

Directed Biosynthesis of Fluorinated Pseurotin A, Synerazol and Gliotoxin

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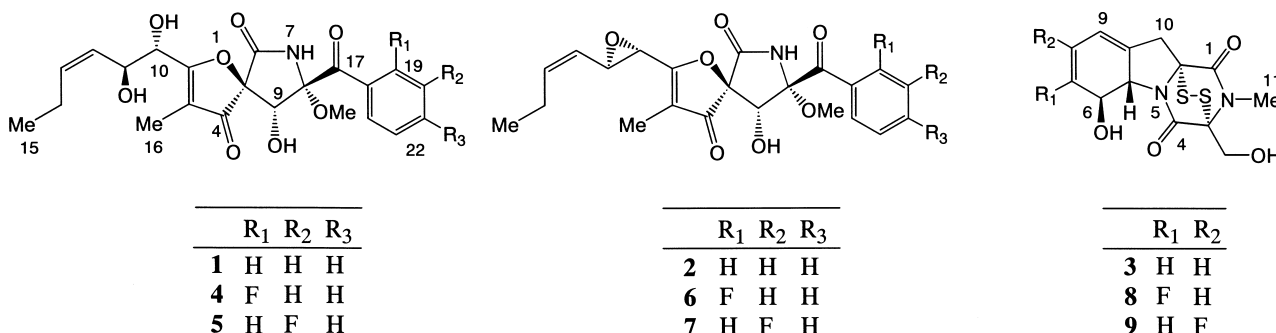
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Aspergillus fumigatus TP-F0196 produces pseurotin A, synerazol and gliotoxin. Phenylalanine is a common biosynthetic precursor of these antibiotics. Feeding fluorophenylalanine to the culture induced the production of novel fluorinated analogs. These fluorinated antibiotics were obtained from the culture broth by solvent extraction and purified by chromatographies, and their antimicrobial and antitumor activities were investigated. Among the novel fluorinated analogs, 19- and 20-fluorosynerazols exhibited potent anti-angiogenic activity in the chorioallantoic membrane assay. In addition, 19-fluorosynerazol showed more potent cytotoxic activity against several cancer cell lines than synerazol.

Aspergillus fumigatus TP-F0196, isolated from a seawater sample by our group, produces pseurotin A (**1**), synerazol (**2**) and gliotoxin (**3**) (Fig. 1). Pseurotin A was first isolated as a metabolite of *Pseudeurotium ovalis*¹⁾ and was later rediscovered as a chitin synthase inhibitor²⁾ or a neuritogenic substance³⁾. Synerazol is an antifungal antibiotic from *A. fumigatus* and has an epoxy moiety

instead of the diol group in pseurotin A⁴⁾. Gliotoxin was originally isolated from a fungus *Trichoderma viride*, and various biological activities including antiviral and antifungal activities and inhibition of farnesyltransferase have been reported⁵⁾. Biosynthetic studies using stable isotopes revealed that pseurotin A is biosynthesized from one methylmalonate, four malonates, one phenylalanine

Fig. 1. Structures of pseurotin A (**1**), synerazol (**2**), gliotoxin (**3**) and their fluorinated analogs.



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and two methionines⁶). The carbon skeleton of synerazol is identical to pseurotin A and hence, although there is no experimental confirmation, synerazol is presumably biosynthesized from the same precursors. Gliotoxin is a derivative of diketopiperazine biosynthesized from one molecule of phenylalanine and serine⁷).

Replacement of hydrogen atoms by fluorine atoms in appropriate compounds can lead to drastic changes in the pharmacological and biological properties while the structural dimensions of these compounds remain largely unchanged. It also causes an increase in hydrophobicity owing to the low polarizability of the fluorine atoms. In the biosynthesis of secondary metabolites fluorinated precursor analogs are often recognized as the original substrate. Numerous publications on the preparation of fluorinated metabolites by feeding the microorganisms with fluorinated precursors have been reported⁸⁻¹⁴). Introduction of fluorine atom can improve the pharmacokinetics, stability or affinity to the target protein by altering the physico-chemical properties^{9,14}). Additionally, fluorine-containing compounds include pharmaceutically important agents such as 5-fluorouracil, fluconazole, synthetic HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors and steroid analogs. In this paper, we report the directed biosynthesis and biological properties of fluorinated analogs of pseurotin A, synerazol and gliotoxin.

