

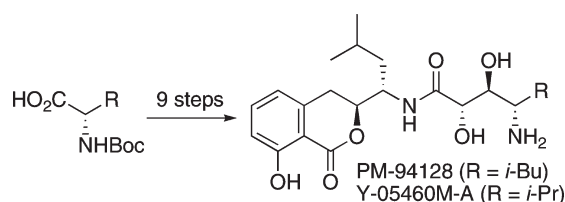
Concise Synthesis of PM-94128 and Y-05460M-A

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The enantioselective total synthesis of PM-94128, a potent cytotoxin of microbial origin, was accomplished by a concise nine-step sequence of reactions in 14% overall yield from *N*-Boc-L-leucine. The synthesis of Y-05460M-A, a one-carbon lower homologue of PM-94128, was also achieved from *N*-Boc-L-valine by the same approach, which enabled its stereochemical determination.

A small family of natural products characterized by a dihydroisocoumarin ring system linked to an unusual dihydroxyamino acid through an amide bond, as exemplified by amicoumacin A and AI-77-B (Figure 1),¹ have been reported to possess various intriguing biological properties such as antibacterial,^{1–5} anti-inflammatory,^{1,3,4} antiulcer,^{1,3,4} herbicidal,⁶ and cytotoxic activities.^{2,7} PM-94128 (**1**) and its one-carbon lower homologue Y-05460M-A (**2**) isolated from

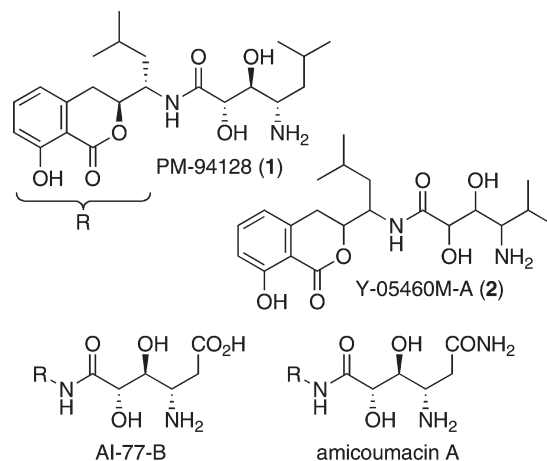


FIGURE 1. Structures of PM-94128, Y-05460M-A, and related natural products.

the culture broths of *Bacillus* sp. PhM-PHD-090 and *Bacillus* sp. Y-05460M, respectively, are also among this type of natural products. PM-94128 (**1**) was shown to exhibit potent cytotoxicity against several tumor cell lines (P-388, A-549, HT-29, MEL-28) with an IC₅₀ value of 50 nM,⁸ while Y-05460M-A (**2**) was found to be highly toxic to L1210 and P388 cancer cell lines with IC₅₀ values of 130 and 45 nM, respectively.⁹ The structure of **1** was originally proposed as its planar structure on the basis of spectroscopic analyses, and its absolute configuration was unambiguously determined by Py and co-workers through their synthetic study,¹⁰ in which they assumed that the stereochemistry of **1** would probably be the same as that of AI-77-B from biogenetic considerations. As part of our continuing efforts for the synthesis of isocoumarin–unusual amino acid conjugate-type natural products,¹¹ we planned to assign the unknown stereochemistry of the analogous compound **2** by synthetic means as well as to develop a concise general approach to this type of compounds. We describe herein the expeditious enantioselective total synthesis of **1** and a stereoisomer of **2**, which led to the determination of the absolute configuration of Y-05460M-A (**2**).

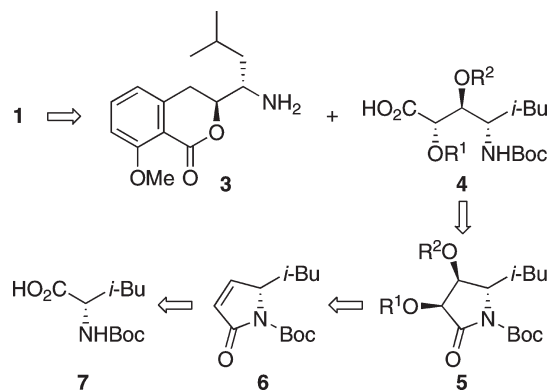
Our retrosynthetic analysis of **1** is shown in Scheme 1. Compound **1** should be obtainable via condensation of amine segment **3** and acid segment **4**, the latter of which would be derived from hydrolysis of *N*-protected lactam **5**. The dihydroxy lactam **5** was considered to be readily accessible by stereoselective dihydroxylation of unsaturated lactam **6**, which would be traced back to *N*-Boc-protected L-leucine **7**.

