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Total Synthesis of (-)-Deglycocadambine

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General

All moisture or oxygen-sensitive reactions were carried out under an argon atmosphere in heat-dried flasks. The solvents used were purified by distillation over the drying agents indicated and were transferred under argon: THF (Na), CH_2Cl_2 (CaH₂). Other solvents were all bought from Sigma-Aldrich as anhydrous reagent. All reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on silica gel F_{254} plates using UV light as visualizing agent (if applicable), and a solution of ammonium molybdate tetrahydrate (50 g/L) in EtOH followed by heating as developing agents. The products were purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (200-300 meshes).

¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃, CD₃OD- d_4 solution on a Bruker AVIII 400 MHz or AV 500 MHz or Avance NEO 600 MHz instrument. Chemical shifts were denoted in ppm (δ), and calibrated by using residual undeuterated solvent (CDCl₃ (7.27 ppm), CD₃OD- d_4 (3.31 ppm) or tetramethylsilane (0.00 ppm)) as internal reference for ¹H NMR and the deuterated solvent (CDCl₃ (77.00 ppm), CD₃OD- d_4 (49.00 ppm) or tetramethylsilane (0.00 ppm)) as internal standard for ¹³C NMR. The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, br = broad, m = multiplet, dd = double doublet, dt = double triplet, td = triple doublet. High-resolution mass spectral analysis (HRMS) data were measured on an Agilent 6545 Q-TOF LC/MS by means of the ESI technique. The IR spectra were recorded on Perkin-Elmer Spectrum Two FT-IR spectrometer. Optical rotations were measured on a Bruker APEX II X-ray single crystal diffractometer.

1. Outline for Synthesis of Compound 8



1.1. Compound 1

((+)-methyl

(1S,4aS,7aS)-1-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-7-(((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)methyl)-1,4a,5,7a-tetrahydrocyclope nta[c]pyran-4-carboxylate)



To a stirred solution of (+)-genipin (52.5 g, 232.3 mmol) in DMF (250 mL) was added AgNO₃ (98.6 g, 580.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) followed by portionwise addition of tert-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (TBSCl, 87.5 g, 580.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) at 0 °C. The resulting reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and vigorously stirred overnight. After filtration through a pad of celite, the filtrate was poured into cooled saturated NaHCO₃ solution (250 mL). AcOEt (250 mL) was added to the mixture. The organic phase was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with AcOEt (2×250 mL). The combined extracts were washed with brine (5×200 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with *n*-hexane/AcOEt (20:1) to afford the ether **1** (97.0 g, 213.7 mmol, 92% yield) as a light yellow liquid.

Note: when the reaction was conducted in the presence of TBSCl and imidazole at room temperature or higher temperatures, a mixture of 1 and 21-*epi*-1 was obtained with 1 as the major isomer, possibly due to the partial racemization of the hemiacetal in genipin under these specific reaction conditions.

(+)-genipin ($dr \sim 10:1$, inseparable diastereomers): ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.53$ (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (s, 1H), 5.51 (br, 1H), 4.82 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.35, 4.28 (ABq, J = 13.2 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.22 (ddd, J = 9.5, 8.5, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (br, 1H), 2.89 (ddt, J = 16.8, 8.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (ddd, J = 8.5, 8.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.07 ppm (ddt, J = 16.8, 9.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 167.9$, 152.5, 142.0, 130.9, 110.8, 96.3, 61.3, 51.3, 48.2, 39.0, 36.7 ppm.

1: $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.7$ (silica, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 8/1), $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +32.2$ (*c* 1.30, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.46$ (s, 1H), 5.79 (s, 1H), 4.83 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.40–4.13 (m, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.16 (q, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd, *J* = 15.4, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.11–1.96 (m, 1H), 0.904 (s, 9H), 0.895 (s, 9H), 0.12 (s, 3H), 0.11 (s, 3H), 0.054 (s, 3H), 0.046 ppm (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 168.0$, 152.3, 143.7, 126.6, 110.9, 96.8, 62.0, 51.1, 48.5, 38.7, 36.1, 25.9, 25.7, 18.3, 17.9, -4.2, -5.0, -5.3, -5.4 ppm. IR: $\bar{v} = 2930$, 2857, 1713, 1633, 1166, 1093, 838, 780 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd for C₂₃H₄₂O₅Si₂Na [*M* + Na]⁺: 477.2463; found: 477.2467.

