

## Determination of the Absolute Stereochemistry of Cyclosmenospongine

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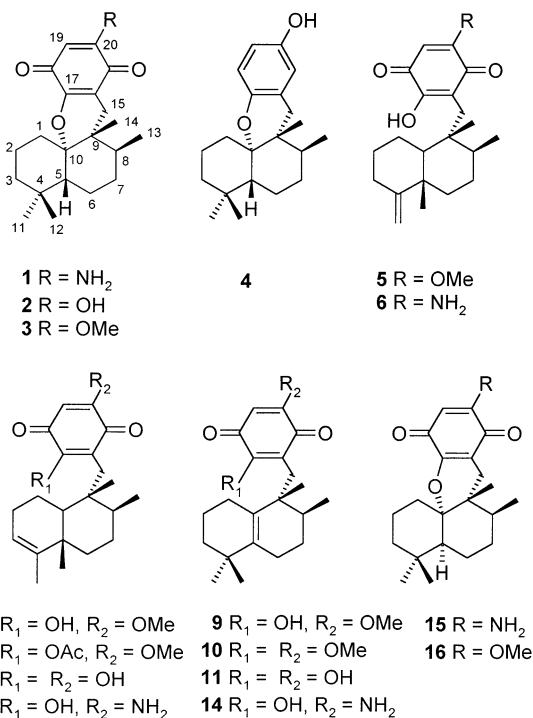
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The absolute stereochemistry of the sponge metabolite cyclosmenospongine (**1**) was determined as 5*R*, 8*S*, 9*R*, 10*S* by chemical correlation. Substitution of the methoxyl group by an amino group in the cyclic product **3** of acid-catalyzed rearrangement of ilimaquinone (**5**) afforded cyclosmenospongine **1**. Cyclosmenospongine was also obtained by acid-catalyzed cyclization of smenospongine (**6**).

Cyclosmenospongine (**1**) was recently isolated from an Australian marine sponge *Spongia* sp.<sup>1</sup> The structure and relative stereochemistry of **1** were determined by spectroscopic analysis. Acid-catalyzed rearrangements of sesquiterpene quinones and hydroquinones have previously been successfully applied to define the absolute stereochemistry of sponge metabolites, for example, ilimaquinone (**5**),<sup>2,3</sup> isospongiaquinone (**7**),<sup>2</sup> arenarol,<sup>4,5</sup> and 5-*epi*-ilimaquinone.<sup>5</sup> A series of cyclic products have been formed during these acid-catalyzed rearrangements. Acid-catalyzed rearrangements of **5**<sup>2</sup> and arenarol<sup>4</sup> produced cyclic products **3** and **4**, respectively, whose absolute stereochemistries were defined as 5*R*, 8*S*, 9*R*, 10*S*. Since the skeleton of **1** was reminiscent of product **3**, we tried to prepare **3** from **5** and then to obtain an amino derivative by substitution of the methoxyl group in **3** with an amino group for determination of the absolute stereochemistry of **1**. Moreover, since acid-catalyzed rearrangement of smenospongine (**6**) has not been reported previously, we carried it out to see if **6** would readily form cyclic products. This paper describes the determination of the absolute stereochemistry of **1** by chemical correlation with products of acid-catalyzed rearrangements of ilimaquinone (**5**) and smenospongine (**6**).

Treatment of **5** with MeOH–HOAc–HCl (1:1:1) at room temperature for 15 min yielded a mixture of **7** and **9**, which was separated by crystallization from hexane. Compound **7** was identified by comparison of the  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ , mp, and <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra with the reported data for isospongiaquinone (**7**).<sup>6,7</sup> Acetylation of **7** with acetic anhydride in pyridine gave the monoacetate **8**, identical in all respects with published data for the acetate of **7**.<sup>6,7</sup> To our knowledge it is the first report of the isolation of **7** as an intermediate product in this acid-catalyzed rearrangement of **5**. Compound **7** presumably arises via protonation at C-11 of **5** and loss of a C-3 proton to give a 3,4-double bond. Compound **9** was identified as a product of the boron trifluoride-catalyzed isomerization of **5** and 5-*epi*-ilimaquinone<sup>8</sup> by comparison of their <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra. Methylation of **9** with CH<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> yielded the dimethyl ether **10**, the spectral and physical data of which were identical with published values.<sup>2</sup>

