Supplementary Information

Structural Basis of Cycloaddition in Biosynthesis of Iboga and Aspidosperma Alkaloids

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Supplementary Tables

	CS	TS	CorS
Data collection			
Space group	$P2_{1}$	$P2_{1}$	P6522
Cell dimensions			
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	81.54, 121.03, 157.98	56.49, 108.96, 63.24	82.84, 82.84, 247.56
α, β, γ (°)	90.00, 99.02, 90.00	90.00, 108.54, 90.00	90.00, 90.00, 120.00
Resolution (Å)	52.01 - 2.19	59.95 - 1.30	71.74 – 1.42
	(2.23 - 2.19)	(1.32 - 1.30)	(1.44 - 1.42)
R _{merge}	0.093 (1.129)	0.111 (1.680)	0.140 (1.760)
$I / \sigma I$	14.1 (2.0)	10.8 (1.3)	10.4 (2.3)
Completeness (%)	98.3 (97.7)	100.0 (99.9)	100.0 (100.0)
Redundancy	7.0 (7.0)	6.7 (6.5)	37.1 (37.8)
Refinement			
Resolution (Å)	52.01 - 2.19	59.95 - 1.30	71.74 - 1.42
	(2.25 - 2.19)	(1.33 - 1.30)	(1.44 - 1.42)
No. reflections			
$R_{\rm work}$ / $R_{\rm free}$	0.194/0.234	0.133/0.161	0.156/0.182
No. atoms			
Protein	19468	5234	2539
Ligand/ion	276	11	53
Water	388	700	348
B-factors			
Protein	69.0	16.5	18.8
Ligand/ion	67.9	27.3	38.6
Water	54.5	32.8	32.8
R.m.s. deviations			
Bond lengths (Å)	0.008	0.009	0.007
Bond angles (°)	1.52	1.03	1.50

Supplementary Table 1. X-ray data collection and refinement statistics

Each dataset was acquired from a single crystal. Values in parentheses are for highest-resolution shell.

Supplementary Table 2. Quantitative product distribution of the enzymes reported in this study. Compounds for which a standard was not available, such as (-)-coronaridine iminium and the unknown product, could not be quantified but their occurrence is reported in the table as Detected. n.d.= not detected. Mean of three replicates \pm SEM.

Enzyme	Catharanthine (nM)	Tabersonine (nM)	(-)-coronaridine	Unknown product (nM)
CS		(1111)		
WT	78 ± 11	n d	n d	n d
\$172C	7.0 ± 1.1	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
S172C S172A	11.u.	n d	n d	n.d.
D171A S172A	0.9 ± 0.0	n d	nd	nd
D171N \$172A	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
U1/IN, 51/2A	n.d.	n d	n d	n.d.
HON	n.d.	n d	n d	n.d.
D217V	1.0 ± 0.7	n d	n d	n.d.
V78F	1.0 ± 0.7	n d	n.d.	n.d.
1 /0F V202E	11.u.	n d	nd	n.d.
1203F V225E	0.2 ± 0.1	II.u.	11.U.	II.U.
Y 225F	10.4 ± 1.2	n.a.	n.d.	n.d.
D2/3A	6.8 ± 2.4	0.6 ± 0.1	n.d.	n.d.
D273N	11.2 ± 1.0	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
D171A	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
D171N	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
Y304F	8.4 ± 0.8	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
F218Y	4.1 ± 1.8	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
Loop_trim	3.7 ± 0.1	n.d.	n.d.	Detected
Loop_trim, F218Y	1.5 ± 0.2	n.d.	n.d.	Detected
Y114F	3.1 ± 2.0	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
Helix 5 swap	3.9 ± 0.7	2.2 ± 0.1	n.d.	n.d.
Loop trim, Helix 5	1.6 ± 0.1	0.8 ± 0.1	Detected	n.d.
swap				
P173T	4.9	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
TS				
WT	n.d.	18.4 ± 0.4	n.d.	n.d.
S170C	n.d.	19.5 ± 0.1	n.d.	n.d.
S170A	1.2 ± 0.1	0.5 ± 0.4	n.d.	n.d.
D169A	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
D169N	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
H78A	1.0 ± 0.1	7.5 ± 0.4	n.d.	n.d.
H78N	n.d.	3.4 ± 1.2	n.d.	n.d.
Y216D	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	Detected
Y216F	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	Detected
Loop graft	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
Y76F	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
Y202F	n.d.	23.7 ± 2.9	n.d.	n.d.
Y224F	n.d.	20.6 ± 1.6	n.d.	n.d.
D266A	n d	20.0 ± 1.0 7 0 + 6 1	n d	n d
D266N	n d	7.0 ± 0.1 20 3 + 2 3	n d	n d
Y297F	n d	20.3 ± 2.3 21 3 + 3 7	n d	n d
Helix 5 swan	n d	21.5 ± 5.7 n d	n d	Detected
Loon graft haliv 5	n d	nd	n d	n d
swan	11. U .	11. u .	11. u .	11. U .
5wap T171P	n d	25 ± 01	n d	n d
Care	11.0.	2.0 ± 0.1		
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W I	n.a.	n.a.	Detected	n.a.