1.2. Compound 2

((-)-methyl

(2S,3R,4S)-2-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(2-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)acetyl)-4-(2-oxoethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2 H-pyran-5-carboxylate)



To a stirred solution of alkene 1 (95.0 g, 209.1 mmol) in mixture solvents of THF (250 mL) and water (60 mL) was added $K_2OsO_4 \cdot 2H_2O$ (770.1 mg, 2.09 mmol, 0.01 equiv) followed by *N*-methylmorpholine *N*-oxide (NMO, 73.5 g, 627.3 mmol, 3.0 equiv) at room temperature. The resulting reaction mixture was warmed to 50 °C and

stirred for 3 h. After cooling to 0 °C, H₂O (250 mL) and NaIO₄ (134.2 g, 627.3 mmol, 3.0 equiv) was added to the mixture and the resulting mixture was stirred vigorously at 0 °C for 1 h. The organic phase was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with AcOEt (2×250 mL). The combined extracts were washed with brine (5×200 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with *n*-hexane/AcOEt (8:1) to afford the aldehyde **2** (96.8 g, 199.0 mmol, 95% yield) as a colorless liquid.

2: $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.75$ (silica, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 4/1), $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -90.9$ (*c* 2.60, CH₂Cl₂) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 9.57$ (s, 1H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 5.38 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (s, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.66–3.60 (m, 1H), 3.28 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, *J* = 18.4, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (dd, *J* = 18.4, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.85 (s, 9H), 0.14 (s, 3H), 0.12 (s, 3H), 0.10 ppm (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 209.8$, 199.4, 166.7, 153.5, 108.2, 93.8, 70.2, 51.4, 48.2, 45.8, 27.1, 25.8, 25.4, 18.3, 17.8, -4.6, -5.5, -5.6, -5.6 ppm. IR: $\bar{v} = 3500$, 2954, 2858, 1714, 1634, 1254, 839, 782 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₃H₄₂O₇Si₂Na [*M* + Na]⁺: 509.2361; found: 509.2361.

1.3. Compound 3

((-)-methyl

(2*S*,3*R*,4*S*)-4-((1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)methyl)-2-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(2-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)acetyl)-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-5-carboxylate)



To a stirred solution of aldehyde **2** (95.0 g, 195.4 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (500 mL) was added ethylene glycol (32.7 mL, 586.2 mmol, 3.0 equiv) followed by *p*-TsOH·H₂O (3.72 g, 19.54 mmol, 0.1 equiv) at room temperature. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred overnight. H₂O (500 mL) was added to the mixture and the organic phase was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2×250 mL). The combined extracts were washed sequentially with saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (100 mL) and brine (500 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with *n*-hexane/AcOEt (8:1) to afford ketone **3** (96.4 g, 181.7 mmol, 93% yield) as a colorless liquid.

Note: Compounds 2 and 3 have almost the same R_f value.

3: $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.75$ (silica, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 4/1), $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -72.4$ (*c* 2.16, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.40$ (s, 1H), 5.52 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (dd, J = 5.8, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.20, 4.15 (ABq, J = 17.5 Hz, 2H), 3.90–3.84 (m, 1H), 3.84–3.77 (m, 1H), 3.75–3.69 (m, 2H), 3.69–3.64 (m, 3H), 3.17 (dd, J = 11.6, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (dd, J = 8.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (dt, J = 14.3, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.62–1.53 (m, 1H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.83 (s, 9H), 0.12 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 3H), 0.09 (s, 3H), 0.07 (s, 3H), 0.05 ppm (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 207.8$, 167.1, 152.4, 110.1, 103.1, 93.6, 69.8, 64.8, 64.2, 51.1, 49.7, 36.2, 28.5, 25.7, 25.4, 18.2, 17.7, -4.7, -5.6, -5.6, -5.7 ppm. IR: $\bar{v} = 2954$, 1713, 1638, 1464, 1255, 1093, 840, 782 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₅H₄₆O₈Si₂Na [M + Na]⁺: 553.2623; found: 553.2630.

