division that is still used today (see Table I).

B. BOTANICAL STUDIES

The family Menispermaceae is part of the order Ranunculales and is divided into eight tribes and three sub-tribes. It is composed of some 72 genera and approximately 400 species (5). Its species are distributed in all continents, with predominance in the tropical regions. The largest genus in the family is *Stephania* with 43 species, followed by *Tinospora* with 35, *Abuta* with 30, *Tiliacora* with 22, and *Cissampelos* and *Cyclea*, both with 19 species.

The name Menispermaceae is derived from the half-moon shape of the seeds (2). According to Dahlgren's classification (7), the position of the family is:

KINGDOM:	Plantae
CLASS:	Magnoliopsidae (= Angiospermae)
SUB-CLASS:	Magnoliidae (= Dicotyledoneae)
SUPER ORDER:	Ranunculiflorae
ORDER:	Ranunculales
FAMILY:	Menispermaceae

The plants are perennial. They are woody, being predominantly climbing shrubs with anomalous stem structure. The leaves are alternate, the flowers are unisex and the seeds may or may not have an endosperm.

Table I shows all of the 72 genera of the family in their respective tribes and sub tribes, the approximate number of species, and their geographical distribution.

C. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ALKALOIDS

The family is well known for the production of alkaloids of various kinds, among which those derived from a 1-benzyltetrahydroisoquinoline (cf. Scheme 2) precursor are the most common. It is also notable that alkaloids of the bisbenzylisoquinoline type are the most commonly found in plants of this family. This group of compounds is an integral part in the preparation of many of the dart poisons known as "curare", used by the South American Indians to immobilise (anesthetise?) animals and birds, and that served as models for the potent drugs used in anesthesia such as "atracurium". In reviewing the alkaloids from the family Menispermaceae, covering the period from 1970 to 1997, it was found that 22 different classes of alkaloids have been isolated from this family. Among these, the bisbenzylisoquinoline types were the most abundant, with 604 citations from many different plant species. In second place came the aporphine type with 303 citations, and third, protoberberines with 275 citations. In contrast, it is interesting to note the paucity of the citations for the other 19 types of compounds isolated from plants of this family.

TABLE I
Subdivisions of the family Menispermaceae after Brummitt, 1992 (5, 8).

Number of species	TRIBES <i>Genera</i> <i>Sub-tribe</i>	GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION			
		AFRICA	AMER.	ASIA	OCEAN
	TRICLISIEAE				
17	<i>Albertisia</i> Becc			√	√
6	<i>Anisocycla</i> Baill.	√			
1	<i>Beinaertia</i> Louis ex Troupin *	√			
3	<i>Carronia</i> F. Muell. *				√
5	<i>Chondodendron</i> Ruiz et Pavon		√		
4	<i>Curarea</i> Barneby & Krukoff		√		
12	<i>Epinetrum</i> Hiern	√			
2	<i>Haematocarpus</i> Miers *			√	
1	<i>Macrococculus</i> Becc. *				√
1	<i>Pleogyne</i> Miers *				√
17	<i>Pycnarrhena</i> Miers			√	√
18	<i>Sciadotenia</i> Miers		√		
1	<i>Synclisia</i> Benth.	√			
3	<i>Syrrheonema</i> Miers *	√			
22	<i>Tiliacora</i> Colebr.	√		√	
10	<i>Triclisia</i> Benth.	√			
	PENIANTHEAE				
2	<i>Penianthus</i> Miers	√			
1	<i>Sphenocentrum</i> Pierre	√			
	ANAMIRTEAE				
1	<i>Anamirta</i> Colebr.			√	√
3	<i>Arcangelisia</i> Becc.			√	√
6	<i>Coscinium</i> Colebr.			√	
	FIBRAUREAE				
5	<i>Burasata</i> Thouars	√			
4	<i>Fibraurea</i> Lour.			√	
7	<i>Tinomiscium</i> Miers			√	

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Number of species	Genera Sub-tribe	GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION			
		AFRICA	AMER.	ASIA	OCEAN
	TINOSPOREAE				
1	<i>Aspidocarya</i> Hook. F. & Thomson *			√	
1	<i>Calycocarpum</i> Nutt. ex Spach *		√		
2	<i>Chasmanthera</i> Hochst.	√			
1	<i>Chlaenandra</i> Miq. *				√
1	<i>Dialythea</i> Exell. & Mendonça *	√			
3	<i>Dioscoreophyllum</i> Engl.	√			
8	<i>Disciphania</i> Eichl. *		√		
1	<i>Fawcettia</i> F. Muell. *				√
2	<i>Jateorhiza</i> Miers	√			
4	<i>Kolobopetalum</i> Engl.	√			
1	<i>Leptotherantha</i> Louis ex Troupin *	√			
4	<i>Odontocarya</i> Miers *		√		
1	<i>Orthogynium</i> Baill. *	√			
10	<i>Parabaena</i> Miers			√	√
1	<i>Platytirospora</i> (Engl.) Diels *	√		√	
2	<i>Pridania</i> Gagnep. *			√	
2	<i>Rhigiocarya</i> Miers	√			
1	<i>Sarcophium</i> Troupin *	√			
1	<i>Somphoxylum</i> Eichl. *		√		
1	<i>Synandropus</i> A. C. Smith *		√		
1	<i>Syntriandrium</i> Engl. *	√			
35	<i>Tinospora</i> Miers	√		√	
	ANOMOSPERMEAE				
30	<i>Abuta</i> Aubl.		√		
5	<i>Anomospermum</i> Miers *		√		
4	<i>Caryomene</i> Barneby & Krukoff		√		
1	<i>Elissarrhena</i> Miers *		√		
6	<i>Telitoxicum</i> Moldenke		√		

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Number of species	TRIBES <i>Genera</i> <i>Sub-tribe</i>	GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION.			
		AFRICA	AMER.	ASIA	OCEAN
	HYPERBAENEAE				
1	<i>Hyperbaena</i>		√		
	COCCULEAE				
	<i>Cocculinae</i>				
11	<i>Cocculus</i> DC.	√	√	√	
3	<i>Diploclisia</i> Miers			√	
17	<i>Hypserpa</i> Miers *			√	√
2	<i>Legnephora</i> Miers				√
5	<i>Limacia</i> Lour.			√	
1	<i>Limaciopsis</i> Engl.	√			
8	<i>Menispermum</i> L.		√	√	
12	<i>Pachygone</i> Miers	√	√	√	√
6	<i>Pericampylus</i> Miers *			√	
6	<i>Rhaptonema</i> Miers *	√			
1	<i>Sarcopetalum</i> F. Muell.				√
2	<i>Sinomenium</i> Diels			√	
1	<i>Spirospermum</i> Thouars	√			
1	<i>Strychnopsis</i> Baill.	√			
1	<i>Ungulipetalum</i> Moldenke *	√			
	<i>Stephaniinae</i>				
43	<i>Stephania</i> Lour.	√		√	√
	<i>Cissampelinae</i>				
4	<i>Antizoma</i> Miers	√			
19	<i>Cissampelos</i> L.	√	√	√	√
19	<i>Cyclea</i> Arn. ex Wight			√	
2	<i>Paracyclea</i> Kudo & Yamamoto *			√	

* Genera with no phytochemical citation for any of their species.

II. Survey of the Alkaloids of the Menispermaceae

A. ALKALOIDS OF THE MENISPERMACEAE

As stated above, the family Menispermaceae is very rich in diverse types of alkaloids. Emphasis is given to the significant majority of alkaloids derived from the benzyltetrahydroisoquinoline nucleus. One of the most important members of this group of alkaloids is tubocurarine, which is part of curare, described for the first time in 1805 by Humboldt, who observed its utilization by South American Indians as a dart poison for hunting and fishing purposes. Its structure was elucidated by King in 1935 (9), although he incorrectly assigned it as being a bisquaternary salt of the bisbenzyltetrahydroisoquinoline nucleus. Only in 1970 was it discovered that it was a monoquaternary salt. The synthesis of tubocurarine in 1958 by Veronin, opened the way for the use of other quaternary ammonium salts as neuromuscular blocking agents which are more active and less toxic.

There are two previous reviews of the literature on alkaloids from the Menispermaceae. The first was published by Tomita in 1952 (10) and the second was by Thornber in 1970 (11). The fact that the last review was published some 27 years ago presented an obvious challenge, given the large volume of publications on alkaloids of the Menispermaceae that have appeared in the ensuing years. The number of papers discussed by each of the previous reviews and the number of papers reviewed in this work are seen in Table II. A limited review of alkaloids from the South American Menispermaceae was published in 1996 (12).

As seen in Table II, in the 18 years between Tomita's review and Thornber's review, the number of plant studies almost doubled and the number of alkaloids isolated almost trebled. However, only one new class of alkaloid appeared. If we compare Thornber's review with the present review, we can see a huge and significant increase in the number of plants studied (from 52 to 159) and in the number of alkaloids isolated (from 241 to 1525).

TABLE II. Plants of the family Menispermaceae studied, number of alkaloids described and number of bibliographic citations.

DATA OBTAINED FROM	PLANTS STUDIED	ALKALOIDS DESCRIBED	NUMBER OF CITATIONS
TOMITA'S REVIEW 1952	33	92	158
THORNBUR'S REVIEW 1970	52	241	124
THIS WORK (UP TO NOVEMBER 1996)	159	1525	531

In the work shown in this chapter, the 72 genera shown in Table I, were surveyed. Among those genera, only 45 had bibliographic citations. The search was carried out in *Chemical Abstracts* (vols. 56-1950 to 123-1995), on online search in NAPRALERT, the *Dictionary of Natural Products* on CDROM (version 5:1, July 1996), and in the reviews of alkaloids derived from the benzyltetrahydroisoquinoline nucleus published in *Natural Product Reports*.

B. THE POSSIBLE COMMON ORIGIN OF THE ALKALOIDS ISOLATED FROM PLANTS OF THE MENISPERMACEAE

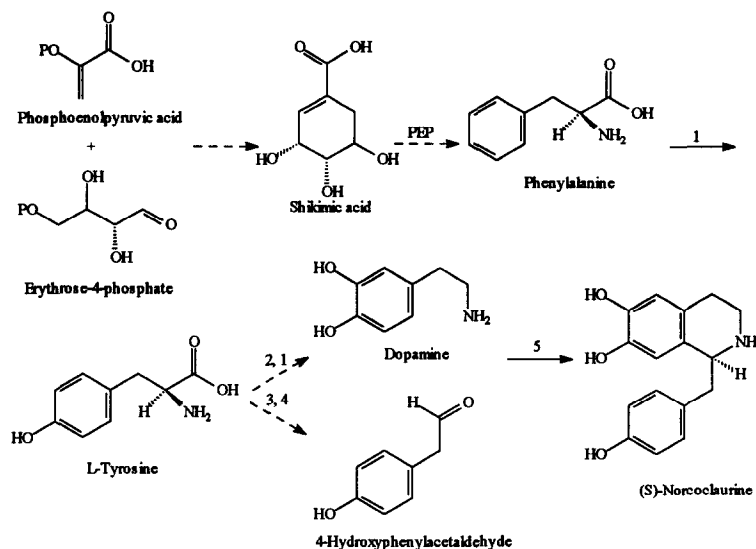
Subsequent to the discovery by Davis of the metabolic pathway to the formation of aromatic amino acids *via* shikimic acid, great advances were achieved in the understanding of the biosynthesis in living organisms. The formation of shikimic acid occurs through the reaction between phosphoenolpyruvic acid and erythrose-4-phosphate (Scheme 1). Shikimic acid reacts with phosphoenolpyruvic acid, followed by a series of steps to form phenylpyruvic acid, which, after reductive amination, is transformed into phenylalanine. This amino acid may then undergo decarboxylation to form phenylethylamine or deamination to form phenylacetaldehyde. These two compounds may react together to form the benzyltetrahydroisoquinoline nucleus (13-16) (Scheme 1), which is a very important intermediate in the formation of almost all of the alkaloids present in plants of the family Menispermaceae.

C. BIOSYNTHETIC MAP OF THE MENISPERMACEAE

To be considered as a good chemotaxonomic marker, a group of compounds must occur in dissimilar form in different groups of organisms. The benzyltetrahydroisoquinoline alkaloids can be considered as good markers because they occur mostly in the super-orders Magnoliiflorae and Ranunculiflorae. These two super-orders are very close to each other in the classification of the Angiospermae developed by Dahlgren. In this work, a biosynthetic map is defined as a group of chemical skeleta biogenetically alike, from which a series of compounds is derived.

The first step in creating a biosynthetic map is to list all of the structural types of a certain group of compounds (in this case alkaloids). This work should be preceded by a bibliographic review in specialised literature, of the occurrence of all of the chemical constituents chosen as markers.

Inspection of the compounds described in Table III and according to the origin of the alkaloids derived from the benzyltetrahydroisoquinoline nucleus, led us to propose a biosynthetic map of the family Menispermaceae. The map was constructed in accordance with the suggested biosynthetic relationships that exist between the different types of alkaloids (17-22) as outlined in Figure 1.



SCHEME 1 - Biosynthetic pathway for the formation of (S)-Norcoclaurine. The enzymes involved in the process are: 1-Phenolase; 2- L-Tyrosine decarboxylase; 3 - L-Tyrosine transaminase; 4 - *p*-Hydroxyphenylpyruvate decarboxylase; 5 - (S)-Norcoclaurine synthase.

When discussed individually, a biosynthetic pathway to each type of alkaloid will be suggested. This individual approach is based on a bibliographic review according to transformations observed in live organisms and also in a purely theoretical, biogenetic mechanistic approach. It should be stated that most of the biosynthetic pathways are merely speculative. And thus much experimental work remains to be conducted.

D. CLASSIFICATION OF THE ALKALOIDS OF THE MENISPERMACEAE

In this review, 22 different types of alkaloids could be identified in plants of the family Menispermaceae over the past 27 years. To be considered as a separate type, there must be at least 2 different alkaloids with the same basic skeleton. In the case where only one alkaloid has been identified, these were classified as "Others". Another problem encountered was the bibliographic citation of some alkaloids with no chemical structure elucidated. Those alkaloids were classified as CSND (chemical structure not defined). The other types of alkaloids were classified as indicated in Table III.

TABLE III
Locator codes, abbreviations used and types of alkaloids studied in this work.

LOCATOR CODE	ABBREVIATION	TYPE OF ALKALOID
I	BIQ	Benzylisoquinoline alkaloids
II	Bis-BIQ	Bisbenzylisoquinoline alkaloids
III	PROAPO	Proaporphine alkaloids
IV	APORPHIN	Aporphine alkaloids
V	TROPOL	Tropoloneisoquinoline alkaloids
VI	AZAFLU	Azafluoranthene alkaloids
VII	PHENANT	Phenanthrene alkaloids
VIII	ARISTO	Aristolochic acid derived alkaloids
IX	ISOOXOA	Isooxoaporphine alkaloids
X	PROTOB	Protoberberine alkaloids
XI	HIRSUTI	Hirsutine alkaloids
XII	COHIRSI	Cohirsine alkaloids
XIII	BENZAZE	Benzazepine alkaloids
XIV	MORPHIN	Morphinan alkaloids
XV	HASUBA	Hasubanane alkaloids
XVI	ACUTUMI	Acutumine alkaloids
XVII	ERIBIDI	Eribidine alkaloids
XVIII	ERYTHRIN	Erythrina alkaloids
XIX	PAVINE	Pavine alkaloids
XX	ISOQUIN	Isoquinoline alkaloids
XXI	PHENETHYL	Phenethylcinnamide alkaloids
XXII	OXOCAN	Stephaoxocane alkaloids
XXIII	OTHERS	Miscellaneous structure alkaloids

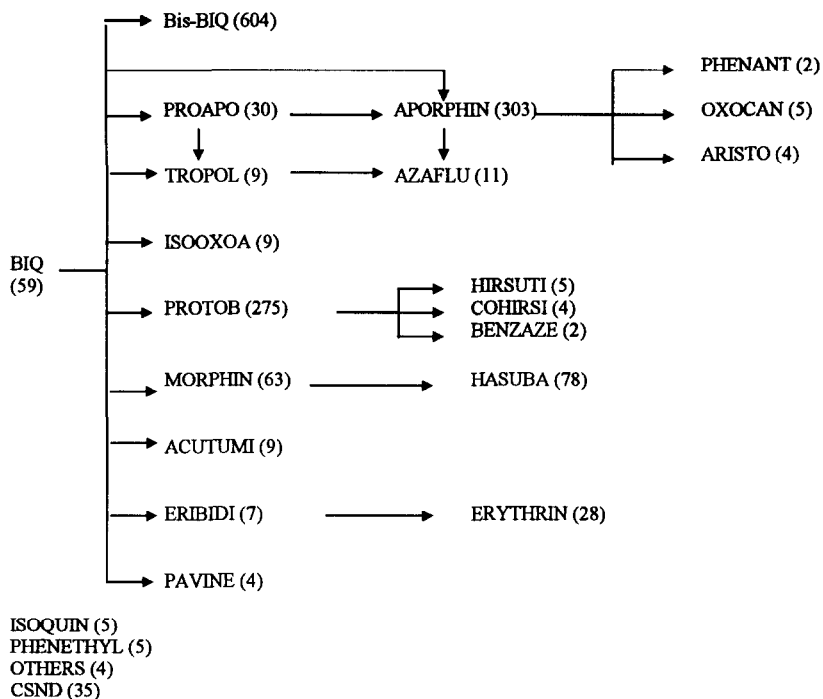
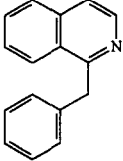
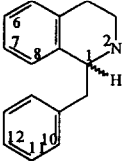


FIGURE 1. Probable biosynthetic relationships between the different classes of alkaloids isolated from plants of the family Menispermaceae. The numbers in brackets are the numbers of alkaloids isolated in each class.

1. Benzyloisoquinoline alkaloids (BIQ)

1-Benzylisoquinoline alkaloids	1-Benzyltetrahydroisoquinoline alkaloids
	
<i>Stephania</i>	<i>Abuta, Burasaia, Caryomene, Cissampelos, Cocculus, Cyclea, Pachygone, Parabaena, Sarcopetalum, Sciadotenia, Stephania, Tiliacora, Tinospora</i>

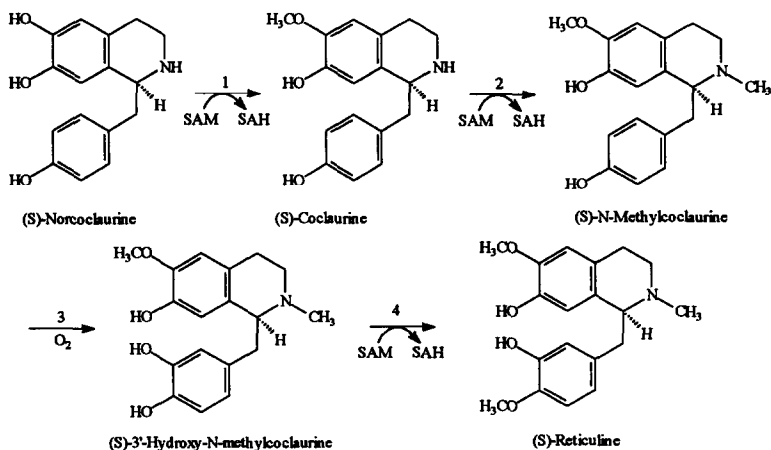
The sub type 1-benzyltetrahydroisoquinoline has a special place in the family Menispermaceae. All of the alkaloids with a tetracyclic nucleus present in the family have this tricyclic nucleus as their biogenetic origin.

More than 100 alkaloids of this sub-type are distributed throughout the families Annonaceae, Berberidaceae, Hernandiaceae, Lauraceae, Magnoliaceae, Menispermaceae, Papaveraceae, Ranunculaceae and Rhamnaceae.

In the family Menispermaceae there are 60 bibliographic citations, representing 20 different alkaloids. This represents 3.9% of the total number of alkaloids isolated from the family. This sub-type occurs in 13 of the 45 genera studied so far. The genera in which they are most commonly found are *Stephania* (18) and *Tiliacora* (8). From the genus *Tinospora* there are seven citations of the same alkaloid - tembetarine. Of the 60 citations in the family, only one is of the sub type I.a and this alkaloid is papaverine, isolated from *Stephania gracilentia* (402). It is interesting to note that outside the family Papaveraceae, the only other family where we can find this type of alkaloid is the Menispermaceae.

In the Menispermaceae, the most frequently cited alkaloid of this type is coclaurine, responsible for 13 citations in plants of the genera *Abuta* (1), *Caryomene* (1), *Cocculus* (4), *Cyclea* (2), *Pachygone* (1), *Sarcopetalum* (1), *Sciadotenia* (1) and *Stephania* (2). Other important alkaloids are: reticuline (5 citations), and oblongine (4 citations).

The biosynthesis of reticuline is shown in Scheme 2, which describes the general biosynthetic pathway to this type of alkaloid (23).

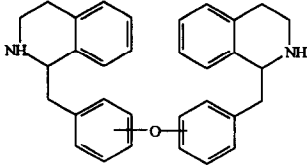
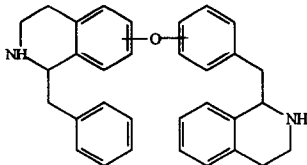


SCHEME 2. Biosynthetic pathway for reticuline. The enzymes involved in the process are: 1 - Norcoclaurine-6-O-methyltransferase; 2 - Coclaurine-N-methyltransferase; 3 - Phenolase; 4 - (S)-3'-Hydroxy-N-methylcoclaurine-4'-O-methyltransferase.

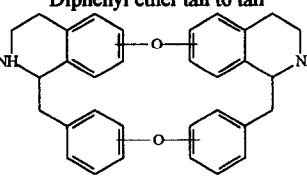
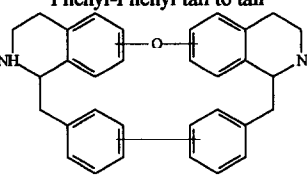
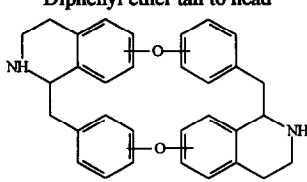
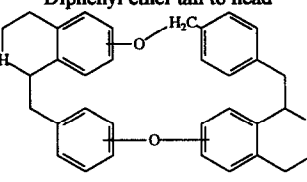
2. Bisbenzylisoquinoline alkaloids (Bis-BIQ)

This class of alkaloid is divided into several sub-types according to the number of bonds between the two monomers, the type of bond(s) and their relative position to each other:

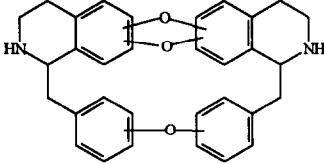
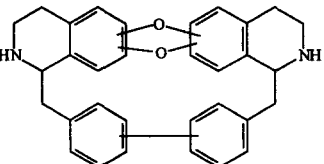
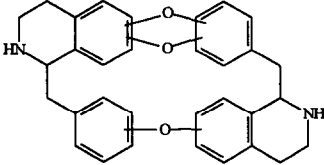
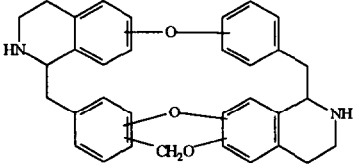
a. One bond

<p style="text-align: center;">Diphenyl ether tail to tail</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Diphenyl ether head to tail</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Abuta, Albertisia, Caryomene, Menispermum, Sciadotenia</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cyclea</i></p>

b. Two bonds

<p style="text-align: center;">Diphenyl ether head to head Diphenyl ether tail to tail</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Diphenyl ether head to head Phenyl-Phenyl tail to tail</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Abuta, Albertisia, Anisocycla, Arcangelisia, Caryomene, Cissampelos, Cocculus, Curarea, Cyclea, Limacia, Limaciopsis, Pycnarrhena, Sciadotenia, Sinomenium, Spirospermum, Stephania, Strychnopsis, Tiliacora</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tiliacora</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Diphenyl ether head to tail Diphenyl ether tail to head</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Phenylbenzyl ether head to tail Diphenyl ether tail to head</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Chondodendron, Cissampelos, Curarea, Cyclea, Epinetrum, Limaciopsis, Sciadotenia, Sinomenium, Stephania, Synclisia</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cissampelos, Cyclea</i></p>

c. Three bonds

<p>Diphenyl ether head to head Phenyl ether tail to tail</p> 	<p>Diphenyl ether head to head Phenyl-phenyl tail to tail</p> 
<p><i>Albertisia, Anisocycla, Cocculus, Pachygone, Stephania, Synclisia, Triclisia</i></p>	<p><i>Pachygone, Tiliacora</i></p>
<p>Diphenyl ether head to tail Phenyl ether tail to head</p> 	<p>Phenyl ether head to tail Phenyl and benzylphenyl tail to head</p> 
<p><i>Cyclea</i></p>	<p><i>Cissampelos, Cyclea</i></p>

This type of alkaloid, together with the aporphines and protoberberines, are considered good chemical markers of the family Menispermaceae. They are present in the great majority of the species so far studied.

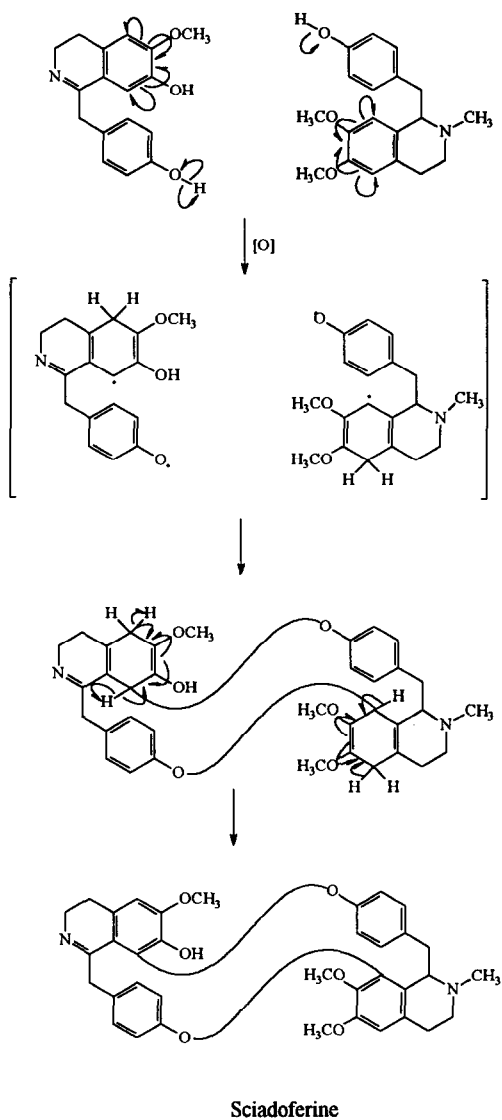
These alkaloids are present in several different plant families, with special emphasis in the family Menispermaceae. 604 citations of bisbenzylisoquinoline alkaloids were discovered during this review. This represents 39.6% of the total number of alkaloids isolated from plants of the family. They have been found in 23 of the 45 genera studied, being more frequently found in *Stephania* (171), *Cyclea* (87), and *Cocculus* (63). Other plant families rich in Bis-BIQ are Ranunculaceae (*Thalictrum*), Berberidaceae (*Berberis*, *Mahonia*), Monimiaceae (*Daphnandra*), Annonaceae (*Phaeanthus*, *Popowia*, *Pseudoxandra*, *Rollinia*, etc.) and Lauraceae.

They are called Bis-BIQ because they are made of two BIQ residues connected to each other by one, two or three ether bridges or by direct carbon-carbon bonds. Other differences between them may be the nature of the oxygenated substituents (OH, OMe, OCH₂O), or the nature of the substitution in the two nitrogen atoms (NH, NMe, ⁺NMe₂, NO), the degree of unsaturation in the B ring and the stereochemistry of the two asymmetric centers. The chemistry of these alkaloids has been extensively reviewed (24-28).

Examples of alkaloids of the sub types of Bis-BIQ are: lindoldhamine isolated from *Abuta pahni* and *Albertisia papuana*, sutchuenine isolated from *Cyclea sutchuenensis*, tetrandrine from *Stephania* spp, tiliageine from *Tiliacora dinklagei* and *T. triandra*, warifteine from *Cissampelos ovalifolia*, cissampetine from *Cissampelos fasciculata*, kohatamine from *Cocculus pendulus*, pachygonine

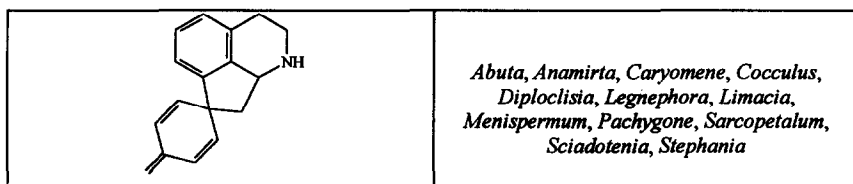
from *Pachygone ovata*, insulanoline from *Cyclea hipoglauca* and *Cyclea sutchuenensis*, and insularine-2- β -*N*-oxide also isolated from *Cyclea sutchuenensis*.

The biosynthesis of sciadoferine, isolated from *Sciadotenia toxifera* is described in Scheme 3.



SCHEME 3. Biogenesis of sciadoferine based on mechanistic considerations (29).

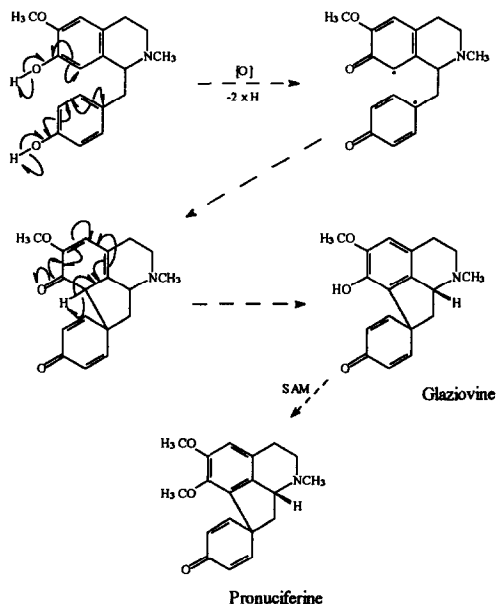
3. Proaporphine alkaloids (PROAPO)



The first proaporphine described in the literature was pronuciferine isolated from *Nelumbo nucifera* (Nymphaeaceae) and its chemical structure was elucidated by Bernauer in 1963 (30). This alkaloid was isolated again in 1968 from *Stephania glabra* (31). At that time it was the only known precursor to the aporphines. However, it is known today that the aporphines can also be formed directly from benzyltetrahydroisoquinolines.

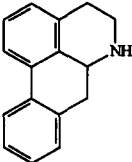
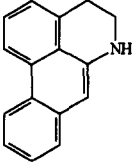
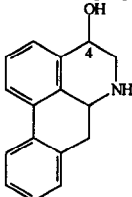
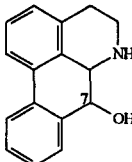
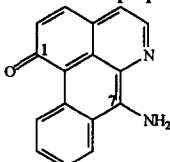
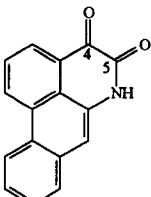
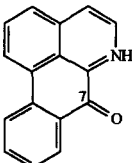
There have been 30 proaporphines (2%) isolated from the family Menispermaceae. They occur in 12 of the 45 genera, predominantly in *Stephania* (14), *Caryomene* (4), *Cocculus* (2) and *Legnephora* (2).

The biogenesis of pronuciferine and glaziovine is described in Scheme 4. A review of this group of alkaloids has been published (32).



SCHEME 4. Biosynthetic pathway of glaziovine and pronuciferine based on mechanistic considerations (78).

4. Aporphine alkaloids (APORPHIN)

<p>Aporphine (<i>sensu strictu</i>)</p> 	<p><i>Anamirta, Anisocycla, Chasmanthera, Cissampelos, Cocculus, Coscinium, Cyclea, Dioscoreophyllum, Diploclisia, Fibraurea, Heptacyclum, Kolobopetalum, Legnephora, Menispermum, Pachygone, Penianthus, Pycnarrhena, Rhigiocarya, Sinomenium, Stephania, Strychnopsis, Tiliacora, Tinomiscium, Tinospora, Triclisia</i></p>	
<p>6a,7-Didehydroaporphines</p> 	<p>4-Oxygenated aporphines</p> 	<p>7-Oxygenated aporphines</p> 
<p><i>Cissampelos, Sinomenium, Stephania</i></p>	<p><i>Stephania</i></p>	<p><i>Sinomenium, Stephania</i></p>
<p>1-Oxo-7-aminoaporphines</p> 		<p>4,5-Dioxoaporphines</p> 
<p><i>Telitoxicum</i></p>		<p><i>Stephania</i></p>
<p>7-Oxoaporphine</p> 	<p><i>Abuta, Anisocycla, Chasmanthera, Cissampelos, Limacia, Limaciopsis, Pachygone, Pycnarrhena, Rhigiocarya, Sinomenium, Stephania, Telitoxicum, Triclisia</i></p>	

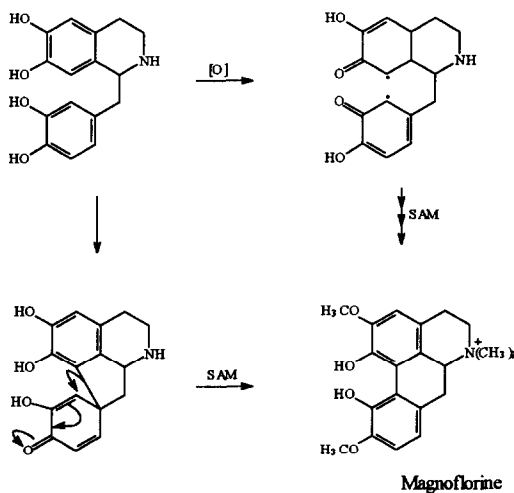
Aporphine alkaloids constitute a group with more than 500 different compounds, distributed between the families Annonaceae, Hernandiaceae, Lauraceae, Magnoliaceae, Menispermaceae, Monimiaceae, Ranunculaceae and others. It is the second most abundant type of alkaloid in the family

Menispermaceae, with 303 compounds (20%) distributed in 29 genera (64%). Like most of the other alkaloid types found in the family Menispermaceae, the genus *Stephania* is the richest one, with a total of 188 isolated alkaloids. The second richest is the genus *Cocculus* with only 12 alkaloids.

Aporphinoid is a general designation to define a series of compounds like:

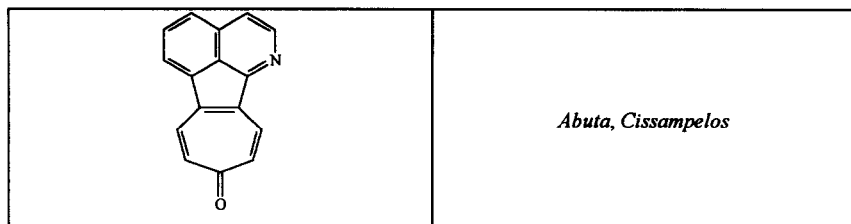
- a) aporphines *sensu strictu*, the most common sub-type of aporphine in the family Menispermaceae, some others with small structural alterations such as: b) 6a,7-didehydroaporphines (dehydrodicentrine isolated from *Cissampelos pareira*); c) 4-oxygenated aporphines (epiglaufidine isolated from *Stephania zippeliana*); d) 7-oxygenated aporphines (ayuthianine isolated from *Stephania bancroftii*); e) 1-oxo-7-aminoaporphines (telazoline isolated from *Telitoxicum glaziovii*); f) 4,5-dioxoaporphines (cepharadione A isolated from *Stephania cepharantha*); g) 7-oxoaporphines (homomoschatoline isolated from *Abuta imene*), the second most common sub-type in the family with 51 compounds.

As a general example of the biogenesis of aporphines, Scheme 5 shows the biogenesis of magnoflorine based on mechanistic considerations. The chemistry of the aporphines has been extensively reviewed (33-37).



SCHEME 5. Biogenesis of magnoflorine based on mechanistic considerations.

5. Tropoloneisoquinoline alkaloids (TROPOL)

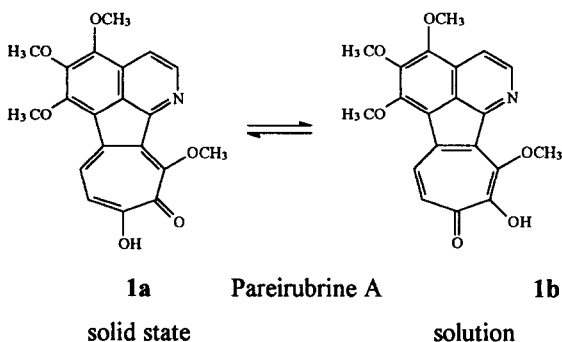


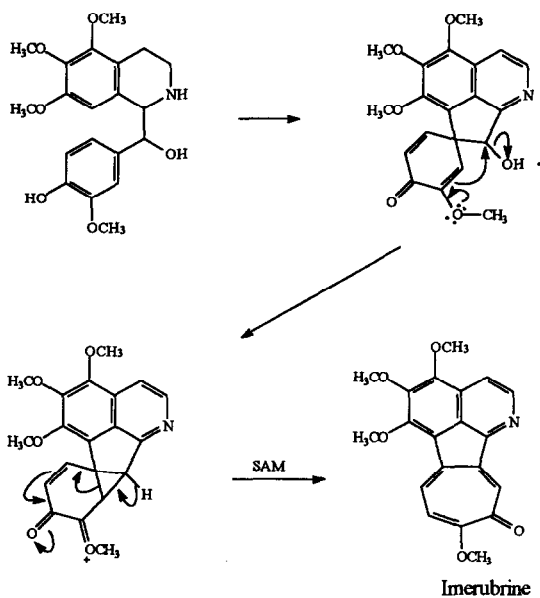
This type of alkaloid has so far been found only in the family Menispermaceae. It is a good chemical marker for the family, but so far, alkaloids of this type have been isolated only from the genera *Abuta* and *Cissampelos*.

The first TROPOL was imerubrine, isolated by Cava *et al.* from *Abuta imene* (38). In that paper, the chemical structure was erroneously assigned as an oxoaporphine. Later when the same authors isolated a second TROPOL (grandirubrine) from *Abuta grandiflora* (39), this new type of alkaloid was established.

An interesting case is that of pareirubrine A, isolated from *Cissampelos pareira* (40). This alkaloid may exist as tautomers, in the solid state it assumes the form **1a** and in solution it assumes the form **1b**. This compound exhibits anti-leukaemic activity (IC_{50} 0.33 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) (40).

The biogenesis of imerubrine is described in Scheme 6.





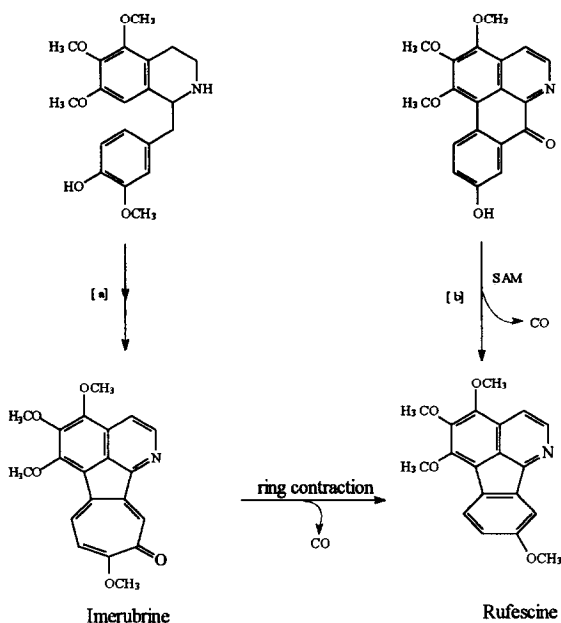
SCHEME 6. Possible biosynthesis of imerubrine based on mechanistic considerations (78).

6. Azafluoranthene alkaloids (AZAFLU)

	<i>Abuta, Cissampelos, Telitoxicum, Trichisia</i>
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The azafluoranthene is another type of alkaloid exclusive to the family Menispermaceae. Among the 11 bibliographic citations, only 6 show different chemical structures.

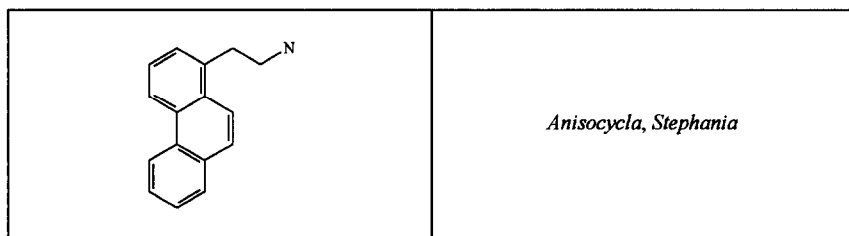
There have been no pharmacological studies on this type of compound, although their chemistry was reviewed (41). The biogenesis of rufescine is given as a general example of the possible biosynthetic pathway for the AZAFLU in Scheme 7.



SCHEME 7. Biosynthesis of rufescine based on mechanistic considerations.

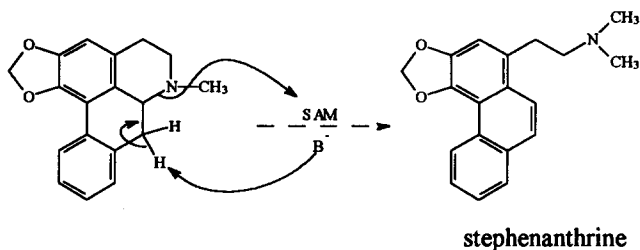
Two proposals: a (42) and b (43).

7. Phenanthrene alkaloids (PHENANT)



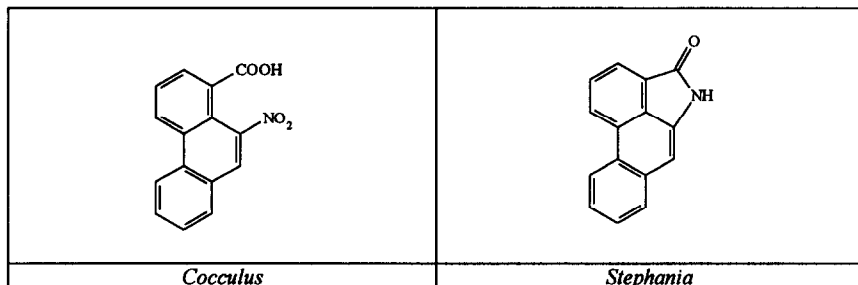
Also known as "seco-aporphines", the PHENANT is a very rare type of alkaloid. The total number of compounds isolated in this class is less than 20. They are distributed in the families, Annonaceae, Aristolochiaceae, Lauraceae, Menispermaceae, Monimiaceae and Ranunculaceae. Of this type of alkaloid, only stephananthrine was isolated from the family Menispermaceae, being present in *Stephania tetrandra* and *Anisocycla cymosa*. The PHENANT type are probably

derived biogenetically from an aporphine precursor through the opening of ring B, (Scheme 8). The chemistry of these alkaloids has been reviewed (44).



SCHEME 8. Biogenesis of stephenanthrine based on mechanistic considerations.

8. Aristolochic acid derivative alkaloid (ARISTO)

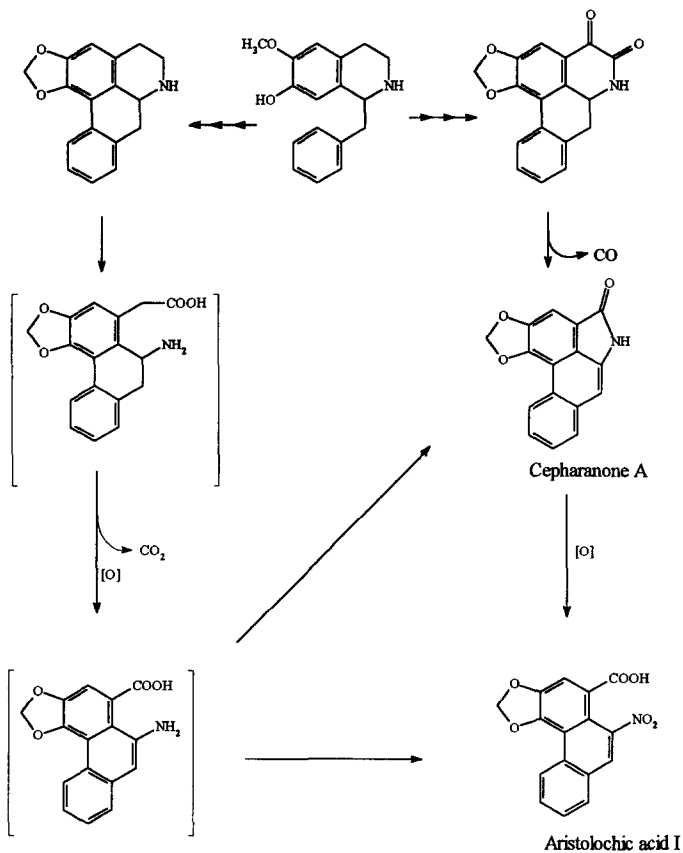


Despite occurring in other families like the Annonaceae, Menispermaceae, Monimiaceae, Lauraceae, and Ranunculaceae, this type of alkaloid is known as a chemical marker of the family Aristolochiaceae, from which about 70 different compounds have been isolated.

In the family Menispermaceae there are 4 bibliographic citations for 3 different compounds. Aristolochic acid I was isolated from *Cocculus trilobus* and the aristolactams cepharanone A and cepharanone B (= Aristolactam BII) were isolated from *Stephania cepharantha*.

In Brazilian folk medicine, some plants of the family Aristolochiaceae are used as abortive agents. It is believed that this type of compound may be responsible for this activity. These compounds are also known to have cytotoxic activity.

The biogenesis of aristolochic acid I and cepharanone A are shown in Scheme 9. The chemistry of this class of compounds has been reviewed (45).

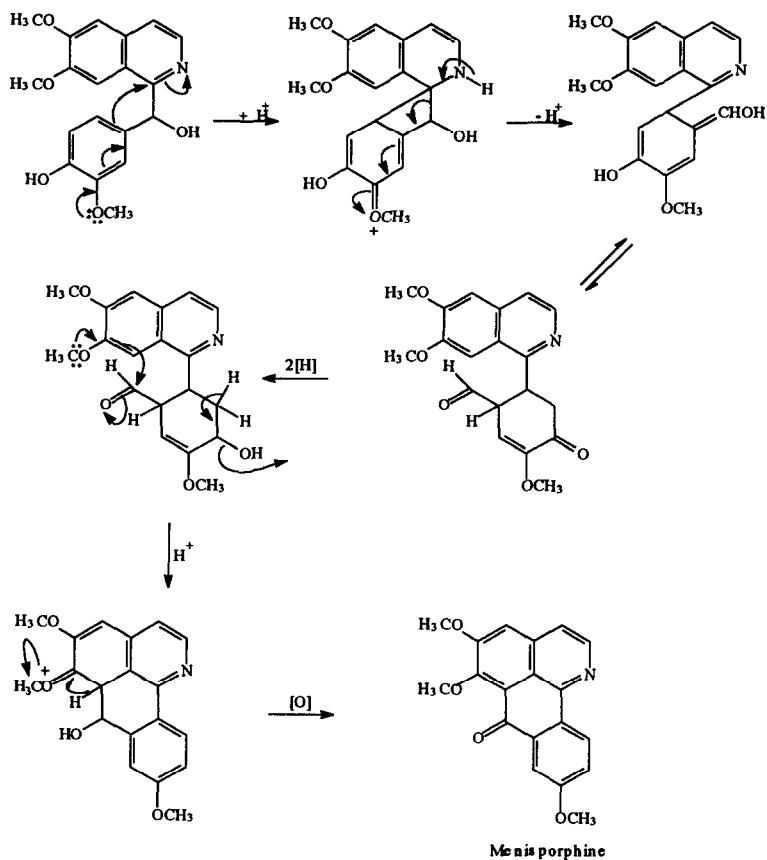


SCHEME 9. Biogenesis of aristolochic acid and cepharone A based on mechanistic considerations (43).

9. Isooxoaporphine alkaloids (ISOOXOA)

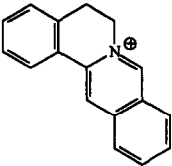
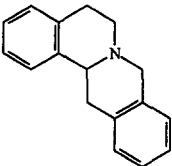
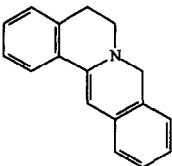
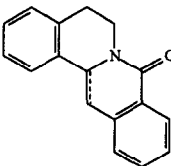
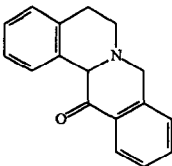
	<p><i>Menispermum, Sinomenium</i></p>
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The first example of this type of alkaloid was isolated in 1982 from *Menispermum dauricum* and was named menisporphine (46). Later, other alkaloids with the same nucleus were isolated, all from plants of the family Menispermaceae. The biogenesis of menisporphine is shown in Scheme 10.



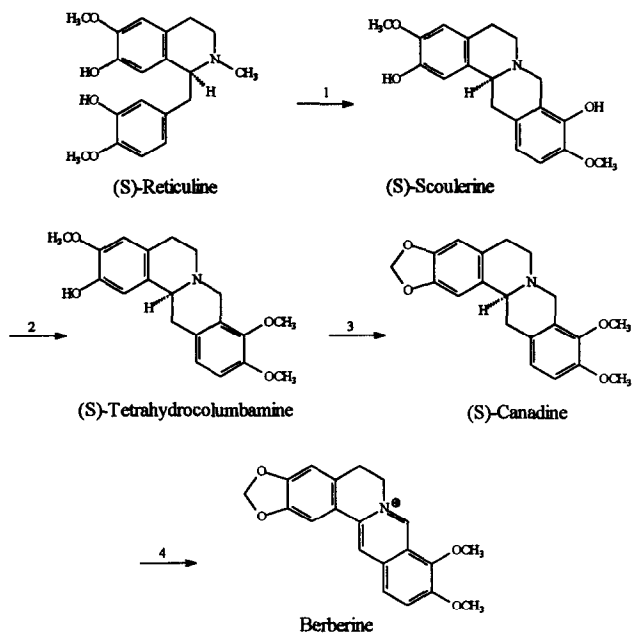
SCHEME 10. Biogenesis of menisporphine based on mechanistic considerations (47).

10. Protoberberine alkaloids (PROTOB)

<p>Protoberberine</p> 	<p><i>Abuta, Anamirta, Anisocycla, Arcangelisia, Burasaia, Chasmanthera, Cocculus, Coscinium, Dioscoreophyllum, Fibraurea, Heptacyclum, Jateorhiza, Legnephora, Menispermum, Parabaena, Penianthus, Rhigiocarya, Sinomenium, Sphenocentrum, Stephania, Tinospora, Triclisia</i></p>	
<p>Tetrahydroprotoberberine</p> 	<p><i>Anisocycla, Arcangelisia, Caryomene, Chasmanthera, Cissampelos, Cocculus, Coscinium, Cyclea, Fibraurea, Hyperbaena, Menispermum, Pachygone, Parabaena, Sinomenium, Stephania, Tinomiscium</i></p>	
<p>Dehydroprotoberberine</p> 	<p>8-Oxoderivative</p> 	<p>13-Oxoderivative</p> 
<p><i>Caryomene, Stephania</i></p>	<p><i>Anamirta, Arcangelisia, Coscinium, Limaciopsis, Stephania</i></p>	<p><i>Cocculus</i></p>

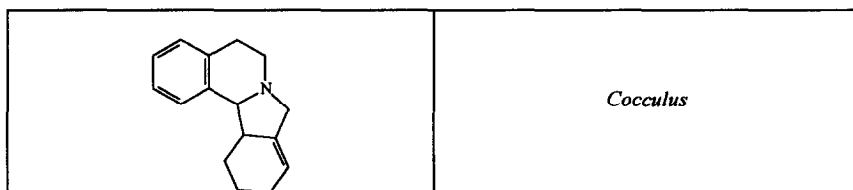
The PROTOB alkaloid group has 275 (19%) bibliographic citations among the alkaloids of the family Menispermaceae. They are distributed in 29 of the 45 genera studied. The genera richest in this type of alkaloid are *Stephania* (112), *Tinospora* (26) and *Fibraurea* (21).

Although some alkaloids of this type show pharmacological activity, very few of them have been used therapeutically. Berberine, isolated from *Berberis vulgaris*, has antimicrobial and protozoocidal activity. The biogenesis of scoulerine, a tetrahydroprotoberberine alkaloid, is shown in Scheme 11. This type of alkaloid has been reviewed (48-50).



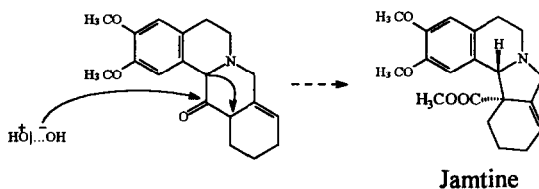
SCHEME 11. Biosynthesis of berberine based on *in vivo* experiments with *Coptis japonica* (51). The enzymes involved in the process are: 1 - Berberine bridge enzyme; 2 - (S)-Scoulerine-9-O-methyltransferase; 3 - Canadine synthase; 4 - (S)-tetrahydroberberine oxidase.

11. Hirsutine alkaloids (HIRSUTI)



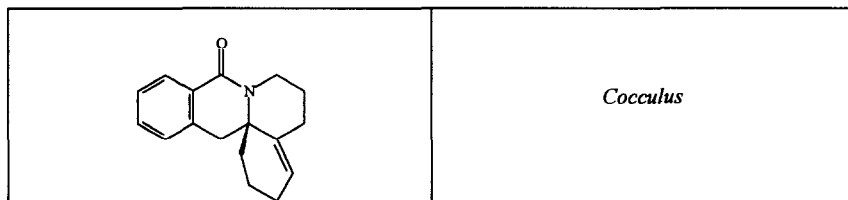
Only five alkaloids of this type have been described in the literature, all isolated from *Cocculus hirsutus*.

Probably these alkaloids are derived biogenetically from a precursor of the type of an 13-oxoprotoberberine alkaloid, which suffers attack from a peroxide anion to the carbonyl resulting in a contraction of ring C. Scheme 12 shows a possible pathway.

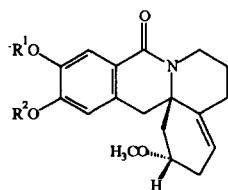


SCHEME 12. Biogenesis of Jamtine based on mechanistic considerations.

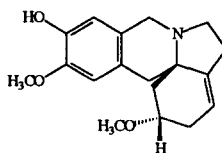
12- Cohirsine alkaloids (COHIRSI)



In the same way as the hirsutine alkaloids, these alkaloids have only been isolated five times and all of them from *Cocculus hirsutus*. The five alkaloids were called cohirsine, cohirsitine, cohirsinine, cohirsitinine and shaheenine. The first to be isolated was cohirsine in 1987 (52-53).

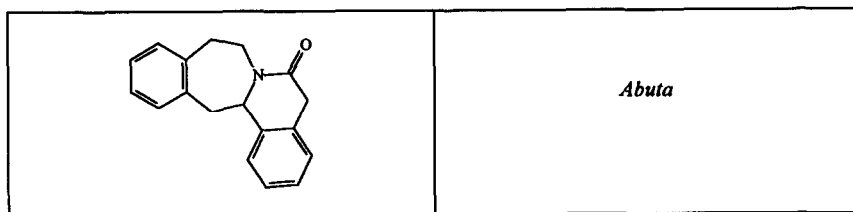


Cohirsine ($R^1=R^2=CH_3$)
 Cohirsinine ($R^1=H, R^2=CH_3$)
 Shaheenine ($R^1=R^2=H$)



Cohirsitinine

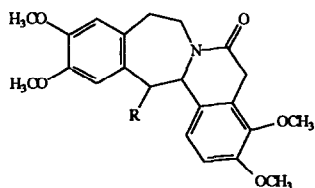
13. Benzazepine alkaloids (BENZAZE)



The alkaloids of this type have a similar carbon skeleton to the benzodiazepine drugs, known as minor tranquillisers. The first alkaloid of this type obtained from a natural source was puntarenine, isolated from *Berberis empetrifolia* (Berberidaceae). The other two alkaloids also obtained from a natural source were saulatine and dihydrosaulatine, both isolated from *Abuta bullata*.

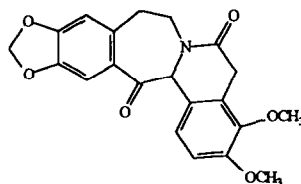
According to Hocquemiller *et al.* (54) "Saulatine should be considered a natural biogenetic derivative of palmatine, result of an expansion of ring B through a homologation mechanism which would be interesting to investigate". However, we should not overlook the possibility that this compound could be an artefact formed during the isolation process. It is known that berberine when isolated in CHCl_3 in NH_4OH medium and after passing through a silica gel column is partly transformed in berberrubine and oxyberberine (55).

Scheme 13 shows a proposition for the formation of saulatine as a degradation process during the isolation procedure.

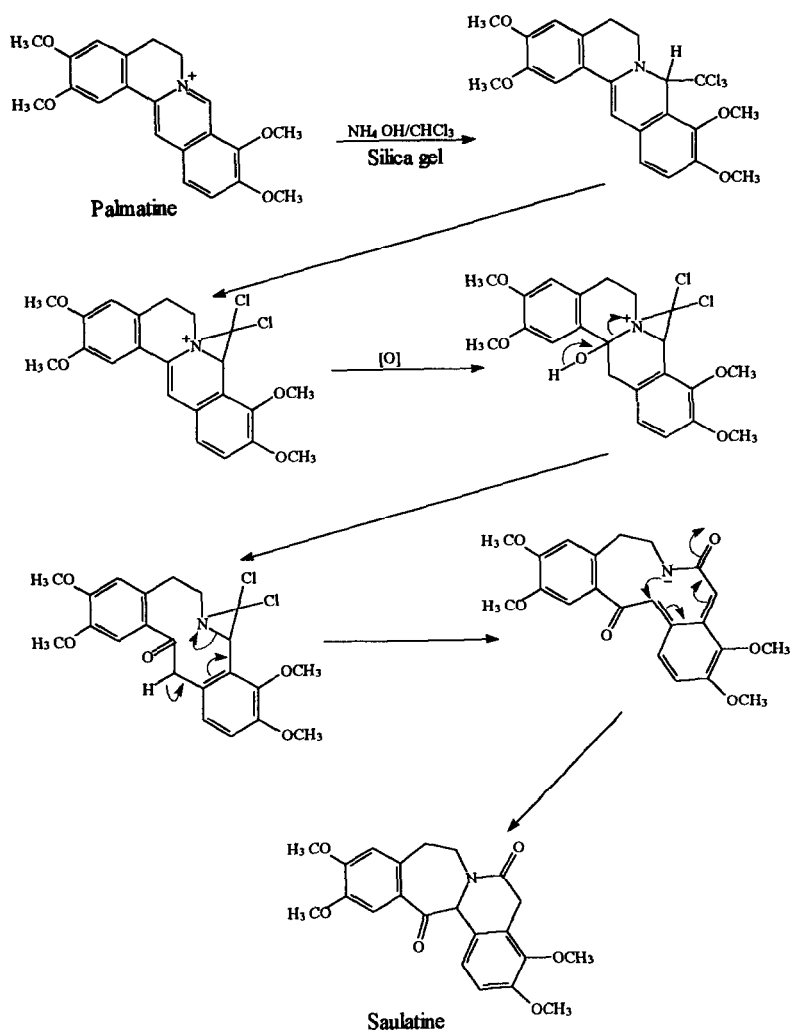


Saulatine (R= O)

Dihydrosaulatine (R= OH)

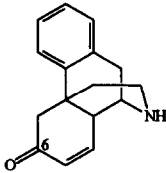
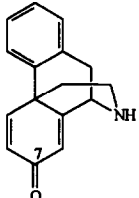
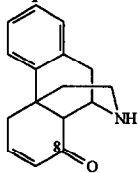
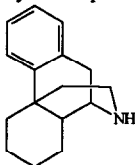


Puntarenine



SCHEME 13. Formation of saulatine as a probable degradation product during the isolation process (55).

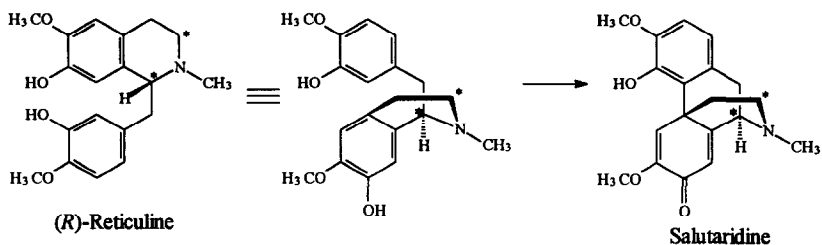
14. Morphinane alkaloids (MORPHIN)

<p style="text-align: center;">Morphinan-6-one</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Morphinan-7-one</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cocculus, Menispermum, Sinomenium, Stephania</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Antizoma, Chasmanthera, Cocculus, Kolobopetalum, Rhigiocarya, Sinomenium, Stephania</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Morphinan-8-one</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Dehydromorphinane</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Stephania, Triclisia</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cocculus, Sinomenium, Stephania</i></p>

The morphinan alkaloids, also known as promorphine alkaloids, are present in the family Menispermaceae in 63 (4.1%) examples. They differ from those present in the family Papaveraceae in not having the ether bridge between the carbons C-4 and C-5. With the exception of cephasamine (571), the only alkaloid having the above bridge.

In this group, 4 different sub-groups can be assigned: a) morphinan-6-one, like sinomenine isolated from *Menispermum dauricum*, *Sinomenium acutum*, *Stephania brachyandra*, *Stephania cepharantha*, *Stephania epigaea* and *Stephania micrantha*; b) morphinan-7-one, like salutaridine obtained from *Stephania pierrei*; c) morphinan-8-one, like stephaphilline (=isostephodeline) present in *Stephania delavayi*, *Stephania suberosa* and *Stephania zippeliana*; d) dehydromorphinane, like sinococculine found in *Stephania cepharantha*, *Stephania excentrica* and *Stephania sutchuenensis*.

Sinomenine can be considered as the most important representative of this group. It has been clinically used in Japan against rheumatoid arthritis. Recent studies have shown some inhibitory effects of this alkaloid on immunologic functions (56). The chemistry of sinomenine has been reviewed (57). Scheme 14 shows the biosynthetic pathway for the formation of salutaridine.



SCHEME 14. Biosynthesis of salutaridine based on *in vivo* experiments with *Papaver somniferum* (58).

15. Hasubanane alkaloids (HASUBA)

<p>Hasubanan-6-one</p>	<p>Hasubanan-8-one</p>
<p><i>Stephania</i></p>	<p><i>Stephania</i></p>
<p>8,10-Epoxyhasubanane</p>	<p>Dehydrohasubanane</p>
<p><i>Stephania</i></p>	<p><i>Stephania</i></p>

There are 78 alkaloids of this type described in the literature since 1970. They were isolated only from the genus *Stephania*.

With the exception of stephadamine, the only *nor-C*-hasubanane alkaloid isolated from *S. japonica*, the other alkaloids of this group can be subdivided into four different sub-groups: a) Hasubanan-6-one, like hasubanone obtained from *S. japonica*; b) hasubanan-8-one, like prometaphanine, present in *S. japonica* in two equilibrium forms (see Figure 2); c) 8,10-epoxyhasubanane, like the other equilibrium form of prometaphanine; and d) dehydrohasubanane, like longetherine from *S. longa*.

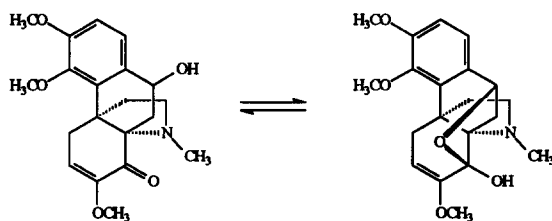
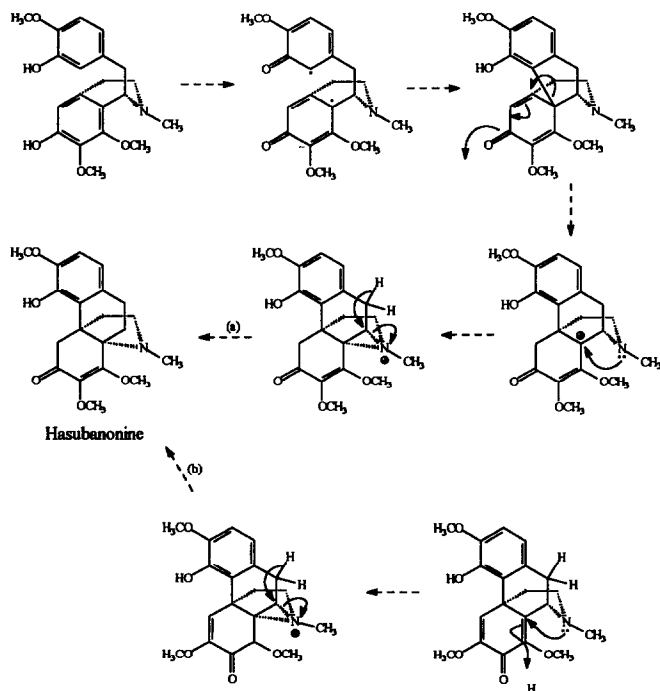
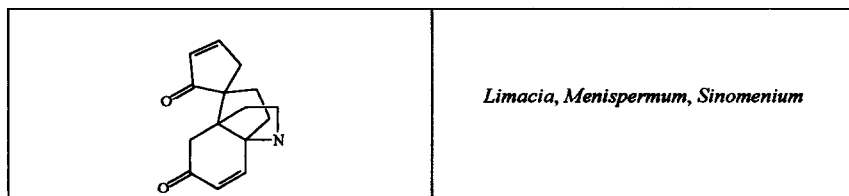


FIGURE 2. Equilibrium forms of prometaphanine.

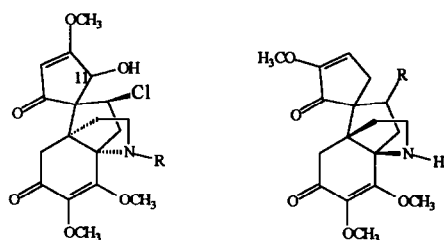
This type of compound seems to derive biogenetically from the morphinan alkaloids, as can be demonstrated with *in vivo* experiments with *S. japonica* (59) or by laboratory chemical transformations (11) (Scheme 15). The chemistry of the hasubanone alkaloids was reviewed in 1988 by Matsui (60).



SCHEME 15. Biosynthesis of hasubanone by *in vivo* experiments with *S. japonica* (a) (59) and mechanistic considerations (b) (61).

16. *Acutumine alkaloids (ACUTUMI)*

The acutumine alkaloids are another class of alkaloids present only in the family Menispermaceae. Of the nine citations on the literature, only five are for different alkaloids. In these alkaloids rings C and D are like those in the hasubanane alkaloids, but they also derive from the benzyltetrahydroisoquinoline nucleus, as the great majority of alkaloids present in plants of this family. Figure 3 shows the five different acutumine alkaloids described in the literature and Scheme 16 presents a possible biogenetic pathway.



Acutumine (R= CH₃)

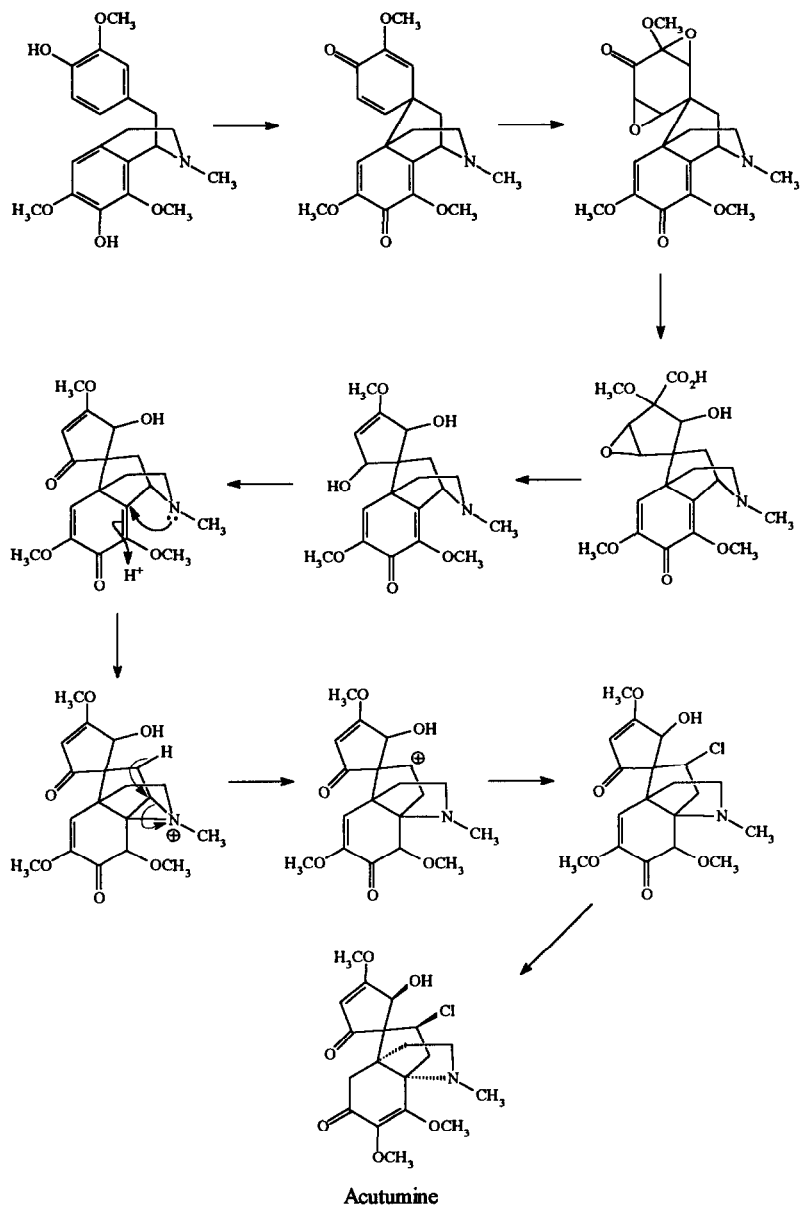
Clolimalongine (R= Cl)

Acutumidine (R = H)

Limalongine (R= H)

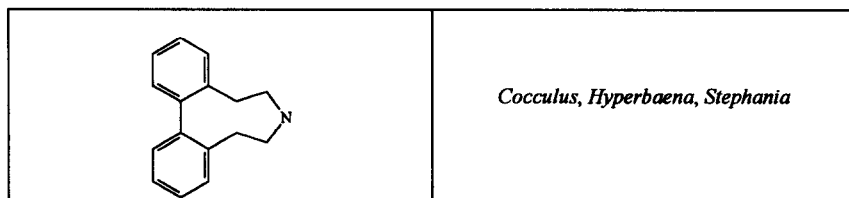
Acutuminine (R= CH₃, 11-deoxy)

FIGURE 3. Acutumine alkaloids.

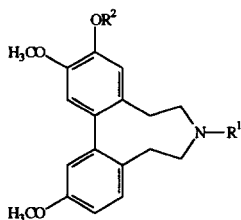


SCHEME 16. Biosynthesis of acutumine based on mechanistic considerations (78).

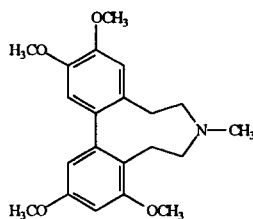
17. Eribidine alkaloids (ERIBIDI)



The eribidine alkaloids are a rare class of secondary metabolites. There are only 12 examples distributed in nature. Since Thornber's review (11), seven new citations appeared from plants of the family Menispermaceae, but only four of them show different chemical structures. From *Cocculus* were isolated laurifine, laurifinine and laurifonine; and from *Hyperbaena* and *Stephania*, protostephanine. The biogenesis of this class of alkaloids can be seen in Scheme 17.

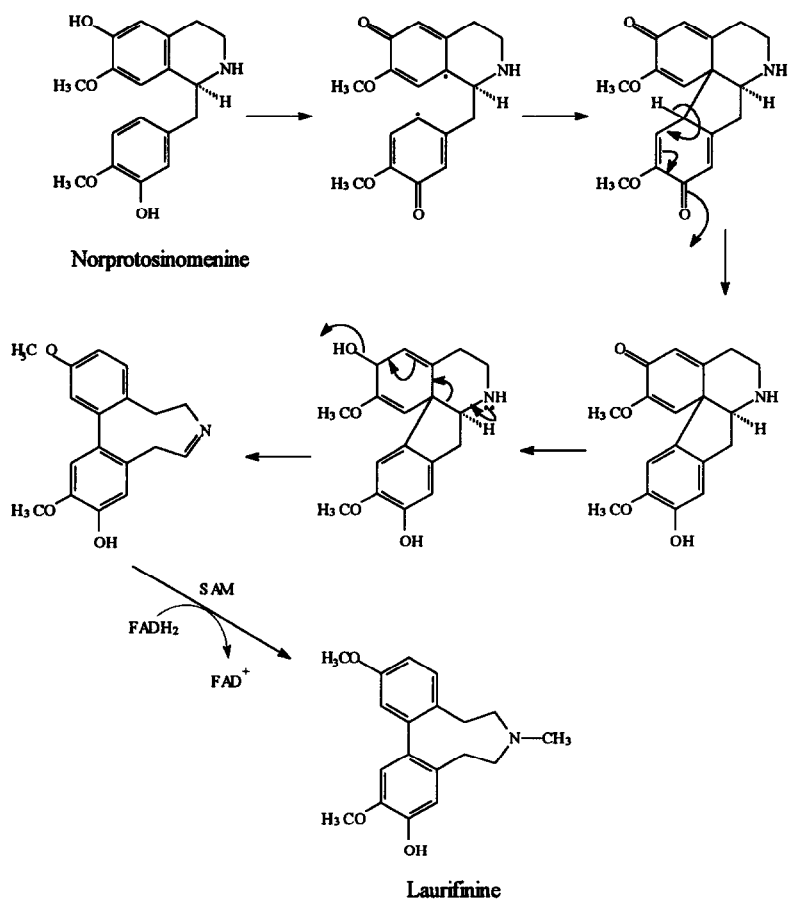


Laurifine - $R^1 = H, R^2 = Me$
 Laurifinine - $R^1 = Me, R^2 = H$
 Laurifonine - $R^1 = R^2 = Me$



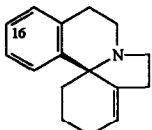
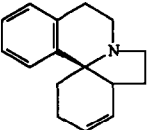
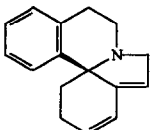
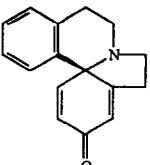
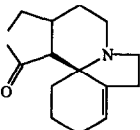
Protostephanine

FIGURE 4. Eribidine alkaloids from the Menispermaceae.



SCHEME 17. Biogenesis of laurifinine based on *in vivo* experiments with *Cocculus laurifolius* (62, 63).

18. Erythrine alkaloids (ERYTHRIN)

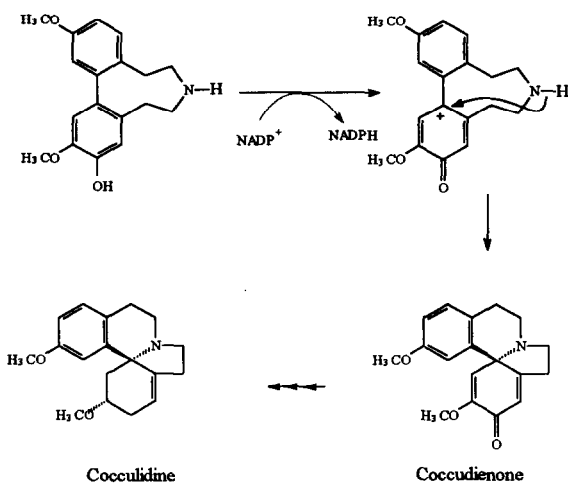
	
<i>Cocculus, Hyperbaena, Pachygone</i>	<i>Cocculus</i>
	
<i>Cocculus</i>	<i>Cocculus</i>
	
<i>Cocculus</i>	

There are 28 bibliographic citations on these new alkaloids from plants of the family Menispermaceae. They are distributed between the genera *Cocculus* (25), *Hyperbaena* (2) and *Pachygone* (1). The name derives from *Erythrina*, one of the genera of the family Fabaceae, from which many alkaloids, and the first of this type, were isolated.

Changes in the position of the double bond, constitute the main differences between the five sub-types. Other important differences appear in ring A in the fifth sub type, seen above, which has a lactone ring.

Some authors call these alkaloids "abnormal *Erythrina* alkaloids", because they do not have an oxygenated function in the carbon C-16, which is regularly encountered in the genus *Erythrina*.

These compounds derive biogenetically from the eribidine nucleus, as can be seen in Scheme 18. The chemistry of this type of alkaloid has been reviewed (64).



SCHEME 18. Biogenesis of cocculidienone and cocculidine based on *in vivo* experiments with *Cocculus laurifolius* (65).

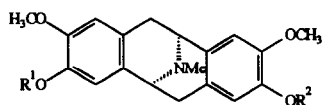
19. Pavine alkaloids (PAVINE)



The pavine alkaloids are well distributed in the families Berberidaceae, Lauraceae, Papaveraceae, and Ranunculaceae, with about 50 different alkaloids. However, until now, only three alkaloids of this type were isolated from plants of the family Menispermaceae. They are: bisnorargemonine from *Chasmanthera dependens*, and argemonine and norargemonine from *Cyclea atjehensis* (Figure 5).

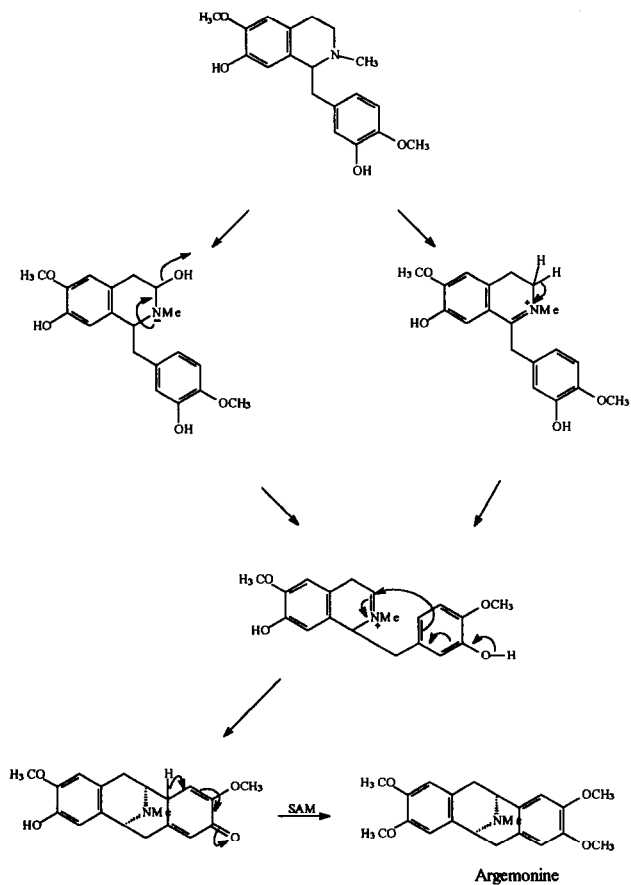
Based on *in vivo* experiments and mechanistic considerations, it can be demonstrated that these compounds derive biogenetically from reticuline, as can be seen in Scheme 19.

The chemistry of this group has been reviewed (66).



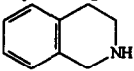
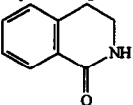
Argemone ($R^1=R^2=CH_3$)
 Norargemone ($R^1=H, R^2=CH_3$)
 Bisnorargemone ($R^1=R^2=H$)

FIGURE 5. Pavine alkaloids from the Menispermaceae.



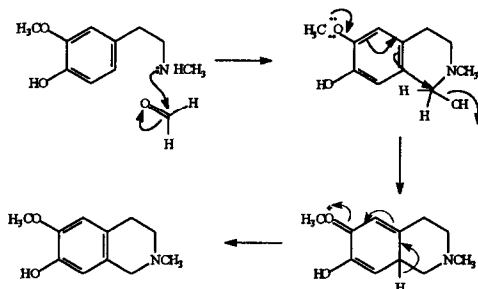
SCHEME 19. Biogenesis of argemone based on *in vivo* experiments with *Argemone hispida* and *A. mexicana* and on mechanistic considerations (18).

20. Isoquinoline alkaloids (ISOQUIN)

<p>Tetrahydroisoquinoline</p> 	<p>Tetrahydroisoquinolone</p> 
<i>Menispermum</i>	<i>Abuta, Menispermum, Stephania</i>

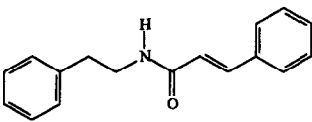
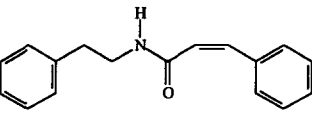
Some families like the Cactaceae, Chenopodiaceae and Fabaceae are known to produce simple isoquinoline alkaloids. In the Menispermaceae they are very rare. Up to the moment, the only compounds of this type isolated from plants of this family were: corypalline and thalflavine from *Menispermum dauricum*, thalifoline from *Abuta pahni* and 6,7-dimethoxy-2-methylisoquinolone from *Stephania sasakii*.

These alkaloids are formed through the reaction of phenylethylamine and formaldehyde, followed by cyclisation (see Scheme 20). The occurrence and properties of these alkaloids were reviewed by Menachery (67).



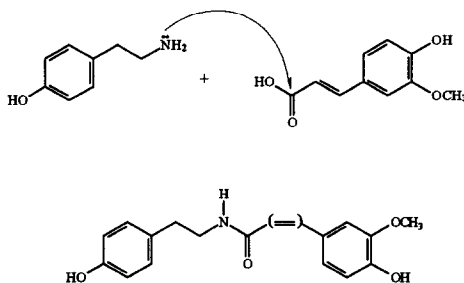
SCHEME 20. Biogenesis of corypalline based on mechanistic considerations (78).

21. Phenethylcinnamide alkaloids (PHENETHYL)

	
<i>Penianthus, Sinomenium, Tinospora</i>	<i>Tinospora</i>

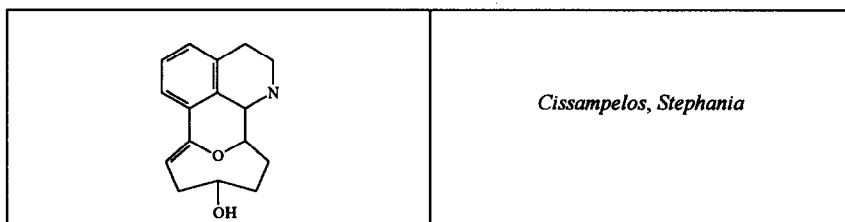
According to the biogenetic classification of the alkaloids, this group of alkaloids is sometimes called "Protoalkaloids" because they are derived from an aminoacid, but have the nitrogen out of a ring (68). The four citations from the family Menispermaceae are based on only two different compounds: *N-trans*-feruloyltyramine from the genera *Penianthus*, *Sinomenium* and *Tinospora* and *N-cis*-feruloyltyramine from the genus *Tinospora*.

This type of alkaloid can be also found in the families Fumariaceae, Lauraceae, Magnoliaceae, Papaveraceae, and Rutaceae. More than a hundred different compounds of this group have been presented in two literature reviews (69, 70). Their biogenesis is straightforward (Scheme 21).



SCHEME 21. Biogenesis of *N-trans*-feruloyltyramine and *N-cis*-feruloyltyramine based on mechanistic considerations.

22. *Stephaoxocane* alkaloids (OXOCAN)



A new class of alkaloids, the OXOCAN were recently discovered in *Stephania excentrica*, and so far only five examples are described in the literature, all of them from the Menispermaceae. The first alkaloid of this kind, excentricine, was isolated in 1993 from *Stephania excentrica* (71). The second, stephaoxocanine, was isolated in 1996 from *Stephania cepharantha* (72). The third was preliminarily published as a poster in the 20th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Society of Chemistry (578,579). It was named eletefine and was isolated from *Cissampelos glaberrima* (Figure 6). There has been no presentation, as yet, of their biogenesis.

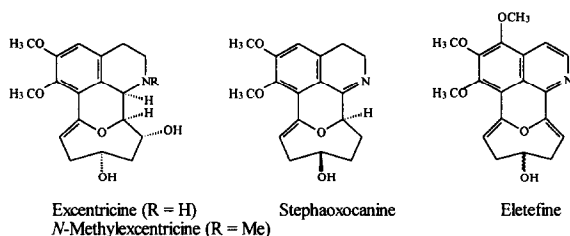


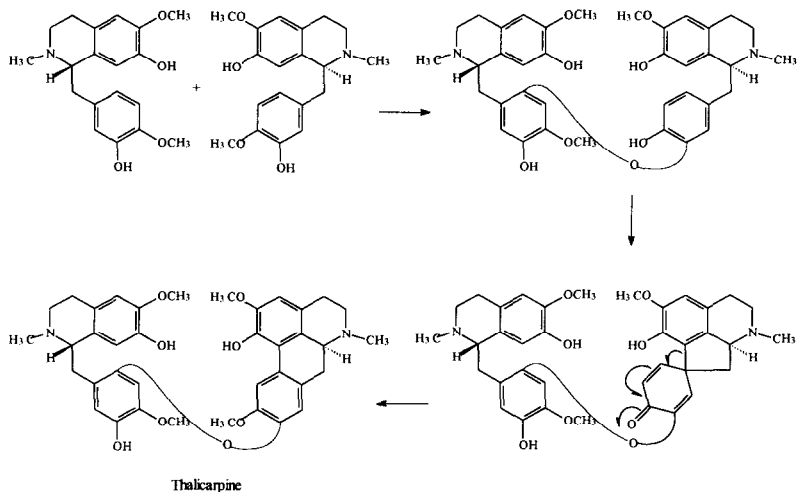
FIGURE 6. Stephaoxocane alkaloids.

23. Alkaloids with miscellaneous structures (OTHERS)

In the present work, it was observed that five types of alkaloid were isolated only once from plants of the family Menispermaceae. These alkaloids, thalicarpine, cohrositine, gusalung C, kokusagine and neotrilobine, are classified as "others".

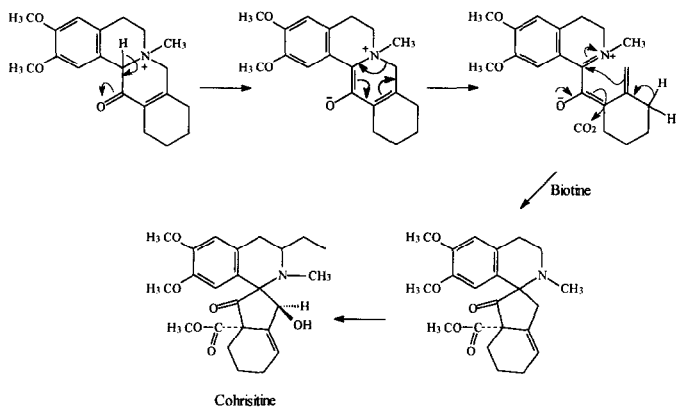
a. Thalycarpine

Thalycarpine was isolated from *Cocculus laurifolius* (73) in 1982. It is one of the rare examples of a tetrahydrobenzylisoquinoline-aporphine dimer. Thalycarpine seems to originate biogenetically from the oxidative coupling of two molecules of reticuline forming initially a Bis-BIQ. A second oxidative coupling, this one intramolecular, leads to the final product (Scheme 22). This alkaloid was also isolated from *Thalictrum* spp. (Ranunculaceae) and *Hernandia ovigera* (Hernandiaceae).

SCHEME 22. Biogenesis of thalcarpine based on *in vivo* experiments with *Cocculus laurifolius* (73).

b. Cohirsitine (=cohirsitine)

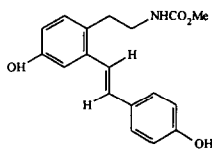
Isolated from *Cocculus hirsutus* (52, 74), this spirobenzyltetrahydroisoquinolone seems to directly originate, as were the HIRSUTI, COHIRSI and BENZAZE types (see 11, 12 and 13 respectively), from a protoberberine precursor, as can be seen in Scheme 23.



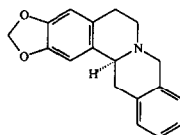
SCHEME 23. Biogenesis of cohirsitine based on mechanistic considerations.

c. *Gusalung C*

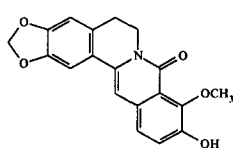
This alkaloid was isolated from *Arcangelisia gusalung* (75). From the same plant were also isolated gusalung D, 8-oxoberberine and 8-oxoberberrubine.



