

**Synthesis of cholic acid amino analogues by oxime reduction with  
TiCl<sub>3</sub>–NaBH<sub>3</sub>CN**

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*Methyl 3 $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,12 $\alpha$ -trihydroxy-5 $\beta$ -cholan-24-oate 4*:  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +24$  (*c* 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Found (%): C 71.27; H 10.13. Calc. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>42</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (%): C 71.05; H 10.02. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz): 0.61 (3 H, s, 18-Me), 0.82 (3 H, s, 19-Me), 0.91 (3 H, d, *J* = 6.3, 21-Me), 1.01–2.40 (27 H, m, steroid protons), 3.34–3.43 (1 H, m, 3 $\beta$ -H), 3.60 (3 H, s, OMe), 3.78 (1 H, m, 7 $\beta$ -H), 3.91 (1 H, m, 12 $\beta$ -H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz): 12.43, 17.44, 22.45, 23.36, 26.40, 27.66, 28.26, 30.47, 31.05, 31.25, 34.81, 34.91, 35.45, 39.57, 41.70, 46.54, 47.10, 51.65, 68.58, 72.03, 73.22, 175.02.

*Methyl 3,7,12-trioxo-5 $\beta$ -cholan-24-oate 5*:  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +22$  (*c* 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Found (%): C 71.88; H 8.71. Calc. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (%): C 72.08; H 8.71. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz): 0.77 (3 H, d, *J* = 6.3, 21-Me), 1.00 (3 H, s, 18-Me), 1.33 (3 H, s, 19-Me), 1.16–2.40 (21 H m, steroid protons), 2.70–2.92 (3 H m, steroid protons), 3.60 (3 H, s, OMe). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50 MHz): 11.91, 18.69, 21.96, 25.19, 27.67, 30.49, 31.33, 35.33, 35.56, 36.06, 36.54, 38.9, 42.85, 45.03, 45.59, 45.69, 46.90, 49.04, 51.57, 51.80, 56.93, 174.61, 208.80, 209.15, 212.03.

*Methyl 12-oximino-3 $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ -dihydroxy-5 $\beta$ -cholan-24-oate 7*:  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +82$  (*c* 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). MS, *m/z*: 435.964 [M]<sup>+</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz): 0.85 (3 H, s, 18-Me), 0.88 (3 H, d, *J* = 6.3, 21-Me), 0.90 (3 H, s, 19-Me), 0.93–2.37 (23 H, m, steroid protons), 3.25–3.41 (2 H, m, 3 $\beta$ -H, 1 H steroid), 3.60 (3 H, s, OMe), 3.80–3.85 (1 H, m, 7 $\beta$ -H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz): 12.18, 19.28, 20.15, 22.41, 23.81, 28.28, 30.63, 30.81, 31.56, 34.87, 35.05, 35.72, 35.81, 36.10, 39.61, 39.75, 41.57, 46.97, 49.79, 51.61, 54.12, 68.21, 71.95, 166.47, 175.07.

*Methyl 12 $\beta$ -amino-3 $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ -dihydroxy-5 $\beta$ -cholan-24-oate 8b*: MS, *m/z*: 422.019 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 444.025 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz): 0.75 (3 H, s, 18-Me), 0.83 (3 H, s, 19-Me), 0.94 (3 H, d, *J* = 6.3, 21-Me), 0.88–2.38 (24 H m, steroid protons), 3.38–3.53 (2 H, m, 3 $\beta$ -H, 12 $\alpha$ -H), 3.60 (3 H, s, OMe), 3.72–3.77 (1 H, m, 7 $\beta$ -H).

*12 $\alpha$ -(tert-Butyloxycarbonyl)amino-3 $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ -dihydroxy-5 $\beta$ -cholan-24-oic acid* **8c**: MS, *m/z*: 530.157 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz): 0.72 (3 H, s, 18-Me), 0.82 (3 H, s, 19-Me), 0.86 (3 H, d, *J* = 6.3, 21-Me), 0.88-2.45 (24 H m, steroid protons), 1.36 (9 H, s, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 3.34-3.42 (1 H, m, 3 $\beta$ -H), 3.74-3.81 (1 H, m, 7 $\beta$ -H), 3.85-3.89 (1 H, m, 12 $\beta$ -H).

*Methyl 12 $\alpha$ -hydroxy-3,7-dioxo-5 $\beta$ -cholan-24-oate* **9**: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> -83 (*c* 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Found (%): C 71.48; H 9.12. Calc. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (%): C 71.74; H 9.15. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz): 0.71 (3 H, s, 18-Me), 0.99 (3 H, d, *J* = 6.3, 21-Me), 1.28 (3 H, s, 19-Me), 1.20-2.90 (24 H, m, steroid protons), 3.60 (3 H, s, OMe), 4.02-4.08 (1 H, m, 12 $\beta$ -H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz): 12.99, 17.62, 22.28, 24.32, 27.66, 29.70, 31.00, 31.20, 34.99, 35.46, 36.16, 36.75, 37.56, 40.82, 43.05, 45.01, 46.76, 47.71, 48.27, 49.71, 51.65, 72.10, 174.61, 210.22, 210.61.

*Methyl 12 $\alpha$ -hydroxy-3,7-bis(oximino)-5 $\beta$ -cholan-24-oate* **10**: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> -35 (*c* 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>OH (6:1)). Found (%): C 65.54; H 9.40; N 6.33. Calc. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> × ½ H<sub>2</sub>O (%): C 65.62; H 9.03; N, 6.12. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz): 0.63 (3 H, s, 18-Me), 0.91 (3 H, d, *J* = 5.8, 21-Me), 0.99 (3 H, s, 19-Me), 1.02-2.35 (22 H, m, steroid protons), 2.91-3.11 (2 H, m, steroid protons), 3.59 (3 H, s, OMe), 3.94-4.00 (1 H, m, 12 $\beta$ -H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz): 13.07, 17.61, 19.53, 22.71, 25.04, 25.43, 26.19, 27.46, 27.54, 28.89, 29.84, 31.11, 31.22, 31.27, 32.50, 35.06, 35.18, 35.85, 36.03, 36.22, 41.03, 42.29, 42.36, 44.72, 46.01, 46.46, 46.58, 46.68, 46.78, 51.65, 72.67, 159.49, 160.46, 174.99.