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Nickel-catalyzed dimerization of pyrrolidinoindoline scaffolds: Systematic access to chimonanthines, folicanthines and (+)-WIN 64821

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General Methods

All reactions were performed under a nitrogen atmosphere unless otherwise specified. NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL α 400, JNM-ECX 400 (¹H/400 MHz, ¹³C/100 MHz), and Bulker VSP 500 (¹H/500 MHz, ¹³C/125 MHz) spectrometers. Chemical shifts are reported in δ (ppm) using chloroform as an internal standard of δ 7.26, and 77.16, acetonitrile as an internal standard of δ 1.94, and 118.26, methanol as an internal standard of δ 3.31, and 49.00, and dimethyl sulfoxide as an internal standard of δ 2.50, and 39.52 for ¹H and ¹³C NMR, respectively. Data for ¹H NMR are reported as follows: chemical shift (number of hydrogens, multiplicity, coupling constant). Multiplicity is abbreviated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), quin (quintet), m (multiplet), br (broad). ESI-Mass spectra were recorded on JEOL The AccuTOF LC-Plus JMS-T100. Optical rotations were recorded on JASCO DIP-360 digital polarimeter. The medium pressure liquid chromatography (MPLC) purifications were performed on a YAMAZEN YFLC-AI-580. Where necessary, solvents were distilled from appropriate drying agents prior to use. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography using Merck Millipore TLC Silica gel F₂₅₄ plates (0.25 mm) which were visualized using UV light, *p*-anisaldehyde stain, and PMS stain. Flash column chromatography was performed using Kanto Silica Gel 60N or Amino silica-gel [Kanto Silica Gel 60 (spherical) NH₂].

Materials

NiCl₂ was purchased from Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd. and used after vacuuming for 5 h. NiCl₂· 6H₂O, NiF₂·4H₂O, NiBr₂, CuCl₂, FeCl₃, and CoCl₂ were purchased from Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd. and used as received. NiI₂ was purchased from Alfa Aesar and used as received. NiI₂·6H₂O was purchased from Nacalai Tesque, Inc. and used as received. Manganese and InCl₃ were purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used as received. The ligands (SciOPP and TMS-SciOPP)¹ were provided through the generous gift by Prof. Masaharu Nakamura (Kyoto Univ.) and Prof. Takuji Hatakeyama (Kwansei Gakuin Univ.).

Synthetic procedures



Screening of catalyst for reductive dimerization of 7 (exo)

General procedure

To a mixture of metal catalyst (0.120 mmol, 15 mol%) and DPPE (47.8 mg, 0.120 mmol, 15 mol%) in DMA (650 μ L) was added bromide **7** (398 mg, 0.800 mmol), and resulting mixture was purged with nitrogen. After treatment with Mn (50.5 mg, 0.920 mmol, 1.15 eq), the resulting suspension was immediately purged again with nitrogen and stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The mixture was diluted with AcOEt and treated with 1 N HCl. After separation of aqueous phase, organic layer was washed with H₂O x2, 1 N HCl, saturated aqueous solution of Na₂SO₃, and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography to isolate dimer **8**,² byproducts (**9** and **10**) and recovered substrate **7**.

Procedure with pretreatment of anhydrous metal catalyst with H₂O

Anhydrous metal catalyst (0.120 mmol, 15 mol%) and H₂O (0.720 mmol, 90 mol%) were premixed, and then DMA (650 μ L) was added. To a resulting mixture of metal catalyst in DMA were added DPPE (47.8 mg, 0.120 mmol, 15 mol%) and bromide **7** (398 mg, 0.800 mmol), and resulting mixture was purged with nitrogen. After addition of Mn (50.5 mg, 0.920 mmol, 1.15 eq), the resulting suspension was immediately purged again with nitrogen and stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The mixture was diluted with AcOEt and treated with 1 N HCl. After separation of aqueous phase, organic layer was washed with H₂O x2, 1 N HCl, saturated aqueous solution of Na₂SO₃, and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography to isolate dimer **8**, byproducts (**9** and **10**) and recovered substrate **7**.

