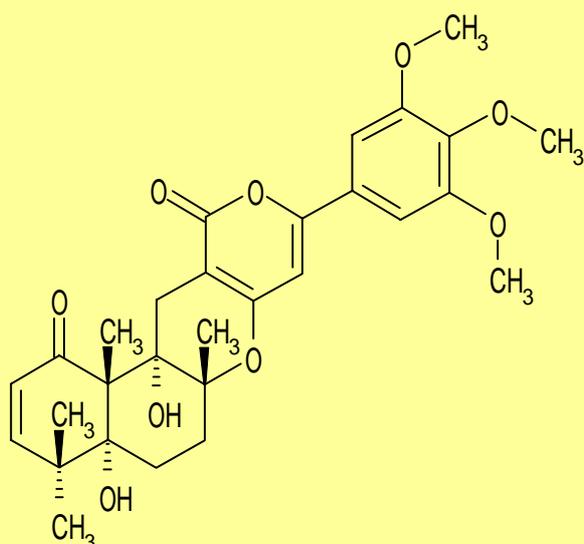


Structure



Origin: synthetic originally from *Asperigillus terreus*

CAS Registry Number: 70407-20-4

CA Index Name: (4aR)-4a,6,6a,12,12a,12b-Hexahydro-4a β ,12a β -dihydroxy-4,4,6a α ,12b α -tetramethyl-9-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-4H,11H-naphtho[2,1-b]pyrano[3,4-e]pyran-1,11(5H)-dione

Appearance: white solid

Molecular Formula/ Weight: C₂₉H₃₄O₉=526.58

Melting Point: >300 **Purity:** 95.0% by HPLC

Solubility: Soluble in MeOH, chloroform
Insoluble in water

Background Information:

Territrem B was isolated from *Asperigillus terreus* as a tremorgenic mycotoxin¹. Furthermore, the very similar compounds, arisugacins A and B were isolated from *Penicillium* sp. FO-4259 in the course of screening for selective acetylcholinesterase inhibitors².

Their structures are comprised of a highly oxygenated trans decalin system and an α -pyrone moiety which belong biogenetically to the mixed polyketide-terpenoid group (meroterpenoid) (Figure 1)³. The first total synthesis of arisugacins was achieved by Sunazuka – \ddot{O} mura⁴.

Arisugacins A, B and territrem B possess inhibitory activities against AChE (from human erythrocytes) in vitro, with IC₅₀ values of 1, 26, and 8 nM, respectively (Figure 2)⁵. And the activity against AChE was more than 20,000 times higher than that against butyrylcholinesterase (BChE, from horse serum) (Table 1). The studies on the effects of arisugacin A on an animal model of scopolamine-induced amnesia showed that arisugacin A protected against amnesia and exhibited very weak effects on mouse salivation and hypothermia, a peripheral cholinergic response and central cholinergic response⁶.

Effects of territrem B on the central neuron of the snail *Achatina fulica* were studied electrophysiologically⁷. It was predicted that an optimal territrem B-AChE binding would position a narrowing connection of the territrem B structure at a constricted area near the entrance of the gorge, thereby providing a structural basis for the observed irreversible binding (Figure 3, 4). Territrem-B potentiated the acetylcholine (ACh) induced current of the neuron, while it had no effect on GABA or L-glutamate elicited currents. Territrem B increased the peak amplitude of the response elicited by the first perfusion of ACh and depressed the increase in current produced by a second perfusion⁷. They could be potentially excellent drugs for the treatment of AD

Handling and Storage:

Store at -20 .

References:

