

## SYNTHESIS AND PROPERTIES OF GLAUCINE-QUINOL

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**Abstract**—Glaucine-quinol(3) was prepared via electrophilic hydroxylation of glaucine(1) or predicefrine(2). Treatment of 3 with  $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$  and conc  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  resulted in 4-acetylshrilankine(4) and 2,4-diacetylshrilankine(5). Hydrolysis afforded shrilankine(6) and the following methylation cataline(8). 3 reacted with 48% HBr and conc  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  to give 3-bromo-predicefrine(9). The diols 11 and 12 obtained on reduction of 3 were converted into dibenzoxazabicycloundecane(13). Dibenzoxepine(14) was the Hoffman degradation product of 14. On reduction with LAH 13 afforded dibenzoxazabicyclodecane(15). 3 on acetylation gave glaucine-quinol acetate(16) and acetoxydibenzoxazabicycloundecane(17).

Some phenolic tetrahydroisoquinoline alkaloids were converted into quinol acetates when oxidized with lead tetraacetate.<sup>1-7</sup> The treatment of the quinol acetates with sulphuric acid and acetic anhydride leads to derivatives which are hydroxylated in the heterocycle.<sup>1,3,6</sup>

The possibility for the preparation of a quinol of glaucine(1) was studied by electrophilic hydroxylation, known for phenol ethers.<sup>8</sup>

Treatment of 1 with hydrogen peroxide in formic and conc sulphuric acid yielded a mixture of N-oxides. After adding of sodium borohydride 26% of unchanged 1 and 36% of a pale yellow crystalline compound with m.p. 219–221° and  $[\alpha]_D^{20} + 385^\circ(\text{CHCl}_3)$  were obtained. This substance was formed by oxidation of predicefrine(2) under the same conditions. The structure was elucidated by spectral data as glaucine-quinol(3). The IR spectrum contains absorptions at 1635 and 1665  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  indicating the presence of a quinol and at 3420  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  of a OH group. The absorption at 3510  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  by dilution studies ( $1.4 \cdot 10^{-3}$  M/l in  $\text{CCl}_4$ ) could be explained by an intramolecular H-bond ( $\text{OH} \dots \overset{|}{\text{N}}-\text{Me}$ ) which proofs the

R-configuration of C-1b. The stereospecific reaction pathway is supported by the increased specific rotation of 3; 1 has  $[\alpha]_D^{20} + 129.48^\circ$ . The  $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectrum of 3 exhibits signals for three OMe groups at 3.62, 3.78 and 3.81 ppm. The upfield shifted signal is due to the OMe group at C-1. The C-3 proton is at 6.03 and the two aromatic protons are at 6.60 and 7.76 ppm.

Compound 3 can be transformed into 4-hydroxylated aporphines.<sup>1,3,6</sup> By treatment with acetic anhydride and conc sulphuric acid 3 was converted into a mixture of 4-acetylshrilankine(4) and 2,4-diacetylshrilankine(5).

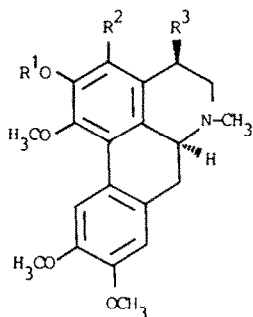
Hydrolysis of 4 or 5 yielded shrilankine(6). 4-Acetyl-cataline(7) was produced when 4 was treated with diazomethane. Compound 7 can be hydrolyzed giving cataline(8). Compound 8 can be obtained by methylation of 6 with diazomethane. The products 6 and 8 are identical according to the spectral data and specific rotation with natural shrilankine<sup>9</sup> and cataline.<sup>10</sup> This leads to the conclusion that the interaction of 3 with acetic anhydride and conc sulphuric acid proceeded stereospecifically and the products have S-configuration at C-4.