1.4. Compound 4

((-)-methyl

(2S,3S,4S)-4-((1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)methyl)-2-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-((R)-2-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-1-hydroxyethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran-5-carboxylate)



To a stirred solution of ketone **3** (95.0 g, 179.2 mmol) in MeOH (500 mL) was portionwise added NaBH₄ (8.1 g, 215.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv) at 0 °C. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred for 45 min. The mixture was quenched carefully by slow addition of water (500 mL). AcOEt (500 mL) was added and the organic phase was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with AcOEt (2×250 mL). The combined extracts were washed sequentially with saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (500 mL) and brine (500 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with *n*-hexane/AcOEt (8:1) to afford the corresponding alcohol **4** (91.6 g, 172.1 mmol, 96% yield in total, $dr \sim 10:1$ at C19, inseparable diastereomers) as a light yellow liquid.

4: $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.65$ (silica, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 4/1), $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -85.6$ (*c* 2.45, CH₂Cl₂) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.40$ (s, 1H), 5.56 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (t, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.96–3.74 (m, 6H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.62 (dd, J = 9.6, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (s, 1H), 2.99–2.90 (m, 1H), 2.20–2.11 (m, 1H), 1.77 (dt, J = 8.8, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 1.70–1.62 (m, 1H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.15 (s, 3H), 0.14 (s, 3H), 0.05 ppm (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 167.4$, 152.5, 110.5, 103.4, 95.7, 72.1, 65.7, 64.8, 64.4, 51.1, 42.9, 36.5, 30.4, 25.8, 25.6, 18.2, 17.8, -4.4, -5.1, -5.4, -5.5 ppm. IR: $\bar{\nu} = 3527$, 2954, 2858, 1710, 1635, 1254, 839, 781 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₅H₄₈O₂Si₂Na [*M* + Na]⁺: 555.2780; found: 555.2785

1.5. Compound 5

((-)-methyl

(2S,3S,4S)-4-((1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)methyl)-3-((R)-1-acetoxy-2-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)ethyl)-2-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran-5-carboxylate)



To a stirred solution of alcohol 4 (30.0 g, 56.4 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (150 mL) were sequentially added NEt₃ (23.6 mL, 169.2 mmol, 3.0 equiv), DMAP (1.38 g, 11.3 mmol, 0.2 equiv) and Ac₂O (15.9 mL, 169.2 mmol, 3.0 equiv) at room temperature and the resulting solution was stirred overnight. Saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl (100 mL) was added to the mixture and the organic phase was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 \times 100 mL). The combined extracts were washed with brine (250 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with *n*-hexane/AcOEt (4:1) to afford the ester **5** (29.8 g, 51.9 mmol, 92% yield, *dr* ~10:1 at C19, inseparable diastereomers) as a colorless liquid.

5: $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.64$ (silica, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 4/1), $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -93.6$ (*c* 2.80, CH₂Cl₂) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.39$ (s, 1H), 5.49 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (td, J = 6.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (t, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.92–3.83

(m, 2H), 3.78–3.70 (m, 4H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.95–2.86 (m, 1H), 2.15–2.08 (m, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.88–1.80 (m, 1H), 1.67–1.57 (m, 1H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.82 (s, 9H), 0.13 (s, 3H), 0.11 (s, 3H), 0.00 ppm (s, 6H). ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 169.7, 167.4, 152.5, 109.8, 103.1, 94.8, 74.0, 64.8, 64.2, 63.3, 51.0, 40.5, 35.6, 30.9, 25.7, 25.6, 21.2, 18.0, 17.8, -4.5, -5.1, -5.4, -5.6 ppm. **IR**: \bar{v} = 2954, 2862, 1747, 1641, 1253, 1132, 839,778 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₇H50O₉Si₂Na [*M* + Na]⁺: 597.2886; found: 597.2891.