Based on the synthetic plan described above, our synthesis of PM-94128 (**1**) began with the conversion of **7** into known

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SCHEME 1. Retrosynthetic Analysis of 1

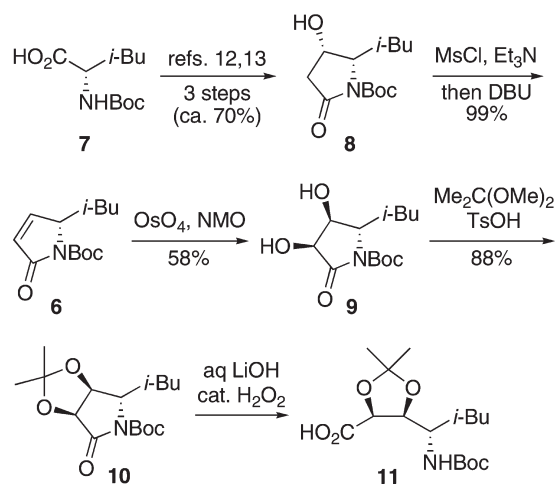


β -hydroxy lactam **8** in ca. 70% yield by a convenient three-step sequence involving the acylation of Meldrum's acid with **7**, which was originally developed by Jouin and Castro and later modified by Ma and co-workers.^{12,13} Subjection of **8** to a one-pot mesylation/elimination protocol quantitatively provided dehydration product **6**, which was then exposed to dihydroxylation conditions to give **9** as a single diastereomer, albeit in a moderate isolated yield of 58%.^{14,15} After protection of the diol **9** as its acetonide **10**, the product was hydrolyzed with aq LiOH in the presence of a catalytic amount of H₂O₂ to furnish the acid segment **11** (Scheme 2).

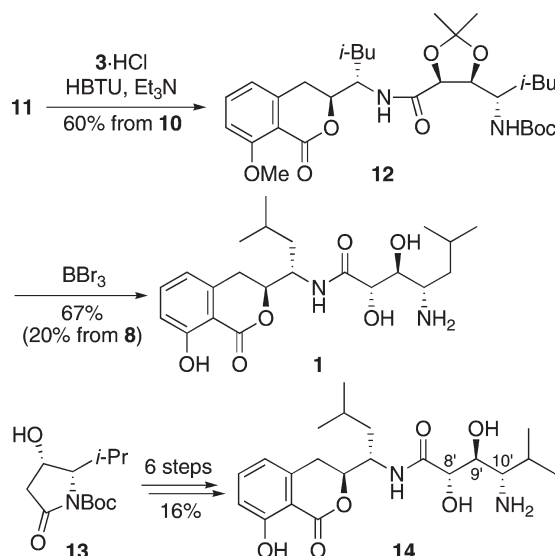
With the acid segment **11** in hand, we proceeded to the final stage of the synthesis of PM-94128 (**1**). The carboxylic acid **11** was condensed with the known amine segment **3**, prepared by our epoxide ring-opening approach,¹¹ to give amide **12**. Exposure of **12** to BBr₃ in CH₂Cl₂ brought about deprotection of all of its three protecting groups to afford **1** in an acceptable yield of 67%. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of **1** were identical with those reported previously,^{8,10} and the specific rotation of **1** ($[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} -94.1$ (*c* 0.195, CHCl₃)) showed good agreement with literature values (lit.⁸ $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} -88.9$ (*c* 2.0, CHCl₃), lit.¹⁰ $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} -90.1$ (*c* 2.00, CHCl₃)).

Having completed the enantioselective synthesis of PM-94128 (**1**), we next turned our attention to the determination of the absolute stereochemistry of Y-05460M-A (**2**) through synthesis. From structural similarity between **1** and **2** as well as the fact that both **1** and **2** were produced by bacteria of the same genus, it seemed appropriate to postulate that Y-05460M-A has the same stereochemical arrangement as PM-94128 (**1**). Based on these considerations, we decided to synthesize stereoisomer **14** as the most probable structure for Y-05460M-A (Scheme 3). By precisely following the synthetic sequence used for **1**, compound **14** was obtained uneventfully in 16% overall yield from L-valine-derived hydroxy lactam **13**.^{12,13,16} The ¹H and ¹³C NMR of **14** were,