At C-3 halogenated aporphines could be obtained from 3 when treated with 48% hydrobromic acid and conc

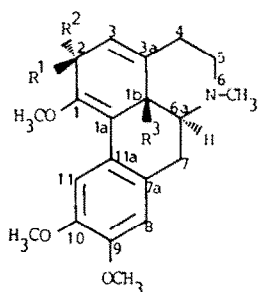
sulphuric acid. 3-Bromopredicefrine(9) was obtained in good yield. The product of the O-methylation of 9 with diazomethane is identical with 3-bromoglaucine(10), synthesized by us.<sup>11</sup>

The reduction of 3 with sodium borohydride gave a mixture of two epimeric diols—11 and 12 in the ratio 5:2. 11 and 12 differ in their chromatographic behaviour, mps and mass spectral fragmentations. The mass spectrum of 11 exhibits a base peak from the loss of an OH group of  $\text{M}^+$ , while the molecular ion of 12 loses preferentially water. This fact proofs the S-configuration of C-2 (cis-OH groups) in 11 and the R-configuration of C-2 (trans-OH groups) in 12.<sup>12</sup> 11 and 12 are unstable when heated above their mps. The dehydration product 2 dominated in the melt. The mixture of 11 and 12 was transformed to 2 when treated with conc phosphoric acid. 2 was identified by T.L.C and spectral data with an authentic sample of predicefrine.

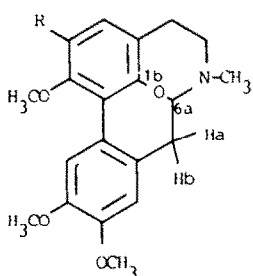
Particular interest was paid to the reaction of 11 and 12 with acetic anhydride, which led to dibenzoxazabicycloundecane(13). 13 is a colourless crystalline compound, m.p. 135–137° and  $[\alpha]_D^{20} + 105.2^\circ(\text{CHCl}_3)$ . Neither OH nor OAc groups are present in the IR spectrum. The  $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectrum is very informative for the structure of 13. It contains signals of four aromatic protons, two of which are in ortho-position as doublets at 6.62 and 6.99 ppm with  $J = 8.2$  Hz. The signal of the C-11 proton is shifted upfield at 7.40 ppm due to the increased dihedral angle between the benzene rings of the biphenyl system and the reduced influence of the OMe group at C-1.<sup>13</sup> The methine proton at C-6a is shifted downfield at 4.85 ppm as a result of the deshielding effect of the neighbour O atom when compared with the same proton in the aporphines. That proton is coupled to both vicinal protons with  $J_{\text{H-6a,H-7a}} = 4.4$  Hz and  $J_{\text{H-6a,H-8a}} = 11.4$  Hz. The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of 13 contains signals of four aromatic C atoms, carrying the oxygen functions and also a peak at 99.2 ppm for a C atom bonded to a N as well as to an O atom. The characteristic signal for aporphines at about 63 ppm is missing. The synthesis of 13 could be considered as a retro Pictet–Spengler reaction in its primary stage, followed by an interaction of the intermediate immonium ion with the phenolic OH group, situated in a favourable position for a ring closure. The discussion proved 13 as a compound with a new heterocyclic system.



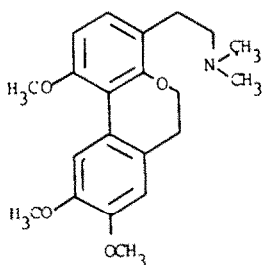
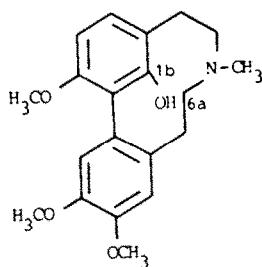
No	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>
<u>1</u>	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H
<u>2</u>	H	H	H
<u>4</u>	H	H	COOCH <sub>3</sub>
<u>5</u>	COOCH <sub>3</sub>	H	COOCH <sub>3</sub>
<u>6</u>	H	H	OH
<u>7</u>	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	COOCH <sub>3</sub>
<u>8</u>	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	OH
<u>9</u>	H	Br	H
<u>10</u>	CH <sub>3</sub>	Br	H