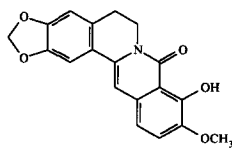
Gusalung C



Gusalung D



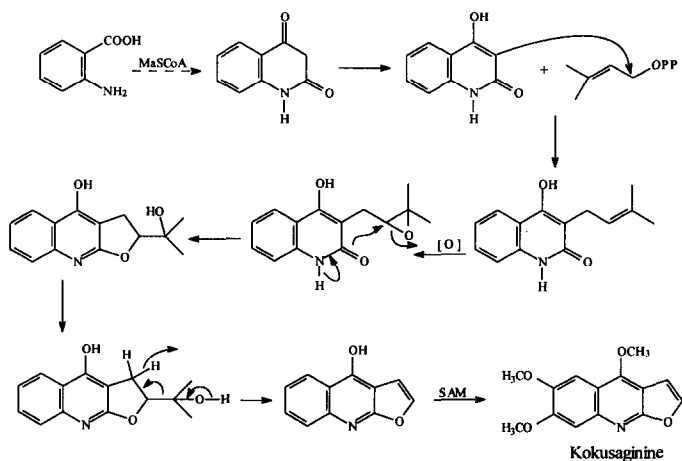
8-Oxothalifendine



8-Oxoberberrubine

d. *Kokusaginine*

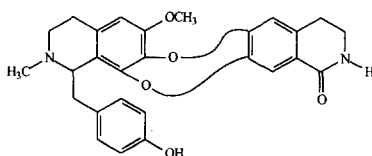
The only furoquinoline alkaloid ever isolated from a Menispermaceae was obtained from *Tinospora malabarica* when Bowen *et al.* were studying the anti-malarial properties of this plant (76). It was isolated before from *Evodia* spp. and *Orixa* spp. (Rutaceae) and *Flindersia* spp. (Rutaceae) (77). Scheme 24 shows the biogenetic pathway to kokusaginine.



SCHEME 24. Biogenetic pathway to kokusaginine.

e. Neotrilobine

This is a very different type of BIQ compared with all the other BIQ found in the Menispermaceae. It was isolated from the roots of *Cocculus trilobus* (569). Possible origins for this compound may be: a) a seco Bis-BIQ of the sub type II.c.1.5 is naturally hydrolysed in the plant; b) an artefact created during the isolation procedure.



Neotrilobine

E. CHEMICAL PROFILE OF THE MENISPERMACEAE

In the second century, Dioscorides classified some plants as medicinal, toxic, edible and aromatic, as these properties depend on the presence of certain compounds, maybe this was the beginning of chemotaxonomy. In 1804, Augusto de Candolle listed the relations between the medicinal properties of the vegetables and their external morphology and emphasised the advantages of using this aspect for classification. In 1889, Eykman showed the presence of alkaloids in some plant families, and, in 1891, Greshoff indicated that the alkaloid laurotetanine was an usual chemical constituent of some plants of the family Lauraceae. He also said that the genus *Platanus* was rich in cyanogenic compounds (78).

We can define chemotaxonomy, also known as chemical taxonomy, systematic biochemistry, and chemosystematics, as the field of science that uses the chemical characters, especially the secondary metabolites (alkaloids, terpenoids, flavonoids, lignoids, etc.), of a group of organisms to determine its hierarchic classification among living beings (15). Another way to define it would be the classification of a group of organisms through their chemical constituents.

This thorough analysis showed that there is a close structural relationship among the chemical components of each genus, making it possible to "draw" a chemical profile of the family Menispermaceae. This profile is set out by tribe and genus and will now be discussed.

1. Tribe *Trichlisiae*

This tribe has sixteen genera, among them, only ten have been chemically investigated. They are: *Albertisia*, *Anisocycla*, *Chondodendron*, *Curarea*, *Epinetrum*, *Pycnarrhena*, *Sciadotenia*, *Synclisia*, *Tiliacora* and *Triclisia*. Their chemical profiles will be discussed below.

a. Genera *Albertisia*, *Chondodendron*, *Curarea*, *Epinetrum* and *Synclisia*

The genus *Albertisia* Becc., was created by Beccari in 1872 (79). After being reviewed by Forman (80), there are seventeen species, twelve found in Africa and the remaining five in Asia and Southwestern New Guinea. Of these seventeen species, only two were phytochemically studied: *A. laurifolia* (81) and *A. papuana* (82-84). From them, twenty-six Bis-BIQ alkaloids were isolated. Table IV shows the chemical profile of the genera *Albertisia*, *Chondodendron*, *Curarea*, *Epinetrum* and *Synclisia*. They are the most homogeneous group inside the family Menispermaceae, producing only alkaloids of the type Bis-BIQ.

TABLE IV. Number of BisBIQ alkaloids isolated from the genera *Albertisia*, *Chondodendron*, *Curarea*, *Epinetrum* and *Synclisia*.

Genus	Number of alkaloids
<i>Albertisia</i>	26
<i>Chondodendron</i>	11
<i>Curarea</i>	13
<i>Epinetrum</i>	3
<i>Synclisia</i>	5

2. Genera *Anisocycla*, *Triclisia*, *Pycnarrhena*, *Tiliacora* and *Sciadotenia*

The only three species of *Anisocycla* cited in the literature are *A. cymosa*, *A. jolyana* and *A. grandidieri*. From these plants were isolated alkaloids of the types Bis-BIQ (16), APORPHIN (2), PHENANT (1) and PROTOB (5). It is interesting to note the presence of stephananthrine, the only PHENANT in the family, also present in *Stephania tetrandra*. Also interesting are the three PROTOB alkaloids, anisocycline, *N*-methylthaicanine and *N,O*-dimethylthaicanine, which together with the other eight from *Stephania*, two from *Parabaena*, and one from *Coscinium* constitute a restricted group of pentamethoxylated PROTOB, while the other 272 possess the normal oxygenation pattern. The Bis-BIQ is the most common group of alkaloids in this genus, and reflects the situation in the family as a whole.

The genus *Triclisia* produces the greatest diversity of structural types. The richest group is the Bis-BIQ with 18 alkaloids, while the others show a maximum of two alkaloids such as: APORPHIN (2), MORPHIN (2), AZAFLU (1) and PROTOB (1).

Pycnarrhena presents a rich variety of Bis-BIQ alkaloids. Between the 34 alkaloids of this type isolated, 25 are of distinct structure. One interesting characteristic of this group among plants of this genus is that the majority of them show at least one secondary amine function. The only other group of alkaloids in the genus is the APORPHIN with three examples.

With only four studied out of twenty-two known species, the genus *Tiliacora* is the one that contains the largest number (38) of alkaloids of the Bis-BIQ type inside the tribe Triclisiae. The other two types are BIQ (8) and APORPHIN (2).

Sciadotenia is an American genus that is very common in the Amazon region. Among the 18 known species, only two have been phytochemically studied. The alkaloids encountered are of the types BIQ (1), Bis-BIQ (6) and PROAPO (1).

2. Tribe Peniantheae

This is the smallest tribe in the family Menispermaceae, with only two genera: *Penianthus* and *Sphenocentrum*.

a. Genera *Penianthus* and *Sphenocentrum*.

Both genera, *Sphenocentrum* with only one species and *Penianthus* with only two, are exclusive to the African Continent. Only one species from each genus has been studied. *Sphenocentrum* was shown to produce only PROTOB (3) alkaloids while *Penianthus* produces PROTOB (4), APORPHIN (1) and PHENETHYL (1) alkaloids.

3. Tribe Anamirteae

The main chemical characteristic of this tribe is the presence of protoberberine alkaloids. Interestingly, of the fourteen 8-oxoprotoberberine alkaloids found in the Menispermaceae, twelve are found in this tribe, while the other two have been found in *Stephania* and *Limaciopsis*, both in the tribe Cocculeae.

a. Genera *Anamirta*, *Arcangelisia* and *Coscinium*

The tribe Anamirteae contains three genera: *Anamirta*, *Arcangelisia* and *Coscinium*.

4. Tribe *Fibraureae*

The tribe *Fibraureae* consists of three genera: *Burasaia*, *Fibraurea* and *Tinomiscium*.

a. Genus *Burasaia*

The genus *Burasaia* revised by Engler (86), has five species. Only three have been subjected to chemical study: *B. australis*, *B. congesta* and *B. gracilis*; they are rich in protoberberine alkaloids.

b. Genera *Fibraurea* and *Tinomiscium*

Fibraurea and *Tinomiscium* both native to Asia contain the same types of protoberberine and aporphine alkaloids.

5. Tribe *Tinosporeae*

The tribe *Tinosporeae* is comprised of twenty-two genera, of which only seven were chemically studied. They are: *Chasmanthera*, *Dioscoreophyllum*, *Jateorhiza*, *Kolobopetalum*, *Parabaena*, *Rhigiocarya* and *Tinospora*. The predominant alkaloid types present in all of them are the protoberberines, followed by aporphines.

a. Genera *Chasmanthera*, *Rhigiocarya* and *Kolobopetalum*

Chasmanthera dependens, a climbing plant from Nigeria, is the only representative of this genus chemically studied. From it, nineteen alkaloids of four different classes were isolated: APORPHIN (10), PROTOB (7), MORPHIN (1) and PAVINE (1).

In *Rhigiocarya*, as in *Chasmanthera*, it is possible to find aporphines, protoberberines and morphinan alkaloids. *Kolobopetalum* is the third genus in this tribe and, morphinan alkaloids were also isolated.

b. Genera *Tinospora* and *Parabaena*

The species of *Tinospora* are well known to be much used in traditional medicine in Asia and Africa (87). From plants of this genus were isolated BIQ, aporphine, protoberberine and phenethylcinnamide alkaloids and kokusagenine,

which is the only furoquinoline alkaloid isolated from the family Menispermaceae, and is classified in this work as "OTHERS".

From *Parabaena* only BIQ and PROTOB alkaloids were isolated.

c. *Genera Jateorrhiza and Dioscoreophyllum*

The chemical constituents of the roots of "Columba" (*Jateorrhiza palmata* Miers, = *J. columba* Miers) have been known for more than a century. Berberine was the first compound to be isolated, by Boedecker in 1849 (88). After that came columbamine, jatrorrhizine, and palmatine. It is very common to find this combination of alkaloids distributed in the various genera of the Menispermaceae. Also isolated from the genus was the dimer bisjatrorrhizine. In *Dioscoreophyllum* were found columbamine, jatrorrhizine and palmatine.

6. *Tribe Anomospermeae*

The tribe Anomospermeae has five genera, of which only three have been chemically studied; *Abuta*, *Caryomene* and *Telitoxicum*. The chemical profiles of these genera are individually discussed below.

a. *Genus Abuta*

With only nine species studied among the thirty known, the genus *Abuta* is third in terms of structural diversity in the family Menispermaceae. Forty-one alkaloids of nine different types were isolated of the types BIQ (1), Bis-BIQ (18), PROAPO (1), APORPHIN (7), TROPOL (3), AZAFLU (6), PROTOB (2), BENZAZE (2) and ISOQUIN (1). This is the only genus in the family from which were isolated BENZAZE alkaloids. *A. grisebachii* (90-91) and *A. pahni* (92) are two plants native of the Amazon region used by the indigenous people for the preparation of curare. Their high yield of Bis-BIQ alkaloids (similar to curare) may justify this use.

b. *Genus Caryomene*

C. linearis and *C. olivascens* are two of the four species of a new genus created in 1971 by Barneby and Krukoff (89).

The seventeen alkaloids found in the genus are of the types: BIQ (1), Bis-BIQ (5), PROAPO (4) and PROTOB (7). It is interesting to note the common biogenetic origins of the above types of alkaloids.

c. *Genus Telitoxicum*

Telitoxicum, like many other genera in this family, are climbing plants found in the Amazon region. The two species investigated, *T. glaziovii* and *T. peruvianum*, have yielded aporphine and azafluoranthene alkaloids. Of the eight aporphines isolated, five are 7-oxoaporphines and three are the rare 1-oxo-7-aminoaporphines, only found in this genus. The two AZAFLU isolated are also rare, among the ten alkaloids of this type described in the family, six were found in *Abuta* and two in *Telitoxicum*, both from this tribe.

7. Tribe Cocculeae

The tribe Cocculeae comprises twenty genera and more than half of them have been chemically studied. It is the only tribe in the family that was divided into three sub-tribes (5), as follows.

a. Sub-tribe Cocculinae

This sub-tribe has the largest number of genera (fifteen), eleven of those genera were studied, they are *Cocculus*, *Diploclisia*, *Legnephora*, *Limacia*, *Limaciopsis*, *Menispermum*, *Pachygone*, *Sarcopetalum*, *Sinomenium*, *Spirospermum* and *Strychnopsis*. The chemical profiles of the above genera are individually discussed below.

a.1. *Genus Cocculus*

The genus *Cocculus* shows one of the greatest diversities in alkaloid types among the genera in the family Menispermaceae. Some one hundred and thirty-five alkaloids of thirteen different classes were isolated, with the following distribution: BIQ, Bis-BIQ, PROAPO, APORPHIN, ARISTO, PROTOB, HIRSUTI, COHIRSI, MORPHIN, ERIBIDI, ERYTHRIN, PAVIN and OTHERS.

Between 1970 and 1997, sixty-three Bis-BIQ alkaloids were isolated from plants of this genus, making it the main class in terms of number. It is interesting to note the homogeneity of the sub-types of Bis-BIQ isolated, among the sixty-two registered in the literature, ten were biphenyl ether bonded head-head, tail-tail and fifty-two were triphenyl ether bonded head-head, tail-tail. Forty-six of these alkaloids were present in one species encountered in the mountains of Pakistan, *Cocculus pendulus*.

The second type in terms of number is ERYTHRIN. Twenty-five alkaloids of this type were isolated. Of these alkaloids, nineteen were isolated from one

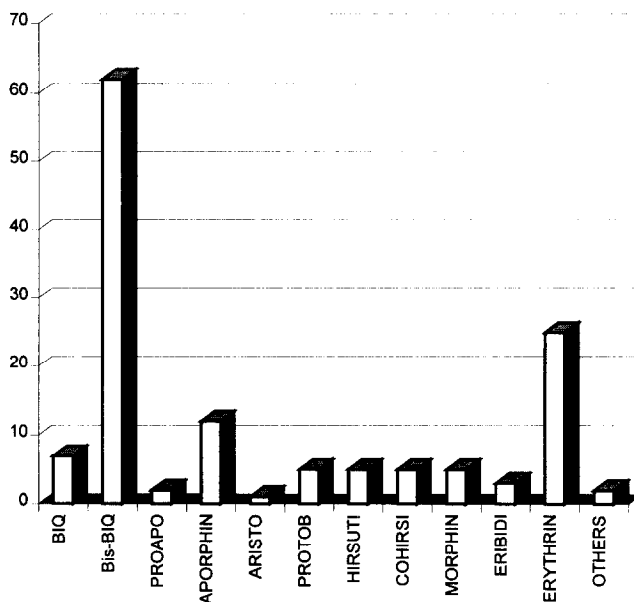
species *C. laurifolius* from India. Also isolated from this species were three of the four eribidine alkaloids found in the family Menispermaceae.

Another very important aspect to mention about this genus is the presence of the very rare hirsutine and cohirsutine types. Only five examples of the hirsutine and four of the cohirsutine types are found in nature, all of them from *C. hirsutus*, a small shrub native to the sub-tropical areas of India, Sri Lanka and Saudi Arabia.

The morphinan alkaloids also have five examples present in this genus. They are distributed in three different species: *C. laurifolius* (cuccoline, *O*-methylflavinantine and sebiferine), *C. trilobus* (sinococculine) and *C. carolinus* (carococculine).

The chemical profile of the genus *Cocculus* is shown in Chart 1.

Chart 1. - Chemical profile of the genus *Cocculus*.



a.2. Genus *Spirospermum*

This mono-specific genus, *S. penduliflorum*, native to the African continent has yielded only one alkaloid, limacine, a Bis-BIQ.

a.3. *Genera* *Limacia*, *Menispermum* and *Sinomenium*

Alkaloids of the types Bis-BIQ, PROAPO, APORPHIN, PROTOB and MORPHIN are present in the sub-tribe *Cocculineae*, and also in almost all of the genera of the family *Menispermaceae* so far investigated. However, there are two types of alkaloids which seem to differentiate chemically the sub-tribe *Cocculineae* from the others. They are the acutumine type present in *Menispermum*, *Sinomenium* and *Limacia*, and the isooxoaporphines present in *Menispermum* and *Sinomenium*.

a.4. *Genera* *Diploclisia* and *Legnephora*

Diploclisia glaucescens (BI) Diels (ex *Cocculus macrocarpus* W. & A.) is a climbing plant native of Sri Lanka where it is used in folk medicine against venereal diseases. Only two alkaloids were isolated from this species (the only studied in the genus). They were magnoflorine (APORPHIN) and stepharine (PROAPO) (78).

Legnephora moorei was the only plant studied in this genus. It is a climbing plant found in the dry areas of Australia and New Guinea. From this plant the following alkaloids were isolated: stepharine (PROAPO), laurifoline and magnoflorine (APORPHIN) and dehydrocorydalmine (PROTOB) (93,94).

a.5. *Genera* *Limaciopsis* and *Pachygone*

Limaciopsis is a mono-specific genus, and its only species is *L. loangensis*. This species is native to the central areas of Africa. From this plant were isolated eleven alkaloids of the types Bis-BIQ, APORPHIN, and PROTOB (95).

The genus *Pachygone* was created in 1851 by Miers (96), and currently comprises twelve species widely distributed throughout the world. From three species with phytochemical studies described in the literature, were isolated alkaloids of the types BIQ, Bis-BIQ, PROAPO, APORPHIN, PROTOB and ERYTHRIN.

a.6. *Genera* *Sarcopetalum* and *Strychnopsis*

These two genera are also comprised of one species each. From *Sarcopetalum harveyanum*, found in Australia, coclaurine (BIQ) and stepharine (PROAPO) were isolated. From *Strychnopsis thouarsii*, native to Africa, were isolated one Bis-BIQ (7-*O*-demethyltetrandrine) and four APORPHIN (isocorydine, liriotalupiferine, *N*-methyllindcarpine and predicentrine) alkaloids.

b. *Sub tribe* Stephaniinae

This sub-tribe is monogeneric being represented only by the genus *Stephania*.

b.1. *Genus* Stephania

From the previous reviews carried out by Tomita (10) in 1952 and by Thornber (11) in 1970 and this work, it is possible to conclude that the genus *Stephania* is the most chemically studied in the family. This can be easily shown by the Charts 2, 3 and 4, respectively.

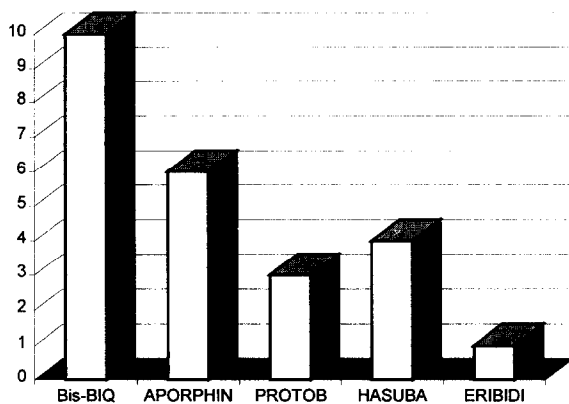
CHART 2. Chemical profile of the genus *Stephania* until 1952 (10).

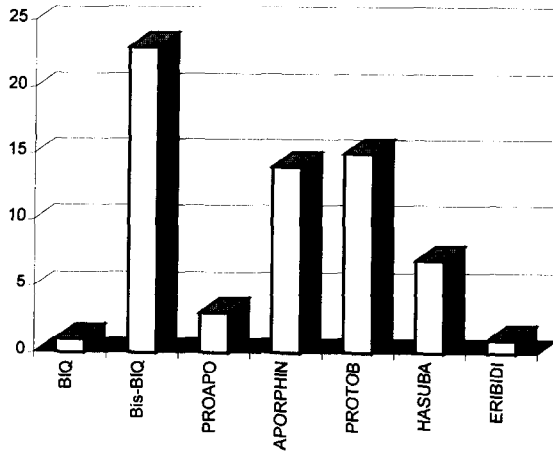
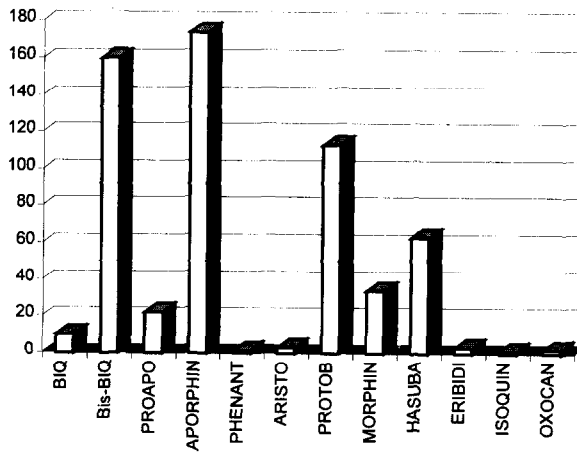
CHART 3. Chemical profile of the genus *Stephania* until 1970 (11).CHART 4. Chemical profile of the genus *Stephania* until 1997 (78).

Table V shows the distribution of the alkaloids isolated from plants of the genus *Stephania* by species. Analysis of the data contained in the table led to some observations about the genus:

a) Of the twenty-two types of alkaloid found in the family Menispermaceae, thirteen are present in the genus *Stephania*.

b) The alkaloids of the APORPHIN (188), Bis-BIQ (171) and PROTOB (112) types are the most common, accounting for a total of 471 alkaloids.

c) All of the seventy-eight hasubanane alkaloids described in the literature were isolated from fifteen species of this genus.

d) The forty-three morphinan alkaloids were isolated from seventeen species and the fourteen proaporphines were isolated from eleven species.

e) The ten BIQ alkaloids in the genus were isolated from five species.

f) In Hutchinson's work (97) it was suggested that the families Menispermaceae and Aristolochiaceae have a lot in common in terms of the morphological aspects of the stem. The isolation of three aristolochic acid-type alkaloids from *Stephania* and one from *Cocculus* species, alkaloids that were considered exclusive to the Aristolochiaceae, has established some chemotaxonomic relations between the two families.

g) On the basis of the chemical data available, there is almost no difference between *Stephania japonica* and *S. japonica* var. *australis*.

h) Four species of *Stephania* occur in Thailand: *S. erecta*, *S. pierrei*, *S. suberosa* and *S. venosa*. Some controversy exists in relation to the morphological aspects of *S. erecta* and *S. pierrei* (98-100). However, analysing the data from the literature (100-102) related to the chemical studies of the two plants it is possible to see that the compounds isolated from *S. erecta* were fourteen Bis-BIQ. On the other hand, from *S. pierrei* forty-nine alkaloids were isolated distributed as: BIQ (5), Bis-BIQ (22), PROTOB (7), APORPHIN (12), MORPHIN (2) and HASUBA (1). These chemical differences seem to be sufficient to conclude that the two plants should be considered distinct species.

The complete list of alkaloids isolated from this genus is given in Table V.

c. Sub-tribe Cissampelinae

This sub-tribe contains four genera, they are: *Antizoma*, *Cissampelos*, *Cyclea* and *Paracyclea*. Phytochemical studies have been carried out for the first three genera.

c.1. Genus *Antizoma*

A bibliographic search on this genus yielded only one phytochemical study. *A. angustifolia* is a plant native to South Africa, and yielded sinoacutine, a MORPHIN alkaloid (104).

TABLE V
Occurrence of alkaloids in the genus *Stephania* by species.

SPECIES (Geographical distribution)	E R I B I D I	I S O Q U I N	P H E N E T H Y L	A R I S T O	P H E N A N T	B I Q	B I S - B I Q	P R O T O B	A P P O R P H I N	F R O O P O	M O R P H I N	O X O C A N	H A S U B A	T O T A L
<i>S. abyssinica</i> (Ethiopia)									10				7	17
<i>S. aculeata</i> (Australia)						1					1			2
<i>S. brachyantra</i> (China)							4	1	8		3			16
<i>S. bancroftii</i> (Australia)								1	3	1	1			6
<i>S. cepharantha</i> (China, Japan)			1	3		7	22	1	19	2	13	2	15	85
<i>S. corymbosa</i> (Indonesia)	1													1
<i>S. delavayi</i> (China, Russia)							6	1	2		1		2	12
<i>S. dielsiana</i> (China)							4	1	4		1			10
<i>S. dinklagei</i> (Gana)									5					5
<i>S. discentrinifera</i> (China)							4	1	2					7
<i>S. disciflora</i> (China)								2	4					6
<i>S. dolichopoda</i> (China)								1						1
<i>S. elegans</i> (India)							3	2	1		2		3	11
<i>S. epigaea</i> (China)							6	1	8		3			18
<i>S. erecta</i> (Thailand)							14							14
<i>S. excentrica</i> (China)						1	4		4		1	2	1	13
<i>S. glabra</i> (India, Russia)							2	13	1	3				19
<i>S. gracilenta</i> (China)						1			1		2			4
<i>S. hainanensis</i> (China)							4	3	3	1				11
<i>S. hernandifolia</i> (India)							11		1				9	21
<i>S. intermedia</i> (China)								9		1				10
<i>S. japonica</i> (Japan)	1						4		3					17
														25

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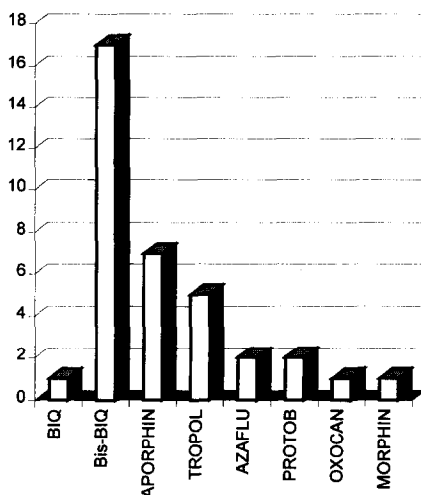
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SPECIES (Geographical distribution)	E R I B I D I	I S O Q U I N	P H E N E T H Y L	A R I S T O	P H E N A N T	B I Q	B I S - B I Q	P R O T O B I Q	A P O R P H I N	P R O O P H O	M O R P H I N	O X O C A N	H A S S U B A	T O T A L
<i>S. japonica</i> var. <i>australis</i> (Japan)	1						1	1	1				4	8
<i>S. taiwanensis</i> (China)								1	1					2
<i>S. kwangsiensis</i> (China)							3	4	6					13
<i>S. lincangensis</i> (China)								5	3					8
<i>S. longa</i> (China)							3						7	10
<i>S. longipes</i> (China)								1						1
<i>S. longana</i> (China)													1	1
<i>S. mshanica</i> (China)								2	3	3	1			9
<i>S. micrantha</i> (China)						1	2	8	9	2				22
<i>S. officinarum</i> (China)								2	4	1				7
<i>S. pierrei</i> (Thailand)						5	22	7	12		2			49
<i>S. rotunda</i> (Japan)							1	1						3
<i>S. sasakii</i> (Japan, Taiwan)		1					6	1	15	1			4	28
<i>S. sinica</i> (China)							3	1					1	5
<i>S. suberosa</i> (Thailand)							6	15			1		3	25
<i>S. succinifera</i> (China)							1	7	6					14
<i>S. sutchunensis</i> (China)							2		1	1	1		2	7
<i>S. tetandra</i> (China, Japan)					1	1	24	3	9					38
<i>S. venosa</i> (Thailand, Japan)					1	1	1	2	26	3				33
<i>S. viridiflavans</i> (China)							2	5						7
<i>S. yunnanensis</i> (China)							1	6	2	1	1			11
<i>S. zippelliana</i> (Vannatu)									8		6			14
<i>Stephania</i> sp (China)							3	2	3					8
TOTAL	3	1	1	3		18	171	112	188	14	43	4	78	637

c.2. Genus *Cissampelos*

The genus *Cissampelos* was revised by Rhodes in 1975 (105) and consists of 19 species. Since Thornber's review (11), five new species were phytochemically studied: *C. fasciculata*, from which were isolated an APORPHIN (corydine) and a Bis-BIQ (cissampetine); *C. ovalifolia* from which was isolated four Bis-BIQ (warifteine, dihydrowarifteine, methylwarifteine and dimethylwarifteine); *C. sympodialis* from which were isolated a MORPHIN (milonine) and a Bis-BIQ (warifteine); *C. glaberrima* from which were isolated an OXOCAN (eletefine), three APORPHIN (cissaglaberrimine, oxobuxifolin and magnoflorine), and *C. pareira*, the most studied species, from which was obtained APORPHIN (6), Bis-BIQ (10), TROPOL (5), AZAFLU (2), PROTOB (2) and BIQ (1). The chemical profile of the genus can be seen in Chart 4.

CHART 4. Chemical profile of the genus *Cissampelos*.



c.3. Genus *Cyclea*

The genus *Cyclea* was created in 1840 by Arnotti (78). In 1910 it was classified as a member of the tribe Cocculeae, sub-tribe *Cissampelinae* by Diels (78). Of the nineteen known species, only eleven have phytochemical studies described in the literature, from which were isolated alkaloids of the types BIQ (4), Bis-BIQ (87), APORPHIN (6), PROTOB (5) and PAVINE (2).

8. Tribe *Hyperbaeneae*

The tribe *Hyperbaeneae* is monogeneric, the only genus being *Hyperbaena*.

a. Genus *Hyperbaena*

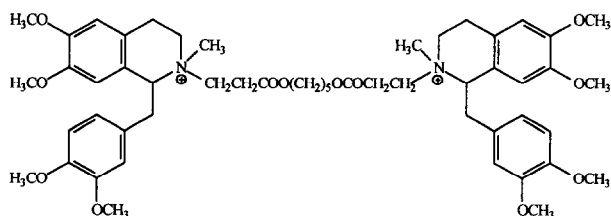
This genus *Hyperbaena* is mono-specific, the only species described is *H. columbica*, a shrub native to Cuba. From this species only four alkaloids were isolated, two ERYTHRIN (erythroculine and 3-demethoxy-2 α ,3 α -methylenedioxyerythroculine), one PROTOB (tetrahydropalmitine) and one ERIBIDI (protostephanine).

Chart 5 shows the complete chemical profile of the family *Menispermaceae*.

III. Summary

The alkaloid profile of the family (Chart 5) shows twenty-three different chemical types of alkaloids. A total of 1525 alkaloids have been isolated from *Menispermaceae* in the period 1970 to 1997. The abundance of bisbenzyltetrahydroisoquinoline alkaloids (604 citations) isolated during that period is striking followed by aporphines (303 citations) and the protoberberines (275 citations). One hundred and sixty different species were studied for their alkaloid content during that period. The genus *Stephania* was the most popular target with 43 species examined followed by *Tinospora* with 15 species and *Cyclea* with 11 species investigated. In line with its popularity, the genus *Stephania* yielded the greatest number of alkaloids (637 isolated) followed by *Cocculus* (135 alkaloids) and *Cyclea* (104 alkaloids). In terms of diversity of alkaloid types *Stephania* was again at the top, but tied with *Cocculus* producing thirteen different types followed by the genus *Abuta* with nine different types. Some of the alkaloids have so far only been encountered in *Menispermaceae*, several confined to a particular genus. For example, *Cocculus* sp. producing hirsutine and cohirsine types and *Stephania* sp. producing hasubanane type alkaloids. A few alkaloid types, although so far restricted to the *Menispermaceae*, are encountered in several genera. For example the acutumine type alkaloids from *Limacia*, *Menispermum* and *Sinomenium*, azafluoranthenes from *Abuta*, *Cissampelos*, *Telitoxicum* and *Triclisia*, Isooxoaporphines from *Menispermum* and *Sinomenium*. Other alkaloid types have been found in the *Menispermaceae* and several other plant families. For example, the 1-benzyltetrahydroisoquinolines in nine plant families viz. Annonaceae, Berberidaceae, Hernandiaceae, Lauraceae, Magnoliaceae, *Menispermaceae*, Papaveraceae, Ranunculaceae and Rhamnaceae. Whether the biosynthetic

provenance of the alkaloids in these families follow common routes is not known and must wait individual biosynthetic studies. A few of the biosynthetic secrets of these families of alkaloids have been firmly laid by the elegant work of Meinhart Zenk (16). The Menispermaceae alkaloids include many important discoveries in the field of medicines and pharmaceuticals (27), such as the bisbenzylisoquinoline tubocurarine. Many of the alkaloids have served directly as medicines or as lead compounds for the synthesis of improved derivatives. For example, alkaloids like tubocurarine have served as the stimulus to medicinal chemists and others to synthesise safer and/or more potent/selective derivatives/analogues such as atracurium, based on a bistetrahydropapaverine dimer (580).



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IV. Conclusions

The family Menispermaceae continues to be a rich source of 1-benzylisoquinoline-derived alkaloids. The plants of this family are used world-wide in traditional or folk medicine for the treatment of numerous diseases and for other purposes. The rate of discovery of new and exciting alkaloid templates from Menispermaceae continues to rise and this, linked to investigation of the metabolic pathways that control their biosynthesis coupled with the future isolation of the enzymes/genes that control specific steps, should provide us with new pharmacological tools, medicinal and agricultural products for the foreseeable future.

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Chart 5. Chemical profile of the family Menispermaceae.

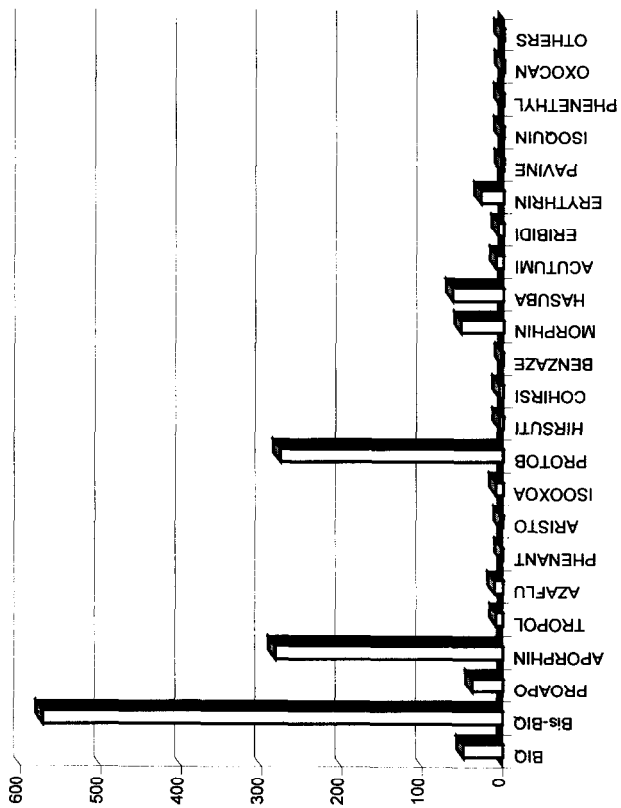


TABLE VI

ALKALOIDS ISOLATED FROM PLANTS OF THE FAMILY MENISPERMACEAE BETWEEN JULY, 1969 AND APRIL, 1997.

Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
<i>Abuta</i> species	<i>O</i> -Methylmoschatoline	IV.c.3	106
<i>Abuta bulata</i> Moldenke	Dihydroaulatine	XIII.2	54
	Palmatine	X.a.3	54
<i>Abuta grandifolia</i> (Mart.) Sandw. Kew.	Saulatine	XIII.1	54
	Grandrubrine	V.a.2	39
<i>Abuta grisebachii</i> Triana & Planch.	Palmatine	X.a.3	107
	7- <i>O</i> -Demethylpeinamine	II.b.1.2.53	91
	Grisabine	II.a.1.1.14	90
	Grisabutine	II.a.1.1.13	90
	Macoline	II.b.1.1.18	91
	Macolidine	II.b.1.1.17	91
	<i>N</i> -Methyl-7- <i>O</i> -demethylpeinamine	II.b.1.2.55	91
	Peinamine	II.b.1.2.54	91
	Homomoschatoline	IV.c.3	38
	Imeluteine	VI.5	38
<i>Abuta imene</i> Eichl.	Imenine	IV.c.4	38
	Imerubrine	V.b.2	38
	Norrufescine	VI.4	38,108
	Rufescine	VI.3	38
	(+)-Coclaurine	I.b.1	92
	(-)-Daurisoline	II.a.1.1.4	92
	<i>N,N'</i> -Dimethylindoldhamine	II.a.1.1.11	92
	(-)-Lindoldhamine	II.a.1.1.8	92
	2'- <i>N</i> -Methylindoldhamine	II.a.1.1.10	92
	2- <i>N</i> -Methylindoldhamine	II.a.1.1.9	92
<i>Abuta palmi</i> (Martius) Krukoff & Barneby	2'- <i>N</i> -Nordaurisoline	II.a.1.1.5	92
	Stepharine	III.a.1	92
	Thalifoline	XX.b.1	92

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
<i>Abuta panurensis</i> Eickl.	Norpanurensine	II.b.1.3.2	109
	Panurensine	II.b.1.3.1	109
<i>Abuta rufescens</i> Aubl. (= <i>A. splendida</i> Krukoff & Moldenke)	Homomoschatoline	IV.c.3	38,110
	Imeluteine	VI.5	38
	Imenine	IV.c.4	38,110
	Imerubrine	V.b.2	38
	Lysicamine	IV.c.2	110
	Norrufescine	VI.4	38,110
	Rufescine	VI.3	38
	Splendidine	IV.c.5	110
<i>Abuta splendida</i> Krukoff & Moldenke	Aromoline	II.b.1.1.14	111
	Homoaromoline	II.b.1.1.16	111
	Krukovine	II.b.1.2.29	111
<i>Albertisia laurifolia</i> Yamamoto	Apatine	II.c.1.1.18	81
	Aromoline	II.b.1.1.14	81
	Coccoline	II.c.1.1.5	81
	Coosuline	II.c.1.1.7	81
	Daphnoline	II.b.1.1.13	81
	N-Methylapateline	II.c.1.1.19	81
	Apatine	II.c.1.1.18	82
	Aromoline	II.b.1.1.14	82
	(-)-2',2'-Bisnorphaeanthine	II.b.1.2.22	84
	Coccoline	II.c.1.1.5	82
	Coosuline	II.c.1.1.7	82
	(+)-Daphnoline	II.b.1.1.13	84
	1,2-Dehydrotelobine	II.c.1.2.22	82
	N,O-Dimethylcoccoline	II.c.1.1.4	83
	Daphnandrine	II.b.1.1.12	82
	Daphnoline	II.b.1.1.13	82
	Homoaromoline	II.b.1.1.16	82

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
<i>Anamirta cocculus</i> (L.) Wight & Arn.	Isotrilobine	II.c.1.1.4	82
	Lindoldhamine	II.a.1.1.8	82
	O-Methylcoccoline	II.c.1.1.6	82
	(+)-2'-Norcoccoline	II.c.1.1.9	82
	2,2'-Noraromoline	II.b.1.1.15	82
	Obaberine	II.b.1.1.8	82
	Oxyacanthine	II.b.1.1.19	82
	(+)-Pangkoramine	II.b.1.1.26	84
	(+)-Pangkorimine	II.b.1.1.27	84
	Berberine	X.a.4	112
	Columbamine	X.a.2	112
	Magnoflorine	IV.a.54	112
	(-)-8-Oxo-tetrahydropalmitine	X.b.25	112,113
	Oxypalmitine	X.c.4	113
	Palmitine	X.a.3	112
	Stepharine	III.a.1	113
	<i>Anisocycla cymosa</i> Troupin	Anisocycline	X.a.14
(+)-Coccoline, 2 β -N-oxide		II.c.1.1.10	117
Cocobine		II.b.1.1.31	116
Coccoline		II.c.1.1.5	114
(-)-N,O-Dimethylthaicanine		X.b.41	115
1,2-Dehydroapateline		II.c.1.1.20	114
1,2-Dehydrotelobine		II.c.1.1.22	114
Daphmandrine		II.b.1.1.12	116
Liriodenine		IV.c.1	114
(-)-N-Methyltetrahydropalmitine		X.b.42	115
(-)-N-Methylthaicanine		X.b.40	115
(+)-12-O-Methylcoccoline, 2 β -N-oxide		II.c.1.1.11	117
(+)-2'-Norcoccoline		II.c.1.1.12	117
(+)-2-Norobaberine, 2 β -N-oxide		II.b.1.1.11	116

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
	2-Noroberberine	II.b.1.1.10	116
	Palmitine	X.a.3	114-116
	Remrefidine	IV.a.7	114,116
	Stephananthrine	VII	115
	Trilobine	II.c.1.1.1	114
	12-O-Demethyltrilobine	II.c.1.1.2	118
	N,O-Dimethylcoccoline	II.c.1.1.4	83
	(-)-Epistephanine	II.b.1.1.32	118
	Stebisimine	II.b.1.1.34	118
	Trilobine	II.c.1.1.1	118
	1,2-Dehydrotelobine	II.c.1.1.22	565
	Homoaromoline	II.b.1.1.16	565
	Isotrilobine	II.c.1.1.4	565
	Limacine	II.b.1.2.6	565
	Limacine, 2'- β -N-oxide	II.b.1.2.9	565
	Limacine, 2'- β -N-oxide	II.b.1.42	565
	O-Methylpunjabine	II.c.1.5.2	566
	2'-Norlimacine	II.b.1.2.60	565
	2-Norlimacine	II.b.1.2.10	565
	Remrefidine	IV.a.7	565
	(-)-Secohomoaromoline	II.b.1.4.3	566
	(-)-Secojollyanine	II.c.1.5.5	566
	Trilobine	II.c.1.1.1	565
	Sinoacutine	XIV.b.1.2	104
<i>Anizoma angustifolia</i> Miers	Berberine	X.a.4	119,120
	Dehydrocorydalmine	X.a.6	120
	8-Hydroxyberberine	X.c.2	120
	Homoaromoline	II.b.1.1.16	121
	Jatrochizine	X.a.1	120
	Limacine	II.b.1.2.6	120
<i>Arcangelisia flava</i> (L.) Merr.			

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
<i>Arcangelisia gusanlung</i> H.S.Lo	Palmatine	X.a.3	120
	Pycnarrhine	XX.a.1	120
	Thalifendine	X.a.7	120
	Berberine	X.a.4	122
	12,13-Dihydro-8-oxoberberine	X.b.21	75
	Gusanlung A	X.b.23	122
	Gusanlung B	X.b.24	122
	Gusanlung C	XXIII.3	75
	Gusanlung D	X.b.26	75
	Jatrorrhizine	X.a.1	122
	8-Oxoberberubine	X.c.3	75
	8-Oxotetrahydrothalifendine	X.b.22	75
	<i>Burasaia australis</i> Scott Elliot	Columbamine	X.a.2
Palmatine		X.a.3	123
Alkaloid 6		I.b.13	123
<i>Burasaia congesta</i> Decne	Columbamine	X.a.2	123
	Palmatine	X.a.3	123
<i>Burasaia gracilis</i> Decne	Jatrorrhizine	X.a.1	123
	Palmatine	X.a.3	123
<i>Caryome linearis</i> <i>Caryome olivascens</i> Barneby & Krukoff	Homolinarisine	III.a.5	124
	(-)-Caryolvine	II.b.1.2.50	125
	(+)-Coclaurine	I.b.1	125,126
	(-)-Coreximine	X.b.9	126
	1,2-Dehydro-2-norlimacusine	II.b.1.1.22	125
	(-)-10-Demethyldiscretine	X.b.6	126
	(-)-Discretine	X.b.12	126
	(-)-N,N'-Dimethylindoldhamine	II.a.1.1.11	125
	(-)-N-Formylstepharine	III.a.3	125
	(-)-Govadine	X.b.10	126
	(-)-2-Norlimacine	II.b.1.2.10	125

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
<i>Chasmanthera dependens</i> Hochst	(-)-2-Norlimacusine	II.b.1.1.21	125
	Pronuciferine	III.a.2	125
	(+)-Pseudopalmatine	X.c.6	125
	Pseudopalmatine	X.c.6	126
	(-)-Stepharine	III.a.1	125, 126
	(-)-Xylopinine	X.b.31	126
	(-)-Anonaine	IV.a.1	127
	Bisnorargemone	XIX.3	128
	(-)-Coreximine	X.b.9	128
	Columbamine	X.a.2	127
	(+)- <i>O,O</i> -Dimethylcoirituberine	IV.a.68	127
	(+)-Glaucone	IV.a.31	127
	(-)-Govarine	X.b.11	128
	Jatrochizine	X.a.1	127, 129
	Liriodenine	IV.c.1	127
	Lysicamine	IV.c.2	127
	Magnoflorine	IV.a.54	127
	(+)-Norglaucine	IV.a.13	127
	(+)- <i>N</i> -Nornuciferine	IV.a.16	127
(+)-Oxoglaucine	IV.c.9	127	
Pallidine	XIV.b.1.3	128	
Palmatine	X.a.3	127, 129	
Pseudocolumbamine	X.a.13	127	
(-)-Tetrahydropalmatine	X.b.32	127	
Xylopine	IV.a.10	128	
<i>Chondodendron platyphyllum</i> (A. St. Hill)	Chondrofoline	II.b.2.2.12	130
Miers			
<i>Chondodendron tomentosum</i> Ruiz & Pavon	(-)-Curine	II.b.2.2.11	130
	Chondrocurine	II.b.2.2.7	131
	(-)-Curine	II.b.2.2.11	131

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
<i>Chondodendron toxiciferum</i> (Wedd.) Krukoff & Moldenke	(+)-Tubocurarine	II.b.2.2.5	131
	Isochondodendrine	II.b.2.1.1	132
	Curine	II.b.2.2.11	133
	(-)-Curine	II.b.2.2.11	132
	Isochondodendrine	II.b.2.1.1	132
	N ^o -Norchondocurine	II.b.2.2.8	133
	(-)-Tubocurine	II.b.2.2.6	132
	Cissampetine	II.b.2.3.1	134
	Corydine	IV.a.28	134
	Cissaglaberrimine	IV.a.8	135
<i>Cissampelos glaberrima</i> St. Hill	Eletefine	XXII.5	578, 579
	Magnoflorine	IV.a.54	135
	Oxobuxifoline	IV.c.20	135
	Dihydrowarifteine	II.b.2.4.2	136
	Dimethyldihydrowarifteine	II.b.2.4.6	136
	Dimethylwarifteine	II.b.2.4.5	136
	Methyldihydrowarifteine	II.b.2.4.3	136
	Methylwarifteine	II.b.2.4.4	136
	Warifteine	II.b.2.4.1	136
	Bulbocapnine	IV.a.24	137
<i>Cissampelos pareira</i> L.	Cissamine	X.b.43	138
	Corytuberine	IV.a.30	137
	(±)-Curine	II.b.2.2.11	139
	(-)-Curine	II.b.2.2.11	138, 140-142
	β-Cyclanoline	X.b.44	143
	Cycleanine	II.b.2.1.4	141, 144, 145
	Dajjisong	II.b.2.2.15	146
	Dehydrodicentrine	IV.b.8	144
	Dicentrine	IV.a.44	144
	Grandirubrine	V.a.2	40

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
Hayatine		II.b.2.2.14	138,140,141,147
Hayatinine		II.b.2.2.10	141,147
Insularine		II.c.2.2.2	144
Isochondodrine		II.b.2.1.1	140,144
Isomerubrine		V.a.4	40
Laudanosine		I.b.8	137
Magnoflorine		IV.a.54	137
Menisimine		CSND	138
Monomethyltetrandrinium		II.b.1.2.17	148
Norimeluteine		VI.6	149
Norrufescine		VI.4	149
Nuciferine		IV.a.15	137
Pareirine		CSND	138
Pareirubrine		V.a.3 + V.b.3	150
Pareirubrine A		V.a.3 + V.b.3	40
Pareirubrine B		V.a.1 + V.b.1	40
Pareitropone		V.a.5	567
(+)-Tetrandrine		II.b.1.2.14	148,151
Miloneine		XIV.b.3.2	152
Warifeine		II.b.2.4.1	153,154
<i>Cissampelos sympodioides</i> Eichl.		XIV.a.2.1	155,156
<i>Cocculus carolinus</i> DC.		XVIII.a.1	156
Carococuline		XVIII.e	156
Cocculine		IV.a.54	156
Cocculolidine		X.a.3	156
Magnoflorine		I.b.1	52,157
Palmatine		I.b.1	158
Coclaurine		II.c.1.1.5	157,159
(±)-Coclaurine		II.c.1.1.8	157,159,160
Coccoline		XII.a.3	52,53
Cocculine N-2-oxide			
Cohirsine			

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
	Cohirsinine	XII.a.2	52,161
	Cohirsitine = cohirsitine	XXIII.2	52,74
	Cohirsitinine	XII.b	52,162
	Daphnoline	II.b.1.1.13	158
	12-O-Demethyltrilobine	II.c.1.1.2	157
	N,O-Dimethylcocsoline	II.c.1.1.4	163
	Haidarine	XI.1	52
	Hirsutine	XI.2	164
	Isotrilobine	II.c.1.1.4	52,157,158,165
	Jamline	XI.3	52,166
	Jamline N-oxide	XI.5	52,166
	Jamtinine	XI.4	52
	Magnoflorine	IV.a.54	157,158
	Shaheenine	XII.a.1	52,167
	Trilobine	II.c.1.1.1	52,157,165
	Boldine	IV.a.25	168
	Coccoline	XVIII.c.4	169,170
	Coccolinine	XVIII.c.5	169,171,172
	Cocculdienone	XVIII.d	169
	Cocculidine	XVIII.a.7	65,169,170,172-174
	Cocculidinone	XVIII.a.6	169,172
	Cocculimine	XVIII.b.1	169
	Coccoline	XVIII.a.1	65,169,170,173,175
	Coccolitine	XVIII.a.4	169,173,175
	Coccolitinine	XVIII.a.5	169
	Coccovine	XVIII.c.2	169,172,176
	Coccovinine	XVIII.c.3	169,172,174
	Coclafine	XVIII.a.2	167
	Coclaurine	I.b.1	169,177
	Cocsuline	II.c.1.1.7	178

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
Cucoline		XIV.a.1.1	172
Dihydroerysodine		XVIII.a.9	169
<i>N,O</i> -Dimethylisocorydine		IV.a.48	179
Erysoitrine		XVIII.c.1	172
Erythlaurine		XVIII.a.3	180,181
Erythramide		XVIII.a.12	180,181
Erythroculine		XVIII.a.11	181
Isoboldine		IV.a.23	182
Isococculidine		XVIII.b.2	62, 169-171, 183, 184
Isococculine		XVIII.b.3	169, 174, 185
Isocorydine		IV.a.47	168, 169
Isotetrandrine		II.b.1.2.30	186
Laudanidine		I.b.5	169
Laurifine		XVII.1	63, 169, 187
Laurifinine		XVIII.2	63, 169, 172
Laurifoline		IV.a.55	168, 169
Laurifonine		XVII.3	63, 169, 172, 187
Magnoflorine		IV.a.54	168, 169
<i>N</i> -Methylboldine		IV.a.26	188
<i>N</i> -Methylstepharine		III.a.2	169
<i>O</i> -Methylflavinantine		XIV.b.2.2	181
<i>O</i> -Methylisocorydine methochloride		IV.a.49	168, 169
<i>N</i> -Methylcocclaurine		I.b.2	169, 172
Norisboldine		IV.a.69	182
Reticuline		I.b.9	169
Sebiferine		XIV.b.2.2	169, 172, 188
(+)-Sinactine		X.b.3	189
Stepharine		III.a.1	169
Stepholidine		X.b.5	181
Thalicarpine		XXIII.1	73

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
<i>Cocculus macrocarpus</i> W. & A.	Trilobine	II.c.1.1.1	190
<i>Cocculus pendulus</i> (Forsk.) Diels (= <i>C. leaebe</i> DC.)	(+)-Cheratamine	II.b.1.2.49	191
	Coclaurine	Ib.1	192
	Coccoline	II.c.1.4.1	193
	Coccolilone	II.c.1.4.2	193
	(+)-Coccoline	II.c.1.1.5	191
	Coccoline	II.c.1.1.5	193-195
	(+)-Cocculine	II.c.1.1.7	191
	Cocculine	II.c.1.1.7	193-198
	Cocculinine	II.c.1.3.1	193, 195, 199
	(+)-Coccupendine	II.c.1.3.2	200
	(+)-Daphnoline	II.b.1.1.13	191
	(+)-1,2-Dehydroapateline	II.c.1.1.20	191
	(+)-1,2-Dehydro-2-nortelobine	II.c.1.1.23	200, 201
	(+)-1,2-Dehydrokohatamine	II.c.1.1.13	201
	(+)-1,2-Dehydrokohatine	II.c.1.2.3	200, 201
	(+)-1,2-Dehydro- <i>O</i> , <i>O</i> -dimethylkohatine	II.c.1.2.5	200
	1,2-Dehydrokohatine 2 β - <i>N</i> -oxide	II.c.1.2.6	200
	(+)- <i>O</i> , <i>O</i> -Dimethylcocculinine	II.c.1.4.5	193
	<i>N</i> , <i>O</i> -Dimethylcoccoline	II.c.1.1.4	163
	Hernandezine	II.b.1.2.58	198
	(+)-Kohatine	II.c.1.2.1	191
	5'-Hydroxyapateline	II.c.1.1.21	191, 201
	(+)-5'-Hydroxytelobine	II.c.1.1.24	200, 201
	(+)-Isotrilobine	II.c.1.1.4	191
	Isotrilobine	II.c.1.1.4	193
	(+)-Kohatamine	II.c.1.1.25	201
	(+)-Kurramine	II.c.1.1.16	191
	Menisarine	II.c.1.3.6	192
	(+)- <i>N</i> -Methylapateline	II.c.1.1.19	191

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
	12'- <i>O</i> -Methyldehydrokohatane	II.c.1.2.4	200
	12'- <i>O</i> -Methylkohatane	II.c.1.2.2	200
	<i>O</i> -Methylcocculinine	II.c.1.4.3	193
	(+)-2 <i>N</i> -Norberbamine	II.b.1.2.57	191
	<i>N</i> -Norcocculinine	II.c.1.4.4	193
	(+)-Norpenduline	II.b.1.2.38	191
	Nortrilobine	II.c.1.1.3	193
	(+)-Ophiocarpinone	X.b.29	202
	(+)-Pendilimine	II.c.1.3.5	193
	Pendilimine	II.c.1.3.5	193,195
	Pendine	II.c.1.3.7	193
	(+)-Penduline	II.b.1.2.37	191
	Penduline	II.b.1.2.37	193-196,198,199,203
	Punjabine	II.c.1.5.1	198
	(+)-Siddiquamine	II.c.1.2.8	200,201
	(+)-Siddiquine	II.c.1.2.7	200,201
	Sinactine	X.b.3	192
	(+)-Tetrandrine	II.b.1.2.14	191,193,198
	(+)-Tricoardatine	II.c.1.1.15	191
	Trilobine	II.c.1.1.1	193
	<i>N,O</i> -Dimethylcoccoline	II.c.1.1.4	163
	Aristolochic acid	VIII.a	204
	Cocculine	XVIII.a.1	205,206
	Cocculoidine	XVIII.e	206,207
	Coccutrine	XVIII.a.8	205,206
	Coelobine	II.b.1.1.31	208
	1,2-Dehydroapateline	II.c.1.1.20	569
	Dihydroerysovine	XVIII.a.10	206,209
	Isoboldine	IV.a.23	207
	Isoisococculine	XIX.d.6	568
<i>Cocculus sarmentosus</i> Diels			
<i>Cocculus trilobus</i> DC.			

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
	Isotrilobine	II.c.1.1.4	210,211
	Isotrilobine 2-N-oxide	II.c.1.2.9	210
	Neotrilobine	XXIII.5	569
	Nortrilobine	II.c.1.1.3	210
	Sinococuline	XIV.d.1	212
	Trilobine	II.c.1.1.1	210,211
<i>Coscinium fenestratum</i> (Gaertn.) Colebr. (= <i>C. wallichianum</i> Miens = <i>C. usitatatum</i> Pierre)	Berberine	X.a.4	213-217
	Berberrubine	X.a.10	213
	Berlambine	X.c.1	218
	Canadine	X.b.20	216
	12,13-Dihydro-8-oxoberberine	X.b.21	216
	N,N-Dimethylindocarpine	IV.a.51	213
	Jatrorrhizine	X.a.1	213
	(-)-8-Oxocanadine	X.b.27	217
	(-)-8-Oxoisocorypalmine	X.b.28	217
	(-)-8-Oxotetrahydrothalifendine	X.b.22	217
	(-)-8-Oxothaicanine	X.b.35	217
	Oxyberberine	X.c.1	217
	Oxypalmatine	X.c.4	217
	Palmatine	X.a.3	213
	Thalifendine	X.a.7	213
	Berberine	X.a.4	219
<i>Coscinium usitatatum</i> Pierre	(+)-Candicine	II.b.1.1.23	220
<i>Curarea candicans</i> (L.C. Richard) Barneby & Kurkoff	(+)-Curine	II.b.2.2.11	221
	(+)-Isochondodendrine	II.b.2.1.1	221
	(-)-Krukovine	II.b.1.2.29	220
	(-)-Limacine	II.b.1.2.6	220
	(-)-Limacine, 2'- α -N-oxide	II.b.1.2.7	220
	(-)-Limacine, 2'- β -N-oxide	II.b.1.2.9	220

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
<i>Curarea tecunarium</i> Barneby & Krukoff <i>Curarea toxicoferum</i> (Weddell) Barneby & Krukoff	(-)-Limaquine, 2- β -N-oxide	II.b.1.2.8	220
	(+)-Limaquine	II.b.1.1.20	220
	(+)-Isochondodendrine	II.b.2.1.1	221
	(-)-Chondrocurine	II.b.2.2.7	221
<i>Cyclea atjehensis</i> Forman	(-)-Curine	II.b.2.2.11	221
	(+)-Isochondodendrine	II.b.2.1.1	221
	(-)-Argemone	XIX.1	222
	(-)-Curicycleatine	II.b.2.2.1	223
	(-)-Curicycleatine	II.b.2.2.2	223
	(+)-Cycleatine	II.b.2.5.2	224
	(+)-Cycleatine	II.b.2.5.1	224
	Cycleatine	II.b.2.5.2	225
	(+)-N-Formylnormantenine	IV.a.35	222
	(-)-Isocuricycleatine	II.b.2.2.3	223
	(-)-Isocuricycleatine	II.b.2.2.4	223
	(+)-Laurotetanine	IV.a.20	222
	(-)-Norargemone	XIX.2	222
	(+)-Normantenine	IV.a.34	222
	Berbamine	II.b.1.2.47	226,227
	Chondocurine	II.b.2.2.7	226
	(+)-Coelaurine	I.b.1	226
	(-)-Curine	II.b.2.2.11	226
	(+)-Cyclebarbatine	II.b.1.2.35	226,228
Cycleadrine	II.b.1.2.11	226	
(+)-Cycleanorine	II.b.1.2.42	229	
(-)-Cycleapeltine	II.b.1.1.24	226	
(+)-Daphnandrine	II.b.1.1.12	226	
Homoaromoline	II.b.1.1.16	226,227	
Isochondodendrine	II.b.2.1.1	226,230	

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
	Isotrandrine	II.b.1.2.30	226,227
	Limacine	II.b.1.2.6	226,227
	Magnoflorine	IV.a.54	226
	(-)-N-Methylcocclaurine	I.b.2	226
	Monomethyltetrandrinium	II.b.1.2.17	231
	(-)-2-Norlimacine	II.b.1.2.10	226
	(-)-Repandine	II.b.1.1.30	226
	(±)-Tetrandrine	II.b.1.2.14	226,227
	(+)-Tetrandrine	II.b.1.2.14	226,227,230
	Tetrandrine 2'β-N-oxide	II.b.1.2.15	226
	Tetrandrine mono-N-2'-oxide	II.b.1.2.16	231
	(+)-Thalugosine	II.b.1.2.39	226
	Phaeanthine	II.b.1.2.20	232
	Tetrandrine	II.b.1.2.14	232
	(-)-Curine	II.b.2.2.11	233
	(-)-Curine	II.b.2.2.11	234
	α-Cyclanoline	X.b.43	234
	Haiatine	II.b.2.2.14	234
	(+)-Isochondodendrine	II.b.2.1.1	234
	(-)-Curine	II.b.2.2.11	235,236
	Cyclanoline	X.b.43	236
	Cycleanine	II.b.2.1.4	235,236
	Insulanoline	II.c.2.2.1	237
	Insularine	II.c.2.2.2	237
	Isochondodendrine	II.b.2.1.1	235
	Dicentrine	IV.a.44	238
	α-Cyclanoline	X.b.43	239
	β-Cyclanoline	X.b.44	239
	Alkaloid 16	II.b.1.2.51	240
	Alkaloid 26	II.b.1.7.2	240
<i>Cyclea burmani</i> (DC.) Miers ex. Hook & Thoms			
<i>Cyclea hainanensis</i> Merr.			
<i>Cyclea hypoglauca</i> Diels			
<i>Cyclea laxiflora</i> Miers			
<i>Cyclea peltata</i> Diels			

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
	Alkaloid 31	II.b.1.7.3	240
(+)-Berbamine		II.b.1.2.47	226
<i>N</i> -Chloromethyltetrandrinium		II.b.1.2.18	231
(+)-Chondodendrine		II.b.2.2.11	241
Chondocurine		II.b.2.2.7	242
(+)-Coelaurine		I.b.1	223
(-)-Curine		II.b.2.2.11	233, 241
(+)-Cycleabarbaine		II.b.1.2.35	226
Cycleaurine		II.b.2.2.13	240
Cycleadrine		II.b.1.2.11	240
Cycleahomine		II.b.1.2.43	240
(+)-Cycleanorine		II.b.1.2.42	226
Cycleanorine		II.b.1.2.42	240
(-)-Cycleapeltine		II.b.1.1.24	243
Cycleapeltine		II.b.1.1.24	240
(+)-Daphnandrine		II.b.1.1.12	226
Fangchinoline		II.b.1.2.1	140, 240, 244
(+)-Homoaromoline		II.b.1.1.16	243
Homoaromoline		II.b.1.1.16	241
(+)-Isochondodendrine		II.b.2.1.1	244
Isochondodendrine		II.b.2.1.1	242, 244
(-)-Limacine		II.b.1.2.6	243
Magnoflorine		IV.a.54	245, 246
12- <i>O</i> -Methylatherospermoline		II.b.1.2.1	229
(-)- <i>N</i> -Methylcoclaurine		I.b.2	226
(-)-2'-Norlimacine		II.b.1.2.10	226
(-)-Repandine		II.b.1.1.30	226
(±)-Tetrandrine		II.b.1.2.14	244
(+)-Tetrandrine		II.b.1.2.14	140, 240, 241, 243, 244
(+)-Tetrandrine 2' β - <i>N</i> -oxide		II.b.1.2.15	226

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References	
	Tetrandrine mono- <i>N</i> -2'-oxide	II.b.1.2.16	242	
<i>Cyclea racemosa</i> Oliv.	(+)-Thalrugosine	II.b.1.2.39	243	
	Cycleaneonine	II.b.2.4.7	247	
	(+)-Cycleaneonine	II.b.2.4.7	248	
	Isocycleaneonine	II.b.2.4.8	248	
<i>Cyclea sutchuenensis</i> Gagnep.	(-)-Cycleaneonine	II.b.2.4.7	248	
	Cycleanine	II.b.2.1.4	249	
	Insulanoline	II.c.2.2.1	250,251	
	Insularine	II.c.2.2.2	251	
	Insularine 2' β - <i>N</i> -oxide	II.c.2.1.2	251	
	Insularine 2 β - <i>N</i> -oxide	II.c.2.1.1	251	
	Isochondodendrine	II.b.2.1.1	249	
	Isocycleanine	II.b.2.1.10	249	
	Neosutchuenine	II.a.2.1.3	250	
	Sutchueneonine	II.a.2.1.2	250	
	Sutchuensine	II.b.2.1.11	249	
	Sutchuenine	II.a.2.1.1	250	
	(-)-Curine	II.b.2.2.11	252	
<i>Cyclea tomtinensis</i> Gagnep.	Cyclanoline	X.b.43	252	
	Cycleanine	II.b.2.1.4	252	
	Chondocurine	II.b.2.2.7	253	
	Columbamine	X.a.2	254,255	
	Jatrorrhizine	X.a.1	255	
	Magnoflorine	IV.a.54	254,255	
	Palmatine	X.a.3	255	
	Magnoflorine	IV.a.54	255	
	Stepharine	III.a.1	113	
	<i>Epinetrum delagoense</i> Diels	Alkaloid E-1	CSND	256,257
		Alkaloid E-2	CSND	256,257
		Alkaloid E-3	CSND	256,257

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
<i>Epinetrum villosum</i> (Exell.) Troupin	Cycleanine	II.b.2.1.4	258
	Isochondodendrine	II.b.2.1.1	258
	Norcyceanine	II.b.2.1.7	258
<i>Fibraurea chloroleuca</i> Miers	Berberine	X.a.4	259-261
	Berberubine	X.a.10	260,261
	Columbamine	X.a.2	262
	Dehydrocorydalmine	X.a.6	261
	Jatrorrhizine	X.a.1	262
	Magnoflorine	IV.a.54	261
	Palmatine	X.a.3	262
	Palmatrubine	X.a.9	261
	Pseudocolumbamine	X.a.13	261,262
	Pseudojatrorrhizine	X.a.12	262
	Tetrahydrojatrorrhizine	X.b.4	262
	Tetrahydropalmatine	X.b.32	262
	Thalifendine	X.a.7	260
	Jatrorrhizine	X.a.1	263
	Palmatine	X.a.3	263,264
	Pseudocolumbamine	X.a.13	263
Columbamine	X.a.2	262	
Jatrorrhizine	X.a.1	262	
Palmatine	X.a.3	262	
Jatrorrhizine	X.a.1	265	
Palmatine	X.a.3	265,266	
Tetrahydropalmatine	X.b.32	267	
<i>Heptacyclium zenkeri</i> Engl. (= <i>Penianthus zenkeri</i> Diels)	Dehydrodiscretine	X.a.12	268
	Jatrorrhizine	X.a.1	269
	Magnoflorine	IV.a.54	269
	Palmatine	X.a.3	269
<i>Hyperbaena columbica</i> (Eichl.) Miers	3-De-methoxy-2 α -3 α -methylene-dioxyerythroculine	XVIII.a.14	270

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
	Erythroculine	XVIII.a.11	270
	Protostephanine	XVII.4	270
	Tetrahydropalmatine	X.b.32	271
<i>Jateorhiza palmata</i> Miers (= <i>J. columba</i> Miers)	Berberine	X.a.4	272
	Columbamine	X.a.2	129,272
	Bisjatrorrhizine	X.a.17	273
	Jatrorrhizine	X.a.1	129,272
	Palmatine	X.a.3	129,272
<i>Kolobopetalum auriculatum</i> Engl.	Corydine	IV.a.28	274
	Coryuberine	IV.a.30	274
	Magnoflorine	IV.a.54	274,275
	N-Methylcorydine	IV.a.29	275
	O-Methylflavinantine	XIV.b.2.2	275,276
	Dehydrocorydalmine	X.a.6	93,94
<i>Legnephora moorei</i> Miers	(+)-Laurifoline	IV.a.55	93
	Laurifoline	IV.a.55	94
	Magnoflorine	IV.a.54	93,94
	(+)-Stepharine	III.a.1	93
	Stepharine	III.a.1	94
	(+)-Clolimalongine	XVI.b.1	277
	Homomoschatoline	IV.c.3	277
<i>Limacia oblonga</i> (Miers) Hook. & Thoms.	Imenine	IV.c.4	277
	(+)-Limalongine	XVI.b.2	277
	Lysicamine	IV.c.2	277
	Splendidine	IV.c.5	277
	(+)-Stepharine	III.a.1	277
	Alkaloid K	CSND	95
<i>Limacopsis loangensis</i> Engl.	Berberamine	II.b.1.2.47	95
	2-N-Chloromethylisotetrandrine	II.b.1.2.26	95
	Cycleanine	II.b.2.1.4	95

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
	Homoaromoline	II.b.1.1.16	121
	Isotrandrine	II.b.1.2.30	95
	Liriodenine	IV.c.1	95
	2'-Nortrandrine	II.b.1.2.32	95
	2'-N-Oxyisotrandrine	II.b.1.2.24	95
	8-Oxypalmatine	X.c.4	95
	Thalrugosamine	II.b.1.1.41	95
	Thalrugosine	II.b.1.2.39	95
<i>Menispermum canadense</i> L.			
	Acutumidine	XVI.a.2	278
	Acutumine	XVI.a.1	278
	Alkaloid A	CSND	278
	Dauricine	II.a.1.1.1	278
	Daurinoline	II.a.1.1.3	278
	Dehydrocheilanthifoline	X.a.11	278
	N'-Demethylauricine	II.a.1.1.2	278
	Magnoflorine	IV.a.54	278
	N-Methylindarpine	IV.a.50	278
	N,N-Dimethylindarpine	IV.a.51	279
	Acutumidine	XVI.a.2	280
	Acutumine	XVI.a.1	280
	Acutumine	XVI.a.3	281
	Bianfugecine	IX.5	280,282,283
	Bianfugedine	IX.6	280,282
	Bianfugenine	IX.4	280,282
	Cheilanthifoline	X.b.2	284
	Corypaline	XX.a	285,569
	Dauriciline	II.a.1.1.11	286
	Dauricine	II.a.1.1.1	287-295
	Dauricinoline	II.a.1.1.7	287,289,294
	Dauricoline	II.a.1.1.6	294
<i>Menispermum dauricum</i> DC.			

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
	Dauricoside	X.b.17	295
	Daurinoline	II.a.1.1.3	294
	Dauriporphine	IX.4	295-297
	Dauriporphinoline	IX.7	298
	Daurisoline	II.a.1.1.4	299
	N-Demethylauricine	II.a.1.1.2	293
	6-O-Demethylmenisporphine	IX.7	295
	2,3-Dihydropmenisporphine	IX.2	297
	Guattegaumerine	II.a.1.1.11	300
	Menisporphine	IX.1	46, 47, 295
	(+)-Stepharine	III.a.1	284
	Sinomenine	XIV.a.1.1	301
	Stepholidine	X.b.5	284
	Thalflavine	XX.b.3	285
<i>Pachygone dasycarpa</i> Kurz	(+)-Angchibangkingine	II.d.1	573
	(+)-Atherospermoline	II.b.1.2.61	573
	(+)-Coculine	II.c.1.1.7	573
	(+)-Daphnoline	II.b.1.1.13	573
	(+)-Fangchinoline	II.b.1.2.1	573
	(+)-Isotrilobine	II.c.1.1.4	573
	(+)-O-Methylangchibangkingine	II.d.2	573
	(+)-12-O-Methyltricoardatine	II.c.1.1.26	573
	(+)-N-Methyl-7-O-demethylpeinamine	II.b.1.2.55	573
	(+)-2'-Norcoculine	II.c.1.1.9	573
	(+)-Penduline	II.b.1.2.37	573
	(+)-Tetrandrine	II.b.1.2.14	573
	(+)-Tricoardatine	II.c.1.1.15	573
	(+)-Apateline	II.c.1.1.18	302
	(+)-N,N-Bisnoraromoline	II.b.1.1.15	302
	(+)-Daphnandrine	II.b.1.1.12	302
<i>Pachygone loyaltiensis</i> Diels			

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References	
<i>Pachygone ovata</i> Miq.	(+)-Daphnoline	II.b.1.1.13	302	
	(+)-1,2-Dehydroapateline	II.c.1.1.20	302	
	(+)-1,2-Dehydrotelobine	II.c.1.1.22	302	
	(+)-Isotrilobine	II.c.1.1.4	302	
	(+)- <i>O</i> -Methylcocsoline	II.c.1.1.6	302	
	<i>N,N'</i> -Bisdemethyltiliacorimine	II.c.1.6.14	303	
	Codaurine	I.b.1	303-306	
	Coreximine	X.b.9	303-305	
	<i>N</i> -Demethyltiliacorimine	II.c.1.6.12	303	
	<i>N,O</i> -Dimethylisocorydine	IV.a.48	179	
	<i>O,O'</i> -Dimethylmagnoflorine	IV.a.48	307	
	Isoboldine	IV.a.23	303,304	
	Liriodenine	IV.c.1	303-306	
	Magnoflorine	IV.a.54	303-305,307	
	<i>N</i> -Methylcrotsparine	III.a.7	306	
<i>Pachygone somniferum</i> Miq.	<i>N</i> -Methylpachygonamine	II.c.1.6.3	303,308-310	
	Norjuziphine	I.b.4	303,304	
	Nortrilobine	II.c.1.1.3	303,304	
	Pachygonamine	II.c.1.6.2	304,308,309	
	Pachygonine	XVIII.a.13	307	
	Pachyovotamine	II.c.1.6.7	309	
	Reticuline	I.b.9	306	
	Reticuline <i>N</i> -oxide	I.b.10	306	
	Stepholidine	X.b.5	303-305	
	Tiliamosine	II.c.1.6.4	303,308-310	
	Trilobine	II.c.1.1.1	303-306	
	Codamine	I.b.11	311	
	Reticuline	I.b.9	311	
	<i>Parabaena megatocarpa</i> Miq.	Palmatine	X.a.3	312
		Tembetarine	I.b.12	312

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References	
<i>Parabaena sagittata</i> Miers	Berberine	X.a.4	313	
	(-)-O-Methylthaicanine	X.b.34	313	
	Palmitine	X.a.3	312	
	Tembetarine	I.b.12	312	
	(-)-Tetrahydropalmitine	X.b.32	313	
	(-)-Thaicanine	X.b.33	313	
	Palmitine	X.a.3	312	
	Tembetarine	I.b.12	312	
	<i>Penamithus zenkeri</i> Engl & Diels	Berberine	X.a.4	314
		Dehydrodiscretine	X.a.12	268
Jatrochizine		X.a.1	314	
Menisperine		IV.a.53	314	
Palmitine		X.a.3	268, 269	
<i>N-trans</i> -Feruloyltyramine		XXI.1	314	
Alkaloid C ₁₉ H ₁₉ NO ₅		CSND	315	
Berberine		II.b.1.2.47	315	
Liriodenine		IV.c.1	315	
2- <i>N</i> -Norberbamine		II.b.1.2.57	315	
<i>Pycnarrhena longifolia</i> (Decne ex. Miq.) Becc.	2- <i>N</i> -Norbamegine	II.b.1.2.56	315	
	Isotetrandrine	II.b.1.2.30	315	
	Aromoline	II.b.1.1.14	316	
	Berbercolorflammine	II.b.1.2.48	317, 318	
	Colorflammine	II.b.1.1.38	317, 318	
	Daphnoline	II.b.1.1.13	316	
	Homoaromoline	II.b.1.1.16	316	
	Krukovine	II.b.1.2.29	316	
	Limacine	II.b.1.2.6	316	
	Limacusine	II.b.1.1.20	318	
<i>Pycnarrhena australiana</i> Muell.	Magnoflorine	IV.a.54	316	
	Obaberine	II.b.1.1.8	316	

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
	Pycnarrhine	XX.a.1	316
<i>Pycnarrhena manillensis</i> Vidal	1',2',3',4'-Tetrahydrolimacusine	II.b.1.1.25	319
	Berberamine	II.b.1.2.47	320
	Isotetrandrine	II.b.1.2.30	320
	Phaeantine	II.b.1.2.20	320
	Phaeantine 2'- α - <i>N</i> -oxide	II.b.1.2.21	320
	Pycmaniline	II.b.1.5.1	320
	Pycnamine	II.b.1.2.36	320
	Pycnanthina	II.b.1.5.2	320
	Pycnarrhenamine	CSND	321
	Pycnarrhenine	CSND	322
	Limacine	II.b.1.2.6	229
	Magnoflorine	IV.a.54	245
<i>Pycnarrhena novoguineensis</i>	Phaeantine	II.b.1.2.20	231
	Pycnamine	II.b.1.2.36	323
	Thalrugosine	II.b.1.2.39	324
	<i>N,N'</i> -Bisnoraromoline	II.b.1.1.15	325
	(+)-Bisnorobamegine	II.b.1.2.45	85
	(+)-Bisnorthalrugosine	II.b.1.2.41	85
	(+)-Daphnoline	II.b.1.1.13	85
	(+)-2-Norberbamine	II.b.1.2.57	85
	(+)-Norobamegine	II.b.1.2.56	85
	2- <i>N</i> -Norobamegine	II.b.1.2.56	325
<i>Rhigiocarya racemiflora</i> Miers	(+)-Pycnazanthine	II.b.1.2.28	85
	(+)-2-Northalrugosine	II.b.1.2.40	85
	Alkaloid RRQ	CSND	326
	Liriodenine	IV.c.1	326
	Magnoflorine	IV.a.54	326
	Menisperine	IV.a.53	326
	(±)- <i>O</i> -Methylflavinantine	XIV.b.2.2	327

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
<i>Sarcopetalum harveyanum</i> F. Muell.	<i>O</i> -Methylflavinatine	XIV.b.2.2	326
	Palmitate	X.a.3	326
<i>Sciadotenia eichleriana</i> Mieters	Coclaurine	I.b.1	328
	(+)-Stepharine	III.a.1	328
	(+)-Coclaurine	I.b.1	329
	(-)-Grisabine	II.a.1.1.14	329
<i>Sciadotenia toxifera</i> Krukoff	(+)-2-Norlimnacinine	II.b.1.1.21	329
	(+)-Stepharine	III.a.1	329
	Isochomdodendrine	II.b.2.1.1	330
	Sciadenine	II.b.2.1.12	330,331
	Sciadoferine	II.b.2.1.9	331
	Sciadoline	II.b.2.1.8	330
<i>Sinomenium acutum</i> Rehder & Wilson	Alkaloid FK-2000	XIV.d.4	332
	Alkaloid FK-3000	XIV.d.2	332
	Acutumidine	XVI.a.2	333
	Acutumine	XVI.a.1	334-336
	Bianfuganine	IX.4	337
	Dehydrodiscretine	X.a.12	336
	<i>N</i> -Demethyl- <i>N</i> -formyldehydronuciferine	IV.b.7	336,339
	8,14-Dihydroxalutaridine	XIV.b.3.1	337
	Disinomenine	XIV.a.1.2	334
	Epiberberine	X.a.18	336
	<i>N</i> -Feruloyltyramine	XXI.1	335
	(+)-Laurifoline	IV.a.55	336
	Liriodenine	IV.c.1	334,338
	Magnoflorine	IV.a.54	340
	(+)-Menispermine	IV.a.53	336
	Palmitate	X.a.3	336
	(±)-Sinactine	X.b.3	333
Sinoacutine	XIV.b.1.2	333,341	

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
	Sinomendine	IV.e.1	337
	Sinomenine	XIV.a.1.1	56,333-335,338,340,341
	(-)-Stepholidine	X.b.5	334
	Stepharanine	X.a.5	337
<i>Sinomenium diversifolium</i> Diels	Aromoline	II.b.1.1.14	296,297
	Berberamine	II.b.1.2.47	342
	Cepharanthine	II.b.1.1.1	342,343
	Cepharanoline	II.b.1.1.3	342,343
	Cycleanine	II.b.2.1.4	342,343
	Homooaromoline	II.b.1.1.16	342
	Isotetrandrine	II.b.1.2.30	342
<i>Sphenocentrum jolyanum</i> Pierre	Jateorrhizine	X.a.1	344
	Jatrorrhizine	X.a.1	345-347
	Palmatine	X.a.3	344-347
<i>Spirospermum penduliflorum</i> Thou.	Limacine	II.b.1.2.6	348
<i>Stephania abyssinica</i> Walp.	Corydine	IV.a.28	349
	Crebanine	IV.a.59	349
	Dicentrine	IV.a.44	349
	Dicentrinone	IV.c.16	349
	6-Dihydrocepistephamiersine	XV.e.1.14	350
	N-Methylaurotetanine	IV.a.21	349
	4'-O-Methylstephavanine	XV.e.2.3	351
	Oxoxylopine	IV.c.14	352,353
	Prostephabyssine	XV.e.1.18	354
	Roemerine	IV.a.6	349
	Stephaboline	XV.e.1.8	355
	Stephabyssine	XV.e.1.9	355
	Stephalagine	IV.a.9	349
	Stephanine	IV.a.66	349
	Stephavanine	XV.e.2.4	351,352

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
	<i>N,O</i> -Trimethylstephanine	XV.e.2.5	356
<i>Stephania aculeata</i> Bailey	Xylopine	IV.a.10	353
	(-)-Amurine	XIV.b.1.4	570
<i>Stephania bancroftii</i> Bailey	(+)-Laudanidine	I.b.18	570
	Ayuthianine	IV.a.43	357
	(-)-Crebanine	IV.a.59	357
	(+)-Sebiferine	XIV.b.2.2	357
	(-)-Stephanine	IV.a.66	357
	(+)-Stepharine	III.a.1	357
	Tetrahydropalmatine	X.b.32	357
	(+)-Cepharanthine	II.b.1.1.1	358
	Coryuberine	IV.a.30	359
	Crebanine	IV.a.59	360
	(-)-Curine	II.b.2.2.11	358
<i>Stephania brachyantra</i> Diels	Cycleanine	II.b.2.1.4	358
	Dehydrodicentrine	IV.b.8	359
	Dicentrine	IV.a.44	359,360
	8,14-Dihydroxalutaridine	XIV.b.3.1	359
	Homoaromoline	II.b.1.1.16	358
	Isoboldine	IV.a.23	359
	Isocorydine	IV.a.47	358,359,361
	<i>N</i> -Methylaurotetanine	IV.a.21	359
	Sinoacutine	XIV.b.1.2	359,360
	Sinomenine	XIV.a.1.1	359
	Stephanine	IV.a.66	360
<i>Stephania cepharantha</i> Hayata	Tetrahydropalmatine	X.b.32	358,359,361
	Aknadicine	XV.a.11	571,575
	Aknadiolactam	XV.a.12	571,575,576
	Aknadinine	XV.a.10	571,575,576
	Alkaloid FK-3000	XIV.d.2	362, 571

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
Homotromoline		II.b.1.1.16	358,365,366,367,370
(+)-Isoboldine		IV.a.23	575
Isocorydine		IV.a.47	358,362
Isocorytuberine		IV.a.71	575
Isotetrandrine		II.b.1.2.30	358,365,366,367,370,371
Juziphine		I.b.3	575,576
(+)-Laudanidine		I.b.18	575
Liriodenine		IV.c.1	374
Litseferine		IV.a.72	576
Lysicamine		IV.c.2	374
(+)-N-Methylcoclaurine		I.b.2	575
N-Methylcrotsparine		III.a.7	575
N-Methyllaurotetanine		IV.a.21	575
2-Norberbamine		II.b.1.2.57	575
Norcepharadione		IV.b.12	374
Norcepharadione B		IV.b.12	375
2-Norcepharanoline		II.b.1.1.6	575
2-Norcepharanthine		II.b.1.1.4	575
(-)-Norycleanine		II.b.2.1.7	367
2-Norisorotrandrine		II.b.1.2.34	575
Norjuziphine		I.b.4	576
O-Nornuciferine		IV.a.70	371
Obaberine		II.b.1.1.8	575
Obamegine		II.b.1.2.44	367
Oxyacanthine		II.b.1.1.19	575
Palmatine		X.a.3	376
Protosinomenine		I.b.19	575
(+)-Reticuline		I.b.9	575,576
(-)-Scoulerine		X.b.45	575
Secocepharanthine		II.b.1.4.2	575

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
(-)-Anonaine		IV.a.1	575
Aromoline		II.b.1.1.14	363-368,575
Arystolactam B-II		VIII.b.2	369
Berberamine		II.b.1.2.47	358,362,363,365-368,371
Cephakicine		XIV.d.5	571
Cepharmizine		XIV.a.1.3	367,576
Cepharmorphinanine		XIV.d.3	362
Cepharmuline		XIV.a.1.4	367,576
Cepharadione A		IV.b.10	372
Cepharadione B		IV.b.11	372
Cepharamine		XV.a.5	571,576
Cepharanoline		II.b.1.1.3	365,367,371,576
Cepharanone A		VIII.b.1	369,372
Cepharanone B		VIII.b.2	372
(+)-Cepharantine		II.b.1.1.1	358,361,365,367,370,371,373
Cepharantine		II.b.1.1.1	362
Cephasamine		XIV.e	571
Cephasugine		XIV.d.7	576
Cephatonine		XV.a.13	571,576
(+)-Coclaurine		I.b.1	575
Corydine		IV.a.28	575
Crebanine		IV.a.59	371
(-)-Cycleanine		II.b.2.1.4	367
Cycleamine		II.b.2.1.4	358,365,366,370,371,575
Dehydrocrebanine		IV.b.1	371
3,4-Dehydrocycleanine		II.b.2.1.13	575
Dehydrostephanine		IV.b.4	371
3',4'-Dihydrostephasubine		II.b.1.1.39	575
14-Episinomenine		XIV.a.1.4	571
<i>N-trans</i> -Feruloyltryramine		XXI.1	575

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
Sinoacutine		XIV.b.1.2	571
Sinococuline		XIV.d.1	362
Sinomenine		XIV.a.1.1	362,367,576
Stephanine		IV.a.66	371
Stephaoxocanine		XXII.3	72
Stephaoxocanidine		XXII.4	575
Stepharine		III.a.1	367,576
Stephituberine		II.b.1.1.29	575
Stephodeline		XIV.a.2.3	576
Sesakine		IV.a.65	371
Tannagine		XIV.a.2.2	571
Thalrugosine		II.b.1.2.39	575
Protostephanine		XVII.4	377
Berberamine		II.b.1.2.47	358
(+)-Cepharantine		II.b.1.1.1	358
Cycleamine		II.b.2.1.4	358
Delavaine		XV.a.1	378
(-)-Dicentrine		IV.a.44	358
Homoaromoline		II.b.1.1.16	358
Isocorydine		IV.a.47	358
Isostephodeline		XIV.c.2	379
Isotetrandrine		II.b.1.2.30	358
16-Oxodelavaine		XV.a.3	378
Tetrahydropalmatine		X.b.32	358
(+)-Tetrandrine		II.b.1.2.14	358
Berberamine		II.b.1.2.47	358
(+)-Cepharanthine		II.b.1.1.1	358
Cyclearine		II.b.2.1.4	358
(-)-Dicentrine		IV.a.44	358,362
8-Hydroxydehydroemerine		IV.b.9	380
<i>Stephania corymbosa</i> BL.			
<i>Stephania delavayi</i> Diels			
<i>Stephania dicentrinifera</i> H.S.Lo & M. Yang			

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
<i>Stephania dielsiana</i> Wu	Isotetrandrine	II.b.1.2.30	358
	Tetrahydropalmitate	X.b.32	358,380
	Berberamine	II.b.1.2.47	358
	(+)-Cepharanthine	II.b.1.1.1	358
	Crebanine	IV.a.59	381
	Dehydrostephanine	IV.b.4	382
	Homoaromoline	II.b.1.1.16	358
	Isotetrandrine	II.b.1.2.30	358
	Sinoacutine	XIV.b.1.2	361,381,382
	Stephanine	IV.a.66	381,382
	Tetrahydropalmitate	X.b.32	358,382
	Xylopin	IV.a.10	382
	Alkaloid SDQ-3	CSND	383
	(+)-N-Methylcorydine	IV.a.29	383
(+)-N-Methylglauicine	IV.a.52	383	
Norcorydine	IV.a.14	384	
Stephalagine	IV.a.9	385	
Steporphine	IV.a.38	386	
Capaurine	X.b.16	387	
Dehydrocramerine	IV.b.6	387	
Dicentrine	IV.a.44	387	
Isocorydine	IV.a.47	387	
Roemerine	IV.a.6	387	
Tetrahydropalmitate	X.b.32	387	
Tetrahydropalmitate	X.b.32	361	
Aknadinine	XV.a.10	388	
Cyclanoline	X.b.43	388	
(-)-Cycleanine	II.b.2.1.4	388	
Epithernandolinol	XV.c.2	388	
Hasubanonine	XV.a.3	388	
<i>Stephania disciflora</i> Hand.-Mazz.			
<i>Stephania dolichopoda</i> Diels			
<i>Stephania elegans</i> Hook. & Thoms.			

