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# Assignment of the CD Cotton Effect to the Chiral Center in Pseurotins, and the Stereochemical Revision of Pseurotin A<sub>2</sub>

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**Abstract:** Pseurotins A<sub>1</sub> (**1**) and A<sub>2</sub> (**2**) were isolated from a culture broth of the fungal strain *Aspergillus fumigatus* WFZ-25 as stereoisomers of pseurotin A (**3**) in 2011. We also isolated **1** and **2** together with **3** from *A. fumigatus* OUPS-T106B-5 separated from the marine fish *Mugil cephalus*. In this study, we re-examined the stereochemistry of **1** and **2** using chemical transformation and the CD spectra, and found the relationship between the CD Cotton effect and the absolute configurations of **1** and **2**, which led us to revise the stereostructure of pseurotin A<sub>2</sub>.

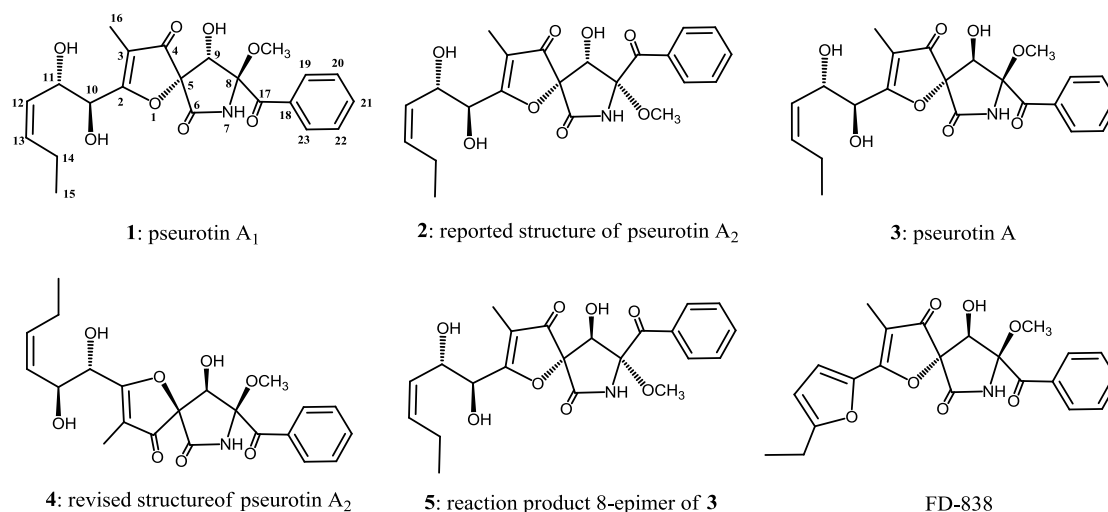
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## 1. Introduction

Pseurotin A (**3**) is a major secondary metabolite isolated from the fungal strains *Pseudeurotium ovalis* and *Aspergillus fumigatus*, and it has an unusual structure containing a spiro-heterocyclic  $\gamma$ -lactam core [1–4]. Its absolute configuration was determined by X-ray diffraction analysis of a dibromo derivative [1]. Most of the other  $\gamma$ -lactams were determined by asymmetric total synthesis [5–10] and the modified Mosher's method [11,12]. Previously, we reported that all stereoisomers of FD-838 showed an association between the CD Cotton effect and the absolute configuration of the chiral centers in  $\gamma$ -lactam [13]. Meanwhile, stereoisomers of pseurotin A designated as pseurotins A<sub>1</sub> (**1**) and A<sub>2</sub> (**2**) were isolated from a culture broth of the fungal strain *Aspergillus fumigatus* WFZ-25 by Q.Q. Gu and co-researchers [14]. The absolute stereostructures of **1** and **2** were elucidated by NOESY experiments and comparison with the CD data pattern in the above report [14]. We herein report our re-examination of the absolute configurations of **1** and **2** using chemical transformation, measurement of the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR coupling constant, and CD spectra. In addition, we describe our revision of the stereochemistry of **2**.

## 2. Results and Discussion

Fractionation of an ethyl acetate extract of the culture broth of *A. fumigatus* OUPS-T106B-5 was conducted as reported previously [12,13], employing a stepwise combination of Sephadex LH-20 and silica gel column chromatographies, followed by reverse-phase HPLC, to yield pseurotins A<sub>1</sub> (**1**), A<sub>2</sub> (**2**) and A (**3**) (Figure 1).



