

the ester products. Alcohols can be prepared with high values of ee by carrying hydrolyses to low conversions.

This enzyme-catalyzed reaction for preparation of chiral epoxy alcohols has advantages and disadvantages relative to transition-metal-catalyzed asymmetric epoxidation. Its major advantage is that it is experimentally the simpler procedure when applicable. A disadvantage of kinetic resolutions is that the theoretical maximum yield of chiral product is usually 50% based on racemic starting material (prochiral compounds such as **21** have a theoretical maximum yield of 100%).

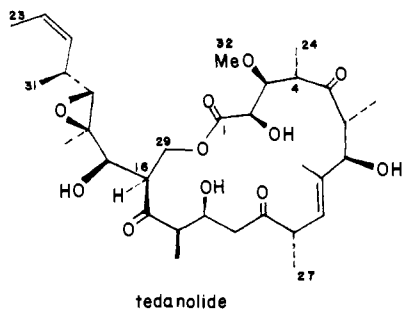
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Tedanolid: A Potent Cytotoxic Macrolide from the Caribbean Sponge *Tedania ignis*

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Tedania ignis is a common, widely distributed sponge in the Caribbean, colloquially known as the fire sponge¹ because contact with the skin is reported to cause a localized burning sensation and varying degrees of dermatitis for some individuals.² Our interest in *Tedania ignis* was stimulated by the fact that sponge extracts showed cytotoxicity and in vivo tumor inhibition. Earlier, we reported³ the isolation of a marginally cytotoxic metabolite and several inactive compounds from this sponge. In this paper we report isolation of a potent cytotoxic macrolide designated tedanolid.



2*R*, 3*S*, 4*S*, 6*R*, 7*R*, 10*S*, 13*S*, 14*R*, 16*R*, 17*R*, 18*R*, 19*R*, 20*S*

Sponge specimens, collected at Summerland Key, FL, and frozen for shipment, were soaked successively in CHCl₃-MeOH (1:1) and CHCl₃, and the combined, concentrated extracts were partitioned between hexane and 10% aqueous methanol. The alcohol layer was diluted to 30% water and extracted with chlo-

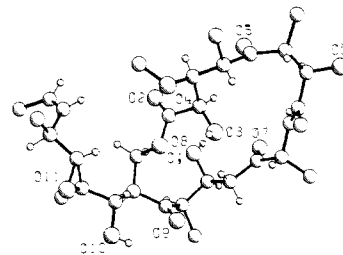


Figure 1. Perspective view of tedanolid. Protons on methyl groups have been left out for clarity.

roform, and the chloroform solubles were chromatographed over Sephadex LH-20 [CHCl₃-MeOH (1:1)], monitored by bioassay (KB system).⁴ Further purification involved (a) chromatography over deactivated silica gel⁵ (CHCl₃ to 5% MeOH-CHCl₃), (b) HPLC (5- μ m SiO₂, 4% MeOH/CHCl₃), and (c) HPLC [reverse phase C-18, H₂O-MeOH (35:65)]. Recrystallization of tedanolid from benzene-chloroform (9:1)⁶ yielded white crystals (yield, $\sim 1 \times 10^{-4}$ % of dry weight), mp 193-194 °C dec, $[\alpha] +18.7^\circ$ (*c* 0.08, CHCl₃). High-resolution FABMS, *m/e*, confirmed the formula C₃₂H₅₀O₁₁. The IR spectrum showed absorptions at 3600, 1750, and 1705 cm⁻¹ compatible with hydroxyl, ester, and ketone groups. The ¹³C NMR spectrum⁷ confirmed the presence of three saturated ketone groups, one ester, and two double bonds. The ¹H NMR spectrum⁸ revealed the presence of five secondary methyl groups, an oxygen-desielded quaternary methyl group, one methoxyl group, and two vinyl methyl groups. Through decoupling and difference decoupling experiments, all the protons of tedanolid could be assigned to five partial structures, but these were separated by carbonyl groups or quaternary carbons, and no unequivocal structure could be deduced.