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| Entry | Metal | 8 [%] ^{<i>a</i>} (C_2 -dimer) | 10 [%] ^{<i>a</i>} (reduced) | $9 [\%]^a$ (cleaved) | 7 [%] ^{<i>a</i>} (recovery) |
| 1 | CuCl ₂ | trace | trace | 77 | 0 |
| 2 | FeCl ₃ | trace | 14 | 64 | 0 |
| 3 | InCl ₃ | 12 | <5 | 74 | 0 |
| 4 | CoCl ₂ | 46 | 18 | <5 | 0 |
| 5 | NiCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O | 60 | 17 | 8 | 0 |
| 6 | NiCl ₂ | trace | trace | 7 | 75 |
| 7 | $NiCl_2 + 6H_2O$ | 52 | 13 | 5 | 0 |
| 8 | NiF ₂ ·4H ₂ O | trace | <5 | trace | 83 |
| 9 | NiBr ₂ +6H ₂ O | 58 | 14 | <5 | 0 |
| 10 | $NiI_2 + 6H_2O$ | 70 | 8 | 6 | 0 |
| 11 | NiI ₂ ·6H ₂ O | 74 | <5 | 13 | 0 |

Table S1: Screening of catalyst for reductive dimerization of 7 (exo)

a) Isolated yields, average of two trials.

Effects of ligand on nickel-catalyzed dimerization of 7 (exo)



Table S2: Screening of optimum ligands for nickel-catalyzed reductive dimerization of 7 (exo)

| Entry | Metal | Ligand | Solvent | 8 $[\%]^a$ (<i>C</i> ₂ -dimer) | 10 $[\%]^a$ (reduced) | $9 [\%]^a$ (cleaved) | 7 [%] ^{<i>a</i>} (recovery) |
|-------|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------|---|------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| 1 | | PPh ₃ ^b | | 11 | 10 | 19 | 36 |
| 2 | | DPPF | | 28 | 17 | 20 | <5 |
| 3 | NICLAU O | DPPB | DMA | 46 | 14 | <5 | <10 |
| 4 | $NICI_2 OII_2O$ | DPPP | | 56 | <5 | <5 | <5 |
| 5 | | DPPBz | | 55 | 19 | trace | <5 |
| 6 | | DPPE | | 60 | 17 | 8 | 0 |

a) Isolated yields, average of two trials. b) 30 mol%.

Effects of solvent on nickel-catalyzed dimerization of 7 (exo)

Ph₂F Boc (15 mol%) NiCl₂ 6H₂O Boc OMe OMe (15 mol%) OMe Boc Mn (1.2 eq) Boc Boc Solvent Boc Boc Βοc Ъос r.t. Βοc 8 7 10 9

Table S3: Screening of optimum solvents for nickel-catalyzed reductive dimerization of 7 (*exo*)

| Entry | Metal | Ligand | Solvent | 8 [%] ^{<i>a</i>} (C_2 -dimer) | 10 $[\%]^a$ (reduced) | 9 [%] ^{<i>a</i>} (cleaved) | 7 [%] ^{<i>a</i>} (recovery) |
|-------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--|------------------------------|--|---|
| 1 | | | toluene | trace | <5 | trace | 82 |
| 2 | | | CH ₃ CN | 41 | 10 | 9 | 0 |
| 3 | | H ₂ O DPPE | THF | 24 | 23 | 16 | 0 |
| 4 | NICLAU O | | DMSO | 41 | 11 | trace | <5 |
| 5 | $NICI_2 \cdot 0H_2O$ | | DMPU | 23 | 31 | 28 | 0 |
| 6 | | | NMP | 51 | 19 | 14 | 0 |
| 7 | | | DMF | 60 | 5 | 10 | 0 |
| 8 | | DMA | 60 | 17 | 8 | 0 | |

a) Isolated yields, average of two trials.

Control experiments and reactions in the presence of either excess amounts of water or TEMPO

| Entry | Metal | Reductant | Additive/ Conditions | 8 [%] ^{<i>a</i>} (C_2 -dimer) | 10 $[\%]^{a}$ (reduced) | $9 [\%]^a$ (cleaved) | $7 [\%]^a$ (recovery) |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|---|--|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | NiCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O | - | - | - | - | - | 95 |
| 2 | - | Mn | - | - | - | n.d. ^b | 93 |
| 3 ^{<i>c</i>} | NiI ₂ ·6H ₂ O | Mn | under air | n.d. ^b | n.d. ^b | n.d. ^b | 83 |
| 4^d | NiCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O | Mn | H ₂ O (10 eq. to 7) | 19 | 45 | trace | 12 |
| 5 ^{<i>e</i>} | NiCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O | Mn | TEMPO (47 mol%) | - | - | - | 91 |

Table S4: Control experiments and reactions with water or TEMPO

a) Isolated yields. *b*) Analyzed by HPLC. n.d. (not determined). *c*) Average of two trials. *d*) H₂O (144 μ L, 10 eq. based on 7) and DMA (600 μ L) were used. *e*) A trace amount of TEMPO-adduct 14 (<2%) was obtained (see following scheme).