**Figure 1.** Structures of pseudotritins and FD-838.

Pseudotritin A<sub>1</sub> (**1**) had the molecular formula C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>8</sub>, as established from the [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> peak in high resolution fast atom bombardment mass spectrometry (HRFABMS). A close inspection of the <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of **1** (Table 1, Supplementary Material Figures S1 and S2) using DEPT and <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C correlation spectroscopy (HMQC) revealed the presence of one primary methyl (C-15), one olefinic methyl (C-16), one methoxy group (8-OCH<sub>3</sub>), one sp<sup>3</sup>-hybridized methylene (C-14), three oxygen-bearing sp<sup>3</sup>-methines (C-9, C-10 and C-11), two olefin sp<sup>2</sup>-methines (C-12 and C-13), two oxygen-bearing quaternary sp<sup>3</sup>-carbons (C-5 and C-8), five aromatic protons (C-19, C-20, C-21, C-22 and C-23), three quaternary sp<sup>2</sup>-carbons (C-2, C-3, C-18) including one oxygen-bearing quaternary carbons (C-2), two conjugated carbonyl groups (C-4 and C-17), one amido (C-6 and N-7) and one hydroxy group (9-OH). The connection of these units was determined on the basis of <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY and HMBC correlations to reveal the planar structure of **1**, which was identified as being the same as that of pseudotritin A<sub>1</sub> by comparison with data in the literature [14]. In addition, spectroscopic analyses of **2** and **3** identified them as pseudotritin A<sub>2</sub> and pseudotritin A, respectively [14] (Supplementary Material Figures S3–S10).

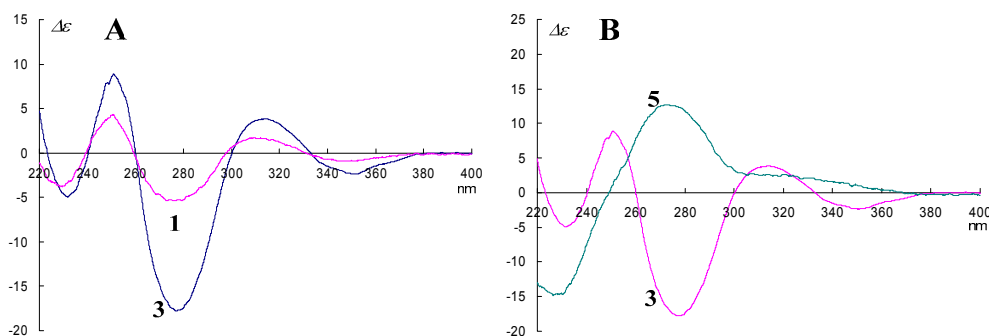
We succeeded in the isolation of all stereoisomers of FD-838 (Figure 1) including four reaction products, and, therefore, we could establish the relationship between absolute configurations at C-5 and C-8 in the spirofuranone-lactam skeleton and the CD Cotton effects. In addition, we found that the chemical shifts of H-9 and the coupling constant between H-9 and 9-OH in the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum with CDCl<sub>3</sub> as a solvent demonstrated the orientations of 9-OH and 8-OCH<sub>3</sub> [13]. On investigating the absolute configuration for pseudotritin A<sub>1</sub> (**1**) [14], we applied the above phenomena. Comparing the CD spectral data of **1** and **3**, the similarity of their CD curves showed that the absolute configurations of C-5 and C-8 in **1** were the same as those in **3**, *i.e.*, **1** possessed the 5*S*, 8*S* absolute configuration (Figure 2A). For the absolute configuration at C-9, 9-OH oriented *cis* to 8-OCH<sub>3</sub> for a large coupling constant (*J* = 12 Hz), and *trans* to 8-OCH<sub>3</sub> for a small coupling constant (*J* = 4 Hz) in its <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra, and the relative configuration between 9-OH and 8-OCH<sub>3</sub> regularly influenced the chemical shift of C-9 in its <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra [13]. In this study, we could not observe the coupling constant between H-9 and 9-OH (*vide info*); however, the NMR chemical shifts of C-9 ( $\delta_C$  76.6) clearly showed that 9-OH oriented *trans* to 8-OCH<sub>3</sub> [13]. If 9-OH orients *cis* to 8-OCH<sub>3</sub>, the NMR chemical shifts of C-9 would be observed in a high field ( $\delta_C \sim 74.0$ ) [13]. The above evidence confirmed the absolute stereostructure of **1** [14]. Q.Q. Gu and co-researchers determined the stereochemistry of **1** from NOESY correlations (H-9/8-OCH<sub>3</sub> and 9-OH/10-OH) and a comparison of the CD data with **3**. In addition, they had referred to our CD spectral examination; however, they had not confirmed the wavelength of the maximum absorbance proceeding from a chiral center of C-8 [13,14].