Y116A	n.d.	n.d.	Detected	n.d.
S174A	2.6 ± 0.4	0.5 ± 0.4	Detected	n.d.
S174C	n.d.	11.5 ± 2.9	n.d.	n.d.
P175T	5.2 ± 0.8	2.0 ± 0.6	Detected	n.d.
T271A	n.d.	n.d.	Detected	n.d.
F300Y	n.d.	n.d.	Detected	n.d.
Helix 5 swap	n.d.	n.d.	Detected	n.d.

Supplementary Table 3. Primer sequences used in this study. Cloning overhangs are underlined. Mutated codons are in bold.

Primers for full length gene	
CS_Fwd	A
CS Rev	ATGGTCTAGAAAGCTTTACTCATGTTTGATGAAAGATGCTAAACG
TS Fwd	AAGTTCTGTTTCAGGGCCCGGGTTCCTCAGATGAGACTATTTTTG
TS_Rev	ATGGTCTAGAAAGCTTTACTTGATGAAAGAAGCTAAACGTCTG
TiCorS Fwd	
TiCorS Rev	
Primers for mutagenesis	
CS S172C Fund	
	TCAC
CS_S172C_Rev	GTCACCCGCCAAATACAGTCTATCG
CS_S172A_Fwd	CGATAGACTGTATTTGGCGGGTGAC GCT CCTGGTGCTAATATTGT TCAC
CS_S172A_Rev	Same as CS_S172C_Rev
CS_D171A_Fwd	GATTTCGATAGACTGTATTTGGCGGGGTGCCAGTCCTGGTGCTAAT ATTGTTCAC
CS D171A Rev	ACCCGCCAAATACAGTCTATCGAAATC
CS_D171N_Fwd	GATTTCGATAGACTGTATTTGGCGGGGT AAC AGTCCTGGTGCTAAT
CS D171N Rev	Same as CS_D171A_Rev
CS D171A S172A Fwd	GATTTCGATAGACTGTATTTGGCGGGTGCCGCTCCTGGTGCTAAT
	ATTGTTCAC
CS D171A S172A Rev	Same as CS D171A Rev
CS D171N S172A Fwd	GATTTCGATAGACTGTATTTGGCGGGTAACGCTCCTGGTGCTAAT
	ATTGTTCAC
CS D171N S172A Rev	Same as CS D171A Rev
CS H80A Fwd	GAAAAACTCCCTATTTTTGTGTATGTGGCTGGGCTGGCTTGT
	CTAGAATCTG
CS H80A Rev	CACATACACAAAAATAGGGAGTTTTTC
CS_H80N_Fwd	GAAAAACTCCCTATTTTTGTGTATGTGAATGGGGCTGGCT
	TAGAATCTG
CS_H80N_Rev	CS_H80A_Rev
CS D217Y Fwd	CCCAACCAGCACGAAACTTAGTGATTATTTTGAGTATAACTACAC
	ATGTTACTG
CS_D217Y_Rev	ATCACTAAGTTTCGTGCTGGTTGGG
CS Y78F Fwd	GACCATGAAAAACTCCCTATTTTTGTG TTT GTGCATGGGGCTGGC
	TTTTGTCTAG
CS_Y78F_Rev	CACAAAAATAGGGAGTTTTTCATGGTC
CS Y203F Fwd	GTGAAAATTTTGGGGGGCAATTCTTTACTTCCCATATTTCATTATCC
	CAACCAGCACG
CS_Y203F_Rev	GTAAAGAATTGCCCCCAAAATTTTCAC
CS_Y225F_Fwd	GATGATTTTGAGTATAACTACACATGTTTCTGGAAATTGGCTTAT
	CCAAATGCTCC
CS_Y225F_Rev	ACATGTGTAGTTATACTCAAAATCATC
CS_D273A_Fwd	CCCTGGTTTCCATGATTTCAACGACTCCAGCTGAGACTAAAGACA
CS_D2/3A_Rev	
CS_D2/3N_FWd	TAAATGCGGTT
CS_D273N_Rev	Same as CS_D273A_Rev
CS_Y304F_Fwd	GGAAGTGGCTGATTTTGACGCAGATTTTTTGAACTCTTCACCTT
	GGAAACGG
CS Y304F Rev	ATCTGCGTCAAAATCAGCCACTTCC