An attempt for nickel-catalyzed dimerization of **7** in the presence of TEMPO

To a mixture of NiCl₂•6H₂O (26.5 mg, 0.111 mmol, 14 mol%) and DPPE (48.2 mmol, 0.121 mmol, 15 mol%) in DMA (650 μ L) was added bromide **7** (396 mg, 0.796 mmol), and resulting mixture was purged with nitrogen. After treatment with TEMPO (58.2 mg, 0.372 mmol, 47 mol%) and Mn (54.1 mg, 0.985 mmol, 1.2 eq.), the resulting suspension was immediately purged again with nitrogen and stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The mixture was diluted with AcOEt and treated with 1 N HCl. After separation of aqueous phase, organic layer was washed with H₂O x2, 1 N HCl, and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography to afford a trace amount of **14** (7.7 mg, 0.013 mmol, <2%) and recovered substrate **7** (363 mg, recovery 91%).

14: $R_f = 0.61$ (Hex:AcOEt = 3:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 45 °C): δ 7.54 (1H, br-s), 7.37 (1H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.28 (1H, m), 7.07 (1H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 6.61 (1H, s), 3.81 (1H, m), 3.72 (3H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 2.76-2.64 (2H, m), 1.56 (9H, s), 1.40 (9H, s), 1.44-1.31 (5H, m), 1.29-1.21 (1H, m), 1.08-0.98 (6H, m), 0.94-0.70 (6H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 45 °C): δ 172.56, 152.63, 144.42, 132.86, 130.11, 125.57, 123.39, 117.96, 91.89, 81.39, 80.89, 79.67, 77.36, 60.66, 59.82, 59.64, 52.10, 41.16, 40.69, 40.61, 33.91, 33.14, 28.48, 28.41, 20.78, 20.71, 17.22; HR-MS (ESI): calcd. C₃₁H₄₈N₃O₇ [M+H]⁺ 574.3487, found 574.3515; [α]_D²⁷ -116 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃).

Synthesis of authentic 14



By adapting the protocol reported by Matyjaszewski,³ a mixture of bromide **7** (499 mg, 1.00 mmol), TEMPO (180 mg, 1.15 mmol), cupper shot (955 mg, 15.0 mmol), Cu(OTf)₂ (37.9 mg, 0.105 mmol, 11 mol%) and (4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl)-2,2-bipyridine (116 mg, 0.432 mmol, 43 mol%) were suspended in benzene (6 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere. Resulting suspension was heated at 75 °C and stirred for 20 h. After being cooled to room temperature, suspension was filtered through a pad of Celite, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography to afford **14** (481 mg, 0.838 mmol, 84%) as a white amorphous.

Boc (X mol%) Nil₂·6H₂O OMe (X mol%) OMe Mn (Yeq) Boc Boc DMA Вос Boc Boc Boc r.t. Boc 7 8 10 9

Effect of catalyst loading on NiI₂-catalyzed dimerization of 7 (exo)

To a solution of NiI₂·6H₂O (X mol%) and DPPE (X mol%) in DMA (650 μ L) was added bromide **7** (398 mg, 0.800 mmol), and resulting mixture was purged with nitrogen. After treatment with Mn (Y eq.), the resulting suspension was immediately purged again with nitrogen and stirred at room temperature for 12–24 h as shown in Table S5. The mixture was diluted with AcOEt and treated with 1 N HCl. After separation of aqueous phase, organic layer was washed with H₂O x2, 1 N HCl, saturated aqueous solution of Na₂SO₃, and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography to isolate dimer **8**, byproducts (**9** and **10**).

Table S5: Effect of catalyst loading on NiI₂-catalyzed dimerization of 7 (*exo*)

| Entry | Metal X [mol%] | Ligand X [mol%] | Mn Y [eq.] | Reaction Time [h] | 8 $[\%]^a$ (<i>C</i> ₂ -dimer) | 10 $[\%]^a$ (reduced) | 9 [%] ^{<i>a</i>} (cleaved) | 7 [%] ^{<i>a</i>} (recovery) |
|-------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------------|---|------------------------------|--|---|
| 1 | 15 | 15 | 1.15 | 12 | 74 | trace | 13 | 0 |
| 2 | 4 | 4 | 1.1 | 14.5 | 67 | 11 | 3 | 0 |
| 3 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 1.05 | 24 | 63 | 17 | <5 | 0 |

a) Isolated yields, average of two trials.



