Supporting Information

Biomimetic Synthesis of *ent-*(-)-Azonazine and Stereochemical Reassignment of Natural Product

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1. Experimental procedures and characterizations of new compounds

General: All reactions were carried out in flame-dried glassware with magnetic stirring and monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC). THF was distilled from sodium; dichloromethane was distilled from CaH₂; and ethyl acetate was dried over K₂CO₃ and distilled. All melting points were uncorrected. ¹H NMR was recorded on a Varian instrument (300 or 500 MHz) and a Bruker instrument (400 or 600 MHz); ¹³C NMR were recorded on a Varian instrument (75 or 125 MHz) and a Bruker instrument (100 or 150 MHz). IR spectra were recorded on Nicolet 380 FT-IR instrument. Optical rotations were measured on a Jasco P-1030 digital polarimeter. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured on an IonSpec 4.7 Tesla FTMS spectrometer. Flash column chromatographies were performed on silica gel H (10-40 μm). MPLC purification was performed using a Biotage Isolera system and KP-SIL SNAP flash cartridge column packed with silica gel (particle size 50-60 micron, 50-52 Å pore size). Microwave reactions were run on a CEM Discover S Microwave Synthesizer. X-ray intensity data were collected on a Bruker APEX-II CCD area detector employing graphite-monochromated Cu-Ka radiation (*l* = 1.54178 Å) at a temperature of 296(2) K.

1.1 D-N-Me-Tyr(OMe)-OMe HCl (7)

To a solution of D-Boc-Tyr-OH (**5**) (50.0 g, 178 mmol) in 500 mL of dry THF under N₂ atmosphere at 0 °C was added sodium hydride (60% oil dispersion, 35.6 g, 890 mmol, 5 eq) in portions. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 15 min, and methyl iodide (44.3 mL, 712 mmol, 4 eq) was then added. The reaction was stirred overnight at room temperature. The excess sodium hydride was quenched by the careful addition of water, and the solvents were removed *in vacuo*. The residue was diluted with 300 mL of water and washed with Et₂O. The aqueous phase was then acidified with KHSO₄ (to pH 3) and was extracted with EtOAc. The combined extracts were successively washed with aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting crude compound **6** was used directly for the next step.

The above crude product was dissolved in methanol (400 mL) and cooled down to 0 $^{\circ}$ C under N₂ atmosphere. Thionyl chloride (14.3 ml, 196 mmol, 1.1 eq) was slowly added to the reaction system. The resulting mixture was stirred at 0 $^{\circ}$ C for 0.5 h, and then refluxed for 2 h. The solvents were removed *in vacuo* to give **7** as white solid (45.3 g, 174 mmol, 98 % for two steps). Mp: 152-155 $^{\circ}$ C. [α] $_{\rm D}^{25.2}$ -31.3 (c 1.0, MeOH); IR (KBr): 3417, 2954, 2834, 2691, 2433, 1745, 1612, 1514, 1249, 1029, 835 cm⁻¹; 1 H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) δ 9.88 (brs, 2H), 7.22 and 7.16 (two d, 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.22 and 4.08 (two dd, J = 7.5, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.27 (m, 1H), 3.14 (m, 1H), 2.54 and 2.52 (two s, 3H); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) δ 169.45 and 168.62 (1C), 158.48 and 158.44 (1C), 130.61 and 130.47 (2C), 126.55 and 126.18 (1C), 114.00 and 113.91(2C), 61.39 and 61.20 (1C), 55.07, 52.59, 33.91and 33.84 (1C), 31.79 and 31.52 (1C); ESI-MS (m/z): 224 (M-HCl+H⁺); HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₁₂H₁₈NO₃ (M-HCl+H⁺) 224.1287, found 224.1281.

1.2 Dipeptide 9

To a solution of 7 (12.7 g, 49.0 mmol, 1.05 eq), N-Boc-D-Trp-OH (8) (14.2 g, 46.7 mmol, 1 eq) and BEP (16.6 g, 60.6 mmol, 1.3 eq) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (500 ml) under N₂ atmosphere at 0 °C was added N-ethyldiisopropylamine (24.3 ml, 140 mmol, 3 eq) slowly via a syringe pump (flow rate 25 ml/h). The resulting mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 0.5 h and then stirred at room temperature overnight. The organic solvent was removed in vacuo, and the resulting mixture was diluted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with H₂O, brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The crude residue was purified by MPLC on silica gel (MeOH in CH₂Cl₂: 0 ~5 %) to give **9** (18.0 g, 76%) as a white foam. $[\alpha]_D^{25.8}$ +48.0 (c 1.02, CHCl₃). IR (KBr): 3337, 3005, 2976, 2952, 2834, 1738, 1701, 1641, 1513, 1247, 1032, 747 cm⁻¹; 1 H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.34 – 8.20 (m, 1H), 7.68 - 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.34 - 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12 - 7.08 (m, 1H), 7.03 (d, J= 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.94 - 6.76 (m, 2H), 6.72 - 6.62 (m, 2H), 5.16 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (dd, J = 9.9, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.92 - 4.78 (m, 1H), 3.73 - 3.59 (m, 6H), 3.29 - 3.13 (m, 2H), 3.09 - 3.03 (m, 1H), 2.87 - 2.81 (m, 1H), 2.88 and 2.66 (two s, 3H), 1.43 - 1.33 (d, J = 21.6 Hz, 9H); 13 C NMR (125) MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.17 and 172.75 (1C), 171.10 and 170.57 (1C), 158.63 and 158.48 (1C), 155.30 and 155.12 (1C), 136.28, 130.15 and 129.97 (2C), 128.97, 127.93, 123.44 and 122.67 (1C), 122.12 and 122.09 (1C), 119.69 and 119.60 (1C), 119.03 and 118.93 (1C), 114.25 and 114.03 (2C), 111.28 and 111.06 (1C), 110.52 and 110.15 (1C), 79.73, 61.19 and 59.64 (1C), 55.31, 52.56 and 52.32 (1C), 50.90 and 50.47 (1C), 34.61 and 33.92 (1C), 33.39, 29.18 and 29.11(1C), 28.49 and 28.41 (3C); ESI-MS (m/z): 532 (M+Na⁺); HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $C_{28}H_{35}N_3O_6$ (M+Na⁺) 532.2427, found 532.2418.

1.3 Diketopiperazine 4

To a solution of 3 M HCl in EtOAc (100 mL) was added **9** (17.9 g, 35.1 mmol) at rt. The mixture was stirred at rt for 2 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was diluted with EtOAc, and the organic layer was successively washed with aqueous NaHCO₃, water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The crude product **10** was used directly for the next step without further purification.

To a solution of crude **10** (13.0 g, 34.4 mmol, 1eq) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (400 ml) was added BBr₃ (1.9 M in CH₂Cl₂, 90 mL, 171 mmol, 5 eq) at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. Water was slowly added at 0 °C to quench the reaction. The resulting solution was filtered, and the solid was washed with CH₂Cl₂. The organic phases were concentrated (to remove CH₂Cl₂), and then diluted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with aqueous NaHCO₃, water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The residue combined with the previously filtered solid was purified by MPLC on silica gel (MeOH in CH₂Cl₂: $0 \sim 5$ %) to give **4** (11.3 g, 90 % for two steps) as a white solid. Mp: 128-132°C. [α] $_D^{25}$ +157.1 (c 0.65, CH₃CN); IR (KBr): 3291, 2926, 2685, 2600, 2261,1664, 1632, 1516, 1458, 1233, 1100, 746

cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 9.15 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.96 – 6.84 (m, 4H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.19 (s, 1H), 4.02 (t, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.95 – 2.81 (m, 5H), 2.73 (dd, J = 14.3, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (dd, J = 14.3, 9.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 167.00, 166.96, 157.28, 137.63, 132.25 (2C), 128.14, 128.05, 125.12, 122.51, 119.89, 119.50, 116.41 (2C), 112.35, 110.48, 64.09, 56.45, 36.91, 33.41, 31.75; ESI-MS (m/z): 364 (M+H⁺); HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₁H₂₂N₃O₂ (M+H⁺) 364.1648, found 364.1656.

