

(Fluorocyclopropyl)quinolones. 2.¹ Synthesis and Stereochemical Structure–Activity Relationships of Chiral 7-(7-Amino-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptan-5-yl)-1-(2-fluorocyclopropyl)quinolone Antibacterial Agents²

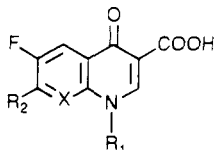
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A series of novel chiral 7-(7-amino-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptan-5-yl)-8-chloro-1-(2-fluorocyclopropyl)quinolones were synthesized as a continuation of a research project of 1-(2-fluorocyclopropyl)quinolones by considering stereochemical and physicochemical properties of the molecule. Absolute configurations of the 1-(*cis*-2-fluorocyclopropyl) moiety and the 7-(7-amino-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptan-5-yl) moiety were determined by X-ray crystallographic analysis. Stereochemical structure–activity relationship studies indicated that 1-[(1*R*,2*S*)-2-fluorocyclopropyl] and 7-[(7*S*)-amino-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptan-5-yl] derivatives are more potent against Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria than the other stereoisomers and 7-[(7*S*)-7-amino-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptan-5-yl]-8-chloro-1-[(1*R*,2*S*)-2-fluorocyclopropyl]quinolone (**33**) is the most potent of all stereoisomers. Pharmacokinetic profiles and physicochemical properties of the selected compounds were also examined, and it was found that **33** (DU-6859a) possesses moderate lipophilicity and good pharmacokinetic profiles.

In recent years, many clinically important antibacterial agents which possess a 1-substituted 6-fluoro-1,4-dihydro-4-oxoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid moiety (1–7)^{3–9} and collectively known as quinolones have been discovered. These agents selectively inhibit bacterial DNA gyrase¹⁰ relative to mammalian topoisomerase II, and this mode of action is characteristic of quinolones as excellent antibacterial agents.¹¹ A great number of quinolones have been synthesized, and a large body of structure–activity relationships (SARs) have been accumulated.¹² Studies on the N-1 substituent of the



- 1: R₁=C₂H₅, R₂=1-piperazinyl, X=CH (norfloxacin)³
- 2: R₁=C₂H₅, R₂=1-piperazinyl, X=N (enoxacin)⁴
- 3: R₁, X=CH(CH₃)CH₂OC-, R₂=4-methyl-1-piperazinyl (ofloxacin)⁵
- 4: R₁=*o*-C₃H₅, R₂=1-piperazinyl, X=CH (ciprofloxacin)⁶
- 5: R₁=C₂H₅, R₂=3-methyl-1-piperazinyl, X=CF (lomefloxacin)⁷
- 6: R₁=2,4-difluorophenyl, R₂=3-amino-1-pyrrolidinyl, X=N (tosufloxacin)⁸
- 7: R₁=*o*-C₃H₅, R₂=3-amino-1-pyrrolidinyl, X=CCl (AM-1091, PD-127391)⁹

quinolone nucleus showed that cyclopropyl derivatives exhibit particularly potent antibacterial activities. We have recently reported that a series of 1-(*cis*-2-fluorocyclopropyl)-7-piperazinyl derivatives have potent activity comparable to those of nonfluorinated congeners.¹ Those fluorocyclopropyl derivatives have lower lipophilicities compared to the nonfluorinated counterparts.¹ Adverse reactions of new quinolones such as central nervous system (CNS) effects¹³ and interaction with the nonsteroidal antiinflammatory agent, fenbufen,¹⁴ have been noted in clinical use. It is reported that blood–brain barrier transport of quinolones is characterized

by its nonlinear dependence on lipophilicity, and the compounds which are more lipophilic than ofloxacin penetrate the blood–brain barrier considerably.¹⁵ Therefore, the *cis*-2-fluorocyclopropyl group would be a favorable N-1 substituent to modulate the lipophilicity and reduce the incidence of CNS adverse event by minimizing CNS concentration. Furthermore, it was discovered that those fluorocyclopropyl derivatives are less effective inhibitors of mammalian topoisomerase II than the corresponding cyclopropyl derivatives.¹⁶ These results suggest that it is possible to obtain a highly potent compound with reduced toxicity by structural manipulation of 1-(*cis*-2-fluorocyclopropyl) derivatives.

Most of the compounds which are either in an advanced stage of clinical development or already marketed have a piperazinyl or pyrrolidinyl substituent at the C-7 position. The quinolones with a substitution of a 3-(aminomethyl)-1-pyrrolidinyl or 3-amino-1-pyrrolidinyl group have enhanced activities against Gram-positive organisms compared to piperazinyl derivatives.¹² It has been reported that 3-(1-aminoethyl)pyrrolidinyl derivatives possess potent activity against Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria.^{17,18} Their lipophilicity and aqueous solubility, modulated by the C-7 substituent and the quinolone nucleus, are largely responsible for their oral absorbability.¹⁷ But, certain of the 3-(1-aminoethyl)pyrrolidines, especially those containing a halogen at C-8, strongly inhibited topoisomerase II and were cytotoxic.^{18,19} It has been considered that the 3-aminopyrrolidinyl group enhances Gram-positive activity but makes the molecule less soluble and is unfavorable for oral absorption.²⁰ Sanchez reported, however, that the 7-(3-amino-1-pyrrolidinyl)-8-chloro derivative, clinafloxacin (AM-1091, CI-960, PD-127391) (**7**),⁹ has potent activity *in vitro* and *in vivo* against Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria. Clinafloxacin has been proven to have good pharmacokinetic profiles in human.²¹ The topoisomerase II

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Table 1. Physical Data of the Chiral 2-Fluorocyclopropyl Derivatives Prepared in Scheme 1

| compd | config ^a | (chirality) | yield, ^b % | mp, °C | rotation ^c | elemental formula ^d |
|------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|--|
| 9a | <i>cis</i> | (1 <i>S</i> ,2 <i>S</i>) | 25 | 102 | +143.6 | C ₁₂ H ₁₄ FNO |
| 9b | <i>cis</i> | (1 <i>R</i> ,2 <i>R</i>) | 27 | 108 | +62.0 | C ₁₂ H ₁₄ FNO |
| 9c | <i>trans</i> | | 23 | 126–128 | +143.1 | C ₁₂ H ₁₄ FNO |
| 9d | <i>trans</i> | | 19 | 101–103 | +117.5 | C ₁₂ H ₁₄ FNO |
| 10a | <i>cis</i> | (1 <i>S</i> ,2 <i>S</i>) | 73 | oil | +21.6 | — |
| 10b | <i>cis</i> | (1 <i>R</i> ,2 <i>R</i>) | 79 | oil | –23.1 | — |
| 10c | <i>trans</i> | | 76 | oil | +41.5 | — |
| 10d | <i>trans</i> | | 75 | oil | –42.3 | — |
| 11a | <i>cis</i> | (1 <i>R</i> ,2 <i>S</i>) | 57 | 63 | –60.3 | — |
| 11b | <i>cis</i> | (1 <i>S</i> ,2 <i>R</i>) | 50 | 73 | +65.6 | — |
| 11c | <i>trans</i> | | 73 | 60 | +20.5 | — |
| 11d | <i>trans</i> | | 60 | 59 | –20.5 | — |
| 14a | <i>cis</i> | (1 <i>R</i> ,2 <i>S</i>) | 89 | 99–100 | +6.7 | C ₁₅ H ₁₂ ClF ₂ NO ₃ |
| 14b | <i>cis</i> | (1 <i>S</i> ,2 <i>R</i>) | 79 | 98–100 | –6.7 | C ₁₅ H ₁₂ ClF ₂ NO ₃ |
| 14c | <i>trans</i> | | 47 | 99 | +12.5 | C ₁₅ H ₁₂ ClF ₂ NO ₃ |
| 14d | <i>trans</i> | | 50 | 98 | –12.8 | C ₁₅ H ₁₂ ClF ₂ NO ₃ |
| 15a | <i>cis</i> | (1 <i>R</i> ,2 <i>S</i>) | 90 | 174 | –45.3 | C ₁₅ H ₁₁ ClF ₃ NO ₃ |
| 15b | <i>cis</i> | (1 <i>S</i> ,2 <i>R</i>) | 94 | 181–184 | +45.1 | C ₁₅ H ₁₁ ClF ₃ NO ₃ |
| 15c | <i>trans</i> | | 96 | 187 | –23.6 | C ₁₅ H ₁₁ ClF ₃ NO ₃ |
| 15d | <i>trans</i> | | 88 | 187 | +23.5 | C ₁₅ H ₁₁ ClF ₃ NO ₃ |
| 16a | <i>cis</i> | (1 <i>R</i> ,2 <i>S</i>) | 90 | 177–182 | –26.8 | C ₁₃ H ₇ ClF ₃ NO ₃ |
| 16b | <i>cis</i> | (1 <i>S</i> ,2 <i>R</i>) | 85 | 170–171 | +30.4 | C ₁₃ H ₇ ClF ₃ NO ₃ |
| 16c | <i>trans</i> | | 90 | 206–208 | –20.0 | C ₁₃ H ₇ ClF ₃ NO ₃ |
| 16d | <i>trans</i> | | 89 | 207–209 | +19.9 | C ₁₃ H ₇ ClF ₃ NO ₃ |

