Conformation-Guided Analogue Design Identifies Potential Antimalarial Compounds through Inhibition of Mitochondrial Respiration

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Supporting Information

General Experimental Information

Unless otherwise noted, all materials were used as received from a commercial supplier without further purification. All anhydrous reactions were performed using oven-dried or flame-dried glassware, cooled under vacuum and purged with argon gas. Dichloromethane (DCM), tetrahydrofuran (THF), toluene and diethyl ether (Et₂O) were filtered through activated alumina under nitrogen. Triethylamine (Et₃N) was distilled over CaH₂ and stored over KOH pellets. 4Å molecular sieves were oven-dried overnight and cooled under high vacuum prior to use. All reactions were monitored by Silicycle thin layer chromatography (TLC) plates (Extra Hard Layer, 60Å, glass back) and analyzed with 254 nm UV light and/or anisaldehyde treatment. Silica gel for column chromatography was purchased from Silicycle (SiliaFlash® P60, 230 – 400 mesh). Unless otherwise noted, all ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ using either a Varian Inova 500 spectrometer operating at 499.86 MHz for ¹H and 125.69 MHz for ¹³C, or Varian VNMRS 600 operating 599.87 MHz for ¹H and 150.84 MHz for ¹³C. Chemical shifts (δ) were reported in ppm relative to the residual CHCl3 as an internal reference (¹H: 7.26 ppm, ¹³C: 77.23 ppm). Coupling constants (J) were reported in Hertz (Hz). Peak multiplicity is indicated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), g (quartet), p (pentet), x (septet), h (heptet), b (broad) and m (multiplet). Mass spectra (FAB) were obtained at the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Notre Dame using either a JEOL AX505HA or JEOL JMS-GCmate mass spectrometer. LCMS analysis was performed on a Waters 2695 Separations Module integrated 3100 Mass Detector system employing positive ion ESI mode, equipped with a Waters 996 Photodiode Array Detector, using a Waters XBridge BEH C18 2.5 µm column (3.0 \times 30 mm), DAD detected at 254 nm, at 50°C. The operation software is MassLynx Software License V4.1 (Waters, Milford, MA, USA). Semiprep-HPLC separation was performed on a Waters 1525 Binary pump equipped with a Waters 2998 Photodiode Array Detector, Waters 2707 Autosampler, and Water Fraction Collector III utilizing Empower 3 Chromatography Manager software (Waters, Milford, MA, USA).

Experimental Methods

TBS-Protected Macrolide



To a solution of macrolide **3** (40 mg, 0.12 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (3 mL) at -78°C was added 2,6-lutidine (28.4 μ L, 0.244 mmol) and TBSOTf (33 μ L, 0.18 mmol) sequentially. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at -78°C and then quenched with saturated aqueous

NH₄Cl. After warming to room temperature, the layers were separated and the aqueous layer further extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (4 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried with MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by column chromatography (95:5 Hexanes:EtOAc) gave the TBS-protected macrolide (50 mg, 93% yield) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.13 (td, *J* = 9.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.17 – 4.09 (m, 2H), 3.69 – 3.61 (m, 1H), 3.61 – 3.53 (m, 1H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 2.55 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 1.95 – 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.79 – 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.60 – 1.55 (m, 1H), 1.53 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 1.43 – 1.24 (m, 8H), 1.18 (dd, *J* = 14.9, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 1.12 (ddd, *J* = 12.9, 10.7, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 0.97 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 3H), 0.90 – 0.89 (m, 9H), 0.04 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.57, 75.97, 74.83, 73.52, 69.36, 65.54, 56.45, 44.46, 42.91, 42.54, 40.33, 40.30, 39.55, 37.18, 31.30, 30.57, 26.09, 25.75, 19.25, 18.35, 14.16, -4.59, -4.63. HRMS-FAB: (M+H)⁺ = 443.3193 calculated for C₂₄H₄₇O₅Si, experimental: 443.3191.