1.4 Ketals **11a** and **11b**

To a solution of PhI(OAc)₂ (3.86 g, 12.0 mmol, 2 eq) and LiOAc (2.38 g, 6 eq) in CF₃CH₂OH (550 mL) was added **4** (2.18 g, 6.0 mmol) in 50 ml CF₃CH₂OH slowly at -15°C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min and quenched with aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ (10 mL). The solvents were removed, and MeOH/CH₂Cl₂ (1:20) was added. The sediment was filtered and washed three times with MeOH/CH₂Cl₂ (1:20). The filtrates were concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by MPLC on silica gel (MeOH in CH₂Cl₂: 0 ~5 %) to give a mixture of **11a/b**, which was further purified by preparative TLC (EtOAc) to give **11a** (535 mg, 16%) and **11b** (401 mg, 12%) as slightly yellow solids.

11a: Single crystal for X-ray analysis was prepared by slow evaporation from DMSO. Mp: >270 °C (decomposition); $[\alpha]_D^{28.0} - 56.0$ (c 1.0, THF). IR (KBr): 3445, 3218, 2945, 1678, 1621, 1580, 1483, 1282, 1170, 1107, 992 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 7.05 (s, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, J = 10.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (s, 1H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 4.19 – 4.00 (m, 6H), 3.30 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (s, 3H), 2.89 (dd, J = 14.1, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (dd, J = 16.1, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (dd, J = 16.2, 3.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 168.76, 165.87, 164.86, 158.89, 148.41, 139.26, 133.55, 133.25, 128.13, 127.52, 126.05, 125.33(q, J = 275 Hz, 1C), 125.28 (q, J = 275 Hz, 1C), 122.28, 116.86, 111.37, 98.84, 66.32, 62.08 (q, J = 34.6 Hz, 2C), 57.42, 56.12, 38.38, 37.60, 33.86; ESI-MS (m/z): 558 (M+H⁺); HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₅H₂₂N₃O₅F₆ (M+H⁺) 558.1469, found 558.1458.

11b: Single crystals for X-ray analysis was prepared by vapor diffusion (THF/hexanes). Mp: >250 °C (decomposition); $[\alpha]_D^{25.1} - 20.4$ (c 1.02, THF). IR (KBr): 3260, 2933, 1682, 1655, 1579, 1484, 1287, 1155, 1112, 988, 752 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 7.32 (s, 1H), 6.97 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, J = 10.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 4.17 – 3.99 (m, 6H), 3.48 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (dd, J = 14.1, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (dd, J = 16.4, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.28 (dd, J = 16.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 169.87, 165.19, 164.78, 159.56, 149.67, 139.18, 132.92, 132.31, 129.16, 127.40, 126.46, 125.37 (q, J = 275 Hz, 1C), 125.23 (q, J = 275 Hz, 1C), 121.23, 110.86, 118.18, 98.71, 66.84, 62.25 (q, J = 35 Hz, 1C), 62.10(q, J = 35 Hz, 1C), 57.17, 55.62, 39.29, 38.66, 32.93; ESI-MS (m/z): 558 (M+H⁺). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₅H₂₂N₃O₅F₆ (M + H⁺) 558.1472, found 558.1458.

Ketal **11a** (60 mg, 0.108 mmol), HOAc (4.5 mL) and water (0.03 mL) were introduced into an oven-dried 20 mL CEM® vial. The vial was then sealed with a Teflon-lined septum. The resulting mixture was irradiated by microwave (50W) at 50 °C for 15 min. Solvents were removed *in vacuo*, and the residue was diluted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed by aqueous NaHCO₃, water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The crude residue was purified by MPLC on silica gel (MeOH in CH₂Cl₂: 0 ~5 %) to give **12a** (24 mg, 59 %) as a yellow solid. Mp: $135\sim137$ °C; [α] $_{\rm D}^{24.8}$ – 197.3 (c 0.50, THF); IR (KBr): 3244, 3062, 2922, 2851, 1679, 1638, 1481, 1235, 1030, 733 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.67 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (s, 1H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 4.24 (s, 1H), 4.20 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (s, 3H), 3.10 – 3.01 (m, 2H), 1.99 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.94, 166.97, 166.32, 165.74, 157.75, 154.02, 137.33, 133.39, 133.15, 131.76, 125.79, 125.17, 123.85, 115.62, 111.61, 65.35, 57.18, 54.95, 37.69, 36.08, 33.83; ESI-MS (m/z): 376 (M+H⁺); HRMS (ESI): calc'd for C₂₁H₁₈N₃O₄ (M+H⁺) 376.1298; Found 376.1292.

1.6 Quinone **12b**

Ketal **11b** (40 mg, 0.072 mmol), HOAc (1 mL) and dioxane (1 mL), water (0.1 mL) were introduced into an oven-dried 10 mL CEM® vial. The vial was then sealed with a Teflon-lined septum. The resulting mixture was irradiated by microwave (50W) at 65 °C for 1.2 h. Solvent was removed *in vacuo*, and the residue was diluted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed by aqueous NaHCO₃, water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The crude residue was purified by MPLC on silica gel (MeOH in CH₂Cl₂: 0~5 %) to give **12b** (13 mg, 48 %) as a yellow solid. Mp: $160\sim165$ °C; [α] $_{\rm D}^{25.6}-1.72$ (c 0.275, CHCl₃); IR (KBr): 3473, 3223, 2928, 1672, 1637, 1483, 1274, 1027, 753 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.95 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 4.28 (s, 1H), 4.16 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (d, J = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (dd, J = 14.4, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (dd, J = 16.4, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.48 (dd, J = 16.3, 3.4 Hz, 1H); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.77, 170.58, 165.65, 163.93, 158.51, 155.48, 136.79, 133.65, 131.31, 131.28, 126.34, 125.12, 122.11, 116.32, 110.58, 65.84, 56.86, 54.34, 38.54, 36.19, 32.62; ESI-MS (m/z): 376 (M+H⁺); HRMS (ESI): calc'd for C₂₁H₁₈N₃O₄ (M+H⁺) 376.1295; Found 376.1292.

1.7 Phenol **13a**

To a solution of **12a** (86 mg, 0.23 mmol) in MeOH (5 mL) was added NaBH₄ (10 mg, 0.26 mmol, 1.14 eq) at 0°C. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the starting material was consumed. Silica gel was added and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 100:1~20:1) to give **13a** (58 mg, 67%) as a white solid. Mp: >240 °C (decomposition); $[\alpha]_D^{29} + 193.7$ (*c* 0.108, MeOH); IR (KBr): 3350, 2970, 2937, 2835, 1661, 1635, 1481, 1236, 1058, 925 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 7.52 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.49 – 6.44 (m, 2H), 6.08 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 5.27 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 3.26 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (s, 3H), 2.96 (dd, J = 16.1, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, J = 14.0, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.91 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 168.18, 165.84, 158.50, 151.61, 142.54, 133.81, 132.57, 132.46, 130.61, 125.53, 115.18, 113.25, 110.87, 110.73, 110.32, 65.97, 59.95, 56.18, 41.15, 38.15, 33.86; ESI-MS (m/z): 378 (M+H⁺); HRMS (ESI): calc'd for C₂₁H₂₀N₃O₄ (M+H⁺) 378.1459; Found 378.1448.