1.6. Compound 6

((-)-methyl

(2S,3S,4S)-4-((1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)methyl)-3-((R)-1-acetoxy-2-hydroxyethyl)-2-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3,4-di hydro-2H-pyran-5-carboxylate)



The solution of ester **5** (28.0 g, 48.8 mmol) in mixed solvents of AcOH/THF/H₂O (60 mL/40 mL/40 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. Water (100 mL) and AcOEt (50 mL) were added and the organic phase was separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with AcOEt (2×50 mL). The combined extracts were washed sequentially with saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (3×150 mL, **take care, a lot of gases were generated**) and brine (150 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with *n*-hexane/AcOEt (1:1) to afford the alcohol **6** (18.0 g, 39.0 mmol, 80% yield, quant. brsm, *dr* ~10:1 at C19, inseparable diastereomers) as a colorless liquid.

6: **R**_f = 0.54 (silica, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 1/1), $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -112.0$ (*c* 2.72, CH₂Cl₂) ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.36 (s, 1H), 5.45 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.87–3.80 (m, 2H), 3.78–3.68 (m, 4H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 2.95–2.85 (m, 1H), 2.11–2.06 (m, 1H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.81 (dt, *J* = 14.0, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.64–1.55 (m, 1H), 0.86 (s, 9H), 0.11 (s, 3H), 0.10 ppm (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 170.6, 167.2, 152.4, 109.8, 103.0, 94.4, 75.3, 64.7, 64.4, 64.2, 51.0, 41.5, 35.5, 31.0, 25.4, 21.1, 17.7, -4.6, -5.2 ppm. IR: \bar{v} = 3671, 2953, 1740, 1636, 1259, 1087, 840, 749 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd for C₂₁H₃₆O₉SiNa [*M* + Na]⁺: 483.2021; found: 483.2030.

1.7. Compound 7

((-)-methyl

(2S,3S,4S)-4-((1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)methyl)-3-((R)-1-acetoxy-2-oxoethyl)-2-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3,4-dihydr o-2H-pyran-5-carboxylate)



To a stirred solution of alcohol **6** (17.0 g, 36.9 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (150 mL) was added Dess–Martin periodinane (18.8 g, 44.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv) at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. An additional portion of Dess–Martin periodinane (9.4 g, 22.1 mmol, 0.6 equiv) was added to the solution and the mixture was stirred further for 2 h before quenching by addition of saturated aqueous solution of Na₂S₂O₃ (50 mL) to the solution and vigorous stirring for 30 min. Water (100 mL)was added and the organic phase was separated.

The aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2 × 50 mL). The combined extracts were washed with brine (150 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with *n*-hexane/AcOEt (4:1) to afford the aldehyde 7 (15.4 g, 33.6 mmol, 91% yield) as a colorless liquid.

7: $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.32$ (silica, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 4/1), $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -97.2$ (*c* 2.20, CH₂Cl₂) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 9.36$ (s, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 5.37 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 4.84 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.89–3.80 (m, 2H), 3.78–3.70 (m, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.99 (q, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.98 (dt, *J* = 15.5, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.71–1.62 (m, 1H), 0.84 (s, 9H), 0.11 (s, 3H), 0.08 ppm (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 197.6$, 169.9, 167.0, 151.9, 110.4, 103.2, 93.0, 78.0, 64.7, 64.3, 51.2, 43.6, 36.4, 31.2, 25.4, 20.6, 17.7, -4.8, -5.0 ppm. IR: $\bar{v} = 2954$, 2859, 1744, 1710, 1635, 1228, 1082, 841 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₁H₃₄O₉SiNa [*M* + Na]⁺: 481.1864; found: 481.1866.