No	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>
<u>3</u>		O	OH
<u>11</u>	OH	H	OH
<u>12</u>	H	OH	OH
<u>16</u>		O	COOCH <sub>3</sub>



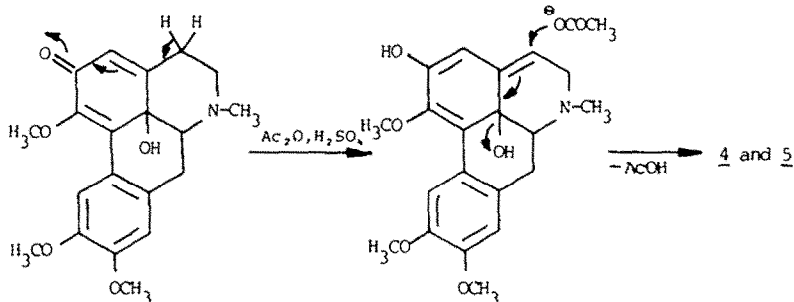
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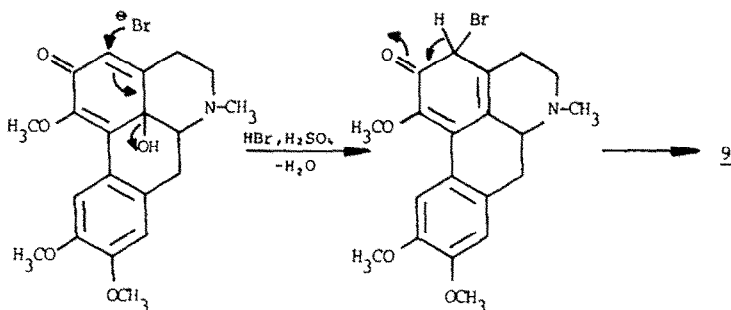
In accordance with the proposed structure of 13 is the Hoffman degradation of its methiodide, leading to the formation of dibenzoxepine (14). The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 14 contains signals for two N-Me's, two *cis*-olefinic and four aromatic protons, two of which are in ortho-position.

The reduction of 13 with LAH cleaved the oxygen linkage, giving dibenzazacyclodecane (15). The IR spectrum of 15 does not contain a band for an OH group.

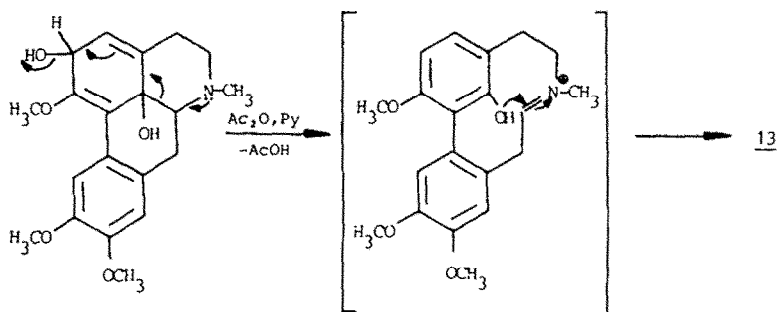
The CI mass spectrum with D<sub>2</sub>O of 15 has an exchangeable H atom, suggesting the presence of an OH group which is observed in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum at 1.61 ppm. In the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 15 the signals of C-6a appear together with the signal of C-5 at 61.2 and 62.2 ppm. The signal of C-6a appear together with the signal of C-5 at 61.2 and 62.2 ppm. The signal of C-6a is shifted upfield in comparison with the same signal of 13. The two benzene rings in 15 are not in the same plane. Due



Scheme 1



Scheme 2.