1.8 Phenol **13b**

To a solution of **12b** (110 mg, 0.29 mmol) in MeOH (5 mL) was added NaBH₄ (12 mg, 0.32 mmol, 1.1 eq) at 0°C. The reaction was monitored by TLC until consumption of the starting material. Silica gel was added and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 100:1~20:1) to give **13b** (88 mg, 80 %) as a white solid. Mp: >220 °C (decomposition); $[\alpha]_D^{24} - 253.6$ (c 0.33, MeOH); IR (KBr): 3336, 2935, 2852, 1662, 1632, 1482, 1454, 1200, 1019, 819 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 7.33 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.62 – 6.48 (m, 4H), 6.17 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (s, 1H), 4.07 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (dd, J = 14.1, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (dd, J = 16.3, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.43 – 2.38 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 169.94, 165.32, 159.23, 151.88, 142.32, 134.20, 132.19, 131.81, 130.82, 126.00, 115.60, 111.53, 111.00, 110.74, 110.12, 66.52, 59.88, 55.18, 42.19, 38.92, 32.76; ESI-MS (m/z): 378 (M+H⁺); HRMS (ESI): calc'd for C₂₁H₂₀N₃O₄ (M+H⁺) 378.1455; Found 378.1448.

1.9 Triflate **14a**

To a solution of 13a (50 mg, 0.13 mmol) in dry EtOAc (8 mL) under N₂ atmosphere was added triethylamine (0.3 mL). The solution was cooled down to -15 °C for 10 min, and Tf₂O (48 µl, 0.28 mmol, 2.15 eq) was slowly added. The solution was stirred for 3 h at -15 °C until aqueous NH₄Cl solution was added. The resulting mixture was diluted with EtOAc and washed with water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatograph (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 100:1~20:1) to give 14a (36 mg, 53 %) as a white solid. Mp: >270 °C (decomposition); $[\alpha]_D^{28} + 217.0$ (c 0.16, MeOH); IR (KBr): 3285, 3053, 2928, 2845, 1673, 1654, 1488, 1418, 1213, 1060, 893 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) δ 8.03 (d, J = 2.7Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (dd, J = 6.1, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H)1H), 4.18 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (s, 1H), 3.26 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 2.79 (dd, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 3.79 (dd, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 3.79 (dd, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 3.79 (dd, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 3.79 (dd, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 3.79 (dd, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d 14.0, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (dd, J = 15.9, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (dd, J = 16.1, 3.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125) MHz, DMSO-d⁶) δ 167.41, 164.24, 156.49, 148.89, 141.32, 132.82, 131.60, 131.50, 128.47, 123.91, 121.09, 118.38 (q, J = 319 Hz, 1C), 117.26, 109.93, 108.68, 107.95, 64.43, 58.13, 54.20, 39.09, 36.71, 32.67; ESI-MS (m/z): 510 $(M+H^+)$; HRMS (ESI): calc'd for $C_{22}H_{19}N_3O_6F_3S$ $(M+H^+)$ 510.0957; Found 510.0941.

1.10 Triflate **14b**

To a solution of 13b (28 mg, 0.074 mmol) in dry EtOAc (2 mL) under N₂ atmosphere was added triethylamine (0.05 mL). The solution was cooled down to -15 °C for 10 min, and Tf₂O (25 μl, 0.15 mmol, 2 eq) was slowly added. The solution was stirred for 1 h at -15 °C until aqueous NH₄Cl solution was added. The resulting mixture was diluted with EtOAc and washed with water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatograph (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 100:1~20:1) to give **14b** (26.5 mg, 70 %) as a white solid. Mp: >250 °C (decomposition); $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ – 368.4 (c 0.115, MeOH); IR (KBr): 3444, 2934, 2848, 1673, 1636, 1490, 1419, 1217, 1137, 884 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) δ 8.83 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.35 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (dd, J = 13.9, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dd, J = 16.2, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.39 – 2.32 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) δ 168.19, 164.00, 157.60, 148.64, 141.29, 133.21, 130.74, 130.15, 129.93, 124.52, 120.89, 118.28 (q, J = 319 Hz, 1C), 116.78, 109.16, 108.58, 108.01, 64.83, 58.04, 53.41, 39.59 (DEPT, HMQC),37.55, 31.62; ESI-MS (m/z): 510 (M+H⁺); HRMS (ESI): calc'd for $C_{22}H_{18}N_3O_6F_3SNa$ (M+Na⁺) 532.0760; Found 532.0761.

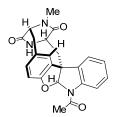
1.11 Compound **15a**

A mixture of **14a** (35 mg, 0.069 mmol), triethylamine (30 µl, 0.22 mmol) and 15 mg Pd(OH)₂/C (20% Pd) in MeOH (1.5 mL) and EtOAc (1.5 mL) was stirred at room temperature under hydrogen atmosphere (1 atm) at rt for 2 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite. The solid was washed with 5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic phases were concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 100:1~20:1) to afford **15a** (20 mg, 80 %) as a white solid. Mp: >300 °C (decomposition); $\begin{bmatrix} \alpha \end{bmatrix}_D^{29} + 154.8$ (c 0.14, CHCl₃); IR (KBr): 3330, 2925, 2848, 1670, 1650, 1485, 1316, 1233, 1057, 944, 752 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.97 – 6.89 (m, 3H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.44 (s, 1H), 4.91 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (s, 1H), 4.17 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.29 – 3.24 (m, 2H), 3.16 (s, 3H), 3.02 (dd, J = 14.0, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.89 (dd, J = 16.2, 4.3 Hz, 1H); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.95, 165.57, 156.95, 147.47, 131.93, 131.39, 130.82, 129.55, 128.51, 124.82, 124.75, 120.59, 110.94, 109.20, 109.07, 65.35, 58.93, 55.48, 40.58, 37.61, 33.84; ESI-MS (m/z): 362 (M+H⁺); HRMS (ESI): calc'd for C₂₁H₂₀N₃O₃ (M+H⁺) 362.1496; Found 362.1499.

1.12 Compound 15b

A mixture of **14b** (62.6 mg, 0.123 mmol), triethylamine (34 µl, 0.246 mmol) and 15 mg Pd(OH)₂/C (20% Pd) in MeOH (3 mL) and EtOAc (1 mL) was stirred at room temperature under hydrogen atmosphere (1 bar) at rt for 2 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite. The solid was rinsed with 5% methanol/dichloromethane. The combined filtrates were concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 100:1~20:1) to afford **15b** (43.0 mg, 96 %) as a white solid. Mp: >300 °C (dec.); $[\alpha]_D^{28.7} - 416.2$ (c 0.125, MeOH); IR (KBr): 3430, 2979, 2858, 1664, 1634, 1479, 1055, 1012, 810, 744 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) δ 8.78 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (td, J = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (td, J = 7.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.60 – 6.54 (m, 2H), 6.19 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (m, 2H), 3.36 (m, 1H), 2.99 (dd, J = 14.0, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (m, 1H), 2.41 – 2.34 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 168.28, 164.18, 157.70, 148.45, 131.67, 131.11, 130.30, 129.66, 127.96, 124.51, 122.92, 118.20, 108.87, 108.58, 108.06, 64.92, 58.02, 53.60, 40.47, 37.49, 31.63; ESI-MS (m/z): 362 (M+H⁺); HRMS (ESI): calc'd for C₂₁H₂₀N₃O₃ (M+H⁺) 362.1504; Found 362.1499.