Treatment of **5** with the same acid mixture under gentle reflux for 2 h at 40 °C, as was described,<sup>2</sup> quantitatively yielded a single product, **11**, but not **3**, as was expected. The same result was obtained by treatment of **5** with MeOH–HOAc–HCl at room temperature for 10 days. Spectroscopic analysis of **11** confirmed the presence of a tetrasubstituted double bond and a geminal dimethyl



moiety. Methylation of **11** with CH<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> yielded the dimethyl ether **10**. Thus **11** was the demethylated precursor to the cyclized products.

Treatment of **5** with the same acid mixture under reflux for 1 h at 80 °C gave a five-component mixture of **2**, **3**, **7**, **9**, and **12**. The main component of the mixture was **12**. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra and a molecular peak at 344 *m/z* in the EIMS of **12** showed that it was the demethylated analogue of **7**. A compound with the same structure was previously described as a metabolite of the marine sponge *Dysidea cinerea*<sup>9</sup> and as a product of dehydration of chiatoquinone with *p*-TsOH.<sup>10,11</sup> Spectroscopic and physical data of compounds **2** and **3** were identical with published values.<sup>2,6</sup> Since <sup>13</sup>C NMR data for **2** and **3**, previously reported,<sup>2,6</sup> were unassigned, spectra for **2** were assigned from DEPT, HMQC, and HMBC experiments.

Reaction of **3** with NH<sub>3</sub> in aqueous EtOH yielded **1**, whose optical rotation and other spectral data were coincident with those for natural cyclosmenospongine (**1**). Consequently, the absolute configuration of **1** can be assigned as 5*R*, 8*S*, 9*R*, 10*S*.

Treatment of an authentic sample of smenospongine (**6**) with MeOH–HOAc–HCl (1:1:1) at room temperature for 15 min gave a 1:1.5 mixture of **13** and **14**. Attempts to

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**Table 1.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Data for **1**, **2**, **15**, and **16** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz)

C	$\delta_{\text{C}}$			
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16<sup>a</sup></b>
1	29.1	29.8	28.9	28.9
2	17.8	17.9	18.2	18.3
3	40.9	41.7	33.2	33.4
4	33.2	33.5	33.6	33.7
5	45.7	45.8	45.0	45.1
6	22.0	22.0	22.6	22.5
7	30.1	30.3	27.5	27.7
8	32.3	32.4	39.1	39.0
9	37.6	37.3	38.2	37.9
10	88.6	87.5	89.9	87.8
11	22.4	22.2	29.7	29.7
12	32.4	32.5	31.9	31.9
13	16.3	16.7	17.2	17.1
14	17.1	17.0	19.8	20.1
15	26.7	26.4	30.6	30.7
16	113.3	112.8	113.0	115.3
17	153.6	154.8	152.6	151.1
18	180.5	182.2	180.9	181.5
19	98.1	104.8	97.8	104.7
20	152.3	155.3	152.6	159.5
21	177.6	181.5	177.6	181.5

<sup>a</sup>  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data reported by Bourguet-Kondracki et al.<sup>14</sup>

separate **13** from **14** were unsuccessful; thus we performed the spectral analysis on the mixture. The  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra contained two sets of signals. A set of signals for the minor component **13** in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum indicated the presence of an olefinic proton ( $\delta$  5.12) and a methyl group ( $\delta$  1.54) connected with a double bond. The remaining terpenoid part of this set of signals was similar to those of **7** and **12**. Indeed one set of terpenoid carbon signals in the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum was characteristic of a *trans*-4,9-friedodrim-3-ene skeleton<sup>7</sup> and was similar to those of **7**. A set of signals for the major component **14** revealed the presence of a tetrasubstituted double bond ( $\delta$  131.9, 135.3) and a geminal dimethyl moiety and was similar to signals of a terpenoid moiety of **11**. The  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the quinonoid parts of the two compounds were similar to those of **6**.<sup>12,13</sup> Prolonged treatment of the mixture of **13** and **14** with  $\text{MeOH-HOAc-HCl}$  (1:1:1) under reflux for 2 h at 80 °C gave an inseparable mixture of degraded products.