^a Configuration of fluorine atom in relation to the carbonyl group or amino group on the cyclopropyl ring. ^b Yields were not optimized. ^c Degrees, measured in CHCl₃. ^d Analyses for C, H, and N were within ±0.4% of the theoretical values.

inhibitory activity of clinafloxacin has been found to be comparable to that of enoxacin.¹⁹ These results suggested that 3-aminopyrrolidine is superior to 3-(1-aminoethyl)pyrrolidine in terms of selective toxicity as the C-7 substituent, and the chlorine atom at C-8 is favorable for oral efficacy. As a continuation of the search for potent broad-spectrum quinolone antibacterials, we selected a 3-aminopyrrolidinyl group at C-7 and a chlorine atom at C-8 for 1-(*cis*-2-fluorocyclopropyl)-quinolone and carried out extensive modifications by considering stereochemical and physicochemical properties of the molecule.

It has been reported that 4-methylpiperazinyl²² and 3,5-dimethylpiperazinyl derivatives²³ are less effective to the CNS than piperazinyl derivatives. This result seems to be related to steric hindrance for the basic center at the 4-position of piperazinyl moiety. Furthermore, it is known that 2-methyl-4-aminopyrrolidinyl²⁴ and 3-amino-4-methylpyrrolidinyl derivatives²⁵ are more soluble in water than nonmethylated congeners but retain their high level of activity. These results indicated that introduction of a substituent, which has steric bulk comparable to that of a methyl group at the C-4 position of 3-aminopyrrolidine, would be favorable for reduction of CNS potency and improvement of pharmacokinetic profiles. From these viewpoints, we designed novel 7-amino-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane for the C-7 substituent of 1-(*cis*-2-fluorocyclopropyl)quinolone. In this paper, we report synthetic procedures for the preparation of chiral *cis*-2-fluorocyclopropyl derivatives and 7-amino-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptyl derivatives and also structure–activity relationships and pharmacokinetic profiles among these compounds.

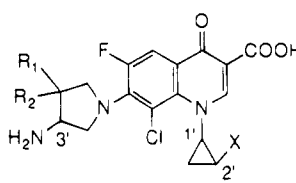
Chemistry

The test compounds in Table 2 were prepared by nucleophilic displacement of 8-chloro-6,7-difluoroquinolones with appropriate 3-[(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino]-pyrrolidines, followed by deprotection of the *tert*-butoxycarbonyl groups (Scheme 1). To clarify the effect

of chirality of the 1-(*cis*-2-fluorocyclopropyl) moiety and the 7-(7-amino-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptan-5-yl) moiety on antibacterial activity, absolute configurations of these substituents were determined by X-ray crystallographic analysis of **15a** and **28**.²⁶

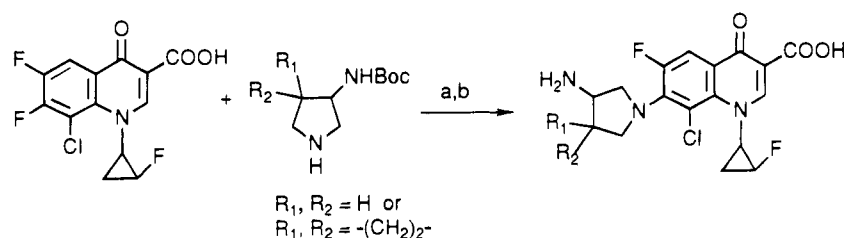
The synthetic routes of chiral 8-chloro-6,7-difluoro-1-(2-fluorocyclopropyl)quinolones **16a–d** are summarized in Scheme 2. *dl-cis*-2-Fluorocyclopropanecarboxylic acid (**8a**)²⁷ was converted to (*R*)-(1-phenylethyl)amides **9a** and **9b**, and each isomer was separated by HPLC.²⁸ Hydrolysis of each isomer gave chiral *cis*-2-fluorocyclopropanecarboxylic acids **10a** and **10b**. Reaction of **10a** and **10b** with diphenyl phosphorazidate²⁹ in *tert*-butyl alcohol yielded rearrangement products **11a** and **11b** with retention of the configuration. Enantiomers of *trans*-*N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-2-fluorocyclopropylamine **11c** and **11d** were prepared similarly from *dl-trans*-2-fluorocyclopropanecarboxylic acid **8b**.²⁷ Compounds **11a–d** were hydrolyzed by trifluoroacetic acid and then reacted with **13**³⁰ and triethylamine to give enamino keto esters **14a–d**. Cyclization of **14a–d** with sodium hydride gave 3-quinolinecarboxylates **15a–d**. Compound **15a** was obtained as prisms, and the absolute configuration was determined to be (1*R*,2*S*) by X-ray crystallographic analysis as shown in Figure 1. Hydrolysis of **15a–d** in HCl gave chiral 1-(2-fluorocyclopropyl)-8-chloro-6,7-difluoro-4-oxo-3-quinolinecarboxylic acids **16a–d**.

The synthetic routes of chiral 7-[(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino]-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptanes **27a** and **27b** are summarized in Scheme 3. 1-Acetyl-1-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid (**17**)³¹ was converted to (*R*)-(1-phenylethyl)amide **18** to achieve chiral resolution at the later stage. Bromination of **18**, followed by treatment with sodium hydride, gave **22** in low yield, and this route was not applicable to scale-up preparation. Then, the ketone group of **18** was protected by ketal, and the resulting ketal was converted to stable bromide **20**. Reaction of **20** with sodium hydride, followed by deprotection, gave 4,7-dioxo-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane (**22**) in moderate yield.