1.13 Azonazine diastereomer **1a** (The originally proposed structure)



To a solution of **15a** (14 mg, 0.039 mmol) in HOAc (2 mL) was added Ac₂O (0.01 mL, 0.106 mmol) at rt. The resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 6 h. The solvent was removed, and the residue was diluted by EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with aqueous NaHCO₃, water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The crude residue was purified by preparative TLC (EtOAc/MeOH, 50:1) to afford **1a** (10.5 mg, 67 %) as a white solid. Mp: >300 °C (dec.); [α] D^{28.2} + 342.7 (c 0.175, MeOH); IR (KBr): 3518, 3232, 3012, 2928, 2848, 1677, 1649, 1485, 1391, 1241, 971, 756 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.10 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 4.18 (s, 1H), 4.14 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (dd, J = 16.3, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (s, 3H), 2.89 (dd, J = 14.1, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.18 (dd, J = 16.3, 4.8 Hz, 1H); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 171.74, 168.24, 165.77, 157.67, 142.95, 134.78, 133.77, 132.82, 130.35, 129.28, 125.35 (2C), 124.95, 116.52, 111.25, 107.01, 65.97, 58.79, 56.18, 40.98, 38.20, 33.94, 24.37; ESI-MS (m/z): 404 (M+H⁺); HRMS (ESI): calc'd for C₂₃H₂₁N₃O₄Na (M+Na⁺) 426.1429; Found 426.1424.

1.14 *ent*-(-)- Azonazine (**1b**)

To a solution of **15b** (13 mg, 0.036 mmol) in HOAc (1.5 mL) was added Ac₂O (0.01 ml, 0.106 mmol) at rt. The resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 4 h. The solvent was removed and the residue was diluted by EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with aqueous NaHCO₃, water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The crude residue was purified by preparative TLC (EtOAc/MeOH, 50:1) to afford **1b** (13 mg, 89 %). The single crystal for X-ray analysis was prepared by slow evaporation from CH₃CN. Mp: >350 °C (dec.); [α] $_D^{26.5}$ – 299.3 (c 0.11, MeOH); IR (KBr): 3430, 3219, 2926, 2849, 1661, 1626, 1485, 1394, 1283, 1027, 740 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.60 (dd, J = 7.5, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (td, J = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (td, J = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.67 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 4.27 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (d, J = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (dd, J = 14.2, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd, J = 16.5, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (dd, J = 16.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 171.29, 169.43, 165.49, 159.05, 142.52, 135.37, 133.22, 132.02, 131.51, 129.62, 126.46, 125.71, 124.15, 117.31, 110.84, 106.98, 66.32, 59.08, 54.84, 43.41, 39.24, 32.83, 24.17; ESI-MS (m/z): 404 (M+H⁺); HRMS (ESI): calc'd for C₂₃H₂₂N₃O₄ (M+H⁺) 404.1610; Found 404.1605.

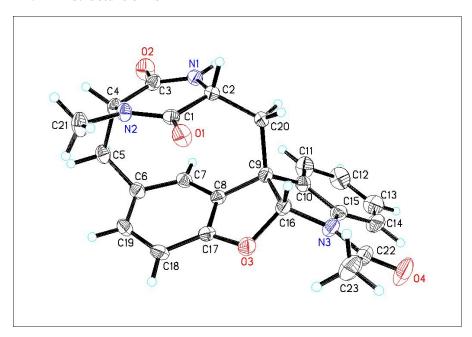
1.15 ent-Azonazine analogue 16

To a solution of **11b** (26 mg, 0.047 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was added Zn powder (9.0 mg, 0.14 mmol), Et₃SiH (29 μ l, 0.19 mmol) and AcOH (30 μ l, 0.52 mmol) at rt under N₂ atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt until consumption of the starting material (monitored by TLC). The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and filtered through a pad of Celite. The solid was washed with EtOAc. The organic layers were washed with aqueous NaHCO₃, water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The crude residue was directly used for the next step without further purification.

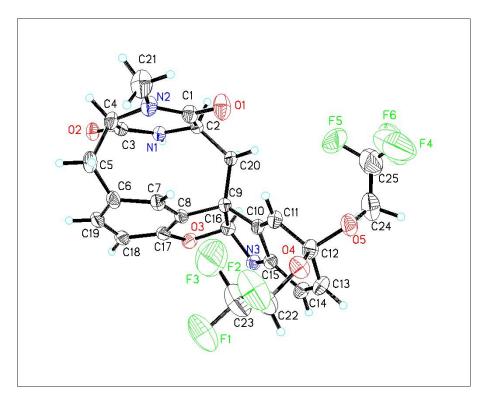
The above crude product was treated with HOAc (1.5 mL) and Ac₂O (0.01 mL, 0.106 mmol), and the resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 10 h. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the residue was then diluted by EtOAc. The solution was washed with aqueous NaHCO₃, water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The crude residue was purified by preparative TLC (EtOAc/MeOH, 50:1) to afford **16** (16 mg, 68 % for two steps) as a white solid. Mp: >270 °C (dec.); [α] $_D^{26}$ – 251.4 (c 0.725, THF); IR (KBr): 3451, 2964, 2917, 2844, 1673, 1656, 1492, 1391, 1259, 1154, 1077, 1018, 797 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) δ 8.82 (s, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.74 – 6.68 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.87 – 4.71 (m, 2H), 4.25 (s, 1H), 4.16 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (dd, J = 14.0, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (dd, J = 16.2, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.50 – 2.43 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) δ 169.64, 168.07, 164.17, 157.14, 153.98, 135.95, 135.82, 131.76, 130.44, 129.98, 124.92, 124.02 (q, J = 277 Hz, 1C), 116.20, 113.55, 110.82, 109.49, 105.49, 65.13 (q, J = 34 Hz, 1C), 64.73, 57.37, 53.33, 40.64, 37.73, 31.67, 23.36; ESI-MS (m/z): 502 (M+H⁺); HRMS (ESI): calc d for C₂₅H₂₃N₃O₅F₃ (M+H⁺) 502.1576; Found 502.1584.

2. X-ray single crystal structures of compounds 1b, 11a and 11b. 1

2-1. XRD structure of 1b

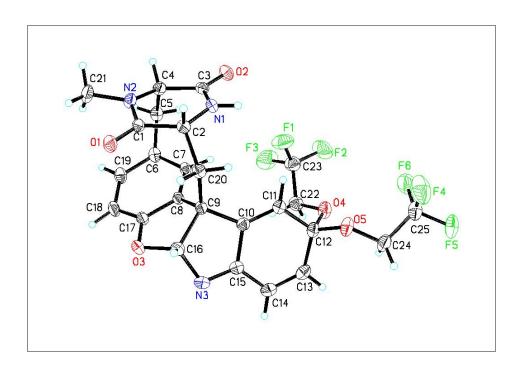


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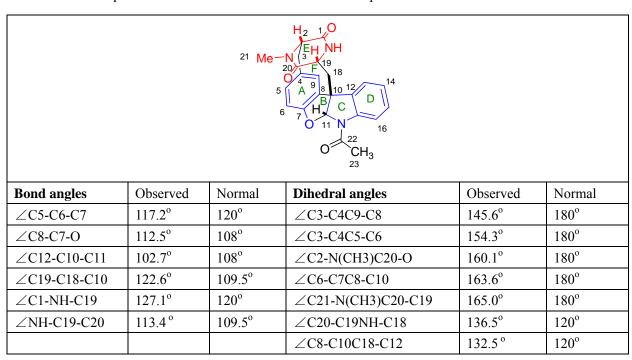