Treatment of **6** with *p*-TsOH in dry benzene at reflux for 30 min yielded a multicomponent mixture from which only products **1** and **15** in a ratio of 1:1.4 could be separated in pure form. One product was identical with cyclospenopongine (**1**) isolated from a marine sponge *Spongia* sp.<sup>1</sup> The molecular formula  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_3$  of **15** was the same as that of **1**. Close similarity between the  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data for **15** and those for **1** suggested that **15** was a stereoisomer of **1**. Moreover, the isomer **15** showed an optical rotation opposite of **1**. The relative stereochemistry of **15** was established on the basis of the following NOE correlations. Irradiation of the Me-13 protons enhances the resonance observed for H $\beta$ -1. Irradiation of the Me-12 protons enhances the resonance observed for H-5, while irradiation of the Me-11 protons enhances the resonance observed for H-5 and H $\beta$ -2. Irradiation of H $\alpha$ -15 enhances the resonances observed for H $\beta$ -15, H $\beta$ -7, H-5, and H-8. Irradiation of H $\beta$ -15 enhances the resonances observed for H $\alpha$ -15, H-8, and Me-14 protons.

Comparison of the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data for **15** with that of smenoqualone (**16**)<sup>14</sup> indicated that **15** and **16** have the same sesquiterpenoid skeleton and relative stereochemistry (Table 1). Thus product **15** is 5-*epi*-cyclospenopongine, and its absolute configuration is 5*S*, 8*S*, 9*R*, 10*S*.

When we compared the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data (Table 1) for compounds with the *trans*-fused (**1** and **2**) and with the *cis*-fused decalin system (**15** and **16**), we noted that the significant differences were in the chemical shifts of C-3, C-8, and C-11. Thus the chemical shifts of C-3, C-8, and C-11 may be the best guides to the stereochemistry at C-5 in sesquiterpenes bearing the same rearranged drimane skeleton with an oxygen atom at C-10.

## Experimental Section

**General Experimental Procedures.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE DPX-300 MHz NMR spectrometer. Chemical shifts were referenced to TMS ( $\delta$  = 0.0 ppm). HMBC spectra were optimized for 10 Hz coupling. EIMS were measured on a LKB-9000S mass spectrometer at 70 eV. IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Vector-22 FT-IR spectrometer. UV spectra were recorded on a Specord M-40 spectrophotometer. Optical rotations were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 141 polarimeter. Silufol plates coated with silica gel F<sub>254</sub> (Kavalier, Czech Republic) were used for TLC, Sephadex LH-20 (Pharmacia Fine Chemicals) was used for column chromatography, and Si gel ICN (63-100, 60 Å, ICN Biomedicals, Germany) was used for vacuum flash chromatography. All solvents were distilled prior to use. Concentration of HCl was 34%. Melting points (uncorrected) were determined on a Boetius apparatus.

**Acid Rearrangement of 5 (First Procedure).** Ilimaquinone (**5**) was isolated by us previously.<sup>1,15</sup> A mixture of **5** (11 mg) and  $\text{MeOH-HOAc-HCl}$  (1:1:1) (1 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 15 min. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was partitioned between water (5 mL) and  $\text{CHCl}_3$  ( $3 \times 5$  mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water ( $2 \times 3$  mL) and dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . Evaporation of the solvent gave 10.5 mg of a 4:1 mixture of **7** and **9**. Crystallization of this mixture from hexane gave **9** (1.5 mg). Slow solvent evaporation from a mother liquor gave **7** (6 mg).