Table 1. NMR spectral data for pseurotins in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

Position	Pseurotin A <sub>1</sub> (1)			Pseurotin A <sub>2</sub>			3			5				
	$\delta_{\text{H}}^{\text{a}}$	m, J/Hz	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	$\delta_{\text{H}}^{\text{a}}$	m, J/Hz	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	$\delta_{\text{H}}^{\text{a}}$	m, J/Hz	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	$\delta_{\text{H}}^{\text{a}}$	m, J/Hz	$\delta_{\text{C}}$		
1														
2			183.4	qC			183.5	qC			186.0	qC	186.4,	qC
3			113.2	qC			114.3	qC			113.4	qC	114.8,	qC
4			196.2	qC			199.7	qC			196.5	qC	201.1,	qC
5			89.5	qC			87.3	qC			92.7	qC	86.5,	qC
6			169.4	qC			166.9	qC			166.8	qC	167.5,	qC
7	8.53	s			7.70	s			8.38	s			7.34	s
8			96.5	qC			93.2	qC			90.5	qC	96.4,	qC
9	4.88	s	76.6	CH	4.42	br d, 12.0 (9-OH)	74.2	CH	4.69	br s	73.2	CH	4.86	d, 5.4 (9-OH)
10	4.60	br s	70.5	CH	4.73	d, 3.0 (11)	70.1	CH	4.59	d, 5.4 (11)	70.7	CH	4.69	br d, 5.4 (11)
11	4.76	d, 7.8 (12)	71.0	CH	4.94	dd, 8.4 (12) 3.0 (10)	70.6	CH	4.75	dd, 10.8 (12) 5.4 (10)	70.7	CH	4.81	dd, 10.8 (12) 5.4 (10)
12	5.23	dd, 10.8 (13) 7.8 (11)	126.4	CH	5.28	dd, 10.8 (13) 8.4 (11)	125.3	CH	5.28	dd, 11.2 (13) 10.8 (11)	126.4	CH	5.43	dd, 11.2 (13) 10.8 (11)
13	5.64	dt, 10.8 (12) 7.2 (14)	136.9	CH	5.64	dt, 10.8 (12) 7.2 (14)	137.4	CH	5.59	dt, 11.2 (12) 7.8 (14)	136.8	CH	5.74	dt, 11.2 (12) 7.8 (14)
14A	2.09	m	21.4	CH <sub>2</sub>	2.14	m	21.4	CH <sub>2</sub>	2.09	m	21.4	CH <sub>2</sub>	2.15	m
14B	2.15	m			2.19	m			2.15	m			2.21	m
15	0.99	t, 7.8 (14)	14.1	CH <sub>3</sub>	1.03	t, 7.2 (14)	14.1	CH <sub>3</sub>	0.98	t, 9.0 (14)	14.1	CH <sub>3</sub>	1.05	t, 7.2 (14)
16	1.68	s	6.2	CH <sub>3</sub>	1.67	s	5.9	CH <sub>3</sub>	1.68	s	6.0	CH <sub>3</sub>	1.78	s
17			194.3	qC			194.0	qC			195.2	qC	192.4,	qC
18			133.5	qC			132.8	qC			132.4	qC	133.8,	qC
19	8.27	d, 8.4 (20)	130.0	CH	8.34	d, 8.4 (20)	130.7	CH	8.31	d, 8.4 (20)	130.7	CH	8.20	d, 8.4 (20)
20	7.49	t, 8.4 (19, 21)	128.8	CH	7.48	t, 8.4 (19, 21)	128.6	CH	7.49	t, 8.4 (19, 21)	128.7	CH	7.50	t, 8.4 (19, 21)
21	7.64	t, 8.4 (20, 22)	134.4	CH	7.63	t, 8.4 (20, 22)	134.6	CH	7.64	t, 8.4 (20, 22)	134.7	CH	7.63	t, 8.4 (20, 22)
22	7.49	t, 8.4 (21, 23)	128.8	CH	7.48	t, 8.4 (21, 23)	128.6	CH	7.49	t, 8.4 (21, 23)	128.7	CH	7.50	t, 8.4 (21, 23)
23	8.27	d, 8.4 (22)	130.0	CH	8.34	d, 8.4 (22)	130.7	CH	8.31	d, 8.4 (22)	130.7	CH	8.20	d, 8.4 (22)
8-OCH <sub>3</sub>	3.37	s	51.7	CH <sub>3</sub>	3.30	s	51.9	CH <sub>3</sub>	3.44	s	51.8	CH <sub>3</sub>	3.27	s
9-OH	3.94	br s			4.22	br d, 12.0 (9)			4.25	br s			4.97	d, 5.4 (9)