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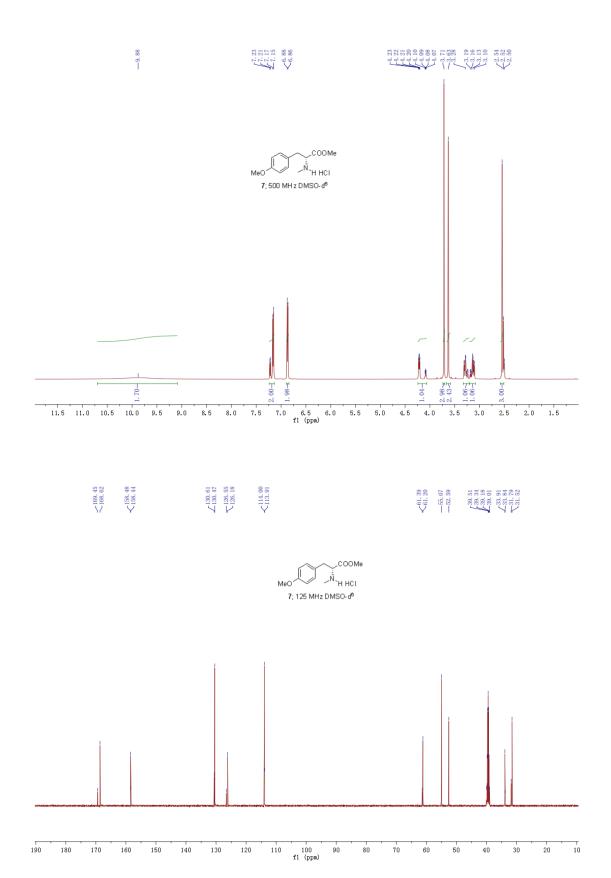
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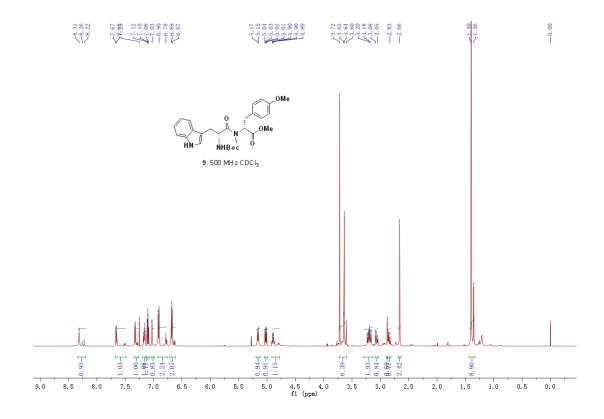


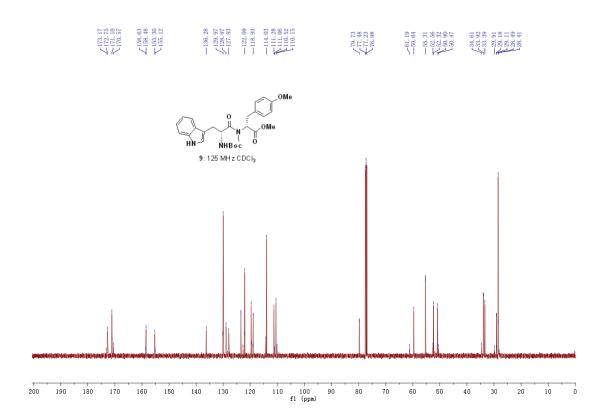
2-4. Table S1. Representative *unusual* structural factors of compound **1b**.

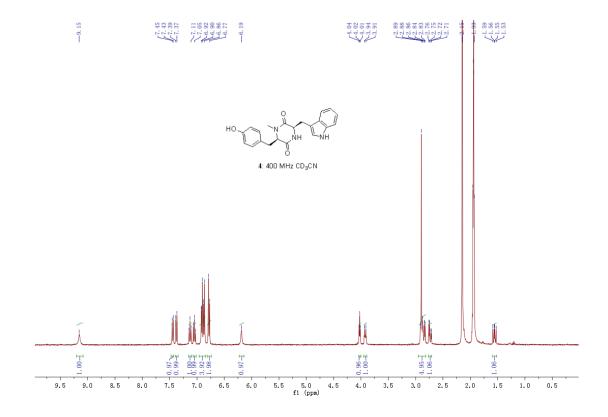


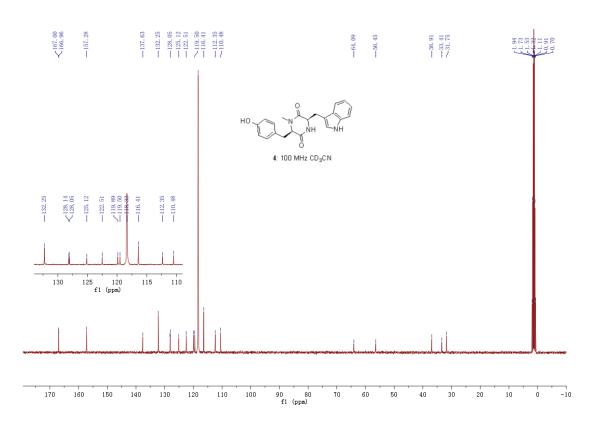
3. 1 H NMR and 13 C NMR spectra of new compounds