Table 2. Physical Properties of the Chiral 8-Chloroquinolones


| compd | R ₁ | R ₂ | X | chirality | | | mp, °C | rotation ^a (solvent) | yield, ^b % | formula ^c |
|-------|------------------------------------|----------------|---|-------------------|----|----|-------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| | | | | 1' | 2' | 3' | | | | |
| 29 | H | H | F | R | S | S | 247–252 dec | −94.7 (0.1 N NaOH) | 73 | C ₁₇ H ₁₆ ClF ₂ N ₃ O ₃ ·H ₂ O |
| 30 | H | H | F | S | R | S | 214–217 | +120.8 (0.1 N NaOH) | 66 | C ₁₇ H ₁₆ ClF ₂ N ₃ O ₃ ·1/2H ₂ O |
| 31 | −(CH ₂) ₂ − | | H | | | S | 166–170 dec | −112.6 (0.1 N NaOH) | 55 | C ₁₉ H ₁₉ ClF ₂ N ₃ O ₃ ·1/2H ₂ O ^d |
| 32 | −(CH ₂) ₂ − | | H | | | R | 160–165 dec | +110.3 (0.1 N NaOH) | 43 | C ₁₉ H ₁₉ ClF ₂ N ₃ O ₃ ·1/2H ₂ O |
| 33 | −(CH ₂) ₂ − | | F | R | S | S | 225 dec | −199.9 (1 N NaOH) | 38 | C ₁₉ H ₁₈ ClF ₂ N ₃ O ₃ ·3/2H ₂ O |
| 34 | −(CH ₂) ₂ − | | F | S | R | S | 123–128 | +21.5 (1 N NaOH) | 74 | C ₁₉ H ₁₈ ClF ₂ N ₃ O ₃ ·1/2H ₂ O |
| 35 | −(CH ₂) ₂ − | | F | R | S | R | 121–127 | −21.1 (1 N NaOH) | 55 | C ₁₉ H ₁₈ ClF ₂ N ₃ O ₃ ·1/2H ₂ O ^e |
| 36 | −(CH ₂) ₂ − | | F | S | R | R | 126–160 dec | +186.8 (1 N NaOH) | 41 | C ₁₉ H ₁₈ ClF ₂ N ₃ O ₃ ·4/2H ₂ O |
| 37 | −(CH ₂) ₂ − | | F | ND ^{f,g} | | S | 127–130 | −209.2 (1 N NaOH) | 61 | C ₁₉ H ₁₈ ClF ₂ N ₃ O ₃ ·1/2H ₂ O |
| 38 | −(CH ₂) ₂ − | | F | ND ^h | | S | 167–173 | −23.4 (1 N NaOH) | 53 | C ₁₉ H ₁₈ ClF ₂ N ₃ O ₃ ·3/4H ₂ O |
| 39 | −(CH ₂) ₂ − | | F | ND ^g | | R | 162–172 | +3.4 (1 N NaOH) | 45 | C ₁₉ H ₁₈ ClF ₂ N ₃ O ₃ ·3/4H ₂ O |
| 40 | −(CH ₂) ₂ − | | F | ND ^h | | R | 129–131 | +197.2 (1 N NaOH) | 55 | C ₁₉ H ₁₈ ClF ₂ N ₃ O ₃ ·1/2H ₂ O |

^a Degrees. ^b Yields are those obtained from the coupling step to final product, including deprotections. ^c Analyses for C, H, and N were within $\pm 0.4\%$ of the theoretical values, unless otherwise noted. ^d H: calcd, 5.03; found, 5.44. ^e H: calcd, 4.50; found, 5.42. ^f Not determined. ^g Derived from **16c**. ^h Derived from **16d**.

Scheme 1^a

^a (a) Et₃N, MeCN, reflux; (b) TFA.

Oximation of **22** and subsequent reduction gave a diastereomeric mixture of amines **24a** and **24b**. Each isomer was separated by silica gel column chromatography. Reduction of **24a** and **24b** with lithium aluminum hydride gave **25a** and **25b**. Reaction of **25a** and **25b** with 2-[(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)oxylimino]-2-phenylacetonitrile (Boc-ON), followed by debenzoylation gave chiral 7-[(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino]-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptanes **27a** and **27b**. Reaction of **27b** with 8-chloro-1-cyclopropyl-6,7-difluoro-1,4-dihydro-4-oxo-3-quinolinecarboxylic acid³² gave 7-[(7*S*)-7-[(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino]-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptan-5-yl]-8-chloro-1-cyclopropyl-6-fluoro-1,4-dihydro-4-oxo-3-quinolinecarboxylic acid (**28**), which was crystallized to be crystals suitable for X-ray analysis. Absolute configuration of **28** was determined to be the *S*-form by X-ray crystallographic analysis as shown in Figure 2.

Results and Discussion

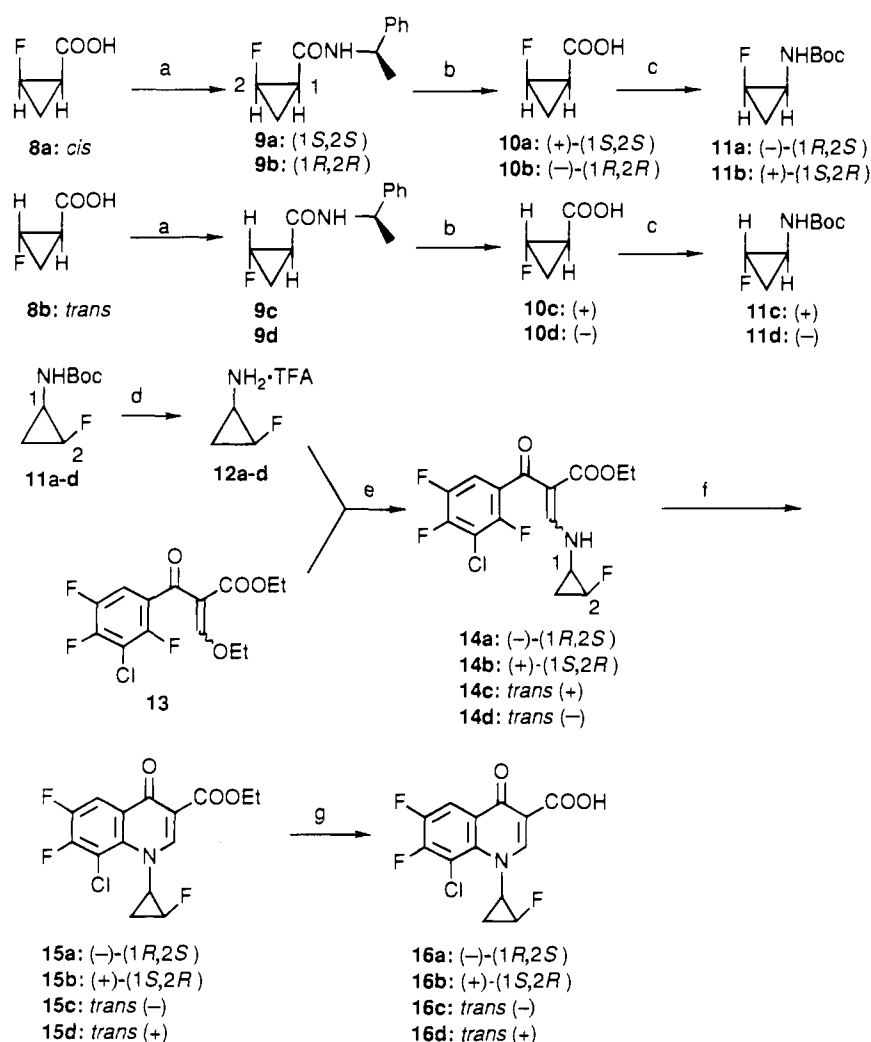
Compounds **29–40** were evaluated for their *in vitro* antibacterial activity against a variety of Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria. Data for four Gram-positive bacteria and six Gram-negative bacteria as representative examples are summarized in Table 3. The data for (*S*)-clinafloxacin (**7a**)³³ and ciprofloxacin (CPFX) (**4**) are included for comparison.

In order to estimate the effects of chiral 2-fluorocyclopropyl groups and 7-amino-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptyl groups, the compounds were divided into three groups. In the first, stereochemical effects of N-1 substituents

were investigated. As (*S*)-3-aminopyrrolidine is known to be a more potent C-7 substituent than its (*R*)-counterpart,³⁴ 7-[(*S*)-3-aminopyrrolidinyl]-1-(*cis*-2-fluorocyclopropyl) derivatives **29** and **30** were synthesized. It is known that fluorine is hydrogen mimic,³⁵ and the effect of chirality of *cis*-2-fluorocyclopropyl group was delicate: (1*R*,2*S*)-**29** and (1*S*,2*R*)-**30** were nearly equipotent, and the difference of the activity was 2-fold at the most.

Secondly, the activities of chiral 7-(7-amino-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptyl)-1-cyclopropyl derivatives **31** and **32** were compared. (*S*)-**31** was 2–16-fold more potent than its antipode (*R*)-**32** against Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria, and was highly potent as **7a**. These observations indicated that the cyclopropyl group at C-4 position of the pyrrolidine ring has little effect on antibacterial activity and stereochemistry of the amino group at C-3 is important.