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
	Isochondodendrine	II.b.2.1.1	388
	Isosinoacutine	XIV.b.1.1	389
	(+)-Isotetrandrine	II.b.1.2.30	388
	Magnoflorine	IV.a.54	388
	<i>N</i> -Methylcorydalmine	X.b.39	388
	Sinoacutine	XIV.b.1.2	389
	Berberamine	II.b.1.2.47	358
	(-)-Cassithicine	IV.a.27	390
	(+)-Cepharanthine	II.b.1.1.1	358,361,390,391
	Cepharanthine	II.b.1.1.1	392
	(-)-Curine	II.b.2.2.11	358,391,392
	Cycleamine	II.b.2.1.4	361,390,391
	Dehydrodicentrine	IV.b.8	390
	Dehydrostephanine	IV.b.4	390
	(-)-Dicentrine	IV.a.44	390
	Isochondodendrine	II.b.2.1.1	392
	Isocorydine	IV.a.47	391
	Isostephodeline	XIV.c.2	390
	Oliveroline	IV.a.40	393,572
	Sinoacutine	XIV.b.1.2	390
	Sinomenine	XIV.a.1.1	390
	Stephanine	IV.a.66	390
	Tetrahydropalmatine	X.b.32	390
	Ushinsunine	IV.a.41	392
	(+)-Cepharanthine	II.b.1.1.1	101-103
	(+)-Daphnandrine	II.b.1.1.12	103
	(+)-1,2-Dehydrotelobine	II.c.1.1.22	103
	(+)-Homooaromoline	II.b.1.1.16	103
	Homooaromoline	II.b.1.1.16	101,102
	(+)-Isotetrandrine	II.b.1.2.30	103

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
	(+)-2-N-Methyltelobine	II.c.1.1.14	103
	(+)-Norcepharanthine	II.b.1.2.34	103
	(+)-2-Norisotetrandrine	II.b.1.1.4	103
	2-Norobaberine	II.b.1.1.10	103
	(+)-2-Northalrugosine	II.b.1.2.40	103
	(+)-Obaberine	II.b.1.1.8	103
	(+)-Stephibaberine	II.b.1.1.29	103
	(+)-Thalrugosine	II.b.1.2.39	103
	Berberine	II.b.1.2.47	358
	(+)-Cepharanthine	II.b.1.1.1	358, 361
	(+)-Coclaurine	I.b.1	71
	Curine	II.b.2.2.11	358
	4-Demethylhasubanonine	XV.a.10	71
	Excentricine	XXII.1	71
	Homoaromoline	II.b.1.1.16	71
	Isoboldine	IV.a.23	71
	2-N-Methylxentricine	XXII.2	574
	Oxoanobine	IV.c.15	71
	Oxoputerine	IV.c.11	71
	Roemerine	IV.a.6	71
	Sinococculine	XIV.d.1	71
	Capaurine	X.b.16	394
	Corydalmine	X.b.30	394, 395
	Corynoxidine	X.b.36	394
	Cycleanine	II.b.2.1.4	394
	Dehydrocorydalmine	X.a.6	394, 395
	N-Desmethylecyleanine	II.b.2.1.6	394
	Gindarine	X.b.32	396-398
	Jatrorrhizine	X.a.1	394
	Palmatine	X.a.3	394, 395

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
	Palmatrubine	X.a.9	395
	Pronuciferine	III.a.2	394
	(+)-Stepharine	III.a.1	399
	Stepharine	IV.a.66	400
	Stepharanine	X.a.5	394
	Stepharine	X.a.5	395
	Stepholidine	III.a.1	394
	(-)-Tetrahydropalmatine	X.b.5	394, 395
	Tetrahydropalmatine	X.b.32	399, 401
	Isoisocutinine	X.b.32	394, 395
<i>Stephania gracilentia</i> Miers	Magnoflorine	XIV.b.1.1	402
	Papaverine	IV.a.54	402
	Sinoocutinine	I.a	402
	(-)-Corydalmine	XIV.b.1.2	402
	Crebanine	X.b.30	403
	Cycleanine	IV.a.59	403
	Dehydrocrebanine	II.b.2.1.4	358, 403
	Homocromoline	IV.b.1	403
	Isotetrandrine	II.b.1.1.16	358
	Oxocrebanine	II.b.1.2.30	358
	Palmatine	IV.c.8	403
	(-)-Tetrahydropalmatine	X.a.3	403
	(+)-Tetrandrine	III.a.1	358, 403
	Aknadine	X.b.32	358, 361, 403
	Aknadimine	II.b.1.2.14	358
	Cycleanine	XV.a.11	404
	4-Demethylhasubanonine	XV.a.10	405
	O-Demethylhernandifoline	II.b.2.1.4	406
		XV.a.11	352
		XV.e.1.7	407

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
	(+)-3',4'-Dihydrostephasubine	II.b.1.1.39	408
	<i>N,O</i> -Dimethylcoccoline	II.c.1.1.4	83
	(+)-Epistephanine	II.b.1.1.32	408
	Epistephanine	II.b.1.1.32	405, 409
	(+)-Fangchinoline	II.b.1.2.1	409
	Hernandifoline	XV.e.1.6	405
	Hernandine	XV.e.1.10	410
	Hernandolinal	XV.c.1	411
	Isochondodendrine	II.b.2.1.1	406, 409
	Magnoflorine	IV.a.54	405
	<i>O</i> -Methylhernandine	XV.e.1.11	410
	12- <i>O</i> -Methylatherospermoline	II.b.1.2.1	229
	Oxoepistephanine	II.b.1.1.35	352
	(+)-Stephasubine	II.b.1.1.36	408
	Stephisoferuline	XV.e.1.6	352
	(+)-Tetrandrine	II.b.1.2.14	409
	(-)-Corydalmine	X.b.30	412
	Dehydrocorydalmine	X.a.6	412
	Dehydrodiscretamine	X.a.8	412
	(-)-Discretamine	X.b.1	412
	Jatrorrhizine	X.a.1	412
	Palmatine	X.a.3	412
	(+)-Stepharine	III.a.1	412
	(-)-Stepholidine	X.b.5	412
	Stepharanine	X.a.5	412
	(-)-Tetrahydropalmatine	X.b.32	412
	Alkaloid S	CSND	413
	Alkaloid X	CSND	413
	<i>N,O</i> -Dimethylxoxostephine	XV.e.1.5	413
	Epistephamiersine	XV.e.1.2	413
<i>Stephania intermedia</i>			
<i>Stephania japonica</i> Miers			

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
Epistephanine		II.b.1.1.32	413
Hasubanonine		XV.a.8	59,414-416
Hipoepistephanine		II.b.1.1.33	413
Lanuginosine		IV.c.14	417,418
Metaphanine		XV.e.1.17	413,419
Oxoepistephamiersine		XV.e.1.4	418
16-Oxohasubanonine		XV.a.9	416
16-Oxoprometaphanine		XV.f.3.2	416,420
Oxostephabenine		XV.e.2.2	421
Oxostephamiersine		XV.e.1.3	413,418,420
Oxostephanine		IV.c.12	417
Oxostephasunoline		XV.e.1.16	422
Prometaphanine		XV.f.3.1	420
Prostephanaberrine		XV.b.1	423
Protostephanine		XVII.4	59,413,415,416
Stebisimine		II.b.1.1.34	413,420
Stephabenine		XV.e.2.1	424
Stephadiamine		XV.f.1	419
Stephamiersine		XV.e.1.1	413
Stephanaberrine		XV.e.1.19	423
Stephani base A		GSND	425
Stephanine		IV.a.66	413
Stephasunoline		XV.e.1.13	413
Stepinonine		II.b.1.7.1	413
Cyclanoline		X.b.43	426
Hasubanonine		XV.a.8	426
Magnoflorine		IV.a.54	426
Metaphanine		XV.e.1.17	426
Stephabyssine		XV.e.1.9	426
Oxostephamiersine		XV.e.1.3	426
<i>Stephania japonica</i> (Thumb.) Miers var. <i>australis</i>			

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
	Protostephanine	XVII.4	426
<i>Stephania kuinanensis</i> H.S. Lo & M. Yang	Thalrugosine	II.b.1.2.39	426
	(-)-Dicentrine	IV.a.44	361
	Tetrahydropalmatine	X.b.32	361
	Berberamine	II.b.1.2.47	358
<i>Stephania kwangsiensis</i> H.S. Lo	(-)-Capaurine	X.b.16	427
	(+)-Cepharanthine	II.b.1.1.1	358
	Cycleanine	II.b.2.1.4	358
	Dehydrocoemerine	IV.b.6	427
	Dehydrostephanine	IV.b.4	427
	(+)-Isocorydine	IV.a.47	427
	Isocorydine	IV.a.47	358
	Palmatine	X.a.3	376, 428, 429
	(-)-Roemerine	IV.a.6	427
	Stephanine	IV.a.66	428, 429
	(-)-Tetrahydropalmatine	X.b.32	358, 361, 427, 428
	Tetrahydropalmatine	X.b.32	429
<i>Stephania lincangensis</i>	Capaurine	X.b.16	430
	Corydine	IV.a.28	430
	Isocorydine	IV.a.47	430
	Lincangine	X.a.15	430
	Palmatine	X.a.3	430
	(-)-1,2,3,9,10-Pentamethoxy-	X.b.14	430
	Tetrahydroprotoberberine		
	Roemerine	IV.a.6	430
	Tetrahydropalmatine	X.b.32	430
	Homoaromoline	II.b.1.1.16	358
<i>Stephania longa</i> L.	Berberamine	II.b.1.2.47	358
	Cycleanine	II.b.2.1.4	358
	Longanine	XV.e.1.12	431

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
	Longaninine	XV.e.1.12	432
	Longanone	XV.e.1.15	432
	Longetherine	XV.d	433
	Stephaboline	XV.e.1.8	431-433
	Stephabyssine	XV.e.1.9	432, 433
	Prostephabyssine	XV.e.1.18	432
<i>Stephania longana</i>	Longanone	XV.e.1.15	434
	(-)-Stepholidine	X.b.5	435
<i>Stephania longipes</i> H.S. Lo	(+)-Cepharanthine	II.b.1.1.1	358
	(-)-Curine	II.b.2.2.11	358
	(-)-Dicentrine	IV.a.44	358, 361, 436
	Dicentrinone	IV.c.16	436
	Isocorydine	IV.a.47	358
	Sinoacutine	XIV.b.1.2	361, 436
	(-)-Tetrahydrocolumbamine	X.b.13	436
	(-)-Tetrahydrojatrorrhizine	X.b.4	436
	(-)-Tetrahydropalmatine	X.b.32	358, 361, 436
	(-)-Capaurine	X.b.16	437
<i>Stephania micrantha</i> H.S. Lo	Corydalmine	X.b.30	438
	Corydine	IV.a.28	438
	Corypalmine	X.b.4	437
	Corytuberine	IV.a.30	438
	(-)-Curine	II.b.2.2.11	358
	Cycleanine	II.b.2.1.4	358
	Dehydroisolaureline	IV.b.5	439
	Dehydrooenerine	IV.b.6	437, 459
	Dehydrostephanine	IV.b.4	437, 459
	(-)-Dicentrine	IV.a.44	358
	(+)-Isocorydine	IV.a.47	437
	Isocorydine	IV.a.47	358, 438

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
	Laudanidine	I.b.5	438
	Palmatine	X.a.3	376,438
	Sinoacutine	XIV.b.1.2	437
	Sinomenine	XIV.a.1.1	437
	Stepharine	IV.a.66	437
	Stepholidine	X.b.5	438
	(-)-Tetrahydropalmatine	X.b.32	358,361,437,438
	Tetrahydrocolumbamine	X.b.13	437
	Xylopinine	X.b.31	437
	Corytuberine	IV.a.30	440
	Crebanine	IV.a.59	440
	Isoboldine	IV.a.23	440
	Isocorydine	IV.a.47	440
	Palmatine	X.a.3	440
	Sinoacutine	XIV.b.1.2	440
	Tetrahydropalmatine	X.b.32	440
	(-)-Anonaine	IV.a.1	441
	(+)-Aromoline	II.b.1.1.14	442
	Asimilobine 2-O- β -D-glicoside	IV.a.4	441
	(-)-Asimilobine	IV.a.3	441
	(+)-Berbamumine	II.a.1.1.12	442
	(-)-Capaurine	X.b.16	441
	(-)-Cassithicine	IV.a.27	441
	(+)-Cepharanthine	II.b.1.1.1	442
	Coclaurine	I.b.1	442
	(+)-Codamine	I.b.11	442
	(-)-Corydalmine	X.b.30	441
	(-)-Cycleanine	II.b.2.1.4	442
	(-)-Daphnandrine	II.b.1.1.12	442
	Dehatridine	II.b.1.2.46	443

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
(+)-1,2-Dihydroapateline		II.c.1.1.20	442
(-)-Delavaine		XV.a.1	441
(-)- <i>N</i> -Demethylcycleanine		II.b.2.1.6	442
(-)-Dicentrine		IV.a.44	441
(+)-Homooaromoline		II.b.1.1.16	442
(+)-Isocorydine		IV.a.47	442
(-)-Isolaureline		IV.a.67	441
(+)-Isotetrandrane		II.b.1.2.30	442
Magnoflorine		IV.a.54	441
(+)- <i>N</i> -Methylcoclaurine		I.b.2	442
<i>N</i> -Methyltetrahydropalmitine		X.b.42	441
(+)-2- <i>N</i> -Norberbamine		II.b.1.2.57	442
(+)-2'-Norcepharanthine		II.b.1.1.5	442
(+)-2-Norcepharanoline		II.b.1.1.6	442
(-)-Nordicentrine		IV.a.45	441
(-)-2-Norisocepharanthine		II.b.1.1.7	442
(+)-2-Norisorotetrandrane		II.b.1.2.34	442
(+)-2'-Norisorotetrandrane		II.b.1.2.32	442
(+)-2-Noroberberine		II.b.1.1.10	442
(+)-2'-Noroberberine		II.b.1.1.9	442
(+)-Obaberine		II.b.1.1.8	442
(±)-Oblongine		I.b.14	441
(-)-Phanostenine		IV.a.64	441
(+)-Reticuline		I.b.9	442
(-)-Roemeroline		IV.a.11	441
(-)-Salutaridine		XIV.b.2.1	441
Sinoacutine		XIV.b.1.2	441
(+)-Stephibaberine		II.b.1.1.29	442
(+)-Stephierrine		II.b.1.2.46	442
(-)-Tetrahydropalmitine		X.b.32	441

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
	(-)-Tetrahydrostaphabine	X.b.19	441
	(-)-Thaicanine	X.b.33	441
	(+)-Thalrugosamine	II.b.1.1.41	442
	(-)-Xylopinine	X.b.31	441
	Xylopine	IV.a.10	442
<i>Stephania rotunda</i> Lour.	Cepharamine	XV.a.5	443
	Cycleanine	II.b.2.1.4	444
	Stepharotine	X.b.15	445
	N-Acetylstepharine	III.a.6	446
<i>Stephania sasakii</i> Hayata	Aknadilactam	XV.a.12	404
	Aknadinine	XV.a.10	404
	Alkaloid A	CSND	447
	Alkaloid B	CSND	447
	Alkaloid C	CSND	447
	Alkaloid D	CSND	447
	Alkaloid E	CSND	446
	Alkaloid F	CSND	446
	Alkaloid G	CSND	446
	Alkaloid H	CSND	446
	Alkaloid I	CSND	446
	Bisaknadinine	XV.f.2	447
	Cepharadione A	IV.b.10	446
	Cepharamine	XV.a.5	446
	Dehydrocrebanine	IV.b.1	447
	Dehydrophanostemine	IV.b.2	446
	Dehydroroemerine	IV.b.6	446
	Dehydrostesakine	IV.b.3	447
	Dihydrosecocepharanthine	II.b.1.4.1	448
	6,7-Dimethoxy-2-methylisoquinoline	XX.b.2	446, 449
	4,5-Dioxodehydrocrebanine	IV.b.14	447

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
	4-Hydroxycrebanine	IV.a.60	447, 450
	(+)-Isocorydine	IV.a.47	447
	Lanuginosine	IV.c.14	447
	Liriodenine	IV.c.1	447
	Lysicamine	IV.c.2	446
	O-Methyloxoopunjabine	II.c.1.5.3	448
	O-Methylpunjabine	II.c.1.5.2	448
	Obaberine	II.b.1.1.8	448
	7-Oxocrebanine	IV.c.8	446
	(R)-Roemeroline	IV.a.11	447, 450
	Secocepharanthine	II.b.1.4.2	448
	Steporphine	IV.a.38	386
	Stesakine	IV.a.65	447
	(-)-Tetrahydropalmatine	X.b.32	447
	Thalrugosine	II.b.1.2.39	448
	Berberamine	II.b.1.2.47	358
<i>Stephania sinica</i> Diels	(+)-Cepharanthine	II.b.1.1.1	358, 361, 451
	Cyclearine	II.b.2.1.4	358, 361
	Runanine	XV.a.6	451
	(-)-Tetrahydropalmatine	X.b.32	358
	(+)-Cepharanthine	II.b.1.1.1	458, 453
	Crebanine	IV.a.59	453
	Cyclearine	II.b.2.1.4	453
	Dicentrine	IV.a.44	453
	Gindarine	X.b.32	454
	Isocorydine	IV.a.47	453
	Stepholidine	X.b.5	453
	(+)-Tetrandrine	II.b.1.2.14	453
	(-)-Capaurimine	X.b.17	455
<i>Stephania suberosa</i> Forman	(+)-Cepharanthine	II.b.1.1.1	456

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
	(+)-Cepharanthine 2'- β - <i>N</i> -oxide	II.b.1.1.2	456
	(-)-Coreximine	X.b.9	455
	(-)-Corytenchine	X.b.8	455
	Delavaine	XV.a.1	457
	(-)-Discretine	X.b.12	455
	Isostephodoline	XIV.c.2	458
	(-)-Kikemanine	X.b.30	455
	(+)-2-Norcepharanthine	II.b.1.1.4	456
	Nordelavaine	XV.a.2	457
	(+)-Norstephasubine	II.b.1.1.37	456
	8-Oxyseudopalmatine	X.c.5	455
	Pseudopalmatine	X.c.6	455
	(-)-Stephabinamine	X.b.18	455
	Stephabine	X.a.16	455
	Stephanubine	XV.a.7	457
	Stephaphylline	XIV.c.2	457
	(+)-Stephasubine	II.b.1.1.36	456
	Stephasubimine	II.b.1.1.39	456
	(-)-Stepholidine	X.b.5	455
	(-)-Tetrahydropalmatine	X.b.32	455
	Tetrahydrostephabine	X.b.19	455
	(-)-Xylopinine	X.b.31	455
	(-)- <i>cis</i> -Xylopinine <i>N</i> -oxide	X.b.37	455
	(-)- <i>trans</i> -Xylopinine <i>N</i> -oxide	X.b.38	455
	Asimilobine	IV.a.3	459
	Corydalmine	X.b.30	383,440
	Corypalmine	X.b.4	383,440
	Crebanine	IV.a.59	459
	Crebanine <i>N</i> -oxide	IV.a.57	459
	Cycleanine	II.b.2.1.4	358

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
<i>Stephania sutchuenensis</i> H.S. Lo	Dehydrocorydalmine	X.a.6	383,440
	Dehydrocrebanine	IV.b.1	459
	Discretamine	X.b.1	383,440
	Oxocrebanine	IV.c.8	383,440
	Palmitine	X.a.3	383,440
	Phanostenine	IV.a.64	383,440
	Schefferine	X.b.30	459
	(-)-Tetrahydropalmatine	X.b.32	358,361,459
	Aknadinine	XV.a.10	460
	Liriodemine	IV.c.1	460,461
	1-Nitroaknadimine	XV.a.4	460
	Pronuciferine	III.a.2	462
	Sinococculine	XIV.d.1	462
	(+)-Tetraandrine	II.b.1.2.14	461
	Thalrugosine	II.b.1.2.39	462
	Alkaloid AA-1	IV.a.56	463
	Berberamine	II.b.1.2.47	358,464
<i>Stephania tetrandra</i> S. Moore	β -Cyclanoline	X.b.44	143
	N^2, N^2 -Bis(chloromethyl)tetrandrinium	II.b.1.2.19	463,465
	Cassameridine	IV.c.17	466
	Cassithicine	IV.a.27	466
	(+)-Cepharanthine	II.b.1.1.1	358
	Corydione	IV.b.15	466
	Curine	II.b.2.2.11	358
	Cyclanoline	X.b.43	463,464,467-469,470
	Cycleanine	II.b.2.1.4	358,463
	Demethyltetrandrine	II.b.1.2.25	471
	Fangchinoline	II.b.1.2.1	463,464,467-470,472-474
	(+)-Fangchinoline	II.b.1.2.1	473
	Fenfangine A	II.b.1.2.15	463

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
Fenfangjine B		II.b.1.2.3	462
Fenfangjine C		II.b.1.2.4	463
Fenfangjine D		II.b.1.2.5	463
Homoaromoline		II.b.1.1.16	358
Isocorydine		IV.a.47	476
Magnoflorine		IV.a.54	463
12-O-Methylatherospermine		II.b.1.2.1	229
(+)-2-N-Methylfangchinoline		II.b.1.2.17	475
(+)-2-N-Methyltetrandrine		II.b.1.2.59	463, 475
2'-N-Methyltetrandrine		II.b.1.2.27	463
Nantenine		IV.a.33	466
2'-Norfangchinoline		II.b.1.2.13	477
Oblongine		I.b.14	463
Oxofangchirine		II.b.1.2.12	467
Oxonantenine		IV.c.10	466
Stephadione		IV.b.13	466
Stephananthrine		VII	463, 467
(-)-Tetrahydropalmitine		X.b.32	476
(+)-Tetrandrine		II.b.1.2.14	463, 464, 466-471, 474, 475, 478-483
Tetrandrine 2'-N- α -oxide		II.b.1.2.16	463
Tetrandrine 2'-N- β -oxide		II.b.1.2.15	463
Tetrandrine 2-N- β -oxide		II.b.1.2.15	484
1,3,4-Tridehydrofangchinolinium		II.b.1.2.5	485
(-)-Anonaine		IV.a.1	486
(-)-Asmilobine		IV.a.3	486
(-)-O-Acetylsukhodanine		IV.a.62	487
(-)-Apoglaziovine		IV.a.22	486
Ayuthianine		IV.a.43	488, 489
(-)-N-Carboxamidostepharine		III.a.4	486

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
(-)-Crebanine		IV.a.59	486, 490, 491, 487
Dihydrocrebanine		IV.b.1	486, 487
(-)-4- α -Hydroxycrebanine		IV.a.60	486
Kalamine		IV.a.5	492
(-)-Kikemanine		X.b.30	486, 487
Liriodenine		IV.c.1	487
(-)-Mecambroline		IV.a.32	486
(-)-O-Methylstepharinosine		III.b.2	486
(-)-Nuciferoline		IV.a.19	486
7-Oxocrebanine		IV.c.8	493
Oxocrebanine		IV.c.8	487
Oxostepharine		IV.c.12	487, 93
Oxostephanosine		IV.c.13	487
(+)-Reticuline		I.b.9	486
(+)-Stepharine		III.a.1	486, 494
Stephadiolamine β -N-oxide		IV.a.58	486
(-)-Stepharinosine		III.b.1	486
(-)-Stesakine		IV.a.65	486
(-)-Sukhodianine		IV.a.61	486, 487
(-)-Sukhodianine β -N-oxide		IV.a.63	486
Sukhodianine		IV.a.61	488, 489
(-)-Tetrahydropalmatine		X.b.32	486, 487
Thailandine		IV.c.18	493, 495
(+)-Thalrugosamine		II.b.1.1.41	486
(-)-Tudoranine		IV.a.12	486
(-)-Ushinsunine		IV.a.41	486, 489
(-)-Ushinsunine β -N-oxide		IV.a.42	486
Uthongine		IV.c.19	493, 495
Berberamine		II.b.1.2.47	358
Cycleanine		II.b.2.1.4	358

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
	Jatrorrhizine	X.a.1	496
	Palmitine	X.a.3	496
	Pseudopalmitine methylnitrate	CSND	497
	(-)-Tetrahydropalmitine	X.b.32	358,361,496
	(-)-Xylopinine	X.b.31	496
	(+)-Cepharanthine	II.b.1.1.1	358
	(-)-Corydalmine	X.b.30	498
	Dehydrocorydalmine	X.a.6	498
	Palmitine	X.a.3	498
	Roemerine	IV.a.6	498
	Sinoacutine	IV.b.1.2	361,498
	(+)-Stepharine	III.a.1	498
	Stephanine	IV.a.66	498
	Stepharanine	X.a.5	498
	(-)-Stepholidine	X.b.5	498
	(-)-Tetrahydropalmitine	X.b.32	358,498
	(+)-Corydine	IV.a.28	499
	(+)-Crebanine	IV.a.59	499
	(+)-Dicentrine	IV.a.44	499
	Dicentrinone	IV.c.16	499
	(+)-Epiglaufidine	IV.a.39	499
	(+)-Errormangine	XIV.c.1	499
	(+)-4-Hydroxydicentrine	IV.a.46	499
	(+)-Isostephodeline	XIV.c.2	499
	Oxocrebanine	IV.c.8	499
	(+)-Stephodeline	XIV.a.2.3	499
	(+)-Stesakine	IV.a.65	499
	(+)-Tannagine	XIV.a.2.2	499
	(+)-Zippelianine	XIV.a.2.4	499
	(+)-Zippeline	XIV.a.2.5	499

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
<i>Strychnopsis thouarsii</i> Baill.	7-O-Demethyltetrandrine	II.b.1.2.23	348
	Isocorydine	IV.a.47	348
	Liriotulipiferine	IV.a.37	348
	N-Methylindocarpine	IV.a.50	348
	Predicentrine	IV.a.36	348
<i>Synclisia scabrida</i> Miers	Coeosoline	II.c.1.1.5	500,501
	Coeosuline	II.c.1.1.7	500,501
	Cycleamine	II.b.2.1.4	500-502
	Cycleamine N ² -oxide	II.b.2.1.5	501
	Norcycleanine	II.b.2.1.7	501
	Lysicamine	IV.c.2	503
<i>Telitoxicum glaziovii</i> Moldenke	O-Methylmoschatoline	IV.c.3	503
	Teliazoline	IV.d.2	503
	Telazoline	IV.d.1	503
	7-Chloro-6-demethylcepharadione B	IV.b.17	577
	N-Demethyl-N-formyldehydrocuciferine	IV.b.7	577
<i>Telitoxicum brukovii</i> Moldenke	N-Formyldehydroanaine	IV.b.16	577
	N-Formylcuciferine	IV.a.73	577
	Telikovnone	IV.e.2	577
	Lysicamine	IV.c.2	504
	Norrufescine	VI.4	504
	Peruvianine	IV.c.7	504
	Subsessiline	IV.c.6	504
	Telazoline	IV.d.1	504
	Telitoxine	VI.2	504
	Alkaloid TD-2	CSND	505
<i>Tiliacora dimklagei</i> Engl.	Dinklacorine	II.c.1.6.1	506
	Funiferine	II.c.1.6.3	505
	Juziphine	I.b.3	507
	Nortiliacorinine A	II.c.1.6.12	505

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
	Oblongine	I.b.4	507
	1,2,3,4-Tetrahydro-7,8-dimethoxy-2-methyl-1-(4-hydroxybenzyl)-isoquinoline	I.b.15	507
	1,2,3,4-Tetrahydro-7-hydroxy-8-methoxy-2methyl-1-(4-methoxybenzyl)-isoquinoline	I.b.17	507
	1,2,3,4-Tetrahydro-7-hydroxy-8-methoxy-2-methyl-1-(4-hydroxybenzyl)-isoquinoline	I.b.16	507
	Tiliacorrine	II.c.1.6.10	505
	Tiliageine	II.b.1.6.2	505
	Funiferine	II.b.1.6.3	508,509
	Funiferine dimethyliodide	II.b.1.6.5	509-511
	Funiferine N-oxide	II.b.1.6.4	509
	Isotetraandrine	II.b.1.2.30	512
	(+)-Isotetraandrine	II.b.1.2.30	274,512
	Nortiliacorrine A	II.c.1.6.12	513
	Oblongine	I.b.14	274
	Thalrugosine	II.b.1.2.39	274,512
	Tiliacorrine	II.c.1.6.8	513
	Tiliafanimine	II.b.1.2.52	274,512
	N-Acetylnortiliacorrine	II.c.1.6.15	514
	N-Acetyltiliamosine	II.c.1.6.6	514
	Corine	CSND	515
	Lotusine	I.b.7	516
	Magnocarrarine	I.b.6	516
	Magnoflorine	IV.a.54	516
	N-Methyltiliamosine	II.c.1.6.5	517-519
	(+)-N-Methyltiliamosine	II.c.1.6.5	520
	Mohimine	CSND	515
	Mosine	CSND	515
	Nortiliacorrine A	II.c.1.6.12	514,517,521

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
<i>Tiliacora triandra</i> Diels	Nortiliacoronine B	Il.c.1.6.13	522
	Tiliacine	CSND	515
	Tiliacoridine	CSND	523
	Tiliacoronine	Il.c.1.6.8	524
	Tiliacoronine	Il.c.1.6.10	521, 524
	Tiliamosine	Il.c.1.6.4	514, 517-519
	Tiliaresine	Il.c.1.6.17	518, 519
	Tiliarine	Il.c.1.6.16	525
	Alkaloid G	CSND	526
	Alkaloid H	CSND	526
	Dinklactorine	Il.c.1.6.1	527, 528
	Magnoflorine	IV.a.54	529
	Norisoyanangine	Il.c.1.6.22	529
	Nortiliacoronine A	Il.c.1.6.9	529
	Nortiliacoronine A	Il.c.1.6.12	526, 528, 530-534
	Noryanangine	Il.c.1.6.21	529
	Tiliacoronine	Il.c.1.6.8	526, 528, 530-534
Tiliacoronine	Il.c.1.6.10	526, 528, 530-534	
Tiliacoronine 2'-N-oxide	Il.c.1.6.11	533	
Tiliageine	Il.b.1.6.2	535	
Tilianangine	Il.c.1.6.20	528	
Tiliandrine	CSND	536	
Tilitriandrine	Il.b.1.6.1	535	
Yanangcoronine	Il.c.1.6.18	532	
Yanangine	Il.c.1.6.19	527	
<i>Tinomisium tonkinense</i> Gagnep.	(-)-Isocorypalmine	X.b.13	537
	Magnoflorine	IV.a.54	538
<i>Tinospora baenzigeri</i> Forstn	Berberine	X.a.4	87
	Jatrochizine	X.a.1	87
	Palmatine	X.a.3	87

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
	Tembetarine	I.b.12	87
<i>Tinospora capillipes</i> Gagnep.	Columbamine	X.a.2	539,540
	Dehydrodiscretamine	X.a.8	539,540
	Jatrorrhizine	X.a.1	539,540
	Magnoflorine	IV.a.54	539,540
	Menisperine	IV.a.53	539,540
<i>Tinospora cordifolia</i> Miers	Palmatine	X.a.3	539,540
	Stepharanine	X.a.5	539,540
	Jatrorrhizine	X.a.1	541
	Magnoflorine	IV.a.54	542
	Tembetarine	I.b.12	542
<i>Tinospora cordifolia</i> (Willd.) Hook. & Thoms.	Palmatine	X.a.3	87
	Tembetarine	I.b.12	87
	N-Acetylnornuciferine	IV.a.18	543
	N-Formylanonaine	IV.a.2	543
	N-Formylnornuciferine	IV.a.17	543
<i>Tinospora crispa</i> (L.) Hook. & Thoms. (= <i>T. masteri</i> Diels = <i>T. tuberculata</i> (Lam.) Beauvée ex K. Heyne; = <i>T. rumphii</i> Boerl.)	Berberine	X.a.4	87
	Jatrorrhizine	X.a.1	87
	Palmatine	X.a.3	87
	Tembetarine	I.b.12	87
	Jatrorrhizine	X.a.1	544
<i>Tinospora dentata</i> Diels	Palmatine	X.a.3	544
	Berberine	X.a.4	87
	Jatrorrhizine	X.a.1	87
	Palmatine	X.a.3	87
	Tembetarine	I.b.12	87
<i>Tinospora glabra</i> (Burm. F.) Merr.	Jatrorrhizine	X.a.1	544
	Palmatine	X.a.3	544
	Berberine	X.a.4	87
	Jatrorrhizine	X.a.1	87
	Palmatine	X.a.3	87
<i>Tinospora malabarica</i> Miers	Tembetarine	I.b.12	87
	N-Formylanonaine	IV.a.2	545
	Kokusaginine	XXIII.4	76,546
	Magnoflorine	IV.a.54	547
	Palmatine	X.a.3	548

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Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References	
<i>Tinospora merrilliana</i> Diels	Berberine	X.a.4	87	
	Jatrorrhizine	X.a.1	87	
	Palmatine	X.a.3	87	
	Tembetarine	I.b.12	87	
	Palmatine	X.a.3	87	
<i>Tinospora sagittata</i> Gagnep.		X.a.3	87	
	<i>Tinospora sinensis</i> (Lour.) Merr. (= <i>T. tomentosa</i> (Colebr.) Hook. & Thoms. = <i>T. malabarica</i> (Lam.) Hook. & Thoms. = <i>Tinospora smilacina</i>)	Berberine	X.a.4	87
		Palmatine	X.a.3	87
		Tembetarine	I.b.12	87
		<i>N</i> -cis-Feruloyltyramine	XXI.2	549,550
<i>N</i> -trans-Feruloyltyramine	XXI.1	549,550		
<i>Triclistia dictyophylla</i> Diels	Cocculine	II.c.1.1.7	551	
	Tridictiophylline	XIV.c.3	551,552	
	Trigilletimine	II.c.1.1.17	551	
	Cocculine	II.c.1.1.7	553	
	Gilletine	II.c.1.3.3	554-556	
	Isogilletine <i>N</i> -oxide	II.c.1.3.4	555	
	Isotrandrine	II.b.1.2.30	557	
	Obamegine	II.b.1.2.44	555	
	Stebysimine	II.b.1.1.34	555	
	Triclisine	VI.1	558	
	Tridictiophylline	XIV.c.3	559	
<i>Triclistia patens</i> Oliv.	Trigilletimine	II.c.1.1.17	560	
	Aromoline	II.b.1.1.14	561,562	
	Cocculine	II.c.1.1.7	561	
	Homomoschatoline	IV.c.3	562	
	Phaeanthine	II.b.1.2.20	561,563	
	Pycnamine	II.b.1.2.36	561	
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Table VI (Continued)

Plant Species	Alkaloids	Locator code	References
<i>Triclista subcordata</i> Oliv.	Thalictrine	II.b.1.1.14	565
	Trigilletimine	II.c.1.1.17	561
	Alkaloid A	CSND	347
	Alkaloid B	CSND	347
	Magnoflorine	IV.a.54	344,347
	12-O-Methylatherospermoline	II.b.1.2.1	229
	Palmatine	X.a.3	344,347
	Tetrandrine	II.b.1.2.14	562
	Tricoordatine	II.c.1.1.15	508

CSND = Chemical structure not defined.

TABLE VII
Number of occurrences of each type of alkaloids by genus (according to Table VI).

GENUS (Number of species)	T Y P E																T O T A L								
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	XIV	XV	XVI		XVII	XVIII	XIX	XX	XXI	XXII	XXIII	
	B I Q	B I S - B I Q	P R O A P P O	A P O R P H I N	T R O P O L	A Z A F L U	P H E N A N T	A R I S T O	I S O O X O A	P R O T O B	H I R S U T I	C O H I R S I	B E N Z A Z E	M O R P H I N	H A S U B A	A C U T U M I	E R I B I D I	E R Y T H R I N	P A V I N E	I S O Q U I N	P H E N E T H Y L	O X O C A N	O T H E R S		
01 <i>Abuta</i> (9)	01	18	01	07	03	06				02		02							01					41	
02 <i>Alberitia</i> (2)		26																							26
03 <i>Anemaria</i> (1)			01	01						05															07
04 <i>Anisocycia</i> (2)		28		03			01			05															39
05 <i>Antizoma</i> (1)													01							01					01
06 <i>Arcangelisia</i> (2)		02								14										01			01		18
07 <i>Burasaia</i> (3)	01									06															07
08 <i>Caryome</i> (2)	01	05	04							07															17
09 <i>Chesmanthera</i> (1)				10						07				01											19
10 <i>Chonobdendron</i> (3)		11																							11
11 <i>Cissampelos</i> (5)	01	18		08	06	02				02				01								01			37
12 <i>Cocculus</i> (7)	07	63	02	12				01		05	05	04		05			03	25	01					135	
13 <i>Coscinium</i> (2)				01						15															16
14 <i>Curarea</i> (1)		13																							13
15 <i>Cybea</i> (1)	04	87		06						05									02						104
16 <i>Dioscoreophyllum</i> (1)				01						03															04
17 <i>Diplocisia</i> (1)				01																					02
18 <i>Ephedrum</i> (2)		03																							03
19 <i>Fibraurea</i> (4)				01						21															22
20 <i>Heptacyclum</i> (1)				01						03															04
21 <i>Hyperbaena</i> (1)										01							01	02							04
22 <i>Jateorhiza</i> (1)										05				01											05
23 <i>Kokobopetalum</i> (1)				04										01											05
24 <i>Legnephora</i> (1)			02	03						01															06
25 <i>Limacia</i> (1)			01	04												02									07
26 <i>Limnopsis</i> (1)		09		01						01															11

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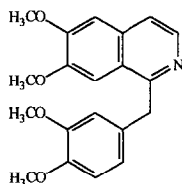
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GENUS (Number of species)	T Y P E																			T O T A L					
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	XIV	XV	XVI	XVII	XVIII	XIX		XX	XXI	XXII	XXIII	
	B I Q	B I S - B I Q	P R O - P O	A P P O R P H I N	T R O P O P O L	A Z A F L U	P H E N A N T	A R I S T O	I S O O A	P R O T O B	H I R S U T I	C O H I R S I	B E N Z A Z E	M O R P H I N	H A S U B A	A C U T U M I	E R I B I D I	E R Y T H R I N	P A V I N E		I S O Q U I N	P H E N E T H Y L	O X O C A N	O T H E R S	
27 <i>Menispermum</i> (2)		11	01	03				08	04					01	05					02					35
28 <i>Pachygone</i> (3)	06	29	01	05					02								01								44
29 <i>Parabeina</i> (3)	03								07																10
30 <i>Periarthus</i> (1)				01					04												01				06
31 <i>Pycnarhena</i> (5)		34		03										02											37
32 <i>Rhizocarpha</i> (1)				03					01																06
33 <i>Sarcopetalum</i> (1)	01		01																						02
34 <i>Seledonia</i> (2)	01	06	01											06	02										08
35 <i>Sironium</i> (2)		07		06					03																29
36 <i>Sphenoceritum</i> (1)																									03
37 <i>Sarcospermum</i> (1)	01																								01
38 <i>Stephania</i> (43)	18	171	14	188				01	03	112				43	78		03			01	01	04		637	
39 <i>Strychnopsis</i> (1)		01		04																					05
40 <i>Synclisia</i> (1)		05																							05
41 <i>Telitoxicum</i> (2)				13		02																			15
42 <i>Tilicora</i> (4)	08	38		02																					48
43 <i>Tinosacum</i> (1)				01					01																02
44 <i>Tinospora</i> (15)	07			08					26													02			44
45 <i>Trichia</i> (4)		18		02		01			01					02											24
T O T A L (160)	58	804	30	303	09	11	02	04	09	275	05	04	02	63	78	09	07	28	04	05	05	05	05	04	1,625

This table does not show the CSND alkaloids.

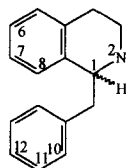
Type I
Benzylisoquinoline Alkaloids

Sub-type I.a - 1-benzylisoquinoline Alkaloids.



I.a = Papaverine

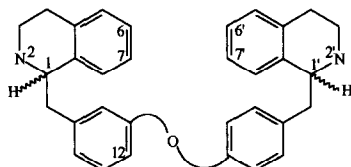
Table VIII. Sub-type I.b - 1-benzyltetrahydroisoquinoline Alkaloids.



I.b	1	2	6	7	8	10	11	12
I.b.1	β	H	OMe	OH	H	H	H	OH
I.b.2	β	Me	OMe	OH	H	H	H	OH
I.b.3	β	Me	H	OMe	OH	H	H	OH
I.b.4	β	H	H	OMe	OH	H	H	OH
I.b.5	β	Me	OMe	OMe	H	H	OH	OMe
I.b.6	β	(CH ₃) ₂	OMe	OH	H	H	H	OH
I.b.7	β	(CH ₃) ₂	OH	OMe	H	H	H	OH
I.b.8	α	Me	OMe	OMe	H	H	OMe	OMe
I.b.9	α	Me	OMe	OH	H	H	OH	OMe
I.b.10	α	Me, oxide	OMe	OH	H	H	OH	OMe
I.b.11	α	Me	OMe	OH	H	H	OMe	OMe
I.b.12	α	(CH ₃) ₂	OMe	OH	H	H	OH	OMe
I.b.13	α	(CH ₃) ₂	OMe	OMe	H	OMe	H	OH
I.b.14	α	(CH ₃) ₂	H	OMe	OH	H	H	OH
I.b.15	-	Me	H	OMe	OMe	H	H	OH
I.b.16	-	Me	H	OH	OMe	H	H	OH
I.b.17	-	Me	H	OH	OMe	H	H	OMe
I.b.18	α	Me	OMe	OMe	H	H	OH	OMe
I.b.19	β	Me	OH	OMe	H	H	OH	OMe

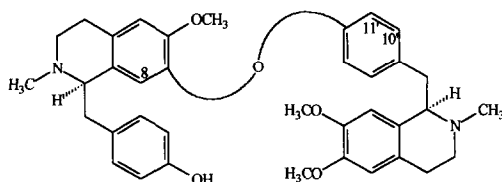
Type II
Bisbenzylisoquinoline Alkaloids

Table IX. Sub-type II.a.1.1 - Bisbenzylisoquinoline Alkaloids Bonded Tail to Tail and Bearing One Joint.



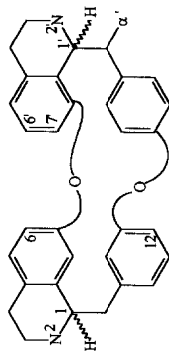
II.a.1.1	Note	1	2	6	7	12	1'	2'	6'	7'
II.a.1.1.1	-	R	Me	OMe	OMe	OH	R	Me	OMe	OMe
II.a.1.1.2	-	R	Me	OMe	OMe	OH	R	H	OMe	OMe
II.a.1.1.3	-	R	Me	OMe	OMe	OH	R	Me	OH	OMe
II.a.1.1.4	-	R	Me	OMe	OH	OH	R	Me	OMe	OMe
II.a.1.1.5	-	R	Me	OMe	OH	OH	R	H	OMe	OMe
II.a.1.1.6	-	R	Me	OH	OMe	OH	R	Me	OH	OMe
II.a.1.1.7	-	R	Me	H	OMe	OH	R	Me	OMe	OMe
II.a.1.1.8	-	R	H	OMe	OH	OH	R	H	OMe	OH
II.a.1.1.9	-	R	Me	OMe	OH	OH	R	H	OMe	OH
II.a.1.1.10	-	R	H	OMe	OH	OH	R	Me	OMe	OH
II.a.1.1.11	-	R	Me	OMe	OH	OH	R	Me	OMe	OH
II.a.1.1.12	(+)-form	R	Me	OMe	OH	OH	S	Me	OMe	OH
II.a.1.1.13	(-)-form	S	Me	OMe	OH	OH	R	Me	OMe	OH
II.a.1.1.14	(-)-form	S	Me	OMe	OH	OMe	R	Me	OMe	OH

Table X. Sub type II.a.2.1 - Bisbenzylisoquinoline Alkaloids Bonded Head to Tail and Bearing One Joint.



II.a.2.1	8	10'	11'
II.a.2.1.1	OH	H	H
II.a.2.1.2	H	OH	H
II.a.2.1.3	H	H	OH

Table XI. Sub-type II.b.1.1 - Bisbenzylisoquinoline Alkaloids Bonded Head to Head, Tail to Tail and Bearing Two Joints (7-8' and 11-12').



II.b.1.1	Note	1	2	6	12	1'	2'	6'	7'	α'
II.b.1.1.1	-	R	Me	OMe	OMe	S	Me	OCH ₂ O	OCH ₂ O	H
II.b.1.1.2	N'-oxide (β -)	R	Me	OMe	OMe	S	Me, oxide	OCH ₂ O	OCH ₂ O	H
II.b.1.1.3	O ² -de-Me	R	Me	OMe	OH	S	Me	OCH ₂ O	OCH ₂ O	H
II.b.1.1.4	N-de-Me	R	H	OMe	OMe	S	Me	OCH ₂ O	OCH ₂ O	H
II.b.1.1.5	N'-de-Me	R	Me	OMe	OMe	S	H	OCH ₂ O	OCH ₂ O	H
II.b.1.1.6	O ² , N-di-de-Me	R	H	OMe	OH	S	Me	OCH ₂ O	OCH ₂ O	H
II.b.1.1.7	N-de-Me, 1-epimer	S	H	OMe	OMe	S	Me	OCH ₂ O	OCH ₂ O	H
II.b.1.1.8	-	R	Me	OMe	OMe	S	Me	OMe	OMe	H
II.b.1.1.9	N' de-Me	R	Me	OMe	OMe	S	H	OMe	OMe	H
II.b.1.1.10	N-de-Me	R	H	OMe	OMe	S	Me	OMe	OMe	H
II.b.1.1.11	N-de-Me, N' β oxide	R	H	OMe	OMe	S	Me oxide	OMe	OMe	H

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Table XI (Continued)

II.b.1.1	Note	1	2	6	12	1'	2'	6'	7'	α'
II.b.1.1.12	-	R	H	OMe	OMe	S	Me	OMe	OH	H
II.b.1.1.13	-	R	H	OMe	OH	S	Me	OMe	OH	H
II.b.1.1.14	-	R	Me	OMe	OH	S	Me	OMe	OH	H
II.b.1.1.15	<i>N,N'</i> -di-de-Me	R	H	OMe	OH	S	H	OMe	OH	H
II.b.1.1.16	-	R	Me	OMe	OMe	S	Me	OMe	OH	H
II.b.1.1.17	(-)-form	S	Me	OMe	OH	R	Me	OMe	OH	H
II.b.1.1.18	<i>N'</i> -de-Me	S	Me	OMe	OH	R	(Me) ₂	OMe	OH	H
II.b.1.1.19	-	R	Me	OMe	OH	S	Me	OMe	OMe	H
II.b.1.1.20	(+)-form	R	Me	OMe	OMe	R	Me	OMe	OH	H
II.b.1.1.21	<i>N</i> -de-Me	R	H	OMe	OMe	R	Me	OMe	OH	H
II.b.1.1.22	1,2-didehydro	-	-	OMe	OMe	R	Me	OMe	OH	H
II.b.1.1.23	<i>O</i> ¹² -de-Me	R	Me	OMe	OH	R	Me	OMe	OH	H
II.b.1.1.24	(-)-form	S	Me	OMe	OMe	S	Me	OMe	OH	H
II.b.1.1.25	1',2',3',4'-tetradehydro	R	Me	OMe	OMe	-	Me	OMe	OH	H
II.b.1.1.26	-	R	H	OMe	OH	R	H	OMe	OH	H
II.b.1.1.27	1',2'-didehydro	R	H	OMe	OH	-	-	OMe	OH	H
II.b.1.1.28	1',2',3',4'-tetradehydro	R	H	OMe	OH	-	-	OMe	OH	H
II.b.1.1.29	-	S	Me	OMe	OMe	R	Me	OH	OMe	H
II.b.1.1.30	-	S	Me	OMe	OH	S	Me	OMe	OMe	H
II.b.1.1.31	1,2-didehydro	-	-	OMe	OMe	S	Me	OMe	OMe	H
II.b.1.1.32	1',2'-didehydro	R	Me	OMe	OMe	-	-	OMe	OMe	H

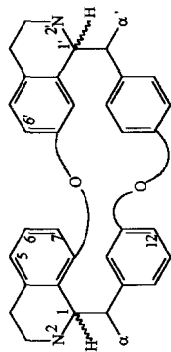
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II.b.1.1	Note	1	2	6	12	1'	2'	6'	7'	α'
II.b.1.1.33	1',2'- didehydro O ¹² -de-Me	R	Me	OMe	OH	-	-	OMe	OMe	H
II.b.1.1.34	1',1',2',2'- tetradehydro	-	-	OMe	OMe	-	-	OMe	OMe	H
II.b.1.1.35	1',2'- didehydro	undef.	Me	OMe	OMe	-	-	OMe	OMe	=O
II.b.1.1.36	1',2',3',4'- tetradehydro	R	Me	OMe	OMe	-	-	OMe	OH	H
II.b.1.1.37	1',2',3',4'- tetradehydro, N-de-Me	R	H	OMe	OMe	-	-	OMe	OH	H
II.b.1.1.38	1',2',3',4'- tetradehydro, N'-Me	R	Me	OMe	OMe	-	Me	OMe	OH	H
II.b.1.1.39	1',2',3',4'- tetradehydro, 1,2-didehydro, N-de-Me	-	-	OMe	OMe	-	-	OMe	OH	H
II.b.1.1.40	-	R	Me	OMe	OMe	-	-	OMe	OH	H
II.b.1.1.41	-	S	Me	OMe	OMe	R	Me	OMe	OH	H
II.b.1.1.42	2- β -N-oxide	R	Me	OMe	OMe	R	Me	OMe	OH	H

oxide

Table XII – Sub-type II.b.1.2 - Bisbenzylisoquinoline Alkaloids Bonded Head to Head, Tail to Tail and Bearing Two Joints (8-7' and 11-12').



II.b.1.2	Note	1	2	5	6	7	12	1'	2'	6'	α	α'
II.b.1.2.1	(+)-form	S	Me	H	OMe	OH	OMe	S	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.2	N'-Me	S	(Me) ₂	H	OMe	OH	OMe	S	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.3	N'-α-oxide	S	Me	H	OMe	OH	OMe	S	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.4	N'-β-oxide	S	Me	H	OMe	OH	OMe	S	α-oxide	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.5	1,3,4-tridehydro	-	Me	H	OMe	OH	OMe	S	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.6	(-)-form	R	Me	H	OMe	OH	OMe	R	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.7	N'-α-oxide	R	Me	H	OMe	OH	OMe	R	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.8	N'-β-oxide	R	Me	H	OMe	OH	OMe	R	α-oxide	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.9	N'-β-oxide	R	β-oxide	H	OMe	OH	OMe	R	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.10	N'-de-Me	R	H	H	OMe	OH	OMe	R	β-oxide	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.11	(±)-form	undef.	Me	H	OMe	OH	OMe	undef.	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.12	1',3',4'-tridehydro	undef.	Me	H	OMe	OMe	OMe	-	-	OMe	H	=O
II.b.1.2.13	N'-de-Me	S	Me	H	OMe	OH	OMe	S	H	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.14	(+)-form	S	Me	H	OMe	OMe	OMe	S	Me	OMe	H	H

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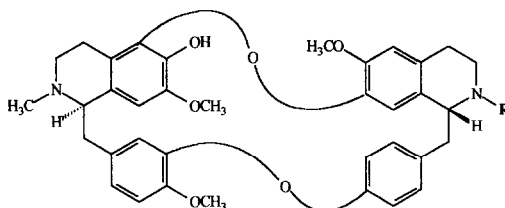
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II.b.1.2.15	N- β -oxide	S	Me	H	OMe	OMe	OMe	S	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.16	N'-oxide	S	β -oxide Me	H	OMe	OMe	OMe	S	Me oxide	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.17	N'-Me	S	(Me) ₂	H	OMe	OMe	OMe	S	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.18	N-Chloro-methyl	S	Me	H	OMe	OMe	OMe	S	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.19	N, N' bis (chloro- romethyl)	S	CH ₂ Cl Me	H	OMe	OMe	OMe	S	Me CH ₂ Cl	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.20	(-)-form	R	CH ₂ Cl Me	H	OMe	OMe	OMe	R	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.21	N'- α -oxide	R	Me	H	OMe	OMe	OMe	R	Me α -oxide	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.22	N, N'-di-de-Me	R	H	H	OMe	OMe	OMe	R	H	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.23	-	S	Me	H	OMe	OH	OMe	S	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.24	N'-oxide	R	Me	H	OMe	OMe	OMe	S	Me oxide	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.25	N, N'-di-de-Me	S	H	H	OMe	OMe	OMe	S	H	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.26	N'-chloromethyl	R	Me	H	OMe	OMe	OMe	undef.	Me CH ₂ Cl	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.27	N'-Me	S	Me	H	OMe	OMe	OMe	undef.	(Me) ₂	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.28	N, N'-di-di-Me Iodide	S	(Me) ₂	H	OMe	OH	OH	S	(Me) ₂ oxide	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.29	(-)-form	R	Me	H	OMe	OH	OH	R	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.30	-	R	Me	H	OMe	OMe	OMe	S	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.31	N'-oxide	R	Me	H	OMe	OMe	OMe	S	Me oxide	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.32	N'-de-Me	R	Me	H	OMe	OMe	OMe	S	H	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.33	N'-Me	R	Me	H	OMe	OMe	OMe	S	(Me) ₂	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.34	N'-de-Me	R	H	H	OMe	OMe	OMe	S	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.35	O ⁶ -de-Me	R	Me	H	OH	OMe	OMe	S	Me	OMe	H	H

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Table XII (Continued)

II.b.1.2	Note	1	2	5	6	7	12	1'	2'	6'	α	α'
II.b.1.2.36	(-)form	R	Me	H	OMe	OMe	OH	R	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.37	(+)form	S	Me	H	OMe	OMe	OH	S	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.38	<i>N</i> -de-Me	S	H	H	OMe	OMe	OH	S	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.39	-	R	Me	H	OMe	OH	OMe	S	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.40	<i>N</i> -de-Me	R	H	H	OMe	OH	OMe	S	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.41	<i>N,N'</i> di-de-Me	R	H	H	OMe	OH	OMe	S	H	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.42	-	S	Me	H	OMe	OMe	OMe	S	H	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.43	<i>N,N'</i> di-di-Me	S	(Me) ₂	H	OMe	OMe	OMe	S	H	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.44	-	R	Me	H	OMe	OH	OH	S	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.45	<i>N,N'</i> di-de-Me	R	H	H	OMe	OH	OH	S	H	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.46	1,3,4-tridehydro	-	-	H	OMe	OH	OH	S	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.47	-	R	Me	H	OMe	OMe	OH	S	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.48	1,3,4-tridehydro	-	Me	H	OMe	OH	OMe	R	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.49	1-dehydro	-	-	H	OMe	OMe	OH	S	Me	OMe	=O	H
II.b.1.2.50	1,3,4-tridehydro	-	-	H	OMe	OH	OMe	R	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.51	<i>N</i> -chloromethyl	S	Me	H	OMe	OMe	OMe	S	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.52	1-dehydro	-	-	H	OMe	OH	OMe	undef.	CH ₂ Cl	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.53	(-)form	S	H	H	OMe	OH	OH	R	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.54	<i>O</i> ⁷ -Me	S	H	H	OMe	OMe	OH	R	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.55	<i>N</i> -Me	S	Me	H	OMe	OH	OH	R	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.56	(+)form	R	H	H	OMe	OH	OH	S	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.57	<i>O</i> ⁷ -Me	R	H	H	OMe	OMe	OH	S	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.58	-	S	Me	OMe	OMe	OMe	OMe	S	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.59	-	S	(Me) ₂	OMe	OMe	OMe	OMe	S	Me	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.60	<i>N</i> -de-Me	R	Me	H	OMe	OH	OMe	R	H	OMe	H	H
II.b.1.2.61	(+)form	S	Me	H	OMe	OH	OH	S	Me	OMe	H	H

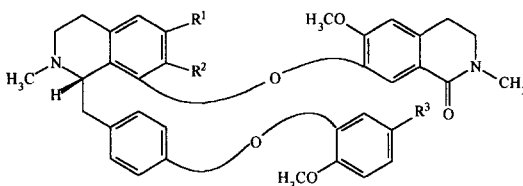
Sub-type II.b.1.3 - Bisbenzylisoquinoline Alkaloids Bonded Head to Head, Tail to Tail and Bearing Two Joints (5-7' and 11-12').



II.b.1.3.1 R = Me

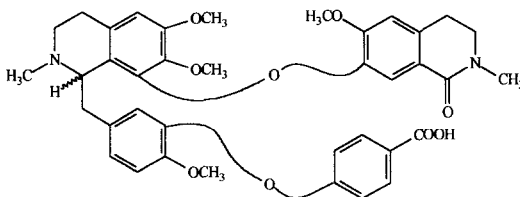
II.b.1.3.2 R = H

Table XIII. Sub-type II.b.1.4 - Bisbenzylisoquinoline Alkaloids Bonded Head to Head, Tail to Tail, Bearing Two Joints and With the Bond α '-1' Broken (seco).



II.b.1.4	R ¹	R ²	R ³
II.b.1.4.1		OCH ₂ O	CH ₂ OH
II.b.1.4.2		OCH ₂ O	CHO
II.b.1.4.3	OMe	OH	CHO

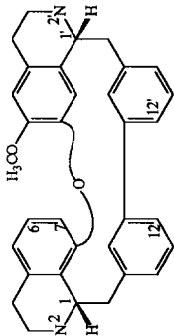
Sub type II.b.1.5 - Bisbenzylisoquinoline Alkaloids Bonded Head to Head, Tail to Tail, Bearing Two Joints and Having the Bond α '-1' Broken (seco).



II.b.1.5.1 Stereochemistry of H1 = R

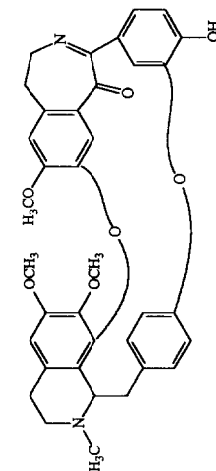
II.b.1.5.2 Stereochemistry of H1 is undefined

Table XIV. Sub-type II.b.1.6 - Bisbenzylisoquinoline Alkaloids Bonded Head to Head, Tail to Tail, Bearing Two Bonds (8-7' and 11-11') and Having no Oxygen in the Bridge 11-11'.

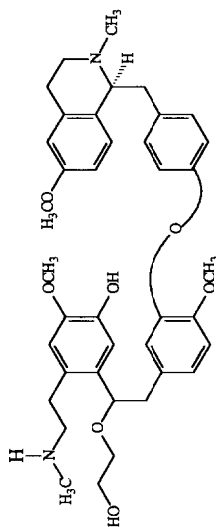


II.b.1.6	Note	2	6	7	12	2'	12'
II.b.1.6.1	N dc-Me	H	OMe	OH	OMe	Me	OH
II.b.1.6.2	-	Me	OMe	OH	OH	Me	OMe
II.b.1.6.3	O ⁷ Me	Me	OMe	OMe	OH	Me	OMe
II.b.1.6.4	O ⁷ Me, N oxide	Me, oxide	OMe	OMe	OH	Me	OMe
II.b.1.6.5	-	(Me) ₂ I	OMe	OMe	OH	(Me) ₂ I	OMe

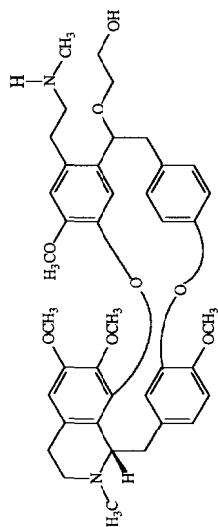
Sub type II.b.1.7 - Miscellaneous Bisbenzylisoquinoline Alkaloids.



II.b.1.7.1

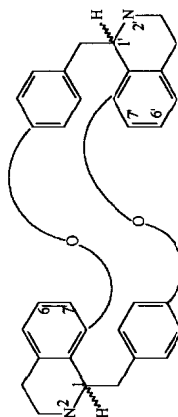


II.b.1.7.2



II.b.1.7.3

Table XV. Sub-type II.b.2.1 - Bisbenzylisoquinoline Alkaloids Bonded Head to Tail and Bearing Two Joints (8-12' and 12-8').



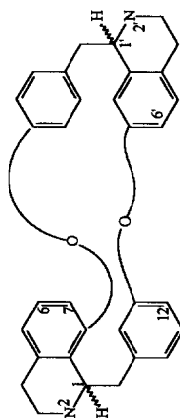
II.b.2.1	Note	1	2	6	7	1'	2'	6'	7'
II.b.2.1.1	-	R	Me	OMe	OH	R	Me	OMe	OH
II.b.2.1.2	-	undef.	Me	OH	OMe	undef.	Me	OMe	OH
II.b.2.1.3	* 6, 7 or 6', 7' positional isomer of protoacridine	undef.	Me	*OH	*OMe	undef.	Me	*OMe	*OH

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Table XV (Continued)

II.b.2.1	Note	1	2	6	7	1'	2'	6'	7'
II.b.2.1.4	-	R	Me	OMe	OMe	R	Me	OMe	OMe
II.b.2.1.5	N oxide	R	Me oxide	OMe	OMe	R	Me	OMe	OMe
II.b.2.1.6	N' de-Me	R	Me	OMe	OMe	R	H	OMe	OMe
II.b.2.1.7	O' de-Me	R	Me	OMe	OH	R	Me	OMe	OMe
II.b.2.1.8	1,3,4-Tridehydro	-	-	OMe	OH	R	Me	OMe	OMe
II.b.2.1.9	3,4-Dihydro	-	-	OMe	OH	R	Me	OMe	OMe
II.b.2.1.10	-	R	Me	OMe	OMe	S	Me	H	H
II.b.2.1.11	-	R	Me	OMe	OMe	S	Me	OMe	H
II.b.2.1.12	-	S	Me	OMe	OH	R	Me	OMe	OMe
II.b.2.1.13	3,4-Dehydro	R	Me	OMe	OMe	R	Me	OMe	OMe

Table XVI. Sub-type II.b.2.2 - Bisbenzylisoquinoline Alkaloids Bonded Head to Tail and Bearing Two Joints (8-12' and 11-7').



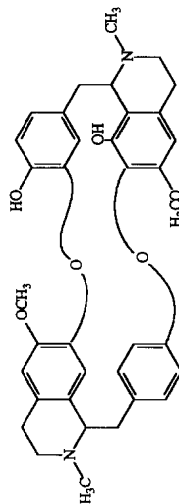
II.b.2.2	Note	1	2	6	7	12	1'	2'	6'
II.b.2.2.1	-	S	Me	OCH ₂ O	OCH ₂ O	OH	R	Ac	OMe
II.b.2.2.2	12-Me-ether	S	Me	OCH ₂ O	OCH ₂ O	OMe	R	Ac	OMe
II.b.2.2.3	1-epimer	R	Me	OCH ₂ O	OCH ₂ O	OH	R	Ac	OMe
II.b.2.2.4	1-epimer, 12-Me-ether	R	Me	OCH ₂ O	OCH ₂ O	OMe	R	Ac	OMe

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Table XVI (Continued)

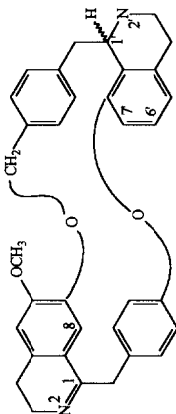
II.b.2.2	Note	1	2	6	7	12	1'	2'	6'
II.b.2.2.4	1-epimer, 12-Me-ether	R	Me	OCH ₂ O		OMe	R	Ac	OMe
II.b.2.2.5	(+)-form	R	(Me) ₂	OMe	OH	OH	S	H, Me	OMe
II.b.2.2.6	Dichloride	R	(Me) ₂	OMe	OH	OH	S	H, Me	OMe
II.b.2.2.7	(+)-form	R	Me	OMe	OH	OH	S	Me	OMe
II.b.2.2.8	N'-de-Me	R	Me	OMe	OH	OH	S	H	OMe
II.b.2.2.9	O ¹² Me	R	Me	OMe	OH	OMe	S	Me	OMe
II.b.2.2.10	(±)-form of 12-O-Methylcurine	S	Me	OMe	OH	OMe	S	Me	OMe
II.b.2.2.11	(+)-form	S	Me	OMe	OH	OH	S	Me	OMe
II.b.2.2.12	O ⁷ Me	S	Me	OMe	OMe	OH	S	Me	OMe
II.b.2.2.13	O ⁶ de-Me, (-)-form	R	Me	OMe	OMe	OH	R	Me	OH
II.b.2.2.14	(±)-form of curine	S	Me	OMe	OH	OH	S	Me	OMe
II.b.2.2.15	N,N' di-Me, (±)-form of curine	S	(Me) ₂	OMe	OH	OH	S	(Me) ₂	OMe

Sub-type II.b.2.3 - Bisbenzylisoquinoline Alkaloids Bonded Head to Tail and Bearing Two Joints (7-11' and 12-7')



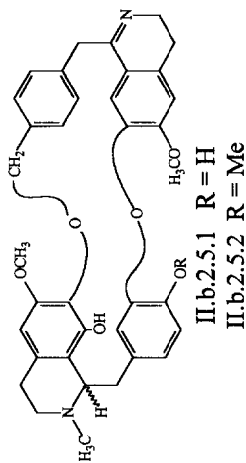
II.b.2.3.1

Table XVII. Sub-type II.b.2.4 - Bisbenzylisoquinoline Alkaloids Bonded Head to Tail, Bearing Two Joints (7-12' and 12-8') and Having a CH₂ in One of the Joints.



II.b.2.4	Note	1	2	8	1'	2'	6'	7'
II.b.2.4.1	-	-	-	OH	R	Me	OMe	OH
II.b.2.4.2	1,2 dihydro	undef.	H	OH	R	Me	OMe	OH
II.b.2.4.3	1,2 dihydro, Me ether	undef.	Me	OH	R	Me	OMe	OH
II.b.2.4.4	7' Me-ether	-	-	OH	R	Me	OMe	OMe
II.b.2.4.5	di-Me-ether	-	-	OMe	R	Me	OMe	OMe
II.b.2.4.6	di-hydro, di-Me-ether	undef.	H	OMe	R	Me	OMe	OMe
II.b.2.4.7	1-hydro, 2-Me	R	Me	OH	R	Me	OMe	OMe
II.b.2.4.8	(1R, 1'S) form	R	Me	OH	S	Me	OMe	OMe

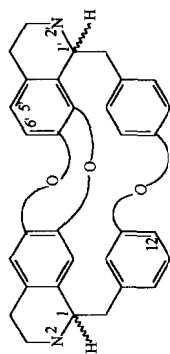
Sub type II.b.2.5 - Bisbenzylisoquinoline Alkaloids Bonded Head to Tail, Bearing Two Joints (7-12' and 11-7') and Having a CH₂ in One of the Joints.



II.b.2.5.1 R = H

II.b.2.5.2 R = Me

Table XVIII. Sub-type II.c.1.1 - Bisbenzylisoquinoline Alkaloids Bonded Head to Head, Tail to Tail and Bearing Three Joints (6-7', 7-8' and 11-12').



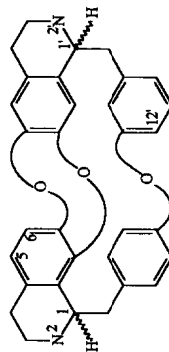
II.c.1.1	Note	1	2	12	1'	2'	5'	6'
II.c.1.1.1	-	S	Me	OMe	S	H	H	OMe
II.c.1.1.2	O ¹² de-Me	S	Me	OH	S	H	H	OMe
II.c.1.1.3	N' de Me	S	H	OMe	S	H	H	OMe
II.c.1.1.4	N' Me	S	Me	OMe	S	Me	H	OMe
II.c.1.1.5	-	S	H	OH	S	Me	H	OMe
II.c.1.1.6	Me ether	S	H	OMe	S	Me	H	OMe
II.c.1.1.7	N' Me	S	Me	OH	S	Me	H	OMe
II.c.1.1.8	N' Me, N' oxide	S	Me, oxide	OH	S	Me	H	OMe
II.c.1.1.9	N' Me, N' de-Me	S	Me	OH	S	H	H	OMe
II.c.1.1.10	N' β-oxide	S	H	OH	S	Me, β-oxide	H	OMe
II.c.1.1.11	N' β-oxide, Me-ether	S	H	OMe	S	Me, β-oxide	H	OMe
II.c.1.1.12	-	S	H	OH	S	H	H	OMe
II.c.1.1.13	1,2 di-dehydro, 5' hydroxy	-	-	OMe	S	Me	OH	OMe
II.c.1.1.14	-	R	Me	OMe	S	Me	H	OMe
II.c.1.1.15	-	S	Me	OH	S	Me	H	OH
II.c.1.1.16	N' de-Me, 1,2-dehydro	-	-	OH	S	Me	H	OH

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Table XVIII (Continued)

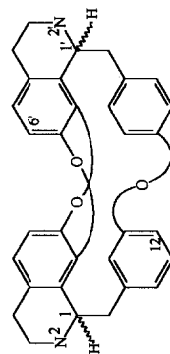
II.c.1.1	1	2	12	1'	2'	5'	6'
II.c.1.1.17	S	Me	OMe	-	-	H	OMe
II.c.1.1.18	R	H	OH	S	Me	H	OMe
II.c.1.1.19	R	Me	OH	S	Me	H	OMe
II.c.1.1.20	-	-	OH	S	Me	H	OMe
II.c.1.1.21	R	H	OH	S	Me	OH	OMe
II.c.1.1.22	-	-	OMe	S	Me	H	OMe
II.c.1.1.23	-	-	OMe	S	H	H	OMe
II.c.1.1.24	R	H	OMe	S	Me	OH	OMe
II.c.1.1.25	S	H	OMe	S	Me	OH	OMe
II.c.1.1.26	S	H	OMe	S	Me	H	OMe

Table XIX. Sub-type II.c.1.2 - Bisbenzylisoquinoline Alkaloids Bonded Head to Head, Tail to Tail and Bearing Three Joints (7-6', 8-7' and 12-11').



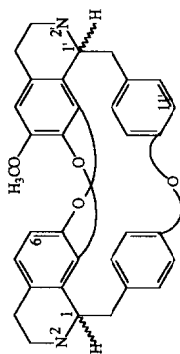
II.c.1.2	Note	1	2	5	6	1'	2'	12'
II.c.1.2.1	-	S	Me	OH	OMe	S	H	OH
II.c.1.2.2	<i>O</i> ¹² -Me	S	Me	OH	OMe	S	H	OMe
II.c.1.2.3	1',2'-di-dehydro	S	Me	OH	OMe	-	-	OH
II.c.1.2.4	1',2'-di-dehydro, <i>O</i> ¹² -Me	S	Me	OH	OMe	-	-	OMe
II.c.1.2.5	1',2'-di-dehydro, di- Me-ether, <i>N</i> de-Me	S	H	OMe	OMe	-	-	OMe
II.c.1.2.6	1',2'-di-dehydro, <i>N</i> ⁷ -β-oxide	S	Me, oxide	OH	OMe	-	-	OH
II.c.1.2.7	1',2',3',4'-tetradehydro	S	Me	OH	OMe	-	-	OH
II.c.1.2.8	1',2',3',4'-tetradehydro <i>O</i> ¹² -Me	S	Me	OH	OMe	-	-	OMe
II.c.1.2.9	<i>N</i> oxide	S	Me, oxide	H	OMe	S	Me	OMe

Table XX. Sub-type II.c.1.3 - Bisbenzylisoquinoline Alkaloids Bonded Head to Head, Tail to Tail and Bearing Three Joints (7-8', 8-7' and 11-12').



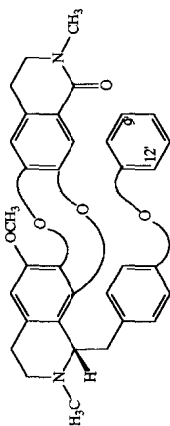
II.c.1.3	Note	1	2	12	1'	2'	6'
II.c.1.3.1	-	S	Me	OH	S	Me	OH
II.c.1.3.2	1,2-di-dehydro	-	-	OH	S	H	OMe
II.c.1.3.3	-	S	Me	OMe	S	H	OH
II.c.1.3.4	N-oxide	S	Me, oxide	OMe	S	H	OH
II.c.1.3.5	-	S	Me	OMe	S	H	OMe
II.c.1.3.6	1,2-di-dehydro	S	Me	OMe	-	-	OMe
II.c.1.3.7	-	S	Me	OH	S	H	OMe

Table XXI. Sub-type II.c.1.4 - Bisbenzylisoquinoline Alkaloids Bonded Head to Head, Tail to Tail and Bearing Three Joints (7-8', 8-7' and 12-12').



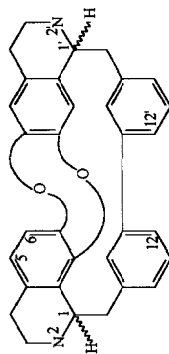
II.c.1.4	2	6	2'	11'
II.c.1.4.1	Me	OMe	H	OH
II.c.1.4.2	H	OH	H	OH
II.c.1.4.3	Me	OMe	Me	OH
II.c.1.4.4	Me	OH	H	OH
II.c.1.4.5	Me	OMe	Me	OMe

Table XXII. Sub-type II.c.1.5 - Bisbenzylisoquinoline Alkaloids Bonded Head to Head, Tail to Tail, Bearing Three Joints (7-6', 8-7' and 12-11') and Having the Bond α '-1' Broken (seco).



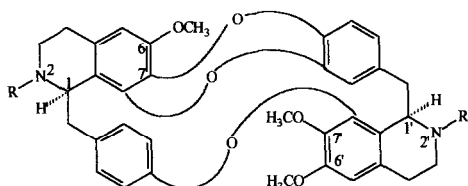
II.c.1.5	9'	12'
II.c.1.5.1	CHO	OH
II.c.1.5.2	CHO	OMe
II.c.1.5.3	Me	OMe
II.c.1.5.4	CH ₂ OH	OMe

Table XXIII. Sub-type II.c.1.6 - Bisbenzylisoquinoline Alkaloids Bonded Head to Head, Tail to Tail and Bearing Three Joints (7-6', 8-7' and 11-11') and having no oxygen in the bridge 11-11'.



II.c.1.6	Note	1	2	5	6	12	1'	2'	12'
II.c.1.6.1	-	R	Me	H	OMe	OH	S	Me	OMe
II.c.1.6.2	-	S	H	OMe	OH	OMe	S	H	OH
II.c.1.6.3	N Me	S	Me	OMe	OH	OMe	S	H	OH
II.c.1.6.4	N, O ⁶ di-Me	S	Me	OMe	OMe	OMe	S	H	OH
II.c.1.6.5	N, N', O ⁶ tri-Me	S	Me	OMe	OMe	OMe	S	Me	OH
II.c.1.6.6	N, O ⁶ di-Me, N' Ac	S	Me	OMe	OMe	OMe	S	Ac	OH
II.c.1.6.7	-	S	H	H	OMe	OMe	S	H	OH
II.c.1.6.8	-	R	Me	H	OMe	OMe	S	Me	OH
II.c.1.6.9	N de-Me	R	Me	H	OMe	OMe	S	Me	OH
II.c.1.6.10	-	S	Me	H	OMe	OMe	S	Me	OH
II.c.1.6.11	N' oxide	S	Me	H	OMe	OMe	S	Me	OH
II.c.1.6.12	N de-Me	S	H	H	OMe	OMe	S	Me	OH
II.c.1.6.13	N' de-Me	S	Me	H	OMe	OMe	S	Me	OH
II.c.1.6.14	N, N' di-de-Me	S	H	H	OMe	OMe	S	H	OH
II.c.1.6.15	N, de-Me, N' Acetyl	S	Ac	H	OMe	OMe	S	Me	OH
II.c.1.6.16	-	S	Me	H	OMe	OH	S	H	OMe
II.c.1.6.17	-	S	Me	OMe	H	OMe	S	Me	OH
II.c.1.6.18	-	S	Me	H	OMe	OH	S	Me	OMe
II.c.1.6.19	-	S	Me	OH	OMe	OMe	S	Me	OH
II.c.1.6.20	-	S	Me	OH	OMe	OH	S	Me	OMe
II.c.1.6.21	N' de-Me	S	Me	OH	OMe	OMe	S	H	OH
II.c.1.6.22	N' de-Me, 1-epimer	R	Me	OH	OMe	OMe	S	H	OH

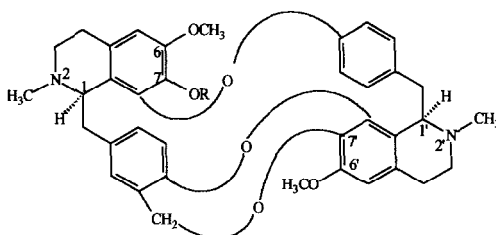
Sub-type II.c.2.1 - Bisbenzylisoquinoline Alkaloids Bonded Head to Tail, and Bearing Three Joints (7-12', 8-11' and 12-8').



II.c.2.1.1 R = Me, β -oxide; R' = Me

II.c.2.1.2 R = Me; R' = Me, β -oxide

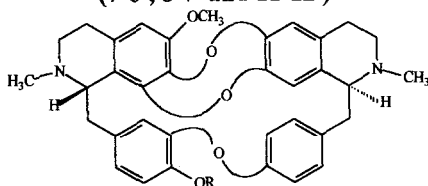
Sub-type II.c.2.2 - Bisbenzylisoquinoline Alkaloids Bonded Head to Tail, and Bearing Three Joints (8-12', 12-8' and 11-7') and having a CH₂ in one of the joints.



II.c.2.2.1 R = H

II.c.2.2.2 R = Me

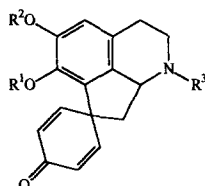
Sub-type II.d - Bisbenzylisoquinoline Alkaloids Bonded Head to Head, Tail to Tail and Bearing Three Joints (7-6', 8-7' and 11-12').



II.d.1 R = H

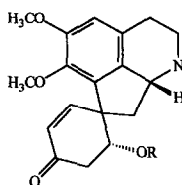
II.d.2 R = CH₃

Type III
Proaporphine Alkaloids
Table XXIV. Sub-type III.a - Proaporphine Alkaloids.



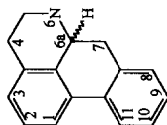
III.a	R¹	R²	R³
III.a.1	Me	Me	H
III.a.2	Me	Me	Me
III.a.3	Me	Me	COOH
III.a.4	Me	Me	CONH ₂
III.a.5	Me	H	Me
III.a.6	Me	Me	Ac
III.a.7	H	Me	Me

Sub type III.b - 10, 11 Di-dehydro Proaporphine Alkaloids.



III.b.1 R = H
 III.b.2 R = Me

Type IV
Aporphine Alkaloids
Table XXV. Sub-type IV.a - Aporphine Alkaloids (*Strictu sensu*).



IV.a	1	2	3	4	6	6a	7	8	9	10	11
IV.a.1	OCH ₂ O	H	H	H	H	R	H	H	H	H	H
IV.a.2	OCH ₂ O	OCH ₂ O	H	H	Formyl	R	H	H	H	H	H
IV.a.3	OMe	OH	H	H	H	R	H	H	H	H	H
IV.a.4	OMe	<i>O</i> -β-D-glucoside	H	H	H	R	H	H	H	H	H
IV.a.5	OMe	<i>O</i> -β-D-glucoside	H	H	COOEt	R	H	H	H	H	H
IV.a.6	OCH ₂ O	H	H	H	Me	R	H	H	H	H	H
IV.a.7	OCH ₂ O	H	H	H	(CH ₃) ₂	R	H	H	H	H	H
IV.a.8	OCH ₂ O	OH	H	H	H	-	H	H	H	H	H
IV.a.9	OCH ₂ O	OMe	H	H	Me	R	H	H	H	H	H
IV.a.10	OCH ₂ O	H	H	H	H	R	H	H	OMe	H	H
IV.a.11	OCH ₂ O	H	H	H	Me	R	H	H	OH	H	H
IV.a.12	OMe	OMe	H	H	H	R	H	H	OH	H	H
IV.a.13	OMe	OMe	H	H	H	S	H	H	OMe	OMe	H
IV.a.14	OH	OMe	H	H	H	S	H	H	OMe	OMe	OMe
IV.a.15	OMe	OMe	H	H	Me	R	H	H	H	H	H
IV.a.16	OMe	OMe	H	H	H	R	H	H	H	H	H

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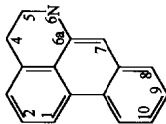
IV.a	1	2	3	4	6	6a	7	8	9	10	11
IV.a.17	OMe	OMe	H	H	Formyl	R	H	H	H	H	H
IV.a.18	OMe	OMe	H	H	Ac	R	H	H	H	H	H
IV.a.19	OMe	OMe	H	H	Me	S	H	H	H	OH	H
IV.a.20	OMe	OMe	H	H	H	S	H	H	OH	OMe	H
IV.a.21	OMe	OMe	H	H	Me	S	H	H	OH	OMe	H
IV.a.22	OH	OMe	H	H	Me	R	H	H	H	OH	H
IV.a.23	OH	OMe	H	H	Me	S	H	H	OH	OMe	H
IV.a.24		OCH ₃ O	H	H	Me	S	H	H	H	OMe	OH
IV.a.25	OMe	OH	H	H	Me	S	H	H	OH	OMe	H
IV.a.26	OMe	OH	H	H	(CH ₃) ₂	S	H	H	OH	OMe	H
IV.a.27		OCH ₃ O	H	H	Me	S	H	H	OH	OMe	H
IV.a.28	OH	OMe	H	H	Me	S	H	H	H	OMe	OMe
IV.a.29	OH	OMe	H	H	(CH ₃) ₂	S	H	H	H	OMe	OMe
IV.a.30	OH	OMe	H	H	Me	S	H	H	H	OMe	OH
IV.a.31	OMe	OMe	H	H	Me	S	H	H	OMe	OMe	OH
IV.a.32		OCH ₃ O	H	H	Me	R	H	H	H	OH	H
IV.a.33	OMe	OMe	H	H	Me	S	H	H	OCH ₃ O	OH	H
IV.a.34	OMe	OMe	H	H	H	S	H	H	OCH ₃ O	OCH ₃ O	H
IV.a.35	OMe	OMe	H	H	Formyl	S	H	H	OCH ₃ O	OCH ₃ O	H
IV.a.36	OMe	OH	H	H	Me	S	H	H	OMe	OMe	H
IV.a.37	OMe	OH	H	H	Me	S	H	H	OMe	OH	H
IV.a.38		OCH ₃ O	H	H	Me	R	H	H	H	H	H
IV.a.39	OH	OMe	H	H	Me	S	H	H	H	OMe	OMe
IV.a.40		OCH ₃ O	H	H	Me	R	H	H	H	H	H
IV.a.41		OCH ₃ O	H	H	Me	R	β-OH	H	H	H	H
IV.a.42		OCH ₃ O	H	H	Me	R	α-OH	H	H	H	H
					β-oxide	R	α-OH	H	H	H	H
IV.a.43		OCH ₃ O	H	H	Me	R	α-OH	OMe	H	H	H
IV.a.44		OCH ₃ O	H	H	Me	R	H	H	OMe	OMe	H
IV.a.45		OCH ₃ O	H	H	H	R	H	H	OMe	OMe	H

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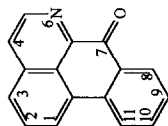
IV.a	1	2	3	4	6	6a	7	8	9	10	11
IV.a.46		OCH ₂ O	H	α-OH	Me	R	H	H	OMe	OMe	H
IV.a.47	OH	OMe	H	H	Me	S	H	H	H	OH	OMe
IV.a.48	OMe	OMe	H	H	(CH ₃) ₂	S	H	H	H	OMe	OMe
IV.a.49	OMe	OMe	H	H	(CH ₃) ₂ Cl	S	H	H	H	OMe	OMe
IV.a.50	OMe	OH	H	H	Me	S	H	H	H	OMe	OH
IV.a.51	OMe	OH	H	H	(CH ₃) ₂	S	H	H	H	OMe	OH
IV.a.52	OMe	OMe	H	H	(CH ₃) ₂	S	H	H	OMe	OMe	H
IV.a.53	OMe	OMe	H	H	(CH ₃) ₂	S	H	H	H	OMe	OH
IV.a.54	OH	OMe	H	H	(CH ₃) ₂	S	H	H	H	OMe	OH
IV.a.55	OH	OMe	H	H	(CH ₃) ₂	S	H	H	OH	OMe	H
IV.a.56	OH	OMe	H	H	(CH ₃) ₂	-	H	H	H	OMe	OH
IV.a.57		OCH ₂ O	H	H	Me, Oxide	R	H	OMe	OMe	H	H
IV.a.58		OCH ₂ O	H	α-OH	Me	R	α-OH	H	H	H	H
IV.a.59		OCH ₂ O	H	H	Me	R	H	OMe	OMe	H	H
IV.a.60		OCH ₂ O	H	α-OH	Me	R	H	OMe	OMe	H	H
IV.a.61		OCH ₂ O	H	H	Me	R	β-OH	OMe	OMe	H	H
IV.a.62		OCH ₂ O	H	H	Me	R	β-Acetoxy	OMe	OMe	H	H
IV.a.63		OCH ₂ O	H	H	Me, oxide	R	β-OH	OMe	OMe	H	H
IV.a.64		OCH ₂ O	H	H	Me	R	H	H	OMe	OH	H
IV.a.65		OCH ₂ O	H	H	Me	R	H	OMe	OH	H	H
IV.a.66		OCH ₂ O	H	H	Me	R	H	OMe	H	H	H
IV.a.67		OCH ₂ O	H	H	Me	R	H	H	OMe	H	H
IV.a.68		OMe	H	H	Me	S	H	H	H	OMe	OH
IV.a.69		OH	H	H	H	S	H	H	OH	OMe	H
IV.a.70		OMe	H	H	Me	-	H	H	H	OH	H
IV.a.71		OMe	H	H	Me	S	H	H	H	OH	H
IV.a.72		OCH ₂ O	H	H	H	S	H	H	OMe	OH	H
IV.a.73		OMe	H	H	Formyl	R	H	H	H	H	H

Table XXVI. Sub-type IV.b - 6a,7-Di-dehydroporphines Alkaloids.

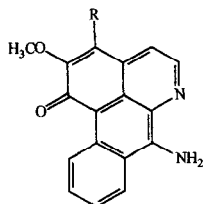


IV.b	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
IV.b.1	OCH ₃ O		H	H	Me	H	OMe	OMe	H
IV.b.2	OCH ₂ O		H	H	Me	H	H	OMe	OH
IV.b.3	OCH ₂ O		H	H	Me	H	OMe	OH	H
IV.b.4	OCH ₂ O		H	H	Me	H	OMe	H	H
IV.b.5	OCH ₂ O		H	H	Me	H	H	OMe	H
IV.b.6	OCH ₂ O		H	H	Me	H	H	H	H
IV.b.7	OMe	OMe	H	H	Formyl	H	H	H	H
IV.b.8	OCH ₂ O		H	H	Me	H	H	OMe	OMe
IV.b.9	OCH ₂ O		H	H	Me	H	OH	H	H
IV.b.10	OCH ₂ O		=O	=O	Me	H	H	H	H
IV.b.11	OMe	OMe	=O	=O	Me	H	H	H	H
IV.b.12	OMe	OMe	=O	=O	H	H	H	H	H
IV.b.13	OCH ₂ O		=O	=O	Me	H	H	OCH ₂ O	H
IV.b.14	OCH ₂ O		=O	=O	Me	H	OMe	OMe	OCH ₂ O
IV.b.15	OMe	OMe	=O	=O	Me	H	H	H	H
IV.b.16	OCH ₂ O		H	H	Formyl	H	H	H	H
IV.b.17	OMe	OMe	=O	=O	H	Cl	H	H	H

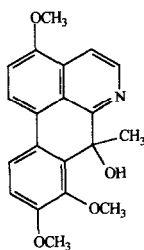
Table XXVII. Sub-type IV.c - 7-Oxoaporphine Alkaloids.



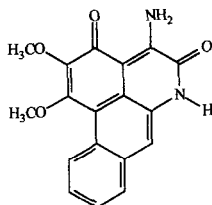
IV.c	1	2	3	4	6	8	9	10	11
IV.c.1	OCH ₂ O		H	H	-	H	H	H	H
IV.c.2	OMe	OMe	H	H	-	H	H	H	H
IV.c.3	OMe	OMe	OMe	H	-	H	H	H	H
IV.c.4	OMe	OMe	OMe	OMe	-	H	H	H	H
IV.c.5	OMe	OMe	H	OMe	-	H	H	H	H
IV.c.6	OMe	OMe	OMe	H	-	H	OH	H	H
IV.c.7	OMe	OMe	H	H	-	H	OH	H	H
IV.c.8	OCH ₂ O		H	H	-	OMe	OMe	H	H
IV.c.9	OMe	OMe	H	H	-	H	OMe	OMe	H
IV.c.10	OMe	OMe	H	H	-	H	OMe	OCH ₂ O	H
IV.c.11	OCH ₂ O		H	H	-	H	H	H	OMe
IV.c.12	OCH ₂ O		H	H	-	OMe	H	H	H
IV.c.13	OCH ₂ O		H	H	-	OH	H	H	H
IV.c.14	OCH ₂ O		H	H	-	H	OMe	H	H
IV.c.15	OCH ₂ O		H	H	-	H	OH	H	H
IV.c.16	OCH ₂ O		H	H	-	H	OMe	OMe	H
IV.c.17	OCH ₂ O		H	H	-	H	OCH ₂ O	OCH ₂ O	H
IV.c.18	OCH ₂ O		H	H	Me	OMe	H	H	H
IV.c.19	OCH ₂ O		H	H	Me	OMe	OMe	OMe	H
IV.c.20	OCH ₂ O		OMe	H	-	H	OMe	OMe	H

Sub-type IV.d - 1-Oxo, 7-aminoaporphine Alkaloids.

IV.d.1 R = H
 IV.d.2 R = OMe

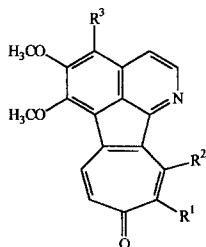
Sub-type IV.e - Miscellaneous Aporphine Alkaloids.

IV.e.1

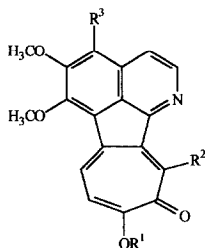


IV.e.2

Type V
Tropoloneisoquinoline Alkaloids

Table XXVIII. Sub-type V.a - 10-Oxo-tropoloneisoquinoline Alkaloids.

V.a	R ¹	R ²	R ³	
V.a.1	OH	OMe	H	*
V.a.2	OH	H	OMe	
V.a.3	OH	OMe	OMe	**
V.a.4	OMe	H	OMe	
V.a.5	H	H	H	

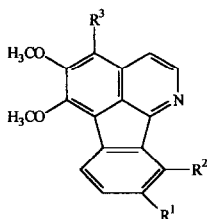
Table XXIX. Sub-type V.b - 11-oxo-tropoloneisoquinoline Alkaloids.