SCHEME 2



SCHEME 3



as a matter of course, very analogous to those of **1** except for the signals due to the terminal isopropyl region in its acid segment part, indicating our synthetic compound to be undoubtedly **14**. Unexpectedly, however, the spectral data of **14** were considerably different from those reported for natural Y-05460M-A, especially in the ¹H NMR chemical shifts of the 8'-H, 9'-H, and 10'-H (δ 4.04, 3.31, 2.81 ppm for **14**, respectively; 4.53, 4.26, and 3.21 ppm for natural Y-05460M-A, respectively).¹⁷ Faced with this disagreement, we suspected that the substantial downfield chemical shifts for natural Y-05460M-A might be due to its protonation at the 10'-amino group. Thus, we prepared the hydrochloride of **14** and measured the ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of the salt. Just as we thought, the NMR spectra of **14**·HCl were virtually identical with those of natural Y-05460M-A; the signals for 8'-H, 9'-H, and 10'-H were, for example, observed at δ 4.52, 4.25, and 3.20, respectively, in good accordance with the values for natural Y-05460M-A noted above (see the Supporting Information for more details). Unfortunately,

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(15) Monitoring of the reaction by TLC, together with the ¹H NMR spectrum of the crude reaction product, indicated that the dihydroxylation proceeded cleanly without formation of any noticeable byproduct, giving **9** as a single stereoisomer. The moderated isolated yield (58%) is, therefore, considered to be ascribable to the difficulty in the isolation of **9** because of its high water solubility.

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we could not verify that the NMR spectra of the natural product had actually been recorded as its ammonium salt because the natural sample of Y-05460M-A was no longer available. However, the virtually complete agreement of **14**·HCl with Y-05460M-A in ^1H and ^{13}C NMR, coupled with the stereochemical uniformity of this class of natural products,^{1d,4,6b,7,10} would be enough for concluding the structure of Y-05460M-A to be **14**.

In conclusion, the enantioselective total synthesis of PM-94128 (**1**) was accomplished in 14% overall yield from *N*-Boc-L-leucine (**7**) by the concise nine-step sequence of reactions. The synthesis of its one-carbon lower homologue **14** was also achieved by the same approach from *N*-Boc-L-valine in 11% overall yield, which, through NMR spectral comparison, enabled us to assign the stereochemistry of Y-05460M-A as depicted in **14**. Our efficient approach to PM-94128 (**1**) and Y-05460M-A (**14**) would readily be applicable to the synthesis other members of this type of natural products simply by changing the starting amino acid.

Experimental Section

tert-Butyl (S)-2,5-Dihydro-2-isobutyl-5-oxo-1H-pyrrole-1-carboxylate (6). To a stirred solution of **8** (140 mg, 0.546 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (4.5 mL) were added MsCl (72 μL , 0.928 mmol) and Et_3N (228 μL , 1.637 mmol) at 0 °C under N_2 , and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at rt. DBU (122 μL , 0.818 mmol) was then added, and the resulting mixture was stirred for 40 min. The mixture was poured into saturated aq NH_4Cl at 0 °C and extracted with Et_2O . The extract was successively washed with water and brine, dried (MgSO_4), and concentrated in vacuo to give 129 mg (99%) of **6** as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} +140.3$ (*c* 2.89, CHCl_3); IR ν_{max} 2959 (m), 1774 (s), 1737 (s), 1713 (s), 1314 (s); ^1H NMR δ 0.96 (3H, d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 1.00 (3H, d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 1.43 (1H, ddd, *J* = 13.5, 10.3, 4.5 Hz), 1.64–1.75 (1H, m), 1.99 (1H, ddd, *J* = 13.5, 9.5, 3.0 Hz), 4.61 (1H, dt, *J* = 10.3, 1.5 Hz), 6.10 (1H, dd, *J* = 6.3, 1.5 Hz), 7.23 (1H, dd, *J* = 6.3, 1.5 Hz); ^{13}C NMR δ 22.0, 23.8, 25.0, 28.0, 41.0, 61.3, 82.7, 126.1, 149.1, 150.6, 169.3; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_3\text{N}$ (M^+) 239.1521, found 239.1528.