In the next study, the activities of all the possible stereoisomers of 7-(7-amino-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptyl)-1-(2-fluorocyclopropyl) derivatives **33–40** were compared. In the stereoisomeric pairs of 7(*S*) and 7(*R*) derivatives (**33/35**, **34/36**, **37/39**, or **38/40**), 7(*S*) derivatives were more potent than 7(*R*) derivatives. With respect to the 1-cyclopropane ring of the series of 7(*S*)-isomers and 7(*R*)-isomers, *cis*-isomers were more potent than *trans*-isomers as previously reported in a series of 7-piperazinyl-1-fluorocyclopropyl derivatives.¹ In the stereoisomeric pairs of 1-(1*R*,2*S*) and 1-(1*S*,2*R*) derivatives (**33** and **34**, or **35** and **36**), the difference of the activity was

Scheme 2^a

^a (a) *N,N'*-Carbonyldiimidazole, (*R*)-PhCH(Me)NH₂; (b) HCl; (c) DPPA, *t*-BuOH, Et₃N; (d) TFA; (e) Et₃N; (f) NaH; (g) HCl, AcOH.

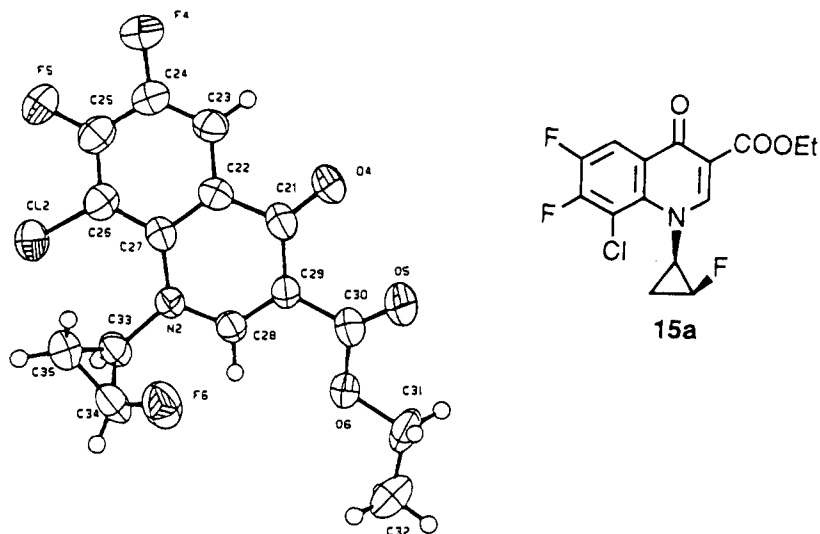
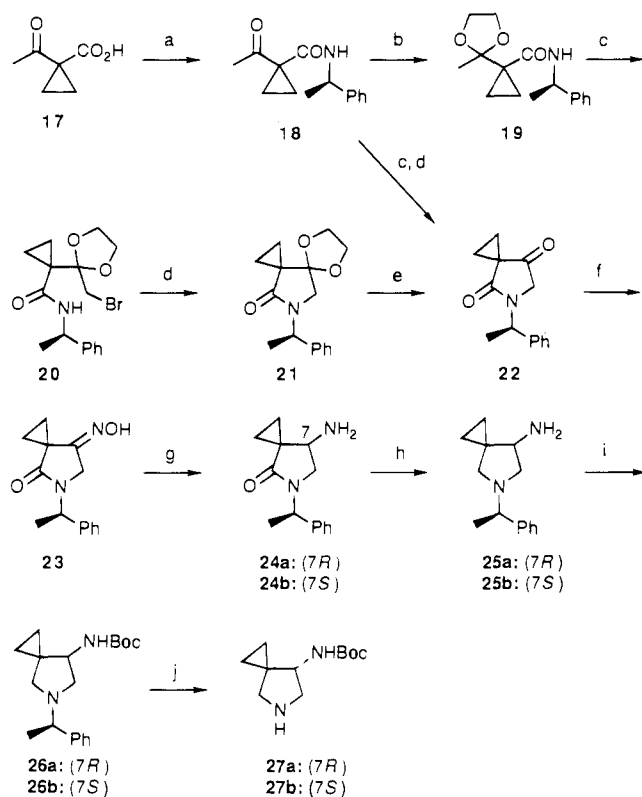


Figure 1. ORTEP drawing of **15a**.

not significant. After all modifications and stereochemical relationships, it was found that (*S*)-(7-amino-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptyl) group and chiral *cis*-2-fluorocyclopropyl groups are preferred stereoisomers, and **29**, **30**, **31**, **33**, **34**, and (*S*)-**7** are nearly equipotent.

Oral bioavailability is an important aspect for *in vivo* efficacy as well as *in vitro* antibacterial activity. Since

the introduction of ofloxacin (**3**),⁵ which exhibits excellent pharmacokinetic profiles in human, we focused our research toward more orally effective agents. In the studies, we decided that new compounds should have good aqueous solubility and lipophilicity comparable to that of ofloxacin to exhibit good oral absorbability and reduced metabolism. In this study, we examined phys-

Scheme 3^a

^a (a) ClCOOEt, Et₃N, (*R*)-PhCH(Me)NH₂; (b) (CH₂OH)₂, *p*-TosOH; (c) Br₂, dioxane; (d) NaH; (e) HCl; (f) NH₂OH·HCl, Et₃N; (g) H₂, Ra-Ni; (h) LiAlH₄; (i) Boc-ON; (j) H₂, Pd-C.

icochemical properties and pharmacokinetic profiles of selected compounds. Apparent partition coefficients (*P*'s) and aqueous solubilities of **29**, **31**, **33**, and **7** are given in Table 4. The data for ofloxacin is included for comparison. Lipophilicities were related to structural feature of the molecules. Introduction of a fluorine atom reduced the apparent partition coefficient of corresponding nonfluorinated compound (**7** → **29**, **31** → **33**) as we reported previously.¹ Introduction of cyclopropyl group at C-4 of 3-aminopyrrolidine increased apparent partition coefficient (**7** → **31**, **29** → **33**). The lipophilic natures of the N-1 and C-7 substituents of **33** offset each other and **33** showed moderate lipophilicity comparable to that of **7**. Aqueous solubilities of cyclopropyl derivatives were higher than those of fluorocyclopropyl congeners (**7** and **29**, or **31** and **33**). The (*S*)-(7-amino-5-azaspiro-

[2.4]heptyl) group did not improve aqueous solubility in this set of compounds (**7** and **31**, or **29** and **33**). Aqueous solubilities did not correlate with apparent partition coefficients.

The pharmacokinetic profiles after oral dose of 20 mg/kg to rats are given in Table 5. Aqueous solubility is suggested to be associated with the extent and rate of oral absorption of a compound.²⁴ Peak plasma concentrations of cyclopropyl derivatives were higher than those of less soluble fluorocyclopropyl congeners (**7** and **29**, or **31** and **33**). But, peak plasma concentration of **29** was lower than those of less soluble **31** and **33**. Oral absorbability might be related to lipophilicity as well as aqueous solubility. The urinary recovery of **31** was relatively low compared to its serum level, and half of **31** excreted via urine was found as its glucuronide. This seems to be related to the high lipophilicity of **31**.³⁶ Active metabolites of **7** were found in urine, but no active metabolite of **33** was found. It is known that metabolic stability of primary amino derivatives, such as phenylethylamine, are improved by introducing a substituent at the α-carbon of amines.³⁷ Therefore, metabolic stability of **33** should be due to the steric hindrance for the basic center of 7-amino-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptyl group. As a result, (*S*)-7-amino-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane was found to be a suitable C-7 substituent of 1-(*cis*-2-fluorocyclopropyl)quinolone in terms of the pharmacokinetic profiles.

This study has demonstrated that (*S*)-7-amino-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane is an excellent C-7 substituent of (1*R*,2*S*)-(2-fluorocyclopropyl)quinolone in terms of antibacterial activity and pharmacokinetic profiles. Biological evaluation of these fluorocyclopropyl derivatives has been carried out extensively. Fluorocyclopropyl derivative **33** was found to be a less effective topoisomerase II inhibitor than the corresponding cyclopropyl analogue **31**.¹⁷ In the micronucleus test, **31** induced the micronuclei in mouse bone marrow cells when administered 150 mg/kg, iv, while **33** did not.³⁸ Therefore, compound **33** was suggested to be less effective to mammalian cells and less toxic. Compound **33** (DU-6859a) was finally selected and is presently under clinical studies.