TBS-Protected (R)-2-Methyl Macrolide



To a solution of TBS-protected macrolide (11.5 mg, 0.0259 mmol) in THF (0.5 mL) at -78°C was added 65 µL of NaHMDS (2.0 M in THF, 0.13 mmol). The solution was stirred at -78°C for 2 h, then MeI (10 µL, 0.16 mmol) was added and the mixture warmed to 0°C. After 1 h of further stirring, full conversion was observed and the reaction was quenched with 1 mL of H₂O. 3 mL each of saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ and EtOAc were added and the organic layer was separated. The aqueous layer was further extracted with EtOAc (2 \times 2 mL), and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (3 mL), then dried with MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by column chromatography (95:5 Hexanes:EtOAc) gave the methylated macrolide (10 mg, 84% yield) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.98 (s, 1H), 4.20 – 4.12 (m, 1H), 3.69 (ddd, J = 11.6, 9.7, 2.0Hz, 1H), 3.61 (dt, J = 9.8, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (dddd, J = 10.8, 9.4, 2.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 2.41 (dq, J = 9.8, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.09 – 1.98 (m, 1H), 1.89 – 1.78 (m, 1H), 1.73 – 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.60 - 1.47 (m, 3H), 1.41 (dd, J = 7.3, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 1.39 - 1.37 (m, 1H), 1.37 - 1.371.22 (m, 7H), 1.18 - 1.12 (m, 1H), 1.12 - 1.06 (m, 4H), 0.96 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, J = 0.9 Hz, 3Hz), 0.92 (t, J = 0.9 Hz, 3Hz), 0.92 (t, J = 0.9 Hz, 3Hz3H), 0.90 (m, 9H), 0.04 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.02, 75.76, 75.22, 74.42, 65.14, 56.13, 47.91, 44.04, 41.95, 40.12, 39.78, 37.49, 36.71, 30.51, 25.79, 25.17, 19.10, 18.07, 13.89, 13.86, -4.83, -4.84. HRMS-FAB: $(M+Na)^+ = 479.3169$ calculated for C₂₅H₄₈NaO₅Si, experimental: 479.3163.

(R)-2-Methyl Neopeltolide Macrolide (4)



To a solution of macrolide (9.0 mg, 0.020 mmol) in THF (0.7 mL) was added TBAF (1.0 M in THF, 98 μ L, 0.098 mmol). After 2 h, additional TBAF (98 μ L) was added, and this procedure was repeated to a total reaction time of 6 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with 2 mL saturated aqueous NH₄Cl, then extracted with EtOAc (3 × 3 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried with MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by column chromatography (90:10 to 70:30 Hexanes:EtOAc) gave the macrolide alcohol **3.58** (5.2 mg, 77%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.06 (s, 1H), 4.29 – 4.23 (m, 1H), 3.76 (ddd, *J* = 11.8, 10.0, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (td, *J* = 9.8, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.58 – 3.50 (m, 1H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 2.45 (dq, *J* = 9.9, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.01 – 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.84 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.61 – 1.47 (m, 5H), 1.42 (m, 3H), 1.38 – 1.28 (m, 3H), 1.22 – 1.17 (m, 1H), 1.15 – 1.04 (m, 4H), 0.97 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.95, 75.94, 75.18, 74.81, 73.44, 65.04, 56.35, 48.26, 44.24, 42.23, 40.17, 39.71, 37.04, 36.75, 31.11, 29.91, 25.54, 19.23, 14.10. HRMS-FAB: (M+Na)⁺ = 365.2304 calculated for C₁₉H₃₄NaO₅, experimental: 365.2295. [α]²⁰_D = +20.5° (*c* = 0.50 in CHCl₃).

(*R*)-2-Methyl Neopeltolide (6)



To a solution of 4 (6.0 mg, 18 μ mol) and bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)phosphonoacetic acid (11 mg, 36 μ mol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2.5 mL) was added HOBt·H₂O (1.0 mg, 7.0 μ mol) and EDCI·HCl (33.6 mg, 180 μ mol). After 20 min, the mixture was filtered through a short plug of silica gel, eluting with 50 mL EtOAc. The eluant was concentrated and the residue was used immediately without further purification.