CS F218Y Fwd	CAGCACGAAACTTAGTGATGATTATGAGTATAACTACACATGTTA
00_12101_1.00	CTG
CS E218V Rev	
CS Loop trim Fund	
CS_LOOP_unin_Fwd	
CC Lean trive Deer	
CS_Loop_trim_Rev	ACICITITICIAAIGCCICAAIAIAAGICICAICIGGAGICGIIGAA
CS_Y114F_Fwd	CCAAAGTTATTGGGGTTTCGATTGAA TTT AGACTTGCCCCAGAGC
	ACCTTTTAC
CS_Y114F_Rev	TTCAATCGAAACCCCAATAACTTTGG
CS_Helix 5_swap_Fwd	CCCATATTTCATTATCCCAACCAGCACGAAACAGAGTGATTATA
	TGGAGAATGAGTATAGATCTTACTGGAAATTGGCTTATCCAAAT
	GCTCC
CS_Helix 5_swap_Rev	TTTCGTGCTGGTTGGGATAATGAAATATGGG
CS P173T Fwd	CGATAGACTGTATTTGGCGGGTGACAGTACTGGTGCTAATATTGT
	TCACAACACAC
CS P173T Rev	ACTGTCACCCGCCAAATACAGTCTATCG
TS_S170C_Fwd	CGATAGACTCTATTTGTGGGGTGAT TGC ACCGGTGCCAATATTGT
	ΤCACAACAC
TS S170C Rev	
TS S170A Fund	CGATAGACTCTATTTGTGGGGGTGATCCCACCGGTGCCAATATTGT
15_51/0A_1 wd	
TS S170A Day	Sama as TS S170C Bay
TS_D1(0A_E1	
15_D169A_Fwd	
TS_D169A_Rev	ACCCCACAAATAGAGICTATCGAAATC
TS_D169N_Fwd	GATTTCGATAGACTCTATTTGTGGGGGTAATTGCACCGGTGCCAAT
	ATTGTTCACAA
TS_D169N_Rev	Same as TS_D169A_Rev
TS_H78A_Fwd	GAAAAACTCCCCATTATAGTCTATTTCGCTGGAGCTGGTTTTTGT
	CTTGAATCGG
TS_H78A_Rev	GAAATAGACTATAATGGGGAGTTTTTC
TS H78N Fwd	GAAAAACTCCCCATTATAGTCTATTTCAATGGAGCTGGTTTTTGTC
	TTGAATCGG
TS H78N Rev	Same as TS H78A Rev
TS Y216D Fwd	CAGGACGAGTTCAAAACAGAGTGATGATATGGAGAATGAGTATA
	GATCTTACTG
TS Y216D Rev	ATCACTCTGTTTTGAACTCGTCCTG
TS Y216E Fwd	CAGGACGAGTTCAAAACAGAGTGAT TT ATGGAGAATGAGTATA
15_12101_1 wa	GATCTTACTG
TS V216E Rev	Same as TS V216D Rev
TS Loop graft Fund	
15_Loop_gran_Fwd	
TC Loop and Day	
TS_LOOP_gran_Rev	
15_Y/6F_Fwd	
TS_Y/6F_Rev	GACTATAATGGGGGAGTTTTTCATCATG
TS_Y202F_Fwd	GTGAAGATITTGGGGGGCAATTCITTACTTCCCATATTTCITAATCA
	GGACGAGTTC
TS_Y202F_Rev	GTAAAGAATTGCCCCCAAAATCTTCAC
TS_Y224F_Fwd	GATTATATGGAGAATGAGTATAGATCT TTC TGGAAATTGGCTTAC
	CCAGATGCTCC
TS_Y224F_Rev	AGATCTATACTCATTCTCCATATAATC
TS_D266A_Fwd	CGAGGTTGCTGATTTCCATGGTTGCCGCTGAAGCTAGAGATATAA
	СТСТТСТТТА
TS D266A Rev	GGCAACCATGGAAATCAGCAACCTCG
TS D266N Fwd	CGAGGTTGCTGATTTCCATGGTTGCCAATGAAGCTAGAGATATAA
	СТСТТСТТТА
TS D266N Rev	Same as TS D266A Rev