Experimental Section

Melting points were taken on Yanagimoto micro melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. ¹H NMR spectra were taken at 90 MHz with a JEOL FX-90 spectrometer and 400

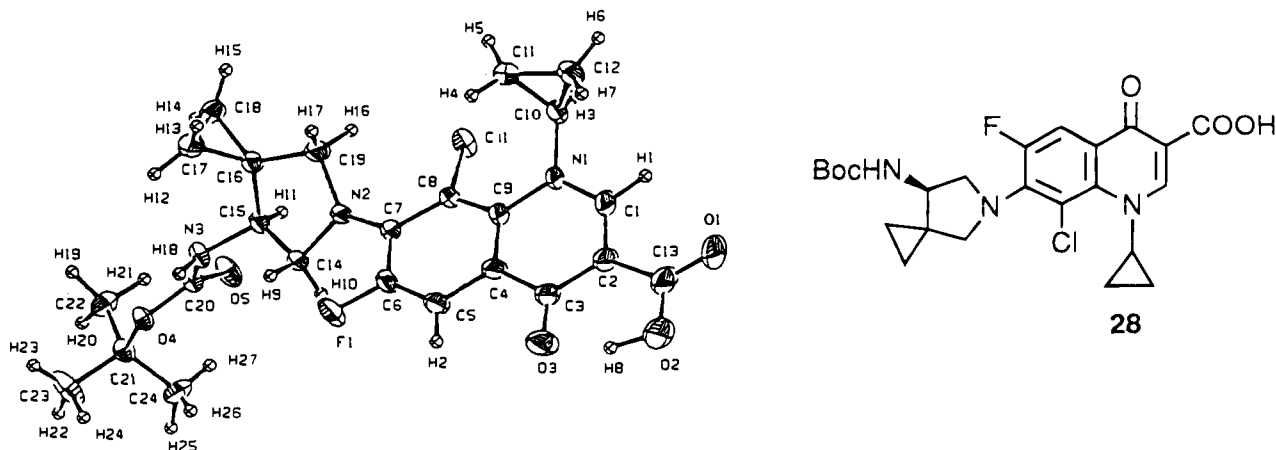


Figure 2. ORTEP drawing of **28**.

Table 3. In Vitro Antibacterial Activity^a

| compd | min inhibitory concn, $\mu\text{g/mL}$ | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | <i>S. aureus</i> 209P | <i>S. epidermidis</i> 56556 | <i>S. pyogenes</i> G36 | <i>S. faecalis</i> ATCC19433 | <i>E. coli</i> NHJ | <i>K. pneumoniae</i> Type2 | <i>P. vulgaris</i> 08601 | <i>E. cloacae</i> 03400 | <i>S. marcescens</i> 10100 | <i>P. aeruginosa</i> 32104 |
| 29 | 0.013 | 0.05 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.006 | 0.05 | 0.006 | 0.006 | 0.025 | 0.05 |
| 30 | 0.025 | 0.05 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.013 | 0.05 | 0.013 | 0.025 | 0.05 | 0.1 |
| 31 | 0.013 | 0.025 | 0.1 | 0.1 | <0.006 | 0.025 | 0.006 | 0.006 | 0.025 | 0.05 |
| 32 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.78 | 0.39 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.1 | 0.39 |
| 33 | 0.013 | 0.025 | 0.05 | 0.1 | <0.006 | 0.025 | 0.006 | 0.006 | 0.025 | 0.05 |
| 34 | 0.025 | 0.05 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.013 | 0.025 | 0.013 | 0.013 | 0.05 | 0.2 |
| 35 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.78 | 0.025 | 0.05 | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.1 | 0.39 |
| 36 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.39 | 0.05 | 0.1 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.5 | 0.78 |
| 37 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.39 | 0.78 | 0.006 | 0.05 | 0.025 | 0.013 | 0.1 | 0.39 |
| 38 | 0.78 | 0.78 | 3.13 | 3.13 | 0.05 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 1.56 |
| 39 | 0.78 | 0.78 | >12.5 | 6.25 | 0.05 | 0.39 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.39 | 1.56 |
| 40 | 3.13 | 3.13 | >12.5 | >12.5 | 0.39 | 1.56 | 0.39 | 0.78 | 0.78 | 6.25 |
| (S)-7 | 0.025 | 0.05 | 0.1 | 0.1 | <0.006 | 0.025 | 0.006 | 0.006 | 0.025 | 0.05 |
| CPFX | 0.1 | 0.2 | 1.56 | 1.56 | 0.006 | 0.05 | 0.013 | 0.025 | 0.05 | 0.1 |

^a See the Experimental Section.Table 4. Physicochemical Properties^a

| | 29 | 31 | 33 | 7 | OFLX |
|-------------------------|------|------|-----|-----|------|
| solubility ^b | 344 | 203 | 131 | 500 | 2400 |
| <i>P'</i> ^c | 0.55 | 11.1 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 4.9 |

^a See the Experimental Section. ^b Aqueous solubility, $\mu\text{g/mL}$.^c Apparent partition coefficient, $\text{CHCl}_3/0.1\text{ M phosphate buffer (pH 7.4)}$.Table 5. Pharmacokinetic Profiles of Selected Compounds after Oral Administration to Rats^a (20 mg/kg)

| compd | C_{max} , $\mu\text{g/mL}$ | $t_{1/2}$, h | urinary recovery (%) | |
|-------|-------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------|
| | | | unchanged | conjugate |
| 29 | 2.0 | 1.2 | 12 | 4 |
| 31 | 3.4 | 1.5 | 7 | 7 |
| 33 | 2.6 | 1.0 | 22 | 1 |
| 7 | 3.9 | 1.6 | 24 ^b | 5 |

^a See the Experimental Section. ^b Including active metabolite.

MHz with a JEOL JNM-EX400 spectrometer. Chemical shifts are expressed in ppm (δ) with tetramethylsilane or sodium 2,2-dimethyl-2-silapentane-5-sulfonate as an internal standard. The structures of all compounds were consistent with their spectral data. Optical rotations were measured at 589 nm with a Horiba SEPA-200 polarimeter. Elemental analyses are indicated by the symbol of the elements; analytical results were within 0.4% of the theoretical values unless otherwise noted. Solutions were dried over sodium sulfate. E. Merck silica gel (230–400 mesh) was used for column chromatography. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed with Merck silica gel 60 F254 TLC plates.

***N*-[1(*R*)-Phenylethyl]-1,2-*cis*-2-fluorocyclopropanecarboxamide (9a and 9b).** To a solution of *dl-cis*-2-fluorocyclopropanecarboxylic acid (8a) (1.0 g, 9.61 mmol) in THF (30 mL) was added *N,N'*-carbonyldiimidazole (1.78 g, 12.0 mmol), and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. To the solution was added (*R*)-(+)-1-phenylethylamine (1.45 g, 11.8 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in CHCl_3 and washed with 10% aqueous citric acid and H_2O . The organic layer was dried and concentrated to afford a mixture of 9a and 9b. Each isomer was separated by preparative HPLC: Nucleosil 50-5 column (20 \times 250 mm) (Senshu Kagaku Co., Ltd.). Solvent: AcOEt–THF (9:1). Flow rate: 9.0 mL/min. Retention time: 11 min for 9a; 13 min for 9b. 9a: $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 0.98–1.34 (m, 2 H), 1.52 (d, 3 H, $J = 7\text{ Hz}$), 1.64–1.96 (m, 1 H), 4.58 (dm, 1 H, $J = 66\text{ Hz}$), 5.24 (m, 1 H), 7.40 (m, 5 H). 9b: $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 0.92–1.34 (m, 2 H), 1.50 (d, 3 H, $J = 7\text{ Hz}$), 1.50–1.96 (m, 1 H), 4.68 (dm, 1 H, $J = 64\text{ Hz}$), 5.14 (m, 1 H), 7.40 (s, 5 H). By using this procedure, *trans-N*-[1(*R*)-phenylethyl] derivatives 9c (R_f 0.29) and 9d (R_f 0.22) were prepared from *dl-trans*-2-fluorocyclopropanecarboxylic acid 8b and separated by silica gel column chromatography using AcOEt–toluene (10:1) as eluent. 9c: $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 1.27–1.39 (m, 1 H), 1.52 (d, 3 H, $J =$

7 Hz), 1.74–1.84 (m, 1 H), 4.81 (dm, 1 H, $J = 64\text{ Hz}$), 5.11 (q, 1 H, $J = 7\text{ Hz}$), 5.88 (b, 1 H), 7.27–7.38 (m, 5 H). 9d: $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 1.31–1.41 (m, 1 H), 1.50 (d, 3 H, $J = 7\text{ Hz}$), 1.74–1.84 (m, 1 H), 4.77 (dm, 1 H, $J = 64\text{ Hz}$), 5.11 (q, 1 H, $J = 7\text{ Hz}$), 5.85 (b, 1 H), 7.28–7.39 (m, 5 H).