**Isospongiaquinone (7):** orange needles (hexane); mp 94–96 °C;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} +64.4^\circ$  (*c* 0.6,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); UV (EtOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 213 (3.96), 289 (4.12) nm;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz)  $\delta$  7.48 (1H, s), 5.85 (1H, s), 5.13 (1H, br s), 3.86 (3H, s), 2.62, 2.48 (each 1H, d,  $J$  = 13.6 Hz), 1.53 (3H, s), 1.01 (3H, s), 0.97 (3H, d,  $J$  = 7 Hz), 0.84 (3H, s); EIMS  $m/z$  358 (12) [ $\text{M}^+$ ], 191 (40).

**Acetylation of 7.** Acetylation of **7** (4 mg) was performed at room temperature during 24 h, using a 1:1 mixture of  $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$  and pyridine (1 mL). After evaporation of excess of reactant the residue was dissolved in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (5 mL) and washed with water ( $2 \times 5$  mL). The organic layer was dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and evaporated to give the monoacetate **8** (4 mg).

**Isospongiaquinone acetate (8):** yellow amorphous solid;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} +80^\circ$  (*c* 0.13,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz)  $\delta$  5.80 (1H, s), 5.12 (1H, br s), 3.80 (3H, s), 2.52, 2.48 (each 1H, d,  $J$  = 12 Hz), 2.34 (3H, s), 1.53 (3H, s), 1.01 (3H, s), 0.90 (3H, d,  $J$  = 7 Hz), 0.84 (3H, s); EIMS  $m/z$  400 (6) [ $\text{M}^+$ ], 358 (8), 191 (66), 168 (62).

**Compound 9:** yellow needles (hexane); mp 193–194 °C;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} +11^\circ$  (*c* 0.09,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR data identical with previously reported values.<sup>6</sup>

**Methylation of 9.** Treatment of **9** with an ethereal solution of  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}_2$  quantitatively yielded **10**, which exhibited  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25}$ ,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, and EIMS identical with published values.<sup>2</sup> Methylation of compounds **2** and **11** was performed using the same method.

**Acid Rearrangement of 5 (Second Procedure).** A mixture of **5** (43 mg) and  $\text{MeOH-HOAc-HCl}$  (1:1:1) (4 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 10 days. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was partitioned between water (15 mL) and  $\text{CHCl}_3$  ( $3 \times 20$  mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water ( $2 \times 5$  mL) and dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . Evaporation of the solvent gave **11** in a quantitative yield.

**Compound 11:** orange needles ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); mp 204–205 °C;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} +9.5^\circ$  (*c* 0.11,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); UV (EtOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 205 (4.05),

291 (3.94) nm; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\nu_{\max}$  3343, 3312, 1637, 1611, 1328, 1186 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta$  7.75 (2H, br), 6.02 (1H, s), 2.69, 2.56 (each 1H, d,  $J = 13$  Hz), 0.99 (3H, s), 0.96 (3H, s), 0.85 (3H, s), 0.79 (3H, d,  $J = 7$  Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta$  15.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 29.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 32.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.5 (CH), 35.2 (C), 40.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 43.0 (C), 102.3 (CH), 115.8 (C), 131.5 (C), 135.6 (C) (signals of carbon atoms of a quinoid ring connected with oxygen atoms were not observed); EIMS  $m/z$  345 (7.2) [M + 1]<sup>+</sup>, 344 (6.3) [M<sup>+</sup>], 191 (100), 153 (10); *anal.* C 73.21%, H 8.23%, calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, C 73.23%, H 8.19%.

**Acid Rearrangement of 5 (Third Procedure).** A mixture of **5** (141 mg) and MeOH–HOAc–HCl (1:1:1) (20 mL) was agitated under reflux at 80 °C for 1 h. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was partitioned between water (50 mL) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (3 × 50 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Evaporation of the solvent gave 140 mg of a mixture of **2**, **3**, **7**, **9**, and **12**. Chromatography of the mixture on a Sephadex LH-20 column in CHCl<sub>3</sub> gave four fractions. The first fraction yielded **3** (6 mg, 4.2%). The second fraction contained a 1:1 mixture of **7** and **9**, which was separated by crystallization from hexane to obtain **7** (15 mg, 10.6%) and **9** (15 mg, 10.6%). The third fraction yielded **2** (16 mg, 11.3%). Evaporation of the fourth fraction gave **12** (88 mg, 62.4%).