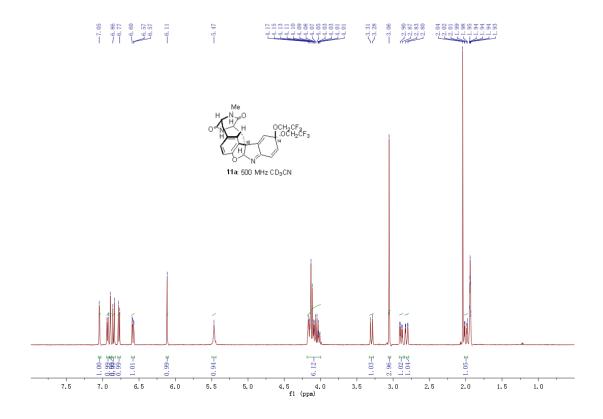


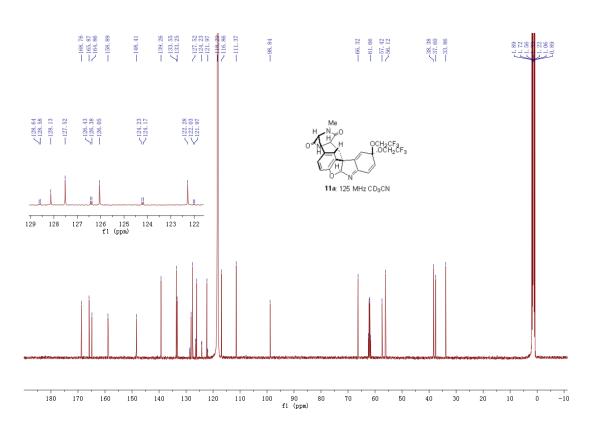


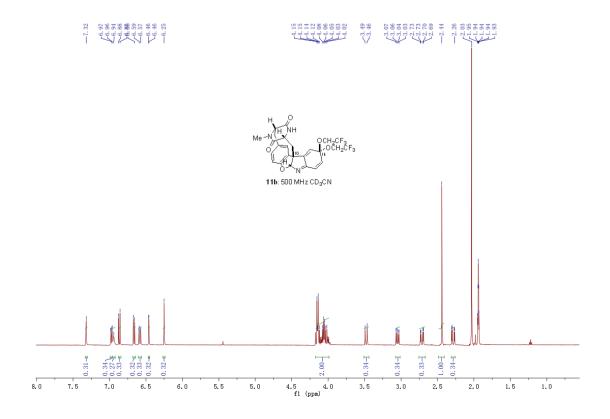


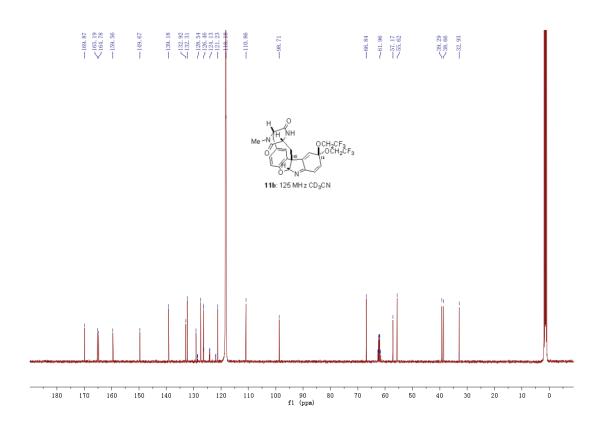


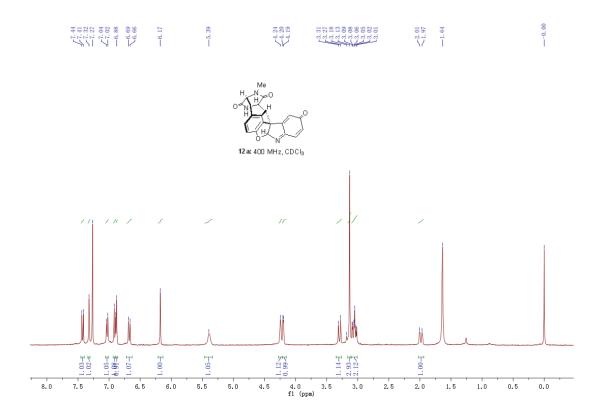


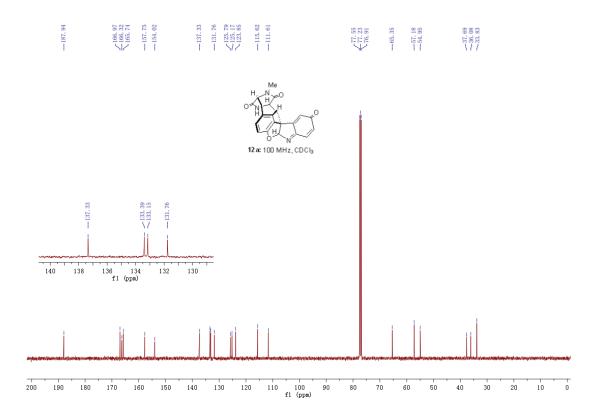


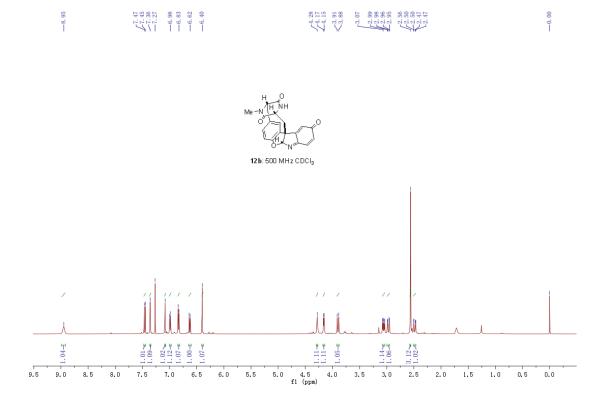


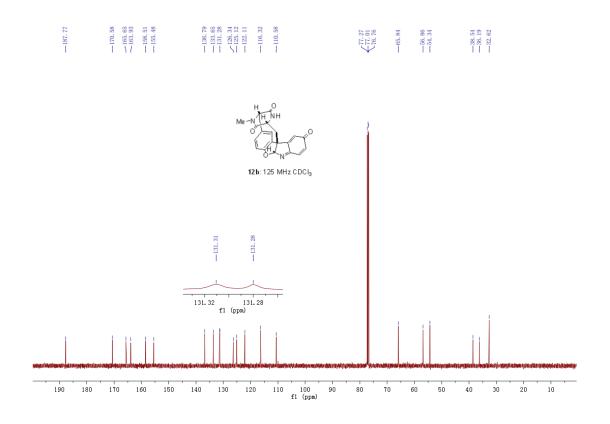


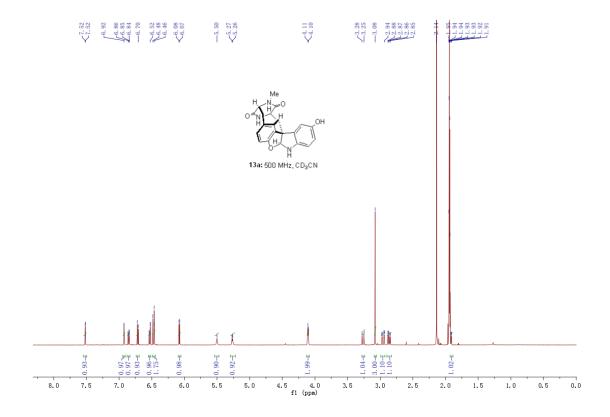


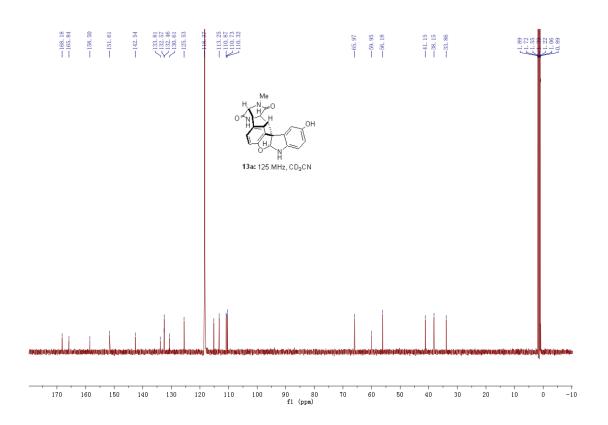


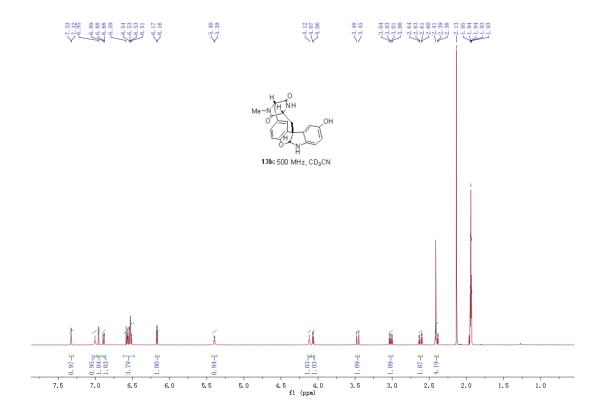


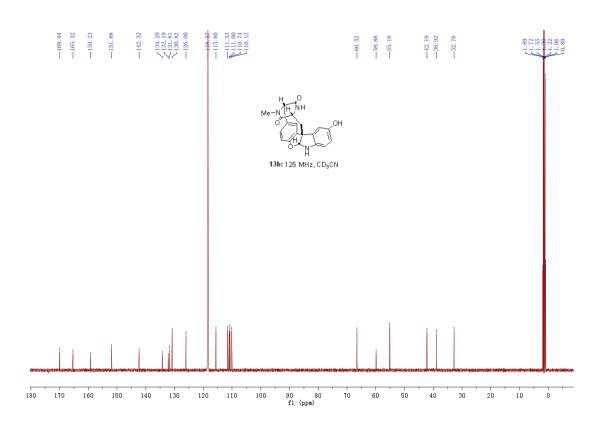


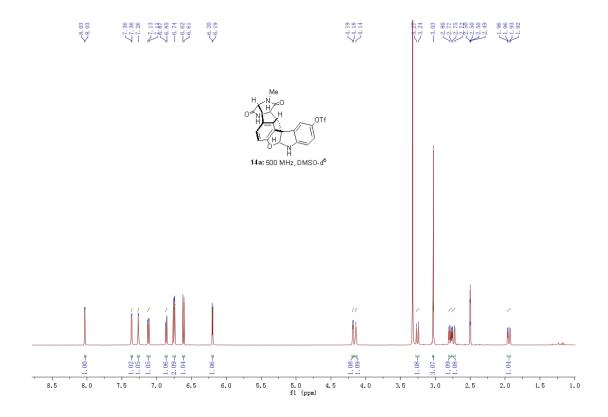


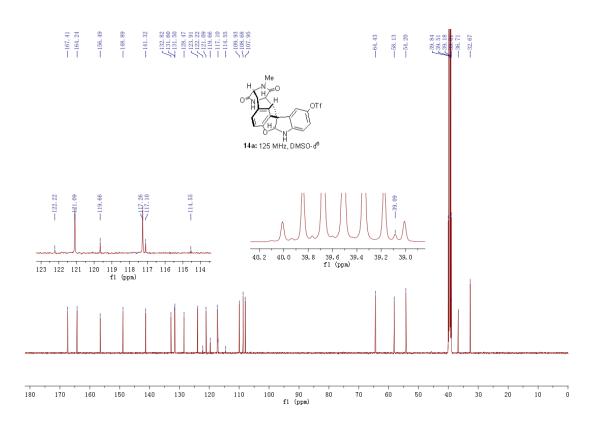


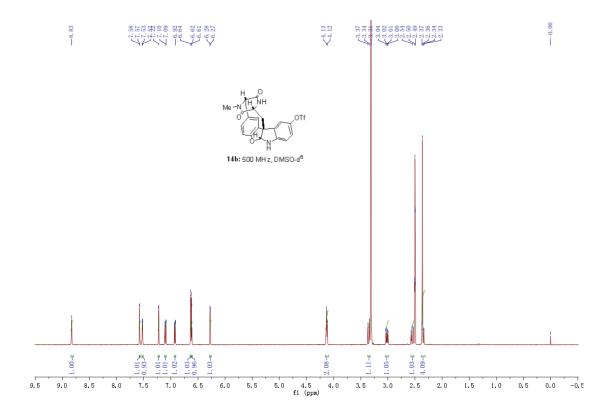


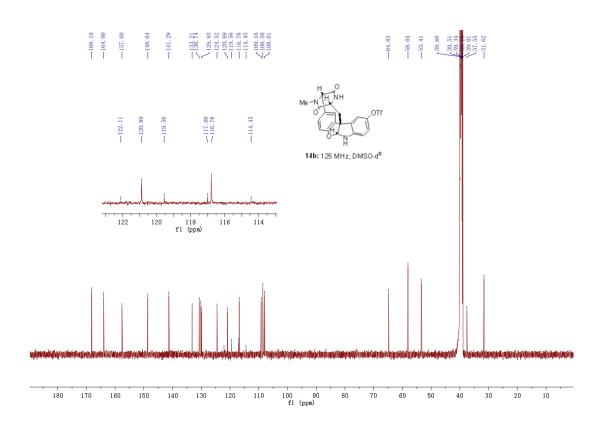


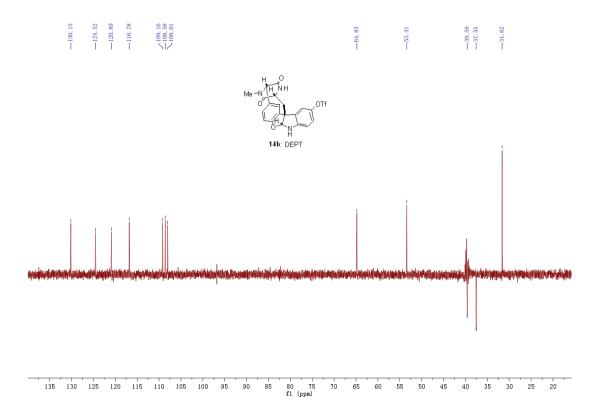


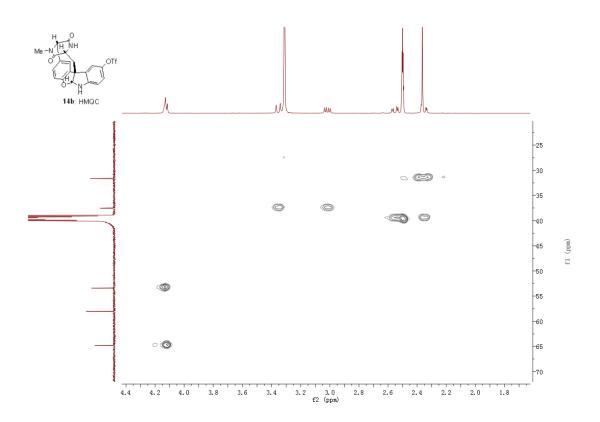