Chiral 2-Fluorocyclopropanecarboxylic Acids (10a–d). **General Procedure.** A mixture of *N*-[1(*R*)-phenylethyl]-2-fluorocyclopropanecarboxamide (9) (8.0 mmol) and 35% hydrochloric acid (30 mL) was stirred at 100–110 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 5 h. The reaction mixture was made pH 8–9 with NaHCO_3 and washed with CHCl_3 . The aqueous layer was made pH 4 with HCl and extracted with AcOEt. The extract was dried and concentrated to dryness to give chiral 2-fluorocyclopropanecarboxylic acid (10). 10a and 10b: $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 1.0–1.42 (m, 1 H), 1.56–1.98 (m, 2 H), 4.76 (dm, 1 H, $J = 66\text{ Hz}$), 11.32 (bs, 1 H). 10c and 10d: $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 1.68–1.80 (m, 2 H), 2.45–2.54 (1H, m), 4.94 (dm, 1 H, $J = 65\text{ Hz}$), 9.47 (bs, 1 H).

Chiral 1-[(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)amino]-2-fluorocyclopropanes (11a–d). **General Procedure.** To a solution of 10 (2.55 mmol) in *tert*-butyl alcohol (6 mL) was added diphenyl phosphorazidate (800 mg, 2.91 mmol) and triethylamine (270 mg, 2.67 mmol). The mixture was refluxed for 4.5 h and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was extracted with CHCl_3 , and the extract was washed with 10% aqueous citric acid, 2% aqueous NaOH, and H_2O . The organic layer was dried and concentrated to dryness. The residue was chromatographed with CHCl_3 to give 11. 11a and 11b: $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 0.66–1.3 (m, 2 H), 1.46 (s, 9 H), 2.48–2.74 (m, 1 H), 4.58 (dm, 1 H, $J = 65\text{ Hz}$), 4.6–5.1 (br s, 1 H). 11c and 11d: $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 0.82–0.95 (m, 1 H), 1.26–1.37 (m, 1 H), 1.48 (s, 9 H), 2.85–2.93 (m, 1 H), 4.52 (d, 1 H, $J = 64\text{ Hz}$), 4.42–4.62 (bs, 1 H).

Chiral Ethyl 3-(2-Fluoro-1-cyclopropyl)-2-(3-chloro-2,4,5-trifluorobenzoyl)acrylates (14a–d). **General Procedure.** Compound 11 (1.12 g, 6.39 mmol) was dissolved in trifluoroacetic acid (10 mL) and stirred at room temperature for 20 min. The solution was concentrated to dryness to obtain 2-fluorocyclopropylamine trifluoroacetate (12) as an oil. To a suspension of 12 in CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) was added triethylamine (2.0 g, 19.8 mmol) at 0 $^\circ\text{C}$, and the mixture was stirred for 20 min. To the mixture was added a solution of ethyl 3-ethoxy-2-(3-chloro-2,4,5-trifluorobenzoyl)acrylate (13), prepared from ethyl 2-(3-chloro-2,4,5-trifluorobenzoyl)acetate (1.50 g, 5.35 mmol),²⁵ in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h and then concentrated to dryness. The residue was chromatographed with benzene–AcOEt (4:1), and the eluent was concentrated to dryness. The residue was triturated with isopropyl ether–*n*-hexane, and the resulting precipitates were collected by filtration to give 14. 14a and 14b: $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 0.95, 1.08 (each t, 3 H, 1:2.5, $J = 7\text{ Hz}$), 1.0–1.5 (m, 2 H), 2.8–3.15 (m, 1 H), 4.03, 4.07 (each q, 2 H, 1:2.5, $J = 7\text{ Hz}$), 4.78 (dm, 1 H, $J = 65\text{ Hz}$), 7.13 (ddd, 1 H, $J = 9.5, 8.6, 5.9\text{ Hz}$), 8.20, 8.25 (each d, 1 H, 1:2.5, $J = 14\text{ Hz}$). 14c and 14d: $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 0.87, 1.02 (each t, 3H, 1:2.3, $J = 7\text{ Hz}$), 1.16–1.28 (m, 1 H), 1.42–1.6 (m, 1 H), 3.23–3.35

(m, 1 H), 3.94, 4.00 (each q, 2 H, 1:2.3, $J = 7$ Hz), 4.64, 4.67 (each m, 1 H, 1:2.3), 7.00–7.07, 7.15–7.23 (each m, 1 H, 2.3:1), 8.00, 8.07 (each d, 1 H, 1:2.3, $J = 14$ Hz), 9.32, 10.66 (each d, 1 H, 1:2.3, $J = 14$ Hz).

Chiral Ethyl 8-Chloro-6,7-difluoro-1-(2-fluoro-1-cyclopropyl)-4-oxoquinoline-3-carboxylates (15a–d). **General Procedure.** To a suspension of 60% NaH (560 mg, 14 mmol) in dioxane (10 mL) was added a solution of compound 14 (1.70 g, 4.65 mmol) in dioxane (20 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h and concentrated to dryness. To the residue was added 0.1 N HCl. The resulting precipitates were collected by filtration and washed with water and ether to give 15. **15a** and **15b**: $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 1.40 (t, 3 H, $J = 7$ Hz), 1.4–1.9 (m, 2 H), 4.08 (m, 1 H), 4.39 (q, 2 H, $J = 7$ Hz), 4.90 (dm, 1 H, $J = 65$ Hz), 8.24 (dd, 1 H, $J = 11$ Hz, 10 Hz). **15c** and **15d**: $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 1.33 (t, 3 H, $J = 7$ Hz), 1.38–1.50 (m, 1 H), 1.78–1.92 (m, 1 H), 4.29 (q, 2 H, $J = 7$ Hz), 4.38–4.48 (m, 1 H), 4.66 (dm, 1 H, $J = 64$ Hz), 8.10 (t, 1 H, $J = 7$ Hz), 8.44 (s, 1 H).

Chiral 8-Chloro-6,7-difluoro-1-(2-fluoro-1-cyclopropyl)-4-oxo-3-quinolinecarboxylic Acids (16a–d). **General Procedure.** The mixture of 15 (1.4 g, 4.0 mmol) and 35% HCl (10 mL) was heated at 110 °C for 2.5 h. To the reaction mixture was added H_2O (50 mL). The resulting precipitates were collected by filtration and washed with water and ether to give 16. **16a** and **16b**: $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 1.3–2.0 (m, 2 H), 4.12–4.34 (m, 1 H), 4.95 (dm, 1 H, $J = 63$ Hz), 8.27 (dd, 1 H, $J = 8$ Hz, 8 Hz), 8.87, 8.89 (each s, 1 H, split, 1:1). **16c** and **16d**: $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 1.46–1.56 (m, 1 H), 1.89–2.02 (m, 1 H), 4.53–4.58 (m, 1 H), 4.65 (dm, 1 H, $J = 64$ Hz), 8.22 (t, 1 H, $J = 8$ Hz), 8.28 (s, 1 H).

(R)-N-(1-Phenylethyl)-1-acetyl-1-cyclopropanecarboxamide (18). Ethyl chloroformate (215.9 g, 1.99 mol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of 1-acetylcyclopropanecarboxylic acid (17) (232 g, 1.80 mol) and triethylamine over a period of 40 min at -40 to -30 °C. After the addition, the mixture was stirred at -30 °C for 40 min. To the reaction mixture was added dropwise (R)-(+)-1-phenylethylamine (241.1 g, 1.98 mol) over a period of 20 min (internal temperature was kept at -20 °C). After being stirred for 1.5 h, the reaction mixture was washed twice with 1 N HCl, saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 , and H_2O . The organic layer was dried and concentrated to dryness to give 489.3 g of 18, which was used without purification: $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 1.50 (d, 3 H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.4–1.6 (m, 2 H), 1.7–1.9 (m, 2 H), 1.95 (s, 3 H), 5.1 (q, 1 H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 7.3 (s, 5 H).