Nickel-catalyzed dimerization of 16 with modification of catalyst and reaction conditions

To a mixture of NiX₂·6H₂O (0.12 mmol, 15 mol%) and ligand (0.12 mmol, 15 mol%) in DMA (1000 μ L) was added **16** (318 mg, 0.800 mmol), and resulting mixture was purged with nitrogen. After treatment with Mn (65.9 mg, 1.20 mmol, 1.5 eq.), the resulting suspension was immediately purged again with nitrogen and stirred at either room temperature or 4 °C for 12–24 h as shown in Table S6. The mixture was diluted with AcOEt and treated with 1 N HCl. After separation of aqueous phase, organic layer was washed with H₂O x2, 1 N HCl, saturated aqueous solution of Na₂SO₃, and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography to isolate dimers (C_2 -18 and *meso*-19), byproducts (15 and 17) and recovered substrate 16.

| Entry | Ni(II) | Ligand | Temp. [°C] | Time [h] | 18 $[\%]^b$ (<i>rac-C</i> ₂) | 19 [%] ^b (meso) | 17 [%] (reduced) | 15 [%] (cleaved) | 16 [%] (recovery) |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| $1^{a,c}$ | | DPPE ₂ O DPPBz - | | 12 | 8 | 8 | 11 | 9 | 35 |
| 2^c | NEL CILO | | r.t. | 17 | 13 | 18 | 17 | 15 | 0 |
| 3 ^{<i>c</i>} | $N1I_2 \cdot 6H_2O$ | | | 17 | 17 | 20 | 11 | 12 | 0 |
| 4 ^{<i>c</i>} | | | 4 | 19 | 18 | 22 | 11 | 8 | trace |
| 5 ^{<i>c</i>} | NiCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O | DPPBz | 4 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 11 | 7 | trace |
| 6 ^{<i>d</i>} | | SciOPP | 25 | 25 | 16 | 22 | 23 ^b | 7 ^b | - |
| 7^d | · NiCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O | | 40 | 24 | 16 | 20 | 40^b | 2^b | - |
| 8 ^{<i>d</i>} | | TMS-SciOPP | 40 | 19 | 9 | 17 | 25 ^b | 10 ^b | 3 ^{<i>b</i>} |
| 9 ^{<i>d</i>} | | | 60 | 12 | 15 | 20 | 29^b | 6^b | - |

Table S6: Nickel-catalyzed dimerization of 16 with modification of catalyst and reaction conditions

a) Mn (1.2 eq.). *b*) Calculated yields based on ¹H NMR. *c*) Average of two trials. *d*) 10 mol% of catalyst and ligand.

Structure of phosphine ligands¹ employed



Synthesis of methyl (2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)ethyl)carbamate S-1.



A solution of tryptamine (4.01 g, 25.1 mmol) and triethyl amine (10.4 mL, 75.0 mmol) in 1:1 mixture of chloroform and acetonitrile (170 mL) was added methyl chloroformate (2.30 mL, 30.0 mmol) at 0 °C and stirred for 15 min. The solution was then heated to 35 °C and stirred for 1.5 h. After being cooled to 0 °C, the resulting reaction mixture was diluted with chloroform and treated with 1 N HCl. The combined chloroform extracts were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography to afford **S-1** (4.29 g, 19.6 mmol, 78%) as a light brown amorphous.

S-1: $R_f = 0.64$ (CHCl₃:MeOH = 7:1); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.10 (1H, br-s), 7.61 (1H, d, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.37 (1H, dd, J = 8.1, 0.9 Hz), 7.21 (1H, m), 7.13 (1H, m), 7.03 (1H, s), 4.77 (1H, br-s), 3.67 (3H, s), 3.52 (2H, m), 2.98 (2H, t, J = 6.7 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.23, 136.57, 127.45, 122.35, 122.18, 119.64, 118.88, 113.10, 111.36, 52.16, 41.42, 25.94; HR-MS (ESI): calcd. C₁₂H₁₄N₂O₂Na [M+Na]⁺ 241.0947, found 241.0954.