Scheme 3.

to the steric hindrance the phenolic OH group lies in a fixed position to the azacyclodecane ring, consequently the molecule is chiral and optically active,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} + 43^\circ$  ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).

The attempt to acylate **3** led to the expected acetyl derivative **16** as well as to dibenzoxazabicycloundecane (**17**). The IR spectrum of **16** contains bands of quinol and ester acetyl group. The formation of **17** could be explained with the proposed mechanism of the preparation of **13**. The structure of **17** corresponds to its spectral data which are similar to those of **13**.

The reaction leading to **3** could be regarded as a biomimetic one. We suggest that the C-4 hydroxylation of some aporphines could be provided by corresponding enzyme systems with the formation of **3** or its analogues as intermediates. The fact that **8** was isolated from *Glaucium flavum*, where **1** is the main alkaloid, could be a support of the above statement.

#### EXPERIMENTAL

Mps were taken on a Boetius microscope hot stage and are uncorrected. The IR spectra were determined on UR 20 (Zeiss)

and Specord 75 IR (Zeiss).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded with Bruker WM 250(250 MHz) for **13**, **14**, **15** and **17**, and for the remaining compounds on BS-467 Tesla(60 MHz) with TMS as an internal standard and solvent  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . Low and high resolution mass spectra were measured on JMS-D300.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were obtained on Bruker WM 250(63 MHz) operated in the pulse Fourier transform mode. Optical rotations were measured on a Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter. TLC was carried out using DC-Alufolien Kieselgel 60 (Merck). The sheets were kept on ammonia and then developed in petrol ether (PE)- $\text{CHCl}_3$ -acetone-MeOH (4:8:1:2) for **11** and **12**, and for the remaining compounds PE- $\text{CHCl}_3$ -acetone-MeOH (4:4:1:1). For column chromatography, Merck neutral alumina (act. II-III) was employed. The preparative TLC and short column chromatography (SCC) were carried out on Merck silica gel 60 G.

#### Glaucine-quinol(3)

A. Conc  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  (3 ml) and 30%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  (8 ml) were added dropwise with stirring to **1** (5 g, 14.1 mmol) in 85%  $\text{HCOOH}$  (30 ml) at  $0^\circ$ . The mixture was kept for 72 hr at  $5^\circ$ , then diluted with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (50 ml) and  $\text{NaBH}_4$  (0.5 g) was added. The mixture was basified with 25%  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$  and extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . The organic extract was removed and the residue was chromatographed over alumina. By the elution with PE-ether (1:2) 1.3 g of **1** and with

ether–MeOH (19:1) 1.8 g (36%) of **3**, m.p. 219–221° (EtOH) were obtained.

**B.** Conc H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (0.1 ml) and 30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (0.3 ml) were added dropwise with stirring to **2** (0.5 g, 0.15 mmol) in 85% HCOOH (1 ml) at 0°. The mixture was kept for 3 hr at 5°, then diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (5 ml) and NaBH<sub>4</sub> (0.05 g) was added. The mixture was basified with 25% NH<sub>4</sub>OH and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. After evaporation of the organic solvent, the residue was purified by preparative TLC to give 0.035 g (67%) of **3**, m.p. 218–220° (EtOH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ(ppm) = 2.30 (s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.62, 3.78, 3.81 (s, 3 OCH<sub>3</sub>), 6.03 (s, H-3), 6.60, 7.76 (s, 2H<sub>arom</sub>). MS (70 eV): *m/z* = 357(100), M<sup>+</sup>, 356(7), 342(11), 340(10), 338(11), 326(15), 324(11), 322(10). MW: Calc. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: 357.1570. Found: 357.1583.

