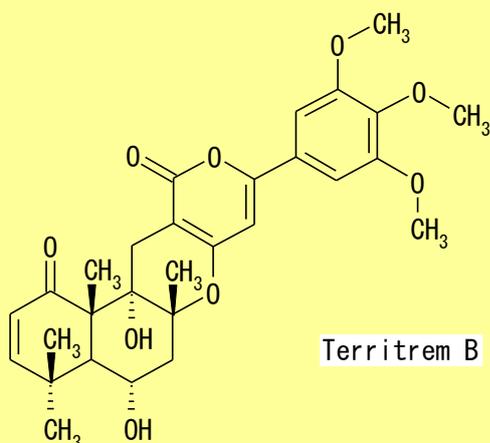


## Structure



**Origin:** *Asperigillus terreus*

**CAS Registry Number:** 70407-20-4

**Appearance:** off-white solid

**Molecular Formula/ Weight:** C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>9</sub>=526.58

**Purity:** 95.0% by HPLC

**Solubility:** Soluble in MeOH, chloroform  
Insoluble in water

## Background Information:

Territrem B was isolated from *Asperigillus terreus* as a tremorgenic mycotoxin<sup>1</sup>. Furthermore, the very similar compounds, arisugacins A and B were isolated from *Penicillium* sp. FO-4259 in the course of screening for selective acetylcholinesterase inhibitors<sup>2</sup>.

Their structures are comprised of a highly oxygenated trans decalin system and an  $\alpha$ -pyrone moiety which belong biogenetically to the mixed polyketide-terpenoid group (meroterpenoid) (Figure 1)<sup>3</sup>. The first total synthesis of arisugacins was achieved by Sunazuka –Ômura<sup>4</sup>.

Arisugacins A, B and territrem B possess inhibitory activities against AChE (from human erythrocytes) in vitro, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 1, 26, and 8 nM, respectively (Figure 2)<sup>5</sup>. And the activity against AChE was more than 20,000 times higher than that against butyrylcholinesterase (BChE, from horse serum) (Table 1). The studies on the effects of arisugacin A on an animal model of scopolamine-induced amnesia showed that arisugacin A protected against amnesia and exhibited very weak effects on mouse salivation and hypothermia, a peripheral cholinergic response and central cholinergic response<sup>6</sup>.

Effects of territrem B on the central neuron of the snail *Achatina fulica* were studied electrophysiologically<sup>7</sup>. It was predicted that an optimal territrem B-AChE binding would position a narrowing connection of the territrem B structure at a constricted area near the entrance of the gorge, thereby providing a structural basis for the observed irreversible binding (Figure 3, 4). Territrem-B potentiated the acetylcholine (ACh) induced current of the neuron, while it had no effect on GABA or L-glutamate elicited currents. Territrem B increased the peak amplitude of the response elicited by the first perfusion of ACh and depressed the increase in current produced by a second perfusion<sup>7</sup>. They could be potentially excellent drugs for the treatment of AD

## Handling and Storage:

Store at -20°C.

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