Results and Discussion

Production of Fluoroantibiotics by Directed Biosynthesis

Production of fluoroantibiotics was carried out in an A-3M medium. Racemic fluoro-substituted phenylalanine was added at day 2 of the fermentation to yield a final concentration of 0.5 mg/ml, and the production was monitored at days 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 by HPLC. When the fed precursor was incorporated into the antibiotics, new

metabolites showing the UV spectra similar to pseurotin A, synerazol or gliotoxin were detected with retention times different from the parent compounds. In most cases, the production reached a maximum at day 5 or 6. Even at higher concentrations of the fluoroprecursor, the production of fluoroantibiotics did not increase. When the production was low or the retention time of the new metabolite was close to that of the parent compound, the crude extract was roughly separated into fractions by silica gel column chromatography and the fractions were analyzed by HPLC. The new metabolites were purified by silica gel column chromatography and preparative HPLC and their structures were analyzed using NMR and MS techniques.

The production of fluoroanalogs is summarized in Table 1. 2-Fluorophenylalanine was incorporated into pseurotin A and synerazol with isolation yields comparable to that of the control. 3-Fluorophenylalanine was incorporated into all three antibiotics. In contrast, 4-fluorophenylalanine was incorporated into gliotoxin, but not into pseurotin A and synerazol. In the biosynthesis of gliotoxin, epoxidation of the benzene ring is supposed to take place prior to the bond formation between 5-nitrogen and 5a-carbon. It is noteworthy that the fluoro-substituent did not affect the reactivity of a monooxygenase to the aromatic ring. The stereochemistry of the fluorinated analogs, following feeding of racemic substrates is assumed to be that of the natural parent. This assumption is supported by detection of only one diastereomer from each addition and by a comparison of the optical rotations of the analogs with that of the appropriate parent.

Biological Properties

Antimicrobial Activity of Fluorinated Analogs

Antimicrobial activity of fluorinated analogs was investigated in comparison with the non-fluorinated

Table 1. Production of fluorinated pseurotin A, synerazol and gliotoxin.

	Isolation yield (mg/L)										
	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	Pseurotin A		Synerazol		R ₁	R ₂	Gliotoxin	
Control (no addition)	H	H	H	1	9.0	2	23.0			3	9.4
2-Fluorophenylalanine	F	H	H	4	10.1 (9.8)	6	29.0 (18.2)				0 (4.6)
3-Fluorophenylalanine	H	F	H	5	8.3 (7.5)	7	8.2 (6.5)	H	F	9	4.5 (4.2)
4-Fluorophenylalanine	H	H	F		0 (3.8)		0 (5.1)	F	H	8	4.5 (6.3)

Table 2. Antimicrobial activity of fluorinated gliotoxins.

Compound	MIC ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)					
	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i> M45 (rec-)	<i>Micrococcus luteus</i> ATCC9341	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> FDA209P	<i>Escherichia coli</i> NIHJ	<i>Candida albicans</i> 3147	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> ATCC9763
Gliotoxin (3)	6.25	0.20	3.13	12.5	3.13	0.78
8	12.5	0.39	12.5	50	100	6.25
9	6.25	0.39	12.5	25	12.5	1.56

Table 3. Antimicrobial activity of fluorinated analogs of pseurotin A and synerazol.

Compound	MIC ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	
	<i>Candida albicans</i> 3147	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> ATCC9763
Pseurotin A (1)	>100	50
4	>100	50
5	>100	50
Synerazol (2)	25	12.5
6	12.5	12.5
7	100	25

Table 4. Cytocidal activity of synerazol and its fluoro derivatives (**6** and **7**).