TS_Y297F_Fwd	TAGATGTGGCTGATTTTGATAAACAG TTT TTTGAACTGTTTGAAA
	TGGAAACAG
TS_Y297F_Rev	CTGTTTATCAAAATCAGCCACATCTA
TS Helix 5 swap Fwd	CTTAATCAGGACGAGTTCAAAACAGAGTGAT GATTTTGAGTATA
	ACTACACATGTTACTGGAAATTGGCTTACCCAGATGCTCC
TS_Helix 5_swap_Rev	ATCACTCTGTTTTGAACTCGTCCTGATTAAG
TS_Loop_graft_Fwd	CTCGAGGTTGCTGATTTCCATGGTTGCCATGATTTCAACGACTCC
	AGATGAAGCTAGAGATATAACTCTTC
TS_Loop_graft_Rev	GGCAACCATGGAAATCAGCAACCTCGAG
TS_T171P_Fwd	CGATAGACTCTATTTGTGGGGTGATAGCCCCGGTGCCAATATTGT
	TCACAACACTTATC
TS_T171PF_Rev	GCTATCACCCCACAAATAGAGTCTATCG
CorS_Y116F_Fwd	GCTGTCGGAGTTTCGGTTGAG TTT AGACTCGCCCCCGAGCACCC
CorS_Y116F_Rev	CTCAACCGAAACTCCGACAGC
CorS S174A Fwd	CAATAAGCTTTACTTGGGTGGTGACGCGCCTGGTGGAAATATTGT
	GCAC
CorS_S174A_Rev	GTCACCACCCAAGTAAAGCTTATTG
CorS_S174C_Fwd	CAATAAGCTTTACTTGGGTGGTGACTGCCCTGGTGGAAATATTGT
	GCAC
CorS_S174C_Rev	GTCACCACCCAAGTAAAGCTTATTG
TiCorS_P175T_Fwd	CTTTACTTGGGTGGTGACAGTACCGGTGGAAATATTGTGCACAAC
	G
CorS_P175T_Rev	ACTGTCACCACCCAAGTAAAG
CorS_T271A_Fwd	GTTTCCATGGTTTCGGACGAGGCGAGAGATATAACCCTTCTCTAC
CorS T271A Rev	CTCGTCCGAAACCATGGAAAC
CorS F300Y Fwd	GTGGGTGACTACGAAGCACATTATTTGATTTGATTTGAT
	AATG
CorS F300Y Rev	ATGTGCTTCGTAGTCACCCAC
CorS Helix 5 swap Fwd	CAAGCAAAAGACAGAGTGATGATTTTGAGTATAACTACACATG
	TTACTGGAAGTTGGCTTATCCATC
CorS Helix 5 swap Rev	ATCACTCTGTCTTTGCTTG

Supplementary Table 4. MRM transitions used for metabolites detection with UPLC/QqQ-MS method.

Compound	Parent ion	Daughter ion	Collision
L		0	Energy (V)
Catharanthine	337.2	173.1	16
		165.1	20
		144.1	20
Tabersonine	337.2	305.2	22
		228.2	22
		168.1	36
Coronaridine	339.2	144.2	30
		307.2	30
Angryline	337.2	122.0	20
		168.1	36
		228.0	20
16-carbomethoxy-	337.2	136.1	24
cleaviminium		168.1	36
		305.1	22
16-carbomethoxy-	339.2	130.1	30
cleavamine		144.2	30
Stemmadenine acetate	397.2	337.1	18
		228.1	24
		168.0	40
Precondylocarpine	395.2	234.0	38
acetate		228.1	22
		196.1	32

Supplementary Figures

Supplementary Fig. 1. Examples of aspidosperma and iboga alkaloids.



Supplementary Fig. 2. Dehydrosecodine enamine **3b**, which has a dihydropyridine moiety (green) and methyl acrylate (purple) moiety which can undergo one of two formal Diels-Alder reactions to form either (+)-catharanthine **4** or (–)-tabersonine **5**.