tert-Butyl (2S,3S,4S)-3,4-Dihydroxy-2-isobutyl-5-oxo-1-pyrrolidinecarboxylate (9). To a stirred solution of **6** (150 mg, 0.627 mmol) in water/acetone/acetonitrile (1:1:1, 4.5 mL) were added NMO (147 mg, 1.25 mmol) and a catalytic amount of OsO_4 at rt, and the mixture was stirred for 32 h at rt. Saturated aq $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ was then added, and the resulting mixture was extracted with CHCl_3 . The extract was successively washed with saturated aq $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ and brine, dried (MgSO_4), and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed over SiO_2 (hexane/EtOAc, 2:1–1:4) to give 99.7 mg (58%) of **9** as a white crystalline solid: mp 65–66 °C; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} +18.0$ (*c* 0.52, MeOH); IR ν_{max} 3430 (br s), 2957 (s), 1782 (s), 1719 (s); ^1H NMR δ 0.98 (3H, d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 1.02 (3H, d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 1.35 (1H, ddd, *J* = 13.5, 11.0, 4.5 Hz), 1.50–1.58 (1H, m), 1.54 (3H, s), 1.69–1.80 (1H, m), 2.77 (1H, br s), 3.11 (1H, br s), 4.11 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.5, 3.5 Hz), 4.21 (1H, d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 4.39 (1H, d, *J* = 4.5 Hz); ^{13}C NMR δ 21.7, 23.5, 25.6, 28.0, 40.0, 61.6, 69.1, 71.0, 83.7, 149.4, 173.5; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_5\text{N}$ (M^+) 273.1576, found 273.1581.

tert-Butyl (3aS,6S,6aS)-Tetrahydro-6-isobutyl-2,2-dimethyl-4-oxo-5H-1,3-dioxolo[4,5-*c*]pyrrole-5-carboxylate (10). To a stirred solution of **9** (64.3 mg, 0.235 mmol) in 2,2-dimethoxypropane (2.0 mL) was added TsOH· H_2O (4.5 mg, 0.024 mmol) at rt under N_2 . After 50 min, the mixture was poured into saturated aq NaHCO_3 at 0 °C and extracted with Et_2O . The

extract was successively washed with water and brine, dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed over SiO_2 (hexane/EtOAc, 1:0–4:1) to give 56.7 mg (88%) of **10** as a white crystalline solid: mp 57–58 °C; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} +72.39$ (*c* 1.42, CHCl_3); IR ν_{max} 2959 (s), 1788 (s), 1759 (s), 1719 (s), 1151 (s); ^1H NMR δ 0.99 (3H, d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 1.03 (3H, d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 1.26 (1H, ddd, *J* = 16.0, 9.5, 4.0 Hz), 1.38 (3H, s), 1.46 (3H, s), 1.55 (9H, s), 1.62 (1H, ddd, *J* = 13.5, 9.5, 2.8 Hz), 1.71–1.81 (1H, m), 4.18 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.0, 2.8 Hz), 4.38 (1H, d, *J* = 5.5 Hz), 4.66 (1H, d, *J* = 5.0 Hz); ^{13}C NMR δ 21.5, 23.5, 25.0, 25.7, 27.0, 27.9, 41.6, 58.8, 75.8, 83.5, 112.6, 149.4, 170.9; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_5\text{N}$ ($[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$) 314.1964, found 314.1967.

(4S,5S)-5-[(1S)-1-tert-Butoxycarbonylamino-3-methylbutyl]-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolane-4-carboxylic Acid (11). To a stirred solution of **10** (35.7 mg, 0.123 mmol) in THF/water (4:1, 2.5 mL) were added LiOH· H_2O (14.4 mg, 0.342 mmol) and a drop of 30% aq H_2O_2 at 0 °C. After 40 min, the mixture was quenched with 5% aq acetic acid and then extracted with EtOAc. The extract was washed with brine, dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated in vacuo to give crude **11** (37.7 mg), which was employed directly in the next step without further purification.