1.8. Compound 8

((–)-methyl

(2S,3S,4S)-3-((R)-1-acetoxy-2-oxoethyl)-2-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-4-(2-oxoethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-5-c arboxylate)



The solution of aldehyde 7 (14.0 g, 30.6 mmol) in mixed solvents of HCOOH/1,4-dioxane/H₂O (60 mL/20 mL/20 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. Water (100 mL) and AcOEt (50 mL) were added and the organic phase was separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with AcOEt (2×50 mL). The combined extracts were washed sequentially with saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (3×100 mL, **take care, a lot of gases were generated**) and brine (150 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with *n*-hexane/AcOEt (2:1) to afford the dialdehyde **8** (12.7 g, 30.6 mmol, quant.) as a colorless liquid.

8: $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.42$ (silica, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 2/1), $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -66.5$ (*c* 2.46, CH₂Cl₂) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 9.66$ (s, 1H), 9.33 (s, 1H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 5.31 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (s, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.49–3.42 (m, 1H), 2.74–2.64 (m, 2H), 2.57–2.48 (m, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 0.85 (s, 9H), 0.12 (s, 3H), 0.09 ppm (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 199.8$, 196.6, 169.7, 166.5, 153.5, 108.1, 92.8, 77.4, 51.4, 46.3, 43.2, 29.5, 25.4, 20.4, 17.7, -4.8, -4.9 ppm. **IR**: $\bar{v} = 2954$, 2858, 1741, 1635, 1438, 1253, 1136, 841 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₉H₃₀O₈SiNa [*M* + Na]⁺: 437.1602; found: 437.1604.

2. Compound 11 and Screening of reaction conditions

2.1. Compound 11

((–)-methyl

(4S,4aR,14bS,15aS)-4-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-5-oxo-4,4a,5,6,8,9,14,14b,15,15a-decahydropyrano[4",3":4',5']azepino[1',2':1,2]pyrido[3,4-b]indole-1-carboxylate)



To a stirred solution of dialdehyde **8** (3.0 g, 7.25 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) was added tryptamine (1.3 g, 8.0 mmol, 1.1 equiv) at 0 °C. 10 min later, TFA (1.6 mL, 21.7 mmol, 3.0 equiv) was added dropwise and the mixed solution was stirred at 0 °C for 3 h and warmed to room temperature in 30 min and stirred for 48 h. Water (50 mL) was added and the organic phase was separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 25 mL). The combined extracts were washed sequentially with saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (3 × 40 mL, take care, a lot of gases were generated) and brine (40 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with *n*-hexane/AcOEt/NEt₃ (*V/V/V* = 160:20:1) to afford the ketone **11** (1.5 g, 2.9 mmol, 41% yield) as a light yellow foam.

11: $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.50$ (silica, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 4/1), $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -85.0$ (*c* 0.10, CH₂Cl₂). ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.92$ (s, 1H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 3.98 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.58 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.52, 3.39 (ABq, *J* = 16.7 Hz, 2H), 3.27–3.17 (m, 1H), 3.11–2.96 (m, 3H), 2.78 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.01 (dd, *J* = 24.1, 13.9 Hz, 1H), 0.85 (s, 9H), 0.13 (s, 3H), 0.12 ppm (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 210.4$, 167.8, 153.7, 136.4, 133.9, 127.6, 121.5, 119.4, 117.9, 111.5, 109.0, 108.6, 91.9, 64.2, 58.7, 53.5, 52.1, 51.5, 33.4, 25.6, 25.1, 21.3, 17.8, -4.7, -5.2 ppm. **IR**: $\bar{v} = 2926$, 2355, 1696, 1383, 1262, 1091, 747, 667 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₇H₃₇N₂O₅Si [*M* + H]⁺: 497.2466; found: 497.2469.

2.2. Screening of reaction conditions for compound 11

This cascade annulation reaction is sensitive to the reaction conditions, as in many cases, we can't get the desired product, culminating in unidentified mixtures. The highly functionality of compound 8 might partially account for these negative results. Below is the details of conditions screening for this cascade annulation.