(R)-N-(1-Phenylethyl)-1-[1,1-(ethylenedioxy)ethyl]-1-cyclopropanecarboxamide (19). A mixture of 18 (248.4 g), ethylene glycol (230 mL), *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (10.0 g, 52.6 mmol), and benzene (800 mL) was refluxed for 24 h under azeotropic condition. After cooling, H_2O (500 mL) and benzene (500 mL) were added to the reaction mixture. The organic layer was separated and washed with saturated NaHCO_3 . The organic layer was dried and concentrated to dryness to give 227.8 g of 19, which was used without purification: $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 0.7–0.95 (m, 2 H), 1.0–1.2 (m, 2 H), 1.48 (s, 3 H), 1.47 (t, 3 H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 3.98 (s, 4 H), 5.22 (q, 1 H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 7.31 (s, 5 H), 7.75 (br s, 1 H).

(R)-N-(1-Phenylethyl)-1-[2-bromo-1,1-(ethylenedioxy)ethyl]-1-cyclopropanecarboxamide (20). Bromine (145.4 g, 0.91 mol) was added dropwise to dioxane (436 mL) over a period of 30 min, and the mixture was stirred for 30 min. To the mixture was added a solution of 19 (227.8 g) in CH_2Cl_2 (2.0 L), and the resulting mixture was stirred for 2 h. To the reaction mixture was added 10% aqueous sodium thiosulfate solution, and the organic layer was separated, dried, and concentrated to dryness to give 326.0 g of 20, which was used without purification: $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 0.7–1.0 (m, 2 H), 1.0–1.25 (m, 2 H), 1.49 (d, 3 H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 3.69 (s, 2 H), 3.8–4.3 (m, 4 H), 5.08 (q, 1 H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 7.30 (s, 5 H), 7.6 (br s, 1 H).

4,7-Dioxo-5-[1(R)-phenylethyl]-5-azaspiro[2.4]-heptane 7-Ethylene Acetal (21). To a solution of 20 (293.0 g) in DMF (500 mL) was added portionwise 60% NaH (43 g, 1.08 mol) during 1.5 h under cooling to keep the internal temperature at 30 °C, and the mixture was stirred for 18 h. The mixture was poured into ice and extracted with AcOEt

(3.0 L). The extract was washed several times with H_2O and dried. The solution was concentrated to dryness to give 203.3 g of the 21 as an oil, which was used without purification: $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 0.98–1.38 (m, 4 H), 1.50 (d, 3 H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 3.07 (d, 1 H, $J = 10.2$ Hz), 3.41 (d, 1 H, $J = 10.2$ Hz), 3.83 (s, 4 H), 5.61 (q, 1 H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 7.30 (s, 5 H).

4,7-Dioxo-5-[1(R)-phenylethyl]-5-azaspiro[2.4]-heptane (22). A mixture of 21 (203.3 g), acetone (1.0 L), and 1 N HCl was refluxed for 1.5 h. The mixture was concentrated, and AcOEt (1.5 L) was added to the residue. The organic layer was separated and dried. The solution was treated with charcoal and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed with CHCl_3 –AcOEt (10:0–9:1) to give 65.7 g (45% from 17) of 22 as a crystalline solid: mp 98–103 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 1.81 (d, 3 H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.4–1.74 (m, 4 H), 3.48 (d, 1 H, $J = 17.7$ Hz), 3.88 (d, 1 H, $J = 17.7$ Hz), 5.81 (q, 1 H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 7.34 (s, 1 H).

7-(Hydroxylimino)-5-[1(R)-phenylethyl]-4-oxo-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane (23). A mixture of 22 (3.35 g, 14.6 mmol), hydroxylamine hydrochloride (1.60 g, 23.0 mmol), triethylamine (2.3 g, 22.7 mmol), and EtOH (80 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. To the residue was added CHCl_3 , and the mixture was washed with 10% aqueous citric acid solution and brine. The organic layer was dried and concentrated to dryness to give 3.50 g (98%) of 23: mp 188–194 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 1.2–1.4 (m, 2 H), 1.53 (d, 3 H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 3.8 (d, 1 H, $J = 18$ Hz), 4.16 (d, 1 H, $J = 18$ Hz), 5.63 (q, 1 H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 7.32 (s, 5 H).

7-Amino-5-[1(R)-phenylethyl]-4-oxo-5-azaspiro[2.4]-heptanes (24a and 24b). A mixture of 23 (3.50 g, 14.3 mmol), Raney nickel (7.5 mL), and MeOH (150 mL) was stirred under a hydrogen atmosphere for 12 h. The catalyst was filtered off, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford a mixture of (7R)-24a and (7S)-24b. The mixture showed two spots on silica gel TLC (24a, $R_f = 0.89$; 24b, $R_f = 0.80$) using CHCl_3 –MeOH (5:1). The mixture was chromatographed with CHCl_3 –MeOH (95:5) to give 1.0 g (30%) of (7R)-24a and 1.0 g (30%) of (7S)-24b. (7R)-24a: $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 0.6–1.3 (m, 4 H), 1.40 (s, 2 H), 1.53 (d, 3 H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 2.99 (dd, 1 H, $J = 12.8$ Hz, 7.2 Hz), 3.15–3.45 (m, 2 H), 5.52 (q, 1 H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 7.30 (s, 5 H). (7S)-24b: $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 0.8–1.4 (m, 4 H), 1.52 (d, 1 H, $J = 7$ Hz), 2.87 (dd, 1 H, $J = 10.3$ Hz), 3.3–3.9 (m, 2 H), 4.27 (br s, 1 H), 5.24 (q, 1 H, $J = 7$ Hz), 7.29 (s, 1 H).

7(S)-Amino-5-[1(R)-phenylethyl]-5-azaspiro[2.4]-heptane (25b). A mixture of (7S)-24b (1.0 g, 4.34 mmol), lithium aluminum hydride (0.50 g, 19.0 mmol), and THF (50 mL) was refluxed for 17 h. To the mixture was carefully added H_2O (0.5 mL), 10% aqueous NaOH (0.5 mL), and H_2O (1.5 mL) under ice cooling. The grainy precipitate was filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give 755 mg (80%) of 25b as an oil: $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 0.2–0.8 (m, 4 H), 1.35 (d, 3 H, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 1.6–2.0 (br m, 2 H), 2.2–3.1 (m, 4 H), 3.24 (q, 1 H, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 3.5–3.9 (m, 1 H), 7.28 (br s, 5 H). According to this procedure, (R)-25a was prepared from 24a.

7(S)-[(tert-Butoxycarbonyl)amino]-5-[1(R)-phenylethyl]-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane (26b). To a solution of 25b (764 mg, 3.53 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added 2-[(tert-butoxycarbonyl)oxy]imino]-2-phenylacetonitrile (1.30 g, 5.28 mmol), and the mixture was stirred for 4 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with AcOEt. The solution was washed with 1 N NaOH and H_2O . The organic layer was extracted with 10% aqueous citric acid solution. The aqueous layer was washed with AcOEt and then made alkaline with 15% NaOH. The aqueous solution was extracted with CHCl_3 . The extract was washed with brine, dried, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed with CHCl_3 –MeOH (20:1–10:1) to give 690 mg (67%) of the 26b as an oil. Standing at room temperature, this material was crystallized, which was triturated with *n*-hexane to give crystals: mp 103–105 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} -15.2^\circ$ (*c* 1.475, CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 0.4–0.9 (m, 4 H), 1.36 (d, 3 H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.44 (s, 9 H), 2.42 (AB q, 2 H, $J = 10.2$ Hz), 2.79 (d, 2 H, $J = 5.6$ Hz), 3.24 (q, 1 H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 3.6–4.0 (m, 1 H), 4.6–5.1 (br d, 1 H), 7.28 (s, 5 H). Anal.