V.b	R ¹	R ²	R ³	
V.b.1	H	OMe	H	*
V.b.2	Me	H	OMe	
V.b.3	H	OMe	OMe	**

* Exist in equilibrium.

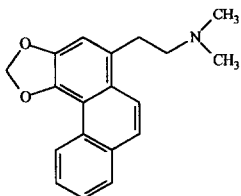
** Exist in equilibrium.

Type VI
Table XXX. Azafluorantene Alkaloids



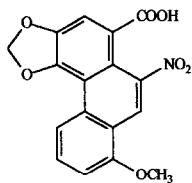
VI	R ¹	R ²	R ³
VI.1	H	H	H
VI.2	OH	H	H
VI.3	OMe	H	OMe
VI.4	OH	H	OMe
VI.5	OMe	OMe	OMe
VI.6	OH	OMe	OMe

Type VII
Phenantrene Alkaloids

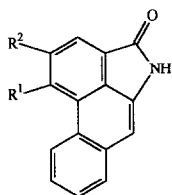
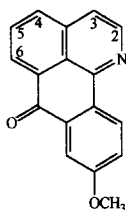


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Type VIII
Aristolochic Acid Derivative Alkaloids



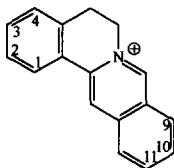
VIII.a

Sub-type VIII.b - Aristolactams.VIII.b.1 $R^1 = R^2 = OCH_2O$ VIII.b.2 $R^1 = R^2 = OCH_3$ **Type IX****Table XXXI. Isooxoaporphine Alkaloids.**

IX	2-3	4	5	6
IX.1	-	H	OMe	OMe
IX.2	di-dehydro	H	OMe	OMe
IX.3	-	H	OMe	OH
IX.4	-	OMe	OMe	OMe
IX.5	-	H	OMe	H
IX.6	-	H	OCH ₂ O	
IX.7	-	OMe	OMe	OH

Type X
Protoberberine Alkaloids

Table XXXII. Sub-type X.a - Protoberberine Alkaloids (*Strictu sensu*).



X.a	1	2	3	4	9	10	11
X.a.1	H	OMe	OH	H	OMe	OMe	H
X.a.2	H	OH	OMe	H	OMe	OMe	H
X.a.3	H	OMe	OMe	H	OMe	OMe	H
X.a.4	H	OCH ₂ O		H	OMe	OMe	H
X.a.5	H	OH	OMe	H	OMe	OH	H
X.a.6	H	OMe	OMe	H	OMe	OH	H
X.a.7	H	OCH ₂ O		H	OMe	OH	H
X.a.8	H	OMe	OH	H	OMe	OH	H
X.a.9	H	OMe	OMe	H	OH	OMe	H
X.a.10	H	OCH ₂ O		H	OH	OMe	H
X.a.11	H	OH	OMe	H	OCH ₂ O		H
X.a.12	H	OMe	OH	H	H	OMe	OMe
X.a.13	H	OH	OMe	H	H	OMe	OMe
X.a.14	H	OMe	OMe	OMe	OMe	OMe	H
X.a.15	H	OMe	OMe	OH	OMe	OMe	H
X.a.16	OH	OMe	OMe	H	H	OMe	OMe
X.a.17	H	OMe	OH	Dimer *	OMe	OMe	H
X.a.18	H	OMe	OMe	H	OMe	OMe	H

* Structure of X.a.17:

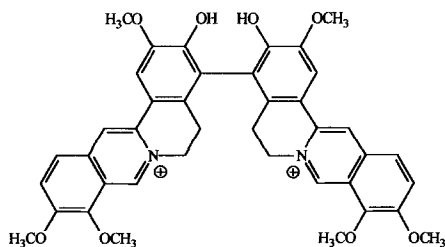
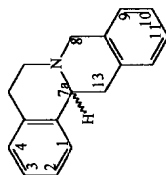


Table XXXIII. Sub-type X.b - Tetrahydroprotoberberine Alkaloids.



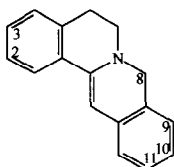
X.b	1	2	3	4	7a	8	9	10	11	13	N
X.b.1	H	OMe	OH	H	α	H	OMe	OH	H	H	-
X.b.2	H	OH	OMe	H	α	H	OCH ₂ O	OH	H	H	-
X.b.3	H	OMe	OMe	H	β	H	OCH ₂ O	OCH ₂ O	H	H	-
X.b.4	H	OMe	OH	H	α	H	OMe	OMe	H	H	-
X.b.5	H	OH	OMe	H	α	H	OMe	OH	H	H	-
X.b.6	H	OMe	OH	H	undef.	H	H	OH	OMe	H	-
X.b.7	H	OMe	OH	H	α	H	H	OH	*	H	-
X.b.8	H	OMe	OMe	H	α	H	H	OMe	OH	H	-
X.b.9	H	OH	OMe	H	α	H	H	OMe	OH	H	-
X.b.10	H	OH	OMe	H	α	H	H	OMe	OH	H	-
X.b.11	H	OH	OMe	H	α	H	H	OH	OMe	H	-
X.b.12	H	OH	OMe	H	α	H	H	OMe	OMe	H	-
X.b.13	H	OH	OH	H	β	H	OMe	OMe	H	H	-
X.b.14	OMe	OMe	OMe	H	undef.	H	OMe	OMe	H	H	-
X.b.15	H	OMe	OMe	H	α	H	OMe	OMe	OH	H	-
X.b.16	OH	OMe	OMe	H	α	H	OMe	OMe	H	H	-
X.b.17	OH	OMe	OMe	H	α	H	OMe	OH	H	H	-
X.b.18	OH	OMe	OMe	H	α	H	H	OMe	OH	H	-

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Table XXXIII (Continued)

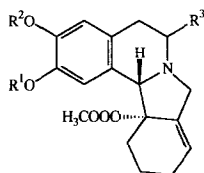
X.b	1	2	3	4	7a	8	9	10	11	13	N
X.b.19	OH [†]	OMe	OMe	H	α	H	H	OMe	OMe [†]	H	-
X.b.20	H	OCH ₃ O		H	β	H	OMe	OMe	H	H	-
X.b.21	H	OCH ₃ O		H	β	=O	OMe	OMe	H	H	-
X.b.22	H	OCH ₃ O		H	α	=O	OMe	OH	H	H	-
X.b.23	H	OCH ₃ O		H	α	-O	OH	OMe	H	H	-
X.b.24	H	OCH ₃ O		H	α	=O	OMe	OMe	H	H	-
X.b.25	H	OMe	OMe	H	α	=O	OMe	OMe	H	H	-
X.b.26	H	OCH ₃ O		H	α	=O	H	H	H	H	-
X.b.27	H	OCH ₃ O		H	α	=O	OMe	OMe	H	H	-
X.b.28	H	OH	OMe	H	β	=O	OMe	OMe	H	H	-
X.b.29	H	OCH ₃ O		H	α	H	OMe	OMe	H	=O	-
X.b.30	H	OMe	OMe	H	α	H	OMe	OH	H	H	-
X.b.31	H	OMe	OMe	H	α	H	H	OMe	OMe	H	-
X.b.32	H	OMe	OMe	H	β	H	OMe	OMe	H	H	-
X.b.33	H	OMe	OMe	OH	α	H	OMe	OMe	H	H	-
X.b.34	H	OMe	OMe	OMe	α	H	OMe	OMe	H	H	-
X.b.35	H	OMe	OMe	OH	α	=O	OMe	OMe	H	H	-
X.b.36	H	OMe	OMe	H	α	H	OMe	OMe	H	H	oxide
X.b.37	H	OMe	OMe	H	α	H	H	OMe	OMe	H	α -oxide
X.b.38	H	OMe	OMe	H	α	H	H	OMe	OMe	H	β -oxide
X.b.39	H	OMe	OMe	H	α	H	OMe	OMe	OMe	H	Me
X.b.40	H	OMe	OMe	OH	α	H	OMe	OMe	H	H	Me
X.b.41	H	OMe	OMe	OMe	α	H	OMe	OMe	H	H	Me
X.b.42	H	OMe	OMe	H	undef.	H	OMe	OMe	H	H	Me
X.b.43	H	OH	OMe	H	α	H	OH	OMe	H	H	α -Me
X.b.44	H	OH	OMe	H	β	H	OH	OMe	H	H	α -Me
X.b.45	H	OH	OMe	H	α	H	OH	OMe	H	H	-

* *O*- β -D-glucopyranoside[†] Interchangeable

Table XXXIV. Sub-type X.c - Dihydroprotoberberine Alkaloids.

X.c	2	3	8	9	10	11
X.c.1	OCH ₂ O		=O	OMe	OMe	H
X.c.2	OCH ₂ O		OH	OMe	OMe	H
X.c.3	OCH ₂ O		=O	OH	OMe	H
X.c.4	OMe	OMe	=O	OMe	OMe	H
X.c.5	OMe	OMe	=O	H	OMe	OMe
X.c.6	OMe	OMe	H	H	OMe	OMe

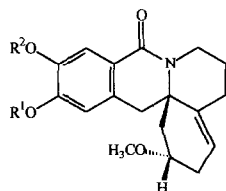
Type XI
Hirsutine Alkaloids

Table XXXV. Hirsutine Alkaloids.

XI	R ¹	R ²	R ³	N
XI.1	H	H	H	-
XI.2	Me	H	H	-
XI.3	Me	Me	H	-
XI.4	Me	Me	=O	-
XI.5	Me	Me	H	<i>N-oxide</i>

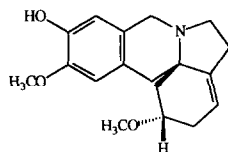
Type XII
Cohirsine Alkaloids

Table XXXVI. Sub-type XII.a - Cohirsine Alkaloids Bearing Six Carbons in Ring C.



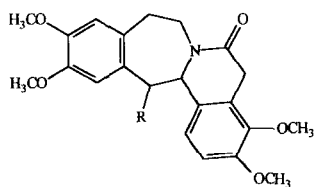
XII.a	R ¹	R ²
XII.a.1	H	H
XII.a.2	Me	H
XII.a.3	Me	Me

Sub-type XII.b - Cohirsine Alkaloids Bearing Five Carbons in Ring C.



XII.b

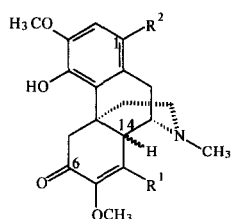
Type XIII
Benzazepine Alkaloids



XIII.1 R = O
XIII.2 R = OH

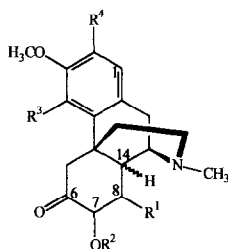
Type XIV
Morphinan Alkaloids

Table XXXVII. Sub-type XIV.a.1 - 9,13- α -Morphinan-6-one Alkaloids.

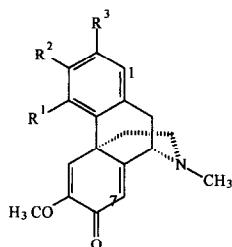


XIV.a.1	R ¹	R ²	H-14
XIV.a.1.1	H	H	α
XIV.a.1.2	H	1,1'-dimer	α
XIV.a.1.3	OMe	H	α
XIV.a.1.4	OMe	H	β

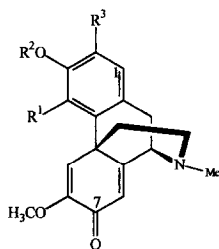
Table XXXVIII. Sub-type XIV.a.2 - 9,13- β -Morphinan-6-one Alkaloids.



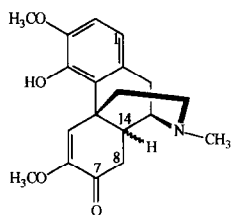
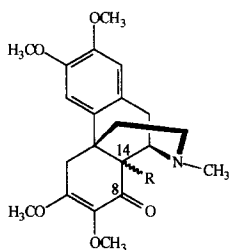
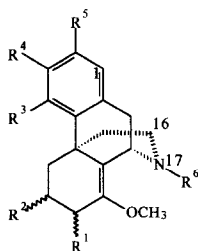
XIV.a.2	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	H-14	C7-C8
XIV.a.2.1	OMe	H	OH	H	β	unsat.
XIV.a.2.2	OMe	Me	H	OMe	β	unsat.
XIV.a.2.3	OMe	Me	H	OMe	α	unsat
XIV.a.2.4	OMe	Me	H	OH	α	unsat.
XIV.a.2.5	H	Me	H	OMe	α	sat.

Table XXXIX. Sub-type XIV.b.1 - 9,13- α -Morphinan-7-one Alkaloids.

XIV.b.1	R ¹	R ²	R ³
XIV.b.1.1	OMe	OH	H
XIV.b.1.2	OH	OMe	H
XIV.b.1.3	H	OMe	OH
XIV.b.1.4	H	OCH ₂ O	

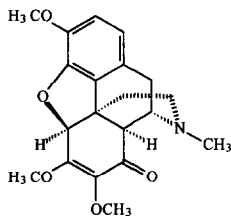
Table XL. Sub-type XIV.b.2 - 9,13- β -Morphinan-7-one Alkaloids.

XIV.b.2	R ¹	R ²	R ³
XIV.b.2.1	OH	Me	H
XIV.b.2.2	H	Me	OMe

Sub-type XIV.b.3 - 9,13- β -8,14-Dihydro-morphinan-7-one Alkaloids.XIV.b.3.1 - Stereochemistry of H-14 = β XIV.b.3.2 - Stereochemistry of H-14 = α **Sub type XIV.c - 9,13- β -Morphinan-8-one Alkaloids.**XIV.c.1 - R = H α XIV.c.2 - R = H β XIV.c.3 - R = OH β **Table XLI. Sub-type XIV.d - 9,13- α -Morphinane Alkaloids.**

XIV.d	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁵	R ⁶	16-17
XIV.d.1	β-OH	β-OH	OH	OMe	H	H	sat.
XIV.d.2	β-OAc	β-OAc	OH	OMe	H	H	sat.
XIV.d.3	β-OH	β-OH	OH	OMe	H	H	unsat.
XIV.d.4	OMe	OH	H	OH	OMe	H	sat.
XIV.d.5	β-OAc	β-OAc	OH	OMe	H	Me	sat
XIV.d.6	β-OH	β-OH	H	OH	OMe	H	sat
XIV.d.7	β-OH	β-OH	OH	OMe	H	Me	sat.

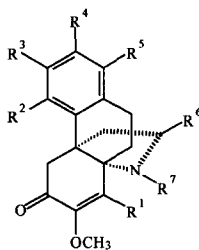
Sub-type XIV.e - Morphinane Alkaloid With an Ether Bridge Between C-4 and C-5.



XIV.e

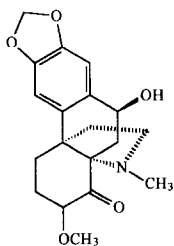
**Type XV
Hasubanane Alkaloids**

Table XLII. Sub-type XV.a - Hasubanan-6-one Alkaloids.



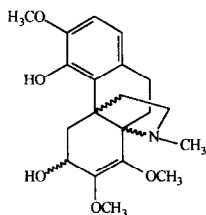
XV.a	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁵	R ⁶	R ⁷
XV.a.1	OMe	H	OCH ₂ O	H	H	H	Me
XV.a.2	OMe	H	OCH ₂ O	H	H	H	H
XV.a.3	OMe	H	OCH ₂ O	H	H	=O	Me
XV.a.4	OMe	OH	OMe	H	NO ₂	H	Me
XV.a.5	H	OH	OMe	H	H	H	Me
XV.a.6	OMe	H	OMe	OMe	H	H	Me
XV.a.7	OMe	H	OMe	OMe	H	H	H
XV.a.8	OMe	OMe	OMe	H	H	H	Me
XV.a.9	OMe	OMe	OMe	H	H	=O	Me
XV.a.10	OMe	OH	OMe	H	H	H	Me
XV.a.11	OMe	OH	OMe	H	H	H	H
XV.a.12	OMe	OH	OMe	H	H	=O	Me
XV.a.13	OMe	H	OMe	OH	H	H	Me

Sub-type XV.b - Hasubanan-8-one Alkaloids.

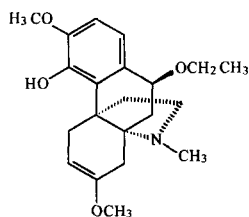


XV.b

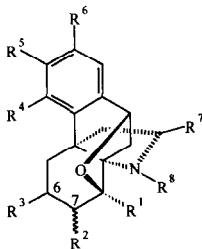
Sub-type XV.c - 7,8-Dehydro-hasubanan Alkaloids.



XV.c.1 = Hernandolinol
 XV.c.2 = Epihernandolinol (epimer)

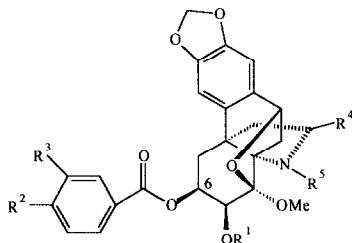
Sub-type XV.d - 6,7-Dehydro-hasubanan Alkaloids.

XV.d

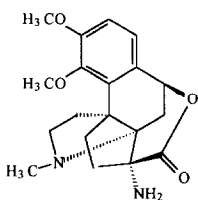
Table XLIII. Sub-type XV.e.1 - 8,10-Epoxyhasubanan Alkaloids.

XV.e.1	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁵	R ⁶	R ⁷	R ⁸	C6-C7
XV.e.1.1	OMe	α-OMe	=O	OMe	OMe	H	H	Me	sat.
XV.e.1.2	OMe	β-OMe	=O	OMe	OMe	H	H	Me	sat.
XV.e.1.3	OMe	α-OMe	=O	OMe	OMe	H	=O	Me	sat.
XV.e.1.4	OMe	β-OMe	=O	OMe	OMe	H	=O	Me	sat.
XV.e.1.5	OMe	β-OMe	β-OH	H	OCH ₂ O		=O	Me	sat.
XV.e.1.6	OMe	β-OMe	β-OH	OH	OMe	H	H	H	sat.
XV.e.1.7	OMe	β-OMe	β-OH	OH	OH	H	H	H	sat.
XV.e.1.8	OH	β-OH	H	OH	OMe	H	H	Me	sat.
XV.e.1.9	OH	β-OH	H	OH	OH	H	H	Me	sat.
XV.e.1.10	OMe*	β-OH*	β-OH	OH	OMe	H	H	Me	sat.
XV.e.1.11	OMe	β-OMe	β-OH	OH	OMe	H	H	Me	sat.
XV.e.1.12	OH	β-OMe	β-OH	OH	OMe	H	H	Me	sat.
XV.e.1.13	OH	β-OMe	β-OH	OMe	OMe	H	H	Me	sat.
XV.e.1.14	OMe	β-OMe	β-OAc	OMe	OMe	H	H	Me	sat.
XV.e.1.15	OMe	β-OH	=O	OH	OMe	H	H	Me	sat.
XV.e.1.16	OH	β-OMe	β-OH	OMe	OMe	H	=O	Me	sat.
XV.e.1.17	OH	=O	H	OMe	OMe	H	H	Me	sat.
XV.e.1.18	OH	OMe	H	OH	OMe	H	H	Me	unsat.
XV.e.1.19	OH	=O	H	H	OCH ₂ O		H	Me	sat.

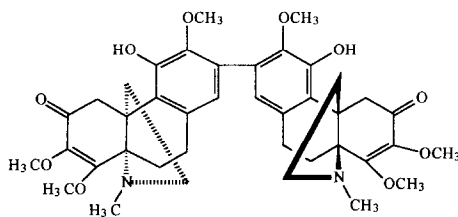
* Could be interchangeable.

Table XLIV. Sub-type XV.e.2 - 8,10-Epoxihasubanan Alkaloids Bearing a Disubstituted Benzoate in C6.

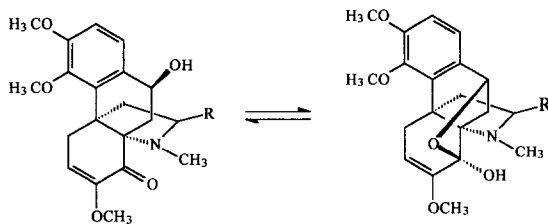
XV.e.2	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁵
XV.e.2.1	Me	H	H	H	Me
XV.e.2.2	Me	H	H	=O	Me
XV.e.2.3	H	OMe	OMe	H	H
XV.e.2.4	H	OH	OMe	H	H
XV.e.2.5	Me	OMe	OMe	H	Me

Sub-type XV.f - Miscellaneous Hasubanan Alkaloids.

XV.f.1



XV.f.2

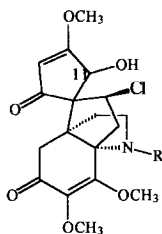


XV.f.3.1 R = H

XV.f.3.2 R = O

Type XVI Acutumine Alkaloids

Sub-type XVI.a - α -Acutumine Alkaloids.

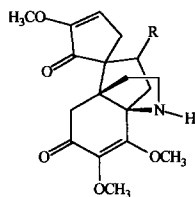


XVI.a.1 R = Me

XVI.a.2 R = H

XVI.a.3 R = Me, 11-deoxi

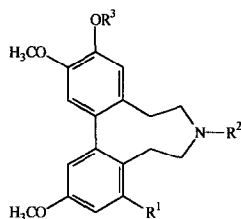
Sub-type XVI.b - β -Acutumine Alkaloids.



XVI.b.1 R = Cl

XVI.b.2 R = H

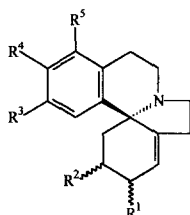
Type XVII
Table XLV. Eribidine Alkaloids.



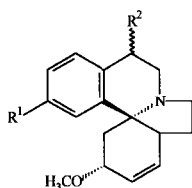
XVII	R ¹	R ²	R ³
XVII.1	H	H	Me
XVII.2	H	Me	H
XVII.3	H	Me	Me
XVII.4	OMe	Me	Me

Type XVIII
Erythrine Alkaloids

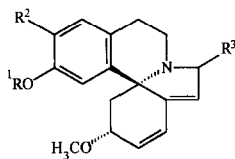
Table XLVI. Sub-type XVIII.a - 1,6-Didehydro Erythrine Alkaloids.



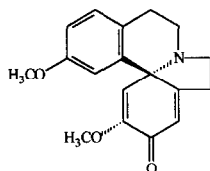
XVIII.a	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁵	N
XVIII.a.1	H	α -OMe	OH	H	H	-
XVIII.a.2	H	α -OH	OH	H	H	-
XVIII.a.3	H	α -OMe	COOMe	OMe	H	-
XVIII.a.4	β -OH	α -OMe	OMe	H	H	-
XVIII.a.5	β -OH	α OMe	OH	H	H	-
XVIII.a.6	=O	α -OMe	OMe	H	H	-
XVIII.a.7	H	α -OMe	OMe	H	H	-
XVIII.a.8	H	α -OMe	OH	H	OMe	-
XVIII.a.9	H	α -OMe	OMe	OH	H	-
XVIII.a.10	H	α -OMe	OH	OMe	H	-
XVIII.a.11	H	α -OMe	COOH	OMe	H	-
XVIII.a.12	H	α -OMe	CONH ₂	OMe	H	-
XVIII.a.13	H	α -OMe	OH	H	H	Me
XVIII.a.14		OCH ₂ O	COOMe	OMe	H	-

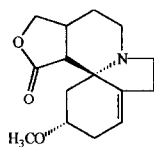
Table XLVII. Sub-type XVIII.b - 1,2-Didehydro Erythrine Alkaloids.

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XVIII.b.2	OMe	H
XVIII.b.3	H	H

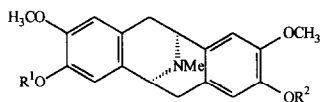
Table XLVIII. Sub-type XVIII.c - 1,2,6,7-Tetrahydro Erythrine Alkaloids.

XVIII.c	R¹	R²	R³
XVIII.c.1	Me	OH	H
XVIII.c.2	H	H	H
XVIII.c.3	Me	H	H
XVIII.c.4	H	H	=O
XVIII.c.5	Me	H	=O

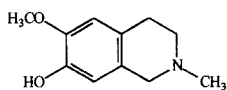
Sub-type XVIII.d**XVIII.d**

Sub-type XVIII.e

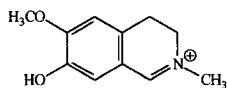
XVIII.e

Type XIX**Table XLIX. Pavine Alkaloids.**

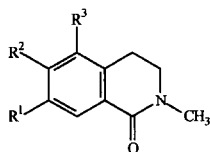
XIX	R ¹	R ²
XIX.1	Me	Me
XIX.2	H	Me
XIX.3	H	H

Type XX**Isoquinoline Alkaloids****Sub-type XX.a - Tetrahydro Isoquinoline Alkaloids.**

XX.a

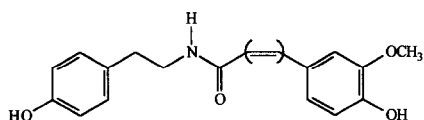


XX.a.1

Table L. Sub-type XX.b - Isoquinolinone Alkaloids.

XX.b	R ¹	R ²	R ³	C3-C4
XX.b.1	OH	OMe	H	sat.
XX.b.2	OMe	OMe	H	unsat.
XX.b.3	OMe	OCH ₂ O		sat.

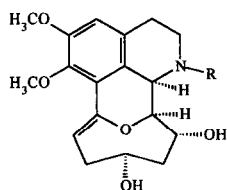
Type XXI
Phenethylcinamide Alkaloids



XXI.1 (E-form)

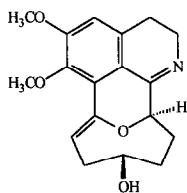
XXI.2 (Z-form)

Type XXII
Stephaxocane Alkaloids

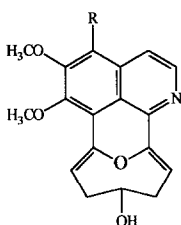


XXII.1 R = H

XXII.2 R = CH₃



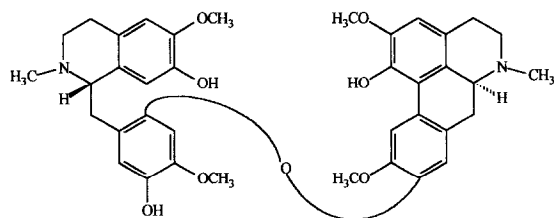
XXII.3



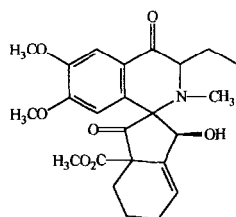
XXII.4 R = H

XXII.5 R = OCH₃

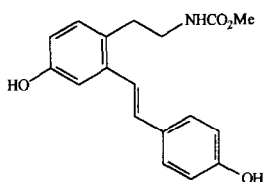
Type XXIII
Miscellaneous Structure Alkaloids



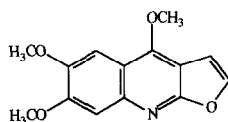
XXIII.1 - Thalycarpine



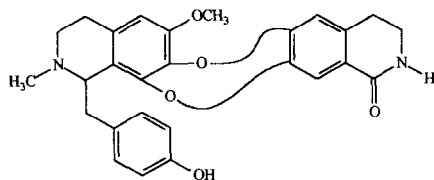
XXIII.2 - Cohirsitine



XXIII.3 - Gusalung C



XXIII.4 - Kokusaginine



XXIII.5 - Neotrilobine

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RECENT SYNTHETIC STUDIES ON THE ERGOT ALKALOIDS AND RELATED COMPOUNDS

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I. Introduction

Ergot alkaloids are one of the most prolific groups of alkaloids derived from *Claviceps* species with respect to their structures and biological activity. Their structures are typically designated as an ergoline alkaloid having the characteristic structure of a tetracyclic indole ring system. The potential of this group of alkaloids as medicinal agents is very high based on their broad pharmacological activity, responding to such physiologically important biosubstances as noradrenaline, serotonin and/or dopamine and their receptors. Therefore, there have been a number of reviews written concerning their chemistry and synthesis and also their biological and metabolic aspects. The first review was written by two of the pioneers of ergot alkaloid chemistry, A. Stoll and A. Hoffmann in 1965, who originated the research and gave the first introduction to this group of natural products regarding their occurrence and distribution and opened the door to this group of alkaloids by shedding the light of modern chemistry (1). Then a decade later in 1975, most of the ergot alkaloids presently known were summarized by two specialists in Basel, P.A. Stadler and P. Stutz, who triggered various aspects of the research which followed, including synthetic research on these alkaloids and the biological and pharmacological studies of ergot alkaloids (2). By 1975, virtually all of the structures of the ergot alkaloids had been proposed, thereby making them attractive targets for synthesis and biological research on their development as medicinals. The decade from 1980 was that of synthesis, thus we enjoyed the very prolific results of the total syntheses of most of the ergoline alkaloids, as witnessed by the review articles written in the later years of the eighties. Then there came a time ripe for summarizing the synthetic works conducted in the decade of 1990.

We have reviewed all of the synthetic studies achieved since 1990, at the request of the editor of this series (3). Then in 1998, this series presented an excellent review on the biochemistry of ergot alkaloids by Gröger and Floss, who assisted us to widen our sights further (4).

For the synthetic achievement of ergot alkaloids, we were asked to review the addition of new results at the end of the 20th century. Here we will review the synthetic achievements of the last decade. The particular focus is on the studies of three Japanese groups including the groups led by Profs. Somei and Yokoyama, who have respectively poured their extensive efforts towards the exploitation of synthetic methodology on indole compounds, aiming at the establishment of the synthesis of ergot alkaloids.

II. Total Syntheses of Lysergic Acid

Lysergic acid (**1**) has stood out as the central figure in ergot alkaloid research throughout the twentieth century from the beginning of research on the ergot alkaloids.

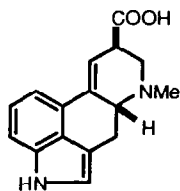
During this period, its structure was established by its total syntheses and its biological activity was well-studied. The total synthesis of lysergic acid (**1**) has attracted the significant attention of synthetic organic chemists, as witnessed by the number of total syntheses so far achieved, which now count to nine. All of these appeared in a short span of time in the nineties, except for the first one by Woodward and Kornfeld. Only one new addition to the list appeared since the previous review written in 1990 (3), where all the syntheses were well-documented, showing that the research in this decade has been focused in other directions. Here the authors want to mention briefly the total syntheses previously carried out simply for the basic strategies involved.

A. THE FIRST TOTAL SYNTHESIS BY KORNFELD AND WOODWARD (1956) (5)

This synthesis was achieved by the successful approach to the tricyclic ketone, what we have now called Kornfeld's ketone, which has been continuously playing a key role in the subsequent syntheses of many ergot alkaloid researchers, thus providing a number of improved syntheses. This synthesis was first reviewed by Stadler and Stutz in 1975 in Volume 15 of this series (2).

B. THE JULIA SYNTHESIS (1969) (6)

Aiming at the formation of the C/D ring junction by the intramolecular attack of a stabilized allylic anion on an aryne generated from the A ring, the oxindole obtained from 5-bromoisatin was transformed to a mixture of stereoisomers which were further converted to the target molecule.



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C. THE RAMAGE SYNTHESIS (1981) (7)

The suggestion by Woodward on the epimerization of lysergic acid (**1**) through an achiral tricyclic amine gave a hint to the authors for the synthesis of lysergic acid (**1**) via a route which involved a tricyclic amine as a key intermediate in their lengthy total synthesis. Similar routes were also followed by two other syntheses.

D. THE OPPOLZER SYNTHESIS (1981) (8)

By inventing an intramolecular imino-Diels-Alder cycloaddition of a diene formed by the thermolysis of an oxime-ether, the construction of the alkaloid skeleton, and the usefulness of this methodology, was successfully exemplified, first by the total synthesis of the benzo[*c*]phenanthridine alkaloid, chelidonine, and then in a beautiful total synthesis of lysergic acid (**1**).

E. THE NINOMIYA SYNTHESIS (1982) (9,10)

Irradiation of an enamide, which was readily prepared from the imine of the tricyclic Kornfeld's ketone by acylation with 3-furoyl chloride, in the presence of sodium borohydride, yielded the skeletal structure of the ergoline alkaloids, which was readily converted by conventional procedures to lysergic acid (**1**). This photochemical route offered a wide potential for application to variously substituted analogs of lysergic acid (**1**) having high synthetic interest.

F. THE REBEK SYNTHESIS (1983) (11)

By using *dl*-tryptophan as the starting unit, highly stereoselective steps via the tricyclic ketone completed the total synthesis of lysergic acid (**1**), thereby also paving a route for an enantioselective synthesis.

G. THE KURIHARA SYNTHESIS (1988) (12)

Modifying the synthesis of a key tricyclic aldehyde in the Ramage synthesis, subsequent Wittig-Horner reaction successfully linked their synthesis to the target lysergic acid (**1**).

H. THE CACCHI SYNTHESIS (1988) (13)

Also using the key intermediates in the Ramage synthesis, the newly developed oxidative addition of vinyl triflates to palladium(II) and the Heck reaction paved a way to lysergic acid (1).

I. THE VOLLHARDT SYNTHESIS (1994) (14)

Cocyclization of 4-ethynyl-3-indoleacetonitrile with an alkyne in the presence of a cupric complex gave rise to the ergoline skeleton, which was converted into lysergic acid diethylamide as discussed in Section III, C.

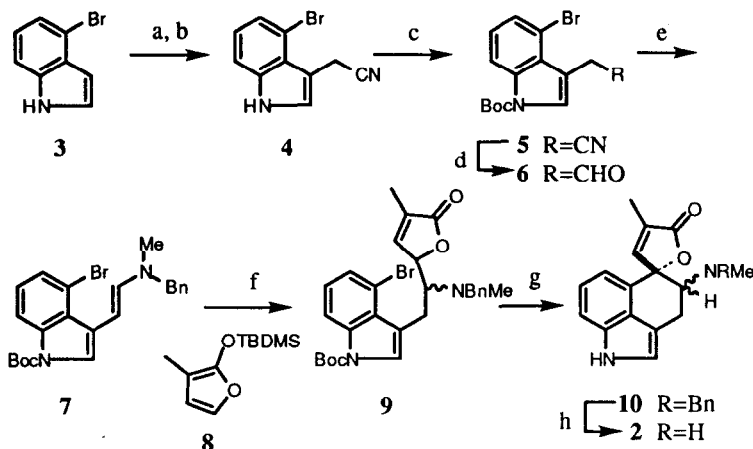
III. Total Synthesis of Ergot Alkaloids Other Than Lysergic Acid

Efforts toward the total synthesis of other members of the ergot alkaloid group have been carried out mostly by applying newly developed synthetic methodologies. Therefore, there are a number of new synthetic methodologies in the total synthesis and the syntheses aimed at the target alkaloids. The synthetic routes were often decorated by the author's own instinct. Although lysergic acid (1) has occupied a position at the center of interest for synthetic study, focus has also been directed toward other members of the ergot alkaloid group having non-ergoline structures.

A. TOTAL SYNTHESIS OF RUGULOVASINES A AND B

The alkaloids, rugulovasines A and B (2), were isolated in racemic form and were found to very easily interconvert upon warming. Rebek's group had succeeded in the enantioselective synthesis of (-)-rugulovasine early in 1980 and noticed its facile equilibration to form a mixture of the two alkaloids (15-17). A proposal for the intermediacy of an achiral structure in the facile interconversion of the two isomers in rugulovasines A and B (2) was confirmed by Rebek himself in the first enantioselective total synthesis (15,16). Martin's group have extensively studied its conversion aiming at the development of a new general synthetic methodology (18).

As a result, they have succeeded in using a vinylogous Mannich reaction as a method for the transformation applicable to the construction of a structural subunit common to different alkaloidal natural products. Starting from 4-bromoindole (3), a functionalized side chain was introduced into the 3-position



SCHEME 1. Reagents: a, aq. Me_2NH , aq. HCHO , AcOH ; b, KCN , $\text{DMF-H}_2\text{O}$; c, $(\text{Boc})_2\text{O}$, DMAP , Et_3N , CH_2Cl_2 ; d, DIBALH , CH_2Cl_2 ; e, BnNHMe , CH_2Cl_2 ; f, CSA , then **8**; g, $t\text{-BuOK}$, NH_3 , $h \nu$; h, HCl , MeOH , H_2 , $\text{Pd}(\text{OH})_2$.

of the indole nucleus. This side chain was then converted into the corresponding 3-acetaldehyde. The reaction of the acetaldehyde **6** with benzylmethylamine furnished the enamine **7**, which was then treated *in situ* with the siloxyfuran **8** to give the adducts **9** as a diastereomeric mixture. Irradiation of the adducts in refluxing ammonia in the presence of potassium *t*-butoxide brought about smooth cyclization to give an inseparable mixture of the protected rugulovasines **10**. Though removal of the *N*-benzyl protecting group from the photocyclized product **10** was far more difficult than anticipated, after many attempts, it was found that hydrogenolysis of the hydrochloride over the Pearlman's catalyst furnished smooth debenylation to complete the total synthesis of the two alkaloids **2** (Scheme 1).

B. SYNTHESIS OF CLAVICIPTIC ACID

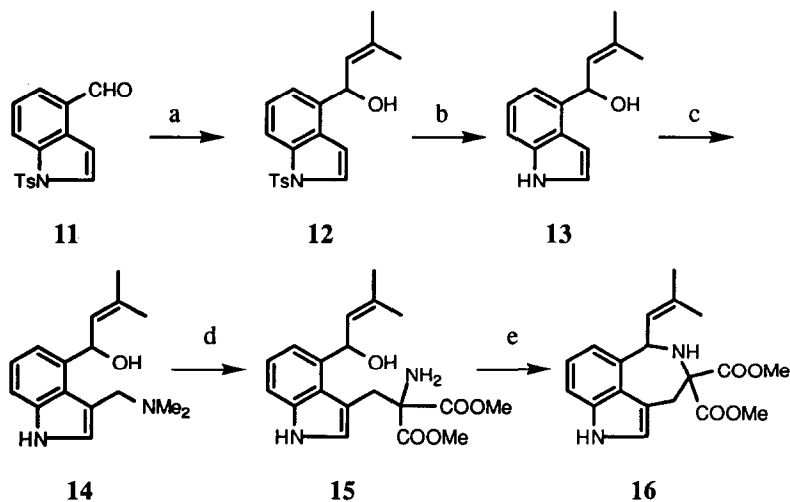
Clavicipitic acid and aurantioclavine are alkaloids having a fused seven-membered azepinoindole skeleton. As mentioned in the previous review (3), by 1988 clavicipitic acid had been synthesized by five groups, and aurantioclavine by two groups of chemists.

Clavicipitic acid is currently regarded as a derailment product of normal ergot metabolism (4). From its structural features of a seven-membered ring system, and also from biomimetic interest, this alkaloid has attracted the attention of many synthetic organic chemists. Therefore, a number of syntheses have been

reported of this particular alkaloid. As mentioned previously, there were already five by 1988, including Kozikowski and Greco (1982) (19), Munakata and Natsume (1983) (20), Kozikowski and Ohta again in 1985 (21), Matsumoto and Watanabe (1987) (22), Harrington (1987) (23), and Goto (1989), along with the synthesis of aurantioclavine by Somei (1985) (24), which were successively reported. Among, them, Kozikowski's biomimetic synthesis was entirely based on Floss' proposed sequence for the biosynthesis of the ergot alkaloid chanoclavine, as described in the previous review.

1. Formal Total Synthesis by Nichols group.

Nichols' group (25) successfully applied an acid-catalyzed intramolecular aminoalkylation reaction between an amine and alcohol to form the azepino ring system, the characteristic structure of this indolic amino acid in the route, via a functional equivalent of 10-hydroxylated DMAT 15. This hypothetical biochemical precursor of the alkaloid, which was not prepared previously, was the key intermediate for their efficient synthesis to clavicipitic acid. Nichols' group first prepared the requisite alcohol 12 by the Grignard reaction of *N*-tosylated indole-4-carboxaldehyde 11 with 2-methyl-1-propenylmagnesium



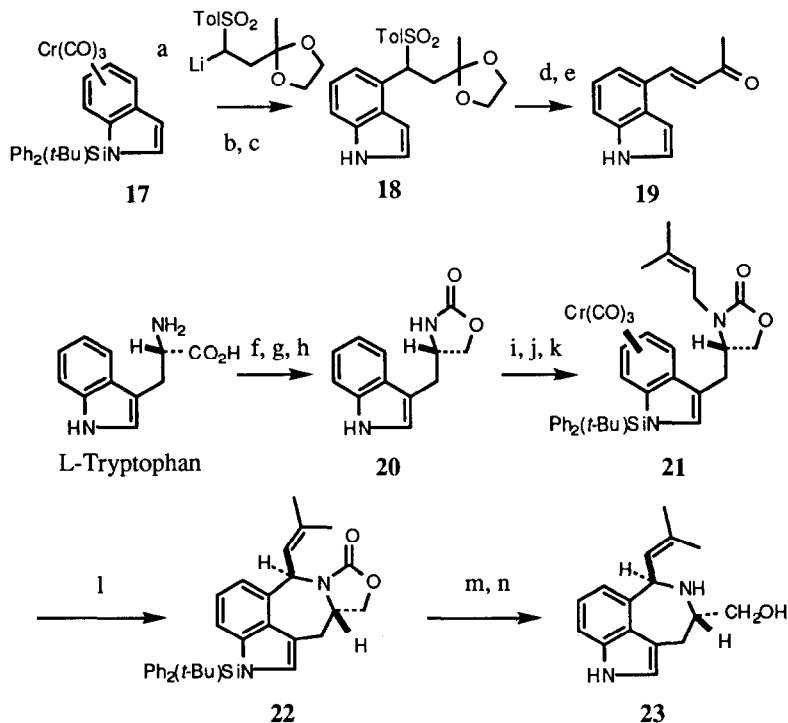
SCHEME 2. Reagents: a, $\text{BrCH}=\text{C}(\text{Me})_2$, Mg, THF; b, Na-Hg, MeOH; c, HCHO, $\text{HN}(\text{Me})_2$, AcOH; d, $\text{H}_2\text{NCH}(\text{COOMe})_2$, $(n\text{-Bu})_3\text{P}$, MeCN; e, TsOH, MeCN.

bromide. Deprotection of the indole nitrogen was smoothly achieved in nearly quantitative yield by the application of Trost's buffered amalgam method (26). Under classic Mannich conditions, the new indole **13** was converted to its gramine derivative **14**, which was then subjected to Somei's procedure (27) for conversion to the amino alcohol **15** in 80% yield. Cyclization of **15** was smoothly carried out by acid treatment giving the azepine **16** (Scheme 2).

The diester **16** has been shown to undergo decarbonylation to a *cis-trans* mixture of clavicipitic acids, thus furnishing a formal total synthesis of this alkaloid.

2. Syntheses of Clavicipitic Acid by Somei's Group and Yokoyama's Groups

Total syntheses of clavicipitic acid were achieved by two Japanese groups using their respective methodologies, as reviewed in Section IV.



SCHEME 3. Reagents: b, I_2 ; c, $(n\text{-Bu})_4\text{NF}$; d, cat. TsOH ; e, Et_3N ; f, LiAlH_4 ; g, NaOH ; h, COCl_2 ; i, $\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_3(\text{MeCN})_3$; j, NaH , $\text{Ph}_2(\text{t-Bu})\text{SiCl}$; k, MeLi , $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{Me})_2$; l, LDA , then I_2 ; m, $(n\text{-Bu})_4\text{NF}$; n, 3M KOH .

3. Attempted Synthesis by Semmelhack

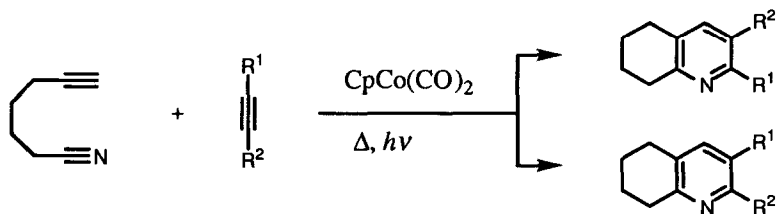
The activating effect of π -complexation of a $\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_3$ complex allows for selective nucleophilic substitution in indoles, such as tryptophan, providing intermediates for the synthesis of clavicipitic acid. Indole was readily transformed into the corresponding tricarbonylchromium complex and silylated to the orange-colored complex **17**. The addition of **17** to a solution of the lithiated sulfone followed by oxidative quenching with iodine and desilylation furnished the C-4 substituted indole **18** in 90% yield. The conversion of **18** to the enone **19** was achieved in 78% yield by sequential acid and base treatment.

Reduction of L-tryptophan and the conversion of the resulting amino alcohol afforded the oxazolidinone **20** in good yield. By applying the activating effect of the π -complex **21**, formed with a tricarbonylchromium complex, an alkenyl side chain was introduced into the 4-position of the tryptophan ring to give the intermediate **22** for the synthesis of clavicipitic alcohol (**23**) (Scheme 3) (28).

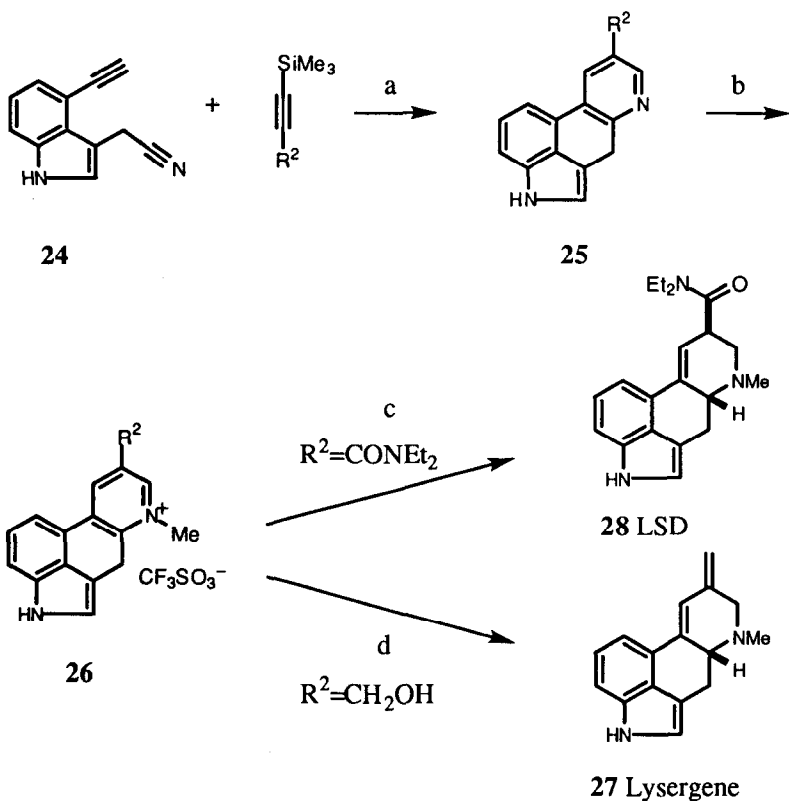
C. TOTAL SYNTHESIS OF LYSERGENE AND LYSERGIC ACID DIETHYLAMIDE (LSD)

Vollhardt and coworkers (14) have developed the cocyclization reaction using a cobalt-catalyst, successfully applied the reaction to the construction of the ergoline skeleton, and then extended its application to the synthesis of ergoline alkaloids. They found that the η^5 -cyclopentadienylcobalt-catalyzed cocyclization of α,ω -alkynenitriles with alkynes yielded the [2+2+2] cycloaddition products as shown in Scheme 4, thus showing the possibility for its application to the synthesis of nitrogen-containing polycyclic ring systems.

The utility of this cocyclization was shown in the synthesis of the ergoline framework when an ethynyl indole was employed, as in Scheme 5. The requisite 4-ethynyl-3-indoleacetonitrile (**24**) was prepared readily from the 4-bromoindole precursor followed by palladium-catalyzed trimethylsilyl-ethynylation-deprotonation.



SCHEME 4

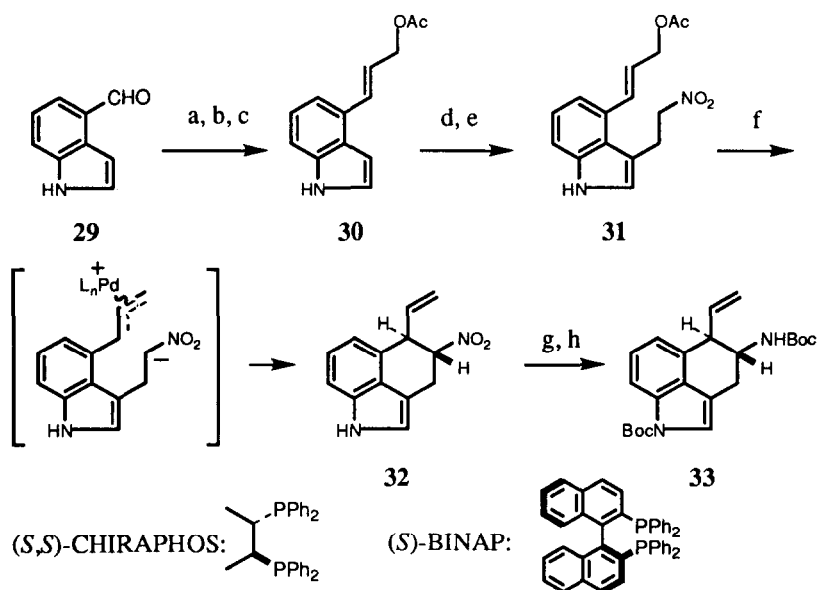


SCHEME 5. Reagents: a, $\text{CpCo}(\text{CO})_2$, Δ , $h\nu$; b, $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_2\text{Me}$, THF; c, 3-4 eq. NaBH_4 , MeOH; d, excess NaBH_4 , CD_3CN .

The compound 25; $\text{R}^2=\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ in these products, which carries a pyridine ring, was quaternized with methyl iodide and then reduced to give the tetrahydropyridine moiety, thereby completing a short total synthesis of lysergene (27) (Scheme 5). Similarly, LSD (28) was conveniently synthesized from the cycloaddition product 25 with a carboxamide group on the ring.

D. SYNTHESIS OF (-)-CHANOCLAVINE I

As mentioned in the previous review, chanoclavine I was synthesized previously in the last decade by several groups. The first total synthesis was achieved by Plieninger's group (29) which was followed by the syntheses of

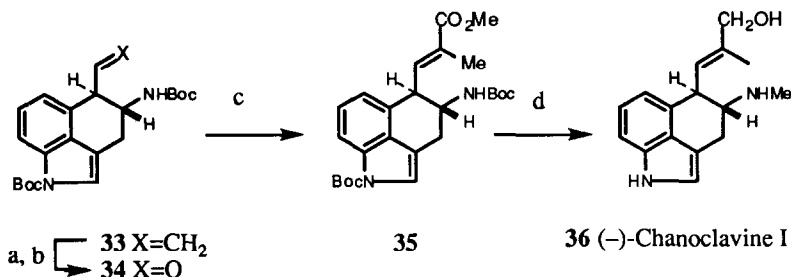


SCHEME 6. Reagents: a, $(\text{MeO})_2\text{P}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Me}$; b, DIBALH; c, Ac_2O ; d, $\text{Me}_2\text{NCH}=\text{CHNO}_2$; e, NaBH_4 ; f, $\text{Pd}(\text{dba})_2$, K_2CO_3 , $(S,S)\text{-CHIRAPHOS}$, or $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$, K_2CO_3 , $(S)\text{-BINAP}$; g, Zn-Hg , HCl ; h, $(\text{Boc})_2\text{O}$.

Natsume (30), Kozikowski (31), Opolzer (32), and Ninomiya (33), in addition to the synthesis of secoergolines by Somei's group (34).

The first enantioselective total synthesis of (-)-chanoclavine I (36) was reported by French chemists (35,36), who invented a unique method of constructing the ring system, including the C ring, together with the enantioselective introduction of two side chains into the D ring, by the application of an intramolecular palladium-catalyzed allylation of a nitroacetate. Genet *et al.* selected 4-formylindole (29) as the bifunctional starting compound. The Horner-Emmons reaction of the aldehyde 29 with trimethyl phosphonoacetate in the presence of potassium carbonate in refluxing tetrahydrofuran yielded the unsaturated ester 30 in 95% yield, which was reduced with DIBALH to the allylic alcohol, and then converted into the allylic acetate 30.

The C-3 functionalization of 30 was achieved in two steps, that is, first, treatment with 1-dimethylamino-2-nitroethylene to the unsaturated nitroacetate 31 and then reduction of the double bond with sodium borohydride in tetrahydrofuran-methanol to furnish the desired nitroacetate 31 in 50% overall yield from the aldehyde 29. Asymmetric formation of the C-5, C-10 bond of the nitroacetate 31 was achieved by using the palladium (0) complex catalyst. The best results of this key cyclization were obtained using $\text{Pd}(\text{dba})_2$ and $(S,S)\text{-}$



SCHEME 7. Reagents: a, OsO_4 , NMO; b, NaIO_4 ; c, $\text{Ph}_3\text{P}=\text{C}(\text{Me})\text{CO}_2\text{Me}$; d, LiAlH_4 .

CHIROPHOS, or $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ and (*S*)-BINAP as the chiral diphosphine, at room temperature. The desired enantiomer *5R*-**32** was obtained under mild conditions in 60% yield, and with diastereo- and enantioselectivity of up to 95% (Scheme 6).

For the synthesis of (-)-chanoclavine I (**36**), they applied the same methodology devised by Kozikowski (31) and Oppolzer (32). The nitro group in **32** was reduced to the primary amine with amalgamated zinc, and then the two nitrogens were converted to the corresponding dicarbamate **33** with $(\text{Boc})_2\text{O}$ in acetonitrile at room temperature. The carbamate **33** was then treated with a catalytic amount of osmium tetroxide in the presence of NMO in aqueous acetone to furnish the crude diol, which was cleaved with sodium periodate to yield the unstable key aldehyde **34**. The Wittig reaction of the aldehyde **34** afforded the unsaturated ester **35**, which was then reduced with lithium aluminum hydride under reflux to give (-)-chanoclavine I (**36**) in 13% yield upon chromatography, thereby completing the first total asymmetric synthesis of (-)-chanoclavine I (**36**) from the optically active nitro compound **32** (Scheme 7). This methodology could be applied to the synthesis of analogous ergot alkaloids, including 6,7-secoagroclavine, (+)-palcoclavine, or the rugulovasines.

IV. Research on the Synthesis of Ergot Alkaloids by Three Japanese Groups

In the past decade, two Japanese groups, led by Somei and Yokoyama, respectively, have concentrated their synthetic interests and efforts on the ergot alkaloids by exploiting respective methodologies and achieving the total synthesis of clavicipitic acid and many related alkaloids. Originally, they had

directed their interests to the chemistry and reactions with the intention to apply their methods to the synthesis of natural indole alkaloids, particularly ergot alkaloids. During the course of their extensive research on indole alkaloids, reactions were developed and knowledge on the chemistry and reactions of indole derivatives was generated. Therefore, here we summarize our results and offer a perspective on the research outcomes.

Iwao's group has independently established an efficient methodology for the synthesis of 3,4-differentially substituted indoles. Their contributions in the total synthesis of ergot alkaloids are also reviewed.

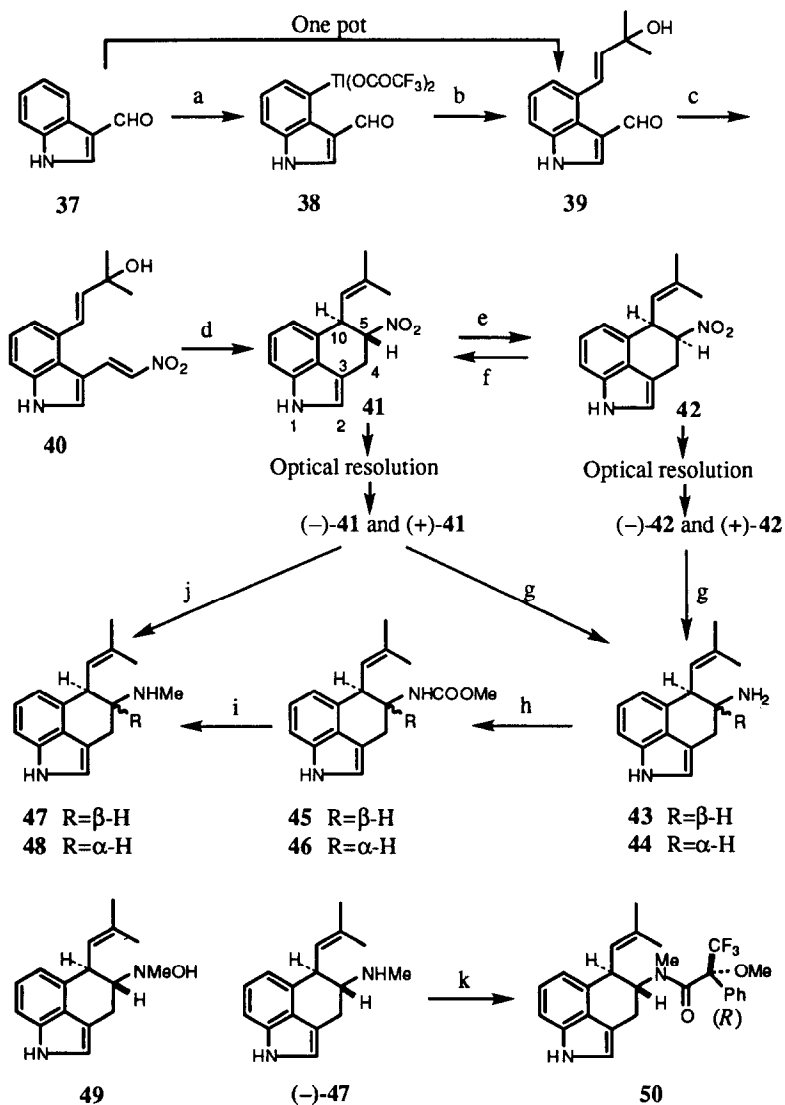
A. SYNTHETIC STUDIES BY SOMEI'S GROUP

As already mentioned in the previous review (3), Somei *et al.* began their involvement in the synthesis of ergot alkaloids with the intention of applying two new reactions, a palladium-catalyzed tin-thall reaction and the intramolecular cyclization by nitronate anions for the construction of the ergoline skeleton. In the past decade, Somei *et al.* further extended their reactions and chemistry into the ergot alkaloids in order to carry out the synthesis with the least number of steps in the common synthetic route (37).

1. Synthesis of 6,7-Secoagroclavines, Chanoclavine I, Isochanoclavine I, Norchanoclavine I, Chanoclavine II, Norchanoclavine II, and Their Enantiomers

The synthetic methodologies, consisting of the routes shown in Schemes 8, 9, and 10 (37), were demonstrated to be effective for the total syntheses of a number of (-)-ergot alkaloids and their (+)-enantiomers (38). The alkaloids synthesized in this manner were (-)-6,7-secoagroclavine, (-)-chanoclavine I, (-)-isochanoclavine I, (-)-norchanoclavine I, (-)-chanoclavine II, (-)-norchanoclavine II, (-)-agroclavine, (-)-agroclavine I, and their (+)-enantiomers. All of the syntheses started from 3-formylindole (37). They first prepared the 4-substituted indole **39** by the procedure of a one-pot tin-thall reaction (39) which proceeded via the formation of (3-formylindol-4-yl)thallium bis(trifluoroacetate) (38), followed by palladium-catalyzed reaction with tri-*n*-butyl (3-hydroxy-3-methyl-1-butenyl)stannane (40).

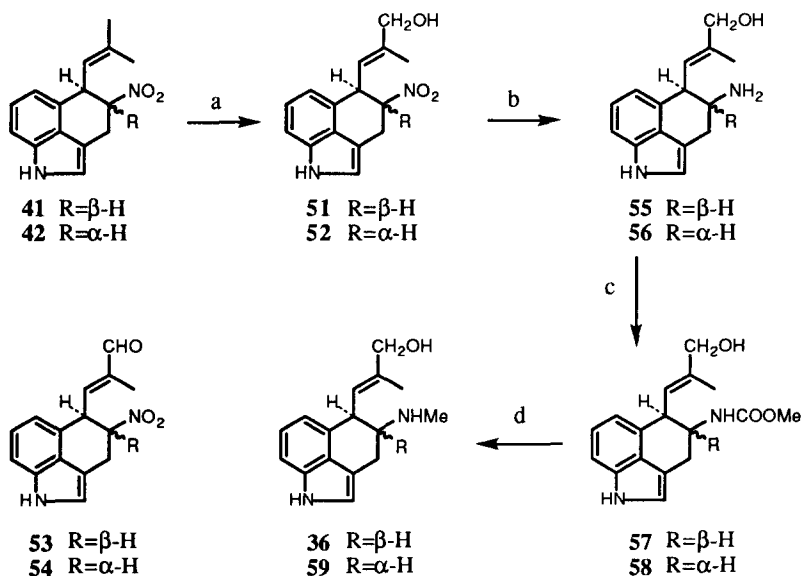
Aldol condensation of **39** with nitromethane afforded the nitrovinylindole **40**, which was then reduced with sodium borohydride in methanol followed by acid treatment (41) in a one-pot procedure to bring about the stereospecific cyclization to the tricyclic *trans* isomer **41**. This *trans* isomer **41** was readily isomerized to the *cis* isomer **42** by treatment with sodium methoxide in methanol, while the reverse isomerization of *cis* **42** to *trans* **41** was achieved by treatment with triethylamine in benzene (37).



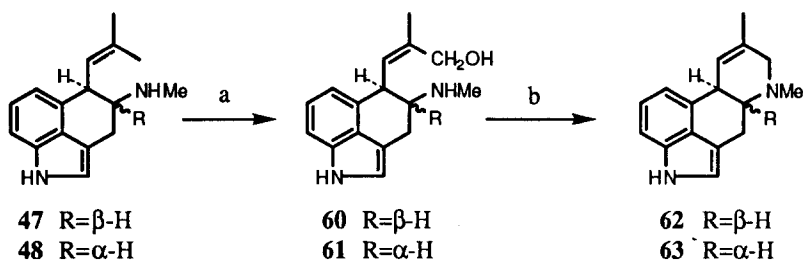
SCHEME 8. Reagents: a, $Ti(OCOCF_3)_3$, CF_3COOH ; b, $(n-Bu)_3SnCH=CHC(OH)Me_2$, $Pd(OAc)_2$, DMF ; c, $MeNO_2$, NH_4OAc ; d, $NaBH_4$, $MeOH$, then $HCl-H_2O$; e, $NaOMe$, $MeOH$; f, Et_3N , benzene; g, $Zn-Hg$, HCl , H_2O , $MeOH$; h, $ClCOOMe$, Et_3N , CH_2Cl_2 ; i, $LiAlH_4$, THF ; j, $MeMgI$, THF , then $Zn-HCl$, $MeOH$; k, $ClCOCPh(CF_3)(OMe)$.

Optical resolution of the key intermediates, *trans* **41** and *cis* **42**, was achieved, with base-line resolution, by chiral column chromatography on a chiralpak AS column, to afford (-)-*trans* **41**, (+)-*trans* **41**, (-)-*cis* **42**, and (+)-*cis* **42** on a semi-preparative scale. The first total syntheses of (-)-6,7-secoagroclavine [(-)-*trans* **47**] and its (+)-enantiomer [(+)-*trans* **47**] were completed in a one-pot operation by the reaction of (-)- and (+)-*trans* **41** with an excess of methylmagnesium iodide, respectively, followed by reduction of the resulting methylhydroxylamines [(-)- and (+)-*trans* **49**], with zinc in methanolic hydrochloric acid.

Alternatively, three-step syntheses of (-)-6,7-secoagroclavine [(-)-**47**] and its (+)-enantiomer [(+)-**47**] were also achieved (38). Reduction of both (-)- and (+)-*trans* **41** with amalgamated zinc in methanolic hydrochloric acid afforded the respective (-)- and (+)-*trans* isomers **43**, which were then treated with methyl chloroformate to afford the corresponding carbamates [(-)- and (+)-*trans* **45**], respectively. These respective carbamates were then reduced with lithium aluminum hydride to give the enantiomeric *N*-methyl amines **47**. This series of conversions was also applied to the corresponding optically active *cis*-compounds **44**, **46**, and **48**, as shown in Scheme 8 (38). The structures of these products were unambiguously determined from the X-ray crystallographic



SCHEME 9. Reagents: a, SeO_2 , dioxane, H_2O ; b, Zn-Hg, HCl, H_2O , MeOH; c, ClCOOMe, Et_3N , CH_2Cl_2 ; d, LiAlH_4 , THF.



SCHEME 10. Reagents: a, SeO₂, dioxane, H₂O; b, POCl₃, K₂CO₃.

analysis of the compound **50**, which was prepared by the *N*-acylation of (–)-**47** with (*R*)-(+)-2-methoxy-2-trifluoromethylphenyl-acetyl chloride (**40**).

Oxidation of (–)-*trans* **41** with *t*-butyl hydroperoxide in the presence of 5% selenium dioxide on silica gel (**42**) in dioxane, followed by reduction of the resulting mixture of (–)-*trans* **51** and the overoxidized aldehyde [(–)-*trans* **53**] with sodium borohydride, afforded the (–)-(*E*)-hydroxymethyl compound [(–)-*trans* **51**]. Similarly, (+)-*trans* **41** was converted to the (+)-(*E*)-hydroxymethyl compound [(+)-*trans* **51**]. The subsequent reduction of (–)- and (+)-*trans* **51** with amalgamated zinc in methanolic hydrochloric acid afforded (–)- and (+)-norchanoclavine I (**55**), respectively, which were then converted to the (–)- and (+)-*trans* methyl carbamates (**57**) by reaction with methyl chloroformate.

Total syntheses of the *N*-methyl derivatives, (–)-chanoclavine I [(–)-**36**] and its enantiomer [(+)-**36**] were achieved, respectively, by the reduction of these carbamates with lithium aluminum hydride, which completed the total synthesis of (–)-chanoclavine I [(–)-**58**] and its enantiomer [(+)-**58**], respectively. Application of this series of conversions to the corresponding optically active *cis*-compounds [(–)- and (+)-*cis* **52**] completed the total syntheses of norchanoclavine II [(–)-**56**] and chanoclavine II [(–)-**59**] (**43**), and their enantiomers, through **58**, as shown in Scheme 9.

Oxidation of the *Z*-methyl of the isobutenyl group of (–)-**47** with selenium dioxide in dioxane produced (–)-isochanoclavine I [(–)-**60**], as shown in Scheme 10. This regioselective functionalization can be explained by the coordination of the methylamino group at the 5-position to selenium, bringing the selenium dioxide molecule close to the *Z*-methyl group (**44**).

2. Synthesis of (–)- and (+)-Agroclavines, and of (–)- and (+)-Agroclavine I

Syntheses of the enantiomeric agroclavines [(–)- and (+)-**62**] were achieved, respectively, as shown in Scheme 10, starting from enantiomeric **47**. Oxidation of the *Z*-methyl of the isobutenyl group of (–)- and (+)-**47** with selenium

dioxide in dioxane afforded (-)-isochanoclavine I [(-)-60] and (+)-60; respectively. Subsequent cyclization of both enantiomers [(-)- and (+)-60] proceeded smoothly with phosphorus oxychloride in the presence of potassium carbonate to give (-)-agroclavine [(-)-62] and (+)-agroclavine [(+)-62], respectively. Since (-)-agroclavine 62 was previously converted to festuclavine, costaclavine, isosetoclavine, and setoclavine (45), the formal total syntheses of these ergoline alkaloids were completed.

Somei *et al.* also succeeded in the first total synthesis of (-)-agroclavine I [(-)-63] and the determination of the absolute configuration of this alkaloid (46). They prepared (-)-*cis* 61 and its enantiomer [(+)-*cis* 61] by applying their regioselective allylic oxidation with 30% selenium dioxide on celite. It was found that the sign of the optical rotation changed upon the ring closure of (-)-*cis* 61 with phosphorus oxychloride in the presence of potassium carbonate, giving rise to (+)-agroclavine I [(+)-63]. Similarly, (+)-*cis* 61 yielded (-)-agroclavine I [(-)-63]. As a result, the compound [(+)-*cis* 42] was determined to have the [5*R*,10*S*] absolute configuration, and consequently (-)-agroclavine I [(-)-63] has the [5*R*,10*S*] configuration (40).

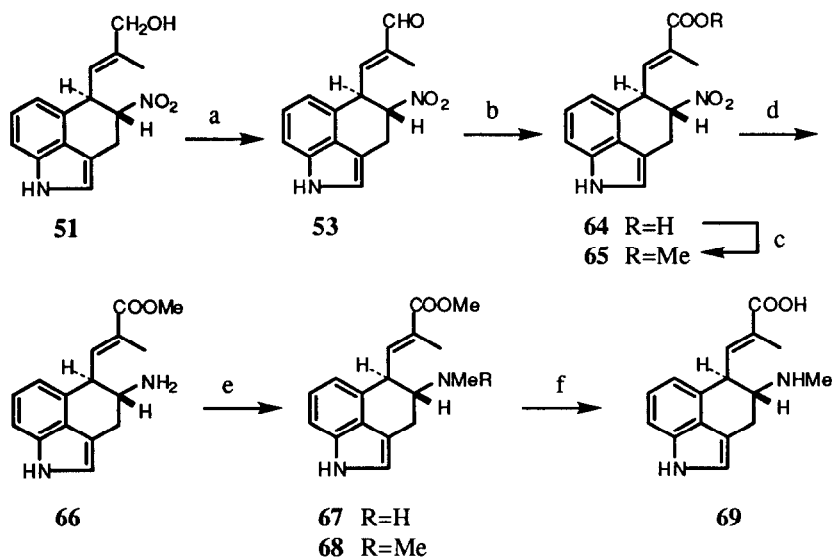
3. Synthesis of (±)-Chanoclavine I Acid

The first total synthesis of chanoclavine I acid (47), a major alkaloid in the seeds of *Ipomea violacea* (48), was completed by Somei *et al.* who employed the key intermediate 51 for the formation of chanoclavine I (36), and also for the synthesis of chanoclavine I acid (69). Compound 51 was oxidized with pyridinium chlorochromate in dichloromethane to give the aldehyde 53, which was further oxidized to the carboxylic acid 64 by employing sodium hypochlorite in the presence of 2-methyl-2-butene (49), as shown in Scheme 11.

Methylation of 64 with ethereal diazomethane afforded the methyl ester 65, which was then reduced with amalgamated zinc and hydrochloric acid to give the amine 66. Methylation of the primary amine with dimethyl sulfate in the presence of potassium carbonate afforded a mixture of the monomethylamine 67 and the dimethylamine 68, which were separated. Alkaline hydrolysis of 67 in methanol and subsequent column chromatography on Amberlite IRA-120 completed the total synthesis of (±)-chanoclavine I acid (69).

4. Synthesis of (±)-Chanoclavine I and of (-)- and (+)-KSU 1415

Application of the primary amine 66, obtained as shown in Scheme 11, to an alternative synthesis of (±)-chanoclavine I (36) was carried out as an example to demonstrate the potential of employing a common intermediate for the synthesis of a wide variety of ergoline alkaloids (47). The route for applying the key intermediate 66 to this synthesis consisted of a series of conventional reactions:



SCHEME 11. Reagents: a, pyridinium chlorochromate, CH_2Cl_2 ; b, NaOCl , NaH_2PO_4 , $(\text{Me})_2\text{C}=\text{CHMe}$; c, CH_2N_2 , MeOH ; d, Zn-Hg , HCl , H_2O , MeOH ; e, Me_2SO , K_2CO_3 ; f, NaOH , MeOH .

treatment of the primary amine **66** with methyl chloroformate in the presence of triethylamine produced the carbamate **70**, which was then reduced with lithium aluminum hydride in tetrahydrofuran to give (\pm)-chanoclavine I (**36**) (Scheme 12).

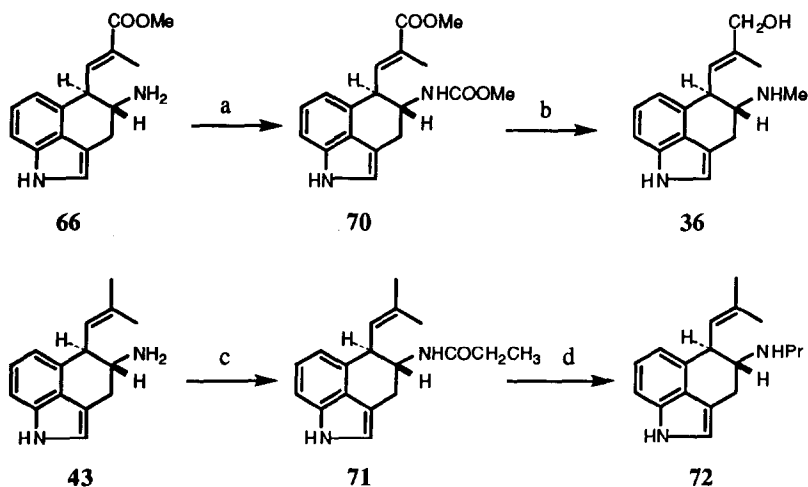
Somei *et al.* also disclosed that (\pm)-6-nor-6-propyl-6,7-secoagroclavine [(\pm)-**72**, KSU 1415] showed potent dopamine agonistic activity (50).

In continuing research, (-)- and (+)-KSU 1415 [(-)- and (+)-**72**] were similarly prepared by the reaction of the respective enantiomers [(-)- and (+)-**43**] with propionyl chloride followed by reduction of the resulting enantiomeric **71** with lithium aluminum hydride in tetrahydrofuran (40) (Scheme 12). The biological evaluations of these compounds have not been reported.

5. Total Synthesis of (\pm)-Clavicipitic Acid

Somei *et al.* developed two further synthetic methodologies by manipulating the substituents at the 3-position of indoles, as shown in Scheme 13.

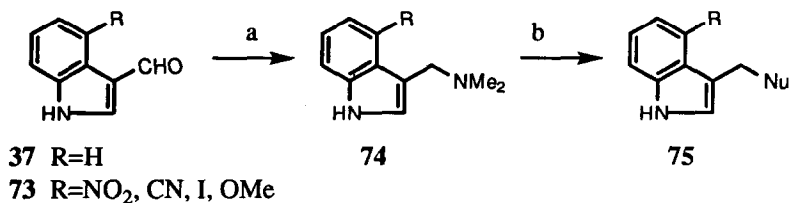
The first was a route for the formation of the gramine **74**, which was obtained directly from the 3-formylindoles **37** and **73**, by reaction with sodium borohydride in 50% dimethylamine and methanol (51). The other was a route including selective monoalkylation of the gramine **74** with active methylene



SCHEME 12. Reagents: a, ClCOOMe , Et_3N ; b, LiAlH_4 , THF; c, propionyl chloride, Et_3N , CH_2Cl_2 ; d, LiAlH_4 , THF.

compounds, using tri-*n*-butylphosphine as a catalyst, to give the compounds **75** (27). They applied the gramine synthesis to the compound **39** and succeeded in synthesizing **76** in two steps from 3-formylindole (**37**), as shown in Scheme 14. The compound **77** was then prepared by selective monoalkylation of the gramine **76** with methyl nitroacetate as an active methylene compound.

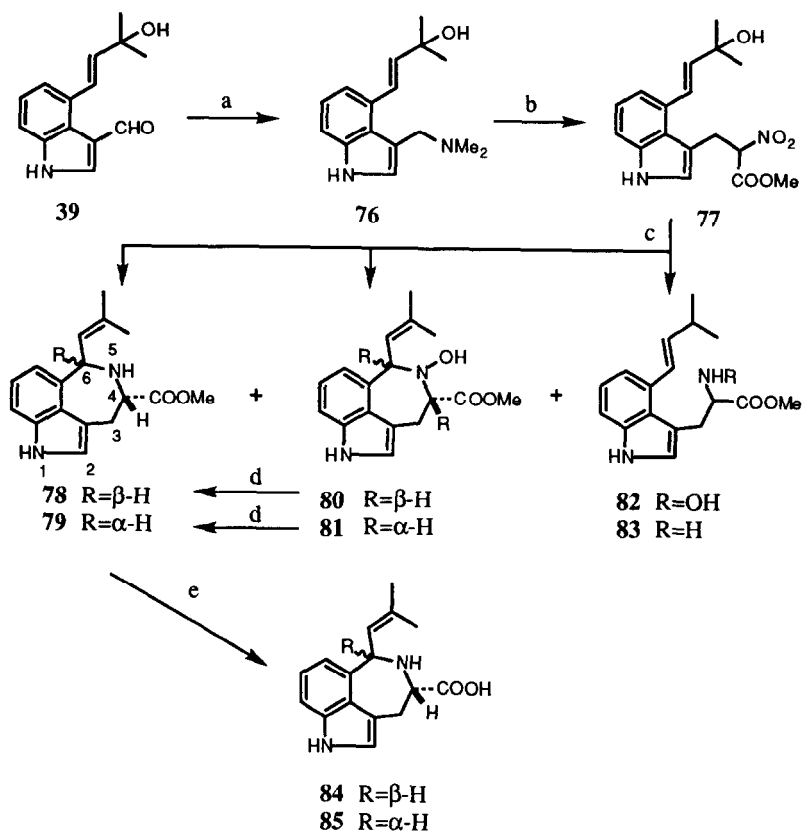
Application of the amino-cyclization method (52) to the compound **77** was also developed by Somei *et al.* Reduction of the nitroester **77** with amalgamated zinc in hydrochloric acid yielded the seven-membered ring system as a mixture



SCHEME 13. Reagents: a, NaBH_4 , Me_2NH , MeOH; b, nucleophiles (Nu=CHNO₂, $\text{C}(\text{COOEt})_2\text{NHAc}$, $\text{CH}(\text{COOMe})_2$, etc.), (*n*-Bu)₃P, MeCN.

of stereoisomeric isomers of (\pm)-*cis* **78** and *trans* **79** (53). *trans*-Clavicipitic acid methyl ester (**79**) was obtained as the major product, together with other products, *N*-hydroxy compounds as the racemates *cis* **80** and *trans* **81**, and the

noncyclized products (**82** and **83**) (Scheme 14). Treatment of (\pm)-*cis* **80** and *trans* **81** with aqueous titanium(III) chloride brought about dehydroxylation on nitrogen to afford (\pm)-*cis* **78** and *trans* **79**, respectively, which were known previously from the synthesis of *cis*- and *trans*-clavicipitic acid (**84,85**) by Natsume *et al.* (54).

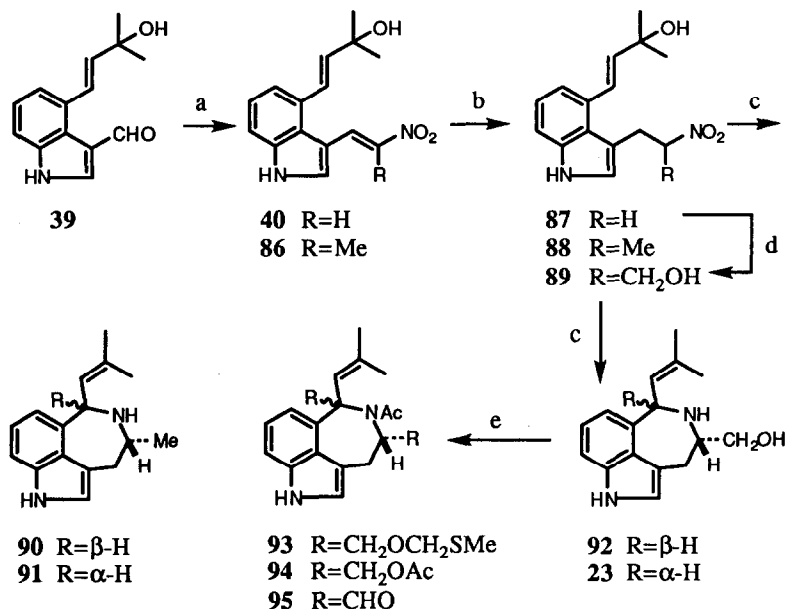


SCHEME 14. Reagents: a, NaBH_4 , Me_2NH , MeOH ; b, $\text{O}_2\text{NCH}_2\text{COOMe}$, $(n\text{-Bu})_3\text{P}$, MeCN ; c, Zn-Hg , HCl , MeOH ; d, TiCl_3 , H_2O , MeOH ; e, NaOH , MeOH , H_2O .

6. Syntheses of Clavicipitic Acid Analogs

Somei *et al.* further applied the above synthetic route for clavicipitic acid, to the preparation of analogs of (\pm)-clavicipitic acid (53). Aldol condensation of **39** with nitromethane and nitroethane afforded the nitroalkenes **40** and **86**, respectively, which were reduced with sodium borohydride to give the nitroalkanes **87** and **88** in high yields, ready for the amino-cyclization method, as shown in Scheme 15. Amino-cyclization of **87** and **88** was similarly carried out employing amalgamated zinc in hydrochloric acid to afford *cis* **90** and *trans* **91**, the 4-methyl analogs of clavicipitic acid. Application of this cyclization to the compound **89**, obtained by reacting **87** with formaldehyde in the presence of potassium *t*-butoxide, gave *cis* **92** and *trans* **23**, the 4-hydroxymethyl analogs.

Contrary to the expectation that the hydroxymethyl group at the 4-position of **23** would be readily oxidized to a carboxyl group, and thereby was expected to provide another route to *trans*-clavicipitic acid, it resisted various oxidative conditions. On the other hand, oxidation of **23** with acetic anhydride and

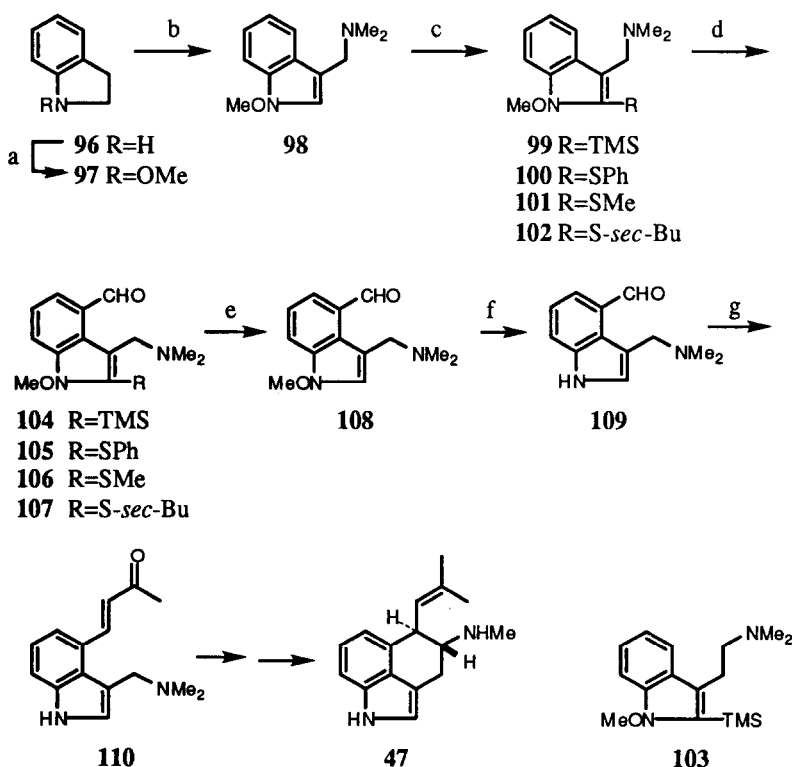


SCHEME 15. Reagents: a, RCH₂NO₂, NH₄OAc; b, NaBH₄, MeOH; c, Zn-Hg, HCl, MeOH; d, CH₂O, *t*-BuOK; e, Ac₂O, DMSO.

dimethyl sulfoxide yielded the analogous *N*-acetates, (\pm)-*trans* **93**, **94**, and **95** (**53**).

7. Synthesis of (\pm)-6,7-Secoagroclavine, (\pm)-Aurantioclavine, and (\pm)-Clavicipitic Acid

Somei *et al.* investigated the lithiation of 2-substituted 1-methoxy-3-dimethylaminomethylindoles at the 4-position, expecting that the introduction of a bulky 2-substituent would force the dimethylamino group in the desired direction (**55**). Suitable substrates **99**–**102** with a bulky substituent at the 2-position were prepared from indoline **96** in a series of reactions: 1) oxidation of



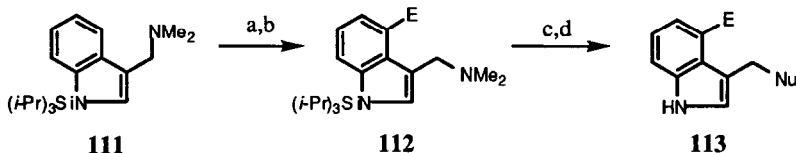
SCHEME 16. Reagents: a, Na_2WO_4 , 30% H_2O_2 , then CH_2N_2 ; b, CH_2O , Me_2NH , AcOH ; c, *n*-BuLi, THF, then TMSCl , Ph_2S_2 , Me_2S_2 , or (*sec*-Bu) $_2\text{S}_2$; d, *n*-BuLi, ether, then DMF; e, (*n*-Bu) $_4\text{NF}$; f, $h\nu$, EtOH; g, acetone, NaOH, H_2O .

96 with sodium tungstate and 30% hydrogen peroxide, followed by methylation with diazomethane, 2) Mannich reaction, and 3) regioselective lithiation of **98** at the 2-position, followed by reaction with electrophiles, as shown in Scheme 16. They found when the solvent was ether, lithiation of **99–102** took place smoothly at the 4-position, while as long as tetrahydrofuran was used, lithiation did not occur. Lespedamine derivative **103**, a homolog of **99**, was not lithiated at the 4-position at all.

Based on the above results, Somei *et al.* developed a novel synthetic route for multi-functionalized 4-substituted indoles starting from indoline **96**, and applied it to the synthesis of ergot alkaloids (55). Lithiation of 1-methoxy-3-dimethylaminomethylindoles **99–102** with *n*-butyllithium in ether, followed by trapping with *N,N*-dimethylformamide, afforded **104–107** in good yields. Subsequent treatment of **104** or **105–107** with tetra-*n*-butylammonium fluoride or Raney nickel, respectively, afforded **108**. Ultraviolet irradiation removed the 1-methoxy group to afford 4-formylgramine (**109**), which was then converted to **110** by aldol condensation with acetone. Compound **110** had been already converted to (–)-6,7-secoagroclavine [(–)-**47**], (±)-aurantioclavine and (±)-clavicipitic acid through **41** and **76**, respectively (38,56).

B. SYNTHETIC STUDIES BY IWAO'S GROUP

Iwao *et al.* introduced an efficient methodology for the synthesis of 3,4-disubstituted indoles **113** (57). Their strategy comprises two sequential steps: 1) selective functionalization of 1-silyl-3-dimethylaminomethylindole (**111**) at the 4-position by directed lithiation, followed by quenching with electrophiles, for the preparation of 4-dimethylamino-substituted indole **112** (58); 2) substitution of the dimethylamino group of **112** for various nucleophiles giving **113** upon desilylation through quaternization followed by a fluoride ion-induced elimination-addition reaction (Scheme 17) (59).

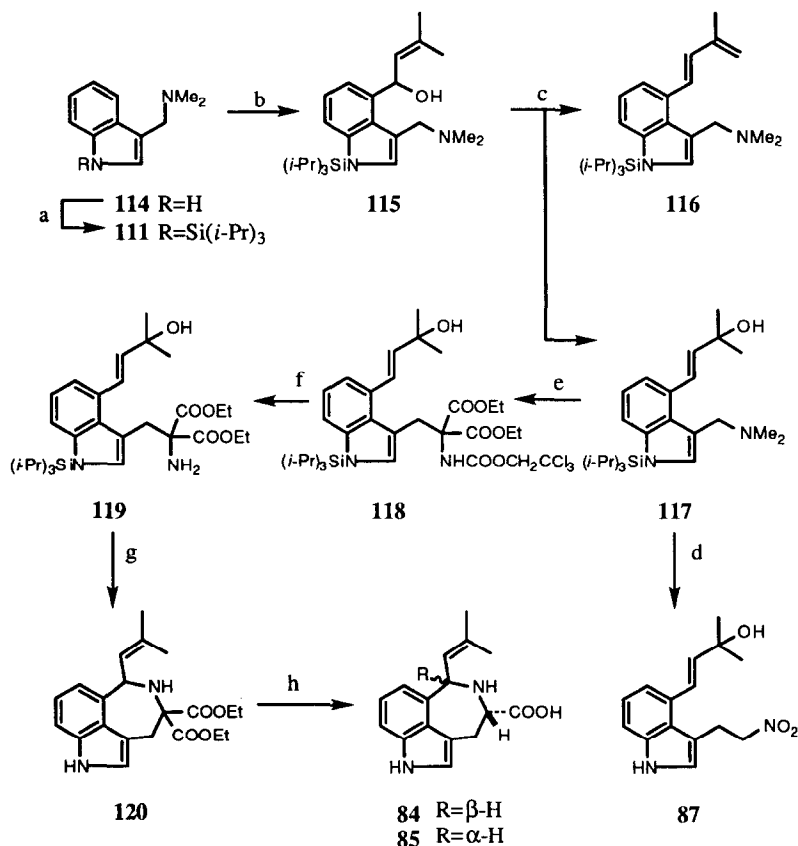


SCHEME 17. Reagents: a, *t*-BuLi, ether; b, electrophiles (E=Me₃Si, PhS, I, CHO, Me₂C=CHCHOH, etc.); c, MeI; d, nucleophiles (Nu=CHNO₂, C(TrocNH)(COOEt)₂, etc.), (*n*-Bu)₄NF.