Entry	Conditions	<i>T</i> [°C]	<i>t</i> [h]	Yield [%] ^a
1	TFA, CH ₂ Cl ₂	0 to rt	51	41
2	TFA, THF	0 to rt	16	no product
3	TFA, CH₃CN	0 to rt	16	10
4	TFA, Et ₂ O	0 to rt	16	no product
5	TFA, 1,4-dioxane	0 to rt	16	no product
6	TFA, DCE	0 to rt	21	13
7	TFA, CHCl ₃	0 to rt	40	no product
8	TFA, DMF	0 to rt	40	no product

9	TFA, DMSO	rt	21	no product
10	TFA, toluene	0 to rt	21	7
11	<i>p</i> -TsOH, CH ₂ Cl ₂	0 to rt	16	1
12	TiCl ₄ , CH ₂ Cl ₂	-40 to 0	21	8
13	TMSOTf, CH ₂ Cl ₂	0 to rt	16	no product
14	AlCl ₃ , CH ₂ Cl ₂	0 to rt	16	11
15	BF ₃ ·OEt ₂ , CH ₂ Cl ₂	-40 to 0 to rt	21	2
16	CH ₂ Cl ₂ /AcOH (2/1)	0 to rt	21	no product
17	HCl (4 M in 1,4-dioxane), H ₂ O	0 to rt	136	no product
18	toluene/AcOH (2/1)	rt to 50 to 80 to 110	51	no product
19	TFA, CH ₂ Cl ₂ (5 mL)	0 to rt	21	10

^aUnless otherwise noted, all reactions were performed with **8** (50.0 mg, 0.12 mmol), trptamine (21.0 mg, 1.1 eq., 0.13 mmol) and indicated solvent (1.2 mL) at indicated temperature within indicated time.

3. Compound 12

((–)-methyl

(4*S*,4a*S*,5*S*,14b*S*,15a*S*)-4-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-5-hydroxy-4,4a,5,6,8,9,14,14b,15,15a-decahydropyrano[4", 3":4',5']azepino[1',2':1,2]pyrido[3,4-*b*]indole-1-carboxylate)



To a stirred solution of ketone **11** (0.8 g, 1.6 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was dropwise added L-seletride (1 M in THF, 1.8 mL, 1.8 mmol, 1.1 equiv) at -78 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 3 h and then quenched by slow addition of saturated aqueous Rochelle's salt (3 mL). Water (10 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) were added and the organic phase was separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 6 mL). The combined extracts were washed with brine (10 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with n-hexane/AcOEt/NEt₃ (*V/V/V* = 160:20:1) to afford the alcohol **12** (669.6 mg, 1.1 mmol, 84% yield) as a light yellow liquid.

12: $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.75$ (silica, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 4/1), $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -73.9$ (*c* 0.30, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 10.82$ (s, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.53–7.47 (m, 2H), 7.17 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (br, 1H), 4.22 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.47–3.36 (m, 1H), 3.30–3.20 (m, 1H), 3.09–2.94 (m, 3H), 2.80–2.69 (m, 2H), 2.43 (dd, J = 15.4, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.31–2.21 (m, 1H), 1.67–1.59 (m, 1H), 0.96 (s, 9H), 0.23 (s, 3H), 0.21 ppm (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 169.3$, 155.0, 136.3, 132.7, 127.6, 121.2,

119.0, 117.8, 111.7, 108.3, 108.1, 95.3, 64.8, 57.9, 54.1, 51.6, 49.8, 46.5, 31.5, 29.2, 25.6, 18.5, 18.0, -4.5, -5.4 ppm. **IR**: $\bar{v} = 3431$, 2927, 2855, 1682, 1633, 1178, 945, 740 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₇H₃₉N₂O₅Si [*M* + H]⁺: 499.2623; found: 499.2621.

