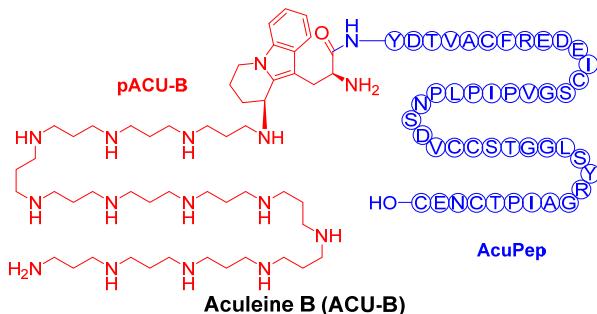


Synthetic studies on aculeine B, a peptide–polyamine hybrid marine toxin

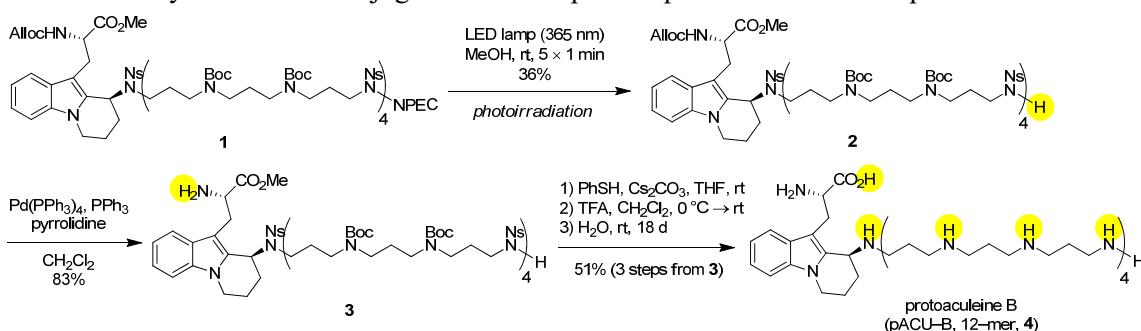
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Aculeine B (ACU–B) is a peptide–polyamine conjugate isolated from a marine sponge collected in Iriomote, Okinawa, Japan.¹⁾ ACU–B is toxic to cultured cancer cells, and it has been suggested that the toxicity is based on specific interactions between the long-chain polyamine moiety and cell surface molecules. Since ACU–B may be of use for 1) development of a new anticancer drug, and/or 2) delivery of drugs into cells, we have started functional analyses of ACU–B based on synthetic organic chemistry. Herein we report our efforts toward total synthesis of pACU–B, which is the *N*–terminal partial structure of ACU–B.²⁾



First, the NPEC group of the fully protected pACU–B **1**, synthesized by Mitsunobu coupling of heterotricyclic and polyamine moieties,³⁾ was removed by photoirradiation.⁴⁾ The Alloc group was then deprotected with palladium catalyst to give **3**. Finally, Ns group, Boc group, and methyl ester were sequentially removed in three steps to furnish pACU–B (**4**). Synthesis and bioactivity of artificial conjugates of AcuPep with spermine will be also presented.



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