Supplementary Fig. 3. Structure-based sequence alignment of TS (GenBank: MF770513), CorS (GenBank:MK840854) and CS (GenBank: MF770512). The secondary elements of the enzymes are presented at the top and at the bottom. The gray box shows the N-terminal β -flap; the purple box highlights the Ala-Gly residues that replace the oxyanion hole of canonical carboxylesterases; the cyano box highlights the GXSXG motif in which the catalytic Ser of the carboxylesterases is located; the green box shows the portion of helix 5 used for the swaps; the blue box shows the extended loop occurring only in CS. The grey arrow indicates the catalytic Asp of canonical carboxylesterases. This figure was generated using ESPript3.0 (Robert, X. & Gouet, P. *Nucleic Acid Res.* **42**, W320-324 (2014)).



Supplementary Fig. 4. HRMS and MS/MS spectra of angryline **3c**. Angryline formula: $C_{21}H_{25}N_2O_2^+$; Theoretical mass: 337.1911; Observed mass: 337.1917; error: 1.8 ppm.



Supplementary Fig. 5. Degradation of angryline **3c**. **a**) Product profile of DPAS-catalyzed reaction. The stars indicate unknown by-products formed during the reaction. **b**) Degradation of angryline at pH 9.5. This assay was performed at 37 °C.







Supplementary Fig. 6. CD spectrum of angryline 3c (1 mM) in 100 mM MES buffer pH 6.0.



Supplementary Fig. 7. Activity of CS and TS using angryline **3c** as substrate. Formation of catharanthine **4** and tabersonine **5** were monitored. Reactions were performed in CHES buffer pH 9.5 and incubated at 37 °C for 20 min. Black lines display time 0; red lines display time 20 min. The total ion count of the MRMs for the different compounds is displayed in the retention time windows in which the compounds elute.



Supplementary Fig. 8. pH dependence of CS and TS reactions. **a)** Consumption of angryline **3c** over 20 minutes at 37 °C at different pH. **b)** and **c)** Activity of CS and TS using angryline **3c** as substrate, measuring formation of catharanthine **4** and tabersonine **5**. Reactions were performed for 20 min at 37 °C at different pH. CS specific activity at pH 9.5 was 766 pmol/min/mg; TS specific activity at pH 9.5 was 260 pmol/min/mg.



Supplementary Fig. 9. Proposed mechanism of formation of the more stable dehydrosecodine isomer angryline **3c**. Under acidic conditions, the equilibrium favors the formation of angryline, while at neutral pH, dehydrosecodine likely exists as the enamine tautomer **3b**, which can undergo a cycloaddition reaction, potentially through a Diels-Alder reaction.



Supplementary Fig. 10. Comparison of CS, TS and CorS homodimers. For each structure, orthogonal views are depicted in cartoon representation, where the left-hand subunit is shown in rainbow coloration from blue at the N-terminus through to red at the C-terminus, and the right-hand subunit is in grey; the active site Ser residues are marked by black spheres. a) CS homodimer, of which there are four in the asymmetric unit (ASU) with dimer interface areas in the range 950-967 Å², as calculated by the jsPISA server (http://www.ccp4.ac.uk/pisa; Krissinel, E. Nucleic Acids Res. 43, W314-319 (2015)). Pairwise superpositions of subunits give rmsd values in the range 0.107-0.495 Å, and for dimers, values in the range 0.260-0.450 Å are obtained. **b**) TS homodimer, which corresponds to the ASU, giving a dimer interface area of 1290 Å²; the two subunits superpose with an rmsd value of 0.612 Å. c) CorS homodimer generated through the application of 2-fold crystallographic symmetry to the ASU, which comprises a single CorS subunit. The resultant dimer interface area is 1198 $Å^2$. In pairwise comparisons of the three structures, superpositions of subunits (A chain only) then dimers (A-B dimers for CS and TS, and A-A dimer for CorS) gave rmsd values of 1.045 and 1.136 Å for CS vs. TS, 1.177 and 1.188 for CS vs. CorS, and 1.104 and 1.156 for TS vs. CorS, respectively.



