# **Total Synthesis of Palau'amine**

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Stylotella aurantium





## **Isolation and Biological Activity**

Meaning of Hawaiian word palau: war club





• Isolated in 1993 from the sea sponge *Stylotella agminata* collected from the Western Caroline Islands in the Republic of Palau

- Low acute toxicity (LD<sub>50</sub> 13mg/kg, mice)
- Significant immunosuppressive and antitumor activities (IC<sub>50</sub>'s for P-388 and A-549 were 0.1 and 0.2  $\mu$ g/mL, respectively)
- Displays antifungal and antibacterial activities
- Authors note that the dust from the sponge caused allergic reactions consisting of *severe* shortness of breath lasting for about 4 h and skin rashes.

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#### original structure

(incorrect)

- Unusually high nitrogen content (N/C ~ 1 : 2)
- Highly strained core with 8 contiguous stereocenters
- High polarity translates into difficulty in performing manipulations (solubility, purifications, etc.)
- pH stability (decomposes under basic conditions above pH 6.5)
- Absolute stereochemistry is unknown

Structure revision:

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## **Synthetic Challenges**

A Formidable Opponent..... Synthetic Publications: 34 PhD. Dissertations: 26

Total Synthesis: 1 (title paper)



revised structure

(correct)

#### **Hypothetical Biosynthesis**



Proline





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#### **Oroidin-Derived Alkaloids**



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#### Disclaimer: Relative stereochemistry unrevised

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#### Highlights of Selected Previous Efforts Towards Palau'amine (Overman)



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#### Synthesis of Functionalized Cyclopentane Core



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### **Completion of Racemic Palau'amine**



#### The following was taken from the SI:

- Attempted purification of intermediates (*in the above sequence*) led to a reduced yield of 'final product' due to their extreme polarity leading to difficulty in separation
- Purification of 'final product' had to be performed twice on two columns (*RP HPLC*) in 5-8 batches each

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....what was the inspiration for the trans-annular cyclization? Page 10 of 14

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Position	Natural (Quinn) <sup>a</sup>	Natural (Scheuer) <sup>b</sup>	Synthetic
3	6.89 (dd, 3.9, 1.6)	6.85 (dd, 3.9, 1.5)	6.89 (dd, 3.9, 1.5)
4	6.39 (dd, 3.9, 2.8)	6.35 (dd, 3.9, 2.8)	6.38 (dd, 3.9, 2.8)
5	7.03 (dd, 2.8, 1.6)	6.99 (dd, 2.8, 1.5)	7.02 (dd, 2.7, 1.6)
6	6.37 (s)	6.33 (s)	6.37 (s)
7 (N)			
8-NH <sub>2</sub>			
9			
11	3.11 (d, 13.8)	3.08 (dd, 14.1)	3.11 (d, 14.1)
12	2.50 (m)	2.52 (dddd)	2.50 (m)
13	3.97 (dd, 10.2, 7.2)α	3.96 (dd, 10.4, 7.3)α	3.97 (dd, 10.4, 7.0)α
	3.31 (t, 10.2)β	3.28 (dd, 10.3, 10.4)β	3.31 (t, 10.2)β
17	4.34 (d, 7.8)	4.35 (d, 7.9)	4.35 (d, 7.8)
18	2.48 (m)	2.47 (dddd)	2.48 (m)
19	3.32 (dd, 13.2, 6.6)α	3.32 (dd, 13.2, 7.0)α	3.32 (dd, 13.3, 6.5)α
	3.27 (dd, 13.2, 6.6)β	3.24 (dd, 13.2, 7.0)β	3.26 (dd, 13.3, 6.5)β
20	5.98 (s)	5.96 (s)	5.98 (s)
20-OH			
21 (N)			
22-NH <sub>2</sub>			
23 (N)			
24 (N)			

#### Spectroscopic Comparison (<sup>1</sup>H NMR)

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## Spectroscopic Comparison (<sup>13</sup>C NMR)

Position	Natural (Quinn) <sup>a</sup>	Natural (Scheuer) <sup>b,c</sup>	Synthetic
2	122.5	122.5	122.5
3	115.7	115.6	115.7
4	113.9	113.8	113.9
5	125.2	125.2	125.2
6	69.0	69.0	69.0
8	157.8	157.8° (159.6) <sup>b</sup>	157.8
10	80.7	80.8	80.8
11	56.3	56.3	56.3
12	41.8	41.8	41.9
13	46.0	46.1	46.1
15	159.5	159.5° (157.8) <sup>b</sup>	159.6
16	72.0	72.1	72.1
17	74.0	74.0	74.1
18	48.6	48.6	48.6
19	41.8	41.9	41.9
20	83.7	83.7	83.8
22	157.9	157.9	157.8

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#### Inspiration for "Macro-Palau'amine"?



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"...the macro-intermediate is just off the charts, and alone places Baran in rarified territory. It is not just non-obvious, it is totally counter intuitive on many levels..." –
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#### Summary

- First synthesis of Palau'amine completed over 16 years after initial isolation
- Minimal protecting group operations
- Functionalized cyclopentane core prepared using strategic Diels-Alder, intramolecular aldol, and tandem oxidation/spirocyclization reactions
- Late stage chemoselective Ag(II)-picolinate oxidation installs key hemiaminal
- Uncatalyzed coupling of pyrrole surrogate gives access to pyrrole acid intermediate
- Intriguing trans-annular cyclization establishes elusive *trans*-5,5 ring core and completes the synthesis
- According to Baran, an enantioselective, scalable variant is coming soon......please stay tuned.

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