Antioxidant Alkaloid from the South China Sea Marine Sponge *Iotrochota* sp.

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Z. Naturforsch. 63c, 636–638 (2008); received February 11/March 17, 2008 Purpurone was isolated from the sponge *Iotrochota* sp. by bioactivity-guided fractionation. The compound showed antioxidant activity using the DPPH assay. The structure was estab-

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lished on the basis of NMR data and comparison with data reported.

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