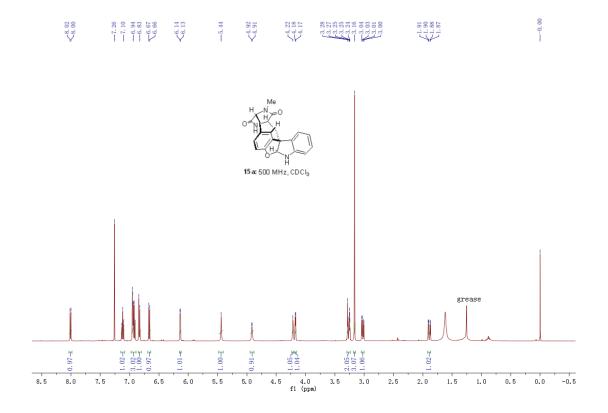


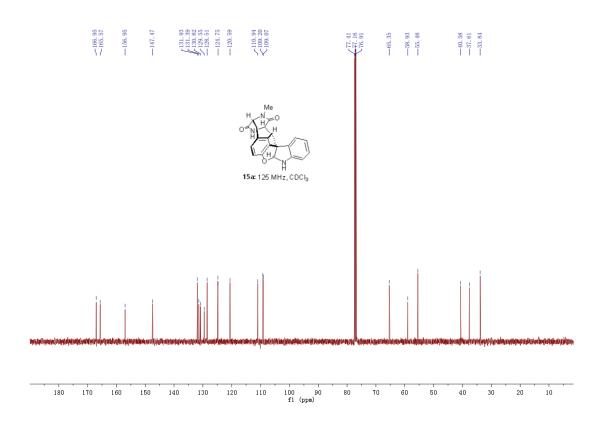


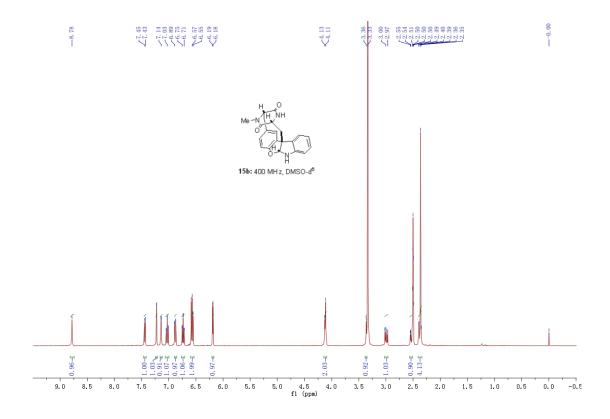


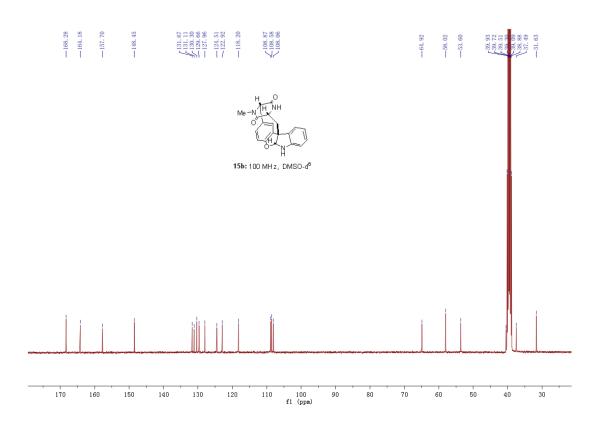


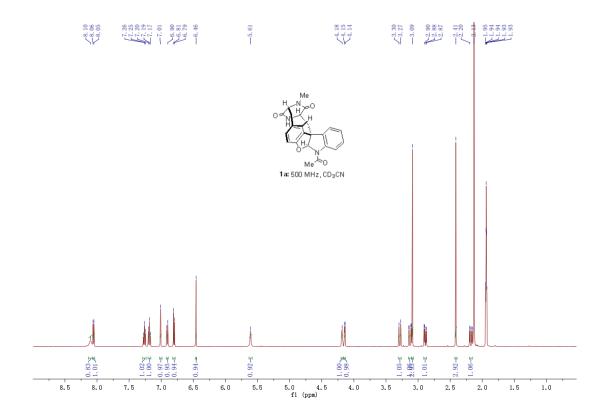


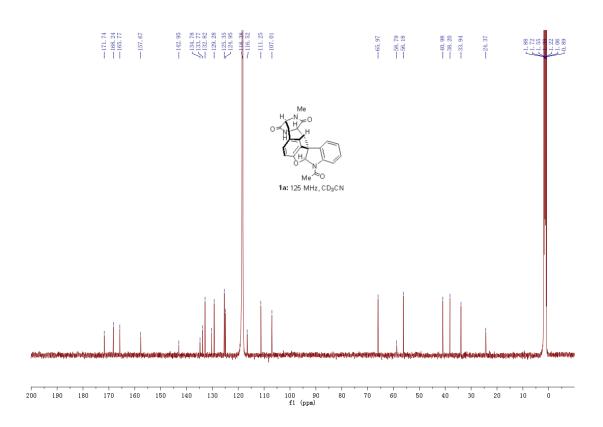


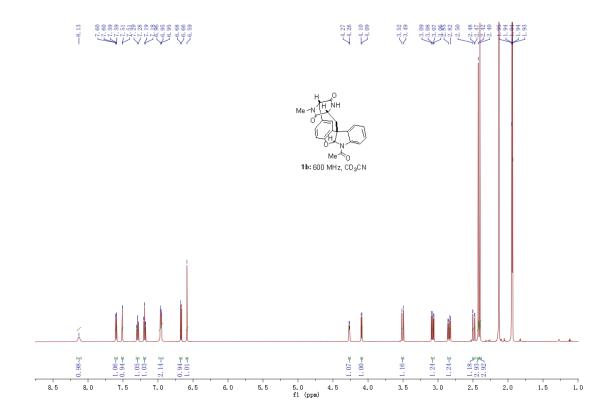


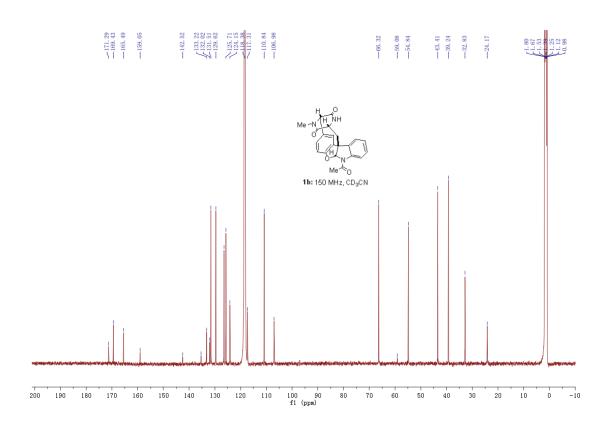


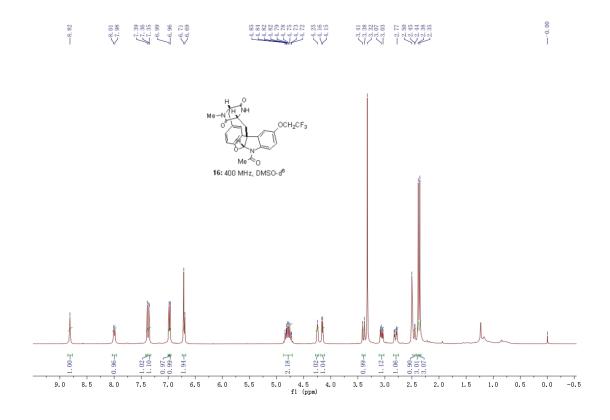


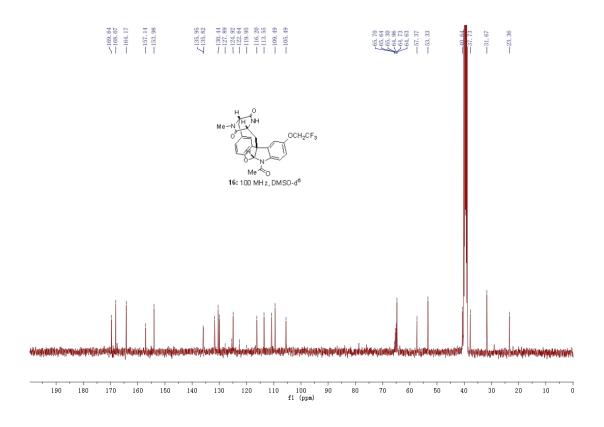












4. NMR data comparison of synthetic 1b with natural azonazine 2

No.	$\mathcal{S}_{H}(J)$		$\delta_{\mathbb{C}}(J)$	
NO.	Natural	Synthetic	Natural	Synthetic
1			169.49	169.43
2	4.09 d (7.2)	4.09 d (6.5)	66.26	66.32
3	a 3.08 dd (14.4, 7.2)	a 3.08 dd (14.2, 6.9)	39.21	39.24
	b 3.49 d (14.4)	b 3.50 d (14.2)		
4			133.20	133.22