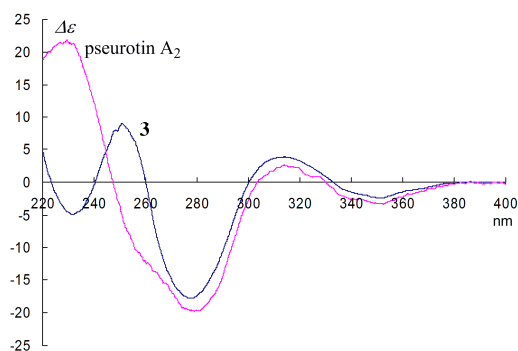
<sup>a</sup> <sup>1</sup>H chemical shift values ( $\delta$  ppm from SiMe<sub>4</sub>) followed by multiplicity and then the coupling constants (J/Hz). Figures in parentheses indicate the proton coupling with that position.

The extended conjugate system in pseurotins was less marked than those in FD-838 and cephalimysins B–D; therefore, the Cotton effects in the CD spectra should exhibit a hypsochromic shift [13]. In order to assign the Cotton effect ascribed to the configuration at C-8, we examined the epimerization at C-8 in **3**. Treatment of **3** with conc.  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  in MeOH gave **5**, an 8-epimer of **3**, as reported in the literature [13] (Supplementary Material Figures S11 and S12). The CD spectrum of **5** showed the opposite curve to that of **3** at around 280 nm (Figure 2B), *i.e.*, the negative Cotton effect at around 280 nm demonstrated that the absolute configuration at C-8 was an *S* configuration.



**Figure 2.** (A) The comparison of CD spectra of **1** and **3**; (B) The comparison of CD spectra of **3** and **5**.

To confirm the stereostructure of pseurotin  $A_2$  as **2** [14], a comparison with CD spectral data of pseurotin  $A_2$  and **3** was carried out. The Cotton effect at around 250 nm in the CD spectral data of pseurotin  $A_2$  was negative, while that of **3** was positive (Figure 3). Q.Q. Gu *et al.* reported that this difference was due to the change from 8*S* in **3** to 8*R* in **2** [14]; however, the above evidence showed that their deduction should be corrected, *i.e.*, the negative Cotton effect ( $\lambda_{\text{max}} \sim 280$  nm) in the CD spectrum of pseurotin  $A_2$  revealed that the absolute configuration at C-8 was an *S* and not *R* configuration (Figure 3). Meanwhile, the large coupling constant between H-9 and 9-OH in the  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum ( $J = 12.0$  Hz) showed that 9-OH oriented *cis* to 8- $\text{OCH}_3$ , *i.e.*, the absolute configuration at C-9 was an *R* configuration [13]. Q.Q. Gu *et al.* [14] observed a NOESY correlation between 9-OH and 10-OH in **2**, while we could not observe it. This NOESY correlation and the above evidence suggested a reversal of the configuration at C-5 in **2**; therefore, we found that the CD Cotton effect ascribed to the enone moiety ( $\lambda_{\text{max}} \sim 250$  nm) could be assigned to the absolute configuration at C-5. Based on the detailed analysis of the CD spectra of pseurotin  $A_2$  and **3**, the 5*S* isomer **3** showed positive ( $\lambda_{\text{max}} \sim 250$  nm) and negative ( $\lambda_{\text{max}} \sim 230$  nm) Cotton effects, while the 5*R* isomer **2**, pseurotin  $A_2$ , showed negative ( $\lambda_{\text{max}} \sim 250$  nm) and positive ( $\lambda_{\text{max}} \sim 230$  nm) Cotton effects, respectively (Figure 3). We had demonstrated the same relationship as this phenomenon in our previous report [13], *i.e.*, the 5*S* isomer (FD-838 and cephalimysin B) exhibited a positive Cotton effect, and the 5*R* isomer (cephalimysin C and D) exhibited a negative Cotton effect at around 350 nm, respectively.