CorS

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Supplementary Fig. 11. Comparison of the TS catalytic triad with the canonical Ser-His-Asp catalytic triad from the *Actinidia eriantha* carboxylesterase (AeCXE1), with which it shares 29% sequence identity. After superposing the structures (with RMSD 1.898 Å), it is clear that the separation between the Ser and Asp C α atoms is significantly longer in TS (blue cartoon and carbons) than it is in AeCXE1 (brown cartoon and carbons), such that a TS Y297H substitution would be unlikely to reconstitute the hydrogen bonding network necessary to activate the Ser for nucleophilic attack, without a rearrangement of the protein backbone. The corresponding C α -C α distances are 12.5 Å and 13.3 Å for CS and CorS, respectively.



Supplementary Fig. 12. Comparison of oxyanion holes for CS, TS and CorS. a) CS with the 16-carbomethoxycleaviminium 7 intermediate bound (see main text and Supplementary Fig. 11), b) TS with docked dehydrosecodine 3b (substrate; top) and tabersonine 5 (product; bottom), and **c.** CorS with docked dehydrosecodine **3b** (substrate; top) and coronaridine iminium 9 (product; bottom). The view corresponds approximately to that used for Figure 2ce with a small rotation around the vertical axis. The backbone trace of the nucleophilic elbow (foreground; brown) and the oxyanion hole loop (background; pale blue) are shown in cartoon and key residues are in stick representation with yellow carbons. Ligands are shown as sticks with green carbons and also depicted as a 2D representation at the top of each panel. In both representations, the two C-C bonds that form as a result of catalysis are indicated by spheres of the same colour for each bond (i.e. black or white). In all cases, the carbonyl oxygen of the methyl acrylate group in the ligand interacts with the oxyanion hole, which is governed by the shape of the molecular surface in this region and is illustrated by semitransparent van der Waals spheres covering the adjacent protein atoms. In CS and CorS, where the residue directly after the catalytic Ser is a Pro, the surface is comparatively flat here and the interaction is somewhat superficial. However, in TS the Pro is substituted by a Thr, which results in a distinct hole in the molecular surface that can accommodate the carbonyl oxygen. Moreover, the Thr is able to provide additional hydrogen bonding potential to the oxygen via its main-chain nitrogen and side-chain hydroxyl. As a result, the methyl acrylate group is more deeply engaged than in the other two active sites. Further, a hydrogen bond between Ser170 and the indole nitrogen may assist in keeping the indole group and the methyl acrylate moiety of dehydrosecodine **3b** roughly in the same plane in TS, which may be important for guiding catalysis towards tabersonine 5 rather than catharanthine 4.



Supplementary Fig. 13. Hydrolytic activity of CS, TS and TS Y297H towards the model substrate umbelliferyl butyrate. No substrate consumption was observed after incubation at 37 °C for 2 h.



Supplementary Fig. 14. Crystallographic evidence supporting the assignment of the cleaviminium intermediate 7 bound in the active site of CS. Despite being co-crystallized with the product catharanthine 4, the X-ray data indicate that the intermediate is present. The stereoviews below display 2.2 Å resolution omit mF_{obs} - DF_{calc} difference electron density for the bound ligand calculated using phases from the final model without the ligand after the application of small random shifts to the atomic coordinates, re-setting temperature factors, and re-refining to convergence (rendered at two contour levels: 2.5σ in blue mesh, and 5.0σ as a semi-transparent pink surface). The ligand is highlighted with green carbons, and residues from the catalytic triad and oxyanion hole with yellow carbons; the protein backbone trace is depicted as a semi-transparent pale blue cartoon. (a) The cleaviminium could be confidently built into density at the active sites of each of the eight CS subunits that comprise the asymmetric unit. After refinement, the RSCC values provided by the PDB validation server (https://validate.wwpdb.org/) were in the range 0.91-0.98, indicative of a good fit. Moreover, refinement with the ligand present gave negligible residual difference electron density (not shown). (b) The enamine form of the substrate dehydrosecodine 3b also fitted the omit density well and similarly gave negligible residual difference electron density after refinement (not shown). However, the equivalents of the two carbon atoms that become covalently linked in the intermediate refine to interatomic distances in the range 2.25-2.71 Å (double-headed dotted arrow), which are significantly shorter than twice the van der Waals radius of carbon (i.e. 3.4 Å), indicating that they should be linked together. Re-refining with the interatomic distance restrained to 3.0 Å resolution resulted in a positive difference density peak between the two atoms (not shown), again suggesting that they should be linked. (c) The fit with catharanthine 4 was significantly worse, with some atoms out of density and not all of the strong density accounted for. After refinement with the ligand present, these issues were highlighted by strong peaks of both positive and negative difference electron density (bottom).