#### 4-Acetylshrilankine(4) and 2,4-diacetylshrilankine(5)

Conc H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (0.5 ml) was added dropwise with stirring to **3** (0.2 g, 0.56 mmol) in Ac<sub>2</sub>O(5 ml) at room temp. After stirring for 1/2 hr at room temp the mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O(15 ml), basified with 25% NH<sub>4</sub>OH and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic layers were removed *in vacuo* 0.13 g (58%) of **4** and 0.05 g (20%) of **5** were obtained by SCC using PE–CHCl<sub>3</sub>–MeOH (8:4:1) as eluent. **4**: IR(CCl<sub>4</sub>): 1730 cm<sup>-1</sup> (OCOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3530 cm<sup>-1</sup> (OH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ(ppm) = 1.90 (s, OCOCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.38 (s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.47, 3.67, 3.72 (s, 3 OCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.58 (br s, H-4), 6.67, 6.72, 7.74 (s, 3H<sub>arom</sub>). MS (70 eV): *m/z* = 399(74), M<sup>+</sup>, 398(29), 384(11), 382(7), 356(58), 341(12), 340(38), 339(100), 338(98), 324(80), 308(75). **5**: IR(CCl<sub>4</sub>): 1725, 1770 cm<sup>-1</sup> (2 OCOCH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ(ppm) = 2.13, 2.33 (s, 2 OCOCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.53 (s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.60, 3.89, 3.91 (s, 3 OCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.90 (br s, H-4), 6.80, 7.06, 7.96 (s, 3H<sub>arom</sub>). MS (70 eV): *m/z* = 441(41), M<sup>+</sup>, 440(12), 426(4), 398(38), 382(29), 381(100), 380(60), 366(19), 356(70), 355(45), 338(58), 324(55).

#### Shrilankine(6)

Compound **4** (0.1 g, 0.25 mmol) or **5** (0.1 g, 0.23 mmol) in MeOH (10 ml) and 20% methanolic KOH (1 ml) was heated for 1 hr at 60°. After cooling to room temp H<sub>2</sub>O (50 ml) and NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (0.3 g) were added. The mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The residue, left after evaporation of the organic solvent was filtered through alumina, eluted with ether–MeOH (9:1), 0.8 g(90%) or 0.07 g (86%) respectively of **6**, [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> + 118° (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) were obtained. IR(KBr): 3400 cm<sup>-1</sup>(OH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ(ppm) = 2.43 (s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.46, 3.87, 3.91 (s, 3 OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.48 (br t, half band width 6.0 Hz, H-4), 6.77, 6.95, 7.89 (s, 3H<sub>arom</sub>). MS (70 eV): *m/z* = 357(51), M<sup>+</sup>, 356(30), 342(21), 340(13), 326(16), 314(100), 299(10), 283(12), 254(8).

#### 4-Acetylcataline(7)

An ethereal soln of diazomethane (1 ml) was added to **4** (0.1 g, 0.25 mmol) in MeOH (10 ml) at room temp. After 12 hr the solvent and the excess CH<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> were removed *in vacuo*. By preparative TLC 0.09 g (87%) of **7**, [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> + 160° (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) was isolated. IR(CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 1720 cm<sup>-1</sup> (OCOCH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ(ppm) = 2.33 (s, OCOCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.51 (s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.46, 3.87, 3.90 (s, 3 OCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.91 (m, H-4), 6.78, 6.83, 8.07 (3H<sub>arom</sub>). MS (70 eV): *m/z* = 413(100), M<sup>+</sup>, 412(35), 398(10), 382(5), 370(87), 354(20), 353(58), 352(80), 338(41), 327(61).

#### Cataline (8)

**A.** Compound **7** (0.05 g, 0.12 mmol) in MeOH (5 ml) and 20% methanolic KOH (0.5 ml) was stirred for 15 min at room temp. Then the mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (25 ml) and extracted with ether, which was evaporated. The residue after purification by preparative TLC afforded 0.03 g (20%) of **8**, m.p. 163–164° (ether–MeOH).

