

# 海洋生物由来含硫アルカロイドImbricatineの合成研究

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## Synthetic Studies on Imbricatine, a Sulfur-containing Benzyltetrahydroisoquinoline Alkaloid from the Starfish *Dermasterias imbricata*.

Research Project

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### Research Abstract

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With a view to confirming the structure and absolute configuration of imbricatine (1), a benzyltetrahydroisoquinoline alkaloid, isolated from the starfish *Dermasterias imbricata*, we have undertaken the chiral synthesis of the candidate structure 1.

1. Lithiation of N,N-diethyl-3,5-dimethoxybenzamide followed by successive treatment with elemental sulfur and 4-methoxybenzyl chloride provided the sulfide, which was then converted to the chloride 2 via reduction with LiAlH<sub>4</sub> and chlorination with ClCO<sub>2</sub>Et. On application of asymmetric synthesis of alpha-amino acid developed by Schollkopf, 2 afforded the sulfur-containing D-phenylalanine derivative 3 in good yield.

2. Schotten-Baumann reaction of 3 with 4-methoxyphenylacetyl chloride furnished the amide, which was subjected to Bischler-Napieralski cyclization with trimethylsilyl polyphosphate followed by reduction with NaBH<sub>4</sub> at -78°C, giving the 1,3-cis-benzyltetrahydroisoquinoline derivative 4.

3. In order to avoid epimerization of 4 at the 3-position, the ester group of 4 was reduced with LiAlH<sub>4</sub> to give the amino alcohol 5. After conversion of 5 into the oxazolone 6, deprotection of 4-methoxybenzyl group of 6 was performed with (CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Hg followed by NaBH<sub>4</sub> treatment, providing the southern hemisphere of 1 as the thiol 7.

4. Application of our general synthetic route for 5-arylthio-3-methyl-L-histidines to 7 led to the construction of 3-methyl-L-histidine portion (the northern hemisphere of 1). The histidine derivative 8 was then transformed to the ester 9 via hydrolysis of the oxazole ring of 8, protection of two amino groups, Swern oxidation, and alkaline iodine oxidation in MeOH. Thus, we have achieved the synthesis of the penultimate ester 9 possessing the parent framework of 1.

Deprotection of 9 leading to 1 is currently under way.

## Research Products (4 results)

All Other

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