Amide 12. To a stirred solution of HBTU (43.2 mg, 0.114 mmol) and Et_3N (40 μL , 0.285 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 /DMF (10:3, 2.6 mL) were added a solution of **3**·HCl (ca. 0.095 mmol, see the Supporting Information) in CH_2Cl_2 /DMF (2.5:1, 1.05 mL) and a solution of crude **11** (37.7 mg) in CH_2Cl_2 /DMF (1.05 mL, 2.5:1) at –15 °C under Ar. After 5.5 h, the mixture was quenched with water and extracted with Et_2O . The extract was successively washed with water and brine, dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed over SiO_2 (hexane/EtOAc, 2:1) to give 32.7 mg (60%) of **12** as a white powder: mp 85–86 °C; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} -72.6$ (*c* 0.88, MeOH); IR ν_{max} 3360 (m), 2955 (m), 1702 (br s); ^1H NMR (acetone-*d*₆) δ 0.90 (3H, d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 0.92 (3H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 0.98 (6H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 1.15–1.24 (1H, m), 1.35 (3H, s), 1.40 (9H, s), 1.52 (3H, s), 1.60 (1H, ddd, *J* = 13.5, 7.5, 5.5 Hz), 1.65–1.82 (4H, m), 2.85 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.0, 2.5 Hz), 2.97 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.0, 12.3 Hz), 3.88 (3H, s), 4.01–4.09 (1H, m), 4.29–4.37 (1H, m), 4.51 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.5, 4.0 Hz), 4.55 (1H, dd, *J* = 12.3, 2.0 Hz), 4.66 (1H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 5.76 (1H, br s), 6.91 (1H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.04 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.14 (1H, d, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 7.51 (1H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz); ^{13}C NMR δ 23.1, 24.2, 24.7, 25.5, 26.2, 26.7, 26.8, 28.3, 30.0, 33.6, 40.5, 42.5, 50.9, 57.6, 78.2, 79.9, 80.7, 82.3, 111.1, 113.2, 115.9, 121.7, 136.6, 144.6, 162.7, 163.3, 171.8; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{47}\text{O}_8\text{N}_2$ ($[\text{M} - \text{H}]^-$) 575.3332, found 575.3336.

PM-94128 (1). To a stirred solution of **12** (11.8 mg, 0.0205 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (2.0 mL) was added a solution of BBr_3 in CH_2Cl_2 (1.0 M, 307 μL , 0.307 mmol) at –78 °C under Ar. The mixture was gradually warmed to rt over 4 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated aq NaHCO_3 at 0 °C and extracted with CHCl_3 . The extract was washed with brine, dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed over SiO_2 (CHCl_3 /MeOH, 40:1) to give 5.8 mg (67%) of **1** as a white powder: mp 160–161 °C; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} -94.1$ (*c* 0.195, CHCl_3); IR ν_{max} 3380 (br s), 2956 (s), 1672 (s); ^1H NMR δ 0.91 (3H, d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 0.95 (3H, d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 0.98 (6H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 1.16 (1H, ddd, *J* = 14.0, 11.0, 4.0 Hz), 1.49 (1H, ddd, *J* = 13.5, 9.0, 5.0 Hz), 1.58–1.69 (1H, m), 1.70–1.80 (1H, m), 1.82–1.90 (2H, m), 2.83 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.3, 2.5 Hz), 2.94 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.0, 8.5, 2.5 Hz), 3.09 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.3, 12.8 Hz), 3.25 (1H, t, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 4.08 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 4.36 (1H, ddd, *J* = 10.0, 9.5, 4.5 Hz), 4.62 (1H, d, *J* = 12.8 Hz), 6.70 (1H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 6.88 (1H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 7.41 (1H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.43 (1H, d, *J* = 9.5 Hz); ^{13}C NMR δ 21.0, 21.9, 23.1, 23.5, 24.0, 24.8, 30.3, 40.5, 44.2, 48.6, 55.1, 73.6, 74.8, 81.0, 108.1, 116.2, 118.2, 136.5, 139.4, 162.1, 169.5, 175.3; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{35}\text{O}_6\text{N}_2$ ($[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$) 423.2495, found 423.2497.

Y-05460M-A (14): white powder; mp 55–56 °C; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} -63.5$ (*c* 0.055, CHCl₃); IR ν_{max} 3385 (br s), 1677 (br s), 1462 (s); ¹H NMR δ 0.84 (3H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 0.92 (3H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 0.96 (3H, d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 0.98 (3H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 1.42–1.74 (2H, m), 1.85 (1H, dd, *J* = 14.0, 10.5, 6.0 Hz), 2.32–2.41 (1H, m), 2.81 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.8 Hz), 2.83 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.0, 2.5 Hz), 3.08 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.0, 13.5 Hz), 3.31 (1H, t, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 4.04 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 4.31–4.39 (1H, m), 4.63 (1H, d, *J* = 12.5 Hz), 6.70 (1H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 6.84 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.41 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 10.84 (1H, br s); ¹³C NMR δ 13.5, 19.3, 21.9, 23.0, 24.8, 27.0, 30.3, 40.4, 48.5, 61.3, 70.7, 74.8, 80.9, 108.1, 116.2, 118.2, 136.5, 139.4, 162.2, 169.5, 175.6; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₁H₃₂O₆N₂ (M⁺) 408.2260, found 408.2259.

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Supporting Information Available: Characterization data and NMR spectra for Y-05460M-A synthetic intermediates, experimental procedure for **3**·HCl, and comparison of NMR data among **14**, **14**·HCl, and natural Y-05460M-A. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.