**B.** An ethereal soln of diazomethane (1 ml) was added to **6** (0.09 g, 0.25 mmol) in MeOH (5 ml) at room temp. After 72 hr the solvent and the excess CH<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> were removed *in vacuo*. By preparative TLC, 0.07 g (75%) of **8**, m.p. 163–164° (ether–MeOH) was isolated. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> + 160.5° (CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR(CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 3520 cm<sup>-1</sup> (OH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ(ppm) = 2.42 (s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.47, 3.78, 3.82 (s, 4 OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.40 (br t, half band width 5.5 Hz, H-4), 6.68, 6.83, 7.99 (s, 3H<sub>arom</sub>). MS (70 eV): *m/z* = 371(48), M<sup>+</sup>, 370(27), 356(17), 340(10), 328(100), 313(10), 297(10), 269(13), 254(7).

#### 3-Bromopredicentrine(9)

Conc H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (1 ml) was added dropwise with stirring to **3** (0.15 g, 0.42 mmol) in 48% HBr (5 ml) at room temp. The mixture was left for 8 hr at room temp and then diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (20 ml). After treatment with 25% NH<sub>4</sub>OH it was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic solvent was evaporated and the residue was passed through alumina with ether as eluent. The yield of **9** was 0.12 g (68%), m.p. 158–160° (ether–isopentane). IR(CCl<sub>4</sub>): 3520 cm<sup>-1</sup> (OH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ(ppm) = 2.44 (s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.46, 3.77, 3.80 (s, 3 OCH<sub>3</sub>), 6.70(OH), 6.90, 7.79 (2H<sub>arom</sub>). MS (70 eV): *m/z* = 421(82), M<sup>+</sup>, 420(100), 419(83), M<sup>+</sup>, 418(88), 406(45), 404(48), 390(28), 388(33), 378(13), 340(28).

#### 3-Bromoglaucine(10)

An ethereal soln of diazomethane (0.5 ml) was added to **9** (0.05 g, 0.12 mmol) in MeOH (5 ml) at room temp. After 5 hr the solvent and the excess CH<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> were removed *in vacuo*. By preparative TLC, 0.042 g (81%) of **10**, m.p. 125–127° (ether–isopentane) was isolated.

#### Diols 11 and 12

Compound **3** (1 g, 2.8 mmol) in MeOH (45 ml) was hydrolyzed with NaBH<sub>4</sub> (0.53 g, 14 mmol) for 1 hr at 40°. The mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (150 ml) and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic solvent was removed and the residue was purified by SCC with PE–CHCl<sub>3</sub>–acetone–MeOH (4:8:1:2) as eluent. 0.75 g (75%) of both epimers **11** and **12** in a ratio of 5:2 were obtained.

Compound **11**: m.p. 176–178° (EtOH), [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> + 84.06 (CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR(KBr): 3380 cm<sup>-1</sup> (OH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ(ppm) = 2.26 (s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.74, 3.83 (s, 3 OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.86 (d, J = 4 Hz, H-2), 5.65 (d, J = 4 Hz, H-3), 6.59, 7.58 (s, 2H<sub>arom</sub>). MS (70 eV): *m/z* = 359(3), M<sup>+</sup>, 342(100), 341(10), 340(7), 326(6), 310(4). MW: Calc. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>: 359.1726. Found: 359.1714.

Compound **12**: m.p. 116–118° (EtOH), [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> + 28.3° (CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR(KBr): 3400 cm<sup>-1</sup> (OH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ(ppm) = 2.24 (s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.63, 3.80 (s, 3 OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.59 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, H-2), 5.62 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, H-3), 6.52, 7.80 (s, 2H<sub>arom</sub>). MS (70 eV): *m/z* = 359(9), M<sup>+</sup>, 342(95), 341(100), 340(84), 326(51), 310(33). MW: Calc. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>: 359.1726. Found: 359.1718.