(C₁₉H₂₈N₂O₂): C, H, N. According to this procedure, (7*R*)-**26a** was prepared from (7*R*)-**25a**. (7*R*)-**26a**: mp 94–97 °C; [α]_D +47.6° (c 0.890, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.4–0.9 (m, 4 H), 1.33 (d, 3 H, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 1.40 (s, 9 H), 2.29 (d, 1 H, *J* = 9 Hz), 2.44 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 10.8, 3.6 Hz), 2.77 (d, 1 H, *J* = 9 Hz), 2.88 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 5.3 Hz), 3.22 (q, 1 H, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 3.6–3.9 (m, 1 H), 4.7–5.2 (br d, 1 H), 7.27 (s, 5 H). Anal. (C₁₉H₂₈N₂O₂): C, H, N.

7(*S*)-[(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)amino]-5-azaspiro[2.4]-heptane (**27b**). A mixture of **26b** (650 mg, 2.24 mmol), 50% aqueous 5% palladium on carbon (500 mg), and EtOH (30 mL) was shaken under hydrogen atmosphere at 4.2 kg/cm² for 6 h. The catalyst was filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in AcOEt and extracted with 10% aqueous citric acid solution. The aqueous layer was made alkaline with 15% NaOH and extracted with CHCl₃. The organic layer was dried and concentrated to dryness to give 440 mg (46%) of **27b**: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.4–1.0 (m, 4 H), 1.42 (s, 9 H), 2.71 (d, 1 H, *J* = 10.2 Hz), 2.92 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 3.6 Hz), 3.01 (d, 1 H, *J* = 10.2 Hz), 3.33 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 5.4 Hz), 3.5–3.9 (m, 1 H), 5.0–5.4 (br d, 1 H). According to this procedure, (7*R*)-**27a** was prepared from (7*R*)-**26a**.

7[7(*S*)-[(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)amino]-5-azaspiro[2.4]-heptan-5-yl]-8-chloro-1-cyclopropyl-6-fluoro-1,4-dihydro-4-oxo-3-quinolinecarboxylic Acid (**28**). A mixture of 8-chloro-1-cyclopropyl-6,7-difluoro-1,4-dihydro-4-oxo-3-quinolinecarboxylic acid (2.0 g, 6.67 mmol), **27b** (1.75 g, 8.24 mmol), and Et₃N (1.80 g, 17.8 mmol) in CH₃CN (55 mL) was heated under reflux for 7.5 h. After standing at room temperature, the precipitates that formed were collected and washed with CH₃CN to give 2.5 g (76%) of **28b**. This was recrystallized from CH₃CN–EtOH (3:1) to give prisms, which was submitted to X-ray analysis: mp 216–217 °C; [α]_D –134.7° (c 1.653, CHCl₃). Anal. (C₂₄H₂₇ClFN₃O₅): C, H, N.

Synthesis of 7[(7*S*)-7-Amino-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptan-5-yl]-8-chloro-6-fluoro-1-[(1*R*,2*S*)-2-fluorocyclopropyl]-1,4-dihydro-4-oxo-3-quinolinecarboxylic Acid Sesquihydrate (DU-6859a) (**33**). General Procedure. A mixture of **16a** (12.0 g, 37.7 mmol), **27b** (9.58 g, 45.2 mmol), Et₃N (9.50 g, 129 mmol), and CH₃CN (120 mL) was heated under reflux for 5 h. On standing, the colorless crystals that formed were collected and washed with CH₃CN and Et₂O. The crystals were dissolved in 35% HCl (80 mL) under ice cooling and stirred for 15 min at room temperature. The mixture made alkaline (pH 10) with 15% NaOH and then neutralized with HCl to pH 7. The resulting precipitates were collected by filtration and washed with H₂O to give a crude product. This was recrystallized from EtOH (600 mL)–H₂O (200 mL)–28% NH₄OH (10 mL) to give 7.35 g (38%) of **33**: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ 0.43–0.46 (m, 1 H), 0.55–0.61 (m, 2 H), 0.79–0.83 (m, 1 H), 1.23 (dm, 1H, *J* = 27 Hz), 3.06 (t, 1 H, *J* = 5 Hz), 3.25–3.28 (m, 1 H), 3.35 (d, 1 H, *J* = 7 Hz), 3.83 (d, 1 H, *J* = 7 Hz), 3.92–3.96 (m, 1 H), 4.06–4.10 (m, 1 H), 4.50 (dm, 1 H, *J* = 64 Hz), 7.74 (d, 1 H, *J* = 14 Hz), 8.47 (d, 1 H, *J* = 2 Hz). By using this procedure, the compounds in Table 2 were prepared.

X-ray Crystallographic Study. All measurements were made on a Rigaku AFC5R diffractometer (Cu K α radiation; λ = 1.54178 Å, graphite monochromator, ω –2 θ scans, $2\theta_{\max}$ = 120.1°). The crystal data and parameters are summarized below. The structures were solved by the direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-square and difference Fourier methods. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. All hydrogen atoms of **28** were refined isotropically (d_{C-H} = 0.95 Å). Hydrogen positions of **15a** were calculated assuming ideal geometries. For all crystallographic computations, the TEXSAN crystallographic software package was used.

Crystal Data and Structure Analysis. **15a**: A colorless, prism-shaped crystal was formed from AcOEt: C₁₅H₁₁ClF₃NO₃; FW = 345.71; sample dimensions, 0.4 × 0.25 × 0.2 mm; triclinic, space group *P*₁; *a* = 8.7989(5) Å, *b* = 11.1337(9) Å, *c* = 8.1730(6) Å, *V* = 723.2(2) Å³, α = 111.428(6)°, β = 92.701(7)°, γ = 76.225(5)°, *Z* = 2; d_{calcd} = 1.587 g/cm³; F_{000} = 352; μ = 28.35 cm^{–1}. The final cycle of full-matrix least squares refinement was based on 4354 observed reflections (*I* > 3.00 σ -

(*I*) and 413 variable parameters and converged at *R* = 0.033 (*R*_w = 0.066). **28**: A pale-yellow, distorted hexagonal prism was grown from CH₃CN–EtOH: C₂₄H₂₇ClFN₃O₅; FW = 491.95; sample dimensions, 0.45 × 0.20 × 0.20 mm; orthorhombic, space group *P*2₁2₁; *a* = 9.673(3) Å, *b* = 48.590(3) Å, *c* = 5.075(3) Å, *V* = 2385(1) Å³; *Z* = 4; d_{calcd} = 1.370 g/cm³; F_{000} = 31032; μ = 18.33 cm^{–1}. The final cycle of full-matrix least square refinement was based on 1966 observed reflections (*I* > 3.00 σ -(*I*) and 416 variable parameters and converged at *R* = 0.038 (*R*_w = 0.049).

In Vitro Antibacterial Activity. The minimal inhibitory concentrations (MICs) of the test compound were determined according to the standard method by a serial 2-fold dilution method using Muller–Hinton broth (Difco Laboratories, Detroit, MI). The inoculum size was approximately 10⁵ cfu/mL. The MIC of a compound was defined as the lowest concentration that prevented visible growth of bacteria after incubation at 37 °C for 18 h.

Determination of Apparent Partition Coefficients.¹ The apparent partition coefficients of the compounds tested in this study were measured according to the method reported previously.¹

Determination of Aqueous Solubilities. About 400 mg of the sample (*a* mg) was dissolved in 0.1 N NaOH (50 mL), and the maximum UV absorption of the solution was measured [*A*₁]. A suspension of the sample in water (*ca.* 10 mL) was stirred for 0.5 h. The contents were filtered, and 3 mL of the filtrate was dissolved in 3 mL of 0.2 N NaOH. One milliliter of the solution was diluted with 0.1 N NaOH to obtain 50 mL of 0.1 N NaOH solution. The maximum UV absorption of the solution was measured [*A*₂]. The aqueous solubility, *S*, was calculated from *S* = *a*[*A*₂]/[*A*₁].

Pharmacokinetic Studies. Plasma and urine levels in rats were determined by microbiological assay. Compounds were administered in solution by oral gavage (five per group). Blood samples were obtained at 0.5, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 24 h after dosing. Urine was collected 0–4, 4–8, 8–24 h after dosing. Plasma levels and urinary excretion of test compounds were determined by agar plates system. The test organism was *Bacillus subtilis* ATCC 6051.

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