4. Compound 13

((-)-methyl

(4*S*,4a*S*,5*S*,14b*S*,15a*S*)-4-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-4,4a,5,6,9,14,15,15a-octahydro-8*H*-5,14b-epoxypyrano[4", 3":4',5']azepino[1',2':1,2]pyrido[3,4-*b*]indole-1-carboxylate)



To a stirred solution of alcohol **12** (500.0 mg, 1.0 mmol) in a mixed solvent of saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (2.5 mL) and CHCl₃ (5 mL) was added I₂ (275.0 mg, 1.1 mmol, 1.1 equiv). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3h and then quenched by slow addition of saturated aqueous solution of Na₂S₂O₃ (5 mL). Water (5 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) were added and the organic phase was separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 5 mL). The combined extracts were washed with brine (15 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with n-hexane/AcOEt/NEt₃ (*V/V/V* = 80:20:1) to afford the hexacyclic compound **13** (300.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 61% yield) as a white foam.

13: $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.30$ (silica, petroleum ether/AcOEt = 4/1), $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -86.7$ (*c* 0.24, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.97$ (s, 1H), 7.57–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.55 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.47 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.35–3.18 (m, 2H), 3.02 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.89–2.72 (m, 3H), 2.15 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 1.84–1.72 (m, 1H), 1.69–1.61 (m, 1H), 0.98 (s, 9H), 0.25 ppm (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 167.4$, 153.3, 136.6, 132.6, 126.0, 122.6, 119.7, 119.1, 112.0, 111.2, 109.8, 94.4, 90.9, 73.4, 59.0, 52.1, 51.2, 43.6, 42.4, 25.8, 25.7, 21.9, 18.0, -4.2, -5.1 ppm. IR: $\bar{v} = 3680$, 2925, 2859, 1678, 1624, 1166, 1151, 833 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd for C₂₇H₃₇N₂O₅Si [*M* + H]⁺: 497.2466; found: 497.2470.

5. (-)-Deglycocadambine

((-)-methyl

(4*R*,4a*S*,5*S*,14b*S*,15a*S*)-4-hydroxy-4,4a,5,6,9,14,15,15a-octahydro-8*H*-5,14b-epoxypyrano[4",3":4',5']azepino[1',2': 1,2]pyrido[3,4-*b*]indole-1-carboxylate)



To a stirred solution of the hexacyclic compound **13** (250 mg, 0.5 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was added 2 *N* HCl (1.5 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at 50 °C overnight and then quenched by slow addition of saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (3 mL). Water (5 mL) and AcOEt (5 mL) were added and the organic phase was separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with AcOEt (2×5 mL). The combined extracts were washed with brine

(10 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with AcOEt/NEt₃ (V/V = 100:1) to afford deglycocadambine (181.5 mg, 0.48 mmol, 95% yield) as a white solid.

(-)-**Deglycocadambine**: \mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.60 (silica, AcOEt), $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ = -63.0 (*c* 0.10, CH₃OH). mp 132–133 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 4.91–4.88 (m, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.49 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.17–3.12 (m, 1H), 3.00 (dd, *J* = 10.7, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.84–2.75 (m, 3H), 2.07–2.00 (m, 1H), 1.66–1.61 ppm (m, 1H). It should be noted that 3 protons including N–H and O–H are missing. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 169.1, 155.1, 138.4, 133.5, 126.9, 123.1, 120.0, 119.6, 112.4, 111.2, 110.7, 95.3, 92.7, 74.8, 59.5, 53.6, 51.6, 43.2, 42.6, 27.0, 22.7 ppm. IR: \bar{v} = 3674, 2924, 2859, 1696, 1456, 1260, 1166, 753 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₁H₂₃N₂O₅ [*M* + H]⁺: 383.1601; found: 383.1605.

6. Comparison of NMR Spectral Data of (-)-Deglycocadambine

Qin-Shi Zhao *et al.* first reported the isolation of deglycocadambine from the twigs and leaves of Emmenopterys henryi in **2013** (Wu, X.-D.; Wang, L.; He, J.; Li, X.-Y.; Dong, L.-B.; Gong, X.; Gao, X.; Song, L.-D.; Li, Y.; Peng, L.-Y. and Zhao, Q.-S. *Helvetica Chimica Acta*, **2013**, *96*, 2207–2213) and its absolute configuration was determined on the basis of extensive spectroscopic analyses, including 1D- and 2D-NMR experiments, and single-crystal X-ray diffraction studies.