To a cooled (-78°C) solution of 18-crown-6 ether (24 mg, 90 μ mol) and the unpurified phosphonate in THF (0.5 mL) was added potassium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide (0.5M in toluene, 45 μ L, 22 μ mol). After 1 h the reaction mixture was cooled to -85°C and a solution of aldehyde 7 (9.0 mg, 36 μ mol) in THF (0.5 mL) was added dropwise by cannula. The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h at -85°C and then quenched by the addition of saturated

aqueous NH₄Cl (5 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (4 x 5 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Preparative TLC (50:50 Hexanes:EtOAc) afforded 6.0 mg (57% yield over 2 steps) of **8**, judged to be a 4:1 mixture of *Z:E* isomers by ¹H NMR analysis. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.40 – 6.22 (m, 2H), 6.17 – 6.03 (m, 1H), 5.88 (dt, *J* = 11.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.27 – 5.16 (m, 1H), 4.97 (s, 1H), 4.32 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.77 – 3.58 (m, 4H), 3.58 – 3.42 (m, 2H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 3.04 (qd, *J* = 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (dq, *J* = 9.7, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.02 (t, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 1.29 – 1.14 (m, 5H), 1.14 – 1.04 (m, 4H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.88, 160.22, 165.62, 157.36, 149.34, 141.38, 136.48, 134.07, 120.93, 116.89, 75.92, 75.31, 67.62, 66.05, 56.35, 48.13, 44.08, 42.13, 39.86, 39.55, 36.92, 36.54, 33.90, 30.67, 29.91, 27.87, 25.91, 25.35, 19.33, 15.48, 14.08, 13.96. HRMS-FAB: (M+Na)⁺ = 627.3252 calculated for C₃₂H₄₈N₂NaO₉, experimental: 627.3282. [α]²⁰_D = +22.0° (*c* = 0.20 in CHCl₃).

Conformational Analysis



¹H signals of neopeltolide macrolide **3** in CDCl₃. Original data is from Kartika *et al*, *Org. Lett.*, **2008**, *10*, 5047. Specific coupling constants used for DISCON calculations are found in Figure 4.

| Proton | Chemical Shift (ppm) and Splitting | J (Hz) |
|--------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2proR | 2.56, dd | 14.4, 4.2 |
| 2proS | 2.32, dd | 15.0, 11.4 |
| 3 | 4.2, dddd | 11.4, 11.4, 4.8, 2.4 |
| 4proR | 1.67, m | - |
| 4proS | 1.5, m | - |
| 5 | 4.25, b | - |
| 6proR | 1.5, m | - |
| 6proS | 1.67, m | - |
| 7 | 3.69, ddd | 11.4, 9.0, 2.4 |
| 8proR | 1.21, dd | 15.6, 1.8 |
| 8proS | 1.39, ddd | 15.0, 9.0, 5.4 |
| 9 | 1.5, m | - |
| 10proR | 1.58, ddd | 13.2, 11.4, 2.4 |

| 10proS | 1.12, ddd | 13.2, 10.8, 2.4 |
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| 11 | 3.6, dddd | 10.8, 9.6, 2.4, 1.2 |
| 12proR | 1.35, m | - |
| 12proS | 1.83, ddd | 15.0, 10.8, 1.8 |
| 13 | 5.2, dddd | 9.6, 9.6, 4.8, 0.6 |

Conformational Searches

Conformer libraries were generated using the Batchmin package and the MM3 force field as implemented in MacroModel 9.0. Solvation was simulated using the GB/SA continuum model for water. Conformational searches were performed with the MCMM torsional sampling, typically using 50,000 Monte Carlo steps per run. Structures within a 20 kJ/mol window were saved and minimized for complete convergence using the Polak-Ribiere conjugate gradient method (5000 steps, convergence threshold of 0.05).

Polar Maps

Backbone dihedral angles were extracted from the conformers using Maestro 9.2 and converted to $0-360^{\circ}$ scale before being plotted onto polar coordinate maps using Microsoft Excel 2007 with the Polar Plot2¹ add-in.

Comparison of C2-methyl substituted analogue conformational searches

¹ http://www.andypope.info/charts/polarplot3.htm



DISCON

DISCON is a Windows/Mac/Linux application developed by the Amos Smith laboratory for calculating the distribution of solution conformations of a flexible organic molecule by using NOE cross-peak volumes, coupling constants, and a pre-generated library of conformers. The program uses a similar approach to the NAMFIS methodology with the additional steps of using NMR variables to initially cluster compounds and the use of a genetic algorithm to assist with deconvolution, which are beneficial in identifying representative structures while avoiding overfitting. Additional information on DISCON, including software binaries, test files and program documentation, may be found at http://discon.sourceforge.net and in selected publications from the Smith lab².

² Smith, A. B.; Atasoylu, O.; Risatti, C.; Bennett, C. S.; Liu, J.; Cheng, H.; TenDyke, K.; Xu, Q. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2011**, *133*, 14042-14053.



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