Cancer cell lines	IC ₅₀ (μM)		
	Synerazol	6	7
HBC-4	15	1.8	60
HBC-5	2.6	0.20	32
SNB-75	4.2	0.25	30
HCT-15	6.5	1.3	55
NCI-H226	0.44	0.22	2.1
NCI-H460	0.91	2.9	38
OVCAR-3	0.68	1.6	15
SKOV-3	31	28	86
PC-3	16	0.45	17

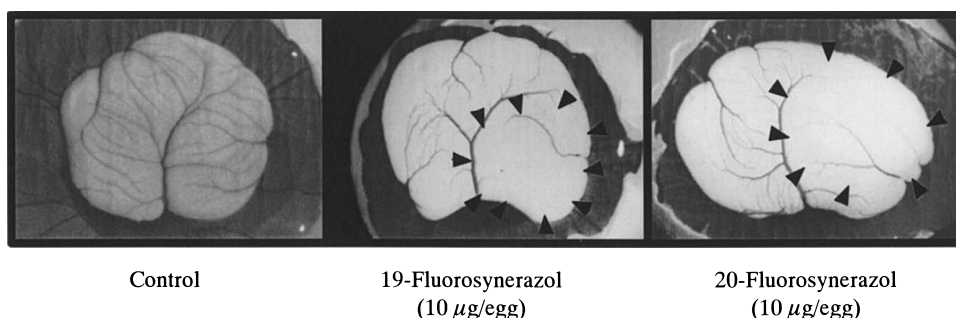
compounds (Tables 2 and 3). Antibacterial activity of 7- and 8-fluorogliotoxins (**8**, **9**) was equivalent to or less potent than gliotoxin (**3**). Especially the antifungal activity of **8** was lessened. Fluorinated pseurotin A (**4**, **5**) and synerazol (**6**, **7**) showed no activity against Gram-positive and -negative bacteria as is also the case with the nonfluorinated parent compounds. Fluoro-substitution had little effect on the antifungal activity of pseurotin A. The antifungal potency of synerazol varied depending on the substitution positions of fluorine atom, but no obvious structure-activity relationship was observed.

Cytocidal Activity of Fluorinated Analogs

The cytotoxic activity of fluorinated antibiotics was first assessed against human myeloid leukemia U937 cells. Gliotoxin and its fluoro derivatives (**8**, **9**) showed potent activity with the IC₅₀ ranging from 0.01 to 0.02 $\mu\text{g/ml}$, suggesting that the fluoro-substitution does not affect the

activity. On the other hand, fluoro-substitution in the phenyl group of synerazol induced the drastic change of cytotoxicity. The IC₅₀ of 19-fluorosynerazol (**6**) and 20-fluorosynerazol (**7**) was 0.37 and 1.25 $\mu\text{g/ml}$, respectively, whereas that of synerazol (**1**) was 0.09 $\mu\text{g/ml}$. Furthermore, the cytotoxic activity of **6** and **7** was investigated against 39 human tumor cell lines. The IC₅₀ of **1** ranged from 0.44 to 31 μM , that of **6** from 0.2 to 28 μM , and that of **7** from 2.1 to 86 μM (Selected data are shown in Table 4). Notably, the introduction of a fluorine atom at the *ortho*-position of the phenyl group enhanced the cytotoxic activity against several cancer cell lines, while the fluoro-substitution at the *meta*-position lessened the activity. This result suggests that the precursor-directed biosynthesis can provide more potent cytotoxic analogs of synerazol that are difficult to prepare

Fig. 2. Effect of 19- and 20-fluorosynerazols on angiogenesis in CAMs.



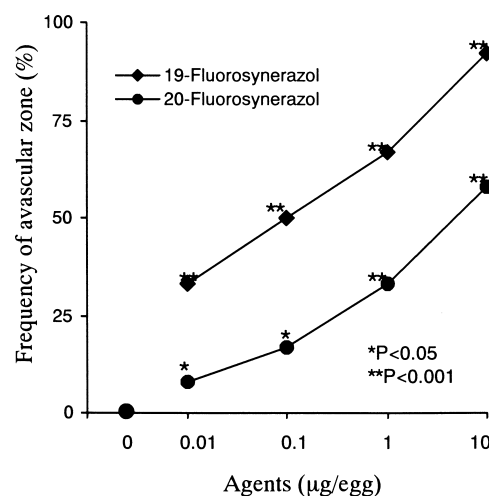
An appropriate volume of a fat emulsion was injected into the chorioallantois to show the vascular network clear. Fluorosynerazol-containing EV pellets led to the formation of a significant avascular zone (indicated by arrowheads). Control EV pellets did not show such an effect.

synthetically.