The structure of tedanolid was determined by X-ray diffraction. Tedanolid crystallizes in the orthorhombic space group *P*2₁2₁, with cell dimensions (138 K) *a* = 16.084 (7) Å, *b* = 29.850 (20) Å, and *c* = 6.671 (4) Å. All 3792 unique reflections with $2\theta < 150^\circ$ were measured on an automatic diffractometer at 138 K using Cu K α radiation [2996 reflections larger than $2\sigma(I)$] using methods described previously.⁹ The structure was solved by direct methods¹⁰ and Fourier syntheses. All the hydrogen

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(5) Slurried prior to use in CH₃OH-H₂O (95:5).

(6) Fortuitous crystallization during an NMR experiment in C₆D₆-CDCl₃ (9:1) yielded crystals suitable for X-ray analysis, ending nearly 2 years of recrystallization attempts which all yielded microcrystals.

(7) ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.2, 10.6, 11.4, 13.4, 14.3, 15.3, 16.6, 18.5 (all q), 44.8 (t, CH₂CO), 31.1, 45.5, 48.4, 49.6, 52.1, 53.3 (all d, CHCO), 60.4 (s, OCH₃), 62.9 (>C=O), 63.9 (CH₂O), 66.7, 68.3, 72.2, 77.0, 79.6, 83.0 (all d, CHO), 125.2, 129.2, 130.0 (all d, C=CH), 136.4 (s, =C), 171.4 (s, OC=O), 212.7, 214.2, 215.5 (s, C=O).

(8) ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.10 (3 H, dd, *J* = 6.7, 1.7 Hz, H-31), 1.12 (6 H, d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, H-28 and -27), 1.24 (3 H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, H-24), 1.29 (3 H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, H-25), 1.39 (3 H, s, H-30), 1.56 (1 H, d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 7-OH), 1.61 (3 H, dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.7 Hz, H-23), 1.63 (3 H, d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, H-26), 2.20 (1 H, d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 17-OH), 2.45 (1 H, ddq, *J* = 10.8, 9.4, 6.9 Hz, H-20), 2.53 (1 H, dd, *J* = 16.9, 3.8 Hz, H-12), 2.58 (1 H, dd, *J* = 16.9, 9.0 Hz, H-12), 2.65 (1 H, d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, H-19), 2.83 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2-OH), 3.03 (1 H, dq, *J* = 6.5, 6.6 Hz, H-14), 3.04 (1 H, dq, *J* = 9.9, 6.8 Hz, H-6), 3.24 (1 H, dd, *J* = 9.5, 3.9 Hz, H-17), 3.25 (1 H, dq, *J* = 8.6, 7.2 Hz, H-4), 3.30 (3 H, s, H-32), 3.37 (1 H, d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 13-OH), 3.42 (1 H, dq, *J* = 10.8, 6.6 Hz, H-10), 3.54 (1 H, ddd, *J* = 11.6, 9.5, 4.1 Hz, H-16), 3.68 (1 H, dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.7 Hz, H-3), 3.87 (1 H, dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.7 Hz, H-2), 4.11 (1 H, dd, *J* = 11.6, 11.6 Hz, H-29), 4.11 (1 H, dd, *J* = 9.9, 2.5 Hz, H-7), 4.26 (1 H, dd, *J* = 11.6, 4.1 Hz, H-29), 4.31 (1 H, dddd, *J* = 9.0, 6.5, 3.3, 3.2 Hz, H-13), 5.24 (1 H, ddq, *J* = 10.8, 10.8, 1.7 Hz, H-21), 5.46 (1 H, dq, *J* = 10.8, 7.4 Hz, H-22), 5.47 (1 H, dq, *J* = 10.8, 1.4 Hz, H-9).

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atoms were located from a difference Fourier map. The full-matrix least-squares¹¹ refinement using anisotropic temperature factors¹² (isotropic for H atoms) converged to an *R* of 0.045. The absolute configuration was determined by using the anomalous dispersion of oxygen¹³ and measuring the 18 most sensitive Friedel pairs repeatedly. Differences for 15 pairs are in agreement with the enantiomer shown in Figure 1.¹⁴ In the crystal structure tedanolide is shaped like an elongated disk (length 9.0 Å, width 5.5 Å) with the hydroxy groups at C-2 and -13 directed to the interior of the ring and the carbonyl oxygens at C-5, -11, and -15 oriented perpendicular to the plane of the ring. There is one probable intramolecular H bond [O(10)···O(9) 2.824 (4) Å] and two intermolecular H bonds [O(3)···O(7) and O(8)···O(4)].