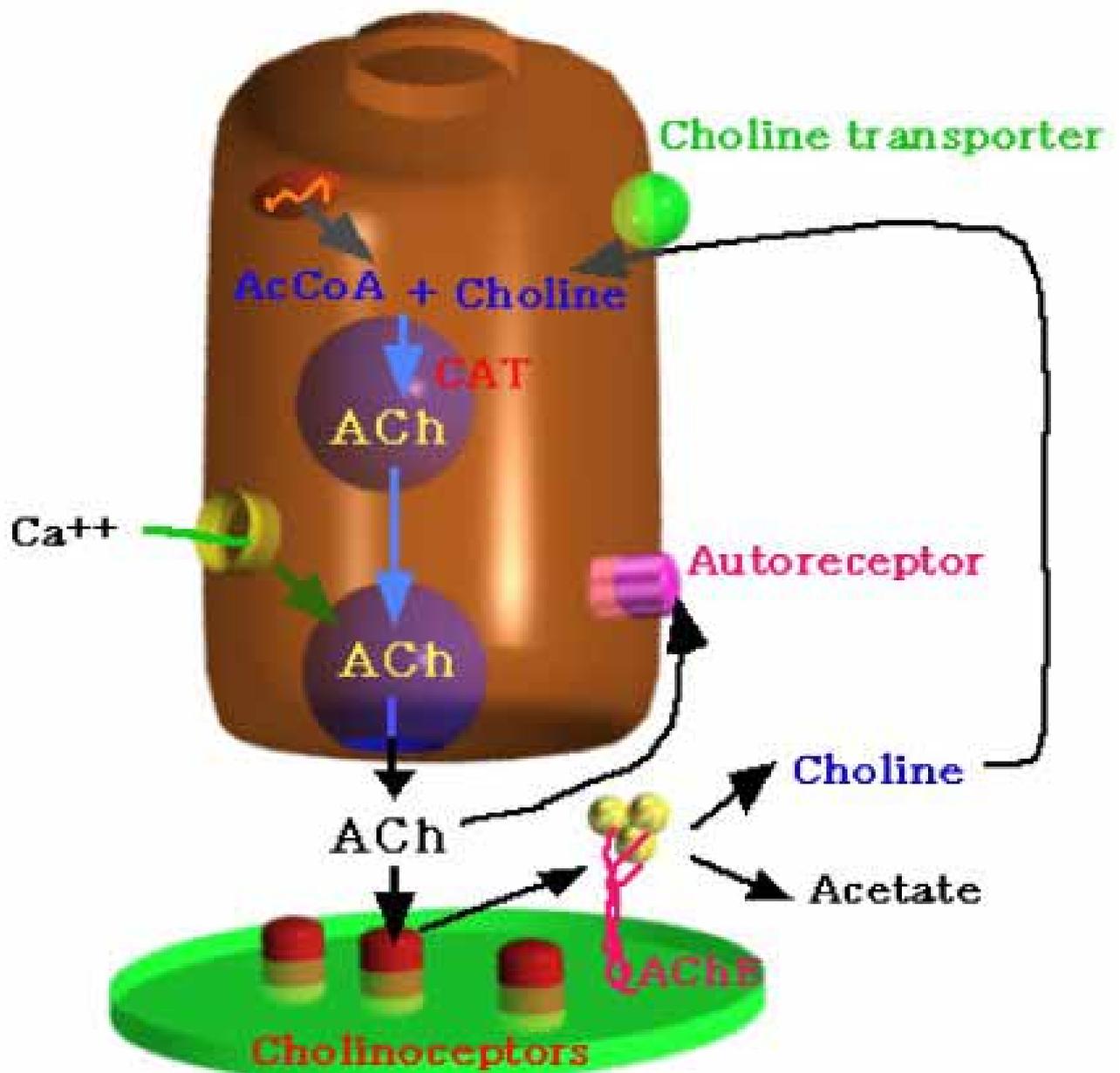
1. K. H. Ling et al., *Appl. Environ. Microbiol.* **37**, 355 (1979).
2. S. \ddot{O} mura, et al., *J. Antibiot.* **48**, 745 (1995).
3. T. Simpson et al., *J. Chem. Soc. Rev.* **16**, 123 (1987).
4. T. Sunazuka et al., *Org. Lett.* **4**, 367 (2002).
5. F. Kuno et al., *J. Antibiot.* **49**, 742 (1996).
6. K. Otoguro et al., *Pharmacol. Ther.* **76**, 45 (1997).
7. J. W. Chen et al., *J Biol Chem.* **274**, 34916 (1999).

Synthesized by Organic Chemistry Group, The Kitasato Institute.

Table 1

Inhibition of AChE and BuChE by Arisugacins and Territrems B

Compound	IC ₅₀ (nM)		(BuChE/AChE)
	AChE	BuChE	
Arisugacin A	1.0	>21,000	>21,000
Arisugacin B	25.8	>516,000	>20,000
Territrems B	7.6	>20,000	>2,632



A