1. Synthesis of (\pm)-6,7-Secoagroclavine, (\pm)-Aurantioclavine, and (\pm)-Clavicipitic Acid

Iwao *et al.* applied the above methodology to the total syntheses of ergot alkaloids (58,59).

3-Dimethylaminomethylindole (**114**) was silylated on nitrogen, first by metalation with *n*-butyllithium in tetrahydrofuran followed by silylation with triisopropylsilyl chloride. Lithiation of **111** with *t*-butyllithium in ether at



SCHEME 18. Reagents: a, *n*-BuLi, (*i*-Pr)₃SiCl; b, *t*-BuLi, ether, then Me₂C=CHCHO; c, 85% H₃PO₄, dioxane; d, MeI, benzene, then MeNO₂, (*n*-Bu)₄NF; e, MeI, benzene, then Cl₃CCH₂OCONHCH(COOEt)₂, (*n*-Bu)₄NF, THF; f, Zn, THF, 1M KH₂PO₄; g, PPTS, CH₂Cl₂; h, 2M KOH, MeOH, then 2M HCl, and then aqueous EtOH, reflux.

-78°C occurred regioselectively at the 4-position due to the steric hindrance of a bulky substituent on the 1-position. The resulting 4-lithiated intermediate was reacted with 3-methyl-2-butenal to afford the alcohol **115**. Acid-catalyzed allylic rearrangement of **115**, by treatment with 85% phosphoric acid in dioxane, produced **117**, together with **116** as a minor product. Quaternization of **117** with methyl iodide in benzene, and subsequent reaction of the methiodide with nitromethane as a nucleophile in the presence of tetra-*n*-butylammonium fluoride, afforded **87** in an excellent yield, thereby establishing for Iwao's group alternative formal total syntheses of (-)-6,7-secoagroclavine [(-)-**47**] and (±)-aurantioclavine. Somei's group had already succeeded in the synthesis of the same alkaloids employing **87** as a key intermediate (37,38).

Similarly, the methiodide was reacted with diethyl (2,2,2-trichloroethoxycarbonyl)aminomalonate as a nucleophile to give **118**, which was then converted to the amine **119** by deprotection of the 2,2,2-trichloroethoxycarbonyl group with zinc and potassium dihydrogen phosphate. Dehydrative cyclization of **119** to the azepinoindole **120** was achieved by heating **119** in the presence of a catalytic amount of pyridinium *p*-toluenesulfonate in dichloromethane. Hydrolysis of **120** with potassium hydroxide in methanol yielded the malonic acid derivative which was then readily decarboxylated on heating in aqueous ethanol to accomplish total syntheses of (±)-*cis*- and (±)-*trans*-clavicipitic acid (**84,85**) in a ratio 3 : 2 (Scheme 18) (57).

C. Synthetic Studies by Yokoyama and Murakami's Group

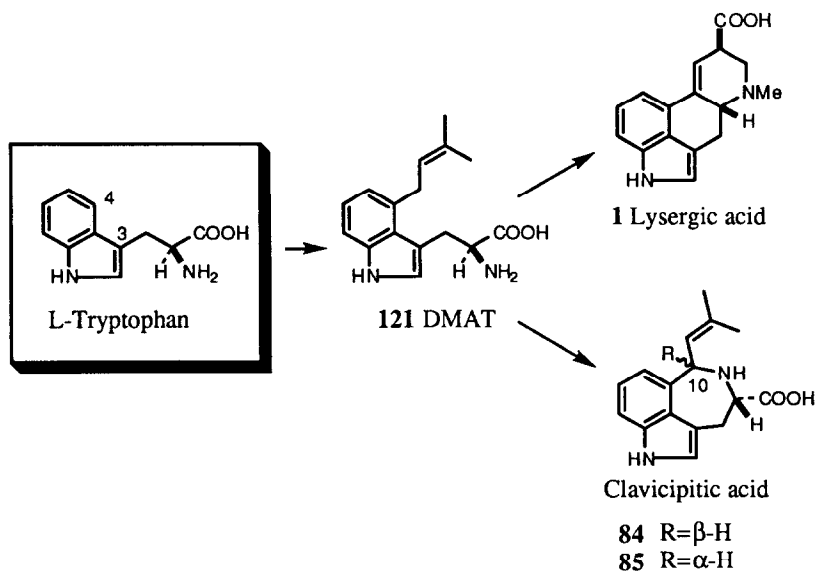
Yokoyama *et al.* have carried out extensive synthetic studies on nitrogen-containing heterocyclic compounds with a particular focus on the indole ring system. In a continuation of their work, following synthetic work on the benzo[*c*]phenanthridine alkaloids, they initiated synthetic studies by tackling the synthesis of ergoline alkaloids. Their approach to this group of alkaloids has been based on the exploitation of the chemistry and reactions of tryptophan.

Tryptophan, existing as an optically active form, and commercially available in the L-form, has been known as one of the important essential amino acids, and is also regarded as the important key intermediate in the biosynthesis of many important biological compounds. Ergot alkaloids, as represented by lysergic acid (**1**) and clavicipitic acid (**84,85**), are known to be biosynthesized from L-tryptophan through a common intermediate, 4-(γ,γ-dimethylallyl)tryptophan (DMAT) (**121**) (Scheme 19) (4).

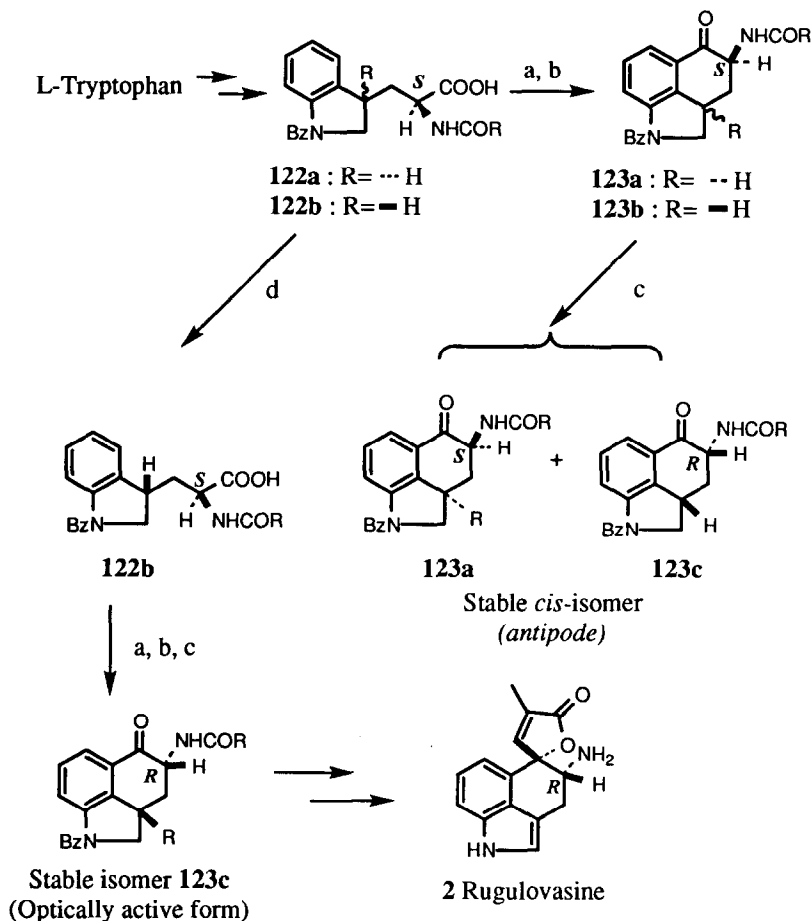
However, many ideas and then studies have been based on the effective use of tryptophan as the synthetic starting material for substitution at the 4-position of the ring system, but so far without much success in the synthesis of the optically active form of the ergot alkaloids. The reason for the failure of its application to the synthesis has been regarded as the facile racemization which

occurred during substitution at the 4-position, together with the poor reactivity of the 4-position of tryptophan.

For example, Rebek (15-17) and Varie (60) reported that intramolecular Friedel-Crafts acylation of a diastereomeric mixture of dihydrotryptophans **122a** and **122b** prepared from L-tryptophan yielded the ketone as a mixture of diastereomers **123a** and **123b**, and they also noticed that one of the isomers **123b** was readily epimerized to give the stable *cis* isomer **123c**, thus giving rise to the racemates **123a** and **123c** as the cyclization product. In order to obtain enantiomerically pure isomer **123c**, it was necessary to isolate **123b** from the diastereomeric mixture of **123a** and **123b**. Rebek *et al.* thus succeeded in synthesizing optically pure rugulovasine (**2**) from **123c** (Scheme 20). This is the only complete synthesis of an optically active ergot alkaloid from L-tryptophan thus far achieved. In order to establish a higher level of synthetic chemistry in the ergoline alkaloids, Yokoyama and Murakami's group has carried out research by making an effective use of tryptophan, to open this area to asymmetric synthesis, and to bring it closer to biochemical importance.



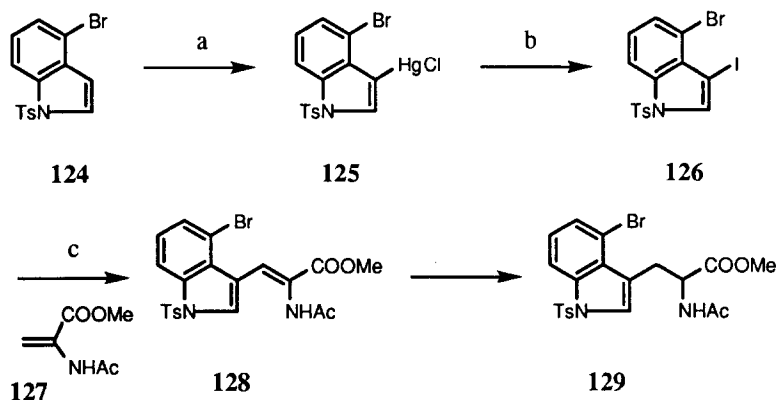
SCHEME 19. Biogenetic route for the ergot alkaloids.



SCHEME 20. Reagents: a, $(\text{COCl})_2$; b, AlCl_3 ; c, epimerization; d, separation of diastereomers.

1. Use of Optically Active 4-Bromotryptophan as the Key Synthetic Intermediate

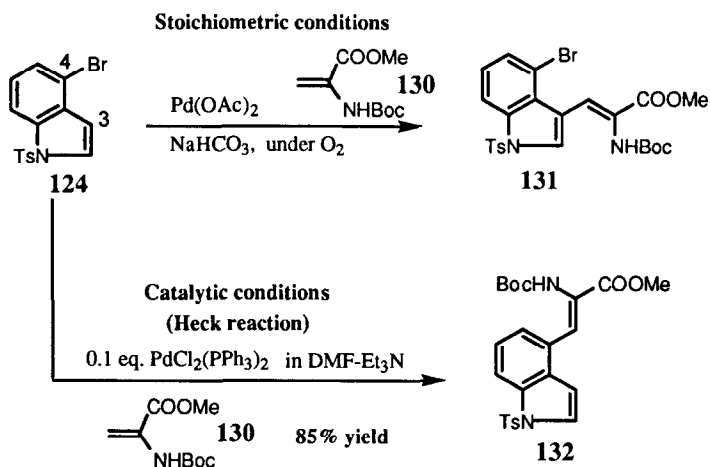
The use of 4-bromotryptophan was regarded as having a high potential for the synthesis of a variety of 4-substituted derivatives for further conversion into many biologically important compounds, though not many promising results were available until 1995.



SCHEME 21. Reagents: a, HgCl_2 ; b, I_2 ; c, 15 mol% $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$.

Hegedus reported the synthesis of *dl*-4-bromotryptophan **129** from *N*-tosyl-4-bromoindole **124** as a precursor for ergot alkaloid synthesis (23) (Scheme 21). 4-Bromodehydrotryptophan **128** was prepared from the *N*-protected 4-bromoindole **124** in a three-step synthesis, which involved a mercuration-iodination reaction followed by chemoselective palladium-catalyzed vinylation of 4-bromo-3-iodo-1-tosylindole **126** with *N*-acetyldehydroalanine methyl ester **127**. Although this route was short and applicable to the preparation of variously substituted dehydrotryptophans, the use of a hazardous mercury reagent during the synthetic process turned attention to other methods, for example, the one-step synthesis of *N*-Boc-4-bromodehydrotryptophan methyl ester (**131**) from the same starting material **124** (61,62).

Vinylation of **124** with *N*-Boc-dehydroalanine methyl ester (**130**) occurred only at the 3-position in the presence of a stoichiometric amount of $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$. This reaction was interesting because vinylation occurred chemoselectively only at the 3-position, in spite of the presence of a reactive carbon-bromine bond, while the C-4 vinylated product **132** was obtained in the presence of a catalytic amount of $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ according to the Heck reaction. Thereby the two reactive positions of 3 and 4 were completely distinguishable towards vinylation by changing the reaction conditions (Scheme 22). The yield of **131** was markedly improved by the addition of chloranil, as shown in Table I. On the assumption that chloranil acts as an oxidizing agent to recycle palladium(0) to palladium(II), the role of a catalytic amount of $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ was deduced, and thus employed, though the yield of **131** stayed only at 38% under these condition (Scheme 22). Other oxidizing reagents such as DDQ, MnO_2 , Ag_2CO_3 , $(\text{Coşalen})_2\text{-O}_2$, and $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ were found to be not as effective as chloranil.



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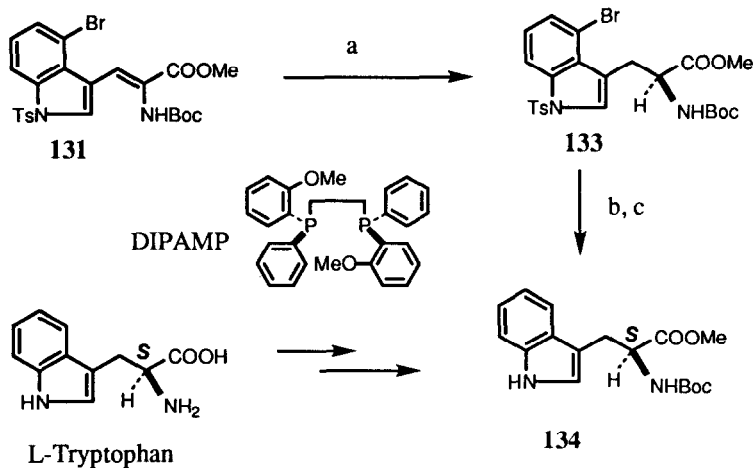
Asymmetric reduction of **131** was carried out using DIPAMP as a chiral phosphine ligand to give the 4-bromotryptophan derivative **133** with high optical purity (94% ee). The absolute configuration was determined as *S* by the conversion of **133** into *N*-Boc-tryptophan methyl ester (**134**), which was correlated with a sample synthesized from L-tryptophan. Although there have been numerous reports of the asymmetric reduction of *N*-acetyl- or *N*-benzoyl-protected dehydroamino acids with high enantiomeric excess, there are only a limited number of reports of the asymmetric reduction of a *N*-urethane-protected dehydroamino acid such as **131**. Schmidt recorded the highest optical yield (95% ee) by the asymmetric reduction of *N*-Boc-dehydrotryptophan using a rhodium-DIPAMP complex (**63**) (Scheme 23).

TABLE I. SYNTHESIS OF 4-BROMODEHYDROTRYPTOPHAN (**131**)

Expt.	Pd(OAc) ₂ eq.	chloranil eq.	time (h)	temp.(°C)	solvent	Yield of 131 (%)
1	1.0	—	3	70	CH ₂ ClCH ₂ Cl	41 ^{a)}
2	1.0	0.25	7.5	70	CH ₂ ClCH ₂ Cl	74
3	1.0	1.0	7	90	TCB	85
4	0.25	1.0	3	90	TCB	38

a) under Ar

TCB=1,2,4-trichlorobenzene

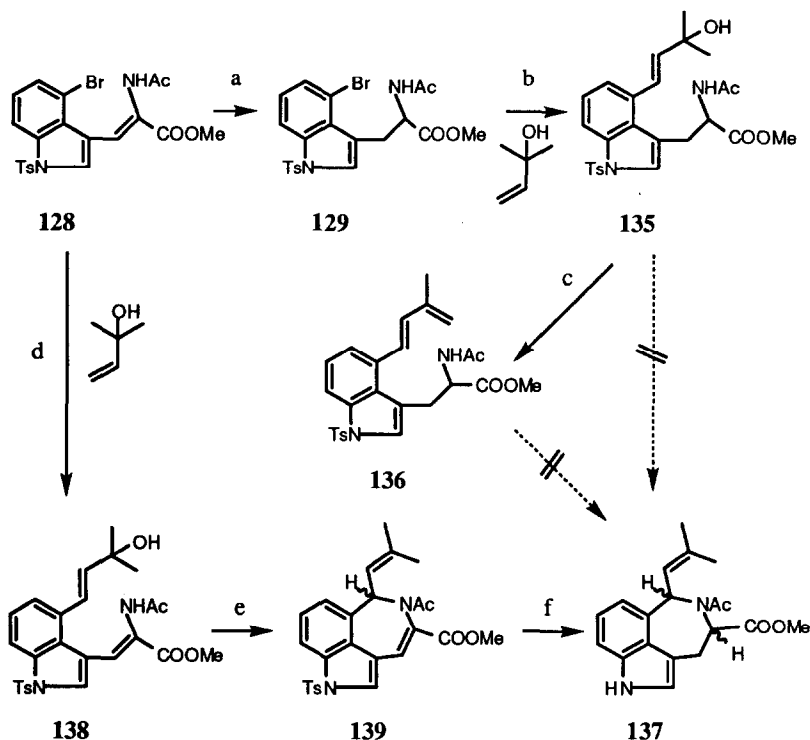


SCHEME 23. Reagents: a, H_2 , $Rh(COD)_2BF_4$, DIPAMP; b, Pd-C, H_2 ; c, Mg, MeOH.

2. Synthesis of Optically Active Clavicipitic Acid

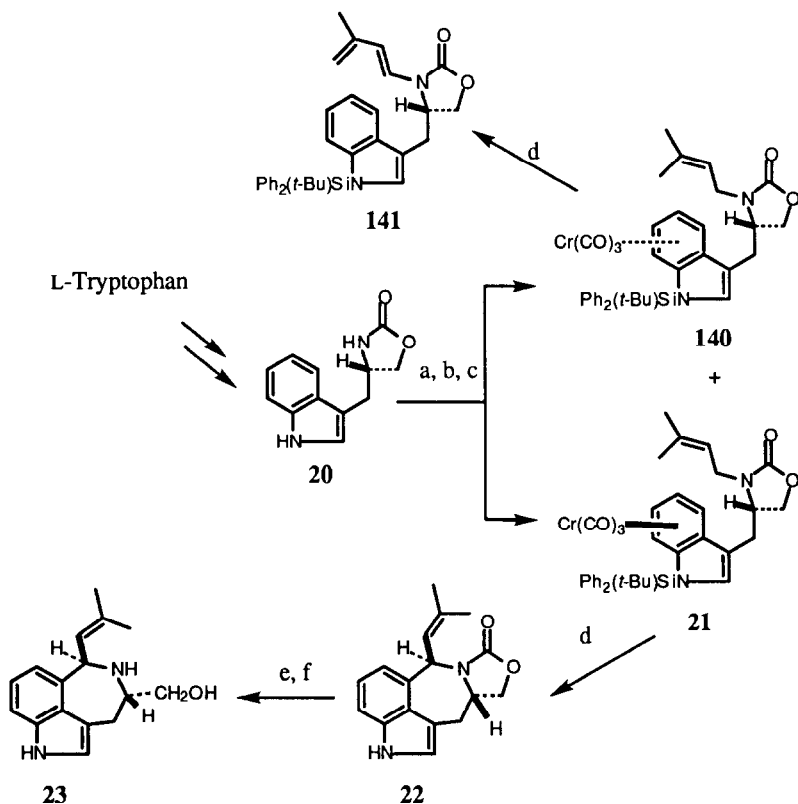
Clavicipitic acid (**84,85**) is an ergot alkaloid isolated from one of the *Claviceps* strains as a mixture of diastereomers, and has a unique ring system different from that of the ergoline alkaloids, including lysergic acid (**1**) (64). By the end of the last decade, a number of syntheses of this alkaloid had been reported (19–23,28,47,53,57) including two groups who reported the synthesis using a tryptophan derivative.

Hegedus *et al.* (23) reported an efficient vinylation of **129** with 1,1-dimethylallyl alcohol by the Heck reaction to give the C-4 vinylated product **135**, which was found to be unstable and readily dehydrated to give the diene **136**. The compounds **135** and **136** failed to give rise to cyclization to the tricyclic azepinoindole **137** under various conditions. However, the cyclization of the 4-vinylated dehydrotryptophan **138**, which was prepared by Heck reaction on the 4-bromodehydrotryptophan **128** with the palladium catalyst, proceeded smoothly on heating in the presence of stoichiometric or catalytic quantities of $PdCl_2(MeCN)_2$ to give the cyclized azepinoindole product **139** quantitatively. This facile cyclization of **138**, in contrast to **135** and **136**, could be attributed to the rigid conformation of the acetamidoacrylate side chain. Photochemical reduction of the cyclized compound **139** with sodium borohydride removed the tosyl group on nitrogen to give *N*-acetylclavicipitic acid methyl ester **137** as a mixture of diastereomers (Scheme 24).



SCHEME 24. Reagents: a, H_2 , $Rh(PPh_3)_3$, MeOH; b, $Pd(OAc)_2$, (*o*-tol) $_3P$; c, MeCOCl, pyridine; d, $Pd(OAc)_2$, (*o*-tol) $_3P$; e, $PdCl_2(MeCN)$, MeCN; f, $NaBH_4$, Na_2CO_3 , $h\nu$.

Semmelhack and coworkers (28) reported the synthesis of optically active clavicipitic alcohol (23) via the route involving an intramolecular cyclization of the chromium complex 21 starting from *L*-tryptophan. Although this cyclization proceeded smoothly to give the optically active azepinoindole 22 in good yield, the intermediary chromium complex was not isolated stereoselectively from the oxazolinone 20. Compound 20 was reacted with $Cr(CO)_3(MeCN)_3$ followed by silylation and allylation to give a diastereomeric mixture of chromium complexes 21 and 140 in a 1:1 ratio. Each diastereomer showed contrasting behavior to cyclization, one isomer, 21, rapidly cyclized to the pure tetracyclic product 22 in 77% yield, while the other isomer, 140, gave only the diene 141 in 70% yield under the same conditions, as a result of dehydration of the product. The cyclized product 22 was then converted to clavicipitic alcohol (23) in 83% yield (Scheme 25).

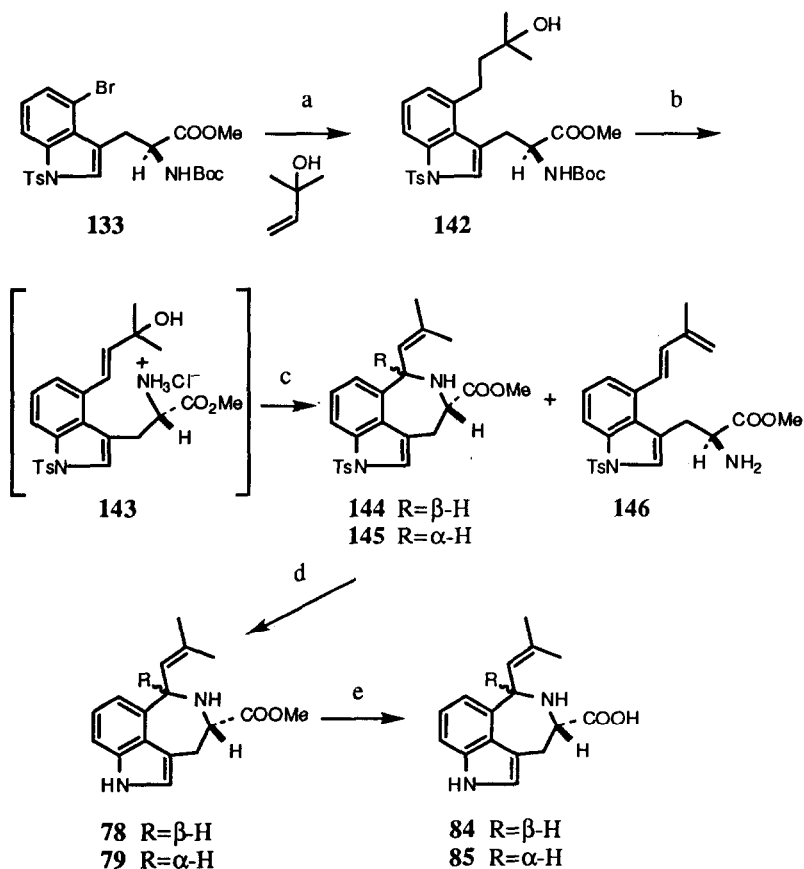


SCHEME 25. Reagents: a, $\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_3(\text{MeCN})_3$; b, NaH, $\text{Ph}_2(t\text{-Bu})\text{SiCl}$; c, MeLi, $(\text{Me})_2\text{C}=\text{CHCH}_2\text{Br}$; d, LDA then I_2 ; e, $(n\text{-Bu})_4\text{NF}$; f, 3M KOH.

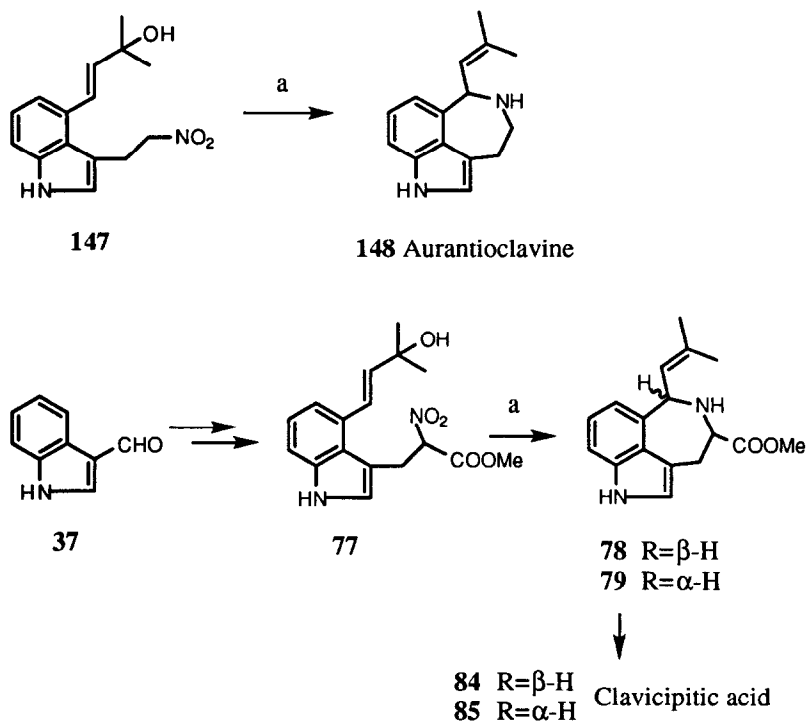
In 1995, Yokoyama and Murakami reported the first chiral synthesis of clavicipitic acid (**84,85**) using the optically active 4-bromotryptophan **133** as the starting compound with protection on nitrogen by a *t*-butoxycarbonyl group, which was later readily removed (**65**).

Vinylation of **133** under Heck conditions in the presence of silver carbonate proceeded smoothly to give the C-4 vinylated product **142** in 83% yield without racemization. This reaction in the absence of silver carbonate required higher temperature (120°C) and gave poor results with significant racemization (82% yield, 71% ee). When **142** was treated with acid, followed by neutralization using triethylamine, spontaneous cyclization of the resulting amine **143** took place giving a mixture of the *cis* and *trans* isomers **144** and **145** in 62% yield,

together with some of the dehydrated diene **146**, in 29% yield. This result was in sharp contrast to Hegedus's results, and could be explained by the effect of the substituent in the acetamide group which is poorly nucleophilic to attack by the double bond, thereby giving only the diene **136**. On the other hand, the free amine obtained from **142** was reactive enough to cause spontaneous cyclization under the reaction conditions. On the respective isomers *cis*-**144** and *trans*-**145**, detosylation with magnesium-methanol proceeded smoothly to give clavicipitic acid methyl esters as a mixture of *cis*-**78** and *trans*-**79**, which were purified by



SCHEME 26. Reagents: a, 0.1 eq. $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$, 1.0 eq. Ag_2CO_3 , DMF- Et_3N , b, HCl, AcOEt; c, Et_3N ; d, Mg, MeOH; e, KOH, MeOH- H_2O , Zn-Hg, HCl, MeOH- H_2O .

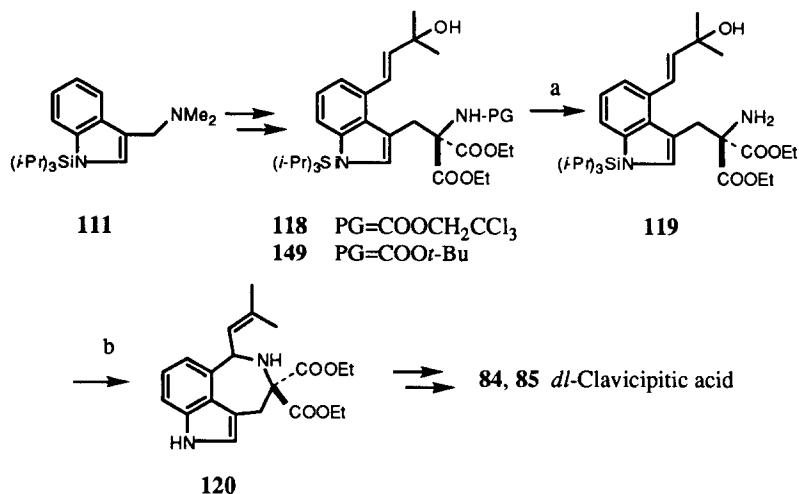


SCHEME 27. Reagents: a, Zn-Hg, HCl, MeOH-H₂O.

one recrystallization to give the pure samples, respectively. Alkaline hydrolysis of the esters **78** and **79** afforded pure clavicipitic acids (**84**, **85**), *cis* and *trans*, respectively. Their optical rotations were -195.3° (EtOH) for the *cis* isomer and -129.1° (EtOH) for the *trans* isomer (Scheme 26).

Somei's group (24) has reported a similar one-pot cyclization of the nitroolefin **147** by reductive amino-cyclization for the synthesis of *dl*-aurantioclavine (**148**). They later applied this method to the synthesis of *dl*-clavicipitic acids (**84**, **85**) (47). Nitroolefin **77**, prepared from 3-formylindole (**37**), was treated with amalgamated zinc in HCl and methanol to give the clavicipitic acid methyl esters (**78**, **79**) (Scheme 27).

Recently, Iwao reported (57) the dehydrative cyclization of **119** in the total synthesis of *dl*-clavicipitic acid. Iwao prepared the diester **118**, having protected the amino group with a trichloroethoxycarbonyl group, which was then readily cleaved by treatment with zinc dust to recover the free amine **119** in

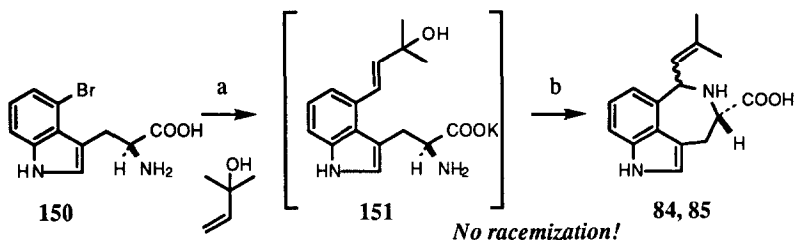


SCHEME 28. Reagents: a, Zn dust, KH_2PO_4 ; b, PPTS, CH_2Cl_2 .

good yield. When the resulting amine **119** was heated in the presence of a catalytic amount of PPTS in refluxing dichloromethane, cyclization occurred smoothly to give the azepinoindole **120** in good yield (Scheme 28). In contrast to **118**, deprotection of the Boc group of **149** under acidic conditions (2M-HCl in dioxane or 98% HCOOH) gave only complex mixtures.

Although Yokoyama's synthetic route (**65**) was very efficient and practical, when compared to the other methods, it still required four steps from **133**, including three deprotection steps. They have tried to improve further their synthetic route aiming at the one-pot synthesis of (–)-**84**, (–)-**85** from free (*S*)-4-bromotryptophan (**150**) without using any protective groups.

Heck reaction of **150** with 1,1-dimethylallyl alcohol was thoroughly investigated to find the conditions suitable for the one pot synthesis of the target alkaloid. Since the amino acid **150** is soluble only in water, the reaction of **150**, without using any protecting group on nitrogen was carried out in aqueous media using a water-soluble phosphine ligand, TPPTS, in the presence of potassium carbonate as a base. The product obtained was not the expected clavicipitic acid, but the potassium salt of the C-4 vinylated compound **151**, which had an uncyclized structure. This compound, **151**, was found to be stable under basic conditions and was isolated by ODS column chromatography. It smoothly cyclized under weakly acidic conditions to give a 1 : 1 mixture of diastereomeric clavicipitic acids (**84, 85**) in 78% yield, thereby completing a two-step synthesis of **84, 85**. Then, in order to establish the one-pot synthesis, after the vinylation of **150** in aqueous basic solution, the reaction mixture was



SCHEME 29. Reagents: a, 01 eq. Pd(OAc)₂, 0.2 eq. TPPTS, K₂CO₃, H₂O, in sealed tube; b, 50% AcOH.

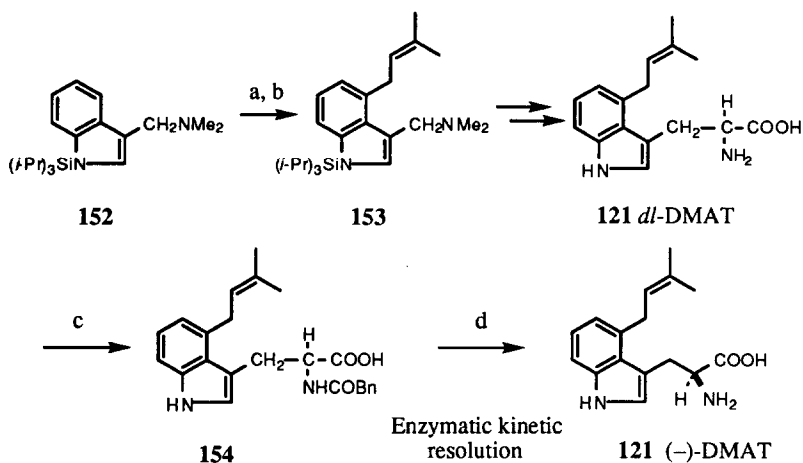
quenched with 60% aq. acetic acid and warmed to 50°C. Thus, the one-pot transformation from **150** to **84,85** was achieved smoothly to give clavicipitic acid (**84,85**) in 61% yield from **150** (Scheme 29). The optical purities of the intermediate **151** in this synthesis and clavicipitic acid (**84,85**) obtained (*cis* and *trans*) were 92% ee as determined by HPLC. During this process, no sign of racemization was detected and it was suggested that water played an important role for minimizing racemization under such strong basic conditions. Matsuo observed that facile racemization of amino acids occurs in 100% acetic acid, and that the rates of racemization were considerably lower in 50% aq. acetic acid than in 100% acetic acid (66).

3. Synthesis of Optically Active DMAT

DMAT (**121**) was first proposed (1) as an important key intermediate in the biosynthesis of ergot alkaloids, and this was confirmed later by isolation from the culture broth of *Claviceps* species (67). As studies have progressed, its importance became apparent from both the biosynthetic and the synthetic points of view (4).

The first synthesis of DMAT (**121**) was reported in 1967 by Plieninger's group (68) starting from 4-formylindole. This synthesis played an important role in the supply of DMAT (**121**) for biosynthetic research. In 1995, Nettekoven's group developed a method for the synthesis of optically active DMAT (69). They prepared 4-dimethylallylgramine (**153**) by selective C-4 lithiation of the *N*-silyl protected gramine **152** followed by treatment with dimethylallyl bromide. Then *dl*-DMAT (**121**) was synthesized from the above gramine **153** according to Plieninger's method (68). On conversion of *dl*-**121** to the phenacyl amide **154**, enzymatic kinetic resolution of **154** afforded enantiomerically pure (–)-DMAT (**121**) with 98% ee (Scheme 30).

Recently, Yokoyama and Murakami reported another synthesis of optically active DMAT (**121**) (70). Dehydration of **142** gave the unstable diene **155**



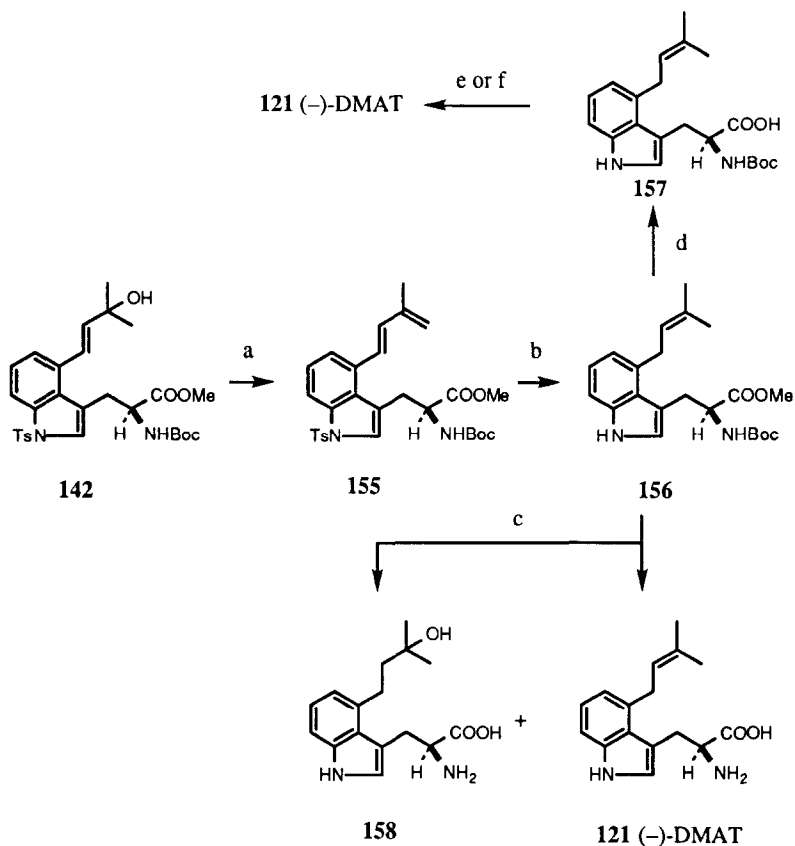
SCHEME 30. Reagents: a, *t*-BuLi; b, BrCH₂CH=C(Me)₂; c, BnCOCl; d, Penicillin G Acylase.

which was then treated with magnesium-methanol for reduction of the diene moiety in a 1,4 manner. Concomitant desilylation gave *N*-Boc-DMAT methyl ester (**156**). Since the optical purities of **142** and **156** were 93% and 91%, respectively, racemization was negligible. Alkaline hydrolysis of the ester **156** gave the acid **157** in 92% yield, and the Boc group was removed by heating in acetic acid at 120°C (Scheme 31).

Although (-)-**121** was obtained as the sole product in 57% yield, serious racemization occurred (25% ee). On investigation it was found that hydrolysis of the ester **156** in 50% aq. acetic acid proceeded smoothly at lower temperature (80°C) to give (-)-DMAT (**121**) without racemization (94% ee) and in good yield (90%) (Scheme 31). Low temperature treatment thus might minimize both the racemization and the addition of water to the double bond **158**.

4. Synthesis of Optically Active Chanoclavine I

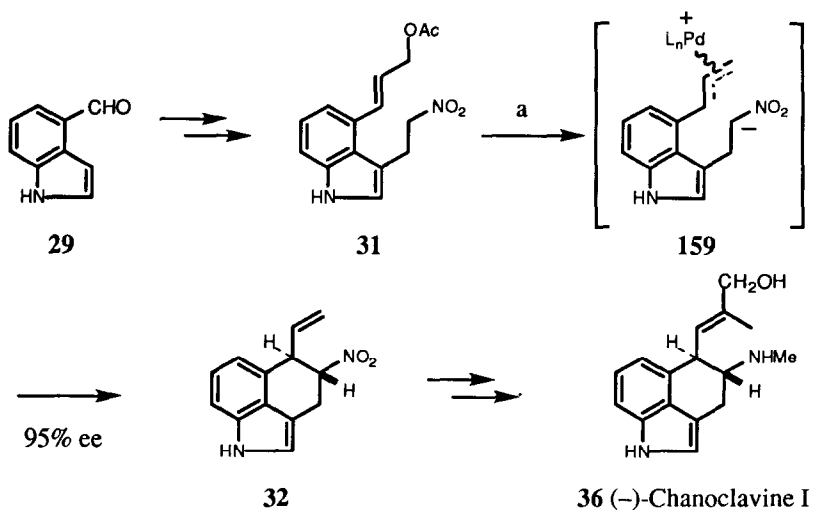
Chanoclavine I belongs to a class of 6,7-secoagroclavines having a tricyclic ring system. Its occurrence has a special significance since it is an important intermediate in the biosynthesis of tetracyclic ergolines, including lysergic acid (**1**) (4). Although *dl*-chanoclavine I (**36**) was synthesized previously by several groups (29–33), there were only a few reports on the synthesis in optically active form. In 1994, French chemists (35,36) reported the first asymmetric total synthesis of chanoclavine I (**36**) in 12 steps involving a process of the formation of C ring by asymmetric palladium-catalyzed cyclization as the key



SCHEME 31. Reagents: a, TsOH, benzene; b, Mg, MeOH; c, 50% aq. AcOH, sealed tube; d, 4% KOH-dioxane; e, 120°C, AcOH; f, 80°C, 50% aq. AcOH.

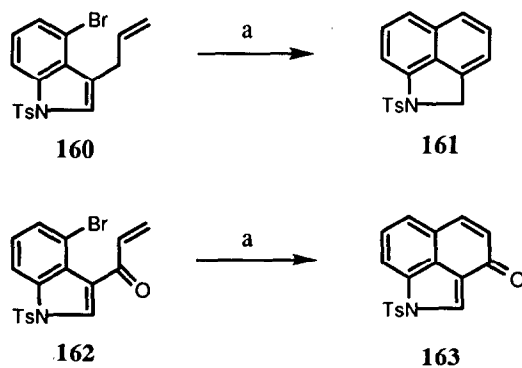
step via the π -allyl complex **159** with a chiral phosphine ligand (Scheme 32).

In order to use tryptophan as the starting material for the construction of an ergoline skeleton, it was necessary to develop an intramolecular cyclization for the formation of cyclohexa[*cd*]indole. For this purpose, there were several methods reported, particularly through the formation of a cyclohexa[*cd*]indole. Hegedus's group (71) developed a route by applying the Heck reaction to the cyclization of 3-allyl-4-bromo-*N*-tosylindole (**160**). Although they succeeded in synthesizing a tricyclic ring system, rearrangement of the double bond in the product occurred to form the more stable naphthalene derivative **161**. Further, Hegedus (72) attempted a similar cyclization of the α,β -unsaturated ketone **162**

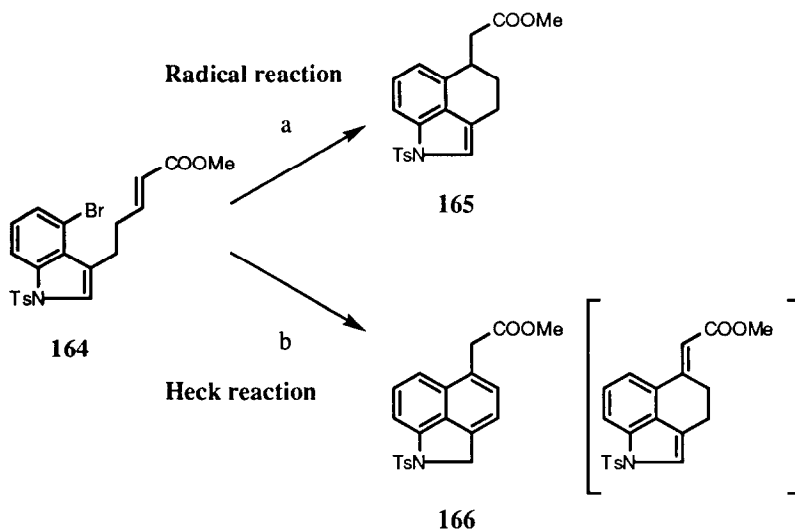


SCHEME 32. Reagents: a, Pd(OAc)₂, K₂CO₃, (*S*)-BINAP, THF.

to synthesize the tricyclic ketone **163** (Scheme 33). The presence of a keto group blocked rearrangement to the benz[*cd*]indoline system.



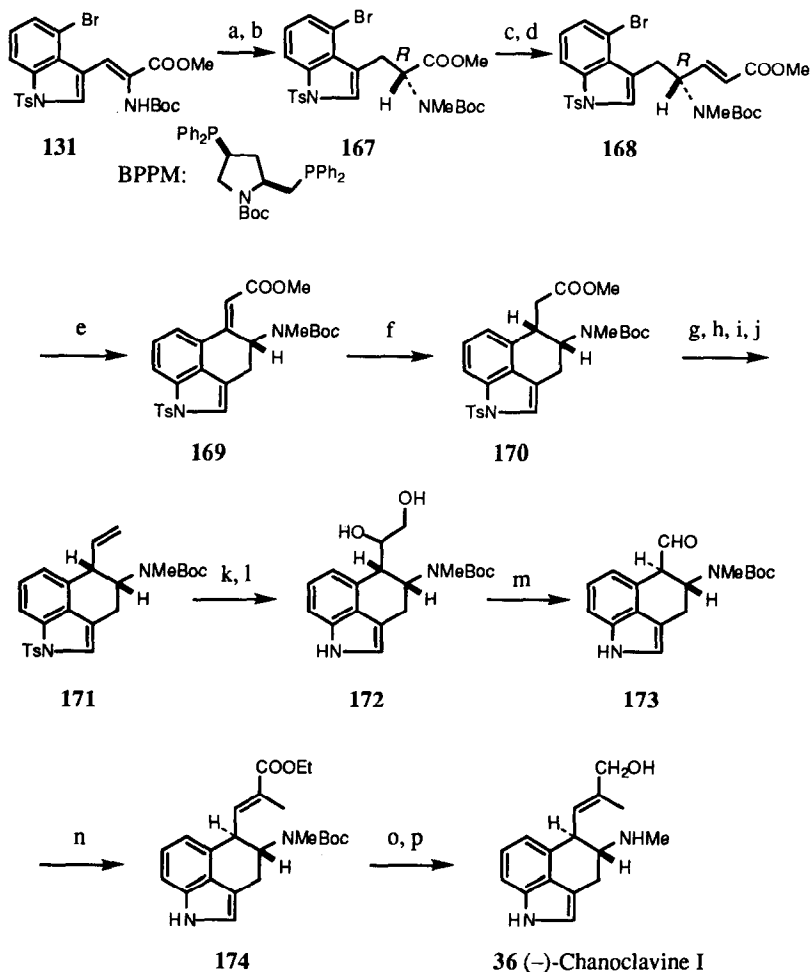
SCHEME 33. Reagents: a, Pd(OAc)₂, (*o*-tol)₃P, Et₃N in CH₃CN.



SCHEME 34. Reagents: a, $(n\text{-Bu})_3\text{SnH}$, AIBN, toluene; b, 0.1 eq. $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$, DMF- Et_3N .

Yokoyama *et al.* (73,74) also attempted an intramolecular palladium-catalyzed vinylation (Heck reaction) or radical reaction of the 4-bromoindole derivative **164** carrying an α,β -unsaturated ester group in the 3-substituent. Though the Heck reaction on this compound **164** was unsuccessful to give **166**, radical cyclization of **164** resulted in the desired tricyclic ring system **165** in moderate yield (Scheme 34). Accumulating the information on the reactions and results of these reactions, including the Heck reaction, aimed at the synthesis of chanoclavine I (**36**), the strategy for the synthesis of this alkaloid by the cyclization of tryptophan derivatives finally allowed completion of the total synthesis.

Optically active, doubly-protected 4-bromo-*N*-methyltryptophan **167** was prepared by asymmetric reduction of the corresponding dehydrotryptophan derivative **131**. The optical yield, however, was 55% ee, when BBPM was used as a chiral phosphine ligand. The absolute configuration of **167** was *R*, opposite to that of the natural amino acid, but this configuration was required for the synthesis of the natural ergoline alkaloids. Palladium-catalyzed intramolecular cyclization of the optically active conjugated ester **168**, which was prepared from **167**, proceeded smoothly in the presence of 1,3-bisdiphenylphosphino-propane (BPPP) and tribasic silver phosphonate-calcium carbonate to give the expected tricyclic ester **169** in good yield.



SCHEME 35. Reagents: a, MeI, Ag₂CO₃; b, [Rh(COD)]₂BF₄, BPPM, H₂, 5 atm; c, DIBALH; d, Ph₃P=CHCO₂Me; e, 0.1 eq. PdCl₂-BPPP, Ag₃PO₄, CaCO₃, DMF; f, H₂, 10% Pd-C; g, Li[Bu(*iso*-Bu)₂AlH], THF; h, NaBH₄, EtOH; i, *o*-NO₂PhSeCN, (*n*-Bu)₃P, pyridine-THF; j, NaIO₄, THF-H₂O; k, OsO₄ (cat.), NMO, Acetone-H₂O; l, Mg, MeOH; m, NaIO₄, MeOH-H₂O; n, Ph₃P=C(Me)COOEt, CH₂Cl₂; o, TFA, CHCl₃; p, DIBALH, THF.

On the other hand, radical cyclization of **168** by heating with tri-*n*-butyltin hydride and AIBN did not occur, only recovering the starting material. These

confusing results compared to the above preliminary experiment might be explained by a rigid conformation of the C ring due to the presence of a bulky protective group on the amino group in **168**. Catalytic reduction of the tricyclic compound **169** gave the homogeneous product **170** with an undesired *cis* configuration. Conversion of the ester **170** to the olefin **171** was accomplished smoothly by a straightforward four-step sequence of reactions including one-pot reduction, selenylation and *syn*-elimination. The optical purities of the products **168** and **171** were both 55% ee determined by HPLC, thus proving that no racemization was involved in the processes of the conversion [**167** to **168**] and cyclization steps [**168** to **169**] (Scheme 35).

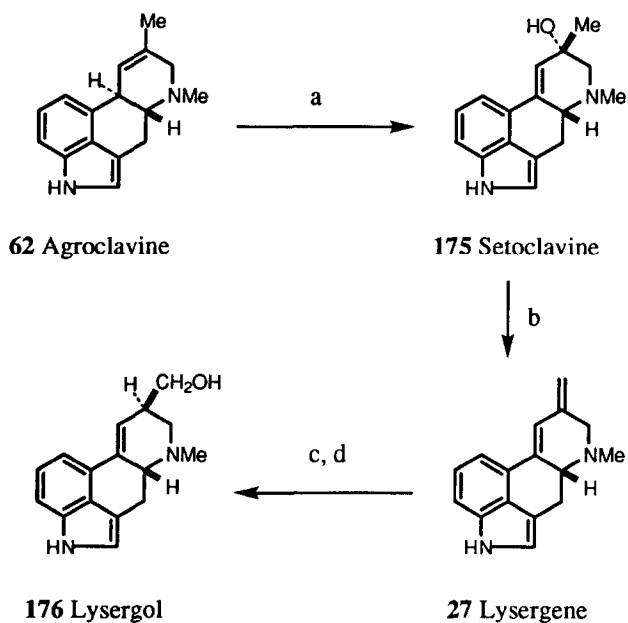
Oxidation of the olefin **171** with osmium tetroxide-NMO, followed by deprotection of the tosyl group with magnesium-methanol and cleavage of the diol with sodium periodate, gave the unstable aldehyde **173** which was immediately converted to the ester **174** by the Wittig reaction. Ready isomerization to the stable *trans* isomer **173** brought about the sole formation of the product with a *trans* configuration. Finally, the conversion of **174** to chanoclavine I (**36**) was carried out according to Oppolzer's procedure (32). The synthetic compound, which showed 75% ee after one recrystallization, had the same optical rotation as the natural alkaloid.

V. Interconversion of Ergoline Alkaloids

Most of the important conversions and interconversions of ergoline alkaloids were reported in the previous review (3). However, some further conversions were described in the literature based on a need for supply of the alkaloids.

A. CONVERSION OF AGROCLAVINE TO LYSERGOL

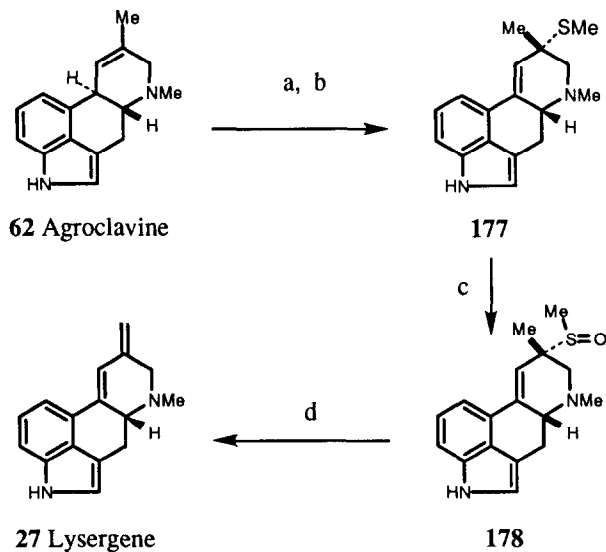
Based on the previous results of the oxidative conversion of setoclavine (**175**) to lysergene (**27**), agroclavine (**62**), now readily available by the fermentation of *Claviceps purpurea* AA218, was successfully converted into lysergol (**176**) by functionalizing the 8-methyl group of agroclavine (**62**) (**75**). Regioselective dehydration of setoclavine (**175**) to lysergene (**27**) was achieved by heating **175** under reflux with predried Woelm alumina N-super 1 (type W200) in 1,2-dichloroethane to give lysergene (**27**). Then the exocyclic double bond was selectively hydroborated with 9-BBN at 60°C in tetrahydrofuran. Treatment of the adduct with aqueous sodium hydroxide and 30% hydrogen peroxide gave lysergol (**176**) (Scheme 36).



SCHEME 36. Reagents: a, $K_2Cr_2O_7$, c H_2SO_4 , aq. acetone; b, Woelm alumina, $ClCH_2CH_2Cl$; c, 9-BBN, THF; d, NaOH, H_2O_2 .

B. CONVERSION OF AGROCLAVINE TO LYSERGENE AND LYSERGINE

Ready availability of one of the most useful ergoline alkaloids agroclavine (62) has continuously drawn attention for its conversion to other ergot alkaloids (76). The hydrogen at C-10 of agroclavine (62) was readily removed by *n*-butyllithium to form an ambident carbanion which was then treated with a range of electrophiles to yield 10-substituted agroclavines, 8-substituted lysergines and isolysergic acid derivatives, one of which, 8-methylthio-lysergine (177), was prepared by the addition of dimethyl sulfide to agroclavine (62). The 8-methylthio-lysergine (177) was then oxidized with sodium periodate to the sulfoxide 178, and the methylthio group was eliminated in 40% yield to give the lysergene (27) (Scheme 37).



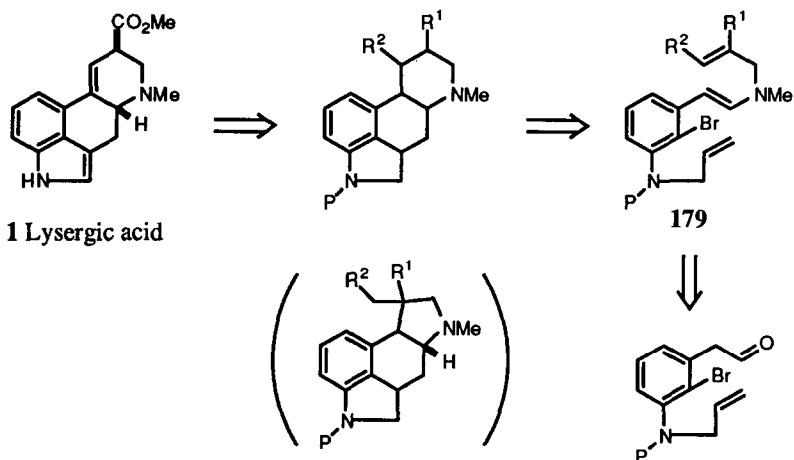
SCHEME 37. Reagents: a, *n*-BuLi, THF; b, MeSSMe; c, NaIO₄, aq, MeOH; d, heat.

VI. Reactions Developed for the Synthesis of Ergoline Alkaloids

Development of reactions designed or intended for the synthesis of ergot alkaloids and their analogs are summarized in this section, though successful invention and application of new synthetic methodologies were described in the section of new syntheses of ergoline alkaloids (Sections III and IV). There have been many reports describing the accumulated efforts and ideas aimed at the synthesis of natural products by new methods. In this section we have tried to collect these ideas in order to give chemists some concepts of the routes that have been investigated.

A. TANDEM RADICAL CYCLIZATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ERGOLINE SKELETON

Parsons *et al.* have developed a new free radical cyclization with the potential for application to the construction of the lysergic acid framework by a reaction



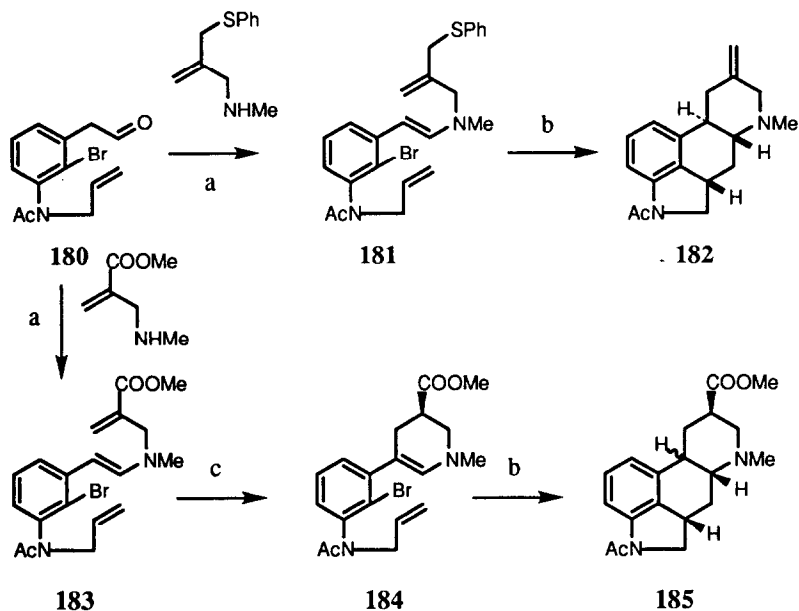
SCHEME 38. Retrosynthetic analysis.

involving the homolytic cleavage of a carbon-bromine bond, mediated by tri-*n*-butyltin hydride (77). This led to the development of a method for the construction of 3,4-disubstituted dihydroindoles via a single cyclization; hexahydrobenz[*cd*]indoles via double tandem cyclizations, and both octahydroindolo[6,5,4-*cd*]indoles and decahydroindolo[4,3-*fg*]quinolines via triple radical cyclizations of 179. These synthetic ideas can be appreciated readily from the retrosynthetic scheme shown (Scheme 38).

Allyl sulfides have been used in radical cyclization to control the regiochemistry in 6-endo ring closures. This, indeed was found to be the case when the enamine 181 was subjected to radical cyclization under high dilution conditions. The ergoline 182 was isolated after successful 5-*exo*-trig, 6-*endo*-trig, 6-*endo*-trig cyclization.

The uncyclized enamine 183 was treated in boiling toluene for 5 h. prior to radical cyclization, and then further treated with tri-*n*-butyltin hydride in boiling toluene. A successful tandem double 5-*exo*-trig, 6-*endo*-trig cyclization of the aryl radical generated from 184 afforded the tetrahydrolysergate 185 which was obtained as the only isolable product in 75% yield as a 3:1 mixture of two epimers at the 10-position (Scheme 39).

Although introduction of a 9,10-double bond in the lysergic acid framework remains unaccomplished, this tandem radical cyclization approach can be used for the synthesis of tetrahydrolysergic acid derivatives. With the appropriate choice of starting materials, the synthesis of other ergot alkaloids and their synthetic derivatives could be achieved using this novel approach.

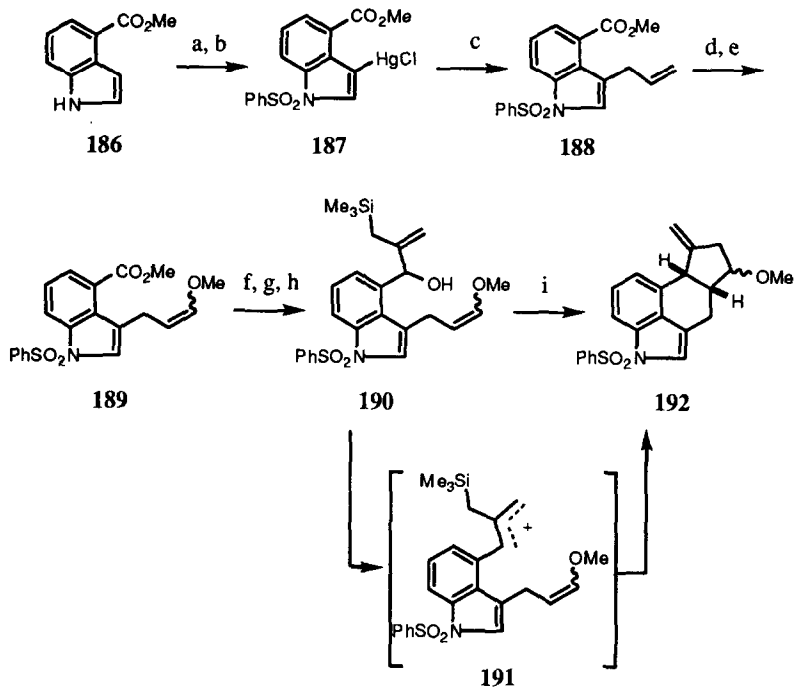


SCHEME 39. Reagents: a, molecular sieves, toluene;
b, $(n\text{-Bu})_3\text{SnH}$; c, toluene [thermal cyclization].

B. INTRAMOLECULAR CYCLIZATION OF AN ALLYL CATION FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF THE ERGOLINE SKELETON

The intramolecular cyclization reaction involving the allyl cation **191** derived from the 3,4-disubstituted indole **190** was applied to the construction of the ergoline skeleton (**78**).

4-Carbomethoxyindole (**186**) was reacted with benzenesulfonyl chloride in the presence of tetrabutylammonium hydroxide to yield the *N*-benzenesulfonamide in 95% yield. Treatment with mercuric acetate in acetic acid followed by aqueous sodium chloride yielded the indole-mercurichloride **187** quantitatively. Palladium-catalyzed coupling of the mercury salt with allyl bromide in the presence of Li_2PdCl_4 provided a fair yield of the 3-allylindole **188**. Cleavage of the alkene was achieved using catalytic osmium tetroxide and excess sodium periodate to form the desired aldehyde in 81% yield. This aldehyde was converted into the enol ether **189** in 95% yield, with a 1 : 1 ratio



SCHEME 40. Reagents: a, PhSO_2Cl , KOH , $(n\text{-Bu})_4\text{NOH}$; b, $\text{Hg}(\text{OAc})_2$, AcOH , cat. perchloric acid; c, allyl bromide, Li_2PdCl_4 , MeOH ; d, OsO_4 , NMO then NaIO_4 ; e, $\text{Ph}_3\text{PCHOMe}\cdot\text{HCl}$, $t\text{-BuLi}$; f, DIBALH ; g, MnO_2 ; h, Mg , 2-bromo-3-trimethylsilylpropene; i, TiCl_4 , N -methylaniline.

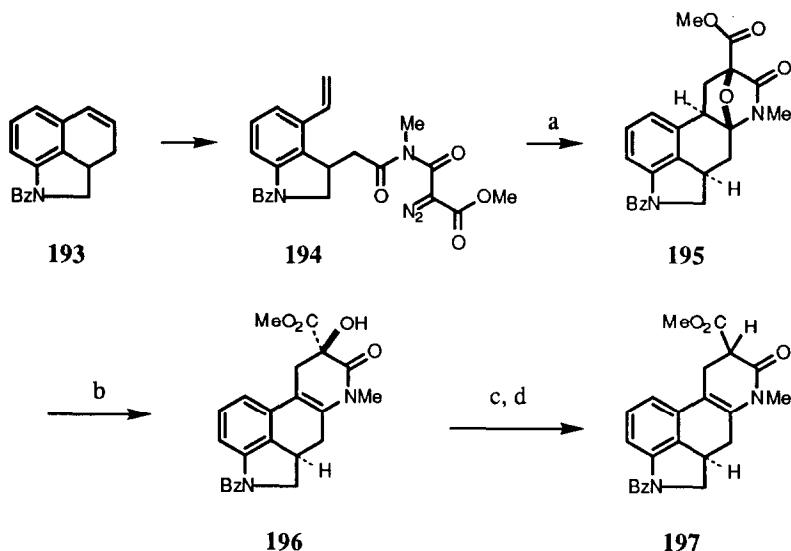
of the *cis* and *trans* mixed products, using methoxymethyltriphenylphosphonium chloride in conjunction with 2.2 equivalents of *t*-butyllithium. Finally, reduction of the ester 189 with DIBALH and reoxidation with manganese(IV) oxide provided the aldehyde in 84% yield, which was then reacted with the Grignard reagent from 2-bromo-3-trimethylsilylpropene to produce the key intermediate 190 in 62% yield. The intramolecular cycloaddition was achieved through reaction of 190 in the presence of TiCl_4 and N -methylaniline to yield a 1:1 mixture of two cycloadducts 192 (Scheme 40). This compound, 192, was to serve as the synthetic precursor for the ergoline alkaloids.

C. INTRAMOLECULAR ISOMUNCHNONE CYCLOADDITION PATHWAY TO LYSERGIC ACID

As a viable approach to the synthesis of lysergic acid, intramolecular cycloaddition of alkenyl- and alkynyl-substituted diazoimides **194** across a transient isomunchnone dipole was investigated, aiming at the construction of the ring system of the quinoline ring system (C and D rings) of the ergot alkaloids (**79**).

Although the inability to carry out a double bond isomerization to the position required for lysergic acid is a drawback, this unique route of constructing the skeleton of the target alkaloid has the potential to become a new synthetic methodology for lysergic acid.

The known tricyclic olefin **193** was oxidatively ring opened at the olefinic ring to give an indoline derivative which was transformed to the starting prerequisite diazo imide **194**. The rhodium-catalyzed reaction of **194** proceeded smoothly, using rhodium(II) perfluorobutyrate as the catalyst, to give the cycloadduct **195** as the exclusive product in 93% yield. The conversion of the cycloadduct **195** to methyl paspalate was undertaken by treating **195** with

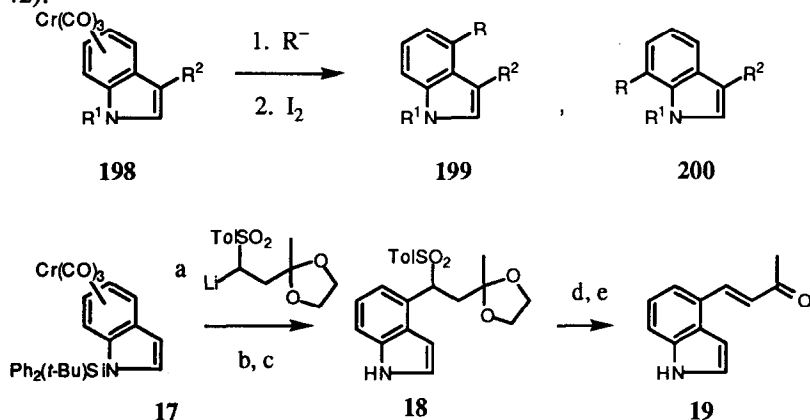


SCHEME 41. Reagents: a, $[(\text{CF}_3\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{CO}_2)_2\text{Rh}]_2$, CH_2Cl_2 ; b, $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$, CH_2Cl_2 ; c, phenyl chloroformate; d, $(n\text{-Bu})_3\text{SnH}$, AIBN, Δ .

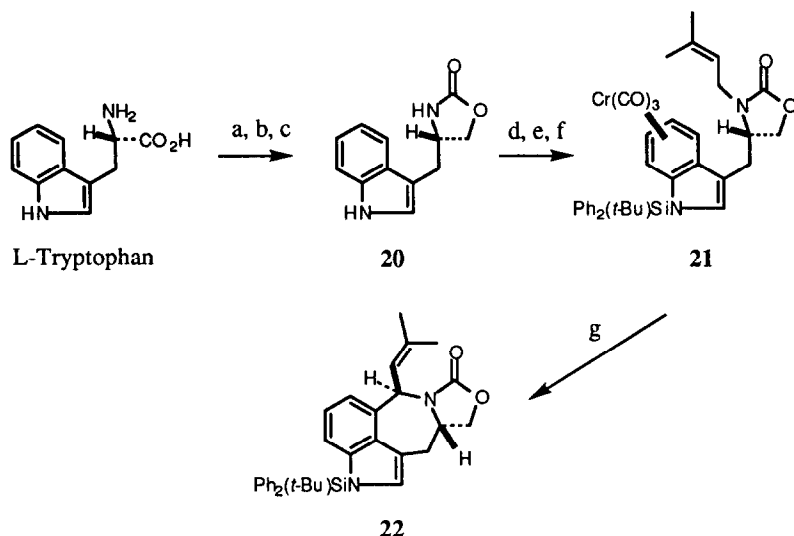
boron trifluoride etherate in dichloromethane to furnish the expected tetrasubstituted enamide **196** in quantitative yield. The Barton- McCombie reaction, using the phenyl thiocarbonate derivative with tri-*n*-butyltin hydride, afforded the expected deoxygenated amido ester **197** as a 2:1 mixture of diastereomers, which, however, resisted all attempts, using a variety of bases, to isomerize the double bond (Scheme 41).

D. USE OF AN INDOLE CHROMIUM COMPLEX FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF ERGOT ALKALOIDS

The activating effect of π -complexation of a $\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_3$ unit allows selective nucleophilic substitution in indoles, including tryptophan derivatives, and thus provides intermediates for the synthesis of clavicipitic acid and related indole alkaloids. The addition of a nucleophile to an *N*-protected indole- $\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_3$ complex **198** provided **199** and/or **200** for the regioselective introduction of a substituent at C-4 or C-7 on the indole ring, depending on the substituents at C-3 and N-1, as well as the nature of the nucleophile (80). This methodology was successfully applied to indole itself (28). Indole is readily transformed into the corresponding tricarbonylchromium complex and silylated with *t*-butylchloro-diphenylsilane to produce the crystalline complex **17**. The addition of **17** to a solution of the lithiated sulfone, followed by oxidative quenching with iodine and desilylation, furnished the C-4 substituted indole **18** in 90% yield. The indole **18** was converted to the enone **19** with the alkenyl side chain at the 4-position in 78% yield by sequential acid and base treatment (Scheme 42).



SCHEME 42. Reagents: b, I_2 ; c, TBAF; d, cat. TsOH ; e, Et_3N .

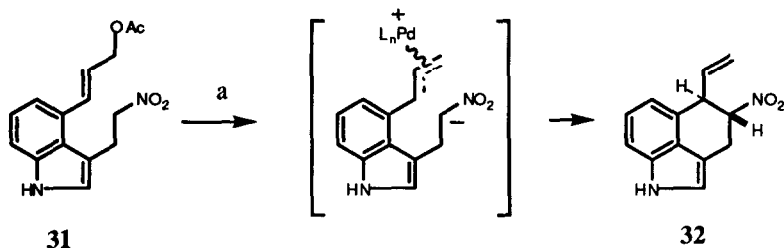


SCHEME 43. Reagents: a, LiAlH_4 ; b, NaOH ; c, COCl_2 ; d, $\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_3(\text{MeCN})_3$; e NaH , $\text{Ph}_2(t\text{-Bu})\text{SiCl}$; f, MeLi , $(\text{Me})_2\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{H})\text{CH}_2\text{Br}$; g, LDA , then I_2 .

A similar sequence of reactions was applied to L-tryptophan, and the subsequent conversion of the resulting amino alcohol into the oxazolidinone **20** proceeded in 82% yield (28). Following formation of the tricarbonylchromium complex **21**, treatment with LDA and iodine yielded the synthetic precursor **22** of clavicipitic acid (**84,85**) (Scheme 43).

E. ENANTIOSELECTIVE PALLADIUM-CATALYZED CARBOCYCLIZATION OF NITROACETATE FOR THE ERGOLINE SKELETON

Genet *et al.* (35) have developed an intermolecular, palladium-catalyzed alkylation of a nitroacetate, and applied the reaction to its intramolecular version using chiral ligands on the metal for the synthesis of the C ring of ergoline synthons in an optically active fashion. The preparation of these chiral synthons **32** was achieved by palladium-catalyzed enantioselective carbocyclization of the bifunctional nitroacetate **31**, synthesized from 4-formylindole. On exposing **31** to $\text{Pd}(\text{dba})_2$ and (*S*)-CHIRAPHOS with potassium carbonate as the base, the chiral derivative **32** was obtained on a practical scale with an acceptable level of optical purity (69% ee). Genet *et al.* optimized these results by employing



SCHEME 44. Reagents: a, Pd(OAc)₂, K₂CO₃, (*S*)-BINAP.

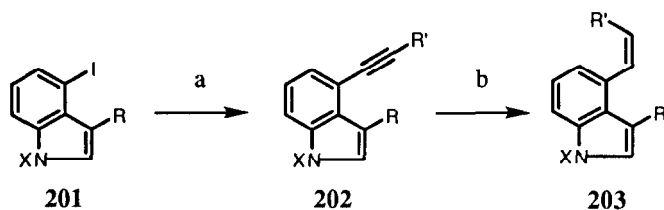
Pd(OAc)₂ and (*S*)-BINAP. The desired enantiomer **32** was obtained enantioselectively with a 95% ee (**36**) (Scheme 44).

This catalytic, enantioselective, palladium(0)-promoted C-5, C-10 ring closure provides a simple, direct and versatile synthesis of chiral ergoline compounds.

F. PALLADIUM-CATALYZED REACTIONS OF 3-ALKENYL-4-iodoINDOLES FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF 3,4-DISUBSTITUTED INDILES

Palladium-catalyzed coupling of 4-iodoindoles with acetylenes established the smooth synthesis of 3,4-disubstituted indole derivatives suitable for the synthesis of ergoline alkaloids. Szántay *et al.* (81) thoroughly investigated the conditions of the relatively harsh conditions of the Heck reaction and succeeded in establishing satisfactory conditions for the substitution of 4-iodoindoles **201**. They examined four different 4-iodoindoles **201** with various electron densities in the aromatic ring, and three different palladium catalyst systems of [Ph₃P]₄Pd, [Ph₃P]₂PdCl₂, as well as [Ph₃P]₄Pd, generated *in situ* from Pd-C and triphenyl phosphine, for the addition of various acetylenes. As a result, they found that the reaction proceeded well on a scale of 1 mmol in DMF (ca. 20-30 mg/ml indole concentration) under argon atmosphere in the presence of 2 equivalents of triethylamine as base, in addition to the use of 2-5 equivalents of acetylene, 0.2 equivalents of cuprous iodide, and 0.02 equivalents of the palladium catalyst. The reactions were run at room temperature, giving mostly fair to good yields of chromatographically pure products (Scheme 45).

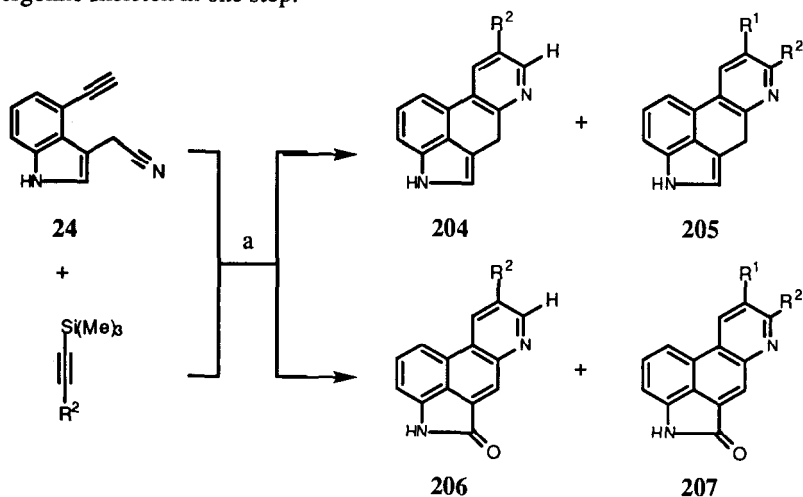
The acetylenic indoles **202** were partially saturated over the Lindlar catalyst to **203**, which was transformed previously to secoagroclavine by Somei *et al.* (82). Thus, these reaction conditions could provide a promising opportunity for the synthesis of many ergoline alkaloids.



SCHEME 45. Reagents: a, [Pd], CuI, Et₃N, DMF, H—C≡C—R' ; b, Lindlar catalyst.

G. COBALT-CATALYZED COCYCLIZATION OF 4-ETHYNYL-3-INDOLEACETONITRILES WITH ACETYLENES

4-Ethynyl-3-indoleacetonitriles (**24**), which were readily prepared from the corresponding 4-bromo precursors followed by palladium-catalyzed trimethylsilylethynylation-deprotection, were reacted with acetylenes in the presence of CpCo(CO)₂ catalyst to give rise to a mixture of the compounds **204–207** having the structure of the annelated tetracyclic ergot framework in one step (14) (Scheme 46). Although the formation of several products was not desired, this cocyclization reaction has several advantages for forming the ergoline skeleton in one step.



SCHEME 46. Reagents: a, CpCo(CO)₂, Δ, hν.

VII. Further Developments on the Synthetic Supply of Key Intermediates Useful in the Synthesis of Ergot Alkaloids

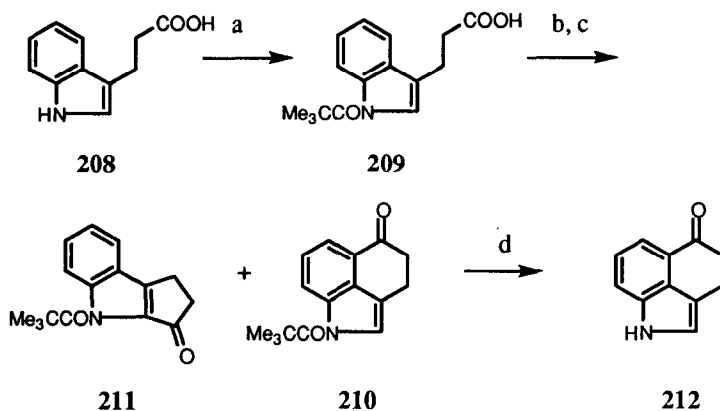
Due to the complexity of the structure of the ergot alkaloids and their remarkable biological potency, many synthetic approaches have accumulated. In addition, the establishment of convenient and facile synthetic procedures for the key synthetic intermediates have been sought as exemplified by the key intermediate tricyclic ketone in the synthesis by Woodward and Kornfeld. Actually, in many of the total syntheses of the ergot alkaloids, success has depended on the development of the convenient and efficient supply of the key intermediates.

Therefore, for synthetic studies aimed at the development of new medicinals, some of the most important and useful synthetic methods for key synthetic intermediates are selected as follows.

A. FACILE SYNTHESIS OF UHLE'S KETONE

A facile synthesis of Uhle's ketone (212) starting from indolepropionic acid 208 was reported (83).

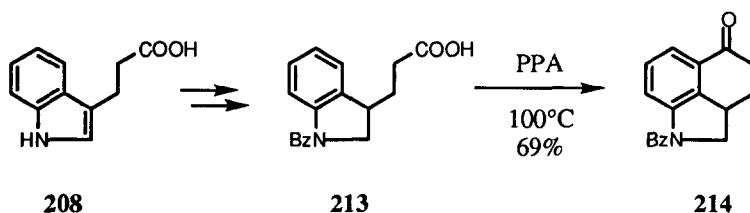
Uhle's ketone (212) was first synthesized from 6-chloro-2-nitrotoluene in eight steps by Uhle in 1949 (84), and has played an important key role in the synthesis of lysergic acid and many other indole derivatives. The increased importance of this ketone prompted the establishment of a facile synthetic supply of this ketone as one of the important starting compounds for the study of ergoline derivatives. Recently, Nakatsuka *et al.* (83) described a highly regioselective cyclization for the synthesis of Uhle's ketone from indolepropionic acid (208) using a novel Friedel-Crafts cyclization system. 3-(1-Trimethylacetylindol-3-yl)propionic acid (209) was prepared by trimethylacetylation of the starting indolepropionic acid 208 with *n*-butyllithium and trimethylacetyl chloride in tetrahydrofuran at -78°C in 91% yield. Compound 209 was treated with thionyl chloride to give the acid chloride which was then stirred with aluminum chloride in 1,2-dichloroethane at -10°C for 3 h. or at 10°C for 0.3 h. to give the cyclized products as a mixture of the two ketones 210 and 211. Yields and relative ratios depended on the reaction temperature. The best result was obtained at 15°C for 1 h. in 83% combined yield and a 94:6 ratio. This cyclization was catalyzed by the reagent formed *in situ* from chloroacetyl chloride and aluminum chloride, which would generate a donor-acceptor complex species as an electron acceptor *in situ*. Removal of the trimethylacetyl moiety was achieved with catalytic sodium methoxide in methanol at 15°C for 10 min. giving Uhle's ketone (212) in 95% yield (Scheme 47).



SCHEME 47. Reagents: a, *n*-BuLi, Me₃CCOCl; b, SOCl₂; c, AlCl₃, additive (ClCH₂COCl), ClCH₂CH₂Cl; d, NaHCO₃, MeOH.

B. IMPROVED SYNTHESIS OF KORNFELD'S TRICYCLIC KETONE

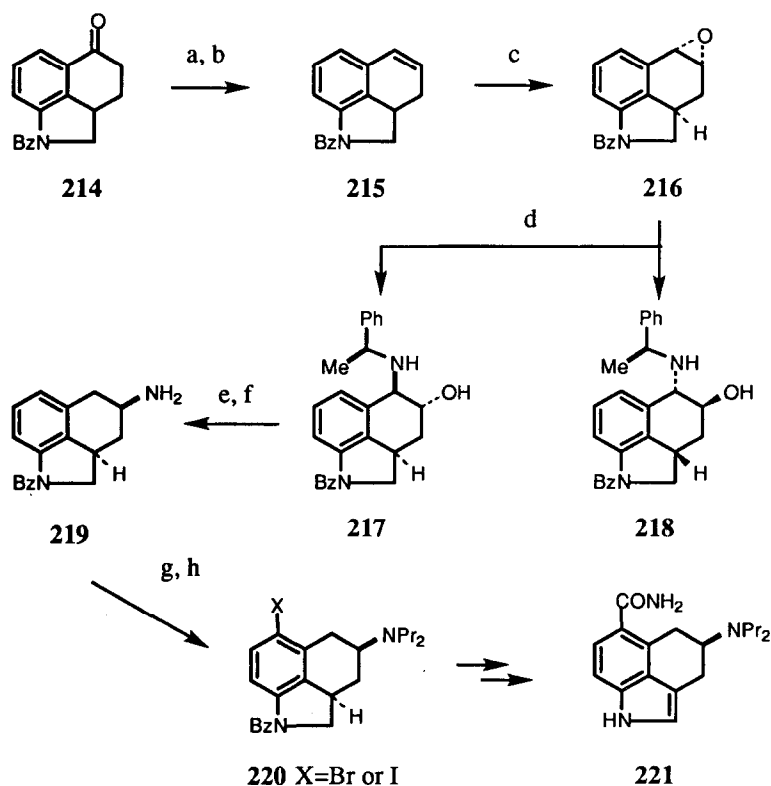
The tricyclic ketone (Kornfeld's ketone) **214** is well-known as the starting ketone in the first total synthesis of lysergic acid. Since then, a number of synthetic studies have employed this tricyclic ketone for the synthesis of lysergic acid and other ergoline alkaloids. This ketone **214** is now readily prepared from indolepropionic acid (**208**) according to the original route, but under improved reaction conditions (85) to give a good yield of this tricyclic ketone **214**. In practice the cyclization by polyphosphoric acid proceeded very smoothly at 100°C for 2 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was simply poured into ice-water and extracted with dichloromethane, washed with water and dried. This simple and convenient procedure yields the ketone **214** in 69% (Scheme 48).



SCHEME 48

C. SYNTHESIS OF A TRICYCLIC AMINE DERIVED FROM KORNFELD'S KETONE

The utilities of Kornfeld's ketone **214** continues to attract interest, particularly for the synthesis of potential analogs related to the serotonin receptors. Martinelli and coworkers (86) have succeeded in synthesizing the aminotetralin derivatives which possess a tricyclic amine structure, and which are target drug candidates for clinical evaluation. They started their synthetic route from Kornfeld's ketone **214**, which was reduced with sodium borohydride. Subsequent dehydration afforded the crystalline olefin **215** in excellent yield. Epoxidation of this olefin with peracids proceeded highly



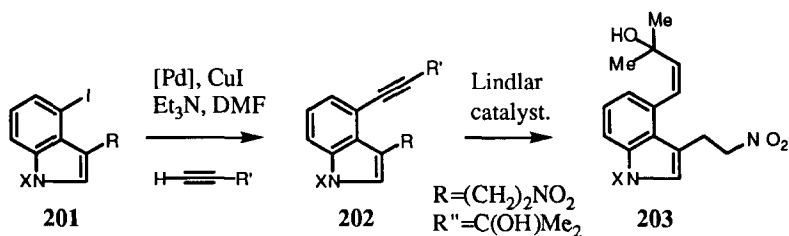
SCHEME 49. Reagents: a, NaBH_4 ; b, Amberlist 15; c, monomagnesium-peroxyphthalate, H_2O , *n*-BuOH; d, (*S*)-phenethylamine, *n*-BuOH; e, MsCl , Et_3N ; f, Pd-C, H_2 , H_3PO_4 ; g, Br_2 , NaOAc or H_3IO_4 ; h, PrI, K_2CO_3 .

stereoselectively affording primarily the *anti*-epoxides **216** with >96% de. Epoxide ring opening of **216** was best conducted in *n*-butanol at 110°C, thus fitting very well with the epoxide forming step above in the same solvent. Consequently, a solution of the racemic epoxide when reacted with an optically pure amine, such as (*S*)- α -phenethylamine, produced a 1:1 mixture of the diastereomers **217** and **218**, which, on cooling, provided the single isomer **217** in 43% yield. Mesylation of **217** was successfully carried out using methanesulfonyl chloride and triethylamine, giving rise to an aziridine which was then subjected to tandem benzylic hydrogenolysis in the presence of a palladium catalyst to give the optically active aminotetralin **219**. The usefulness of the tricyclic amine **219** was clear from its facile conversions, including regioselective, aromatic electrophilic *para*-substitution on the indoline moiety to afford the carbamoyl group substituted derivatives, and simple *N,N*-dialkylation to a variety of analogs. By utilizing the tricyclic amine **219**, a number of lysergic acid diethylamide analogs were synthesized (86,87) (Scheme 49).

D. SYNTHESIS OF 3,4-DISUBSTITUTED INDOLES

Since the structural features of 3,4-disubstituted indoles are abundantly seen in the structures of various alkaloids, a number of synthetic approaches have appeared in the literature for the preparation of indole derivatives with the 3,4-disubstitution pattern. One of the recent methods was disclosed by Somei *et al.* (37,88) who took advantage of the reaction of thallium/iodination of a 3-carbonyl substituted indole, followed by the Heck reaction, for the preparation of a number of derivatives.

Szántay *et al.* (81) modified the original method by Somei by applying the



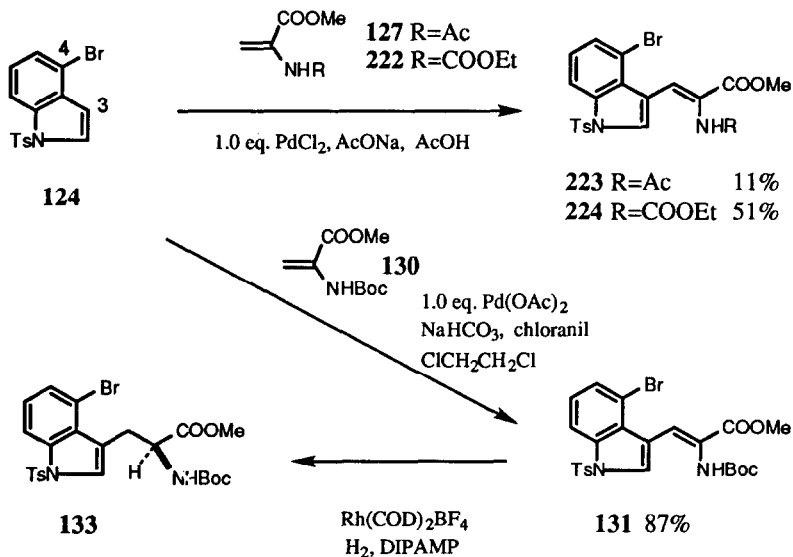
$\text{R} = (\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NO}_2$, $\text{CH}=\text{CHNO}_2$ (*E*)
 $\text{R}'' = \text{TMS}$, *n*-Bu, $\text{C}(\text{OH})\text{Me}_2$

SCHEME 50

Cu(I)-Pd(0) coupling of terminal acetylenes with the indole systems **201** at the 4-position, thereby improving the yield (Scheme 50). The ethynyl group in **202** was partially saturated over the Lindlar catalyst to afford the alkenes **203**, one of which was transformed previously to secoagroclavine (**82**).