Tedanolid is of mixed acetate-propionate biogenesis (acetate units at C-1,2 and -11,12). It differs from other macrolides in that the site of lactonization is not near the end of the carbon skeleton.¹⁵ Tedanolide is highly cytotoxic, exhibiting an ED₅₀ or 2.5×10^{-4} in KB and 1.6×10^{-5} in PS.⁴ Cell-flow cytofluorometry¹⁶ analysis revealed that tedanolide causes accumulation of cells in the S phase at concentrations as low as 0.01 μg/mL. In vivo tumor inhibition evaluation of tedanolide is in progress.

Only a few other macrolides have been isolated from marine organisms: the bryostatins,¹⁷ aplysiatoxin,¹⁸ debromoaplysiatoxin,¹⁸ oscillatoxin A and brominated analogues,¹⁹ and aplasmomycin.²⁰ The extremely low yield in which tedanolide is obtained indicates that it may be a metabolite of some microorganism as was found in the case of okadaic acid.²¹ We are searching for such a source.

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An Organic Chemical Model of the Acyl-α-chymotrypsin Intermediate

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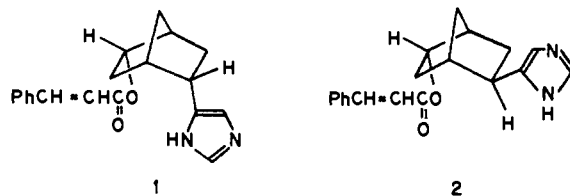
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Chymotrypsin is a large (MW 24 800) and complicated (245 amino acids) enzyme. For many years we have been working on an organic model of it. This is feasible because the constituents of the active site are only three,¹ and their stereochemistry (distances and angles with respect to one another) is known through X-ray analysis.²

Several models of enzymes have already been synthesized, mainly based on cyclomayloses. These include models of chymotrypsin,^{3,4,8} ribonuclease,⁵ carbonic anhydrase,⁶ and transaminase.⁷ Previous models of chymotrypsin synthesized either by us^{3,4} or by others⁸ have suffered from the fact that they have used the binding ability of the cyclomayloses but have not incorporated all three known catalytic groups of chymotrypsin. Chymotrypsin is the archetype of about 20 serine proteases and is thus an important enzyme. All of the serine proteases proceed through an acyl-enzyme intermediate.

We started on models of the acyl-enzyme intermediate (summarized in Table I) since its reactions do not have to consider binding. We first attached two of the three known constituents of the active site to a completely rigid backbone whose stereochemistry could be regulated easily.

Thus we synthesized *exo*-imidazolyl-*endo*-hydroxyl- and *endo*-imidazolyl-*endo*-hydroxyl-norbornane, which we converted to the corresponding cinnamates, *endo,endo*-**1** and *exo,endo*-**2**-[4(5)-imidazolyl]bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl *trans*-cinnamate (**2**).⁹



We found that the imidazolyl group in the *endo,endo* compound, **1**, but not in the *exo,endo* compound, **2**, participated in the hydrolysis of the ester linkage across the bicyclic ring system. This was apparent from the kinetics of hydrolysis, which showed dependence on the ionization of the imidazolyl group in the *endo,endo* compound but not in the *exo,endo* compound.¹⁰

We then found that the participation by the imidazolyl group in the *endo-endo* compound **1** was due to a base catalysis by the imidazolyl group since a k_{H_2O}/k_{D_2O} effect of 3.0 occurs.¹⁰ This was mechanistically interesting since the deacylation of cinnamoyl-chymotrypsin proceeds by imidazole acting as a base with a k_{H_2O}/k_{D_2O} effect of 2.5¹¹ and since imidazole in all other

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