Anti-angiogenic Activity of Fluorosynerazols

Synerazol shows antifungal and cytotoxic activities but its mode of action is unknown. We tested the antitumor activity of fluorinated synerazols in several target-based assays including the inhibition of DNA topoisomerase, protein kinases and tubulin function, and found that they have anti-angiogenic activity. In the preliminary experiment, fluorosynerazols exhibited the significant inhibition of the tube formation of bovine capillary endothelial cells induced by basic fibroblast growth factor¹⁵⁾ (data not shown). 19-Fluorosynerazol (**6**) suppressed 60% of the tube growth at 0.1 μM . Then, we investigated the anti-angiogenic activity in a chorioallantoic membrane (CAM) assay system^{16,17)}. The CAMs of growing chick embryos were treated for 2 days with EV pellets containing 19- or 20-fluorosynerazol (**6**, **7**), ranging from 0.01 to 10 $\mu\text{g/egg}$. Both compounds showed significant inhibitory effect on neovascularization in a dose-dependent manner with the ID_{50} values of 0.23 and 13 nmol/egg for **6** and **7**, respectively (Figs. 2 and 3). The proteasome is related to angiogenesis and the neovascularization in the CAM assay is inhibited by the proteasome inhibitors such as eponemycin (ID_{50} 0.25 pmol/egg) and lactacystin (ID_{50} 9.6 nmol/egg)¹⁸⁾. The inhibitory effect of eponemycin and lactacystin is caused by their covalent binding to the proteasome through its epoxide¹⁹⁾ and the ester bond²⁰⁾, respectively. It is likely that fluorosynerazol exhibits the anti-angiogenic activity in a similar fashion because its epoxide is highly reactive to nucleophiles²¹⁾. Recently,

Fig. 3. Inhibitory effect of 19- and 20-fluorosynerazols on embryonic angiogenesis.



OSADA *et al.* reported the anti-angiogenic activity of azaspirene that possesses the carbon skeleton identical to pseurotin A and synerazol²²⁾. Azaspirene shows the inhibitory effect on VEGF-induced cell migration of human umbilical vein endothelial cells. This effect is presumably induced by the inhibition of VEGF-induced signal transduction.

Neovascularization is an attractive target for pharmaceutical development since it plays an important role in a variety of human pathologies. In addition to tumor growth and metastatic control, diabetic retinopathy and rheumatoid arthritis are also examples of diseases currently

being targeted using an anti-angiogenic pharmacological strategy. Synerazol derivatives comprise a new group of anti-angiogenic compounds and structure-activity relationship will provide new insight into the design of angiogenic inhibitors.

Experimental

Fermentation

The producing strain *Aspergillus fumigatus* TP-F0196 was isolated from a seawater sample collected 2,600 meters off the shore and 321 meters in depth at Namerikawa, Toyama, Japan by a membrane filter method. A loopful of a mature slant culture of strain TP-F0196 was inoculated into a 500-ml K-1 flask containing 100 ml of A-3M medium composed of glucose 0.5%, glycerol 2%, soluble starch 2%, Pharmamedia (Traders Protein) 1.5%, yeast extract 0.3% and Diaion HP-20 1%. The pH of the medium was adjusted to 7.0 before sterilization. The seed culture was incubated for 2 days at 30°C on a rotary shaker at 200 rpm. One-ml aliquot of the seed culture was inoculated into 500-ml K-1 flasks containing 100 ml of A-3M medium. After 24 hours of incubation at 30°C, a sterilized solution of fluorinated phenylalanine was added to each flask (0.05% w/v, 50 mg/flask). The fermentation was carried out for 3 days at 30°C on a rotary shaker at 200 rpm.

HPLC Analysis

A small portion of the fermentation broth was extracted with ethyl acetate and the organic layer was evaporated. The extract was dissolved in DMSO and analyzed on an Agilent HP1100 HPLC system. The column was Cosmosil 5C18-AR-II (250×4.6 mm, i.d., Nacalai Tesque), the eluent acetonitrile - 0.15% KH₂PO₄ buffer (pH 3.5) (60:40), flow rate 0.7 ml/minute, detection at 254 nm and temperature 30°C.