E. SYNTHESIS OF 4-BROMOTRYPTOPHAN FROM 4-BROMOINDOLE

In the course of studies aimed at the development of a method for introducing substituents into the indole ring, Yokoyama *et al.* (61,62,65) succeeded in a simple synthesis of 4-bromodehydrotryptophan **131** by the vinylation of *N*-tosyl 4-bromoindole (**124**) in the presence of a stoichiometric amount of palladium salt. Vinylation of *N*-acetyldehydroalanine methyl ester **127** and *N*-(ethoxycarbonyl)dehydroalanine methyl ester **222** with **124** occurred in the presence of a stoichiometric amount of PdCl₂ to give the corresponding 4-bromodehydrotryptophan **223** and **224**, respectively. This result opened the route for a simple synthesis of tryptophan derivatives. Actual preparation of the 4-bromotryptophan **133** was achieved by the vinylation of 4-bromoindole **124** with the *N*-Boc-dehydroalanine methyl ester **130** in the presence of a stoichiometric amount of Pd(OAc)₂. The literature conditions [1.0 equiv. of



SCHEME 51

$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ in AcOH at 120°C for 2 h] (62) were not suited for this preparation. However, the compound 131 was obtained in 74-85% yield when the reaction was carried out in the presence of sodium hydrogen carbonate and chloranil as an oxidizing agent in an aprotic solvent, such as 1,2-dichloroethane or 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene. Asymmetric reduction in the presence of a rhodium-complex as catalyst afforded the 4-bromotryptophan 133 (Scheme 51).

VIII. MEDICINALS STRUCTURALLY RELATED TO ERGOLINES

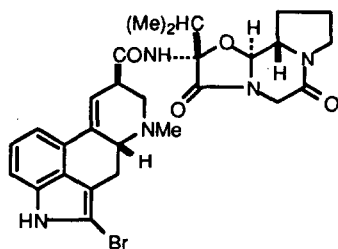
Originating from research on the development of medicinals structurally related to the natural ergoline-type of alkaloids, the ergoline-related major medicinals are summarized below.

The ergot alkaloids and their derivatives display such a diversified range of biological activities that they cannot be regarded within a single pharmacological or therapeutic entity. In spite of a great number of investigations on many derivatives and analogs of ergot alkaloids, aimed establishing the structure-activity relationships, much is yet to be done to reach appropriate conclusions. However, most of the ergoline derivatives, including the natural products and their synthetic analogs, generally exhibit both marked central and peripheral pharmacological activities. The generally non-selective interaction with the adrenalin, dopamine and serotonin receptors accounts for their wide spectra of pharmacological behaviors. The dopamine agonist components D_1 and D_2 , which have many important clinical applications in the treatment of Parkinsonism, and the agonist/antagonist serotonergic components $5\text{-HT}_{1\text{A}}$, $5\text{-HT}_{1\text{C}}$, and $5\text{-HT}_{2\text{C}}$ with their documented connection with psychiatric disorders, such as depression and anxiety, have fostered interest in this class of compounds by a group of chemists led by Mantegani (89-94).

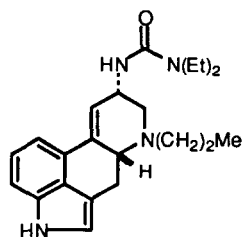
In this section, some of the medicinals with clinical applications are presented.

A. BROMOCRIPTINE

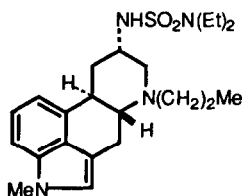
Bromocriptine (225) was first introduced in 1969 as a dopamine receptor agonist, produced from derivatives of the ergotoxine group of ergot alkaloids, prepared by the Sandoz group (Fluckiger *et al.*). Following research by many groups, its potentiality as a useful medicinal in the market was established (95-



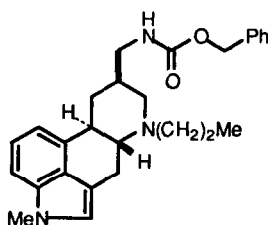
225 Bromocriptine



226 Lisuride



227 Mesulergine



228 Metergoline

97). The relationship between its stereochemistry and biological activity was established in 1980. Many aspects of its biological activity, including its endocrine profile, its usefulness as an immuno-modulator, in obstetrics and in gynecology, and in the treatment of pituitary tumors, have been described, along with clinical studies in the treatment Parkinson's disease.

Bromocriptine (225) is available as its methanesulfonate, known as Parlodel, Pravidel, or Sero-n-Bagren, and now is used as an enzymatic inhibitor for its prolactin and also for antiparkinsonian activity.

The chemistry and biology of bromocriptine (225) have been reviewed frequently, e.g. Ho and Thorner (95).

B. LISURIDE

Structurally closely related to LSD, Lisuride (226) is a compound having a 3,3-dimethylureido substituent at the 9-position of the ergoline skeleton, and was first prepared in 1960 as a dopamine D_2 -receptor agonist (98). Lisuride, as its acid maleate, is commercially available under the names of Cuvalit, Dopergin, Eunal, or Lysenyl, and is used clinically as an antimigraine and also as a prolactin inhibitor. The pharmacological activity and toxicity of lisuride were

reviewed previously in 1963 by L. Votava.

C. MESULERGINE

This compound, **227**, was first introduced by the Sandoz chemist Stutz, who not only had led research on the ergot alkaloids, but also contributed by writing the first review in "Manske's Alkaloids" series in 1982 (2,99). The principal structural feature is the *N,N*-dimethylsulfamide substituent on the 9-position of the ergoline skeleton, in addition to a methyl group on the indolic nitrogen. Mesulergine (**227**) has a variety of clinical activities, including central dopamine agonistic activity, hypotensive activity comparable to bromocriptine, inhibition of prolactin release, and antiparkinsonism.

D. METERGOLINE

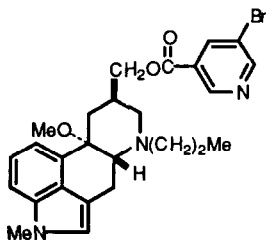
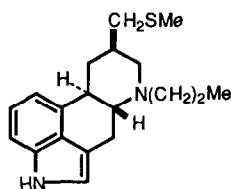
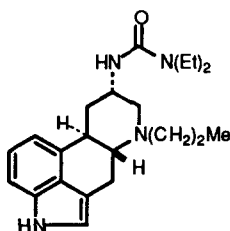
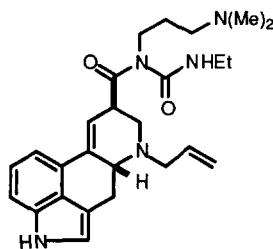
Developed by an Italian group in 1964, this compound, **228**, also known as Lisdol, has the structural features of an aminomethyl group protected by a benzyloxycarbonyl group at the 8-position, along with two methyl groups on both ring nitrogens, which provide a different pharmacological profile for this compound from most of the ergoline derivatives. It is used as an analgesic and antipyretic (101).

E. NICERGOLINE

Also known as Nicotergoline and Nimergoline, this compound, **229**, has a characteristic structure at several points, including having a *trans* methanol adduct at the double bond at the 9-position, methyl groups on both ring nitrogens and the 8-hydroxymethyl group protected by a 5-bromonicotinate group. This compound, **229**, was attractive from the aspect of its dopaminergic activity and is used as a vasodilator (99).

F. PERGOLIDE

Introduced by Kornfeld and coworkers in 1979 as a dopaminergic agonist that also decreases plasma prolactin concentration, this compound, **230**, shows activity in the treatment of acute myocardial infarction with diastolic hypertension. It is also effective in the treatment of pituitary tumors secreting prolactin or growth hormone (102). Its clinical study revealed its effectiveness in Parkinson's disease, and it is now used clinically. This compound, **230**,

**229** Nicergoline**230** Pergolide**231** Terguride**232** Cabergoline

induces the structural feature of a 8 β -methylmercaptomethyl substituent, together with an ethyl group on the 6-nitrogen instead of a methyl group.

G. TERGURIDE

This is the dihydrogenated analog of lisuride (226) having the structure of 9,10-*trans*-dihydrolisuride, thereby exhibiting dopamine agonistic and antagonistic activities. Synthesized by Czechoslovakian chemists in 1972, this compound, 231, is also called Dieonyl, Mysalfon, etc., and used in the form of the hydrogen maleate salt for its antiparkinsonian and antihyperprolactinemic activities (103).

H. CABERGOLINE

Selected from a group of dihydrolysergylurea derivatives for its outstanding pharmacological and pharmacodynamic activity, cabergoline (232) has been used for its significant prolactin secretion inhibitory activity. This compound

was obtained by treatment of dihydrolysergic acid with an appropriate carbodiimide, or by the reaction of dihydrolysergamide with a large excess of an alkyl isocyanate (104,105). Carbergoline (232) is also recognized as a potent and selective D₂ receptor agonist, and is at least two-hundred fold more potent than bromocriptine in the prevention of the fertilized egg implantation in rats (ED₅₀ 0.025 mg/Kg). It is devoid of the hypotensive activity and emesis present in almost all of the compounds in this therapeutic class.

IX. ADDENDUM

In nature, many types of natural products exist also in the form of glycosides, which, more importantly, are known to have potent and useful pharmacological activities. However, in the area of the ergot alkaloids, few ergot alkaloid glycosides are known, and their study remains in the future; a recent review mentioned the existence of elymoclavine fructoside and a few others (106).

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ACRIDONE ALKALOIDS

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I. Introduction

The acridone alkaloids represent a series of some 190 secondary metabolites derived from the 9(10*H*)-acridinone (1) basic skeleton. To date, these alkaloids have only been isolated from some 35 genera of the Rutaceae and one genus of the Simaroubaceae. They appear to be unique to the order Rutales. Most acridone alkaloids bear oxygenated substituents, at the C-1 and C-3 positions. The group also comprises many representatives with furano or pyrano rings fused on the C ring.

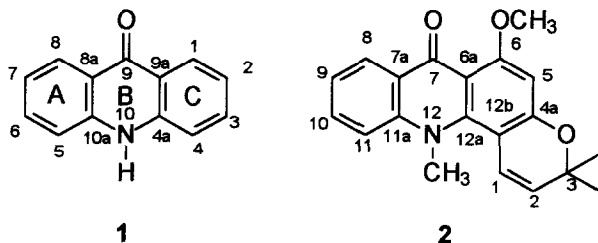
The only previous review fully devoted to this type of compounds in this series was published as early as 1952 by Price (1), who isolated the first naturally occurring acridones from the yellow bark of several trees growing in the Australian rain forests (2). Since 1969, the subject was regularly reviewed by Snieckus, Grundon, and Michael, in *The Alkaloids: Specialist Periodical Reports* (3-15) and subsequently in *Natural Products Reports* (16-29), both published by the Royal Society of Chemistry, London. Other review articles cover, at least in part, the chemistry, the biochemistry, or the biological activities of naturally occurring acridones (30-37). The alkaloids which include the pyrano[2,3-*c*]acridine-7-one skeleton have recently received more attention (38-44), due to the promising antitumor properties of acronycine (2).

In terms of organization, biosynthetic considerations take precedence. These are followed by a description of the various groups of naturally occurring acridone alkaloids: the simple acridones, *C*-prenylacridones, furoacridones, pyranoacridones, and finally the dimeric acridone alkaloids and related compounds.

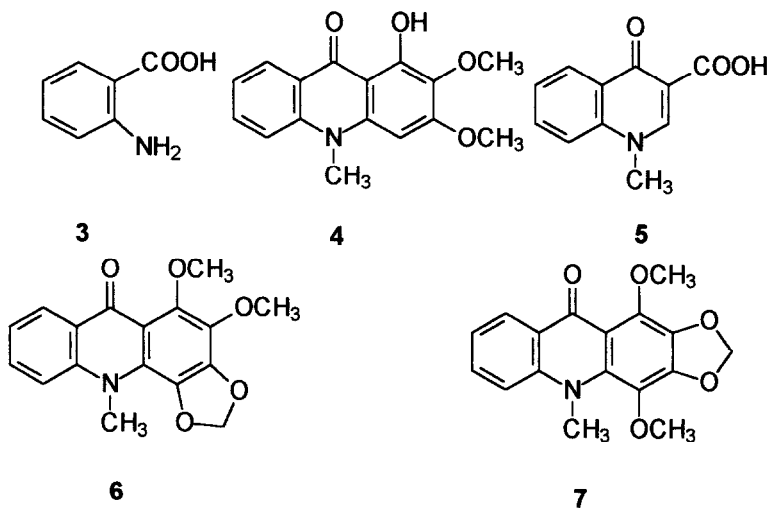
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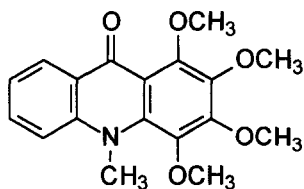
II. Biosynthetic considerations

From a biogenetic point of view, Robinson (45) first postulated that the 9(10*H*)-acridinone skeleton should arise from the condensation of an anthranilic acid unit with three acetate units, leading, *via* a polyketoacid, to the tricyclic nucleus typically oxygenated at C-1 and C-3. Experimental support of this hypothesis was

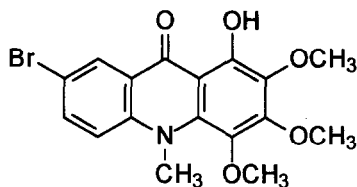


first obtained independently by two groups at the very end of the sixties. Gröger and Johne (46, 47) fed *Glycosmis arborea* plants with generally ^3H -labeled anthranilic acid (3) and obtained radioactive arborinine (4) shown to be labeled on the A ring by nitric acid oxidation to 1-methyl-4-quinolinone-3-carboxylic acid (5). Prager and Thredgold (48) used anthranilic acid specifically labeled at C-5 with ^3H to feed *Acronychia baueri* (= *Sarcomelicope simplicifolia* ssp. *simplicifolia*) and isolated radioactive melicopine (6), melicopidine (7), and melicopicine (8). Bromination of melicopicine gave an inactive bromo-derivative 9, providing evidence that ring A, and not ring C, of the alkaloid was derived from anthranilic acid. In the same series of experiments, 4-hydroxy-2-quinolinone (10) and 4-hydroxy-1-methyl-2-quinolinone (11) were shown to be possible precursors of melicopicine (8), but use of the *N*-methyl derivative yielded better results, suggesting that the *N*-methylation step should precede the formation of the acridone nucleus. In agreement with this hypothesis, *N*-methylantranilic acid (12) labeled at C-5 was a good precursor of evoxanthine (13) in *Evodia xanthoxyloides*. The acetate origin of ring C was unambiguously determined by experiments performed on *Acronychia baueri* with [$1\text{-}^{14}\text{C}$]acetate (48), and on *Glycosmis arborea* with [$2\text{-}^{14}\text{C}$]acetate (49). Established rutacridone-producing cell suspension cultures of *Ruta graveolens* (50, 51) permitted Gröger and co-workers to achieve important results concerning the biosynthesis of the acridones (52-67). The origin of the nucleus was first confirmed by use of ^{14}C labeled anthranilic acid (52).

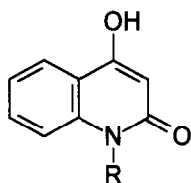




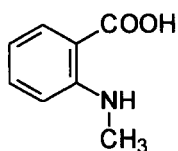
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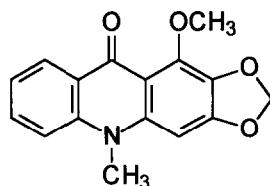
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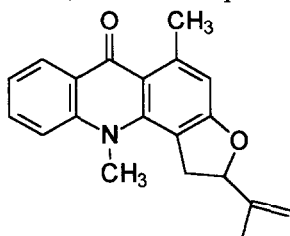
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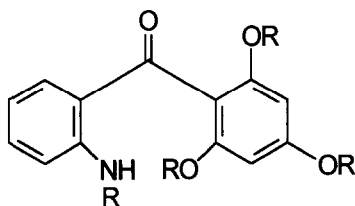


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Application of acetate labeled with ^{13}C at both C-1 and C-2 gave rutacridone (**14**) showing intense satellite resonances due to ^{13}C - ^{13}C spin coupling (53). Six bonded ^{13}C - ^{13}C pairs were identified by matching coupling constants in the positions C-5-C-5a, C-11a-C-11b, and C-3a-C-4 on one hand, and C-5a-C-11a, C-11b-C-3a, and C-4-C-5, on the other hand (53). The intensities of the two series of doublets were approximately equal. Therefore, the six carbons of ring C were enriched from the incorporation of three intact acetate units. The enrichment distribution pattern observed implied the existence of an aminobenzophenone biogenetic intermediate, enabling free rotation between the future C-5a and C-6, such as **15**. It excluded the stepwise addition of acetate to anthranilic acid, through a quinolone intermediate, as previously suggested by Leete (68) and by Australian authors (48). This finding was in good agreement with the scheme initially proposed by Robinson (45), and with the isolation of the 2-methylaminobenzophenone alkaloid tecleanone (**16**) from *Teclea*, *Oricia* and *Diphasia* species which also contain acridone alkaloids (69-73).



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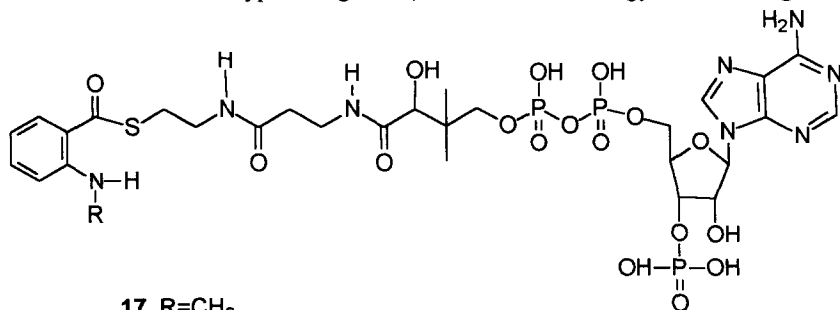


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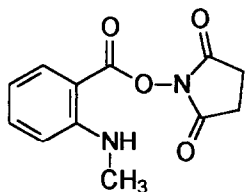
It was additionally supported by the facile *in vitro* cyclization of 2-aminobenzophenones to 9(10*H*)-acridinones observed by Lewis in the course of the biomimetic synthesis of several alkaloids, including acronycine (74-79). Further experiments by Gröger *et al.* aimed at the characterization, and ultimately at the isolation of all the enzymes implied in the course of rutacridone biosynthesis (54-67). Careful study of the *N*-methylation step permitted the demonstration that *S*-adenosyl-L-methionine provided the *N*-methyl group of the acridone alkaloids and confirmed that this reaction took place at a very early stage of the biosynthetic process (54, 55). Indeed, *N*-methylantranilic acid was an excellent precursor of rutacridone and could be trapped after feeding *Ruta graveolens* cell suspension cultures with anthranilic acid in short term experiments (54). Partial purification and characterization of the enzyme *S*-adenosyl-L-methionine-anthranilic acid-*N*-methyltransferase was recently achieved (56). Consequently, *N*-methylation of anthranilic acid was postulated as the first, pathway-specific, reaction in acridone alkaloid biosynthesis (55, 56). Activation of *N*-methylantranilic acid (57) to *N*-methylantraniloyl-CoA (17) was confirmed by the synthesis of this latter thioester *via* *N*-hydroxysuccinimidyl *N*-methylantranilate (18) and subsequent transesterification with CoA-SH (58). Formation of 1,3-dihydroxy-10-methylacridone (19) by condensation of *N*-methylantraniloyl-CoA (17) with malonyl-CoA (20) is catalyzed by the enzyme acridone synthase, present only in acridone producing tissue cultures (59, 60). The enzyme was isolated (62), fully characterized (63), cloned from elicited *Ruta graveolens* cell suspension cultures, and expressed in transfected *Escherichia coli* (64).

Recently, the differential distribution and regulation of acridone synthase was studied in the common rue (65). Expression *in planta* and the induction response of the enzyme suggest that acridone alkaloids serve as phytoanticipins or phytoalexins in the defense of *Ruta*, particularly to soil-born pathogens or as feeding deterrents (65). Purified acridone synthase has an apparent molecular mass of 69 kDa and its K_m -values for both *N*-methylantraniloyl-CoA and malonyl-CoA were determined (63). Interestingly, the partial enzyme polypeptide sequence, elucidated from six tryptic fragments, revealed homology to heterogeneous

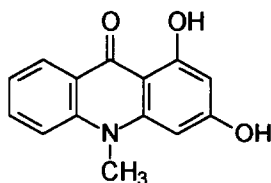


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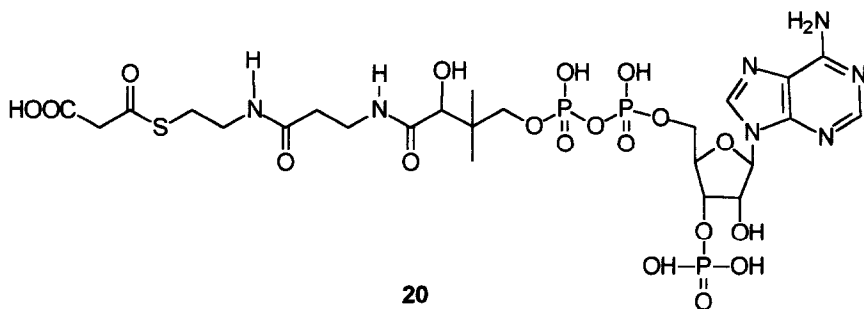
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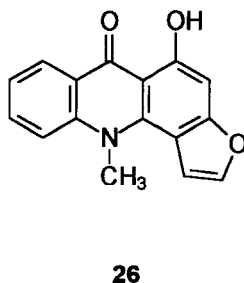
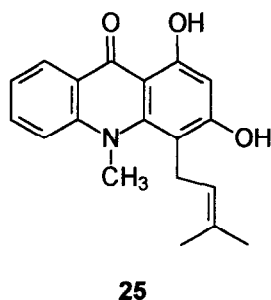
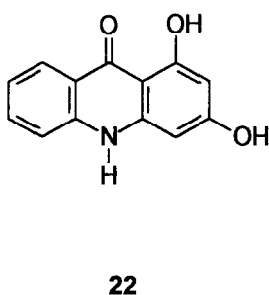
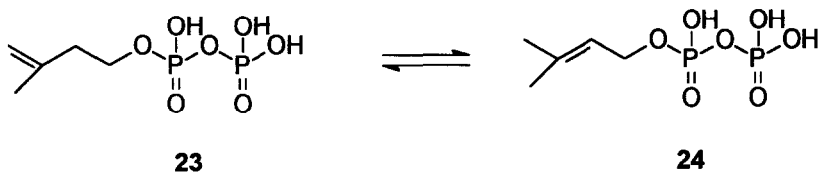


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chalcone synthases, and particularly with chalcone synthase 3 from garden pea (63, 80). When anthraniloyl-CoA (21) was synthesized and used as substrate instead of *N*-methylanthraniloyl-CoA (17), acridone synthase catalyzed the formation of 1,3-dihydroxyacridone (22) (66). Nevertheless, the substrate specificity of the enzyme was ten times lower towards anthraniloyl-CoA than towards *N*-methylanthraniloyl-CoA (66). This should account for the presence of acridones lacking a methyl group at the *N*-position in certain Rutaceae species, even if one cannot exclude *N*-demethylation of the acridone skeleton at a later step of the biosynthesis or as a catabolic process (55). 1,3-Dihydroxy-10-methylacridone (19), and perhaps to a lesser extent 1,3-dihydroxyacridone (22), are the key intermediates in the pathway leading to more complex acridones. Both possess nucleophilic centers at C-2 and C-4, and prenyl groups, or fused furano and pyrano rings derived from them, are found frequently at these positions in natural alkaloids. Indeed, microsomes prepared from cultured *Ruta graveolens* cells catalyzed the condensation of 1,3-dihydroxy-10-methylacridone (19) with either isopentenylpyrophosphate (23) or dimethylallylpyrophosphate (24) (67). When the experiments were conducted without NADPH, the alkaloid glycocitrine-II (25), previously isolated from the roots and stem bark of *Glycosmis citrifolia* (81), accumulated. In the presence of NADPH and oxygen, rutacridone (14) was obtained. Under *in vivo* conditions, glycocitrine-II (25) was incorporated into rutacridone (14), but a clear-cut cyclization of glycocitrine-II by microsomal preparations was not observed (62). In contrast, microsomes converted the dihydrofuroacridone alkaloid rutacridone (14) into the fully aromatic furoacridone furofoline-I (= furacridone) (26) (62).



III. Structural Elucidation

Chemical degradation methods were widely used to establish the structures of the first acridone alkaloids isolated in Australia during the period 1948-1953. This work generated much interesting chemistry which was previously extensively reviewed (1, 82). Some of the reactions described permit an understanding of the routes involved in the formation of quinolinone alkaloids recently isolated from *Melicope* and *Sarcomelicope* which appear as degraded products of highly oxygenated C-ring acridones. In contrast, these degradation studies are now only of historical interest as far as structural elucidation is concerned, due to the development of spectroscopic methods.

Acridone alkaloids exhibit characteristic UV spectra, which have been previously discussed in detail and interpreted on the basis of theoretical treatment (31, 83). The UV spectra of acridones typically show three series of bands. The first one, at shorter wavelength, appears at around 240-280 nm. It corresponds to the well-known $^1A \rightarrow ^1B_b$ transition (1B_b band), also present in the spectra of anthracene

and acridine derivatives, and is only weakly influenced by the substituents present on the basic skeleton. The second one, at 280-330 nm, is the weakest in intensity. It can be interpreted as the ${}^1A \rightarrow {}^1L_b$ transition (1L_b band), which is forbidden in anthracene derivatives, but permitted in the case of acridines and acridones due to the symmetry perturbation induced by the nitrogen atom at the 12-position. The third one, at around 380-430 nm, corresponds to the ${}^1A \rightarrow {}^1L_a$ transition (1L_a band). Both the 1L_b and 1L_a bands are very sensitive to the presence of substituents on the acridone ring system and are of diagnostic value to determine the oxygen substitution pattern on the basic skeleton (31). It should be noted that 1-hydroxyacridones bearing a 3-oxy substituent exhibit a 1L_a band significantly shifted to longer wavelengths, when compared with their 1-alkoxy counterparts (83). The UV spectra of acridones are also strongly pH-dependant, due to equilibrium displacement towards the 9-hydroxyacridinium form in acidic medium, or the 9-hydroxyacridinate ion in alkaline medium (31).

The IR spectra of acridone alkaloids are much less informative (84). The carbonyl group frequency, at $1610-1640\text{ cm}^{-1}$, is only little affected by hydrogen bonding. Typical C=C and C=N stretching bands appear between 1500 and 1600 cm^{-1} . The free NH and OH absorptions are observed within the same region, at $3100-3300$ and $3000-3200\text{ cm}^{-1}$, respectively.

The electron impact mass spectra of numerous, naturally occurring, acridones have been thoroughly examined (85, 86).

As a general rule, pronounced molecular ions are observed for simple acridones. In the spectrum of 9(10*H*)-acridinone (1), successive loss of carbon monoxide and hydrogen cyanide give rise to moderately abundant fragment ions (85). In more complex compounds, the fragmentation patterns are dependent on the nature and position of the substituents. Acridones containing oxygenated substituents on the C ring behave characteristically. In the absence of C-2 or C-4 methoxy groups, the molecular ion is the base peak, and the $[M-15]^+$ ions, due to the fragmentation of N-CH₃ or O-CH₃ groups, remain of relatively weak intensity. In contrast, for simple acridones containing C-2 or C-4 methoxy groups, the $[M-15]^+$ ions become the base peaks (85, 86).

In the 3,3-dimethylpyrano[2,3-*c*]acridin-7-one series, exemplified by acronycine (2), cleavage of one of the methyl groups at C-3 gives rise to a highly stabilized $[M-15]^+$ fragment ion which is generally the base peak (85, 86).

Both proton (87, 88) and carbon NMR (88-93) spectroscopy provide crucial information for the structural determination of natural acridones. It should be noted that some early assignments, mainly of quaternary carbon resonances, have been recently revised in the light of multi-dimensional techniques. Therefore, care should be taken when relying on comparison with older literature descriptions for the structural elucidation of new products.

IV. Occurrence

A. SIMPLE ACRIDONES

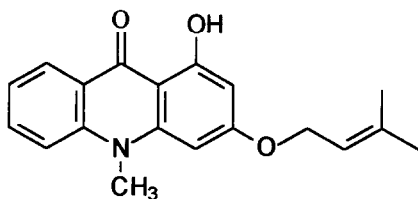
Alkaloids considered in this section derive biogenetically from 1,3-dihydroxy-10-methylacridone (**19**) and 1,3-dihydroxyacridone (**22**) by simple deoxygenation and/or oxidation of the acridone aromatic skeleton. Subsequent *O*-alkylation very often takes place, and most natural acridones bear methoxy or methylenedioxy substituents. A few, exemplified by vebilocine (**27**) (*94*), evoprenine (**28**) (*95*), and 3-geranyloxy-1-hydroxy-4-methoxy-10-methylacridone (**29**) (*96*), are also substituted by prenyloxy or geranyloxy groups.

Deoxygenated products have a restricted distribution. Acridone itself (**1**) was isolated from *Toddalia aculeata* (*97*) and *Thamnosma montana* (*98*), which also contains 10-methylacridone (**30**) (*99, 100*). Alkaloids lacking oxygenated substitution at C-3 include 1-hydroxyacridone, 1,7-dihydroxyacridone, and 1,8-dihydroxyacridone derivatives. It should be noted that 1-methoxy-10-methylacridone (**31**) and 1,8-dihydroxyacridone (**32**) were isolated from *Samadera* aff. *bidwillii*, the only species of the Simaroubaceae which has afforded this type of secondary metabolite (*101*).

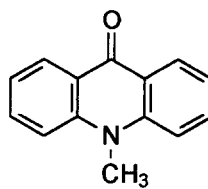
In contrast, oxidation products are frequently encountered and acridones bearing oxygenated substituents at C-2 and/or C-4, in addition to those at C-1 and C-3, are the most widely distributed within the family Rutaceae. Alkaloids substituted in ring A, at C-5 and/or C-6, have been isolated from *Glycosmis* and *Teclea*, and mainly *Citrus* species. From a chemotaxonomic point of view, their presence seems to be a characteristic feature in the latter genus. Interestingly, *Citrus* plants also afforded homoacridone alkaloids, such as citropone-A (**33**), -B (**34**), and -C (**35**), including a unique seven-membered tropolone A-ring (*102, 103*), and to that of azaacridone-A (**36**), the only natural azaacridone alkaloid containing a pyridinic A-ring (*104*). Up till now, acridone alkaloids bearing an oxygenated substituent at C-8 in ring A have only been obtained, in the Rutaceae, from *Boronia* and *Acronychia* species.

A series of alkaloids recently isolated from *Melicope* and *Sarcomelicope* species are likely to be degraded products of highly oxygenated C-ring acridones. Fareanine (**37**), isolated from *Melicope fareana* (*105*) has close structural similarities with **38**, obtained by Prager and Thredgold by bromination of melicopine (**6**) in methanol when attempting to find a convenient degradation method for the oxygenated C-ring of various acridones (*106-109*). Similarly, 2,3-dicarbomethoxy-1-methyl-4(1*H*)-quinolinone (**39**), isolated from the leaves of *Sarcomelicope dogniensis* (*110*), is closely related to **40**, which was obtained by Crow and Price when melicopidine (**7**) was reacted with nitrous acid, and also when 1,2-dihydroxy-3,4-dimethoxy-10-methylacridone (**41**) was oxidized by air in alkaline solution (*111*).

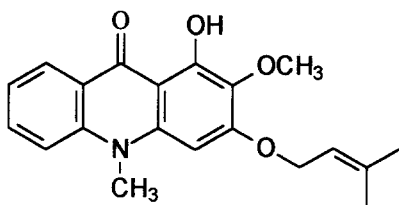
The wide representation of natural 1-hydroxyacridones in this group of alkaloids is remarkable. This should be related to the strong intramolecular hydrogen bonding between the free hydroxy at C-1 and the keto function at C-9 which favors, for thermodynamic reasons, such compounds, when compared with



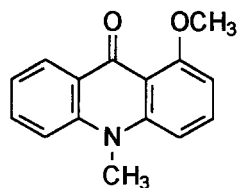
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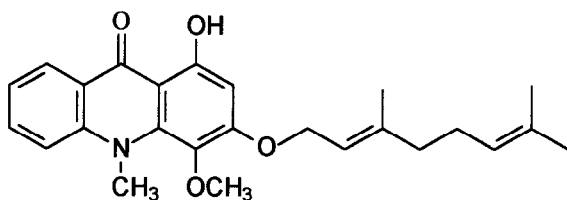
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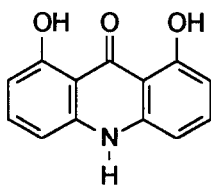
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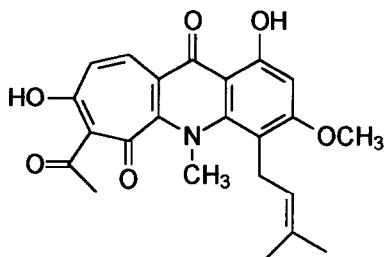
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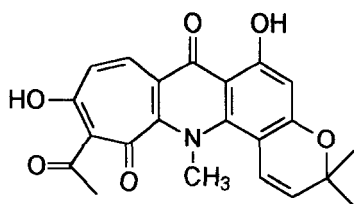
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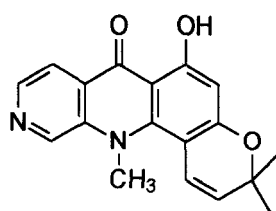
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their 1-alkyloxy counterparts. This is also the reason why 1-methoxyacridone alkaloids can be easily converted into the corresponding 1-hydroxy derivatives under the acidic conditions, sometimes used in the course of the extraction and purification processes. Some 1-hydroxyacridones isolated from natural sources have therefore been considered as artifacts arising from genuine 1-methoxy products.

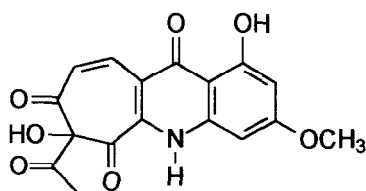
Sixty-seven simple acridone alkaloids have been isolated to date from various *Acronychia*, *Angostura*, *Araliopsis*, *Atalantia*, *Balfouroderon*, *Baurella*, *Boenninghausenia*, *Boronia*, *Bosistoa*, *Citrus*, *Diphasia*, *Esenbeckia*, *Evodia*, *Fagara*, *Glycosmis*, *Helietta*, *Lemonia*, *Lungusta*, *Medicosma*, *Melicope*, *Monnieria*, *Oricia*, *Pleiospermum*, *Ruta*, *Sarcomelicope*, *Teaclea*, *Thamnosma*,



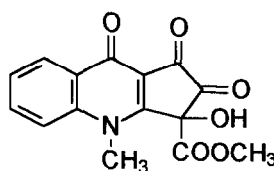
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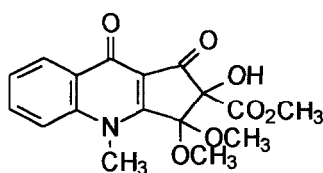
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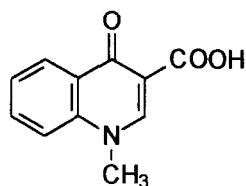
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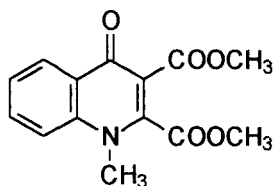
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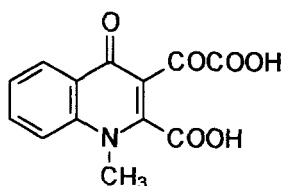
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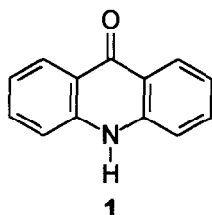


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Toddalia, *Vepris* and *Zanthoxylum* species of the Rutaceae family, and *Samadera bidwillii* of the Simaroubaceae family.

Table I surveys the structures, the properties, and the distribution of the naturally occurring simple acridone alkaloids.

TABLE 1. Simple Acridones, Occurrence and Spectral Data



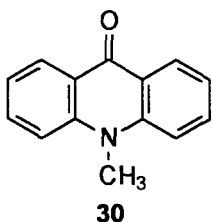
Acridone

 $C_{13}H_9NO$ MW: 195

mp: 279-281°

spectral data: 91, 97, 98, 112

source: 97, 98, 112



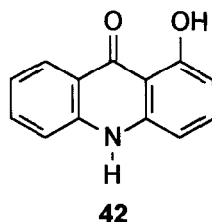
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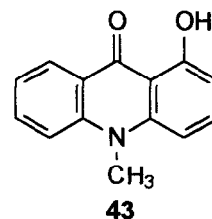
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mp: 252°

spectral data: 113, 115

source: 113-116, 121, 124



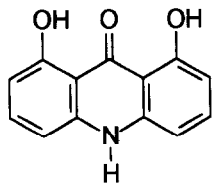
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source: 113-115, 117-121, 124, 225

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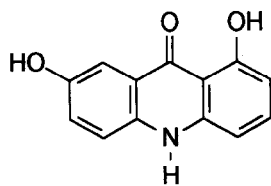
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 $C_{13}H_9NO_3$ MW: 227

mp: 250°

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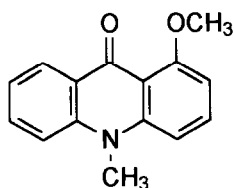
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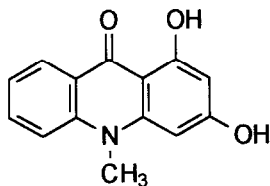
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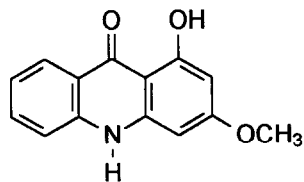
1,3-Dihydroxy-10-methylacridone

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mp: 295°

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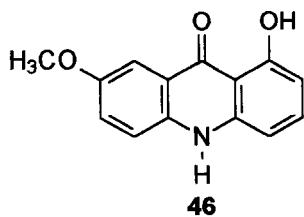
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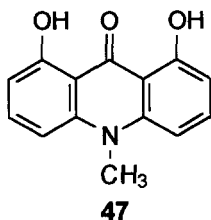
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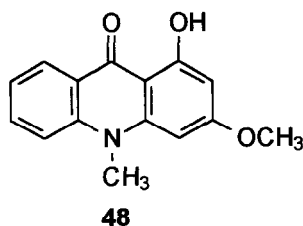
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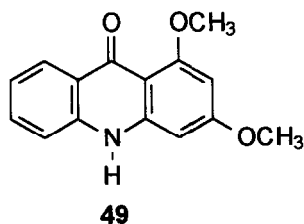
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spectral data: 91, 100, 123, 125

source: 100, 120, 123-134



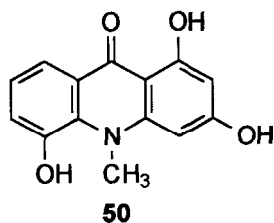
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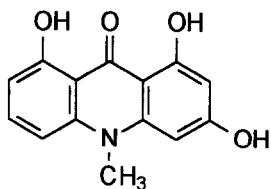
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mp: yellow oil

spectral data: 136

source: 136



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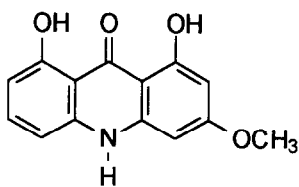
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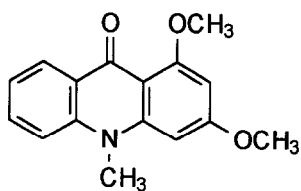
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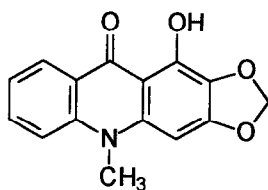
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mp: 165°

spectral data: 91, 129

source: 71, 72, 129, 135, 137-141



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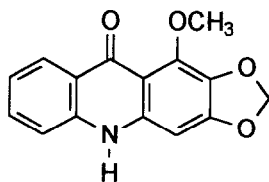
Norevoxanthine

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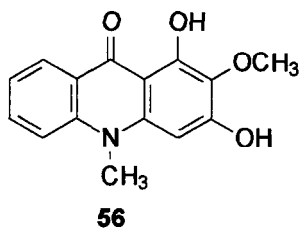


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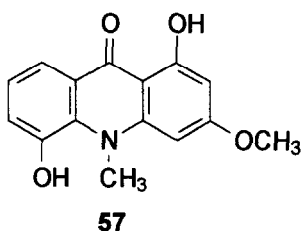
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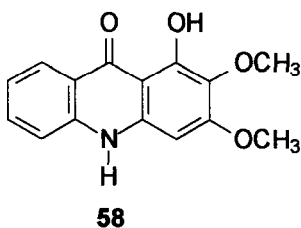
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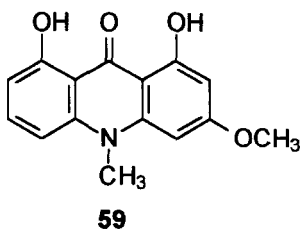
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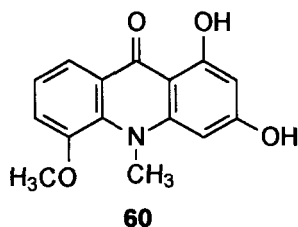
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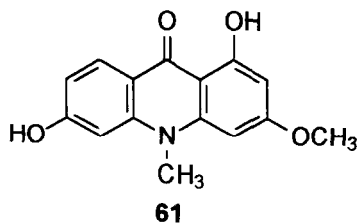
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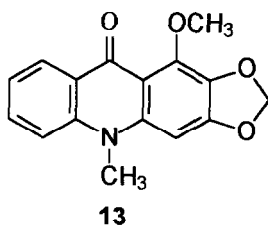
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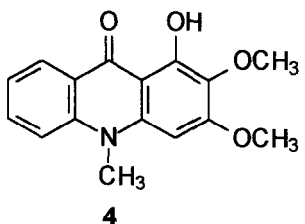
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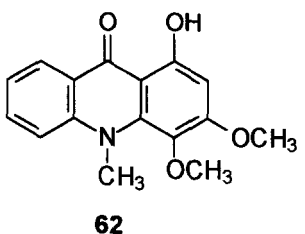
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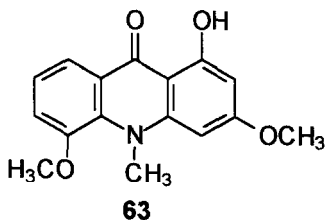
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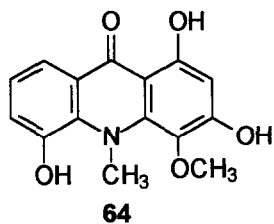
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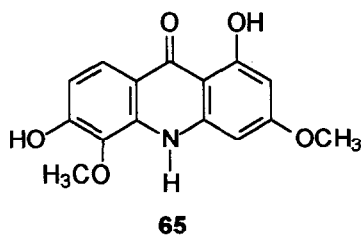
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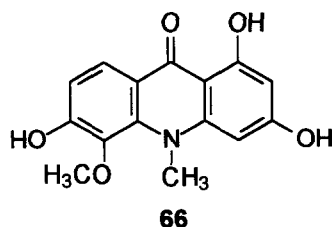
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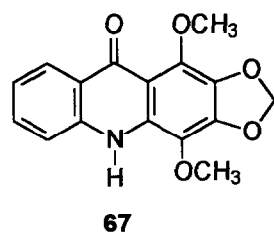
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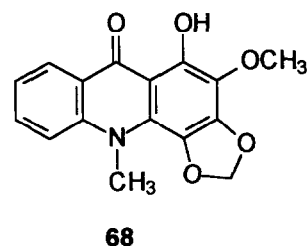
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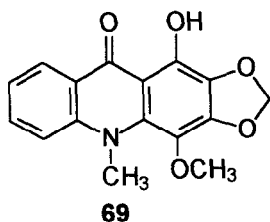
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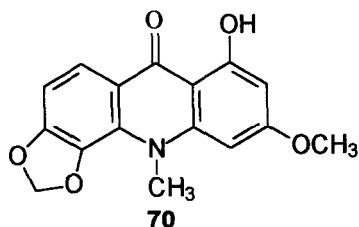
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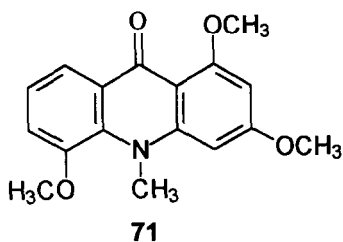
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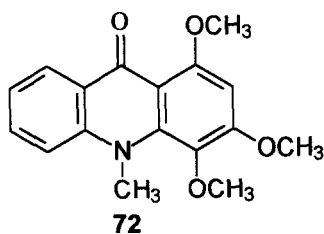
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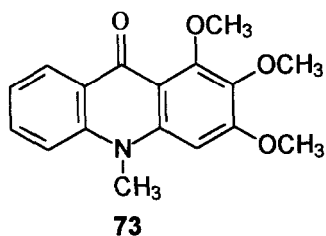
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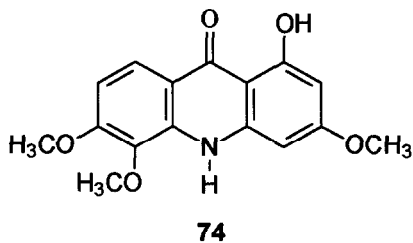
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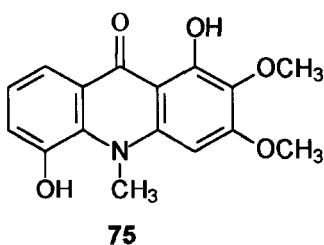
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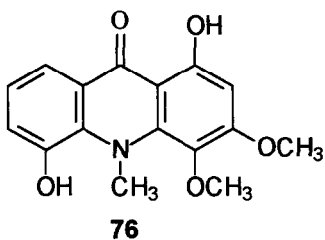
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 185-187



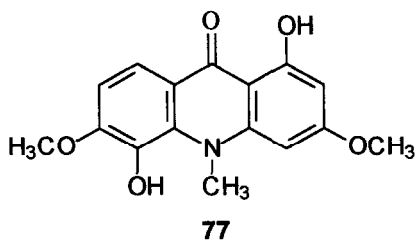
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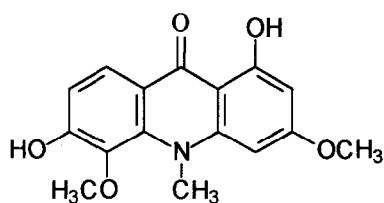
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 $C_{16}H_{15}NO_5$ MW: 301
 mp: 202°
 spectral data: 189
 source: 171, 188-190, 194



Citrusinine-I
 $C_{16}H_{15}NO_5$ MW: 301
 mp: 206°
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Grandisine-I
 $C_{16}H_{15}NO_5$ MW: 301
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 source: 191, 216

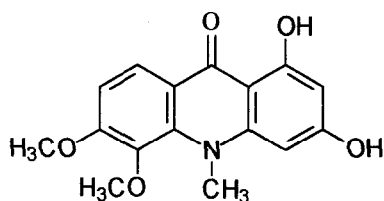


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spectral data: 195-197

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209, 217, 278

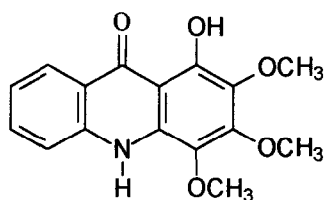
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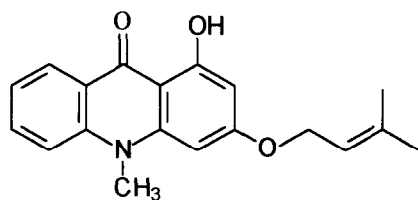
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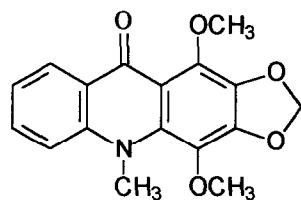
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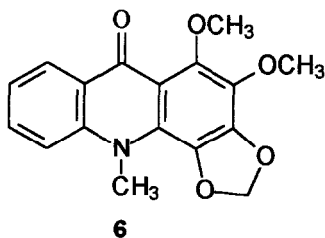
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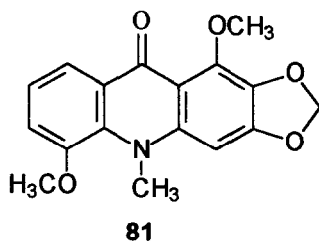
spectral data: 135, 199

source: 2, 95, 96, 105, 135, 138,
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**Melicopine** $C_{17}H_{15}NO_2$ MW: 313

mp: 175°

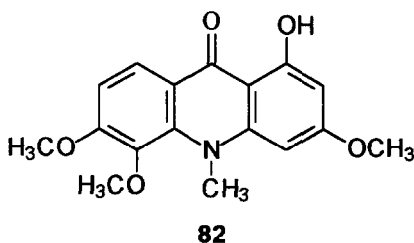
spectral data: 135

source: 2, 96, 135, 180, 183, 185,
200, 201**Tecleanthine** $C_{17}H_{15}NO_5$ MW: 313

mp: 153°

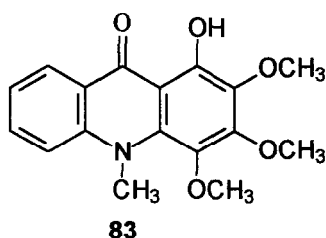
spectral data: 156, 158

source: 72, 141, 156, 158, 202, 211

**Citpressine-II** $C_{17}H_{17}NO_5$ MW: 315

mp: 168°

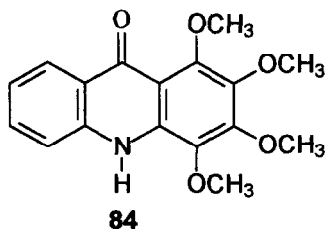
spectral data: 195, 196

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217, 278**Normelicopicine** $C_{17}H_{17}NO_5$ MW: 315

mp: 122°

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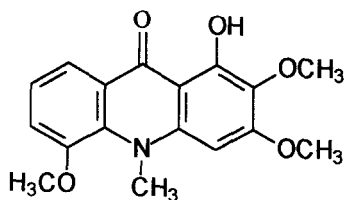
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**1,2,3,4-Tetramethoxyacridone** $C_{17}H_{17}NO_5$ MW: 315

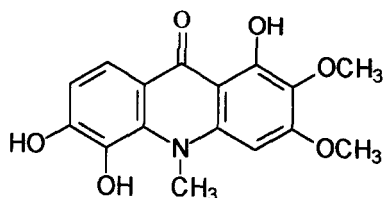
mp: 238°

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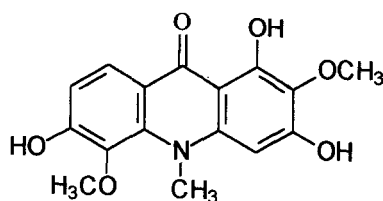
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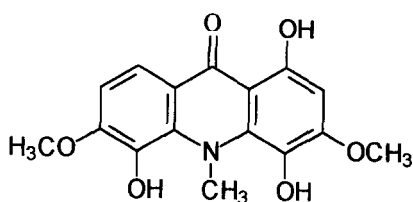
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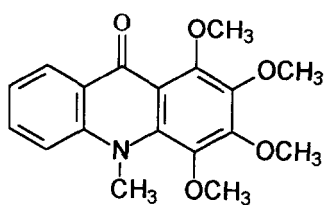
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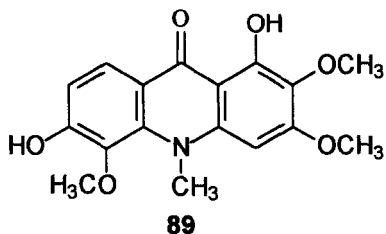
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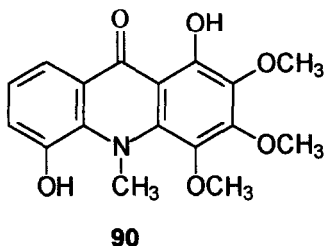
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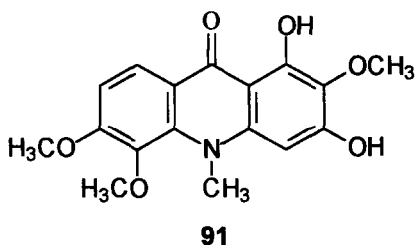
Melicopicine
 $C_{18}H_{19}NO_5$ MW: 329
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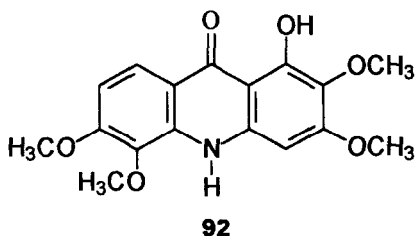
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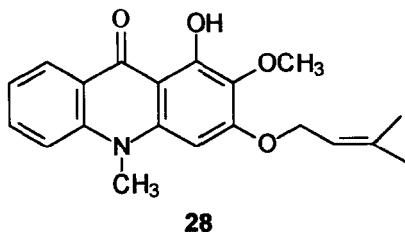
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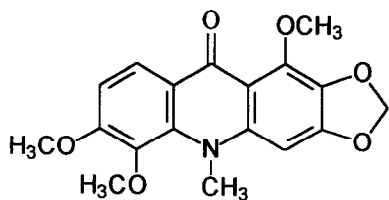
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Cuspanine
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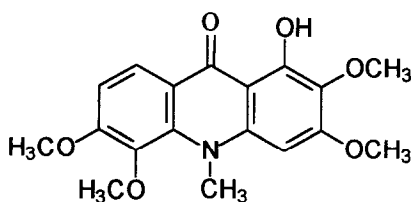
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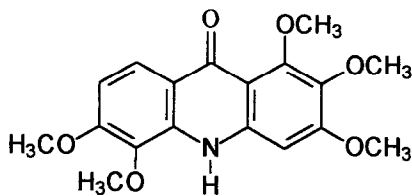
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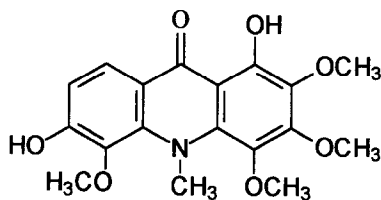
Cusculine

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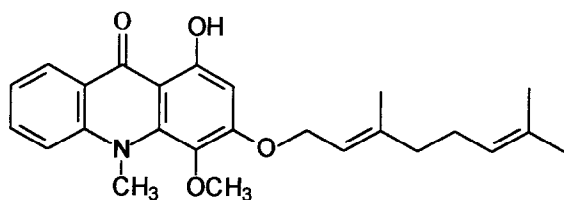
Glyfoline

 $C_{18}H_{19}NO_7$ MW: 361

mp: 215°

spectral data: 212

source: 212



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 $C_{25}H_{29}NO_4$ MW: 407

mp: 114°

spectral data: 96

source: 96

B. C-PRENYLACRIDONES

Twenty C-prenylacridones have been isolated from *Atalantia*, *Bosistoa*, *Glycosmis*, *Citrus* and *Severinia* species. In all of the alkaloids, with one exception, compound 108, the site of the prenylation is the C-ring at the carbons 2 or/and 4.

C. FURANOACRIDONES

Twenty-three furanoacridones have been isolated from plants belonging to the genera *Boenninghausenia*, *Citrus*, *Glycosmis*, *Haplophyllum*, *Ruta* and *Thamnosma*. A number of furanoacridones, as well as simple acridone alkaloids, have been isolated from cell and tissue cultures of *Thamnosma montana*, *Ruta graveolens* and *R. chalepensis* (100, 120, 223, 230, 232, 236, 239, 280). The structure of hallacridone (117) was first attributed erroneously as a pyranoacridone (230, 232) and was revised later after its total synthesis (233). From a chemotaxonomic point of view it is interesting to point out that thehaplosine (118) is the unique representative of acridone alkaloids in the genus *Haplophyllum*.

D. PYRANOACRIDONES

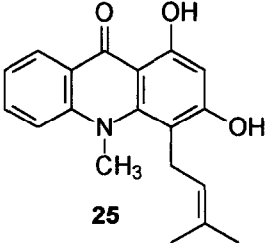
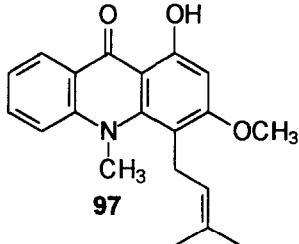
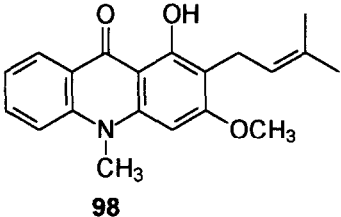
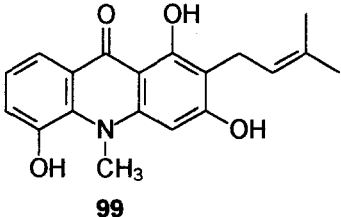
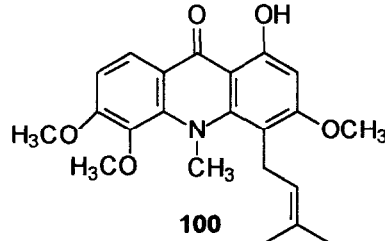
Thirty-three pyranoacridones have been isolated until now from various *Acronychia*, *Atalantia*, *Bauerella*, *Boenninghausenia*, *Bosistoa*, *Citrus*, *Glycosmis*, *Lungusta*, *Melicope*, *Murraya*, *Pleiospermum*, *Poncirus*, *Sarcomelicope*, *Severinia* and *Toddalia* species. This group of acridone alkaloids is probably the most studied, due to the interesting antitumor properties of acronycine (2) which was isolated for the first time in 1948 from the methanolic extract of *Acronychia baueri* bark (2). The botanical status of *Acronychia baueri* Schott within the Rutaceae family has been revised several times by Hartley, in the course of successive taxonomic studies of genera *Acronychia* (387), *Bauerella* (388), and *Sarcomelicope* (389, 390). Today it is considered that this taxon belongs to the genus *Sarcomelicope* and should be named *Sarcomelicope simplicifolia* (Endl) Hartley subsp. *simplicifolia* (389). Acronycine later was also isolated from other *Sarcomelicope* species. Its structure was established in 1966 by chemical degradation studies (282) and confirmed three years later by X-ray crystallographic data of 5-bromo-1,2-dihydroacronycine (281).

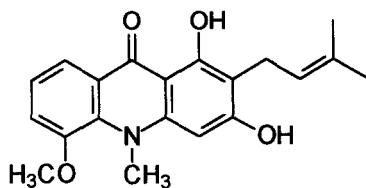
E. DIMERIC ACRIDONE ALKALOIDS AND RELATED COMPOUNDS

Twenty-five acridone-coumarin, eleven acridone-acridone and one acridone-lignan dimeric compounds have been isolated until now from various *Citrus*, *Clycosmis* and *Atalantia* species.

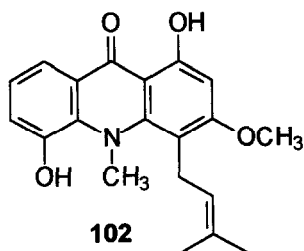
Tables II, III, IV and V survey the structures, properties and the distribution of naturally occurring C-prenylacridones, furanoacridones, pyranoacridones and dimeric acridone alkaloids, respectively.

TABLE 2. C-Prenylacridones, Occurrence and Spectral Data

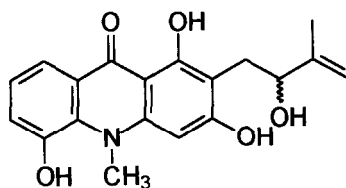
 <p>25</p>	<p>Glycocitrine II $C_{19}H_{19}NO_3$ MW: 309 mp: 168° spectral data: 212 source: 81, 212</p>
 <p>97</p>	<p>O-Methylglycocitrine II $C_{20}H_{21}NO_3$ MW: 323 mp: 134° spectral data: 212 source: 212</p>
 <p>98</p>	<p>$C_{20}H_{21}NO_3$ MW: 323 mp: 134° spectral data: 173 source: 173</p>
 <p>99</p>	<p>Junosine $C_{19}H_{19}NO_4$ MW: 325 mp: 210° spectral data: 213 source: 146, 147, 213, 276</p>
 <p>100</p>	<p>Baiyumine-B $C_{25}H_{25}NO_5$ MW: 383 mp: 145° spectral data: 214 source: 214, 217</p>

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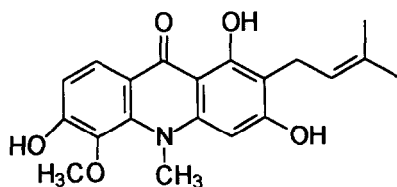
Yukomine
 $C_{20}H_{21}NO_4$ MW: 339
 mp: 214°
 spectral data: 215
 source: 215

**102**

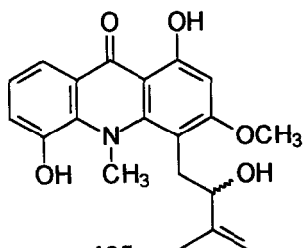
Glycocitrine I
 $C_{20}H_{21}NO_4$ MW: 339
 mp: 210°
 spectral data: 81, 212
 source: 81, 136, 191, 212, 216, 217,
 278

**103**

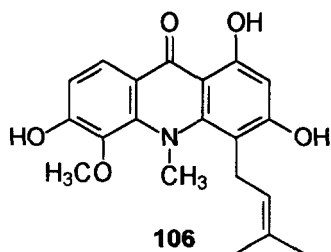
Bosistidine
 $C_{19}H_{19}NO_5$ MW: 341
 mp: yellow amorphous solid
 spectral data: 147
 source: 147

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Buntanine
 $C_{20}H_{21}NO_5$ MW: 355
 mp: 247°
 spectral data: 217
 source: 217

**105**

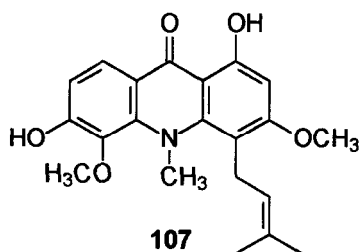
Marshmine
 $C_{20}H_{21}NO_5$ MW: 355
 mp: yellow oil
 spectral data: 184
 source: 136, 184

**Prenylcitpressine** $C_{20}H_{21}NO_5$ MW: 355

mp: 160°

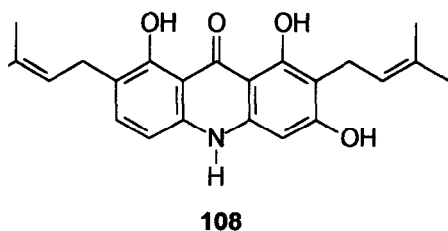
spectral data: 195, 196

source: 191, 195, 196, 217, 218

**Grandisinine** $C_{21}H_{23}NO_5$ MW: 369

mp: 194°

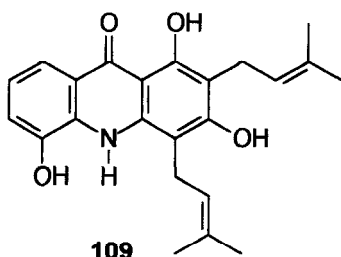
spectral data: 191

source: 136, 191, 209,
216-218, 278 $C_{23}H_{25}NO_4$ MW: 379

mp: 222°

spectral data: 219

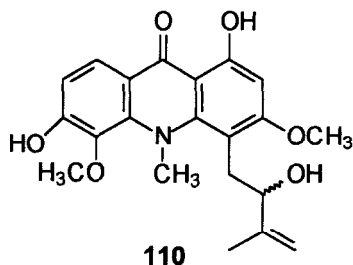
source: 219

**Atalaphylline** $C_{23}H_{25}NO_4$ MW: 379

mp: 246°

spectral data: 220

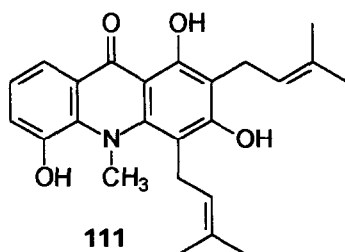
source: 220, 221

**(-)-Buntanmine A** $C_{21}H_{23}NO_6$ MW: 385

mp: 201°

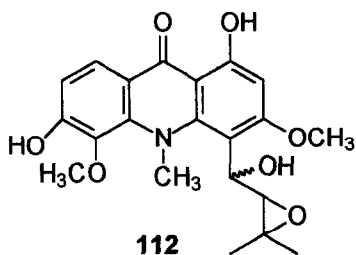
spectral data: 209

source: 209

*N*-Methylalaphylline $C_{24}H_{27}NO_4$ MW: 393

mp: 192°

spectral data: 220

source: 146, 147, 189, 220, 221,
276

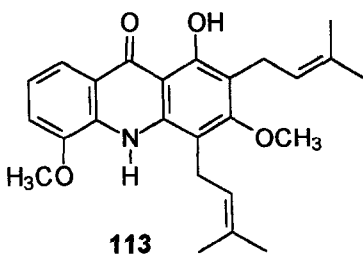
Margrapine-A

 $C_{21}H_{23}NO_7$ MW: 401

mp: yellow oil

spectral data: 222

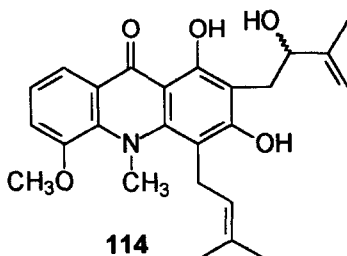
source: 222

 $C_{25}H_{29}NO_4$ MW: 407

mp: 145°

spectral data: 223

source: 223



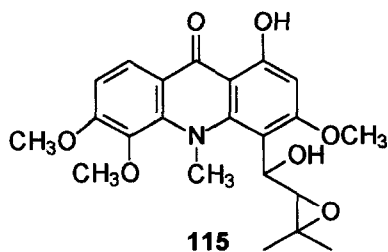
Bosistine

 $C_{24}H_{27}NO_5$ MW: 409

mp: yellow amorphous solid

spectral data: 147

source: 146, 147



(-)-Margrapine-B

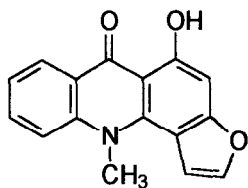
 $C_{22}H_{25}NO_7$ MW: 415

mp: yellow oil

spectral data: 222

source: 222

TABLE 3. Furanoacridones, Occurrence and Spectral Data



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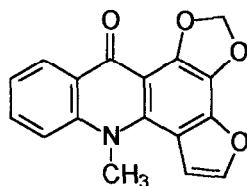
Furacridone = Furofoline

C₁₆H₁₁NO₃ MW: 265

mp: 245°

spectral data: 224

source: 128, 224, 225



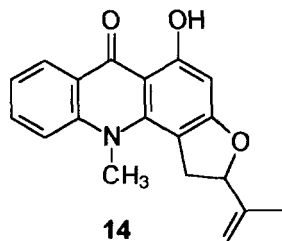
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Chaloridone

C₁₇H₁₁NO₄ MW: 293

spectral data: 226

source: 226



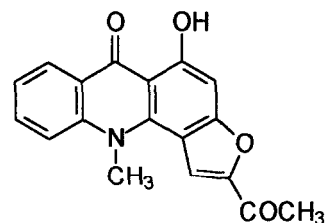
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Rutacridone

C₁₉H₁₇NO₃ MW: 307

mp: 160°

spectral data: 170

source: 100, 113, 120, 121, 124
134, 170, 227-231, 283

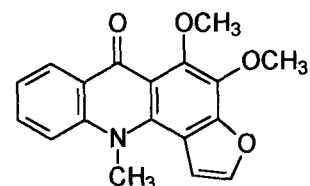
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Hallacridone

C₁₈H₁₃NO₄ MW: 307

mp: 295°

spectral data: 230, 233

source: 100, 121, 134, 230, 232, 233
(230, 232 erroneous structure)

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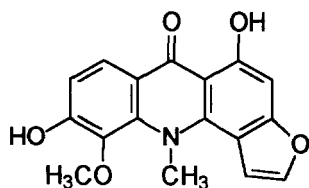
Theaplosine

C₁₈H₁₅NO₄ MW: 309

mp: amorphous crystal

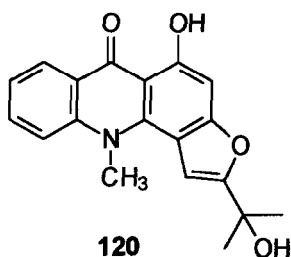
spectral data: 234

source: 234



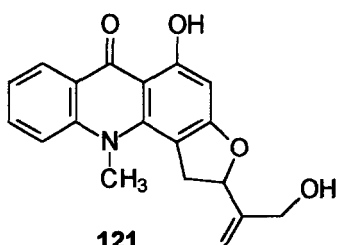
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Furoparadine
 $C_{17}H_{13}NO_5$ MW: 311
 mp: yellow oil
 spectral data: 235
 source: 235



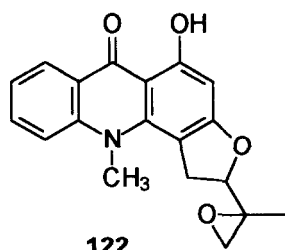
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Furofoline-II
 $C_{19}H_{17}NO_4$ MW: 323
 mp: 213°
 spectral data: 224
 source: 81, 224



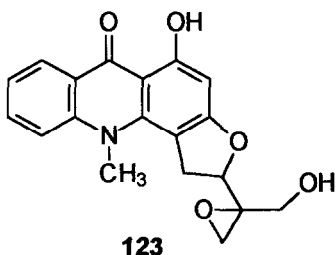
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Gravacridonol
 $C_{19}H_{17}NO_4$ MW: 323
 mp: 153°
 spectral data: 236, 237
 source: 100, 134, 236-238



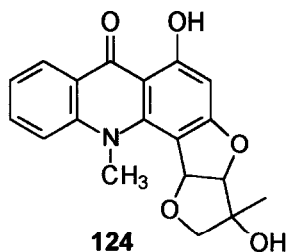
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Rutacridone epoxide
 $C_{19}H_{17}NO_4$ MW: 323
 mp: 219°
 spectral data: 238
 source: 100, 121, 134, 229, 230, 232,
 237-240

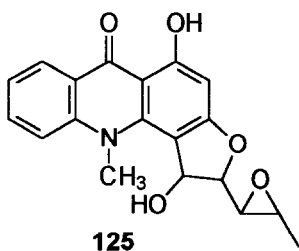


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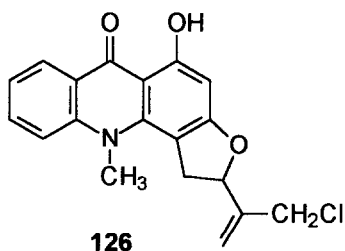
Hydroxyrutacridone epoxide
 $C_{19}H_{17}NO_5$ MW: 339
 spectral data: 240
 source: 134, 239, 240



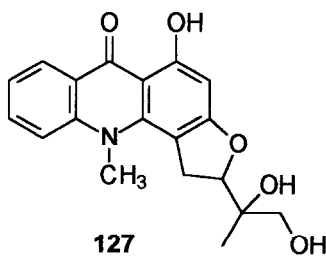
Rutagravine
 $C_{19}H_{17}NO_5$ MW: 339
 spectral data: 236
 source: 236



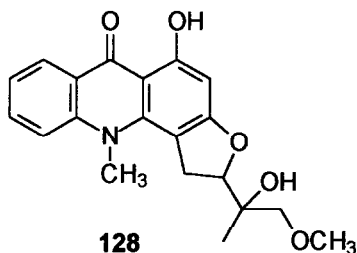
1-Hydroxyrutacridone epoxide
 $C_{19}H_{17}NO_5$ MW: 339
 spectral data: 236
 source: 236



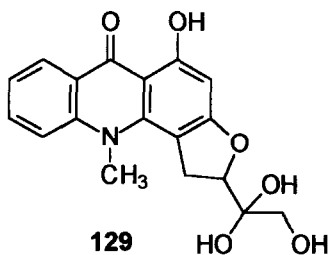
Alcaloid A₆
 $C_{19}H_{16}NO_3Cl$ MW: 341
 spectral data: 134
 source: 134



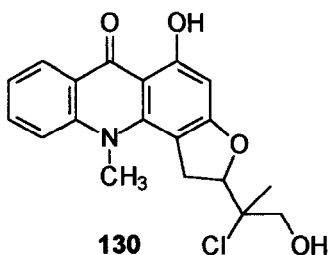
Gravacridondiol
 $C_{19}H_{19}NO_5$ MW: 341
 mp: 224°
 spectral data: 229, 241, 280
 source: 100, 120, 229, 241, 280



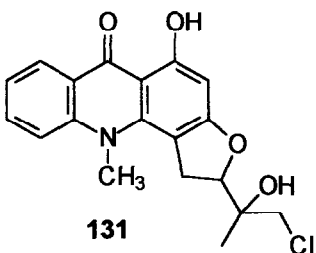
Gravacridondiol monomethylether
 $C_{20}H_{21}NO_5$ MW: 355
 mp: 219°
 spectral data: 241
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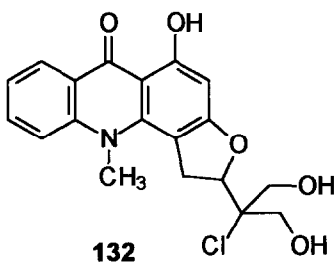
Gravacridontriol
 $C_{19}H_{19}NO_6$ MW: 357
 mp: 230°
 spectral data: 100, 229, 242
 source: 100, 229, 242



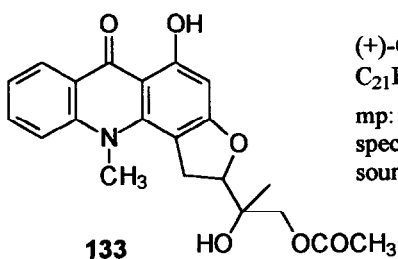
Gravacridonchlorine
 $C_{19}H_{18}NO_4Cl$ MW: 359
 mp: 254°
 spectral data: 243
 source: 134, 230, 232, 243



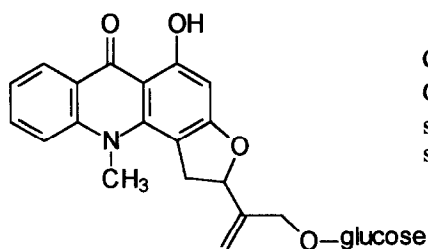
Isogravacridonchlorine
 $C_{19}H_{18}NO_4Cl$ MW: 359
 mp: 248°
 spectral data: 100, 128, 244
 source: 100, 128, 244



Gravacridonolchlorine
 $C_{19}H_{18}NO_5Cl$ MW: 375
 mp: 223°
 spectral data: 243
 source: 243



(+)-Gravacridondiolacetate
 $C_{21}H_{21}NO_6$ MW: 383
 mp: 221°
 spectral data: 229
 source: 229



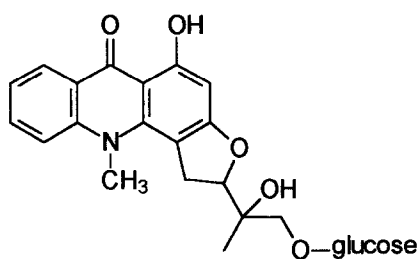
Gravacridonol glucoside

C₂₅H₂₇NO₉ MW: 485

spectral data: 100

source: 100

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Gravacridondiol glucoside

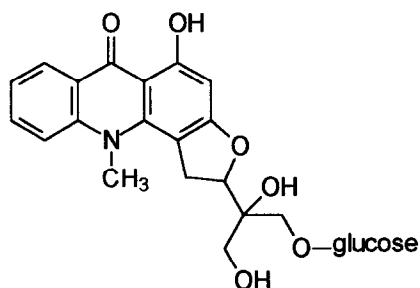
C₂₅H₂₉NO₁₀ MW: 503

mp: 151°

spectral data: 242

source: 100, 242, 280

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Gravacridontriol glucoside

C₂₅H₂₉NO₁₁ MW: 519

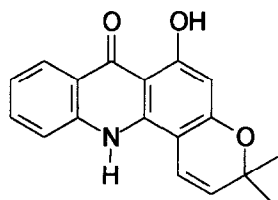
mp: 151°

spectral data: 242

source: 100, 242

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TABLE 4. Pyranoacridones, Occurrence and Spectral Data

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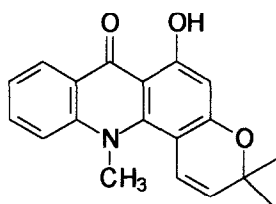
12-Demethylnoracronycine

 $C_{18}H_{15}NO_3$ MW: 293

mp: 246°

spectral data: 245, 246

source: 81, 245, 246

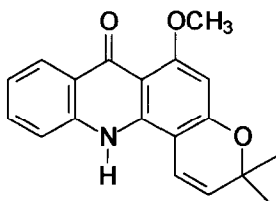
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Noracronycine

 $C_{19}H_{17}NO_3$ MW: 307

mp: 200°

spectral data: 113, 245, 246

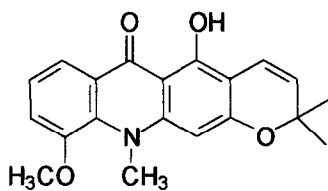
source: 81, 113, 181, 245, 246,
248**139**

12-Demethylacronycine

 $C_{19}H_{17}NO_3$ MW: 307

mp: 253°

spectral data: 181, 245, 246

source: 81, 181, 245, 246,
248, 249, 276**140**

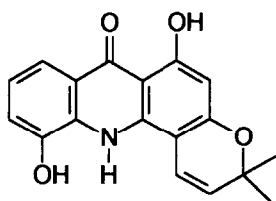
Junosidine

 $C_{20}H_{19}NO_4$ MW: 337

mp: 188°

spectral data: 250

source: 250

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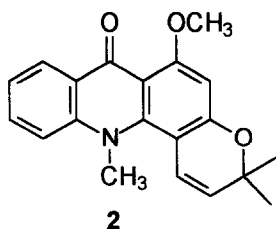
Atalaphyllidine

 $C_{18}H_{15}NO_4$ MW: 309

mp: 275°

spectral data: 251

source: 81, 251

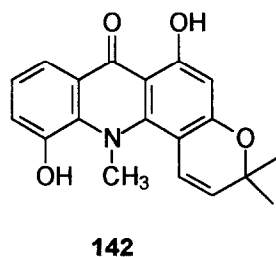


Acronycine

 $C_{20}H_{19}NO_3$ MW: 321

mp: 174°

spectral data: 185

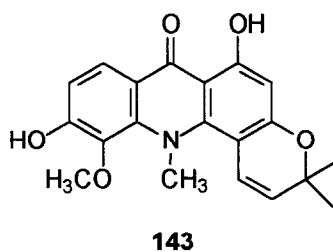
source: 2, 174, 180, 182, 183, 185,
186, 199, 200, 206, 247, 249

11-Hydroxynoracronycine

 $C_{19}H_{17}NO_4$ MW: 323

mp: 252°

spectral data: 252

source: 81, 136, 145, 177, 190-193,
195, 196, 209, 216,
217, 252, 253, 276

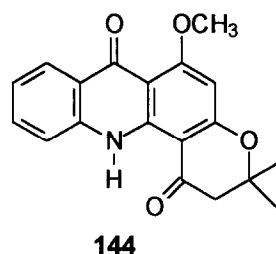
Acrifoline

 $C_{19}H_{17}NO_5$ MW: 339

mp: amorphous powder

spectral data: 254

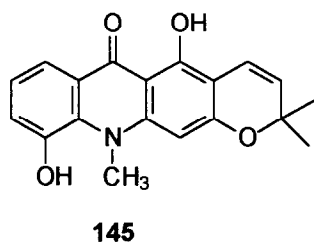
source: 254

 $C_{19}H_{17}NO_4$ MW: 323

mp: yellow amorphous solid

spectral data: 249

source: 249



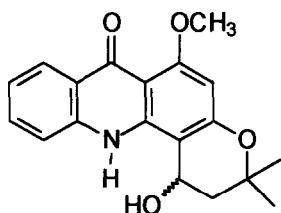
Yukocitrine

 $C_{19}H_{17}NO_4$ MW: 323

mp: yellow oil

spectral data: 151

source: 146, 147, 151, 276



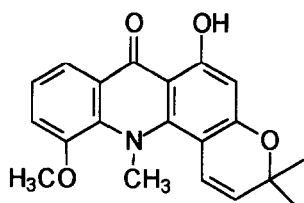
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C₁₉H₁₉NO₄ MW: 325

mp: 212°

spectral data: 249

source: 249



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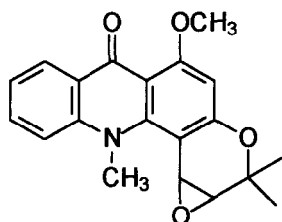
Baiyumine-A

C₂₀H₁₉NO₄ MW: 337

mp: 160°

spectral data: 214

source: 213, 214, 217, 250



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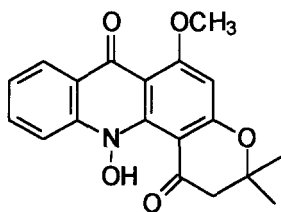
Acronycine epoxide

C₂₀H₁₉NO₄ MW: 337

mp: yellow foam

spectral data: 255

source: 255



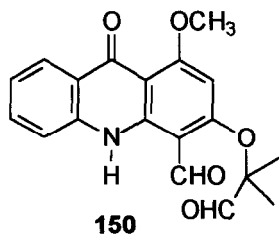
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C₁₉H₁₇NO₅ MW: 339

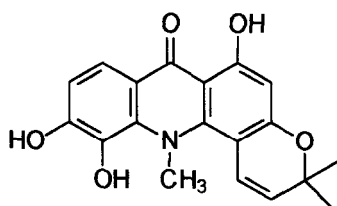
mp: yellow amorphous solid

spectral data: 110

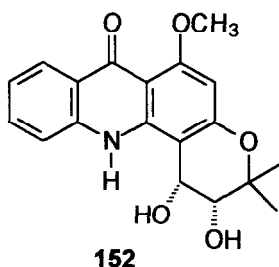
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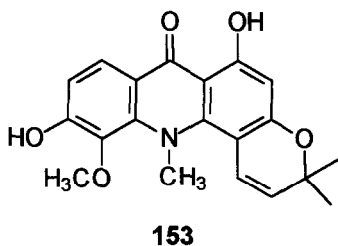
$C_{19}H_{17}NO_5$ MW: 339
 mp: yellow amorphous solid
 spectral data: 249
 source: 249



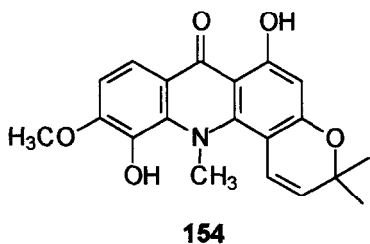
Citracridone-III
 $C_{19}H_{17}NO_5$ MW: 339
 mp: 135°
 spectral data: 215
 source: 136, 215



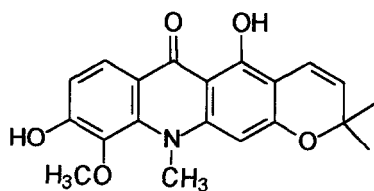
$C_{19}H_{19}NO_5$ MW: 341
 mp: yellow amorphous solid
 spectral data: 249
 source: 249



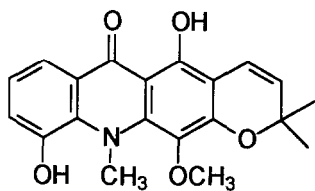
Citracridone-I
 $C_{20}H_{19}NO_5$ MW: 353
 mp: 275°
 spectral data: 195
 source: 81, 136, 175, 177, 191,
 192, 193, 195, 196, 209,
 216, 217



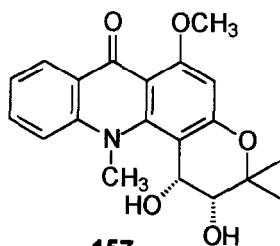
$C_{20}H_{19}NO_5$ MW: 353
 mp: 260°
 spectral data: 256
 source: 256

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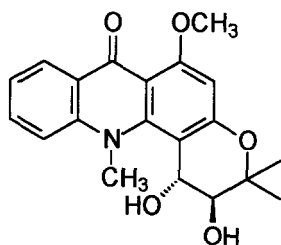
Honyumine
 $C_{20}H_{19}NO_5$ MW: 353
 mp: 175°
 spectral data: 387
 source: 387

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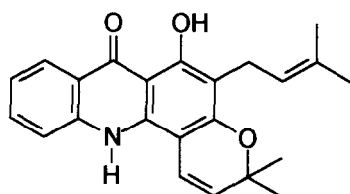
Pyranofoline
 $C_{20}H_{19}NO_5$ MW: 353
 mp: 212°
 spectral data: 224
 source: 81, 224

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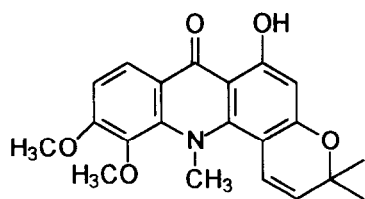
$C_{20}H_{21}NO_5$ MW: 355
 mp: 232°
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 source: 182, 274

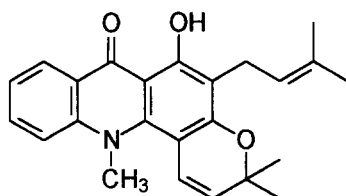
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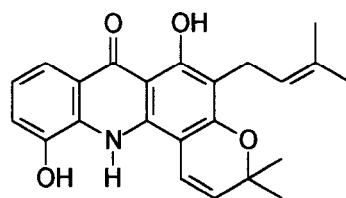
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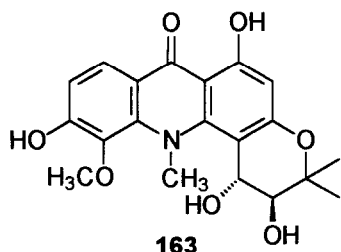
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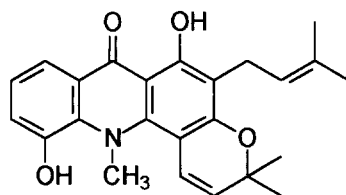
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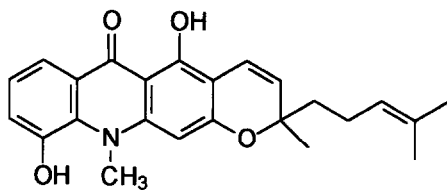
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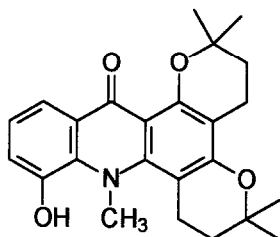
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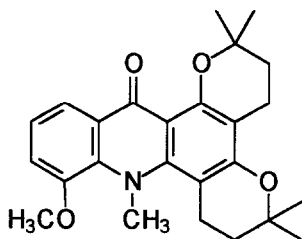
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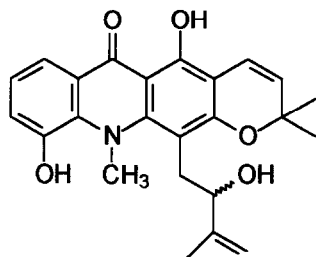
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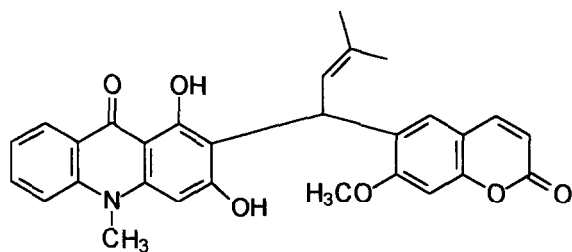
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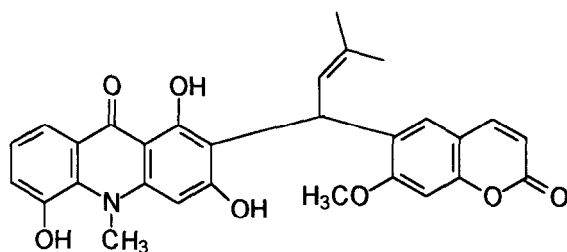
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TABLE 5. Dimeric Acridones, Occurrence and Spectral Data