**Compound 2:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta$  7.37 (1H, s, OH), 5.90 (1H, s, H-19), 2.55, 2.02 (each 1H, d,  $J = 18.5$  Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>-15), 1.72 (1H, m, H $\alpha$ -1), 1.62 (1H, m, H $\alpha$ -2), 1.62 (1H, m, H $\alpha$ -6), 1.52 (1H, m, H $\alpha$ -7), 1.49 (1H, m, H $\alpha$ -3), 1.46 (1H, m, H-5), 1.43 (1H, m, H-8), 1.42 (1H, m, H $\beta$ -1), 1.39 (1H, m, H $\beta$ -7), 1.36 (1H, m, H $\beta$ -2), 1.19 (1H, m, H $\beta$ -6), 1.16 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>-11), 0.97 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>-14), 0.93 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>-12), 0.78 (3H, d,  $J = 7$  Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>-13); <sup>13</sup>C NMR, see Table 1; HMBC-correlation CH<sub>3</sub>-11/C-3, C-4, C-5, C-12; CH<sub>3</sub>-12/C-3, C-4, C-5, C-11; CH<sub>3</sub>-13/C-7, C-8, C-9; CH<sub>3</sub>-14/C-8, C-9, C-10, C-15; H $\alpha$ -15/C-9, C-10, C-16, C-17; H $\beta$ -15/C-8, C-9, C-14, C-16, C-17; H-19/C-18, C-20.

**Compound 12:** orange needles (CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 180–181 °C; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> +64.1° (c 0.12, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); UV (EtOH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 205 (4.09), 290.5 (4.09) nm; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\nu_{\max}$  3340, 3310, 1638, 1609, 1350 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta$  7.88 (2H, br), 6.02 (1H, s), 5.13 (1H, br s), 2.63, 2.46 (each 1H, d,  $J = 21$  Hz), 1.54 (3H, s), 0.97 (3H, d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz), 0.85 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta$  17.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 36.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.9 (CH), 38.6 (C), 43.1 (C), 47.8 (CH), 102.1 (CH), 115.1 (C), 120.8 (CH), 144.2 (C) (signals of carbon atoms of a quinoid ring connected with oxygen atoms were not observed); EIMS  $m/z$  345 (2) [M + 1]<sup>+</sup>, 344 (7.3) [M<sup>+</sup>], 191 (69), 153 (10); *anal.* C 73.27%, H 8.18%, calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, C 73.23%, H 8.19%.

**Synthesis of 1 from 3.** A mixture of **3** (13.5 mg), pyridine (0.1 mL), and 25% aqueous NH<sub>3</sub> (0.1 mL) in 50% aqueous EtOH (20 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. After evaporation to dryness, residue was purified on a Sephadex LH-20 column in CHCl<sub>3</sub>–EtOH (1:1) to afford **1** (6 mg, 44%).

**Compound 1:** wine-colored oil, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> –18° (c 0.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta$  5.65 (2H, br, NH<sub>2</sub>), 5.54 (1H, s, H-19), 2.57, 2.06 (each 1H, d,  $J = 19$  Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>-15), 1.02 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>-11), 0.98 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>-12), 0.97 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>-14), 0.78 (3H, d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>-13); <sup>13</sup>C NMR, see Table 1.

**Acid Rearrangement of 6 (First Procedure).** Smenospongine (**6**) was isolated by us previously.<sup>1,15</sup> Treatment of **6** (41 mg) with a mixture of MeOH–HOAc–HCl (1:1:1) (5 mL) was performed using the first procedure of rearrangement of **5**. A mixture of rearranged products was chromatographed on a Sephadex LH-20 column in CHCl<sub>3</sub> to obtain a wine-colored fraction containing an inseparable 1:1.5 mixture of **13** and **14** (27.8 mg, 67.8%).