16-carbomethoxycleaviminium



dehydrosecodine (enamine)



catharanthine

Supplementary Fig. 15. Possible cyclization mechanisms. **a.** Retro-Mannich opening of (+)-catharanthine **4** leads to 16-carbomethoxycleavamine **8** via 16- carbomethoxycleaviminium **7**. It appears from the crystal structure that the keto form of **7**, with *R* stereochemistry at C16, is bound in the active site. **b.** Stepwise cyclization in the forward direction to form (+)-catharanthine **4**. **c.** Cyclization to form (–)-tabersonine **5** could proceed step-wise or through a concerted Diels-Alder reaction. **d.** Tautomerization, followed by aza Diels-Alder cyclization to form (–)-coronaridine **6**.



Supplementary Fig. 16. Formation of 16-carbomethoxycleaviminium 7 from catharanthine **4**. **a**) Reaction performed by CS at 37 °C for 24 h. **b**) Incubation of catharanthine **4** with trifluoroacetic acid for 1 h. **c**) Reduction of the CS product with sodium cyanoborohydride to form 16-carbomethoxycleavamine **8**. **d**) Reduction of the TFA product with sodium cyanoborohydride. The total ion count of the MRMs for the different compounds is displayed.



Supplementary Fig. 17. Comparison of active site cavities for CS, TS and CorS subunits. Throughout, the view corresponds to a top view with respect to Figure 2a. Each structure is shown in rainbow coloration from blue at the N-terminus through to red at the C-terminus, where the left-hand panels show a cartoon representation, and the right-hand panels show a molecular surface; ligands are shown as sticks with green carbons and the positions of catalytic triad residues are marked by black spheres and labelled with single-letter amino acid codes. a) CS with the cleaviminium intermediate 7 bound, which shows the most enclosed active site, this being due, in part, to the extended loop that is absent from the other two. b) TS with docked tabersonine 5, which displays a relatively exposed active site that could be mechanistically important (see main text). c) CorS with docked coronaridine iminium 9, showing an active site that is intermediate between CS and TS in terms of exposure to solvent.



Supplementary Fig. 18. Activity of mutant TS S170A using angryline **3c** as substrate. Reactions were performed at pH 9.5 for 20 min at 37 °C. **a)** Shows that TS S170A is able to form catharanthine **4** whilst the wild type enzyme is not. **b)** Shows that the mutant still retains the ability to form tabersonine **5**, although it is less active. The total ion count of the MRMs for the different compounds is displayed in the retention time windows in which the compounds elute.



Supplementary Fig. 19. Residues targeted in the mutational analysis of CS. Amino acid residues targeted in this study are shown with yellow carbons. The loop in brown is unique to CS and was trimmed. Helix $\alpha 5$ is highlighted in purple. A semi-transparent molecular surface for the bound cleavaminium is shown for reference.



Supplementary Fig. 20. Mutational analysis of CS. a) Chromatograms showing the new products made by the mutants with altered product specificity, including (–)-coronaridine iminium 9, tabersonine 5 and an unknown product (m/z 337). (–)-Coronaridine iminium 9 was structurally assigned by successful reduction to (–)-coronaridine 6 by DPAS (see Supplementary Fig. 25). b) Activity of all the mutants expressed as percentage of catharanthine 4 produced in 20 min compared to WT enzyme (100 %). Mean value of three distinct replicates ± SD. Each red dot represents a datapoint.





Supplementary Fig. 21. Residues targeted in the mutational analysis of TS. Amino acid residues targeted in this study are shown with yellow carbons. Helix $\alpha 5$ is highlighted in purple. A semi-transparent molecular surface for the docked tabersonine **5** is shown for reference.



Supplementary Fig. 22. Mutational analysis of TS. a) Chromatograms showing the new products made by the mutants with altered product specificity, in this case catharanthine 4 and an unknown product (m/z 337). b) Activity of all the mutants expressed as percentage of tabersonine 5 produced in 20 min compared to WT enzyme (100 %). Mean of three distinct replicates \pm SD. Each red dot represents a datapoint.





Supplementary Fig. 23. Residues targeted in the mutational analysis of CorS. Amino acid residues targeted in this study are shown with yellow carbons. Helix α 5 is highlighted in purple. A semi-transparent molecular surface for the docked coronaridine iminium 9 is shown for reference.