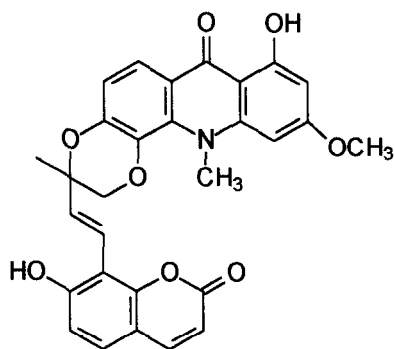
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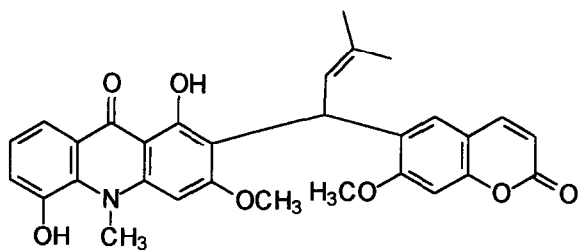
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 source: 262

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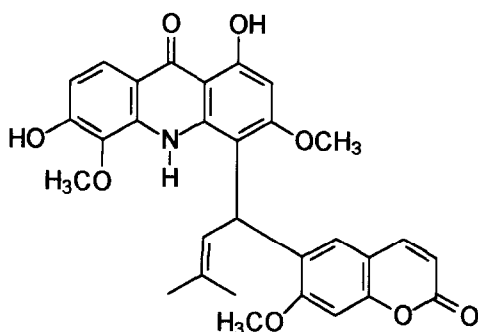
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 mp: 179°
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 source: 136, 263

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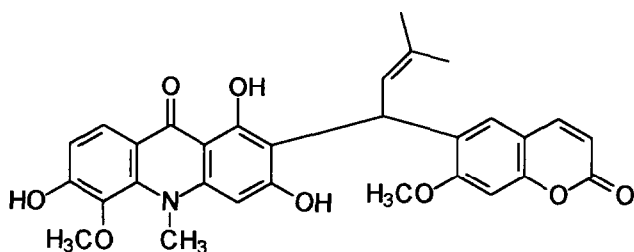
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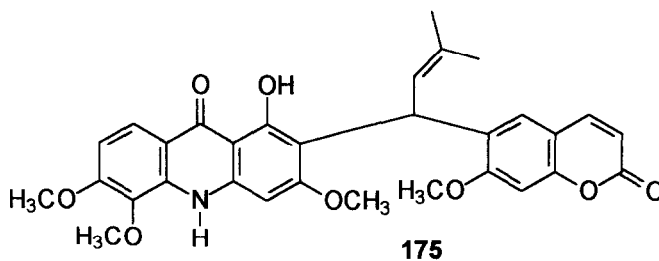
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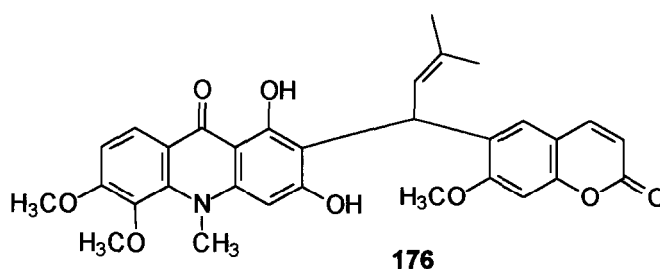


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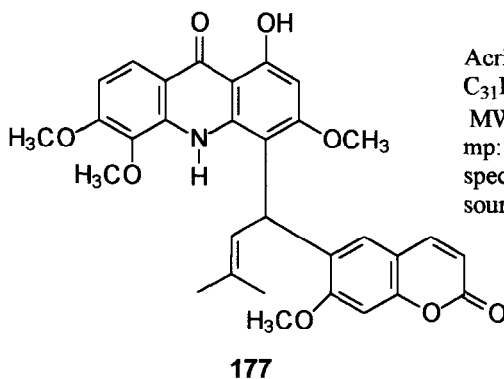
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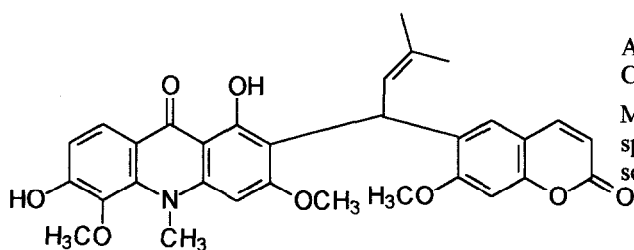
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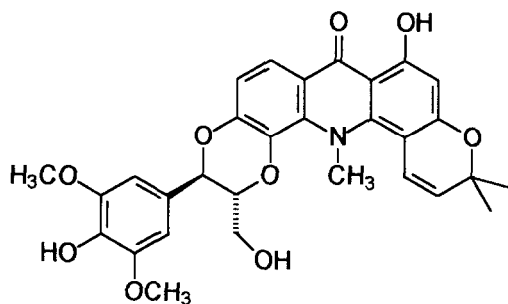
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 mp: yellow oil
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 mp: yellow oil
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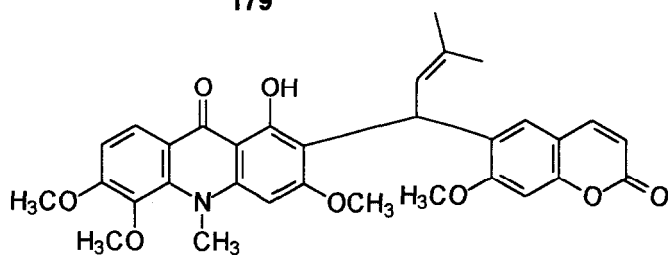


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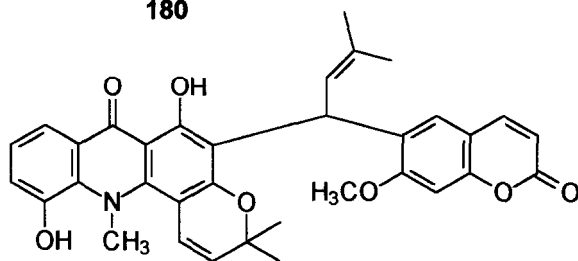
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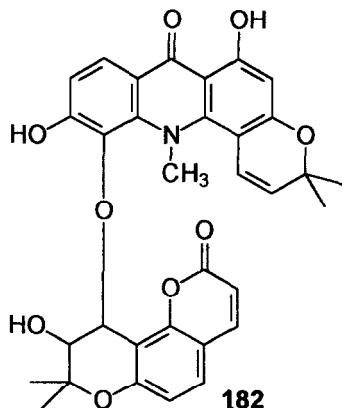
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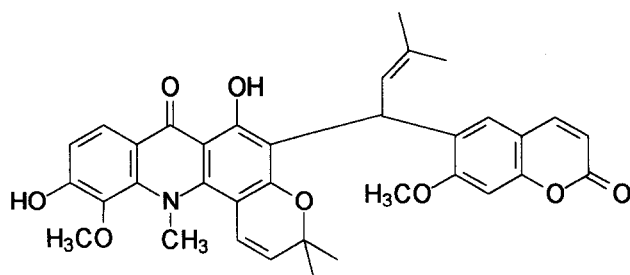
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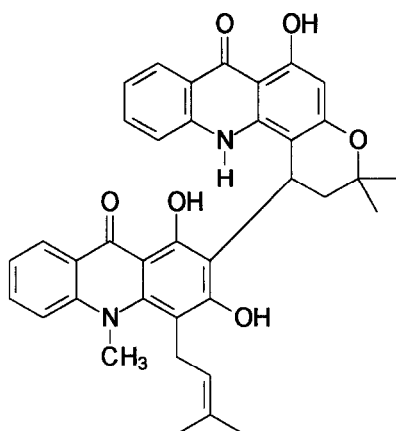
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 source: 136, 265



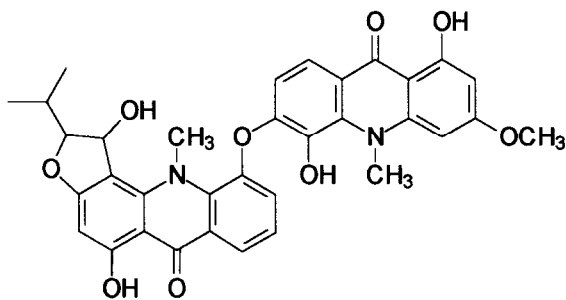
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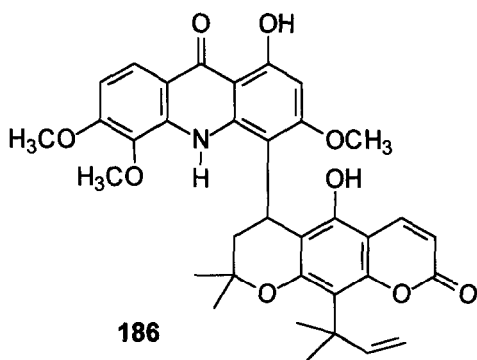
Glycobismine A
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 mp: 256°
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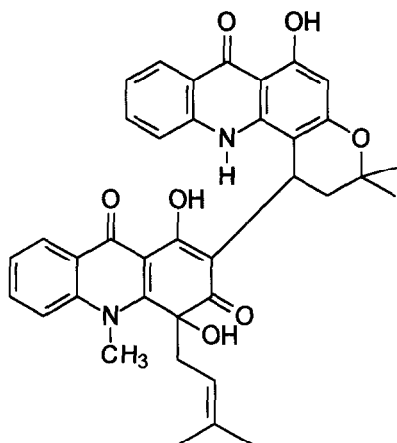
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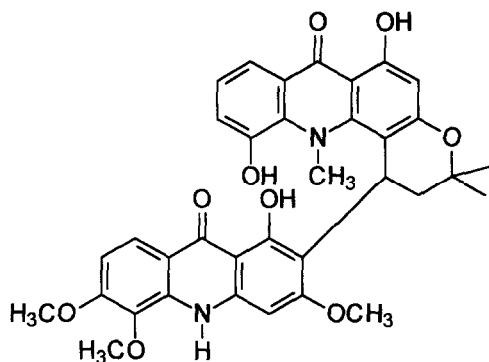
Glycobismine B/C

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spectral data: 268

source: 268



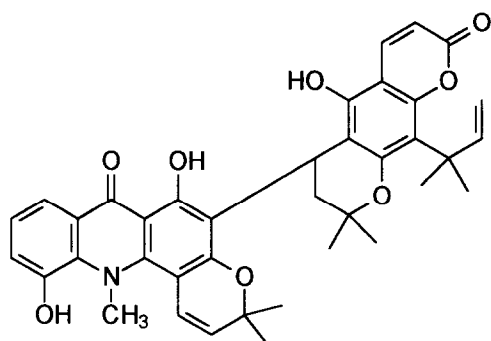
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Neoacrimarine D

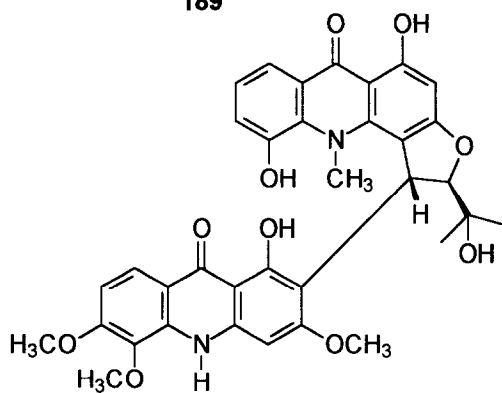
 $C_{38}H_{37}NO_8$

MW: 635

mp: yellow oil

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Citbismine A

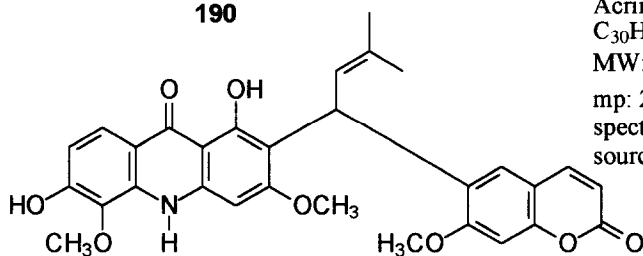
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Acrimarine E

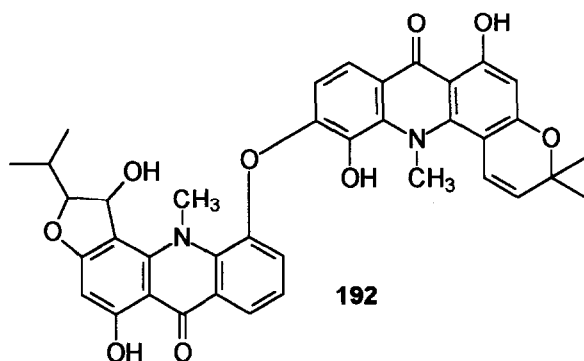
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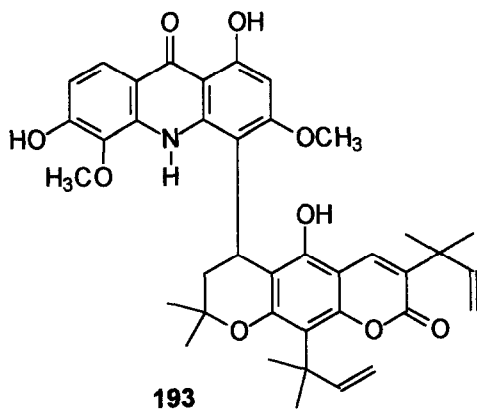
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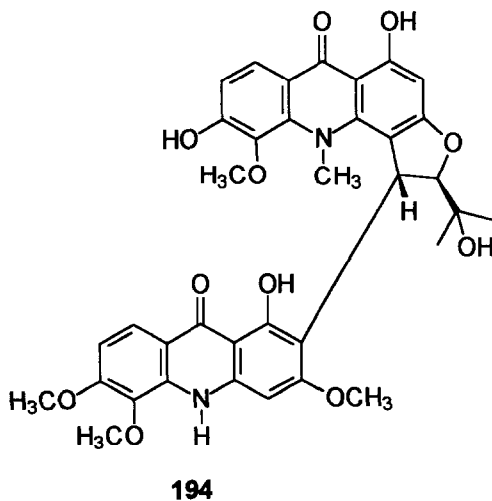
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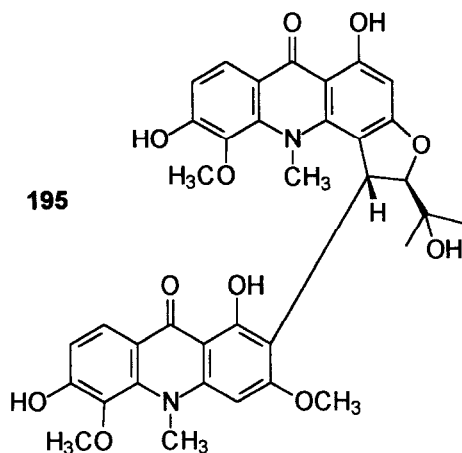
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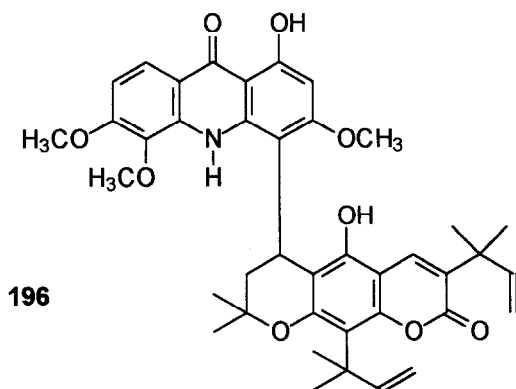
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 mp: 240°
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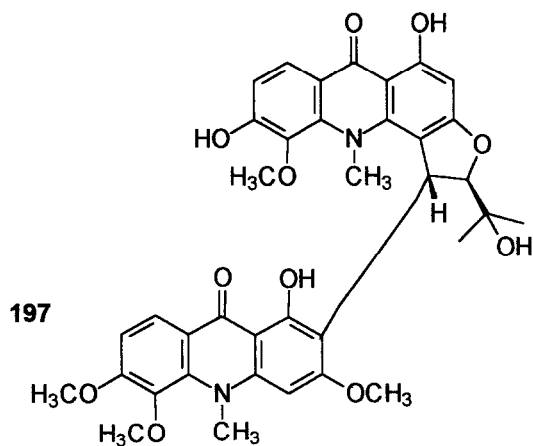
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 mp: 336°
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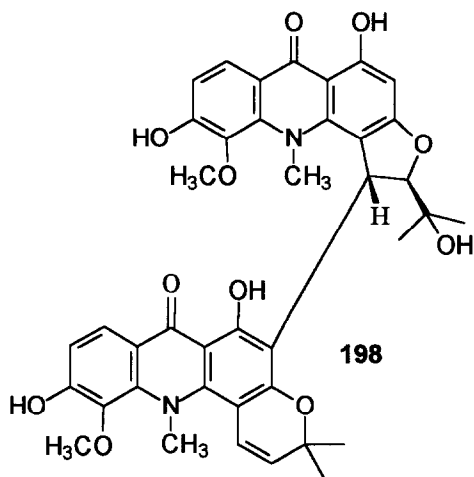
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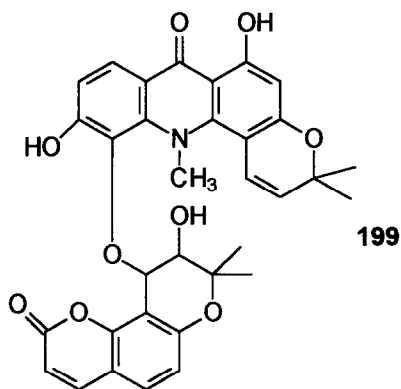
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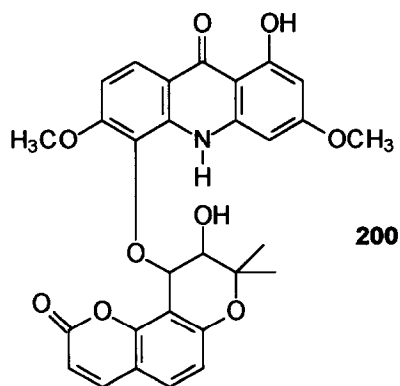
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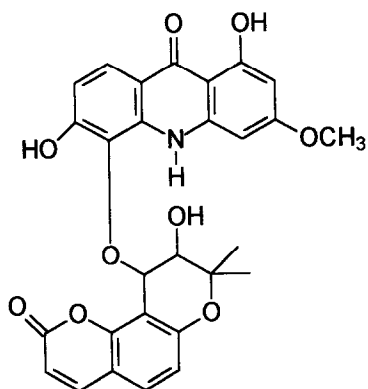
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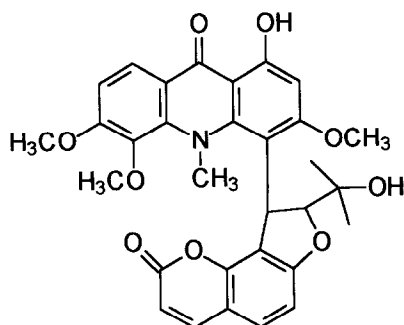


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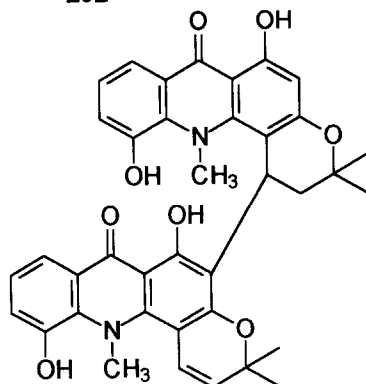
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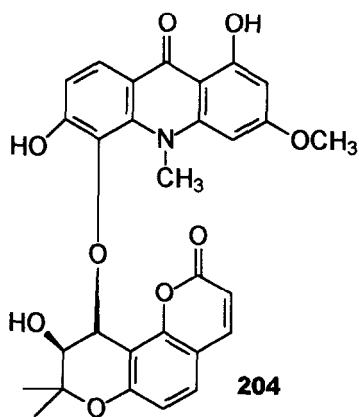
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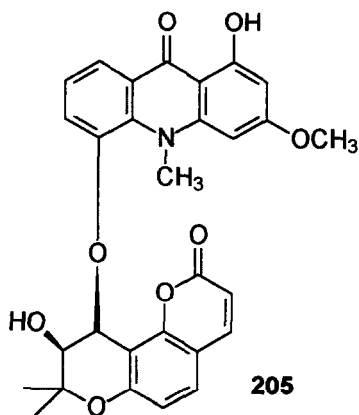


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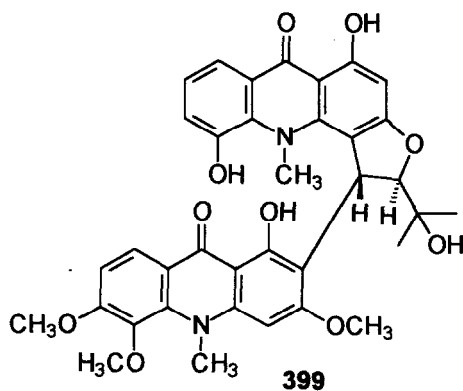
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Neocrimarine F
 $C_{29}H_{25}NO_9$ MW: 531
 mp: 218°
 spectral data: 279
 source: 279



Neocrimarine G
 $C_{29}H_{25}NO_8$ MW: 515
 mp: yellow oil
 spectral data: 279
 source: 279



Citbismine F
 $C_{36}H_{34}N_2O_{10}$ MW: 654
 mp: 330°
 spectral data: 409
 source: 409

V. Synthesis

A. SIMPLE ACRIDONES

The historical condensation of anthranilic acid (**3**) with phloroglucinol (**206**) to give 1,3-dihydroxyacridone (**22**) by Baczynski and von Niementowski should be considered as the first biomimetic synthesis of an acridone alkaloid (*284*). The yield of the reaction was initially very poor, but was increased by subsequent modifications by Beck *et al.* (*285*) and by Hlubucek *et al.* (*286*). More recently, Smolders *et al.* described an efficient condensation of methyl anthranilate (**207**) with phloroglucinol, in the presence of 4-toluenesulfonic acid in 1-heptanol, which gave **22** in 80% yield (*287*).

1,3-Dihydroxyacridone prepared in this way has been used frequently as a starting material for the synthesis of other acridone alkaloids including simple *O*- and *N*-alkylated derivatives (*288*) and more complex *C*-prenylacridones (*289*), pyranocacridones (*290*, *291*), and acridone-coumarin dimers (*292*).

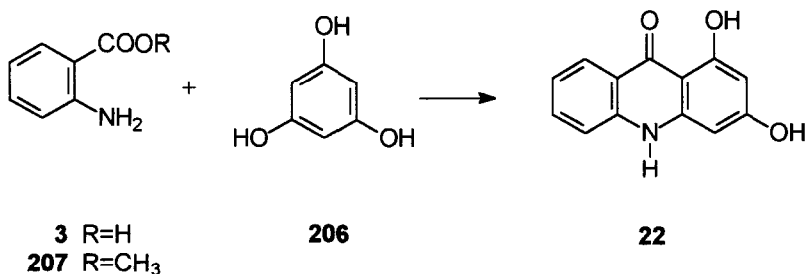
Most methods applicable for the synthesis of a greater variety of simple acridones, including alkaloids bearing numerous oxygenated substituents, also rely on the coupling of two aromatic substrates, which bring the preformed A and C rings of the future acridone skeleton. Thus, closure of the central B ring can be obtained either by cyclization of an intermediate diphenylamine or by cyclization of an intermediate benzophenone.

A different approach using a A + C ring methodology was introduced by Coppola (*293*), by condensation of an isatoic anhydride with the non-aromatic lithium enolate of a 2-cyclohexen-1-one.

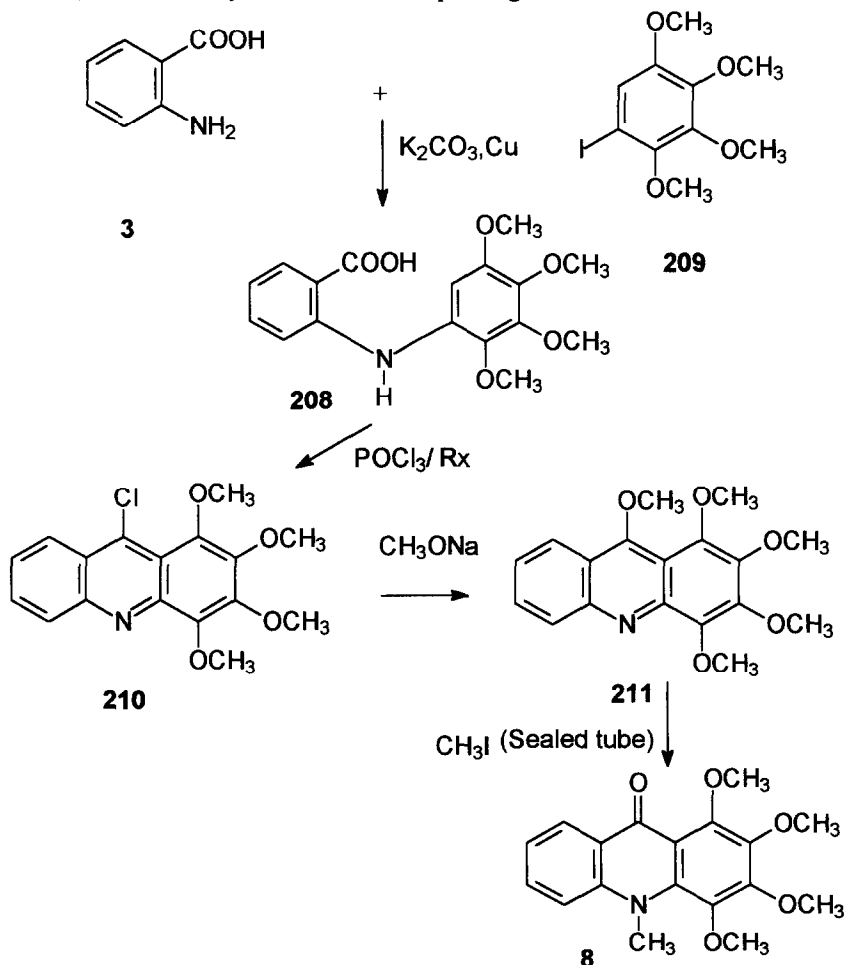
Finally, a completely different strategy was recently developed by Deady (*294*), by aromatization of 1,2,3,4,9,10-hexahydroacridine-1,9-diones, prepared from suitably substituted quinolin-4-ones which bring the future A and B or B and C rings of the acridone skeleton. This methodology proved particularly efficient for the preparation of acridones with a 1,3,8-trioxygenated pattern.

1. Methods Involving the Cyclization of a Diphenylamine Intermediate

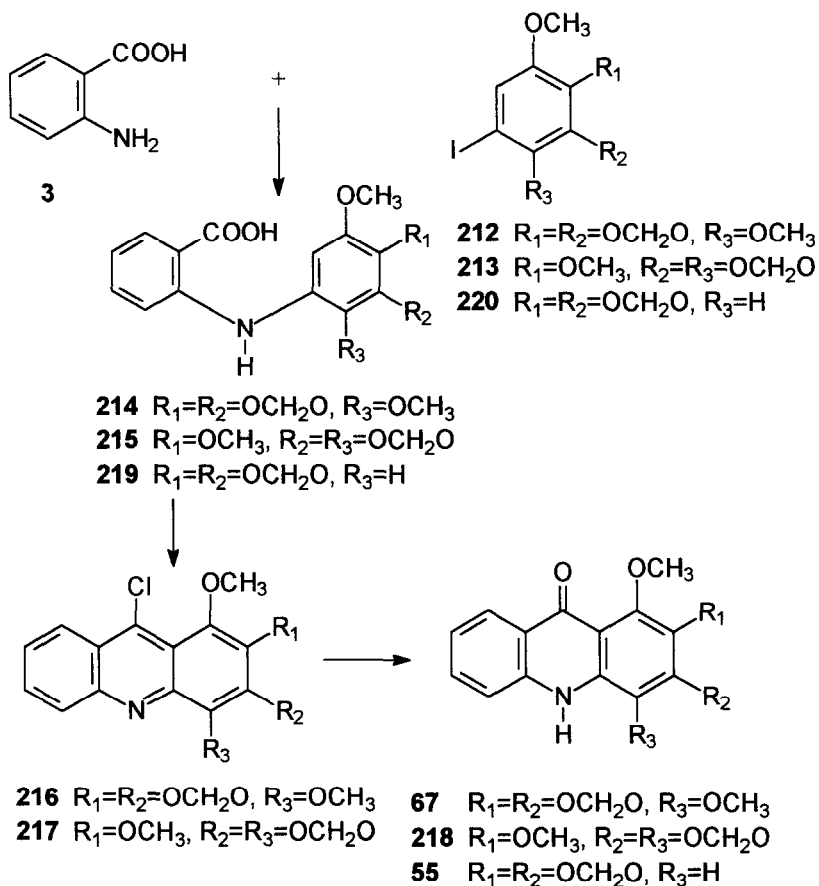
Synthesis of highly oxygenated acridone alkaloids by cyclization of a carboxylic diphenylamine was first introduced by Hughes, Neill and Ritchie for the

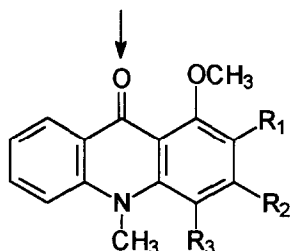


preparation of melicopicine (**8**) (295). Thus, 2',3',4',5'-tetramethoxydiphenylamine-2-carboxylic acid (**208**) was obtained by copper-catalyzed Ullmann condensation (296) between anthranilic acid (**3**) and 2,3,4,5-tetramethoxyiodobenzene (**209**). Cyclization, ensured by use of phosphoryl chloride under reflux, led to the corresponding 9-chloroacridine **210**, which was readily converted to the 9-methoxyacridine **211**, upon treatment with sodium methoxide. Final heating with methyl iodide in a sealed tube afforded melicopicine (**8**), identical with the naturally occurring compound. A similar approach was used subsequently for the synthesis of xanthevodine (**67**), melicopidine (**7**), and melicopine (**6**) (297, 298). Ullmann reaction of 2,5-dimethoxy-3,4-methylenedioxyiodobenzene (**212**) or 4,5-dimethoxy-2,3-methylenedioxyiodobenzene (**213**) with anthranilic acid (**3**) afforded the carboxylic diphenylamines **214** and **215**, which were cyclized to the corresponding 9-chloroacridines **216** and **217**.

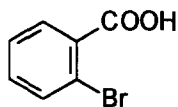
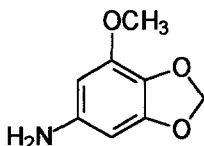


Hydrolysis by hot dilute hydrochloric acid gave the corresponding 9-acridanones, xanthevodine (**67**) and **218**. Finally, *N*-methylation with methyl iodide and potassium hydroxide in acetone gave melicopidine (**7**) and melicopine (**6**), respectively. The same reaction sequence, applied to 3'-methoxy-4',5'-methylenedioxydiphenylamine-2-carboxylic acid (**219**), prepared either from 3-methoxy-4,5-methylenedioxyiodobenzene (**220**) and anthranilic acid (**3**) (*299*) or from 3-methoxy-4,5-methylenedioxyaniline (**221**) and 2-bromobenzoic acid (**222**) (*300*), afforded evoxanthidine (**55**) and evoxanthine (**13**).

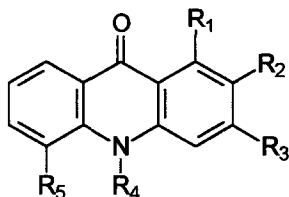




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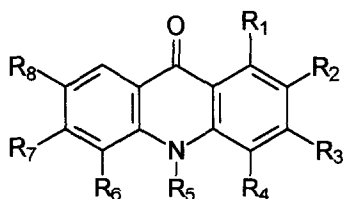
This versatile methodology was successfully applied, with slight modifications, for the synthesis of a number of other acridone alkaloids, including 1-hydroxy-3-methoxy-10-methylacridone (**48**) (301), 1,3-dimethoxy-10-methylacridone (**53**) (301, 302), 1,3-dihydroxy-10-methylacridone (**19**) (301, 302), 1,2,3-trimethoxy-10-methylacridone (**73**) (303), xanthoxoline (**58**) (303), and 1,5-dihydroxy-2,3-dimethoxy-10-methylacridone (5-hydroxyarborinine) (**75**) (188).



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73 $R_1=R_2=R_3=OCH_3$, $R_4=CH_3$, $R_5=H$
58 $R_1=OH$, $R_2=R_3=OCH_3$, $R_4=R_5=H$
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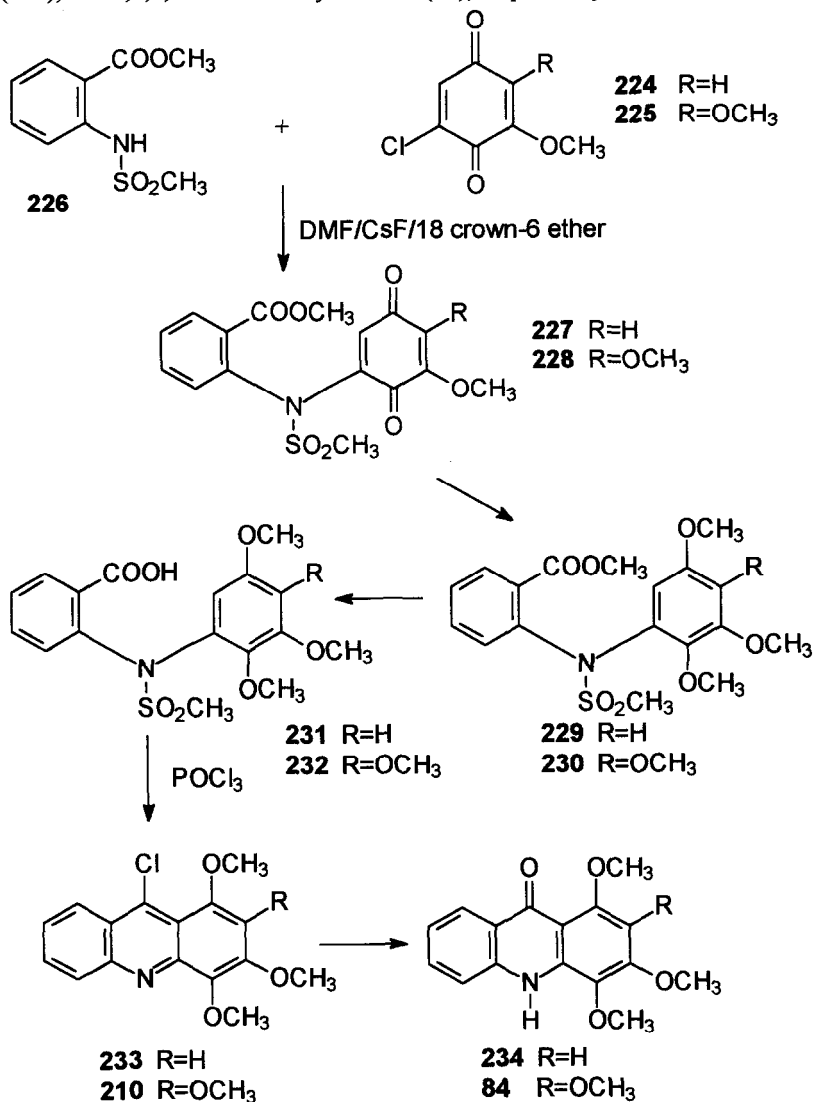
The introduction of polyphosphoric acid, instead of phosphoryl chloride, as the reagent for the cyclization of carboxylic diphenylamines permitted the direct access to 9-acridanones, avoiding the tedious steps of acid hydrolysis or alkaline methanolysis of the intermediate 9-chloroacridines (304). This modified process appears as the most popular for the synthesis of simple natural acridones and has been applied to the synthesis of 1,3-dimethoxyacridone (49) (305), 1,3-dimethoxy-10-methylacridone (53) (305), 1,2,3-trimethoxyacridone (223) (306), 1,2,3-trimethoxy-10-methylacridone (73) (306), 1,2,4-trimethoxy-10-methylacridone (72) (202), 1-hydroxy-7-methoxyacridone (46) (307), 1,2,3,5,6-pentamethoxyacridone (95) (210), 1-hydroxy-2,3,5,6-tetramethoxyacridone (92) (210), glyfoline (96) (308), and several congeners of this latter alkaloid (309).

An improved access to carboxylic diphenylamine precursors of highly oxygenated acridones was recently described by Brassard *et al.* (310, 311). Regiospecific substitution of halogenoquinones by appropriate sulfonamides in the presence of fluoride ions gave *o*-methoxycarbonylanilinoquinones of definite structure. Reductive methylation and saponification of these latter compounds afforded carboxylic diphenylamines, whose cyclization efficiently provided highly substituted acridones. For instance, condensation of 2-chloro-6-methoxybenzoquinone (224), or 2-chloro-5,6-dimethoxybenzoquinone (225) with methyl *N*-mesylantranilate (226) gave smoothly the corresponding *N*-mesyl-2-(2-methoxycarbonylanilino)quinones 227 and 228, when carried out in dry dimethylformamide, in the presence of CsF on celite and 18-crown-6 ether.

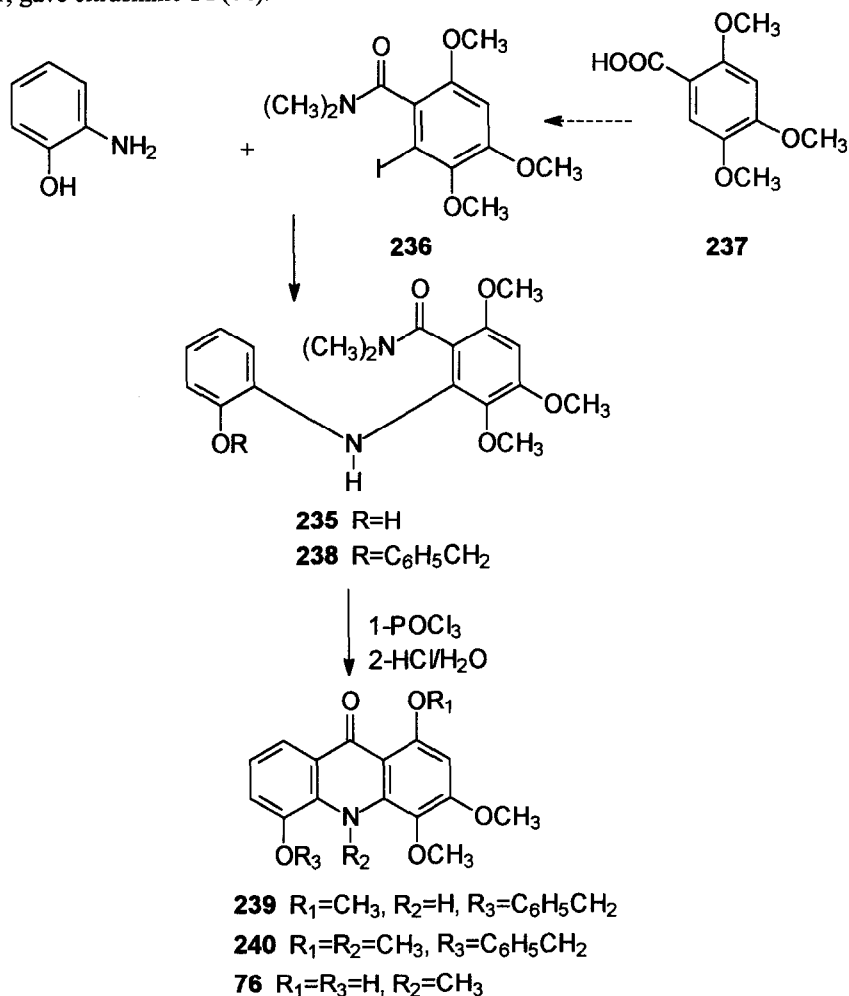


- 49 $R_1=R_3=\text{OCH}_3$, $R_2=R_4=R_5=R_6=R_7=R_8=\text{H}$
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 223 $R_1=R_2=R_3=\text{OCH}_3$, $R_4=R_5=R_6=R_7=R_8=\text{H}$
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 95 $R_1=R_2=R_3=R_6=R_7=\text{OCH}_3$, $R_4=R_5=R_8=\text{H}$
 92 $R_1=\text{OH}$, $R_2=R_3=R_6=R_7=\text{OCH}_3$, $R_4=R_5=R_8=\text{H}$
 96 $R_1=R_7=\text{OH}$, $R_2=R_3=R_4=R_6=\text{OCH}_3$, $R_5=\text{CH}_3$, $R_8=\text{H}$

Simultaneous reduction and methylation under phase-transfer conditions afforded the *N*-mesyl-carbomethoxydiphenylamines **229** and **230**, which were converted to the corresponding carboxylic *N*-mesyl-diphenylamines, **231** and **232**. Phosphoryl chloride permitted cyclization to the 9-chloroacridines **233** and **210**, with simultaneous elimination of the sulfonyl group. Final hydrolysis of these latter compounds under acidic conditions gave the desired 1,3,4-trimethoxyacridone (**234**), and 1,2,3,4-tetramethoxyacridone (**84**), respectively.

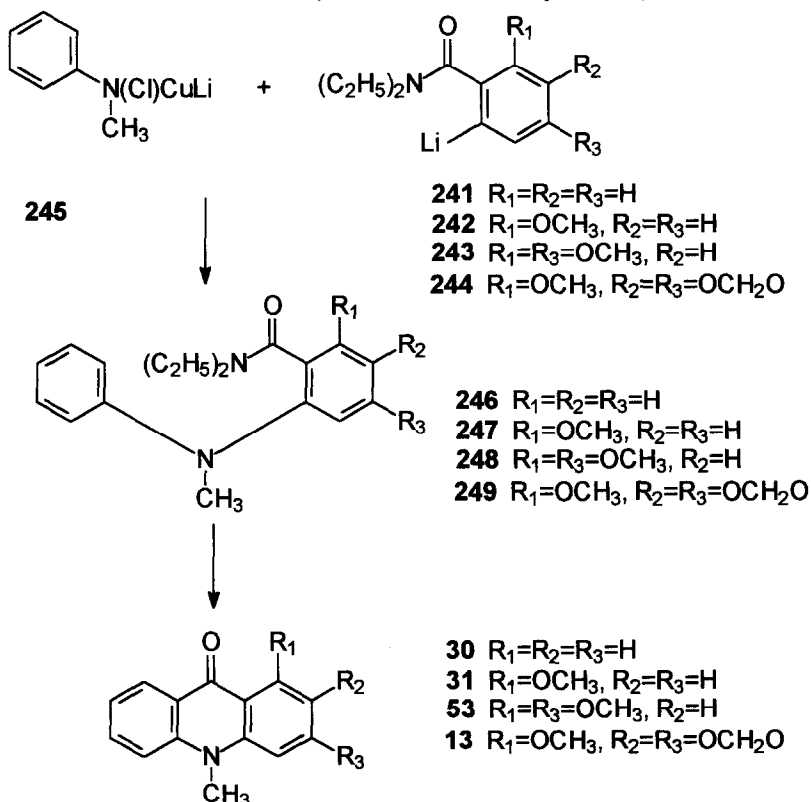


Cyclization of a substituted *N*-arylanthranilamide was the key step for the synthesis of citrusinine-I (**76**) described by Kato *et al.* (312). The required 2-(2-hydroxyphenylamino)-3,4,6-trimethoxy-*N,N*-dimethylbenzamide (**235**) was obtained by Ullmann reaction of 2-aminophenol with 2-iodo-3,4,6-trimethoxy-*N,N*-dimethylbenzamide (**236**), prepared in three steps from commercially available 2,4,5-trimethoxybenzoic acid (**237**) via *o*-lithiation of the corresponding amide and subsequent iodination. Benzylation of **235** to **238** was followed by phosphoryl chloride cyclization and hydrolysis of the intermediate with aqueous hydrochloric acid to give 5-benzyloxy-1,3,4-trimethoxyacridone (**239**) as the major product. Methylation to 5-benzyloxy-1,3,4-trimethoxy-10-methylacridone (**240**), followed by simultaneous hydrolysis of the benzyloxy group, and of the methoxy group at C-1, gave citrusinine-I (**64**).



An efficient route for the preparation of *N*-arylanthranilamide precursors of acridones was described by Snieckus *et al.*, by oxidative coupling reaction of *o*-lithiated benzamides with anilido-chloro or -cyano cuprates (313). Thus, *o*-lithiated benzamides derived from *N,N*-diethylbenzamide (241), *N,N*-dimethyl-2-methoxybenzamide (242), *N,N*-dimethyl-2,4-dimethoxybenzamide (243), and *N,N*-dimethyl-2-methoxy-3,4-methylenedioxybenzamide (244), were treated with the anilidocuprate 245, generated from the corresponding lithioanilide and CuCl. Oxygenation using molecular O₂ gave the *N*-arylanthranilamides 246-249. Direct cyclization of these latter into the acridones 30, 31, 53 and 13 was effected by refluxing in heptafluorobutyric acid or trifluoroacetic acid.

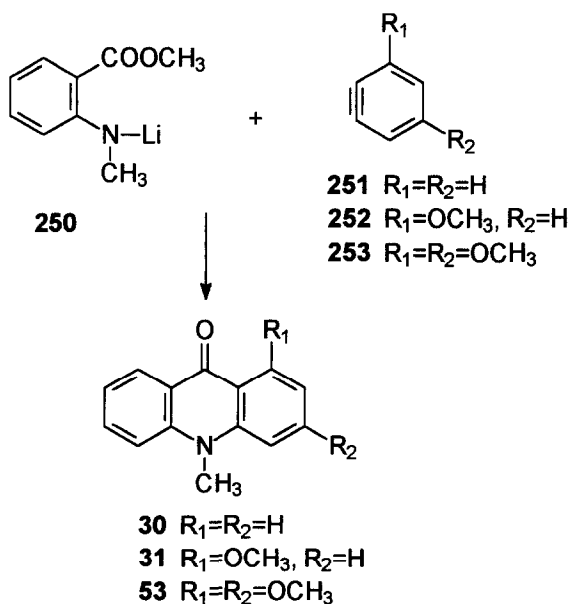
Another approach to the acridone skeleton, developed by Watanabe *et al.* (314), was based on an earlier observation that small amounts of acridones were formed when benzyne were generated by diazotization of anthranilic acids (315-317). The acridones result in these cases from the reaction of benzyne with undiazotized anthranilic acids. Therefore, a new route was developed through tandem metallation synthesis. The lithium salt of methyl *N*-methylanthranilate (250) could be easily coupled with the benzyne 251, 252, and 253, generated by treatment of chlorobenzene, 1-bromo-2-methoxybenzene, and 1-chloro-3,5-



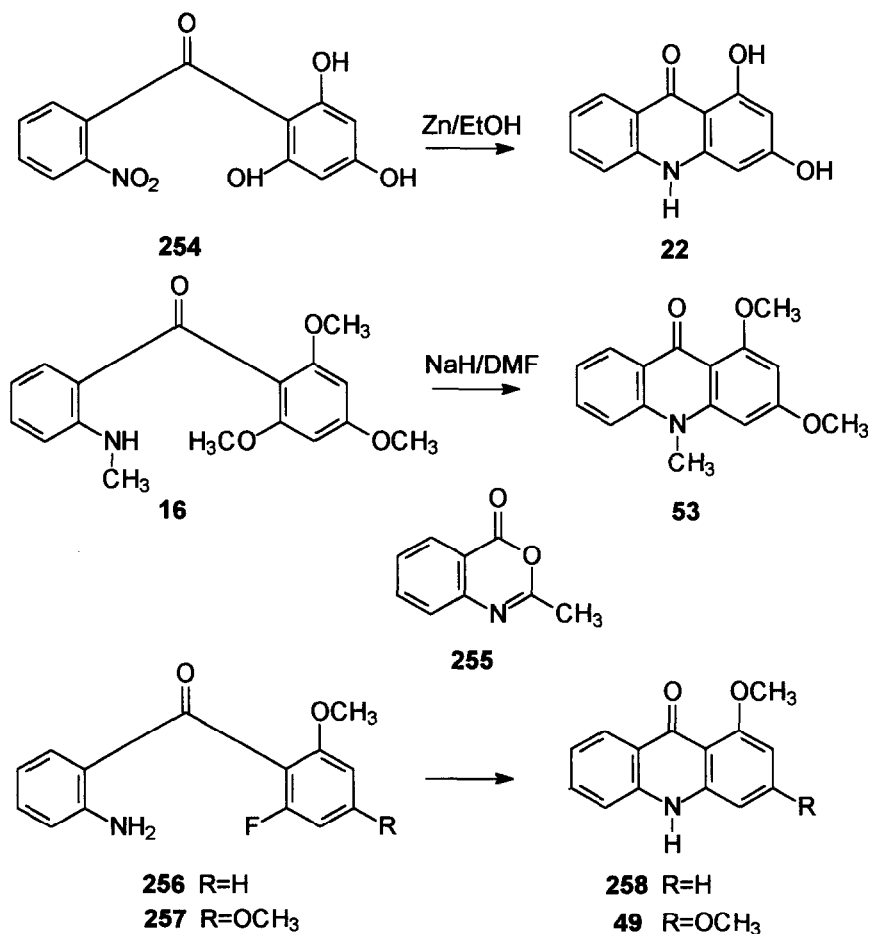
dimethoxybenzene with lithium *N*-isopropylcyclohexylamide in tetrahydrofuran, to give 10-methylacridone (**30**), 1-methoxy-10-methylacridone (**31**) and 1,3-dimethoxyacridone (**53**), respectively. The method could be successfully applied to a great variety of acridones, including the pyranoacridone alkaloid acronycine (**314**).

2. Methods Involving the Cyclization of a Benzophenone Intermediate

The isolation of the 2-methylaminobenzophenone alkaloid tecleanone (**16**) from various species of Rutaceae (69-73) led to the speculation that 9(10*H*)-acridinones should arise *in vivo* from the cyclization of 2-aminobenzophenones. A series of syntheses of acridone alkaloids, based on the cyclization of benzophenone intermediates, was subsequently developed by Lewis *et al.* (74-79). The feasibility of this approach was first demonstrated by the mild reduction of 2,4,6-trihydroxy-2'-nitrobenzophenone (**254**) with zinc dust in ethanol, which produced solely, and almost quantitatively, 1,3-dihydroxyacridone (**22**) (74). Methylation of one or more of the hydroxy-functions of **254** prevented cyclization concomitant with reduction (76). In contrast, cyclization of 2'-amino-, 2'-acetyl-amino-, or 2'-methylamino-2-methoxybenzophenones could be achieved at room temperature through the use of sodium hydride in dimethylformamide, whereby the corresponding acridones were obtained (76, 78). The general scope of this method was exemplified by the biomimetic cyclization of tecleanone (**16**) into 1,3-dimethoxy-10-methylacridone (**53**) (75). Condensation of 2-methyl-3,1-benzoxazin-4-one (**255**), prepared from anthranilic acid and acetic anhydride by distillation, with the Grignard reagent of the appropriate bromomethoxybenzene, was the most convenient access to the starting aminobenzophenones (76).



A similar approach, using 2-amino-2'-fluorobenzophenones as key intermediates, was more recently developed by Horne and Rodrigo (318). The starting materials were prepared by Fries type rearrangement of *N*-tosyl-*o*-iodobenzanilides, triggered by lithium-iodine exchange at low temperature. Hydrolysis of the 2-tosylamidobenzophenones obtained gave the required 2-amino-2'-fluoro-6'-methoxybenzophenone (256) and 2-amino-2'-fluoro-4',6'-dimethoxybenzophenone (257). Cyclization, accomplished by the use of tetraethylammonium hydroxide, yielded 1-methoxyacridone (258) and 1,3-dimethoxyacridone (49), respectively, with complete regioselectivity, since only the fluorine, and not the equivalently situated methoxy, was replaced.

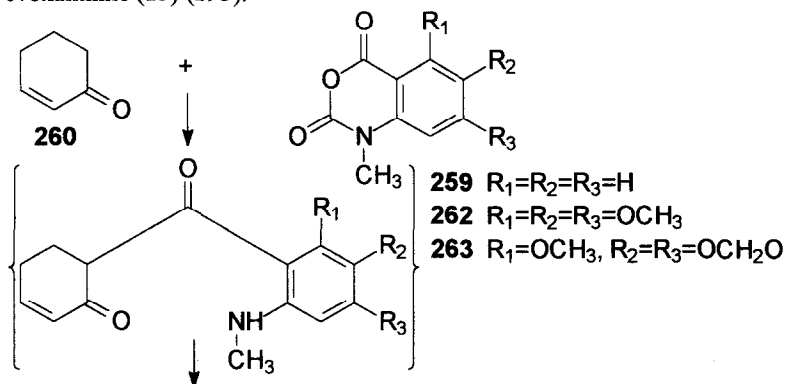


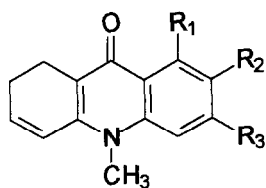
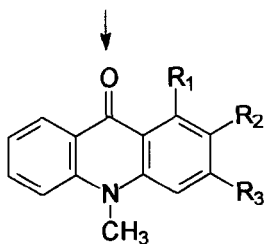
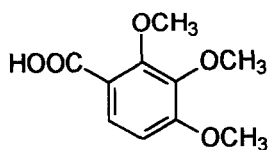
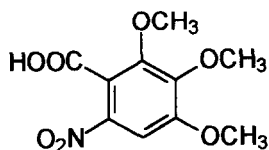
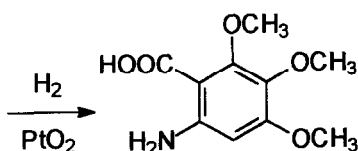
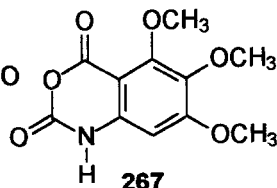
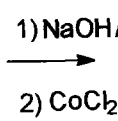
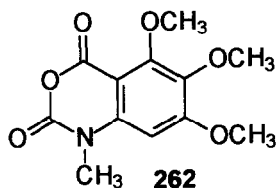
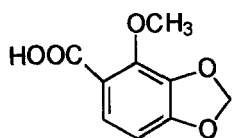
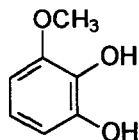
3. Condensation of an Isatoic Anhydride with the Enolate of a 2-Cyclohexen-1-one

The key step of the acridone synthesis introduced by Coppola is the condensation of a *N*-methylisatoic anhydride with the lithium enolate of a 2-cyclohexen-1-one. The formed diketo intermediate spontaneously cyclizes into a dihydroacridone, easily aromatized to the corresponding acridone. The versatility of this method, which enables carbon-carbon and carbon-nitrogen bond formation under very mild conditions, is illustrated by the efficient syntheses of the demethoxy analogues of natural furo and pyranoacridones (319, 320), as well as by those of several naturally occurring alkaloids, including 10-methylacridone (30), 1,2,3-trimethoxy-10-methylacridone (73) and evoxanthine (13) (293).

Condensation of *N*-methylisatoic anhydride (259) with the lithium enolate generated from 2-cyclohexen-1-one (260) gave a β -diketo species which spontaneously cyclized into 1,2-dihydro-10-methylacridone (261) during the work-up process. The dihydroacridone 261 was then quantitatively aromatized to 10-methylacridone (30) in the presence of 2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone in dichloromethane at room temperature (293).

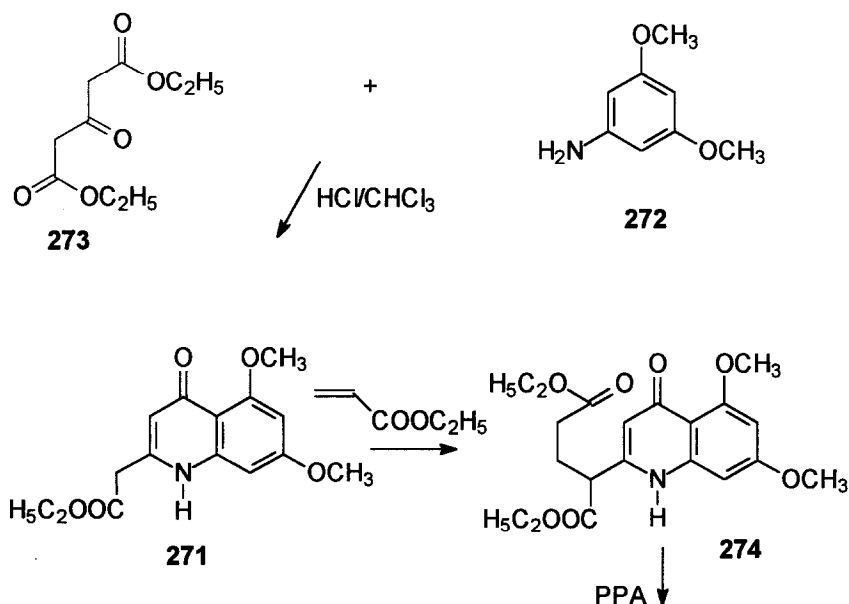
Synthesis of 1,2,3-trimethoxy-10-methylacridone (73) and evoxanthine (13) by the same approach necessitated the preparation of 4,5,6-trimethoxy-*N*-methylisatoic anhydride (262) and 6-methoxy-4,5-methylenedioxy-*N*-methylisatoic anhydride (263). Nitration of 2,3,4-trimethoxybenzoic acid (264) afforded 6-nitro-2,3,4-trimethoxybenzoic acid (265) which was reduced to 6-amino-2,3,4-trimethoxybenzoic acid (266) by catalytic hydrogenation. Treatment of the sodium salt of this latter with phosgene provided 4,5,6-trimethoxyisatoic anhydride (267). Methylation on nitrogen with sodium hydride and methyl iodide furnished the desired *N*-methylisatoic anhydride 262. Treatment of this anhydride with the lithium enolate of 2-cyclohexen-1-one (260) produced the expected dihydroacridone 268, which was smoothly aromatized to 1,2,3-trimethoxy-10-methylacridone (73), using palladium-on-charcoal as dehydrogenating agent. The same reaction sequence applied to croweacic acid (269), prepared in three steps from commercially available 3-methoxycatechol (270) (321), gave an easy access to 6-methoxy-4,5-methylenedioxy-*N*-methylisatoic anhydride (263) and ultimately to evoxanthine (13) (293).

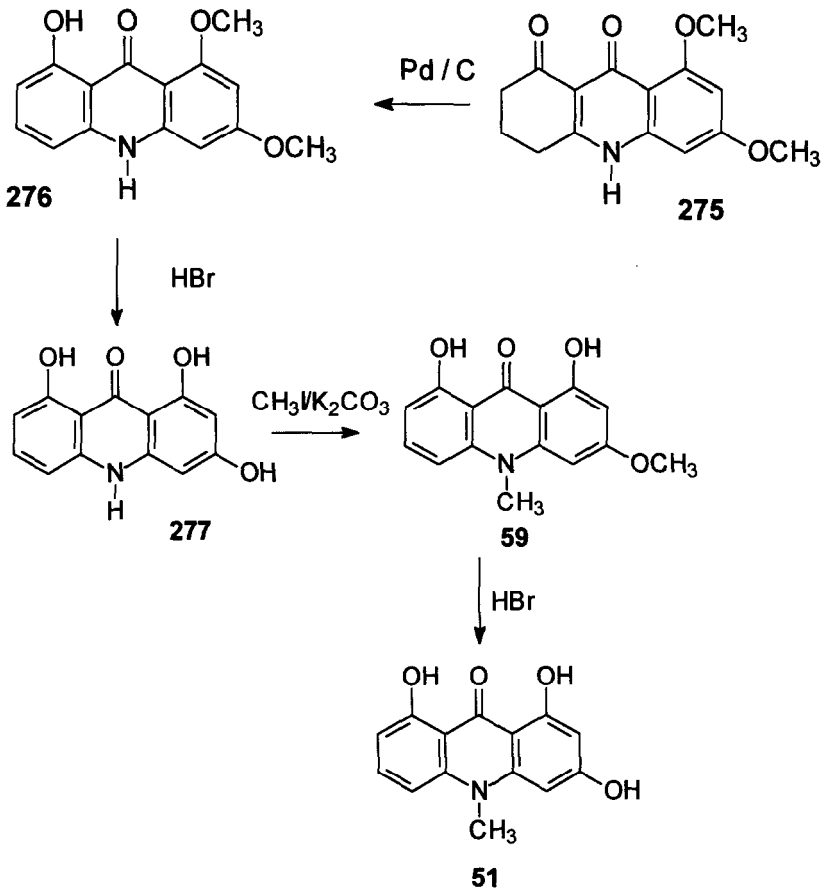


**261** $R_1=R_2=R_3=H$ **268** $R_1=R_2=R_3=OCH_3$ **30** $R_1=R_2=R_3=H$ **73** $R_1=R_2=R_3=OCH_3$ **13** $R_1=OCH_3, R_2=R_3=OCH_2O$ **264****265****266****267****262****269****270**

4. *Aromatization of a 1,2,3,4,9,10-Hexahydroacridine-1,9-dione Prepared from a Quinolin-4-one*

A stepwise approach employing successive construction of the acridone rings starting from an aniline precursor was recently reported by Deady *et al.* (322, 294). This versatile methodology is particularly useful to obtain acridones bearing an oxygen substituent at the 8-position, which are otherwise difficult to prepare. The final substitution pattern depends on the aniline chosen as the starting material. The synthesis of 1,3,8-trihydroxy-10-methylacridone (51), will illustrate this approach. Ethyl (1,4-dihydro-5,7-dimethoxy-4-oxoquinolin-2-yl)acetate (271) was prepared from 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (272) and diethyl 3-oxoglutarate (273) by the classical Conrad-Limpach method (323, 294). Michael addition of ethylacrylate, carried out in dimethylsulfoxide on the sodium salt of 271 preformed by reaction of sodium ethoxide in ethanol, afforded diethyl (1,4-dihydro-5,7-dimethoxy-4-oxoquinolin-2-yl)pentandioate (274). Hot polyphosphoric acid permitted cyclization to the corresponding 1,2,3,4,9,10-hexahydroacridine-1,9-dione 275, with simultaneous loss of the ester group at the 4-position. Aromatization by refluxing in diphenyl ether containing palladium-on-charcoal gave 1,3-dimethoxy-8-hydroxyacridone (276). Demethylation with hydrobromic acid afforded 1,3,8-trihydroxyacridone (277), which was methylated with methyl iodide and potassium carbonate in acetone to 1,8-dihydroxy-3-methoxy-10-methyl-acridone (59). A second *O*-demethylation reaction finally gave 1,3,8-trihydroxy-10-methylacridone (51), identical with the natural product isolated from *Boronia lanceolata* (115).





B. C-PRENYLACRIDONES

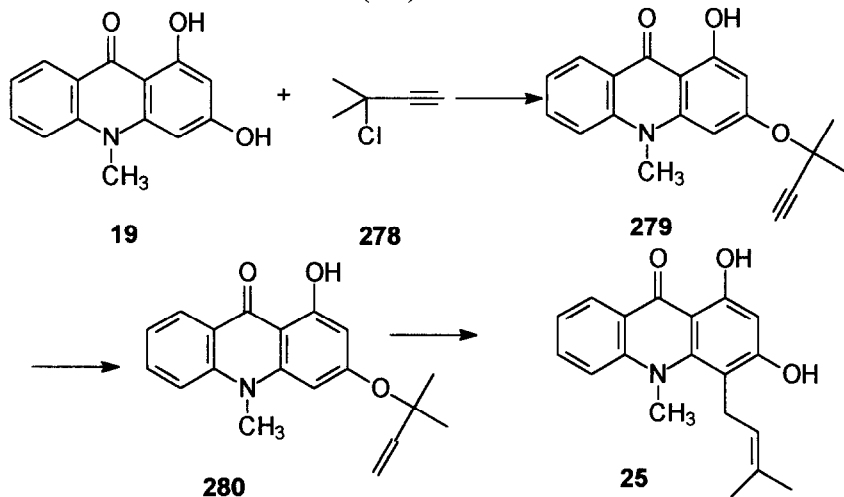
Two main strategies have been developed for the synthesis of C-prenylacridones. One applies C-alkylation to a preformed 1,3-dioxygenated acridone, taking advantage of the nucleophilicity of the two centers at C-2 and C-4. A second approach, mainly explored by Anand *et al.* envisages construction of the acridone nucleus in course of the synthesis.

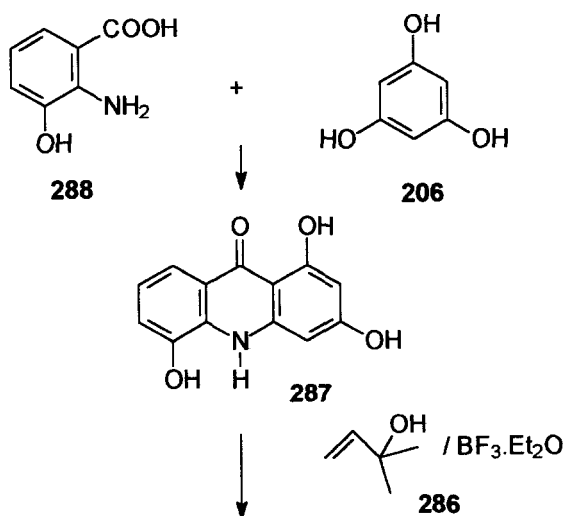
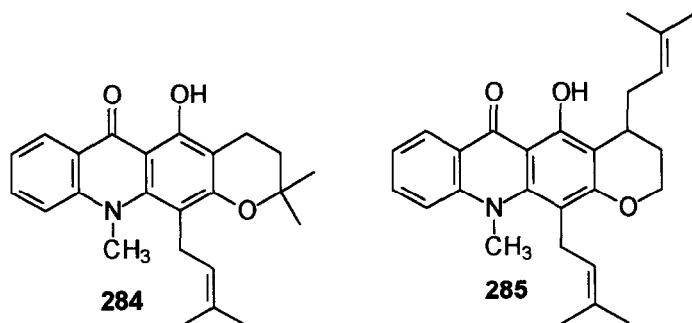
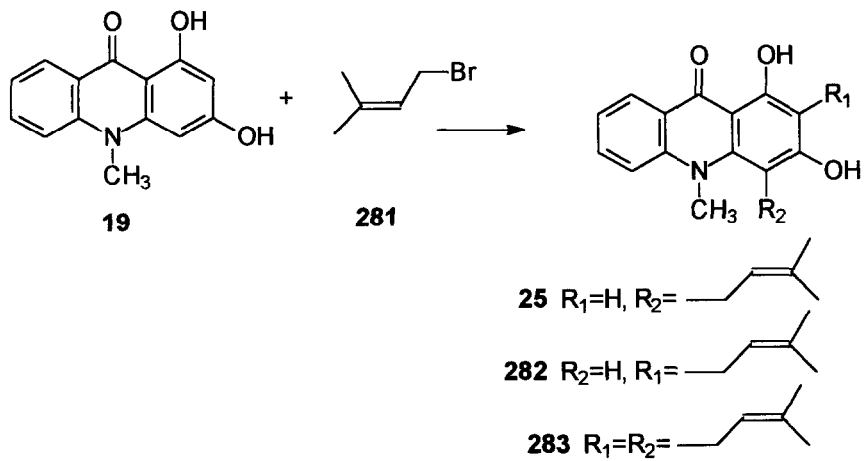
1. Syntheses by Alkylation of a Preformed Acridone Nucleus

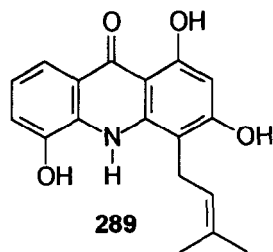
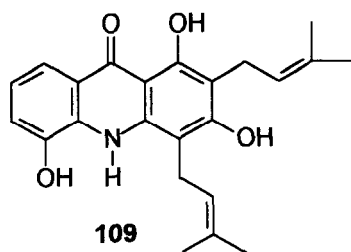
Prior to its isolation from *Glycosmis citrifolia* (81), glycoctrine-II (25), one of the simplest *C*-prenylated acridone alkaloids, was obtained synthetically by Hlubucek *et al.* in the course of their synthesis of the pyranoacridone alkaloid acronycine (286). Treatment of 1,3-dihydroxy-10-methylacridone (19) with 3-chloro-3-methyl-1-butyne (278) (324, 325), in dimethylformamide in the presence of potassium carbonate and sodium iodide gave the acetylenic ether 279. Partial hydrogenation using the Lindlar catalyst afforded the corresponding α,α -dimethylallyl ether 280, which underwent regioselective Claisen rearrangement in boiling diethylaniline to yield glycoctrine-II (25) as the single reaction product.

A more straightforward access to glycoctrine-II (25) was described by Grundon and Reisch, through direct *C*-alkylation of 1,3-dihydroxy-10-methylacridone (19) with one equivalent of the readily available 1-bromo-3-methyl-2-butene (281), in tetrahydrofuran at 20°C, in the presence of alumina in order to prevent *O*-alkylation (326). The isomeric 1,3-dihydroxy-10-methyl-2-(3-methyl-2-butenyl)-acridone (282) and the dialkylated 1,3-dihydroxy-10-methyl-2,4-bis(3-methyl-2-butenyl)-acridone (283) were also formed during the reaction. Excess of alkylating agent resulted in the formation of tetracyclic compounds 284 and 285.

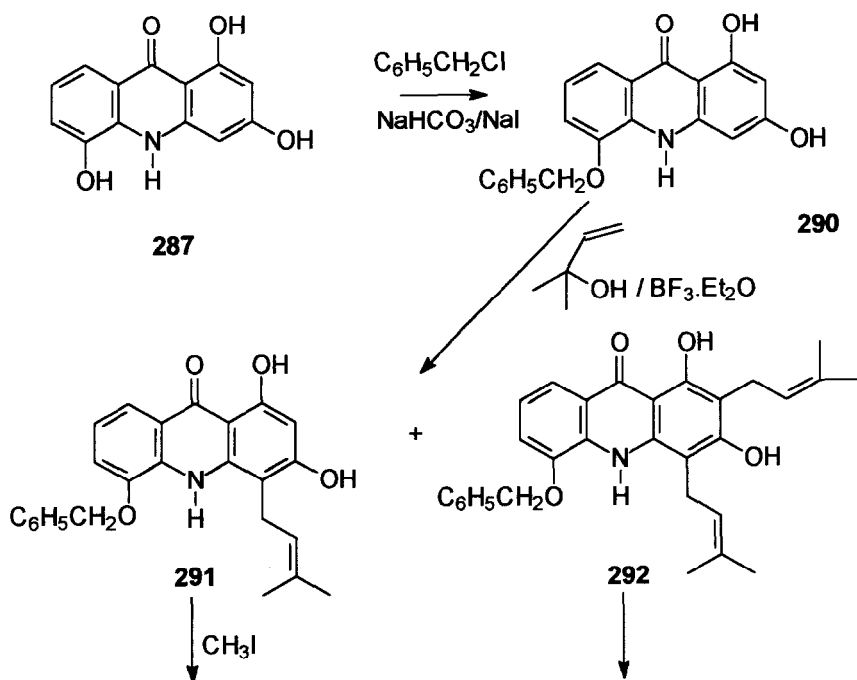
The use of 2-methyl-3-buten-2-ol (286) in the presence of boron trifluoride etherate permitted dialkylation of 1,3,5-trihydroxyacridone (287), prepared by condensing phloroglucinol (206) and 3-hydroxyanthranilic acid (288), into atalaphylline (109) and to confirm the structure of this latter alkaloid. Nevertheless, the reaction proceeded in poor yield and the monoalkylated product 289 was also isolated from the reaction mixture (221).

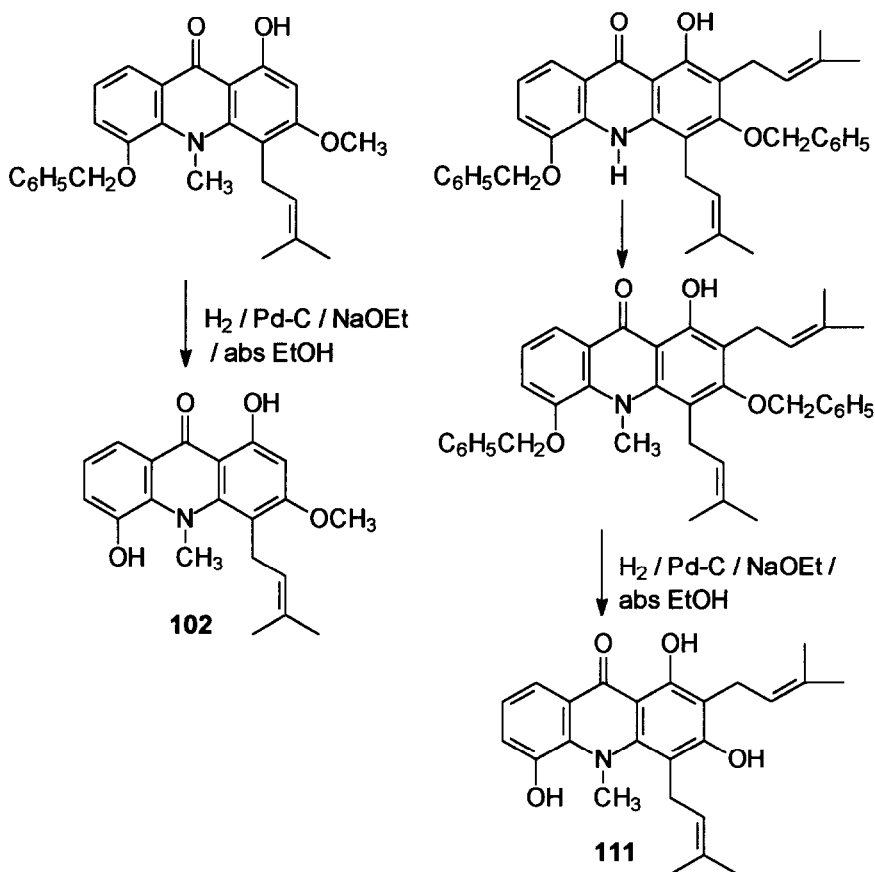






Similarly, regioselective benzylation of 1,3,5-trihydroxyacridone (**287**) gave 1,3-dihydroxy-5-benzyloxyacridone (**290**), which, on prenylation with 2-methyl-3-buten-2-ol (**286**) and boron trifluoride etherate, afforded a mixture of monoprenylated 1,3-dihydroxy-5-benzyloxy-4-(3-methyl-2-butenyl)-acridone (**291**) and diprenylated 1,3-dihydroxy-5-benzyloxy-2,4-bis(3-methyl-2-butenyl)-acridone (**292**). Treatment of **291** with methyl iodide, followed by hydrogenolysis with palladium-on-charcoal, furnished glycoctrine-I (**102**). Benzylation of **292**, followed by *N*-methylation and debenylation yielded *N*-methyl atalaphylline (**111**) (**289**).

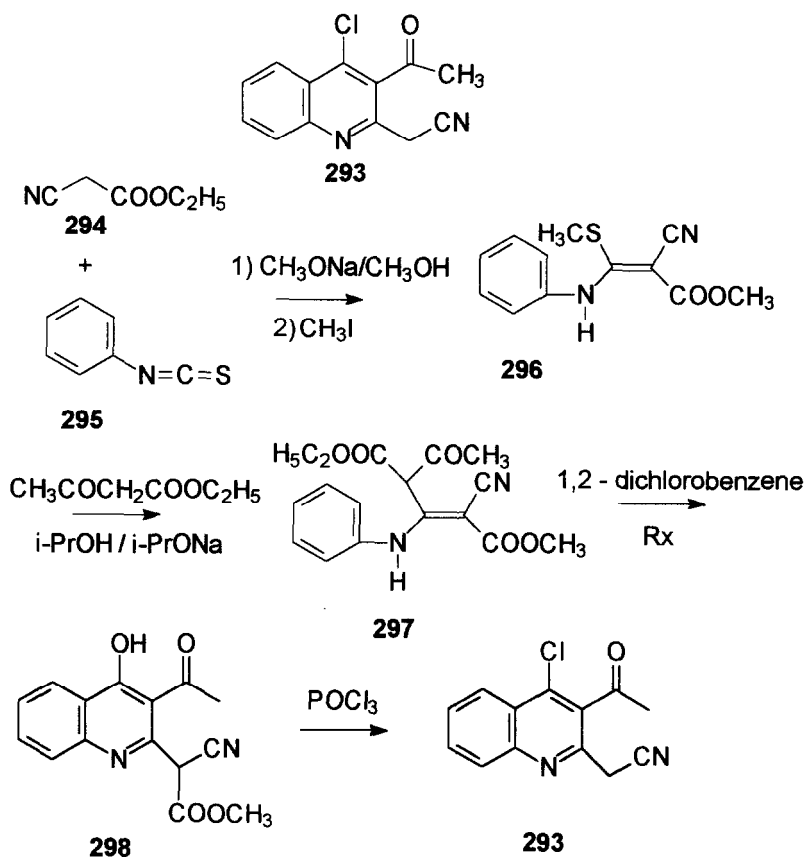




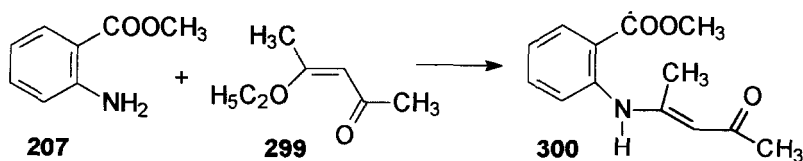
2. Syntheses Involving the Construction of the Acridone Nucleus

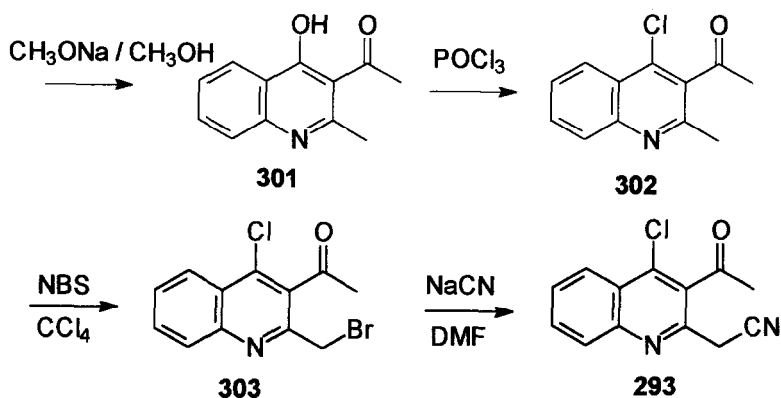
The key intermediate in the regioselective synthesis of glycoctrine-II (**25**) by Anand and Sinha was 3-acetyl-4-chloro-2-cyanomethylquinoline (**293**), which was obtained by two independent routes (327, 328).

The first one involved reaction of the carbanion of ethyl cyanoacetate (**294**) with phenylisothiocyanate (**295**), followed by addition of methyl iodide to afford the ketene *S*, *N*-ketal **296**. Substitution of the methylthio group of **296** by the carbanion of ethyl acetoacetate in refluxing isopropanol yielded the ketoester **297**. Refluxing in 1,2-dichlorobenzene permitted cyclization of the ethoxycarbonyl group onto the phenyl ring, to give the quinoline **298**. Treatment of **298** with phosphoryl chloride at 120–125°C for 5 hours transformed the 4-hydroxy group into a 4-chloro group, with simultaneous demethoxycarbonylation, affording the required 3-acetyl-4-chloro-2-cyanomethylquinoline (**293**).

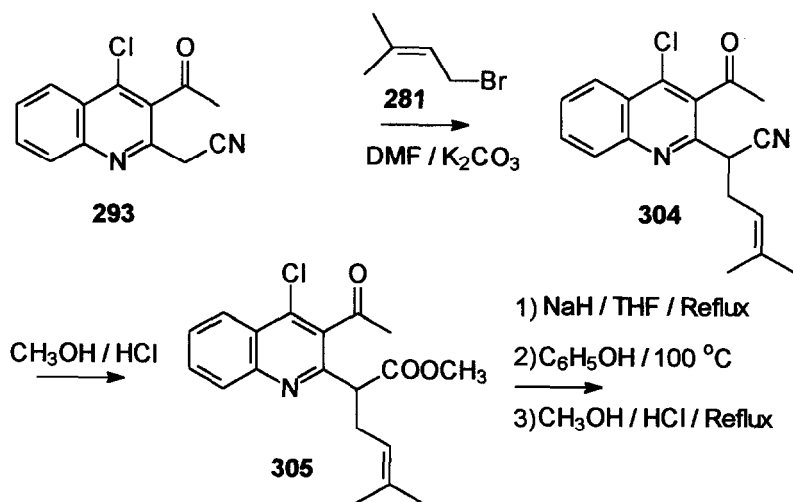


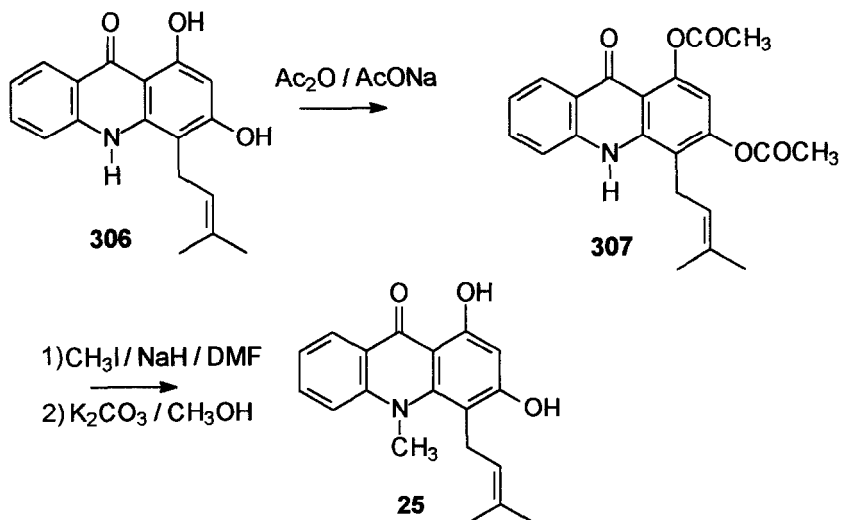
Alternatively, the ethoxy group in the ethyl enol ether of acetylacetone (**299**) was substituted by heating with methyl anthranilate (**207**) in 1,2-dichlorobenzene to give the enammon **300**. Cyclization of **300** to 3-acetyl-4-hydroxy-2-methylquinoline (**301**) was catalyzed by sodium methoxide. The corresponding 4-chloro derivative **302** was obtained by heating **301** with phosphoryl chloride. Functionalization of **302** by bromination with *N*-bromosuccinimide gave **303**, which was converted to the desired 3-acetyl-4-chloro-2-cyanomethylquinoline (**293**) upon treatment with sodium cyanide in dimethylformamide.



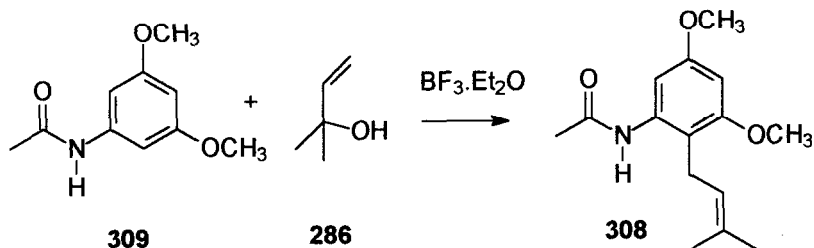


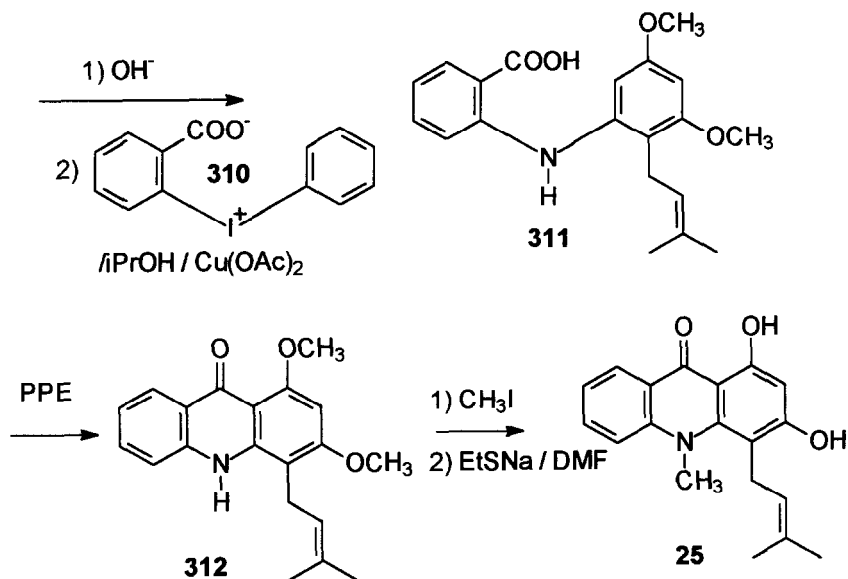
Alkylation of **293** with 1-bromo-3-methylbut-2-ene (**281**), performed in dimethylformamide in the presence of potassium carbonate, afforded **304** in good yield. Methanolysis of the nitrile group of **304** gave ketoester **305**. Cyclization of **305** was carried out by refluxing with sodium hydride in tetrahydrofuran, followed by heating with phenol at 100°C and refluxing the crude product obtained with hydrochloric acid, to provide 10-demethylglycocitrine-II (**306**). Acetylation of the phenolic hydroxy groups of **306** by acetic anhydride and sodium acetate gave the diacetate **307**. *N*-Methylation of this compound with methyl iodide and sodium hydride in dimethylformamide, followed by hydrolysis of the crude product in the presence of potassium carbonate, finally afforded glycocitrine-II (**25**).



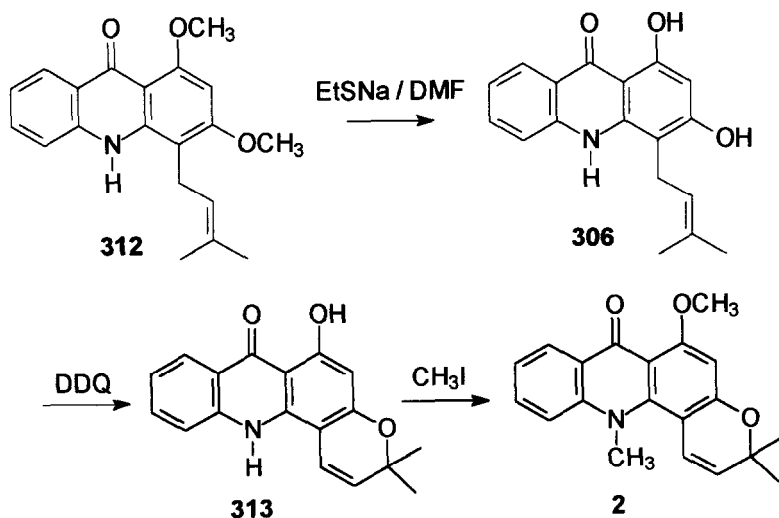


Another regioselective synthesis of glycoctrine-II, recently achieved by Anand and Selvapalam, was based on the initial observation that 3,5-dimethoxy-2-(3-methylbut-2-enyl)-acetanilide (**308**) was obtained in good yield when 3,5-dimethoxyacetanilide (**309**) and 3-methyl-1-buten-3-ol (**286**) were refluxed in dioxane in the presence of a catalytic amount of boron trifluoride etherate (**329**). Alkaline hydrolysis of **308**, followed by condensation of the corresponding crude aniline with diphenyliodonium-2-carboxylate (**310**) in isopropanol in the presence of cupric acetate, afforded the prenylated carboxylic diphenylamine **311**. Despite the fragility of the prenyl group, **311** could be efficiently cyclized to the corresponding 1,3-dimethoxy-4-(3-methylbut-2-enyl)-acridone (**312**), upon treatment with polyphosphoric ester under rigorously anhydrous conditions, followed by quenching the reaction mixture through the slow addition to cold sodium bicarbonate solution. Transformation of **312** into glycoctrine-II (**25**) was carried out by *N*-methylation with methyl iodide, followed by demethoxylation of the crude product by sodium ethanethiolate in dimethylformamide.





It should be noted that the key intermediates in the various syntheses of glycoctrine-II by Anand *et al.* also furnished an interesting access to the pyrano[2,3-*c*]acridin-7-one series. For instance, demethoxylation of intermediate **312** with sodium ethanethiolate in dimethylformamide gave **306**, which could be cyclized with 2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone to 12-demethylnoracronycine (**313**). Methylation of this latter product afforded acronycine (**2**) (**329**).