**Figure 3.** CD spectra of pseurotin  $A_2$  and **3**.

The stereochemistries of C-10 and C-11 in the side chain of pseurotins were not established positively. To build a relative stereochemistry between the spiro  $\gamma$ -lactam moiety and the side chain, we attempted derivatization to acetonide between 10-OH and 11-OH in **1**. The treatment with 2, 2-dimethoxypropane in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  yielded acetonide **6** (Supplementary Material Figure S13). Its NOESY correlations (acetonide  $\alpha$ - $\text{CH}_3$ /9-OH and 3- $\text{CH}_3$ , acetonide  $\beta$ - $\text{CH}_3$ /H-10 and H-11, and H-10/3- $\text{CH}_3$ ) clearly showed the absolute conformation of H-10 and H-11 to both be *S* (Figure 4A, Supplementary Material Figure S15). When assuming the stereochemistry in the side chain to be reversed, it was inconsistent with the observed NOESY correlations. Therefore, we deduced that the steric vicinity between the acetonide and 3- $\text{CH}_3$  restrained the free rotation between C-2 and C-10. The NOESY experiment of acetonide **7** (Supplementary Material Figure S14) derived from **4** by the same procedure gave plenty of information for the elucidation of the absolute stereostructure of **4**, *i.e.*, NOESY correlations (acetonide  $\alpha$ - $\text{CH}_3$ /9-OH and 8- $\text{OCH}_3$ , acetonide  $\beta$ - $\text{CH}_3$ /H-10 and H-11, H-10/3- $\text{CH}_3$ , and H-12/3- $\text{CH}_3$  and 9-OH) were demonstrated in the 10*S*, 11*S* absolute configuration (Figure 4B, Supplementary Material Figure S16). Especially, the correlation between H-12 and 9-OH would not be detected in the 10*R*, 11*R* configuration.

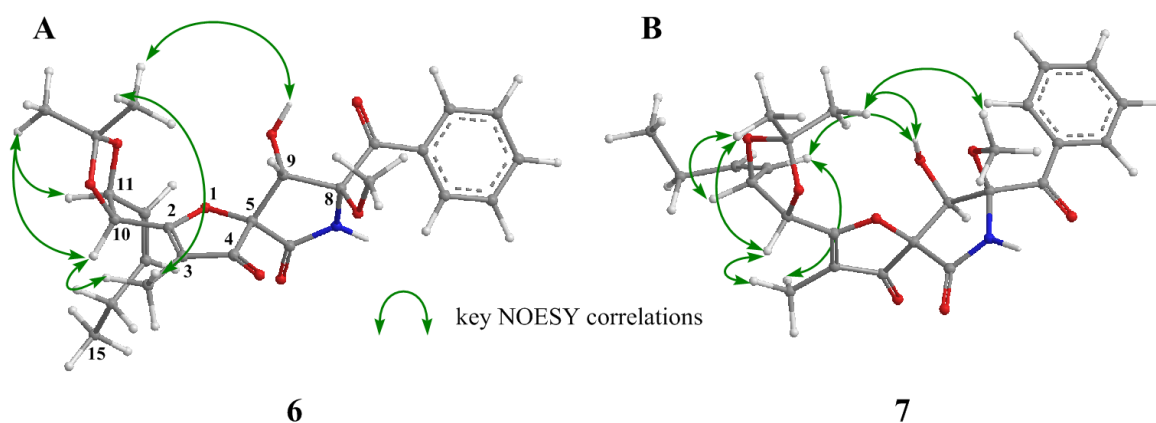


Figure 4. Key NOESY correlations of acetonide derivatives **6** (A) and **7** (B).

