

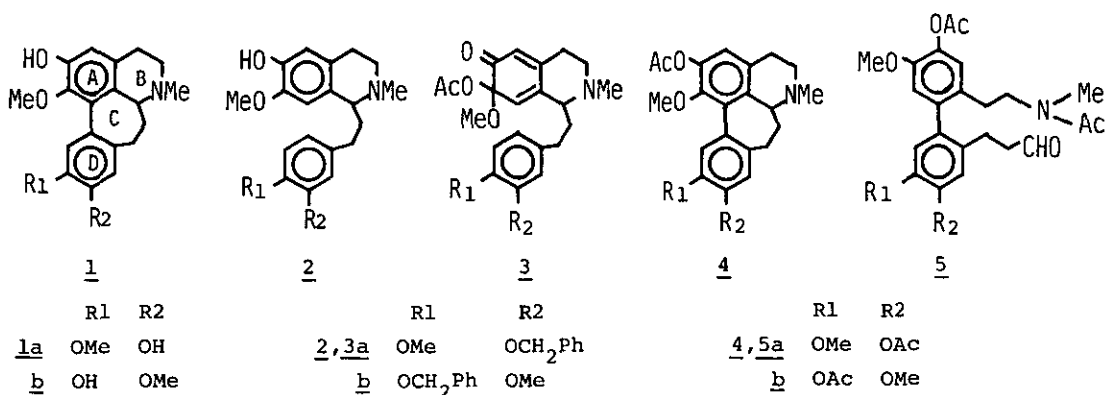
A SYNTHESIS OF (±)-2-HYDROXYHOMOAPORPHINES  
 BEARING A HYDROXYL GROUP ON THE D-RING

 Osamu Hoshino, Hideto Ogose, Masaaki Inoue,  
 and Bunsuke Umezawa

 Faculty of Pharm. Sciences, Science Univ. of Tokyo, Shinjuku-  
 ku, Tokyo, 162, Japan

Previously we have found that  $Pb(OAc)_4$  (LTA) oxidation of 1-phenethyl-6-tetrahydroisoquinolinols in  $CH_2Cl_2$  gives o-quinol acetates(o-QAs), treatment of which with  $Ac_2O-c.H_2SO_4$  leads to 2-acetoxihomoaporphines<sup>1)</sup> together with biphenyl compounds. Now we wish to report a synthesis of (±)-2-hydroxyhomoaporphines(1) bearing a hydroxyl group on the D-ring by use of the method.

o-QA(3a) prepared by LTA oxidation of 2a was treated with  $Ac_2O-c.H_2SO_4$  in  $CH_3CN$  to give 2,10-diacetoxihomoaporphine(4a) (oil, 61.5%) [NMR  $\delta$ :6.84(1H, s, 3-H), 6.92(1H, s, 9-H), 7.10(1H, s, 12-H); MS:  $m/z$  425( $M^+$ )] accompanied with a biphenyl product (5a) (oil, 6 %) [MS:  $m/z$  485( $M^+$ )]. Hydrolysis of 4a with 10% HCl in boiling MeOH gave (±)-2,10-dihydroxyhomoaporphine (1a) (mp 189.5-193°, 77.3 %) [NMR  $\delta$ :6.58(1H, s, 3-H), 6.66(1H, s, 9-H), 6.90(1H, s, 12-H)]. Similarly, 3b gave 1b (mp 134.5-137°) [NMR  $\delta$ :6.40(1H, s, 3-H), 6.55(1H, s, 9-H), 7.13(1H, s, 12-H)] via 4b (oil) [NMR  $\delta$ :6.80(1H, s, 9-H), 6.84(1H, s, 3-H), 7.20(1H, s, 12-H); MS  $m/z$  425( $M^+$ )] in 54 % overall yield. Synthesis of the related compounds will be also discussed.



## REFERENCE

- 1) O.Hoshino, H.Ogose, and B.Umezawa, 4th International Conference on Organic Synthesis, Tokyo, Aug. 22-27, 1982.