Isolation

A typical isolation procedure is described for 19-fluorosynerazol (**10**). The fermentation broth (5 liters) was extracted with ethyl acetate (2.5 liters) twice. The organic layers were concentrated *in vacuo* to give a crude extract (3.8 g). It was then chromatographed on a silica gel column (60×5 cm, i.d.) with *n*-hexane - ethyl acetate (10:1~1:1). Fractions containing **10** were combined and evaporated to give crude material (0.8 g). This was further purified by preparative HPLC (Cosmosil 5C18-AR-II, 250×20 mm, i.d., Nacalai Tesque) on a Shimadzu LC-10A with 50% aqueous methanol. The collected fraction was evaporated

and the remaining aqueous solution was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was evaporated to give **10** (119.8 mg) as a colorless powder.

Chemicals

2-, 3-, and 4-DL-Fluorophenylalanines were purchased from Aldrich Chemical Company.

Biological Assay

The minimum inhibitory concentrations against bacteria and yeasts were determined by the 2-fold serial dilution method against laboratory strains. Cytocidal activity against human myeloid leukemia U937 cells and 39 kinds of human cancer cell lines was determined by MTT method or sulforhodamine B after incubation for 2 days. Anti-angiogenic activity was determined by the chick embryo chorioallantoic membrane assay^{16,17}. The chorioallantoic membranes of 5-day-old chick embryos were treated with ethylene-vinyl acetate (EV) copolymer 40 pellets containing, or not containing, various doses of 19- or 20-fluorosynerazol at 37°C for 2 days in a humidified egg incubator. Then, an appropriate volume of a 20% fat emulsion was injected into the chorioallantois to show the vascular network better. When the diameter of the avascular zone was 3 mm or more, the anti-angiogenic response was taken as effective.

Instrumental Analysis

NMR experiments were performed on a JEOL JNM-LA400 NMR spectrometer in CDCl₃ (fluoropseurotins and fluorosynerazols) or DMSO-*d*₆ (fluorogliotoxins) with TMS as an internal standard. CFBBr₃ (7.4 ppm) was used as a reference for ¹⁹F chemical shifts. The chemical shifts are given in the order of the position numbering. The position numbering is fully indicated in parenthesis for 19-fluoropseurotin A (**4**), 19-fluorosynerazol (**6**) and 7-fluorogliotoxin (**8**). Interchangeable assignments are marked with asterisk (*). MS spectra were measured on a JEOL JMS-HX110A spectrometer. Optical rotations were measured on a Horiba SEPA-300 polarimeter. All of the fluorinated analogs were obtained as a colorless powder. Their UV and IR spectra were almost identical to that of the parent compounds.

19-Fluoropseurotin A (**4**)

[α]_D²⁵ +48 (*c* 2, CHCl₃); HRFAB-MS *m/z* 450.1568 [M+H]⁺ (calcd *m/z* 450.1564 for C₂₂H₂₅NO₈F); ¹³C NMR δ 185.9 (C-2), 113.5 (C-3), 196.3 (C-4), 92.4 (C-5), 166.8 (C-6), 90.0 (C-8), 73.3 (C-9), 70.5 (C-10), 70.7 (C-11), 126.5 (C-12), 137.0 (C-13), 21.4 (C-14), 14.1 (C-15), 6.0

(C-16), 194.0 (d, 2.4 Hz, C-17), 122.6 (d, 9.9 Hz, C-18), 161.3 (d, 259.2 Hz, C-19), 116.9 (d, 21.4 Hz, C-20), 135.2 (d, 9.8 Hz, C-21), 124.1 (d, 4.1 Hz, C-22), 131.3 (C-23), 51.7 (8-OMe); $^1\text{H NMR}$ δ 4.74 (s, H-9), 4.59 (d, 5.1 Hz, H-10), 4.76 (dd, 5.1 and 9.3 Hz, H-11), 5.31 (ddt, 9.3, 11.0 and 1.7 Hz, H-12), 5.61 (dt, 11.0 and 7.1 Hz, H-13), 2.09 (dddq, 1.7, 7.1, 15.2 and 7.6 Hz, H-14), 2.17 (dddq, 1.7, 7.1, 15.2 and 7.6 Hz, H-14), 0.99 (t, 7.6 Hz, H-15), 1.67 (s, H-16), 7.17 (ddd, 1.0, 7.6 and 11.0 Hz, H-20), 7.56 (ddt, 1.7, 5.1 and 7.6 Hz, H-21), 7.23 (dt, 1.0 and 7.6 Hz, H-22), 8.16 (ddd, 1.7, 7.6 and 7.6 Hz, H-23), 8.18 (s, 7-NH), 3.47 (s, 8-OMe), 4.10 (s, 9-OH); $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ δ -111.8 (C-19).