Supplementary Fig. 24. Mutational analysis of CorS. a) Chromatograms showing the new products made by the mutants with altered product specificity, in this case catharanthine 4 and tabersonine 5. b) Box and whiskers plot showing the activity of all the mutants expressed as percentage of coronaridine iminium produced in 20 min compared to WT enzyme (100 %). The structure of coronaridine iminium 9 was assigned by the formation of coronaridine upon reduction with DPAS (see Supplementary Fig. 25). Mean of three distinct replicates \pm SD. Each red dot represents a datapoint.



Supplementary Fig. 25. Formation of (–)-coronaridine **6** by a CS mutant. In this mutant, the extended loop was trimmed and the Helix α 5 was replaced with the one from TS. Reactions were performed in the presence of TiDPAS, using angryline **3c** as substrate. The stars indicate unknown shunt products (m/z 339) formed during the reaction, whilst the peak labeled with V corresponds to the product (–)-vincadifformine.



Supplementary Note

Structural Basis of Cycloaddition in Biosynthesis of Iboga and Aspidosperma Alkaloids

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Production and purification of angryline

Angryline 3c was produced from stemmadenine acetate (m/z 337.19) using sequential reactions of CrPAS and CrDPAS. Initially, 0.25 mg of stemmadenine acetate, 40 µM FAD and 5 µg of CrPAS were combined in a total volume of 500 µL in 50 mM TRIS-HCl buffer pH 8.5 and incubated at 37 °C to form precondylocarpine acetate 2 (m/z 395.19). The progress of the reactions was monitored by mass spectrometry. When all the substrate was converted to product (approx. 2h), 1 mg of NADPH and 9 µg of CrDPAS were added to the reaction and incubated for 20 min at 37 °C to obtain angryline (m/z 337.19). Multiple reactions were prepared in order to obtain sufficient product for NMR characterization. After completion, the reactions were snap frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80 °C. Angryline **3c** was purified from the other components and some by products present in the reactions, by semi-preparative HPLC on a Dionex ultimate 3000 HPLC system. The reactions were thawed and 500 µL of 90:9:1 MeOH:H2O:FA were added. The samples were filtered through 0.2 µm PTFE disc filters to remove the precipitated enzymes and injected onto a 250 x 10 mm YMC-Pack Pro C18 column (YMC). Chromatographic separation was performed using 0.1% FA as mobile phase A and acetonitrile as mobile phase B. A linear gradient from 15% B to 45% B was used for purification of the compound followed by a wash at 45% B for 4 min and a re-equilibration step to 15% B for 5 min. Flow rate was 4 mL/min. Elution of angryline was monitored at 330 nm. Fractions containing angryline **3c** were collected, dried under reduced pressure and stored at -80 °C.

NMR data of angryline 3c (CD₃OD, 256 K, 600 MHz).



No	¹³ C	1 H (m, J in Hz)
2	158.4	-
3	59.5	4.05 (m)
		3.76 (m)
5	64.6	4.06 (m)
		3.88 (m)
6	40.7	2.66 (m)
		2.51 (m)
7	54.5	-
8	128.5	-
9	124.6	7.49 (d, 7.5)
10	123.2	7.06 (dd, 7.6, 7.6)
11	131.2	7.33 (dd, 7.8, 7.8)
12	112.0	7.10 (d, 7.6)
13	146.5	-
14	24.0	2.82 (m)
		2.66 (m)
15	121.9	5.66 (s)
16	83.7	-
17	57.1	4.41 (dd, 15.0, 2.0)
		4.06 (m)
18	11.7	0.78 (t, 7.3)
19	25.6	1.43 (m)
20	134.3	-
21	69.8	5.11 (s)
COOMe	166.6	-
COOMe	51.9	3.78 (s)

NMR spectra for angryline 3c (CD₃OD, 256 K, 600 MHz). ¹H (16 scans), ¹³C (160 scans), COSY (10 scans), NOESY (70 scans), HSQC (40 scans) and HMBC (160 scans).









Key NMR correlations (COSY, HMBC and NOESY) of angryline 3c.



Comparison of NMR shifts of angryline **3c** with related monoterpene indole alkaloids supporting the presence of a quaternary nitrogen atom.



Comparison of NMR shifts of angryline **3c** with related monoterpene indole alkaloids supporting the presence of a C2-C16 double bond.





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