#### Predicentrine(2)

A mixture of **11** and **12** (0.1 g, 0.28 mmol) in 95% H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> was kept at room temp for 20 min and then H<sub>2</sub>O (10 ml) was added. The soln was basified with 25% NH<sub>4</sub>OH and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic solvent was removed and the residue was filtered through alumina, eluted with ether to give 0.085 g (89%) of **2**, [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> + 118° (MeOH). IR(CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 3510 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ(ppm) = 2.50 (s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.54, 3.86, 3.89 (s, 3 OCH<sub>3</sub>), 6.55, 6.75, 7.91 (s, 3H<sub>arom</sub>). MS (70 eV): *m/z* = 341(75), M<sup>+</sup>, 340(100), 326(58), 310(40), 298(30), 283(27).

#### Dibenzoazabicycloundecane(13)

A mixture of **11** and **12** (0.2 g, 0.6 mmol) in Py (3 ml) and Ac<sub>2</sub>O (2 ml) was heated for 1 hr at 100°. After cooling to room temp the mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (10 ml). 25% NH<sub>4</sub>OH (1 ml) was added and extracted with ether. The ether layers were combined, washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified on alumina eluted with ether to give 0.15 g (79%) of **13**, m.p. 135–137° (ether). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ(ppm) = 2.06–2.15 m, 2.98–3.19 m, 3.66–3.76 m (2 CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.57 (dd, J<sub>H<sub>a</sub>,H<sub>b</sub>-H<sub>c</sub>} = 4.4 Hz, J<sub>H<sub>a</sub>,H<sub>b</sub>} = 13.8 Hz, H<sub>a</sub>-7), 2.75 (s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.76 (dd, J<sub>H<sub>b</sub>,H<sub>c</sub>-H<sub>d</sub>} = 11.4 Hz, J<sub>H<sub>a</sub>,H<sub>b</sub>} = 13.8 Hz, H<sub>b</sub>-7), 3.80, 3.91, 3.93 (s, 3 OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.85 (dd, J<sub>H<sub>1</sub>,H<sub>2</sub>,H<sub>3</sub>} = 4.4 Hz, J<sub>H<sub>1</sub>,H<sub>2</sub>,H<sub>3</sub>} = 11.4 Hz, H-6a), 6.62 (d, J = 8.2 Hz), 6.83, 6.99 (d, J = 8.2 Hz), 7.40 (4H<sub>arom</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ(ppm) = 27.6 (C-4), 36.8 (C-7), 42.2 (NCH<sub>3</sub>), 50.3 (C-5), 55.7, 56.1, 56.2 (3 OCH<sub>3</sub>), 99.2 (C-6a), 106.6, 113.3, 114.6, 125.9 (C-2, C-3, C-8, C-11), 123.2, 127.1, 130.3, 131.2 (C-1a, C-3a, C-7a, C-11a), 147.4, 148.1, 153.9, 155.0 (C-1, C-1b, C-9, C-10). MS (70 eV): *m/z* = 341(40), M<sup>+</sup>, 324(18), 298(24), 281(100), 267(55). MW: Calc. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: 341.1621. Found: 341.1630.</sub></sub></sub></sub></sub></sub>

#### Dibenzoxepine(14)

Compound **13** (0.2 g, 0.59 mmol) in MeI (5 ml) was stirred while heating under reflux. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and 20%

methanolic KOH (5 ml) was added to the residue. The mixture was heated for 2 hr at 90° and after cooling to room temp it was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (20 ml) and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic layers were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O and evaporated to dryness. By preparative TLC, 0.15 g (72%) of **14** was isolated. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ(ppm) = 2.35 (s, N/CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.76, 3.91, 3.92 (s, 3 OCH<sub>3</sub>), 6.09 (d, J = 5.4 Hz), 6.66 (d, J = 5.4 Hz), 6.70, 6.75 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.15 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.36 (6 H<sub>arom</sub>). MS (70 eV): m/z = 335(10), M<sup>+</sup>, 297(2), 282(2), 281(7), 267(3), 58(100). MW: Calc. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: 355.1777. Found: 355.1772.