### 3. Experimental Section

#### 3.1. General Experimental Procedures

UV spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu (Kyoto, Japan) spectro-photometer U-2000 and IR spectra on a JASCO (Tokyo, Japan) FT/IR-680 Plus. NMR spectra were recorded at 27 °C on Agilent (Santa Clara, CA, USA) NMR-vnmrs600 with tetramethylsilane (TMS) (Nacalai Tesque Inc., Kyoto, Japan) as an internal reference. Mass spectra were determined using a Hitachi M-4000H mass spectrometer. Optical rotatory dispersion (ORD) were recorded on a JASCO J-820 polarimeters. Liquid chromatography over silica gel (mesh 230–400) was performed at a medium pressure. HPLC was run on a JASCO PU-1586 equipped with a differential refractometer (RI-1531) and Cosmosil Packed Column 5C<sub>18</sub>-MSII (25 cm × 20 mm i.d.) (Kyoto, Japan). Analytical TLC was performed on precoated Merck (Darmstadt, Germany) aluminum sheets (DC-Alufohlen Kieselgel 60 F254, 0.2 mm) with the solvent system  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ –MeOH (19:1), and compounds were viewed under UV lamp and sprayed with 10%  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  followed by heating.

#### 3.2. Fungal Material

A strain of *A. fumigatus* was initially isolated from the marine fish *Mugil cephalus* captured in Katsura Bay, Japan, in October 2000. The fish was disinfected with EtOH and its gastrointestinal tract applied to the surface of nutrient agar layered in a Petri dish. Serial transfers of one of the resulting

colonies provided a pure strain of *A. fumigatus*. The fungal strains were identified by Techno Suruga Laboratory Co., Ltd. (Shizuoka, Japan).

### 3.3. Culturing and Isolation of Metabolites

The fungal strain was cultured at 27 °C for six weeks in a liquid medium (75 L) containing 1% soluble starch and 0.1% casein in 50% artificial seawater adjusted to pH 7.4. The culture was filtered under suction, and the culture filtrate was extracted three times with EtOAc. The combined extracts were evaporated *in vacuo* to afford a mixture of crude metabolites (20.5 g) that exhibited cytotoxicity against the P388 cell line ( $IC_{50} < 1 \mu\text{g/mL}$ ). The EtOAc extract was passed through a Sephadex LH-20 column using  $\text{CHCl}_3$ -MeOH (1:1) as the eluent. The second fraction (13.8 g) was chromatographed on a silica gel column with a hexane- $\text{CHCl}_3$ -MeOH gradient as the eluent to afford Fr. 1 (the 2% MeOH in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  eluate, 3.6 g). Fr. 1 was chromatographed on a silica gel column with a  $\text{CHCl}_3$ -MeOH gradient as the eluent to afford Fr. 2 (the 5% MeOH in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  eluate, 1.4 g). Fr. 2 was purified by HPLC using MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (70:30) as the eluent to afford Fr. 3 (247.9 mg) and Fr. 4 (45.6 mg). Fr. 3 was purified by HPLC using MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (50:50) as the eluent to afford Fr. 5 (168.4 mg). Fr. 5 was purified by ODS HPLC using MeCN-H<sub>2</sub>O (30:70) as the eluent to afford pseurotin A<sub>1</sub> (**1**, 1.5 mg) and pseurotin A (**3**, 70.5 mg). Fr. 4 was purified by HPLC using MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (50:50) as the eluent to afford Fr. 6 (168.4 mg). Fr. 6 was purified by ODS HPLC using MeCN-H<sub>2</sub>O (30:70) as the eluent to afford pseurotin A<sub>2</sub> (**4**, 4.1 mg).

Pseurotins A, A<sub>1</sub> and A<sub>2</sub>: <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR data ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) are listed in Table 1.

### 3.4. Chemical Transformation

#### 3.4.1. Epimerization of **3**

To a solution of **3** (3.2 mg) in MeOH (0.5 mL), one drop of conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The reaction mixture was extracted with diethyl ether thrice, and the organic layer was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by HPLC using MeCN-H<sub>2</sub>O (30:70) as the eluent to afford **5** (0.6 mg).

#### 3.4.2. Derivatization to Acetonides from Pseurotin A<sub>1</sub> (**1**) and A<sub>2</sub> (**4**)

To a solution of **1** (3.3 mg) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (0.3 mL), 2,2-dimethoxypropane (0.3 mL) and pyridium *p*-toluenesulfonate (0.2 mg) were added, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The reaction mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by HPLC using MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (60:40) as the eluent to afford acetonide **6** (2.2 mg). Using the same procedure, **4** (2.0 mg) was treated with 2,2-dimethoxypropane (0.3 mL) and pyridium *p*-toluenesulfonate (0.2 mg), and purified by HPLC to afford **7** (0.4 mg).