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data of our synthetic deglycocadambine are in accord with those from Zhao's lab. Below is the comparison of ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data from these two labs.

NMR Region δ (ppm)	Zhao's lab ¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CD ₃ OD) δ (ppm) ^{<i>a</i>}	Our lab ¹ H NMR (600 MHz, CD ₃ OD) δ(ppm)
		7.55 (s, 1H)
8.0-6.0	7.49 (d, <i>J</i> = 7.6 Hz, 1H)	7.46 (d, <i>J</i> = 7.9 Hz, 1H)
	7.34 (d, <i>J</i> = 7.6 Hz, 1H)	7.32 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.2 Hz, 1H)
	7.13 (t, <i>J</i> = 7.6 Hz, 1H)	7.10 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H)
	7.02 (t, <i>J</i> = 7.6 Hz, 1H)	7.00 (t, <i>J</i> = 7.9 Hz, 1H)
6.0–4.0	5.67 (d, <i>J</i> = 9.1 Hz, 1H)	5.65 (d, <i>J</i> = 9.1 Hz, 1H)
	4.90–4.95 (m, 1H)	4.88–4.91 (m, 1H)
4.0–2.5	3.66 (s, 3H)	3.63 (s, 3H)
	3.52 (d, <i>J</i> = 10.7 Hz, 1H)	3.49 (d, <i>J</i> = 11.3 Hz, 1H)
	3.26 (t, <i>J</i> = 5.8 Hz, 1H)	3.24 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H)
	3.14–3.19 (m, 1H)	3.12–3.17 (m, 1H)
	3.03 (dd, <i>J</i> = 10.7, 7.3 Hz, 1H)	3.00 (dd, J = 10.7, 7.2 Hz, 1H)
	2.80–2.84 (m, 1H)	2.75, 2.84 (m, 2H)
	2.79–2.85 (m, 2H)	2.7 <i>3</i> –2.0 4 (III, 5π)
2.5–1.0	2.02–2.07 (m)	2.00–2.07 (m, 1H)
	1.63–1.69 (m, 1H)	1.61–1.66 (m, 1H)

Comparison of ¹H NMR Spectral Data of Deglycocadambine

^{*a*} For the reference, see: Wu, X.-D.; Wang, L.; He, J.; Li, X.-Y.; Dong, L.-B.; Gong, X.; Gao, X.; Song, L.-D.; Li, Y.; Peng, L.-Y. and Zhao, Q.-S. *Helvetica Chimica Acta*, **2013**, *96*, 2207–2213

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¹³ C NMR (100 MHz, CD ₃ OD)	¹³ C NMR (150 MHz, CD ₃ OD)	$\Delta \delta(ext{ppm})$
$\boldsymbol{\delta}(\mathbf{ppm})^{a}$	δ (ppm)	
169.5	169.1	0.4
155.6	155.1	0.5
138.9	138.4	0.5
133.9	133.5	0.4
127.3	126.9	0.4
123.6	123.1	0.5
120.4	120.0	0.4
120.1	119.6	0.5
112.8	112.4	0.4
111.6	111.2	0.4
111.2	110.7	0.5
95.7	95.3	0.4
93.1	92.7	0.4
75.2	74.8	0.4
59.9	59.5	0.4
54.0	53.6	0.4
52.0	51.6	0.4
43.0	42.8	0.2
43.0	42.6	0.4
27.4	27.0	0.4
23.1	22.7	0.4

Comparison of ¹³C NMR Spectral Data of Deglycocadambine

^{*a*} For the reference, see: Wu, X.-D.; Wang, L.; He, J.; Li, X.-Y.; Dong, L.-B.; Gong, X.; Gao, X.; Song, L.-D.; Li, Y.; Peng, L.-Y. and Zhao, Q.-S. *Helvetica Chimica Acta*, **2013**, *96*, 2207–2213.

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