Synthesis of C₂-dianiline S-2



Trifluoroacetic acid (TFA, 3.7 mL) was slowly added to a stirred solution of C_2 -dimer **18** (236 mg, 0.372 mmol) in dichloromethane (3.7 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 15 min at 0 °C and then warm up to room temperature. After being stirred for 2 h, the resulting mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with chloroform and then treated with saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃. The combined chloroform extracts were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography to afford **S-2** (131 mg, 0.301 mmol, 81%) as a white solid. The NMR spectra were identical to the literature data.⁴

S-2: $R_f = 0.49$ (Hex:AcOEt = 1:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO, 95 °C): δ 7.23 (2H, d, J = 7.4 Hz), 7.02 (2H, t, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.64 (2H, t, J = 7.4 Hz), 6.59 (2H, d, J = 7.8 Hz), 4.91 (2H, s), 3.61-3.45 (8H, m), 2.75 (2H, td, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.64 (2H, t, J = 7.4 Hz), 6.59 (2H, d, J = 7.8 Hz), 4.91 (2H, s), 3.61-3.45 (8H, m), 2.75 (2H, td, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.64 (2H, t, J = 7.4 Hz), 6.59 (2H, t, J = 7.8 Hz), 4.91 (2H, s), 3.61-3.45 (8H, m), 2.75 (2H, td, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.64 (2H, t, J = 7.4 Hz), 6.59 (2H, t, J = 7.8 Hz), 4.91 (2H, s), 3.61-3.45 (8H, m), 2.75 (2H, td, J = 7.8 Hz), 6.59 (2H, t, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.5 (

J = 10.8, 5.9 Hz, 2.52 (2H, m), 2.12 (2H, dd, J = 12.4, 5.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, DMSO, 95 °C): δ 153.48, 150.45, 128.14, 128.01, 124.05, 116.98, 108.29, 77.48, 60.94, 51.34, 44.28, 31.78; HR-MS (ESI): calcd. for C₂₄H₂₆N₄O₄Na [M+Na]⁺ 457.1846, found 457.1853.

Synthesis of meso-dianiline S-3



Trifluoroacetic acid (TFA, 7 mL) was slowly added to a stirred solution of *meso*-dimer **19** (442 mg, 0.696 mmol) in dichloromethane (7 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 10 min at 0 °C and then warm up to room temperature. After being stirred for 1.5 h, the resulting mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with chloroform and then treated with saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃. The combined chloroform extracts were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography to afford **S-3** (245 mg, 0.563 mmol, 81%) as a pale yellow amorphous. The NMR spectra were identical to the literature data.⁵

S-3: $R_f = 0.32$ (Hex:AcOEt = 1:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO, 100 °C): δ 6.97 (2H, t, J = 7.7 Hz), 6.60 (2H, m), 6.52-6.44 (4H, m), 6.01 (2H, s), 5.32 (2H, s), 3.70-3.59 (8H, m), 2.83 (2H, m), 2.34-2.16 (4H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO, 100 °C): δ 153.60, 150.32, 128.47, 127.92, 127.88, 123.20, 116.74, 107.80, 76.48, 61.46, 51.38, 44.27, 33.31; HR-MS (ESI): calcd. $C_{24}H_{26}N_4O_4Na$ [M+Na]⁺ 457.1846, found 457.1853.

Synthesis of tetra-amine $S-4^2$



Iodotrimethylsilane (220 μ L, 1.62 mmol, 10.6 eq.) was added dropwisely to a solution of the C_2 -dimer **12** (128 mg, 0.153 mmol) in acetonitrile (3.1 mL) at 0 °C. The resulting solution was stirred at 0 °C for 90 min and then treated with saturated aqueous solution of Na₂SO₃. The resulting mixture was extracted with chloroform 4-5 times. Combined extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced

pressure to afford crude tetra-amine **S-4** (81.7 mg) as a yellow amorphous. The crude tetra-amine **S-4** was subjected to the next reaction without further purification.

S-4: $R_f = 0.41$ (CHCl₃:MeOH = 9:1); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 7.19 (2H, d, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.03 (2H, td, J = 7.6, 0.9 Hz), 6.67 (2H, td, J = 7.5, 0.9 Hz), 6.55 (2H, d, J = 7.8 Hz), 4.65 (2H, s), 3.74 (2H, dd, J = 8.0, 2.8 Hz), 3.26 (6H, s), 2.83 (2H, dd, J = 13.0, 8.0 Hz), 2.53 (2H, dd, J = 13.0, 2.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 175.15, 152.84, 130.81, 130.11, 127.15, 119.13, 110.81, 81.85, 63.11, 60.86, 52.40, 39.29; HR-MS (ESI): calcd. for C₂₄H₂₇N₄O₄ [M+H]⁺ 435.2027, found 435.2046.