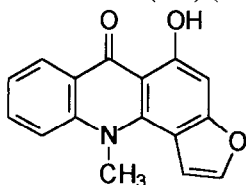
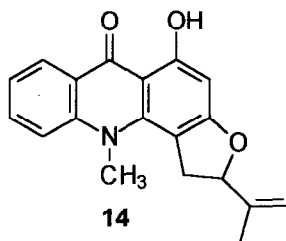
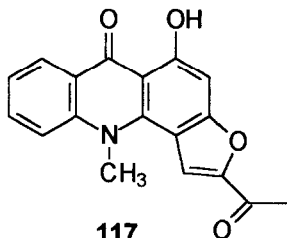
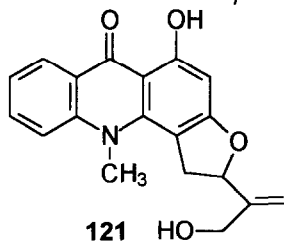
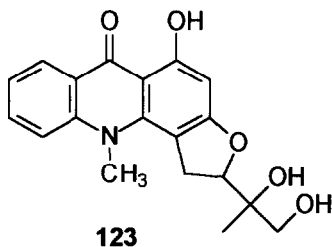
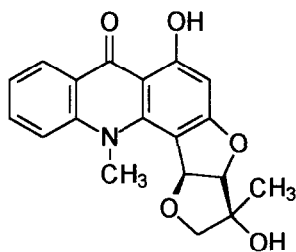


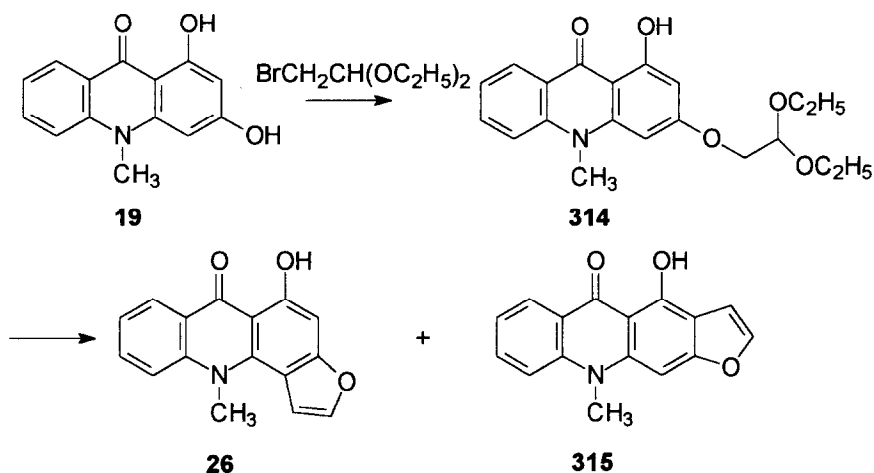
C. FURANOACRIDONES

The three, naturally occurring, angular furanoacridone alkaloids furacridone (= furofoline-I) (**26**), rutacridone (**14**), and hallacridone (**117**) were synthesized by the group of Reisch, using 1,3-dihydroxy-10-methylacridone (**19**) as a starting material. Oxidation reactions performed on rutacridone (**14**) permitted access to several other furano and difuranoacridones, including gravacridonol (**121**), gravacridondiol (**127**), and rutagravine (**124**).

1. Synthesis of Furacridone

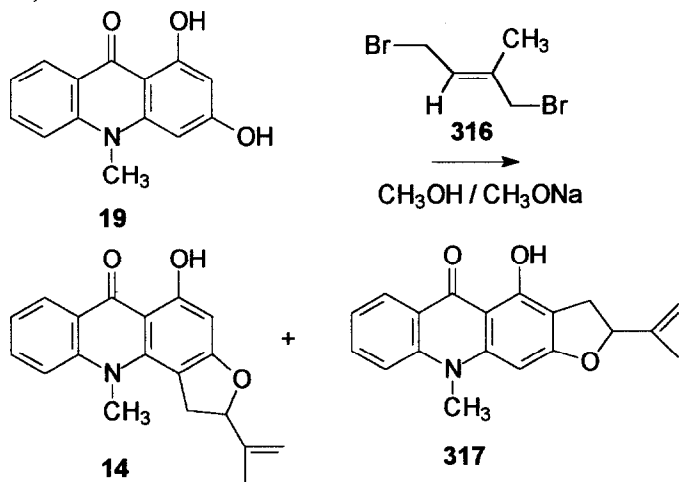
Selective etherification of the 3-hydroxy group of 1,3-dihydroxy-10-methylacridone (**19**) with excess bromoacetaldehyde diethylacetal in dry dimethylformamide, either by use of sodium hydride at 120°C in a bomb, or in the presence of potassium carbonate at 100°C under nitrogen, afforded 3-(2,2-diethoxyethoxy)-1-hydroxy-10-methylacridone (**314**). Cyclodehydration of **314** by refluxing in a mixture of dioxane and dilute aqueous sulfuric acid, followed by alkalization by addition of sodium hydroxide and heating, gave the desired furacridone (**26**), accompanied by smaller amounts of the linear isomer, isofuracridone (**315**) (330).

**26****14****117****121****123****124** (R)



2. Synthesis of Rutacridone and Related Alkaloids

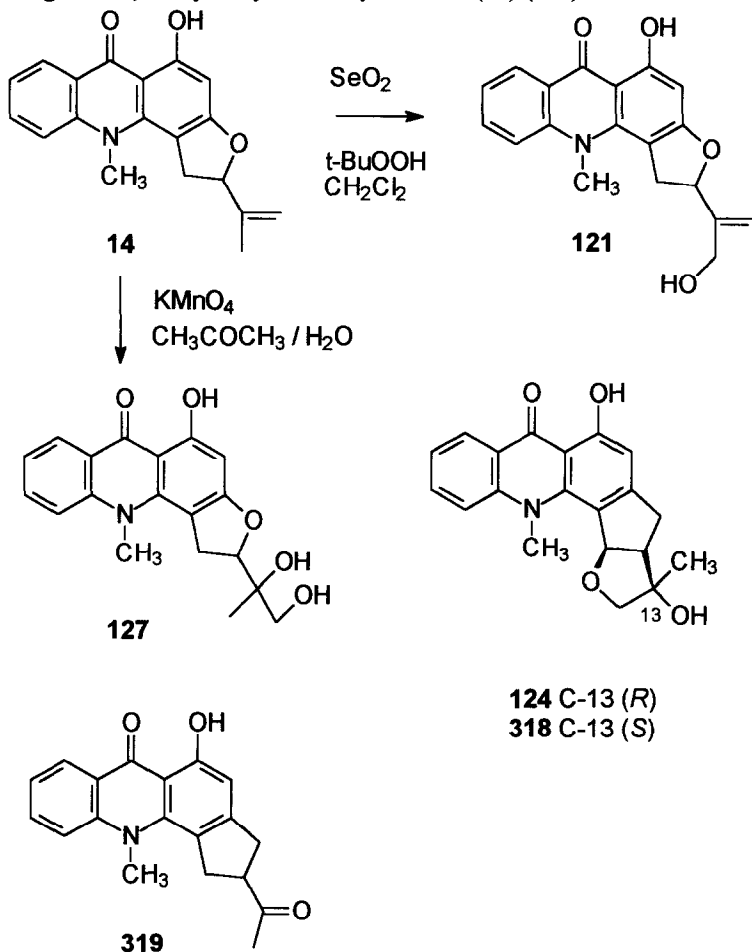
Alkylation of 1,3-dihydroxy-10-methylacridone (**19**) with 1,4-dibromo-2-methyl-2-butene (**316**) in methanol containing sodium methoxide, using the procedure of Nickl for the synthesis of isopropenylbenzofuran derivatives (*331*), produced rutacridone (**14**), together with smaller amounts of its linear isomer isorutacridone (**317**) (*332*). The overall yield of the reaction and the percentage of isomers obtained greatly depended on the base used to catalyze the reaction (*333*). Rutacridone (**14**) and isorutacridone (**317**) were obtained in 77% combined yield under optimized conditions, when the reaction was carried out in tetrahydrofuran at room temperature, using Amberlite[®] IRA 68 anion exchange resin as the alkaline agent (*334*).



Allylic oxidation of rutacridone (**14**) with selenium dioxide and *t*-butylhydroperoxide in dichloromethane at room temperature afforded gravacridonol (**121**) in 23% yield (335). In contrast, oxidation of rutacridone (**14**) with aqueous potassium permanganate in acetone gave a mixture of gravacridondiol (**127**), rutagravine (**124**), its isomer **318**, and dihydrohallacridone (**319**). This latter compound could be further oxidized with 2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone into the fully aromatic hallacridone (**117**) (336).

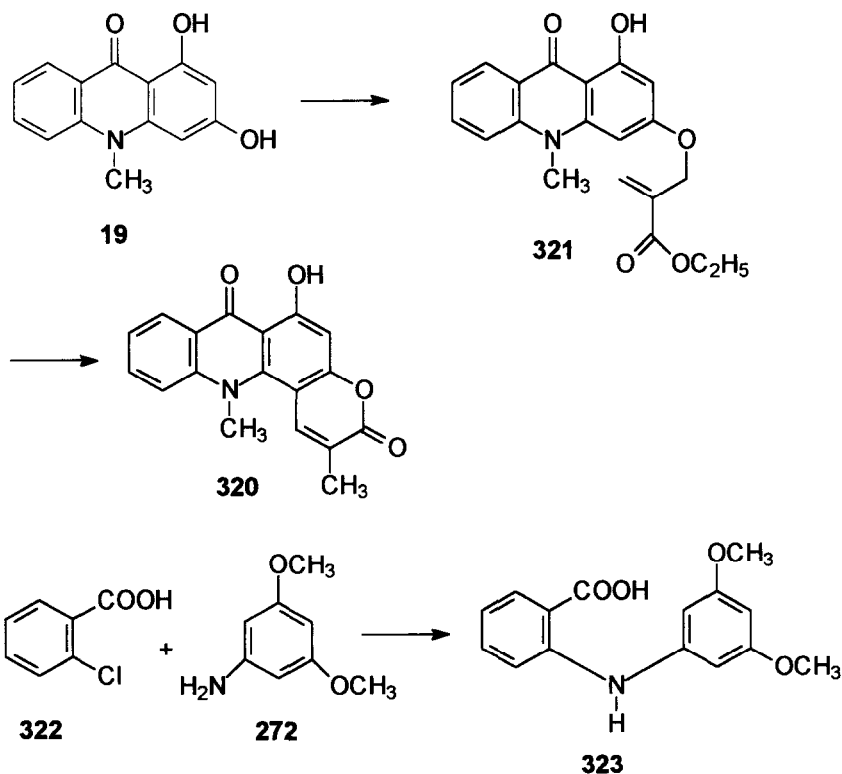
3. Synthesis of Hallacridone

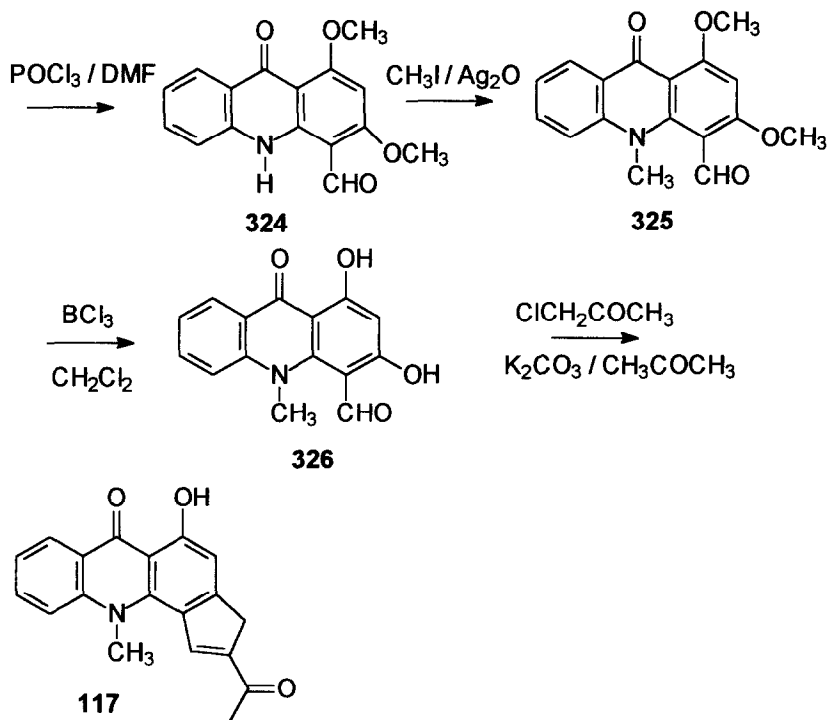
Hallacridone is a minor alkaloid obtained from the tissue cultures of *Ruta graveolens*, whose structure was first tentatively assigned as 6-hydroxy-2,12-dimethyl-3*H*-pyrano[2,3-*c*]acridine-3,7(12*H*)-dione (**320**) on the basis of spectroscopic evidence (232, 230). Reisch and Gunaherath synthesized **320** in two steps, starting from 1,3-dihydroxy-10-methylacridone (**19**) (233).



Condensation of **19** with ethyl bromomethacrylate gave the corresponding ether **321**. Heating **321** in polyoxyethyleneglycol afforded the desired **320**, by regioselective *o*-Claisen rearrangement and ring closure, followed by double-bond isomerization. The compound obtained was different from natural hallacidone, whose structure was consequently revised to 2-acetyl-5-hydroxy-11-methylfuro[2,3-*c*]acridin-6(11*H*)-one (**117**) (233).

This result was unambiguously confirmed by the total synthesis of **117**. Ullmann condensation between 2-chlorobenzoic acid (**322**) and 3,5-dimethoxyaniline (**272**) gave 3',5'-dimethoxydiphenylamine-2-carboxylic acid (**323**), which underwent simultaneous formylation and cyclization, upon treatment with dimethylformamide and phosphoryl chloride, to yield 4-formyl-1,3-dimethoxyoxyacridone (**324**). *N*-Methylation to 4-formyl-1,3-dimethoxy-10-methylacridone (**325**) on treatment with methyl iodide and silver oxide was followed by complete *O*-demethylation with excess boron trichloride in dichloromethane. Darzens condensation between 4-formyl-1,3-dihydroxy-10-methylacridone (**326**) and monochloroacetone in the presence of potassium carbonate in anhydrous acetone gave 2-acetyl-5-hydroxy-11-methylfuro[2,3-*c*]acridin-6(11*H*)-one (**117**), identical with natural hallacidone (233).





D. PYRANOACRIDONES

The synthesis of natural pyranoacridone alkaloids and analogues has received more attention than that of their furano counterparts, due to the interesting antitumor properties exhibited by acronycine and some of its derivatives. Two main strategies have been developed for the synthesis of pyrano[2,3-*c*]acridin-7-one and pyrano[3,2-*b*]acridin-7-one alkaloids.

The first one envisages alkylation of a preformed 1,3-dioxygenated acridone comprising the ABC tricyclic portion of the alkaloid by a C₅ unit, and elaboration of the pyran D ring from this unit, by simultaneous or subsequent cyclization.

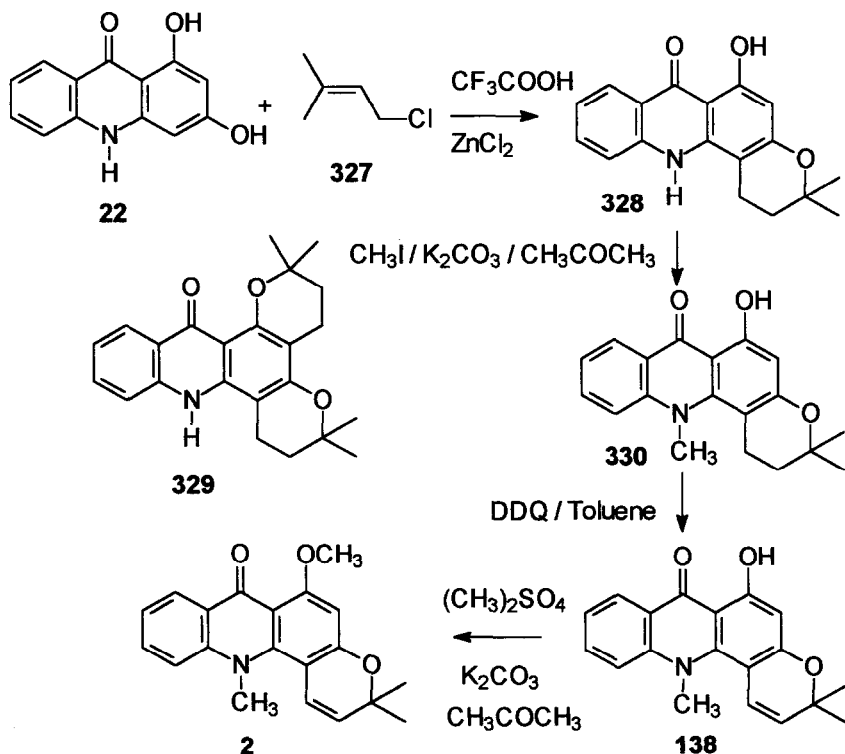
The second involves construction of the acridone nucleus in the course of the synthesis. The main approaches used in this latter case are very similar to those which permitted access to the simple acridone alkaloids, e.g. (i) cyclization of a diarylamine intermediate, (ii) cyclization of a benzophenone intermediate, or (iii) construction of the acridone system starting from a quinoline or a quinolinone which bring together the A and B or B and C rings of the acridone skeleton.

In addition, oxidation reactions performed on pyranoacridones led to several alkaloids modified on the C and D rings, and to acronycine analogues with improved antitumor activity.

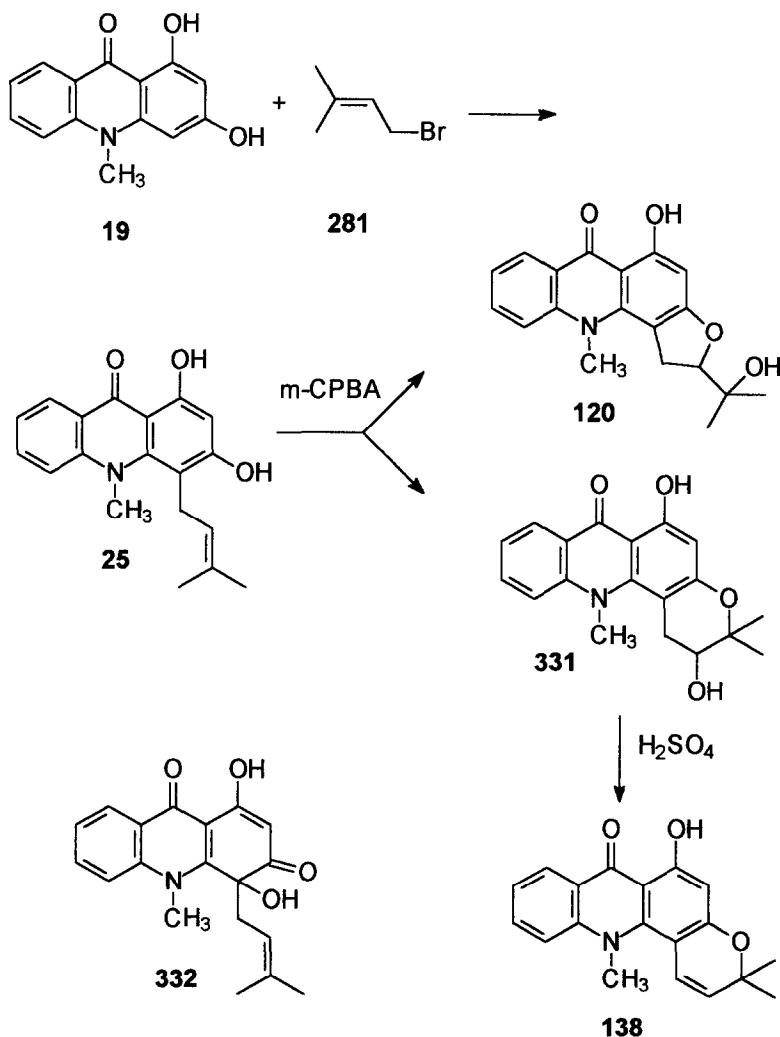
1. Syntheses Starting from a Preformed Acridone Nucleus

Three different types of reagents have been used for the alkylation of 1,3-dihydroxyacridones and subsequent construction of the fused dimethylpyran D ring of pyranoacridone alkaloids. 1-Halo-3-methyl-2-butenes enable cyclization to a dihydrodimethylpyran ring, and dehydrogenation or oxidation has to take place in the course of the synthesis, in order to obtain the desired pyranoacridone. In contrast, the use of the tertiary alcoholic 3-hydroxyisovaleraldehyde dimethylacetal and of the acetylenic 3-chloro-3-methyl-1-butyne permit direct cyclization to the required dimethylpyran.

a. 1-Halo-3-methyl-2-butenes. In one of the first syntheses of acronycine, Beck *et al.*, at the Eli Lilly Research Laboratories, condensed 1,3-dihydroxyacridone (**22**) with 1-chloro-3-methyl-2-butene (**327**) in trifluoroacetic acid, in the presence of zinc chloride as catalyst (285, 290). Under such conditions, 1,2-dihydro-12-demethylnoracronycine (**328**) was obtained in moderate yield, together with the bischromane **329**. Methylation of **328** with methyl iodide and potassium carbonate in acetone afforded 1,2-dihydronoracronycine (**330**), which was subsequently dehydrogenated into noracronycine (**138**) by refluxing in toluene with 2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone. Finally, methylation of **138** by methyl sulfate and potassium carbonate in acetone gave acronycine (**2**).

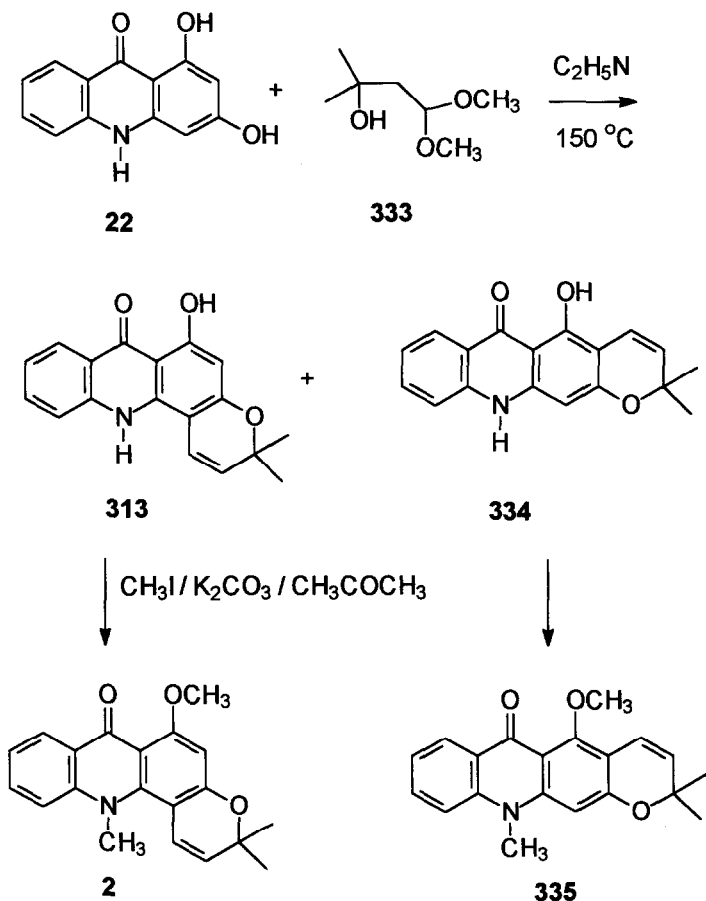


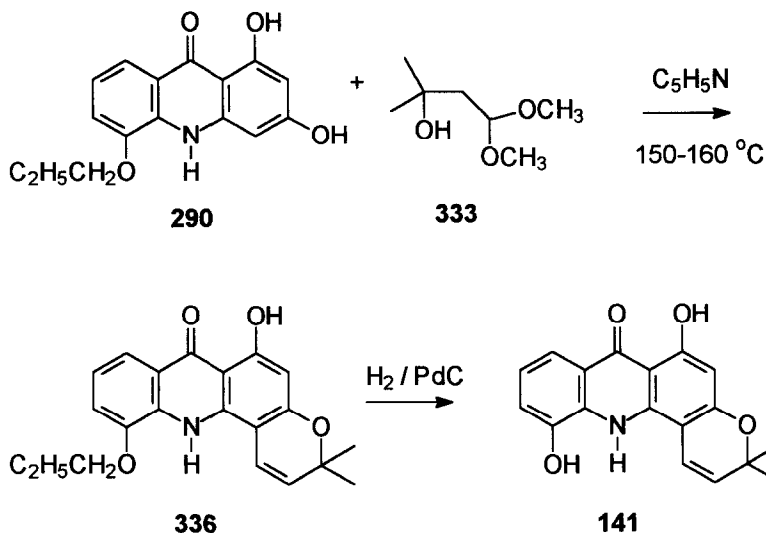
More recently, when studying the biomimetic condensation of 1,3-dihydroxy-10-methylacridone (**19**) with one equivalent of 1-bromo-3-methyl-2-butene (**281**) in the presence of alumina, Grundon and Reisch obtained glycocitrine-II (**25**). Oxidative cyclization of **25** with 3-chloroperbenzoic acid gave 2-hydroxy-1,2-dihydronoracronycine (**331**), accompanied by its dihydrofuran isomer **120**. Dehydration of **331**, by concentrated sulfuric acid afforded noracronycine (**138**) (326). Moreover compound **332** was obtained during the oxidative cyclization of **25** (337)



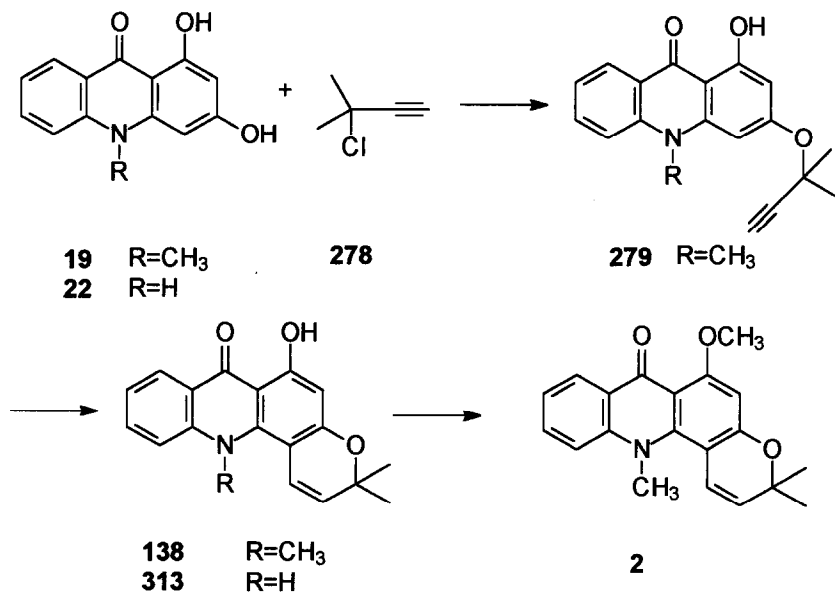
b. *3-Hydroxyisovaleraldehyde dimethylacetal*. In 1969, Crombie *et al.* introduced the use of 3-hydroxyisovaleraldehyde dimethylacetal (**333**) for the dimethylchromenylation of phenols (**338**). The method was applied to the synthesis of acronycine (**2**) (**339**). Thus, condensation of 1,3-dihydroxyacridone (**22**) with the hydroxy-acetal **333** in pyridine at 150°C afforded 12-demethylnoracronycine (**313**), accompanied by its linear isomer **334**. Usual methylation with excess methyl iodide and potassium carbonate in acetone gave acronycine (**2**) from **313** and isoacronycine (**335**) from **334** (**340**).

The same approach was used later by Kapil *et al.* for the synthesis of atalaphyllidine (**141**) (**289**). Condensation of 1,3-dihydroxy-5-benzyloxyacridone (**290**) with 3-hydroxyisovaleraldehyde dimethylacetal (**333**) gave **336** which was readily debenzylated into atalaphyllidine (**141**) by palladium-on-charcoal and sodium acetate in refluxing ethanol.





c. *3-Chloro-3-methyl-1-butyne*. Hlubucek, Ritchie, and Taylor introduced in 1969 the employment of 3-chloro-3-methyl-1-butyne (**278**) (324, 325) for the synthesis of 2,2-dimethylchromenes by the *O*-alkylation of phenols, followed by Claisen rearrangement (341). The method was applied by the same authors to several interrelated syntheses of acronycine (**2**) (286, 342). When 1,3-dihydroxy-10-methylacridone (**19**) was used as a starting material, the propargyl ether **279** was obtained in 70% yield upon treatment with 3-chloro-3-methyl-1-butyne (**278**) in dimethylformamide in the presence of potassium carbonate and potassium iodide at $52^\circ C$. Etherification of the 1-hydroxyl group was precluded, due to hydrogen bonding with the carbonyl at the 9-position. Claisen rearrangement performed on **279**, by refluxing in *N,N*-diethylaniline, provided noracronycine (**138**) in almost 90% yield. When the same reaction sequence was applied to 1,3-dihydroxyacridone (**22**), the Claisen rearrangement occurred during the etherification. The corresponding pure ether was not isolated. Heating the crude reaction mixture in dimethylformamide at $130^\circ C$ gave 12-demethylnoracronycine (**313**) in 85% yield from **22**. In crude products obtained from these cyclization reactions, no traces of corresponding linear isomers could be detected by tlc, but Fryer *et al.*, when repeating these experiments, could isolate minute amounts of isomeric products belonging to the pyrano[3,2-*b*]acridin-7-one series (343). Finally, classical methylation reactions performed on **138** and **313** afforded acronycine (**2**). As far as overall yields are concerned, this approach towards pyrano[2,3-*c*]acridin-7-one alkaloids is certainly one of the most successful. This is probably the reason why several modifications (344), improvements (345), and applications to the preparation of related natural alkaloids (346) or synthetic congeners (340, 347-353) were published subsequently.

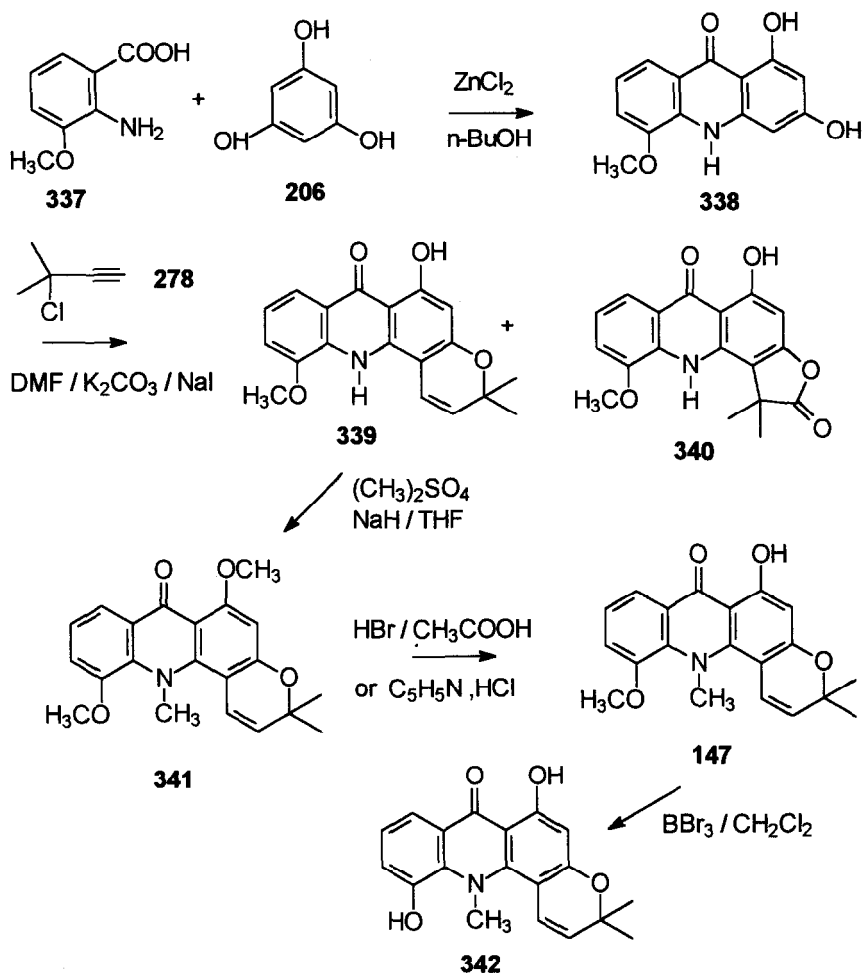


For instance, Lewis *et al.* used the same strategy for the synthesis of 11-hydroxynoracronycine (**142**) (346). Condensation of phloroglucinol (**206**) with 3-methoxyanthranilic acid (**337**) in 1-butanol in the presence of zinc chloride gave 1,3-dihydroxy-5-methoxy-9-acridone (**338**). Treatment of **338** with 3-chloro-3-methyl-1-butyne (**278**) in dimethylformamide containing potassium carbonate and sodium iodide, followed by *in situ* cyclization of the intermediate propargyl ether, gave the expected 11-methoxy-12-demethylnoracronycine (**339**), accompanied by a secondary product whose structure was established later as **340** (354). This latter compound should be considered to arise from cyclization in alkaline medium of a product of C-alkylation of **338** by 3-chloro-3-methyl-1-butyne (355). Alkylation of **339** with dimethylsulfate afforded 11-methoxyacronycine (**341**). Demethylation on treatment with hydrogen bromide or pyridine chloride gave baiyumine-A (**147**), which was further demethylated by boron tribromide in methylene chloride into 11-hydroxynoracronycine (**342**), identical with the alkaloid isolated from *Atalantia ceylanica* (346).

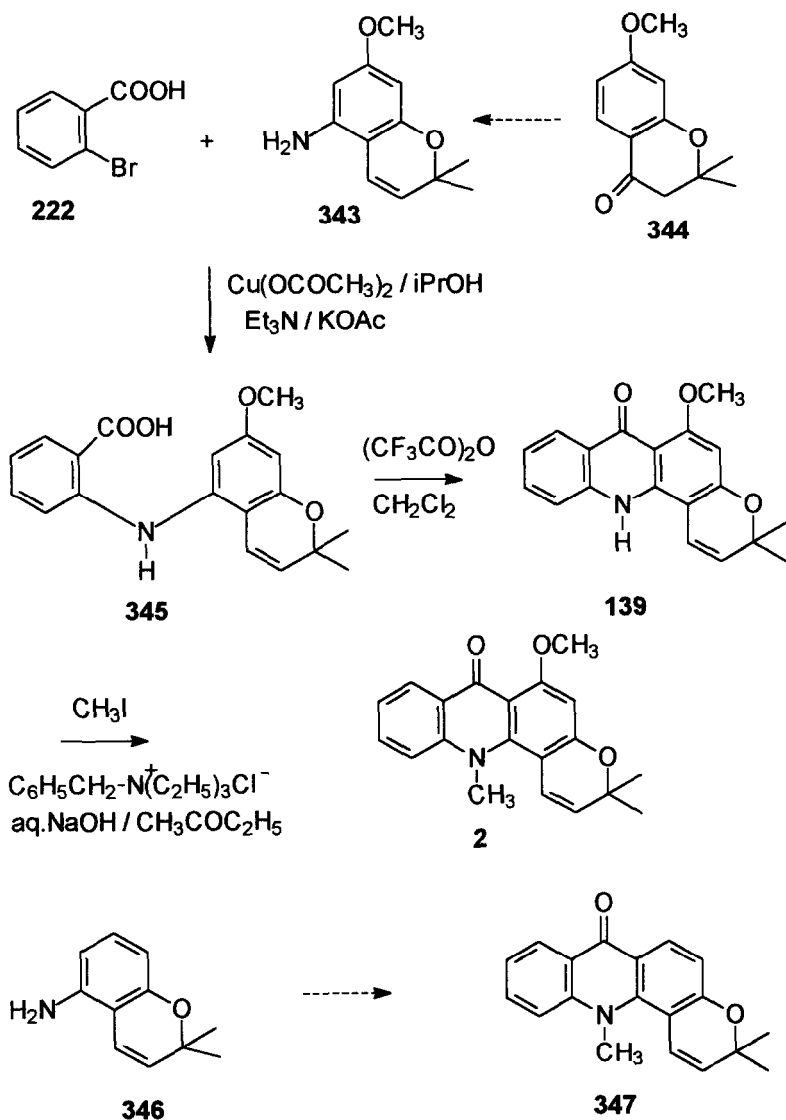
2. Syntheses Involving Construction of the Acridone Nucleus

a. Cyclization of a diarylamine intermediate. Several of the first acronycine syntheses described by Beck *et al.* were based on this strategy (285, 290). These approaches, which have been previously reviewed (43, 82), are now mainly of historical interest, since they proceed in numerous steps and poor overall yields.

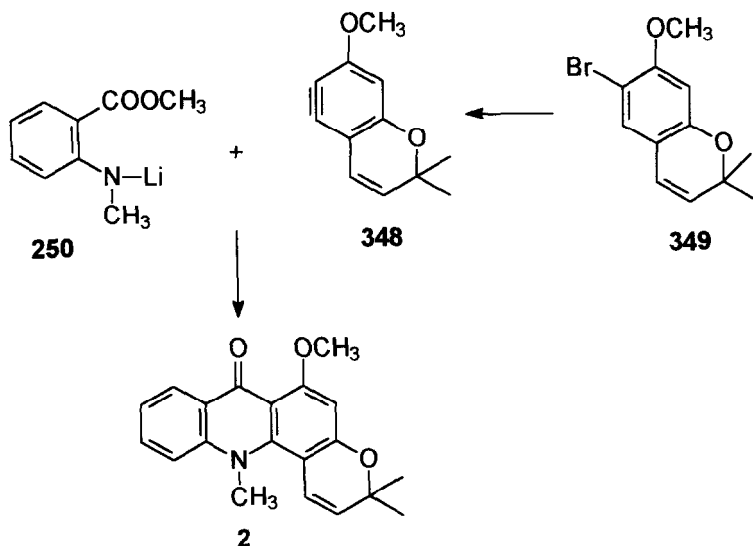
Loughhead published more recently an expeditious synthesis of acronycine based on the cyclization of a diarylamine key intermediate (356). Condensation of



methoxy-2,2-dimethyl-4-chromanone (**344**) by the method of Winterfeldt (**357**), with 2-bromobenzoic acid (**222**) under Ullmann conditions gave the corresponding carboxylic chromenylphenylamine **345**. Cyclization of **345** to 12-demethylacronycine (**139**) was efficiently induced by treatment with 5 equivalents of trifluoroacetic anhydride in dichloromethane for three days at room temperature. Final conversion to acronycine (**2**) was achieved by alkylation with methyl iodide under phase transfer conditions. This efficient preparation permitted the formation of 12-demethylacronycine (**139**) and acronycine (**2**) in approximately 40% yield from the aminochromene **343**. An essentially similar methodology, starting from 5-amino-2,2-dimethylchromene (**346**), gave a versatile access to the 6-demethoxyacronycine (**347**) series (**358**, **359**).

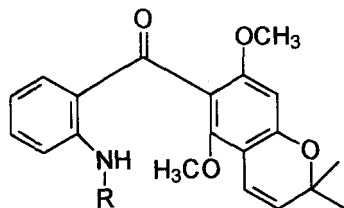


Tandem metallation synthesis of acridones was also successfully applied by Watanabe to the synthesis of acronycine (**2**) (314). Thus, the lithium salt of methyl *N*-methylantranilate (**250**) easily reacted with the benzyne **348** generated from 6-bromo-9-methoxy-2,2-dimethylchromene (**349**) (357) to afford directly acronycine (**2**) in 41% yield.

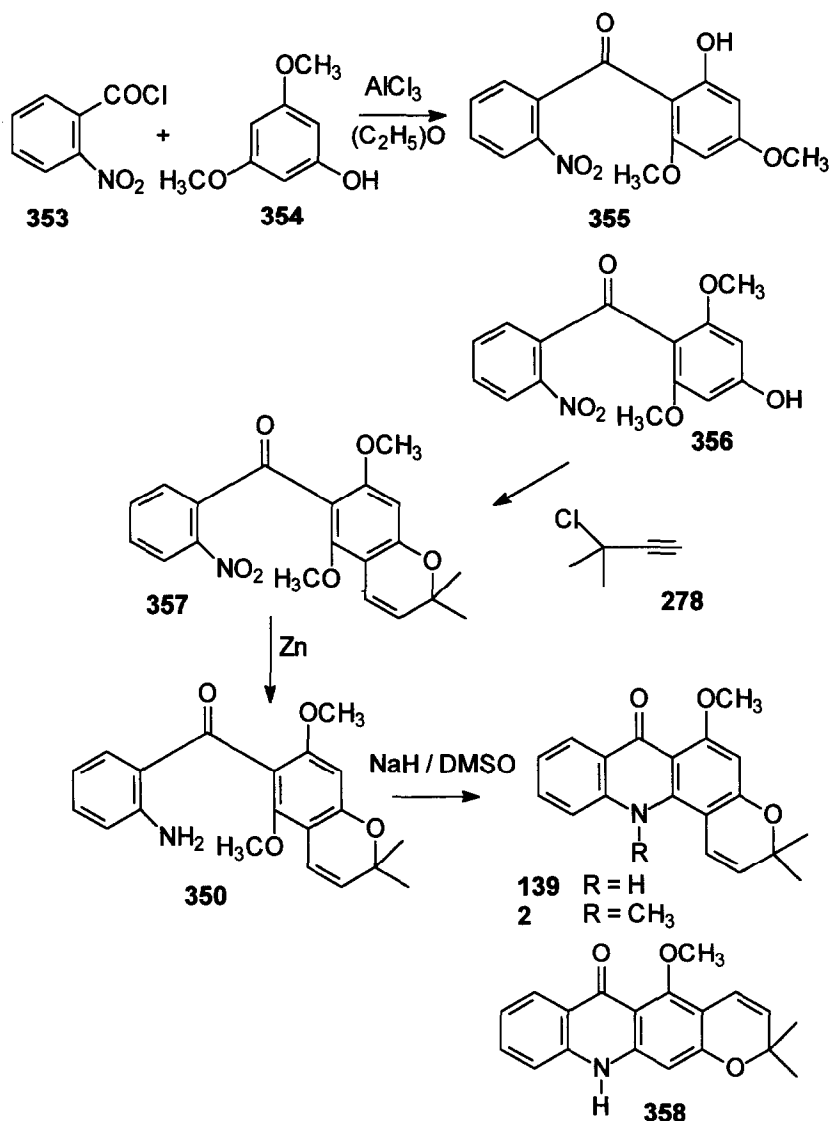


b. Cyclization of a benzophenone intermediate. The biomimetic cyclization of aminobenzophenones to acridones developed by Lewis *et al.* was applied by these authors to the synthesis of acronycine (2) and 12-demethylacronycine (139) (77, 79). The key-intermediates were benzophenones 350, 351, and 352.

In a first route, through 350, Friedel Crafts reaction between 2-nitrobenzoyl chloride (353) and 3,5-dimethoxyphenol (354) gave 4,6-dimethoxy-2-hydroxy-2'-nitrobenzophenone (355) in 15% yield, together with the required 2,6-dimethoxy-4-hydroxy-2'-nitrobenzophenone (356), produced in only 5% yield. Alkylation of 356 with 3-chloro-3-methyl-1-butyne (278), followed by Claisen rearrangement, afforded 6-(2-nitrobenzoyl)-5,7-dimethoxy-2,2-dimethylchromene (357), whose nitro group was reduced by zinc dust to give the aminobenzophenone 350. Cyclization with sodium hydride in dimethylsulfoxide furnished 12-demethoxyacronycine (139) in 27% yield, accompanied by its pyrano[3,2-*b*]acridin-7-one isomer, 12-demethylisoacronycine (358) in 39% yield.



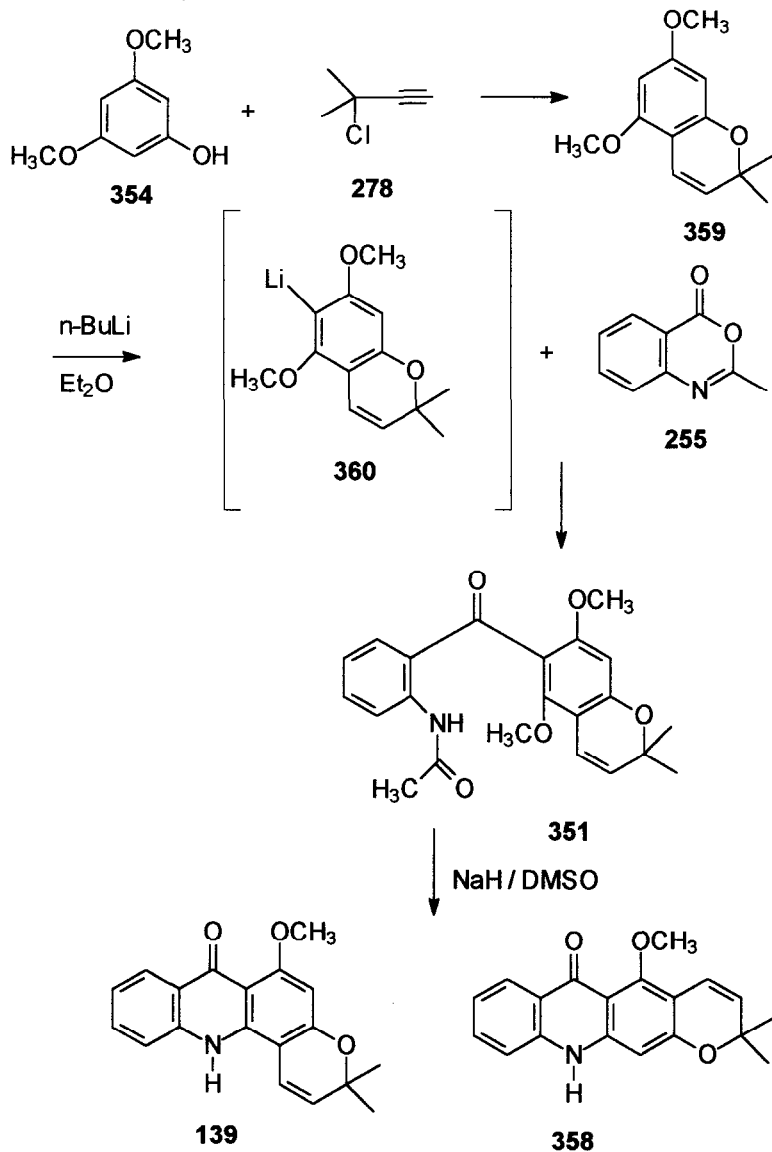
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352	R=CH ₃

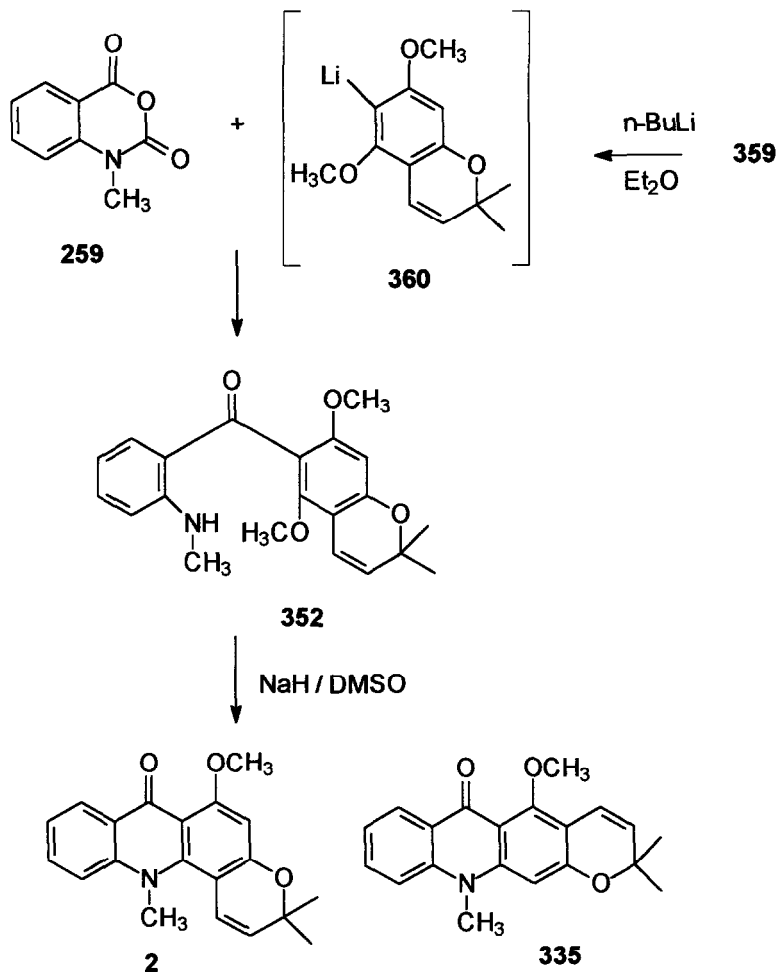


A second route involved the intermediacy of benzophenone **351**. Treatment of 3,5-dimethoxyphenol (**354**) with 3-chloro-3-methyl-1-butyne (**278**) gave 5,7-dimethoxy-2,2-dimethylchromene (**359**), which could be regioselectively lithiated at the 6-position by use of butyllithium in ether. Reaction of the lithio derivative **360** with 2-methyl-3,1-benzoxazin-4-one (**255**) smoothly afforded the required aminobenzophenone **351**. Cyclization with sodium hydride in dimethylsulfoxide occurred with simultaneous loss of the acetyl group, to give 12-

demethoxyacronycine (**139**) in 43% yield, and 12-demethyloacronycine (**358**) in 46% yield.

The third route permitted a direct access to acronycine (**2**), by cyclization of the aminobenzophenone **352**, efficiently prepared by condensing *N*-methylisatoic anhydride (**259**) with the lithiated chromene **360**. Treatment of **352** with sodium hydride in dimethylsulfoxide gave acronycine (**2**) and isoacronycine (**335**), both obtained in 38% yield.

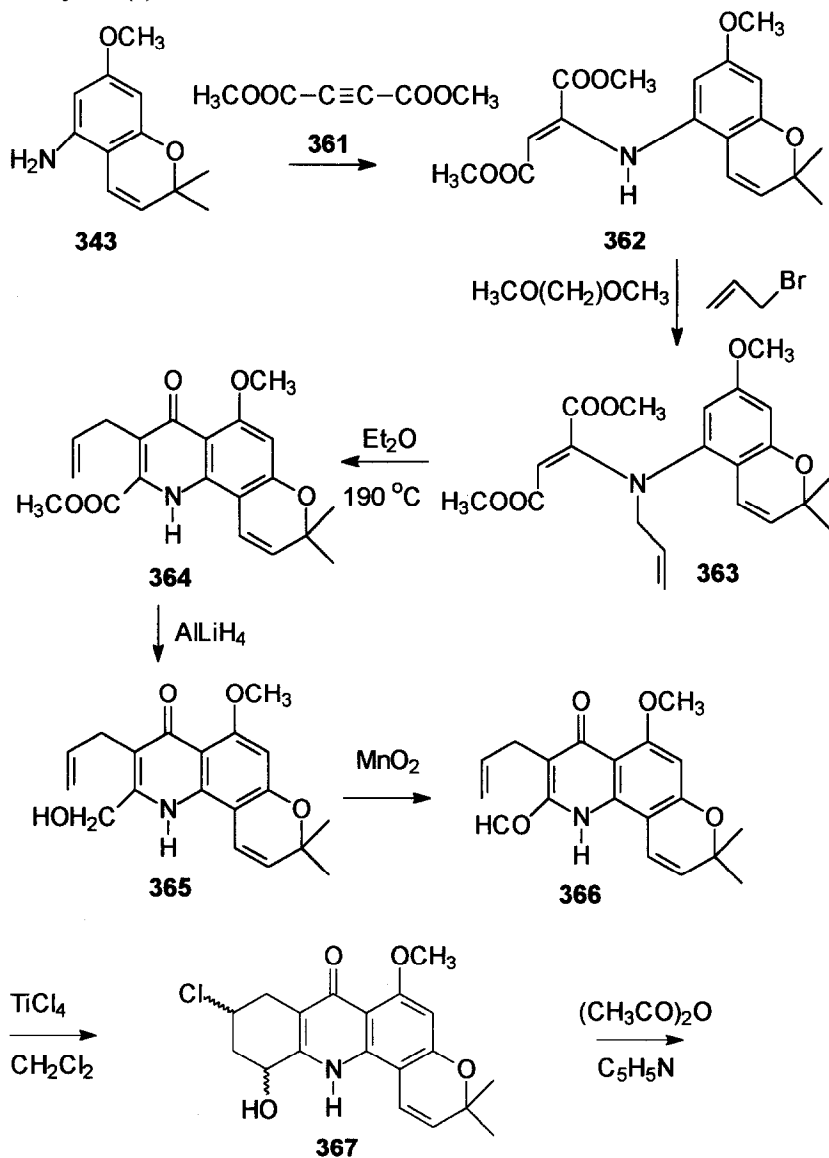


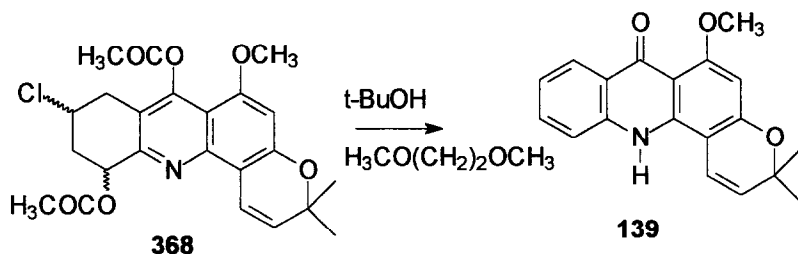


c. *Construction of the acridone from a quinoline or a quinolinone.* The strategy described by Winterfeldt *et al.* for the preparation of acronycine involves construction of the aromatic A ring of the of pyrano[2,3-*c*]acridin-7-one tetracyclic core at the final steps of the synthesis (357). Consequently, it provides an elegant entry towards derivatives substituted on the A ring (360), and was developed subsequently, with slight modifications, for the synthesis of various analogues, including the phenolic metabolites of acronycine in mammals (361).

Condensation of 5-amino-7-methoxy-2,2-dimethylchromene (343) with dimethylacetylenedicarboxylate (361) gave 362, which was converted to 363 by reaction with allyl bromide in alkaline medium. Cope rearrangement of 363 into 364, ensued by heating in ether, permitted creation of ring B of the target compound. Reduction of the carbomethoxy group of 364 by lithium aluminum

hydride gave alcohol **365**, which was oxidized to aldehyde **366** on treatment with manganese dioxide. Olefin aldehyde cyclization of **366** catalyzed by titanium tetrachloride afforded the chlorocarbinol **367** as a diastereoisomeric mixture, which was acetylated to the diacetate **368**. Finally, treatment of **368** with potassium *tert*-butoxide gave 12-demethylacronycine (**139**), which could be methylated to acronycine (**2**).

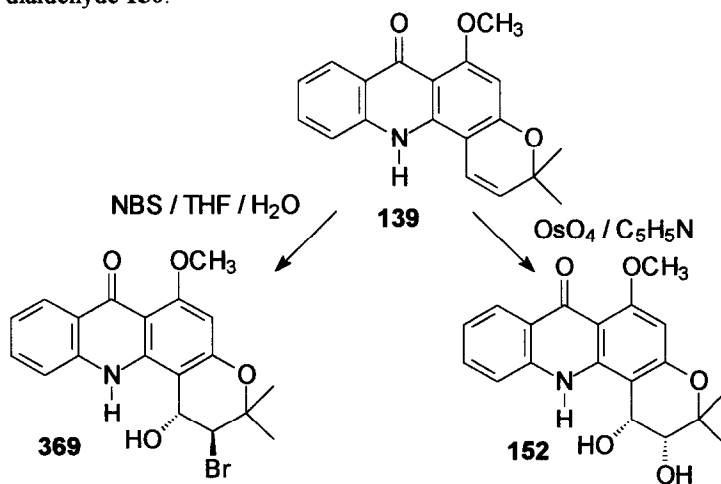


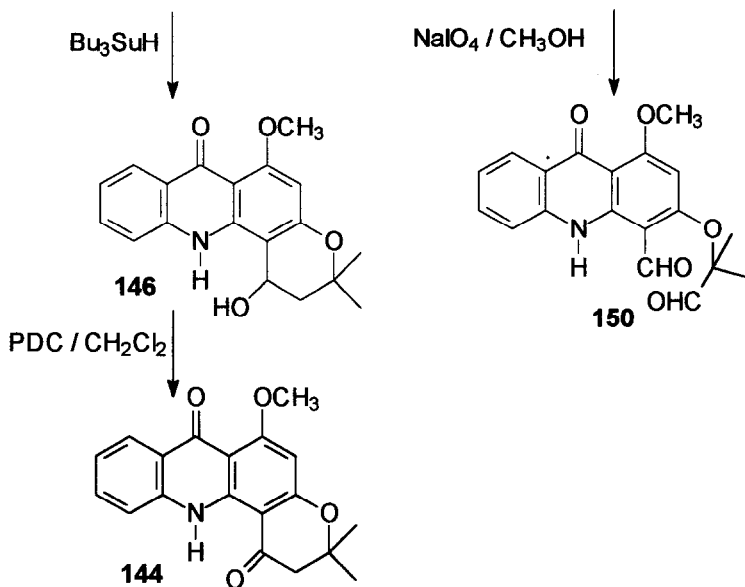


3. Oxidation Reactions of Pyranoacridones

Oxidation reactions performed on the pyran D ring of pyrano[2,3-*c*]acridin-7-one alkaloids provided an entry to several related natural products.

a. Oxidation reactions of 12-demethoxyacronycine. The structures of four alkaloids isolated from the leaves of *Sarcomelicope dogniensis*, 1,2-dihydro-1-hydroxy-12-demethylacronycine (**146**), 1,2-dihydro-1-oxo-12-demethoxyacronycine (**144**), *cis*-1,2-dihydro-1,2-dihydroxy-12-demethylacronycine (**152**), and the *seco*-alkaloid **150** were confirmed by oxidation reactions performed on 12-demethoxyacronycine (**139**) (249). Thus, hydroxybromination of **139** by *N*-bromosuccinimide in aqueous tetrahydrofuran yielded racemic *trans*-2-bromo-1,2-dihydro-1-hydroxy-12-demethylacronycine (**369**) which was smoothly debrominated into racemic 1,2-dihydro-1-hydroxy-12-demethylacronycine (**146**) by treatment with tributyltin hydride. Chromic oxidation of the benzylic alcohol **146** gave 1,2-dihydro-1-oxo-12-demethoxyacronycine (**144**). Osmium tetroxide oxidation of 12-demethylacronycine (**139**) carried out in pyridine readily afforded racemic *cis*-1,2-dihydro-1,2-dihydroxy-12-demethylacronycine (**152**). Finally, further oxidation of the *cis*-diol **152** with sodium periodate led to the D ring opened dialdehyde **150**.



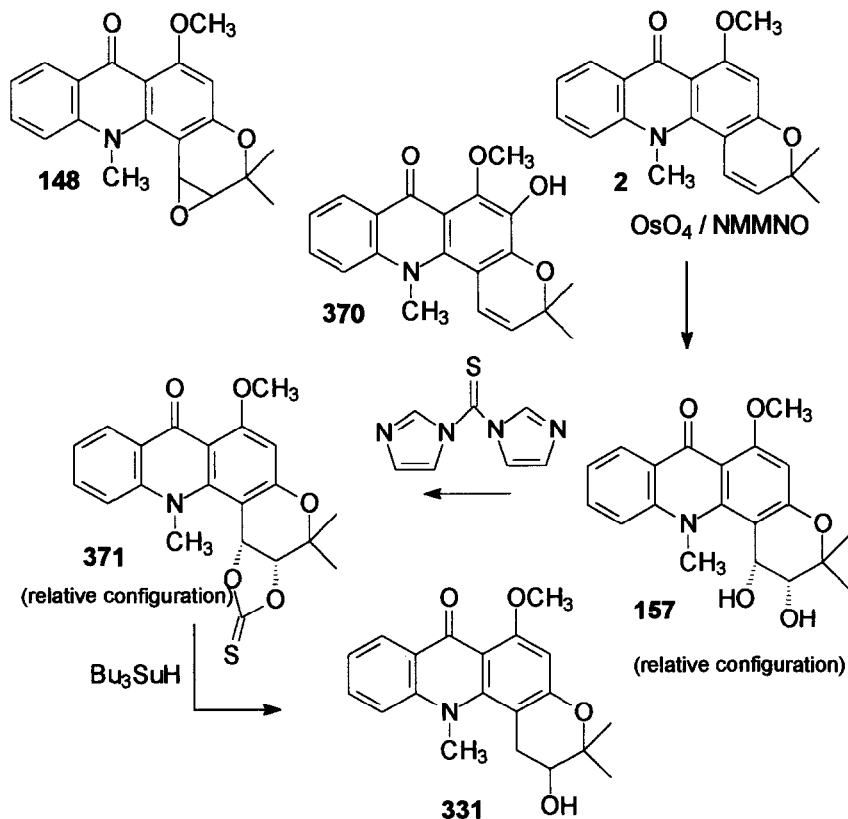


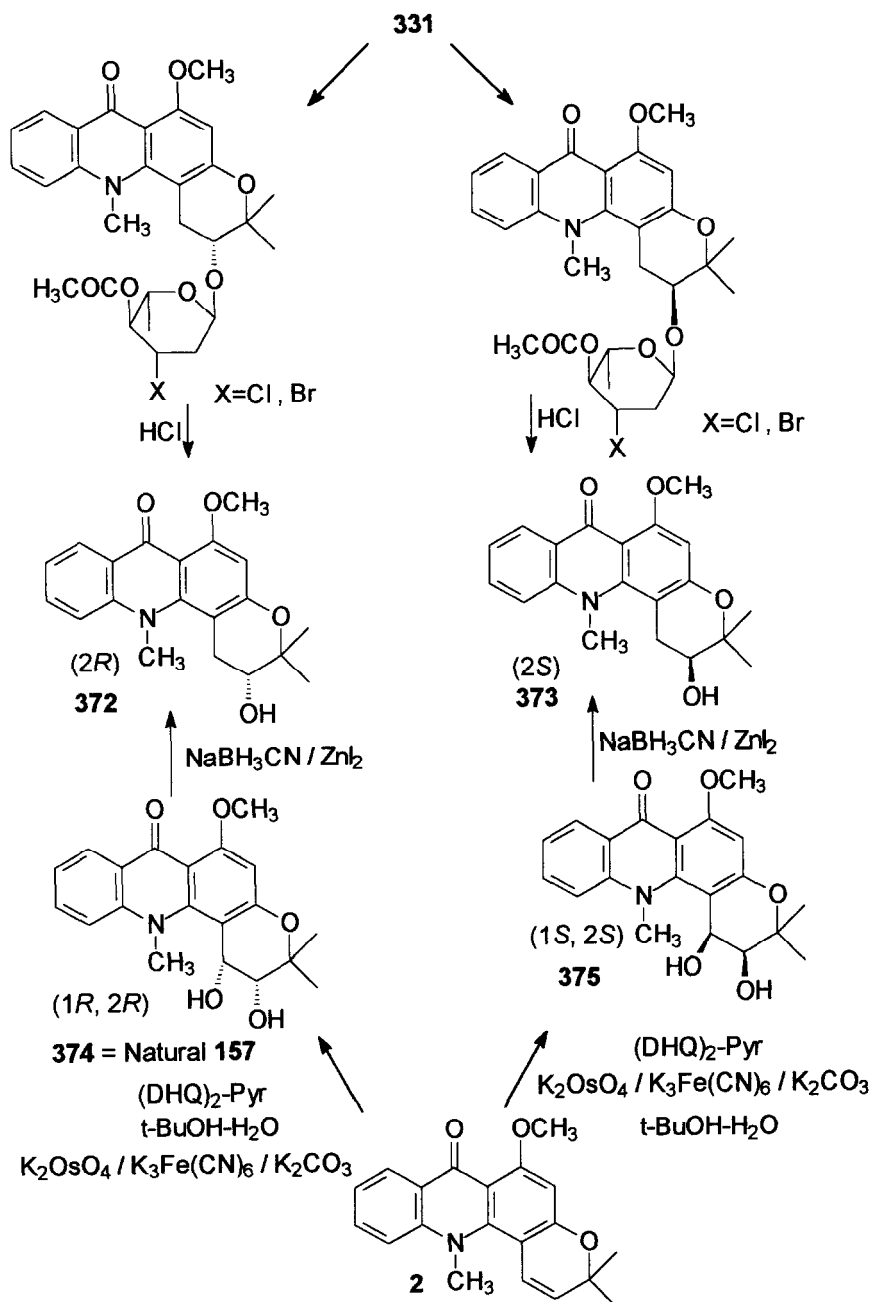
b. Oxidation reactions of acronycine. Acronycine epoxide (**148**), an unstable alkaloid isolated in minute amounts from various *Sarcomelicope* species (255), was the final target of several oxidation reactions studied in the group of Reisch (362, 363, 364). The first attempts towards the synthesis of **148**, by treatment of acronycine (**2**) with 3-chloroperbenzoic acid only resulted in hydroxylation on the aromatic C ring, leading to 5-hydroxyacronycine (**370**) (362). When acronycine (**2**) was oxidized with dimethyldioxirane, acronycine epoxide (**148**) and the diols, resulting from opening of the epoxide, were obtained as an unseparable mixture (363). Finally, when dimethyldioxirane oxidation was carried out in the presence of potassium carbonate, acronycine epoxide was isolated in 14% yield, together with 5-hydroxyacronycine (**370**) obtained in 13% yield (364).

The optically active alkaloid (-)-*cis*-1,2-dihydro-1,2-dihydroxyacronycine (**157**), isolated from *Sarcomelicope glauca* and *Sarcomelicope dogniensis*, was first synthesized as a racemate by oxidation of acronycine (**2**) with osmium tetroxide (274, 365). Better results were obtained when a catalytic amount of osmium tetroxide was used in pyridine, with *N*-methylmorpholine *N*-oxide as the re-oxidizing agent (359). Racemic diol **157** could be easily converted into the corresponding cyclic thiocarbonate by treatment with *N,N*-thiocarbonyldiimidazole. Benzylic reduction of **371** with tributyltin hydride afforded racemic 2-hydroxy-1,2-dihydroacronycine (**331**) (365). Alcohol **331** was used to prepare several glycosides (366, 367). Of particular interest were the 1,4-di-*O*-acetyl-3-chloro and 3-bromo-2,3,6-trideoxy-L-arabino-hexopyranosides, since the two diastereoisomers obtained in each series were easily separated by column chromatography. The absolute configuration at C-2 on the aglycone part of each glycoside was deduced from ^1H and ^{13}C NMR data, compared with those of related angular

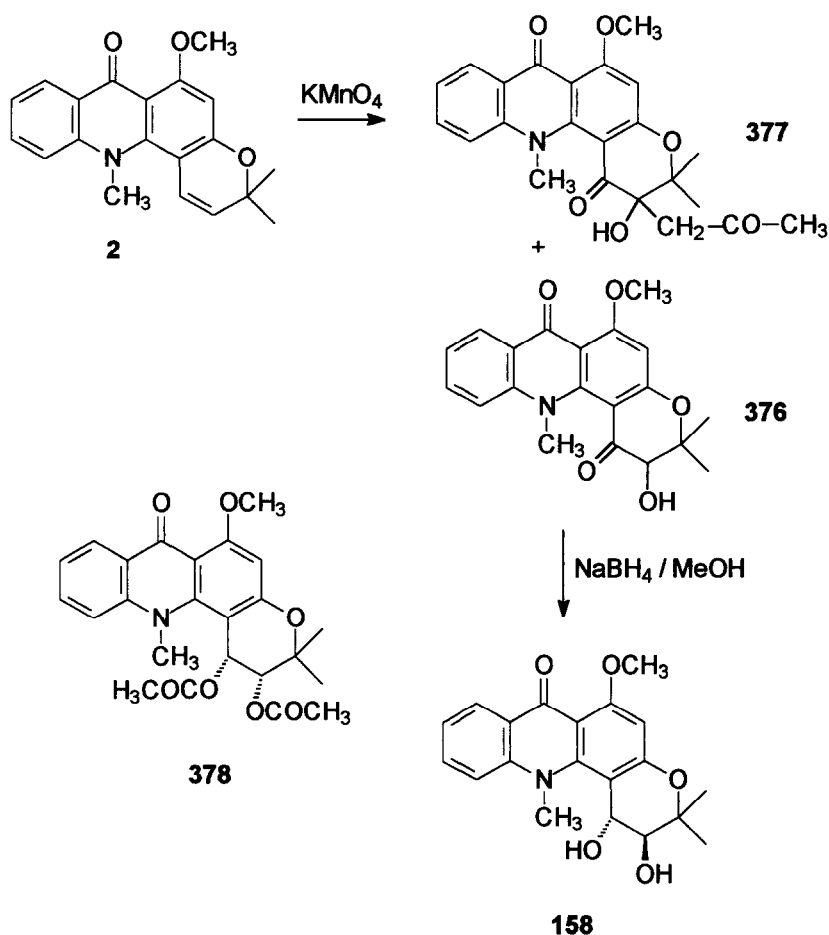
hydroxydihydropyranocoumarin hexopyranosides of known absolute configuration (368). Acidic hydrolysis of the glycosides finally gave access to (2*R*)-2-hydroxy-1,2-dihydroacronycine (372) and (2*S*)-2-hydroxy-1,2-dihydroacronycine (373) (367).

More recently, application of the Sharpless asymmetric dihydroxylation methodology (369) to acronycine (2) permitted the enantioselective preparation of (1*R*, 2*R*)-*cis*-1,2-dihydro-1,2-dihydroxyacronycine (374) and (1*S*, 2*S*)-*cis*-1,2-dihydro-1,2-dihydroxyacronycine (375), by use of diphenylpyrimidine ligands involving dihydroquinine and dihydroquinidine, respectively. Each enantiomer was purified using chiral high performance liquid chromatography and its absolute configuration was confirmed by benzylic reduction into the corresponding 2-hydroxy-1,2-dihydroacronycine, on treatment with sodium cyanoborohydride in the presence of zinc iodide. In this way, the absolute configuration of natural *cis*-1,2-dihydro-1,2-dihydroxyacronycine was determined as (1*R*, 2*R*) (274, 370).





Racemic *trans*-1,2-dihydro-1,2-dihydroxyacronycine (**158**) was first obtained in very low yield by oxidation of acronycine (**2**) with chromium trioxide in acetic acid followed by alkaline hydrolysis of the intermediate *trans*-diol monoacetate (**274**). A more convenient access was recently described (**371**), based on a previous study of the oxidation of acronycine by potassium permanganate (**372**). Thus, treatment of acronycine (**2**) with potassium permanganate in aqueous acetone gave 1-oxo-2-hydroxy-1,2-dihydroacronycine (**376**) in 31% yield, accompanied by smaller amounts of *cis*-1,2-dihydro-1,2-dihydroxyacronycine (**157**) and of the acetone adduct **377**. Sodium borohydride reduction of 1-oxo-2-hydroxy-1,2-dihydroacronycine (**376**) in methanol afforded the desired *trans*-1,2-dihydro-1,2-dihydroxyacronycine (**158**) as a racemate in 50% yield (**371**).



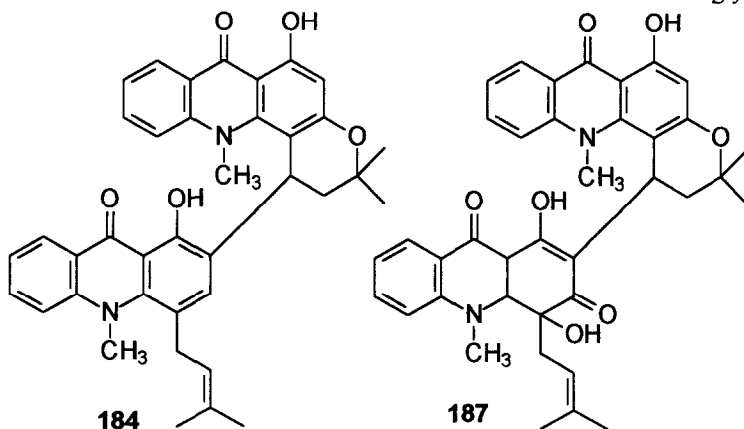
The high chemical unstability of acronycine epoxide led to the speculation that it may be the biologically active metabolite of acronycine *in vivo*, able to alkylate nucleophilic targets within the cell (255). Nevertheless, its fast reaction with water, to give the corresponding *cis* and *trans* diols, precludes its possible use in therapeutics (359). Therefore, in a search for candidates possessing the same type of benzylic reactivity as acronycine epoxide towards nucleophilic targets, but a better chemical stability, a series of *cis*- and *trans*-1,2-dihydroxy-1,2-dihydroacronycine esters was prepared (359, 371). These compounds, exemplified by *cis*-1,2-diacetoxy-1,2-dihydroacronycine (378) exhibit promising antitumor properties, with a broadened spectrum of activity and an increased potency when compared to acronycine itself both *in vivo* and *in vitro* (359).

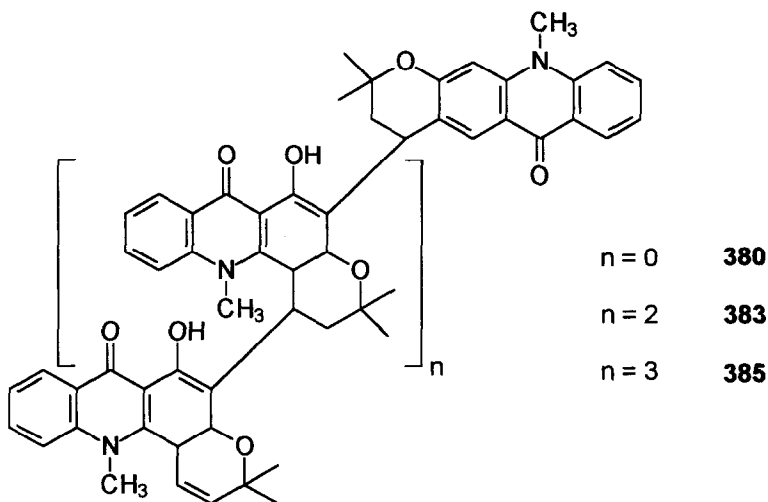
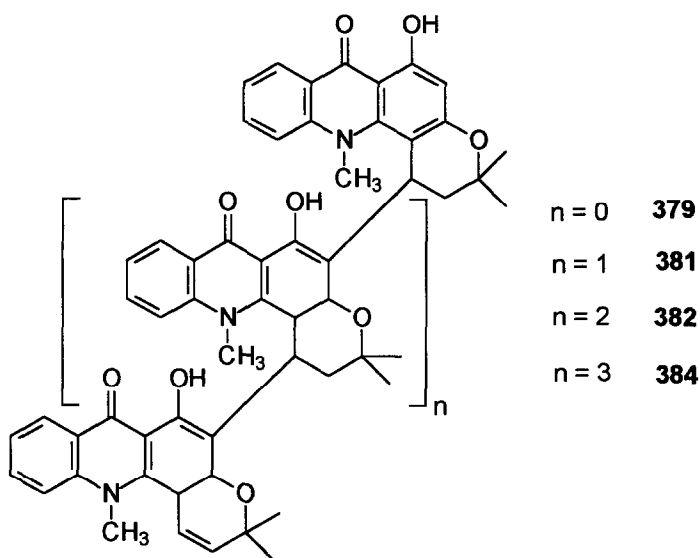
E. DIMERIC ACRIDONE ALKALOIDS AND RELATED COMPOUNDS

1. Polymerization Reactions of Pyranoacridones and Oxidation of C-Prenylacridones

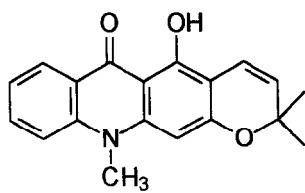
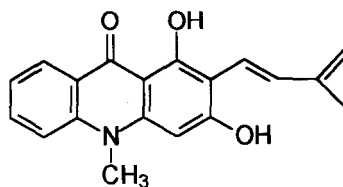
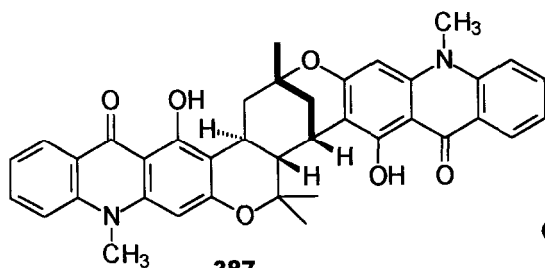
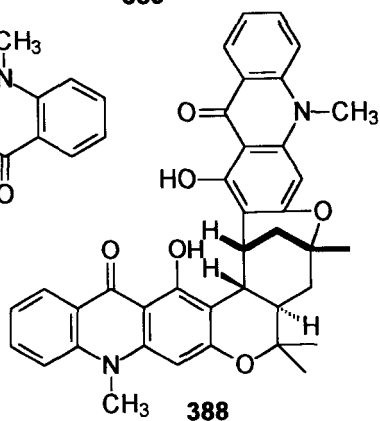
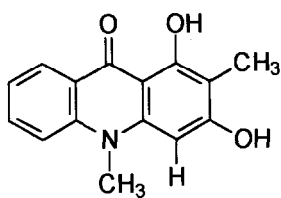
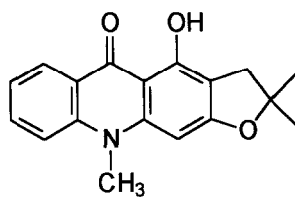
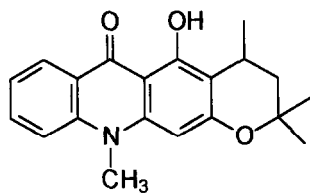
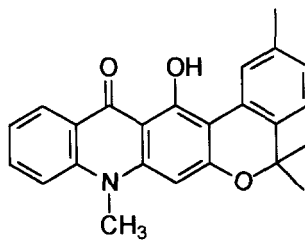
None of the naturally occurring dimeric acridone alkaloids containing a carbon-carbon linkage have been synthesized to date. Nevertheless, glycobismine-A (184), and the diastereoisomeric glycobismine-B and C, both represented by structure 187, should be considered to arise most probably by acid-catalyzed condensation between the two corresponding monomeric acridone units.

In good agreement with this hypothesis, an interesting series of polymerization and rearrangement reactions was performed in acidic medium on acronycine (2) and noracronycine (138) by Cordell *et al.* (373-383). Thus, by heating noracronycine with methanolic hydrochloric acid, eight major oligomers, named AB-1, AB-2, AB-3, AB-4, AB-5A, AB-5B, AB-6A, and AB-6B were obtained. The structures were established as dimeric for AB-1 (379) and AB-2 (380), trimeric for AB-3 (381), tetrameric for AB-4 (382) and AB-5B (383), and pentameric for AB-5A (384), AB-6A (385), and AB-6B (386). It should be emphasized that the mode of linkage between the benzylic pyran position of a unit and the C-5 position of the following one is exactly the same as that encountered in natural glycobismine.



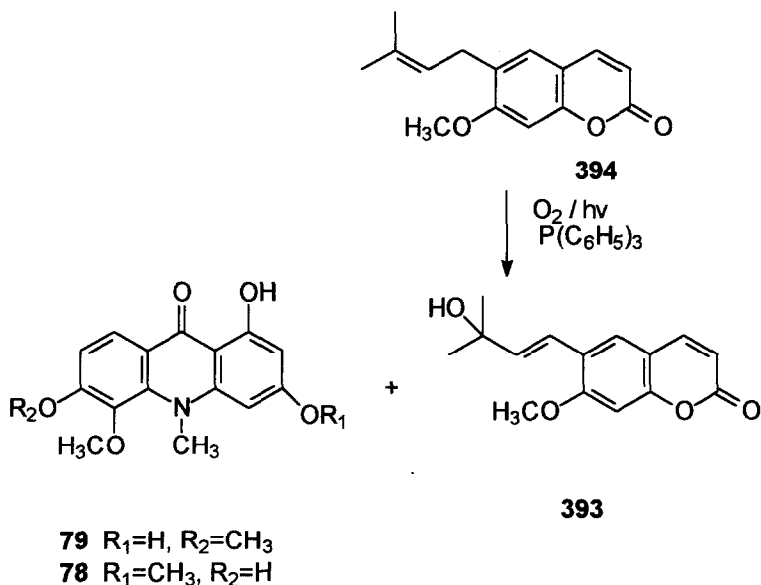


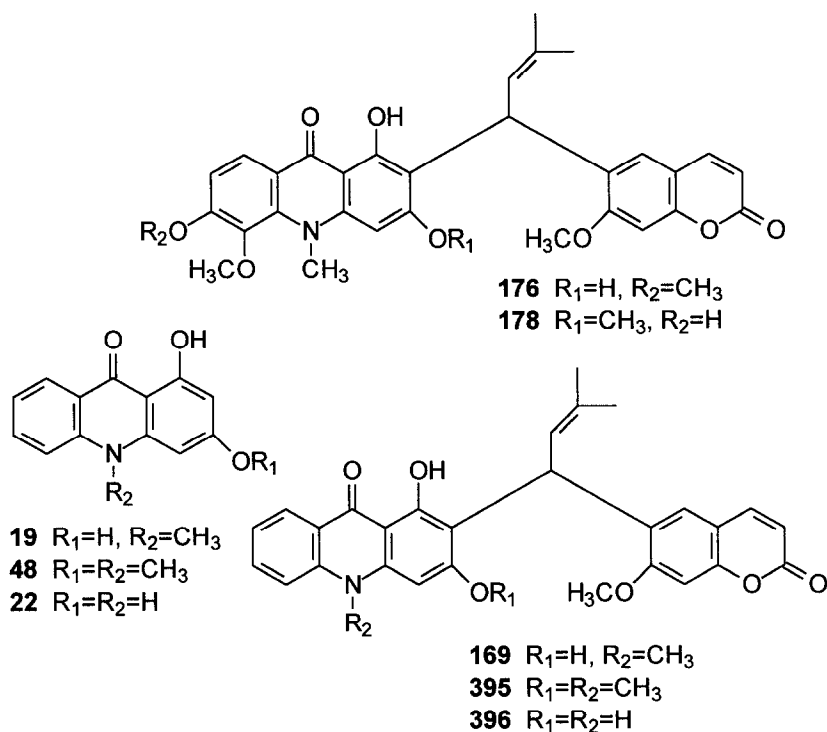
Subsequently, some of these oligomers (e.g. **379**, **380**, and **381**) were also isolated as thermal rearrangement products when noracronycine was heated at 180°C. At 210°C however, a completely different array of products was obtained. Indeed, the two diastereoisomeric Diels-Alder adducts **387** and **388**, formed from norisoacronycine (**397**) and the putative diene **389** were isolated from the reaction mixture (**384**). Moreover, some new acronycine derivatives, **390**, **391**, **392** and **397** were recently obtained by heating the HCl salt of acronycine at 250°C for 2.5 hours (**385**).

**397****389****387****388****397****390****391****392**

1. Synthesis of Acridone-Coumarin Dimers

The acridone-coumarin dimers acrimarine-A (**176**) and -F (**178**) were synthesized by Furukawa *et al.* from the corresponding monomeric units, the acridones grandisine-II (**79**) and citpressin-I (**78**) on one hand, and the prenylcoumarin suberenol (**393**) on the other hand (262). Suberenol (**393**) was first synthesized from the readily available prenylcoumarin suberosin (**394**), through haematoporphyrin-sensitized photo-oxidation, followed by treatment with triphenylphosphine. Condensation of suberenol (**393**) and grandisine-II (**79**) to acrimarine-A (**176**) was successfully achieved in ethanolic solution, in the presence of perfluorinated resin Nafion[®] H, acting as a superacid catalyst (262). The same reaction applied to suberenol (**393**) and citpressin-I (**78**) gave acrimarine-F (**178**) (262). Application of this method to simple acridones, including 1,3-dihydroxy-10-methylacridone (**19**), 1-hydroxy-3-methoxy-10-methylacridone (**48**), and 1,3-dihydroxyacridone (**22**) permitted Reisch *et al.* to obtain synthetic acrimarins **169**, **395** and **396** (292). It is interesting to note that one of them, **169**, was subsequently isolated from *Citrus funadoko* and named acrimarine M (261).





VI. Biological Properties of Natural Acridone Alkaloids

Acridone alkaloids are known to have various interesting biological activities. Renowned is the antitumor activity of acronycine (**2**), which has been covered by Svoboda *et al.* and Cordell *et al.* in two reviews included in this series (38, 40), and by Tillequin *et al.* in two recent review articles (43, 44). The latter also cover the chemistry, cytotoxicity and antitumor activity of some new, recently synthesized acronycine derivatives. Most interesting are the *cis*- and *trans*-1,2-dihydroxy-1,2-dihydroacronycine diesters, which exhibit promising antitumor properties, with a broad spectrum and increased potency when compared with acronycine on several tumor strains *in vitro* and *in vivo* (359, 371). *Cis*-1,2-diacetoxy-1,2-dihydroacronycine (**378**) appears to present particular interest in this respect, due to its high *in vivo* activity against P388 leukemia, the highly resistant solid tumor C-38, and the human HT-29 adenocarcinoma (392).

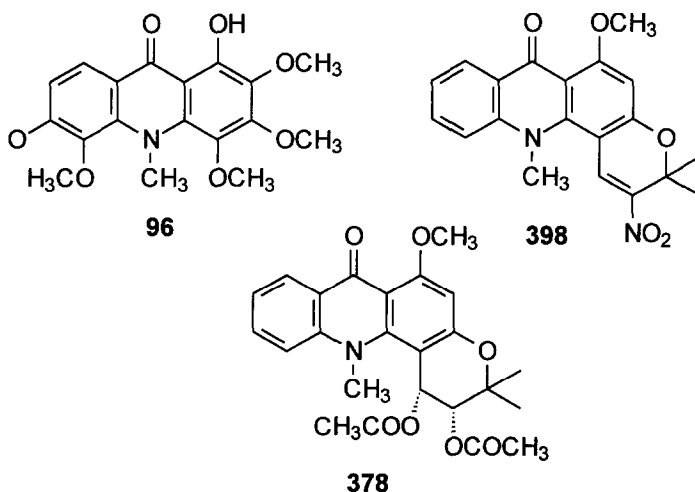
It is noteworthy that acronycine induced a partial accumulation of cells in the G₂+M phase (393), whereas the new hemisynthetic derivatives, modified in ring D, induced a marked accumulation of cells in the S phase. This fact could suggest several differences in their mechanism of action at molecular level.

The cytotoxic activity of various natural and hemisynthetic acridones has been the subject of many studies, which have well determined their antiproliferative

activity on i) several leukemia cell lines such as HL-60, L-1210, T-cell leukemia, and the human promyelotic leukemia cell line (359-396) ii) cell lines derived from solid tumors, such as human lung carcinoma, melanoma, gastric cancer, breast cancer and lymph-node metastasis (396, 397). As far as structure activity relationships are concerned, it is clear that in the pyranoacridone series the presence of a hydroxyl group at C-6 results in a decrease of cytotoxic activity; opposingly, the presence of a methoxy group at C-6, an hydroxy or methoxy group at C-11 and the replacement of NCH₃ by an NH group are followed by an increase of cytotoxicity. In the simple acridone series, the presence of hydroxy or methoxy groups in positions C-1,2,3,4,5,6 seem to produce an increased antiproliferative effect. These compounds, exemplified by glyfoline (96), showed a 2- to 25-fold increase of their *in vitro* potency, as compared to acronycine (309, 395). The chemistry and pharmacology of these substituted simple acridone alkaloids have been recently covered by Su *et al.* (41). However, it is worth pointing out that all the natural and synthetic acridone derivatives, even the highly antitumor 1,2-dihydroxy-1,2-dihydroacronycine diesters, showed weak *in vitro* potency, not exceeding an IC₅₀ of 0.5 M, when compared with other antitumor agents. The only exception is 2-nitroacronycine (398) obtained by treatment of acronycine with nitric acid. This compound was strongly cytotoxic with an IC₅₀ of 0.09 M (300-fold more potent than acronycine) in inhibiting the proliferation of L1210 cells (398) and other solid tumors (399), but it was completely devoid of antitumor activity against P388 leukemia and C38 colon adenocarcinoma (398).

Recent investigations have documented that several 1,3-dihydroxyacridone derivatives present a moderate *in vitro* cytotoxic activity on the multidrug resistant KB cell line, through a topoisomerase II - mediated mechanism (400).

Apart from their anticancer activity, acridone alkaloids have been shown to possess interesting pharmacological activities against protozoa, such as *Plasmodia* and *Pneumocystis carinii*. In regard to anti-malarial activity, 150 natural and synthetic acridone alkaloids have been tested for their activity *in vitro* and *in vivo*



(401-403). Acronycine and some analogs such as 2-nitroacronycine showed interesting activity against chloroquine resistant W2 clones of *Plasmodium falciparum* (402). Among the other natural acridones the more interesting was atalaphyllinine (162) which was evaluated *in vivo* in mice infected with 107 erythrocytes parasitized with *Plasmodium berdhei* or *P. vinckei* (IP administration in a daily dose of 50 mg/Kg for 3 days). Following this treatment, the development of malaria parasites was completely suppressed without observation of acute toxic effects (403). Moreover atalaphyllinine and glycobismine (184) showed significant activity against *Pneumocystis carinii* *in vitro* (404).

Natural acridone alkaloids have also attracted attention for their antimolluscicidal (210), antiviral (405), inhibition of Epstein-Barr virus activation (406), antispasmodic (407), and antiplatelet aggregation (408) activities.

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