#### Dibenzoazacyclodecane(15)

In stirred dry THF (5 ml), LAH (0.05 g, 1.2 mmol) and **13** (0.2 g, 0.6 mmol) were added at room temp. After 30 min H<sub>2</sub>O (10 ml) was added. The mixture was extracted with ether and the organic solvent was removed. The residue was recrystallized from ether to give 0.16 g (80%) of **15**, m.p. 201–203° (ether). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ(ppm) = 1.61 (br s, OH), 1.46–1.54 m, 2.17–2.50 m, 2.70–2.76 m, 3.47–3.57 m (4 CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.41 (s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.72, 3.86, 3.94 (s, 3 OCH<sub>3</sub>), 6.62 (d, J = 8 Hz), 6.72, 6.91 (d, J = 8 Hz), 7.08 (4H<sub>arom</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ(ppm) = 30.2, 30.8 (C-4, C-7), 45.3 (NCH<sub>3</sub>), 55.8, 55.9 (3 OCH<sub>3</sub>), 61.2, 62.2 (C-5, C-6a), 103.5, 113.2, 114.0, 126.2 (C-2 (C-3, C-8, C-11), 123.8, 127.6, 131.6, 133.4 (C-1a, C-3a, C-7a, C-11a), 147.3, 147.9, 156.9, 160.7 (C-1, C-1b, C-9, C-10). MS (70 eV): m/z = 343(100), M<sup>+</sup>, 342(44), 328(10), 326(20), 312(16), 300(51), 287(75), 286(68), 268(39), 258(38), 255(52). MW: Calc. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: 343.1777. Found: 343.1761.

#### Glaucine-quinol acetate(16) and acetoxydibenzoazacyclodecane(17)

Compound **3** (0.2 g, 0.56 mmol) in Py (3 ml) and Ac<sub>2</sub>O (2 ml) was heated for 6 hr at 100°. After cooling to room temp the mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (20 ml), 25% NH<sub>4</sub>OH (1 ml) was added and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic solution was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O and removed in vacuo. By preparative TLC, 0.09 g (41%) of **16** and 0.03 g (14%) of **17** were isolated.

Compound **16**: IR(CCl<sub>4</sub>): 1647, 1670 cm<sup>-1</sup> (CO, quinol), 1758 cm<sup>-1</sup> (OCOCH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ(ppm) = 1.81 (s, COCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.40 (s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.87, 3.90, 3.93 (s, 3 OCH<sub>3</sub>), 6.30, 6.70, 7.60 (3 H<sub>arom</sub>). MS (70 eV): m/z = 399(2), M<sup>+</sup>, 341(62), 340(100), 339(37), 326(50), 324(48), 322(35), 310(45). MW: Calc. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>: 399.1675. Found: 399.1683. **17**: IR(CCl<sub>4</sub>): 1770 cm<sup>-1</sup> (OCOCH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ(ppm) =

2.08–2.17 m, 3.2–3.26 m (2 CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.35 (s, COCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.66 (dd, J<sub>H<sub>a</sub>,H-6a</sub> = 4.8 Hz, J<sub>H<sub>a</sub>,H<sub>b</sub></sub> = 13.8 Hz, Ha-7), 2.75 (s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.77 (dd, J<sub>H<sub>b</sub>,H-6a</sub> = 10.8 Hz, J<sub>H<sub>b</sub>,H<sub>a</sub></sub> = 13.8 Hz, HB-7), 3.45, 3.92, 3.93 (s, 3 OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.84 (dd, J<sub>H-6a,H<sub>a</sub></sub> = 4.8 Hz, J<sub>H-6a,H<sub>b</sub></sub> = 10.8 Hz, H-6a), 6.80, 6.84, 7.42 (3H<sub>arom</sub>). MS (70 eV): m/z = 399(63), M<sup>+</sup>, 382(53), 356(36), 342(45), 339(49), 325(28), 70(100). MW: Calc. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>: 399.1675. Found: 399.1669.

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