20-Fluoropseurotin A (5)

$[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25}$ +73 (*c* 2, CHCl_3); HRFAB-MS m/z 450.1554 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ (calcd m/z 450.1564 for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_8\text{F}$); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ δ 186.0, 113.2, 196.3, 92.5, 166.7, 90.5, 72.9, 70.6, 70.8, 126.4, 136.7, 21.3, 14.1, 6.0, 194.4 (d, 1.7 Hz), 134.1 (d, 6.5 Hz), 117.4 (d, 21.4 Hz), 162.5 (d, 246.9 Hz, C-20), 121.8 (d, 23.8 Hz), 130.3 (d, 7.5 Hz), 126.6 (d, 2.5 Hz), 51.7; $^1\text{H NMR}$ δ 4.69 (s), 4.59 (d, 4.4 Hz), 4.75 (dd, 4.4 and 9.0 Hz), 5.25 (ddt, 9.0, 10.8 and 1.7 Hz), 5.57 (dt, 10.8 and 7.3 Hz), 2.08 (dddq, 1.7, 7.3, 15.6 and 7.6 Hz), 2.16 (dddq, 1.7, 7.3, 15.6 and 7.6 Hz), 0.98 (t, 7.6 Hz), 1.66 (s), 8.02 (ddd, 1.5, 2.4 and 9.6 Hz, H-19), 7.34 (dddd, 1.0, 2.4, 8.0 and 8.3 Hz, H-21), 7.47 (dt, 5.6 and 8.0 Hz, H-22), 8.14 (ddd, 1.0, 1.5 and 8.0 Hz, H-23), 8.44 (s), 3.43 (s), 4.31 (s); $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ δ -111.0 (C-20).

19-Fluorosynerazol (6)

$[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25}$ -7 (*c* 10, CHCl_3); HRFAB-MS m/z 432.1476 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ (calcd m/z 432.1459 for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_7\text{F}$); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ δ 182.0 (C-2), 114.4 (C-3), 196.4 (C-4), 91.6 (C-5), 165.2 (C-6), 89.1 (C-8), 73.9 (C-9), 52.7 (C-10), 55.1 (C-11), 123.5 (C-12), 141.6 (C-13), 21.3 (C-14), 14.1 (C-15), 5.2 (C-16), 193.1 (C-17), 123.5 (C-18), 161.1 (d, 258.3 Hz, C-19), 116.9 (d, 21.0 Hz, C-20), 135.1 (d, 9.1 Hz, C-21), 124.1 (d, 2.3 Hz, C-22), 130.9 (C-23), 51.8 (8-OMe); $^1\text{H NMR}$ δ 4.69 (d, 12.0 Hz, H-9), 3.77 (d, 2.0 Hz, H-10), 4.12 (dd, 2.0 and 8.8 Hz, H-11), 5.08 (ddt, 8.8, 11.0 and 1.7 Hz, H-12), 5.87 (dt, 11.0 and 7.3 Hz, H-13), 2.25 (dddq, 1.7, 7.3, 14.9 and 7.6 Hz), 2.31 (dddq, 1.7, 7.3, 14.9 and 7.6 Hz, H-14), 1.05 (t, 7.6 Hz, H-15), 1.81 (s, H-16), 7.18 (ddd, 1.0, 8.0 and 11.2 Hz, H-20), 7.57 (dddd, 1.4, 5.1, 8.0 and 8.4 Hz, H-21), 7.24 (ddd, 1.0, 7.6 and 8.0 Hz, H-22), 8.07 (ddd, 1.4, 7.6 and 7.6 Hz, H-23), 7.29 (s, 7-NH), 3.47 (s, 8-OMe), 3.84 (d, 12.0 Hz, 9-OH); $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ δ -112.0 (C-19).