**Mixture of 13 and 14:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta$  8.12 (2H, br), 5.67 (1H, s), 5.12 (1H, br s), 2.58, 2.43 (each 1H, d,  $J = 13.9$  Hz), 1.54 (3H, s), 1.00 (3H, s), 0.96 (3H, d,  $J = 6$  Hz), 0.85 (3H, s) (assigned to **13**), 8.10 (2H, br), 5.64 (1H, s), 2.66,

2.51 (each 1H, d,  $J = 13.2$  Hz), 0.99 (3H, s), 0.96 (3H, s), 0.83 (3H, s), 0.79 (3H, d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz) (assigned to **14**); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta$  17.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 18.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 36.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.2 (CH), 38.9 (C), 43.2 (C), 48.1 (CH), 96.2 (CH), 115.4 (C), 121.3 (CH), 144.6 (C), 151.2 (C), 156.5 (C), 180.1 (C), 183.7 (C) (assigned to **13**), 15.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 29.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 32.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.7 (CH), 35.0 (C), 40.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 43.0 (C), 96.1 (CH), 114.9 (C), 131.9 (C), 135.3 (C), 150.8 (C), 156.0 (C), 180.5 (C), 183.5 (C) (assigned to **14**); EIMS  $m/z$  343 (3), 191 (97), 153 (100).

**Acid Rearrangement of 6 (Fourth Procedure).** A mixture of **6** (59.4 mg, 0.17 mmol) with *p*-TsOH (149 mg, 0.85 mmol) in dry benzene (20 mL) was refluxed for 30 min. Excess *p*-TsOH was filtered off, and the benzene solution was washed with water (3 × 20 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and evaporated. The residue was subjected to flash chromatography over Si gel using a step gradient of acetone in hexane to obtain three fractions. Fraction 1 eluted with acetone–hexane (1:7) contained an inseparable mixture of **13** and **14** and a mixture of degraded products, which was not investigated. Fraction 2 eluted with acetone–hexane (2:7) contained a mixture of **1** and **15**, which was separated on Silufol plates in CHCl<sub>3</sub>–hexane (9:1) to obtain **1** (7.9 mg, 13%) and **15** (8 mg). Fraction 3 eluted with acetone–hexane (3:7) gave an additional 2.9 mg of **15** (total yield 18.5%). Compound **1** was identical in all respects with cyclospenopongine.<sup>1</sup>

**Compound 15:** wine-colored oil, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> +17° (c 0.21, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); UV (EtOH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 211 (2.91), 313 (2.73) nm; IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>)  $\nu_{\max}$  3479, 3415, 1669, 1638, 1598, 1244 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta$  5.52 (1H, s, H-19), 5.38 (2H, br, NH<sub>2</sub>), 2.87, 1.97 (each 1H, d,  $J = 18$  Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>-15), 2.03 (1H, m, H $\beta$ -7), 1.88 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>-1), 1.86 (1H, m, H $\alpha$ -2), 1.80 (1H, m, H-8), 1.78 (1H, m, H $\alpha$ -6), 1.63 (1H, m, H $\beta$ -2), 1.55 (1H, m, H-5), 1.52 (1H, m, H $\beta$ -6), 1.47 (1H, td,  $J = 4$ ; 13.5 Hz, H $\alpha$ -3), 1.37 (1H, m, H $\alpha$ -7), 1.27 (1H, m, H $\beta$ -3), 1.09 (3H, d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>-13), 1.03 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>-12), 0.88 (6H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>-11, 14); <sup>13</sup>C NMR, see Table 1; HMBC-correlations CH<sub>3</sub>-11/C-3, C-4, C-5, C-12; CH<sub>3</sub>-12/C-3, C-4, C-5, C-11; CH<sub>3</sub>-13/C-7, C-8, C-9; CH<sub>3</sub>-14/C-8, C-9, C-10, C-15; H $\alpha$ -15/C-9, C-14, C-16, C-17; H $\beta$ -15/C-9, C-10, C-14, C-16, C-17; H-19/C-18, C-20; H-8/C-6, C-9, C-13; EIMS  $m/z$  343 (30) [M<sup>+</sup>], 191 (100), 153 (33); *anal.* C 73.43%, H 8.50%, N 4.04%, calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>, C 73.47%, H 8.45%, N 4.08%.

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