Total Synthesis of (-)-Flueggine A And (+)-Virosaine B



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- Isolated from the twigs and leaves of *Flueggea virosa*.
- The structures and absolute configurations of (-)-*Flueggine A* and (+)-*Virosaine B* were elucidated by means of NMR, X-ray diffraction and CD analyses.^{2,3}



(-)-Flueggine A



(+)-Virosaine B



(-)-Virosaine A







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Biological Activities

- *Flueggine A* exhibited modest activities in three breast cancer cell lines, with IC_{50} values of 60±4 (MCF-7), 86±9 (MDA-MB-231), and 68±7 μ M (MCF-7/ADR).¹
- *Flueggine B* exhibited a significant inhibitory activity on the growth of MCF-7 and MDA-MB-231 cells, with IC_{50} values of 135±5 and 147±3 nM.
- Neither *Virosaine A* nor *B* showed cytotoxic activity against MCF-7, MDA-MB-231, HepG2, HepG2/ADM, HL-60, K562, and Hep2 cells.



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Synthesis of (-)-Flueggine A



Synthesis of (+)-Virosaine B



Synthesis of (-)-Virosaine A



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Summary

- 5.92% overall yield for (-)-Flueggine A
- 6.68% overall yield for (+)-Virosaine B
- Starting from commercially available Weinreb amide.
- Tandem RRCMs strategy and 1,3-dipolar cycloadditions as two key steps.