20-Fluorosynerazol (7)

$[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24}$ -11 (*c* 1, CHCl_3); HRFAB-MS m/z 432.1454

$[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ (calcd m/z 432.1459 for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_7\text{F}$); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ δ 182.2, 114.3, 196.7, 91.6, 165.2, 89.6, 73.8, 52.6, 55.1, 123.5, 141.5, 21.3, 14.0, 5.1, 193.4 (d, 2.5 Hz), 134.1 (d, 7.4 Hz), 117.3 (d, 23.9 Hz), 162.6 (d, 273.1 Hz, C-20), 121.7 (d, 21.4 Hz), 130.4 (d, 7.4 Hz), 126.3 (d, 3.3 Hz), 51.7; $^1\text{H NMR}$ δ 4.63 (d, 12.4 Hz), 3.77 (d, 2.0 Hz), 4.10 (dd, 2.0 and 8.8 Hz), 5.07 (ddt, 8.8, 11.0 and 1.7 Hz), 5.86 (dt, 11.0 and 7.3 Hz), 2.23 (dddq, 1.7, 7.3, 14.6 and 7.6 Hz), 2.30 (dddq, 1.7, 7.3, 14.6 and 7.6 Hz), 1.04 (t, 7.6 Hz), 1.83 (s), 8.00 (ddd, 1.5, 2.7 and 9.8 Hz, H-19), 7.35 (dddd, 1.1, 2.7, 8.0 and 8.3 Hz, H-21), 7.48 (ddd, 6.6, 8.0 and 8.0 Hz, H-22), 8.10 (ddd, 1.1, 1.5 and 8.0 Hz, H-23), 7.39 (s, 7-NH), 3.38 (s, 8-OMe), 4.06 (d, 12.4 Hz, 9-OH); $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ δ -110.9 (C-20).

7-Fluorogliotoxin (8)

$[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25}$ -116 (*c* 1, CHCl_3); HRFAB-MS m/z 345.0412 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ (calcd m/z 345.0379 for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{FS}_2$); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (DMSO- d_6) δ 165.4 (C-1), 78.2 (C-3), 163.7 (C-4), 70.3 (C-5a), 70.2 (d, 15.6 Hz, C-6), 158.9 (d, 273.9 Hz, C-7), 102.1 (d, 18.9 Hz, C-8), 116.9 (d, 8.2 Hz, C-9), 128.6 (d, 4.1 Hz, C-9a), 35.4 (C-10), 76.1 (C-10a), 27.6 (C-11), 58.7 (C-12); $^1\text{H NMR}$ δ 5.09 (d, 12.4 Hz, H-5a), 4.81 (dm, 12.4 Hz, H-6), 5.69 (ddd, 1.5, 5.8 and 12.1 Hz, H-8), 5.94 (m, H-9), 3.07 (d, 17.6 Hz, H-10), 3.59 (dm, 17.6 Hz, H-10), 3.09 (s, H-11), 4.22 (dd, 5.6 and 12.7 Hz, H-12), 4.32 (dd, 5.6 and 12.7 Hz, H-12), 5.83 (d, 1.5 Hz, 6-OH), 5.97 (t, 5.6 Hz, 12-OH); $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ δ -116.0 (C-7).

8-Fluorogliotoxin (9)

$[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25}$ -232 (*c* 0.5, CHCl_3); HRFAB-MS m/z 345.0433 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ (calcd m/z 345.0379 for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{FS}_2$); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (DMSO- d_6) δ 165.7, 72.7, 165.0, 69.9, 72.5 (d, 9.0 Hz), 104.2 (d, 17.2 Hz, C-7), 155.5 (d, 253.4 Hz, C-8), 117.2 (d, 38.3 Hz), 135.3 (d, 9.1 Hz), 33.2, 75.6, 27.6, 60.3; $^1\text{H NMR}$ δ 4.87 (d, 12.7 Hz), 4.98 (dd, 4.9 and 12.7 Hz, H-6), 5.25 (d, 11.7 Hz, H-7), 5.97 (d, 1.7 Hz, H-9), 2.98 (d, 18.0 Hz), 3.78 (d, 18.0 Hz), 3.21 (s), 4.23 (dd, 9.5 and 13.0 Hz), 4.43 (dd, 5.9 and 13.0 Hz), 5.85 (m, 6-OH), 4.00 (dd, 5.9 and 9.5 Hz, 12-OH); $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ δ -115.8 (C-8).

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