5	6.95 dd (7.8, 1.2)	6.96 dd (7.8, 1.7)	131.51	131.51
6	6.67 d (8.4)	6.67 d (8.1)	110.83	110.84
7			158.99	159.05
8			131.98	132.02
9	7.50 s	7.51 d (1.6)	126.42	126.46
10			59.06	59.08
11	6.58 s	6.59 s	106.95	106.98
12			135.34	135.37
13	7.59 d (7.2)	7.60 dd (7.5, 0.8)	124.13	124.15
14	7.19 t (7.8)	7.19 td (7.5, 1.1)	125.72	125.71
15	7.29 t (7.8)	7.29 td (7.8, 1.3)	129.61	129.62
16	8.13 brs (w1/2 \approx 7.8)	8.13 brs	117.29	117.31
17			142.48	142.52
18	a 2.49 dd (16.8, 1.8)	a 2.49 dd (16.5, 2.2)	43.35	43.41
	b 2.84 dd (16.8, 5.4)	b 2.84 dd (16.5, 5.8)		
19	4.26 d (5.4)	4.27 d (5.1)	54.80	54.84
20			165.51	165.49
21	2.40 s	2.40 s	32.83	32.83
22			171.34	171.29
23	2.42 s	2.42 s	24.16	24.17
NH	7.04 brs	6.96 br (overlapped		
		with H5)		

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