Acetonide **6**: Pale yellow oil; FABMS *m/z* (rel. int.): HRFABMS *m/z* 472.1964 [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO<sub>8</sub>: 472.1970). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta$  ppm ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 0.95 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, H-15), 1.43 (3H, s, acetonide- $\beta$ -CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.58 (3H, s, acetonide- $\alpha$ -CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.73 (3H, s, H-16), 2.04 (1H, m, H-14A), 2.17 (1H, m, H-14B), 2.76 (1H, d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 9-OH), 3.31 (3H, s, 9-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.77 (1H, d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, H-9), 5.15 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, H-10), 5.25 (1H, ddd, *J* = 9.6, 7.8, 1.2 Hz, H-11), 5.57 (1H, ddt, *J* = 10.8, 9.6, 1.2 Hz, H-12), 5.57 (1H, dtd, *J* = 10.8, 7.2, 1.2 Hz, H-13), 7.33 (1H, br s, H-6), 7.43 (2H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, H-20 and H-22), 7.66 (1H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, H-21), 8.22 (2H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, H-19 and H-23).

Acetonide **7**: Pale yellow oil; FABMS *m/z* (rel. int.): HRFABMS *m/z* 472.1964 [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO<sub>8</sub>: 472.1970). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta$  ppm ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 1.02 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, H-15), 1.49 (3H, s, acetonide- $\beta$ -CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.64 (3H, s, acetonide- $\alpha$ -CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.67 (3H, s, H-16), 2.13 (1H, m, H-14A), 2.20 (1H, m, H-14B), 3.29 (3H, s, 9-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.36 (1H, d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 9-OH), 4.52 (1H, d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, H-9), 5.17 (1H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, H-10), 5.26 (1H, ddd, *J* = 9.0, 6.6, 1.2 Hz, H-11), 5.57 (1H, ddt, *J* = 10.8, 9.0, 1.2 Hz, H-12), 5.72 (1H, dtd, *J* = 10.8, 7.2, 0.6 Hz, H-13), 7.49 (2H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, H-20 and H-22), 7.64 (1H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, H-21), 8.29 (2H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, H-19 and H-23).

#### 4. Conclusions

Q.Q. Gu *et al.* [14] deduced the stereostructure of pseurotin A<sub>2</sub> as **2** from NOESY experiments and a comparison of CD spectra with cephalimysins. We assigned the CD Cotton effect ascribed to the absolute configuration at C-8 by the epimerization of pseurotin A (**3**), and revised the stereostructure of pseurotin A<sub>2</sub> from **2** to **4**. In this process, we newly found the Cotton effect ascribed to the absolute configuration at C-5. In addition, we found that the absolute configuration in the side chain of pseurotins could be established positively by detailed analyses of the NOESY experiments of their acetonide derivatives.

**Supplementary Materials:** The following are available online at [www.mdpi.com/1660-3397/14/4/74/s1](http://www.mdpi.com/1660-3397/14/4/74/s1), Figure S1: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of pseurotin A<sub>1</sub> (**1**), Figure S2: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of pseurotin A<sub>1</sub> (**1**), Figure S3: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of pseurotin A<sub>2</sub> (**4**), Figure S4: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of pseurotin A<sub>2</sub> (**4**), Figure S5: 2D NMR spectra of pseurotin A<sub>2</sub> (**4**) (<sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY), Figure S6: 2D NMR spectra of pseurotin A<sub>2</sub> (**4**) (HMBC), Figure S7: 2D NMR spectra of pseurotin A<sub>2</sub> (**4**) (HMBC), Figure S8: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of pseurotin A (**3**), Figure S9: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of pseurotin A (**3**), Figure S10: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of pseurotin A (**3**) (400 MHz), Figure S11: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of **5** (8-epimer of **3**), Figure S12: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of **5** (8-epimer of **3**), Figure S13: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of **6** (acetonide of **1**), Figure S14: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of **7** (acetonide of **4**), Figure S15: NOESY of **6** (acetonide of **1**), Figure S16: NOESY of **7** (acetonide of **4**).

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