Synthesis of dipeptide S-5



To a solution of Boc-Phe-OH (126 mg, 0.475 mmol, 3.1 eq.), HOAt (73 mg, 0.536 mmol, 3.5 eq.), HATU (195 mg, 0.514 mmol, 3.4 eq.), and 2,6-lutidine (260 μ L, 2.23 mmol, 14.6 eq.) in DMF (1.3 mL) was added the solution of the crude tetra-amine **S-4** (81.7 mg) in DMF (2 mL) at 0 °C. After being warmed up to room temperature, the mixture was stirred for 7 h. The solution was diluted with AcOEt and treated with saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl. After separation of organic layer, the aqueous phase was extracted with AcOEt. Combined organic extracts were washed with saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃, H₂O x3, and brine. The extract was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography to afford dipeptide **S-5** (108 mg, 0.116 mmol, 76% for 2 steps).

S-5: $R_f = 0.92$ (CH₂Cl₃:CH₃CN = 4:1); NMR spectra were difficult to be characterized due to broadening of signals even at elevated temperature; HR-MS (ESI): calcd. for $C_{52}H_{60}N_6O_{10}Na [M+Na]^+$ 951.4263, found 951.4252; $[\alpha]_D^{30}$ +249 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃).

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Figure S1. A ¹H-NMR spectrum of S-1 in $CDCl_3$



Figure S2. A ¹³C-NMR spectrum of S-1 in CDCl₃



Figure S3. A ¹H-NMR spectrum of 15 in CDCl₃



Figure S4. A ¹³C-NMR spectrum of 15 in CDCl₃



Figure S5. A ¹H-NMR spectrum of 16 in CDCl₃





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Figure S7. A ¹H-NMR spectrum of 17 in CDCl₃





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Figure S9. A ¹H-NMR spectrum of 18 in CDCl₃





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Figure S11. A ¹H-NMR spectrum of S-2 in DMSO



Figure S12. A ¹³C-NMR spectrum of S-2 in DMSO

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Figure S13. A ¹H-NMR spectrum of (\pm)-chimonanthine (\pm)-1 in CDCl₃





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Figure S15. A ¹H-NMR spectrum of (±)-folicanthine (±)-3 in CDCl₃



Figure S16. A ¹³C-NMR spectrum of (\pm)-folicanthine (\pm)-3 in CDCl₃

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Figure S17. A ¹H-NMR spectrum of 19 in CDCl₃





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Figure S19. A ¹H-NMR spectrum of S-3 in DMSO



Figure S20. A ¹³C-NMR spectrum of S-3 in DMSO

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Figure S21. A ¹H-NMR spectrum of *meso*-chimonanthine 2 in DMSO



Figure S22. A ¹³C-NMR spectrum of *meso*-chimonanthine 2 in DMSO

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Figure S23. A ¹H-NMR spectrum of *meso*-folicanthine 4 in DMSO



Figure S24. A ¹³C-NMR spectrum of *meso*-folicanthine 4 in DMSO

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Figure S25. A ¹H-NMR spectrum of 7 in CDCl₃





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Figure S27. A ¹H-NMR spectrum of 10 in CDCl₃



Figure S28. A ¹³C-NMR spectrum of 10 in CDCl₃



Figure S29. A ¹H-NMR spectrum of 14 in CDCl₃



Figure S30. A ¹³C-NMR spectrum of 14 in CDCl₃



Figure S31. A ¹H-NMR spectrum of 8 in DMSO



Figure S32. A ¹³C-NMR spectrum of 8 in DMSO



Figure S33. A ¹H-NMR spectrum of 11 in CDCl₃





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Figure S35. A ¹H-NMR spectrum of 13 in CDCl₃



Figure S36. A ¹³C-NMR spectrum of 13 in CDCl₃

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Figure S37. A ¹H-NMR spectrum of 12 in CDCl₃



Figure S38. A ¹³C-NMR spectrum of **12** in CDCl₃



Figure S39. A ¹H-NMR spectrum of S-4 in CD₃OD



Figure S40. A ¹³C-NMR spectrum of S-4 in CD₃OD



Figure S41. A ¹H-NMR spectrum of (+)-WIN 64821 (+)-6 in CD₃CN



Figure S42. A ¹³C-NMR spectrum of (+)-WIN 64821 (+)-6 in CD₃CN