Chemical constituents of Haliclona: An overview

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Abstract
Marine sponges (Porifera) are rich sources of bioactive compounds. Marine sponge of the family Halichoniidae have proved to be a rich source of nitrogen containing metabolites with various biological activities. E.g. halitoxin, xestospongins, sarains, papuamines and haliclonadiamine. Sponges of the genus Haliclona are well known for producing a variety of secondary metabolites, most commonly bioactive alkaloids. The genus Haliclona has a history of providing diverse structures. The present review article compiles the different classes of compounds isolated from the genus Haliclona and their bioactivities. A wide range of bioactivities like antimicrobial, hemolytic, hemagglutination, antibacterial, antioxidant, anti-inflammatory and anticancer activities have reported from Haliclona.

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Introduction
Approximately 10,000 sponges have been described in the world and most of them live in marine waters. A range of bioactive metabolites has been found in about 11 sponge genera. Three of these genera (Haliclona, Petrosia and Discodermia) produce powerful anti-cancer, anti-inflammatory agents \[1\]. Marine sponges (Porifera) are rich sources of bioactive compounds. It has also been well known that they harbor bacteria in their tissues \[2\]. Moreover, numbers of marine natural products obtained from sponges have been found to show structural similarities to the metabolites of marine and terrestrial microorganisms.

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The genus Haliclona has a history of providing diverse structures including polycyclic amines \[5\], sesquiterpenoids quinols \[6\], glycosphingolipids \[7\], resorcinols \[8\] and tetrahydropyranone \[9\]. The different classes of compounds isolated from the sponges of the genus Haliclona are described as follows:

Sterols
Chemical studies on sponges have shown that they often are a source of novel sterols of biogenetic interest \[10\]. The methanolic extract of H. oculata showed the presence of substantial amounts of compounds more polar than the monohydroxylated sterols \[11\]. Purification of more polar sterols was achieved by a combination of column chromatography, prep. T.L.C. and HPLC on silica gel and reversed phase systems. In some cases it was necessary to separate mixtures after acetylation. The sterol having epoxide ring (1) and diene (2) functionality group were also purified \[11\].
A number of pregnane derivatives in the sterol mixture were isolated from a sponge *H. rubens* [12]. This animal has been found to contain 3β-hydroxy-17β-pregn-5-en-20-one (3), 3β, 20β-dihydroxy-17β-pregn-5-ene (4), 3β, 20α-dihydroxy-17β-pregn-5-ene (5) ketosterols. The sterol fraction was crystallized from methanol and examined by GC-MS techniques. A very complex sterol G.L.C profile was observed [12].

Cholesterol was shown to be a main sterol in the free sterol fraction from *Haliclona* sp. It was reported [14] to contain Δ5-sterols and stanols. Bioactive polyhydroxylated sterols have been isolated from the marine sponge *Haliclona crassiloba* and their antimicrobial activities have been studied [15]. Brominated Poluunsaturated Lipids and Steroids were reported [16] from the South China Sea Sponge *Haliclona subarmigera*. Cytotoxic constituents [17] were reported from Vietnamese Marine Sponge *Haliclona oculata* (Linnaeus, 1759). Five sterols and two brominated lipids 3β-hydroxy-5-cholenic acid methyl ester, stigmasta-5, 24(28)-dien-3β, 29-diol, 24-methylenecholest-4-en-3β, 6β-diol, cholest-5-en-3β, 7β-diol, 24-vinylcholest-5-en-3β, 24-diol, and xestospongione A, and xestospongione J, respectively, were isolated from the methanol extract of Vietnamese marine sponge *Haliclona oculata* (Linnaeus, 1759).

### Alkaloidal Compounds

A literature survey revealed that the genus *Haliclona* produces complex macrocyclic alkaloids including the β-carboline derived oncolytic alkaloids manzamines A, B, and C [18] and the pentacyclic alkaloids papuamines [18] halitoxin [20], xestospongins [21], sarains [22] and haliconadiamine [23] which have antifungal and antimicrobial properties. Alkylpyridines [24, 25] from different *Haliclona* sp. have been reported. Bioassay guided purification of the acetone extract of the marine sponge, *Haliclona exigua*, (Gulf of Mannar, India) yielded a fraction rich in bis-1-oxaquinolizidine alkaloids, active against seven strains of fouling bacteria. The major alkaloids in the mixture have been tentatively identified as nor-Araguspongine C (33.76%), Araguspongine C (6.49%), dihydroxy Araguspongine (36.36%), methyl & dimethyl derivatives of the latter (12.98 & 10.38% respectively) from HRMS studies. Antifouling activity exhibited by secondary metabolites including bis-1-oxaquinolizidine alkaloids, of the marine sponge, *Haliclona exigua* (Kirkpatrick) was determined [26]. Cyclic Bis-1, 3-dialkylpyridiniums were isolated [27] from the Sponge *Haliclona* sp.

Eight novel cyclic bis-1, 3-dialkylpyridiniums, as well as two known compounds from the cyclostelletamine class, were isolated [27] from the sponge *Haliclona* sp. from Korea. Structures of these novel compounds were determined using combined NMR and FAB-MS/MS analyses. Several of these compounds exhibited moderate cytotoxic and antibacterial activities against A549 cell-line and Gram-positive strains, respectively. A new macrocyclic triamide named Haliclonin A was also isolated [28] from the genus *Haliclona*. The isolation and occurrence of, 1-(1H-indol-3-yloxy) propan-2-ol (1), with the previously synthesized pyrroline alkaloid, (2R, 3S, 4R, 5R) pyrroline-(1-hydroxyethyl)-3, 4-diol hydrochloride (4), isolated from a natural source Red Sea *Haliclona sp.* for the first time was reported in 2016 [29]. Halitoxin, toxic complex of several marine sponges of the genus *Haliclona* [20] were
reported. Manzamine A-D, isolated from Haliclona sp., exhibited prominent antitumour and cytotoxic properties [30, 38]. Haliconamides C, D and E [31] were reported from Halicloa sp. In samples of Halicloa viscosa [32], which were collected between 1999 and 2003, several new secondary metabolites-viscosaline, haliclamines C-F, the known cyclotetledetamine C, a cyclic monomer and the trimer viscosamin were isolated and identified by NMR and MS methods. The cytotoxic alkaloids Haliclamines A & B were isolated [33] from Halicloa sp. (Japanese location). These alkaloids consisted of two tetrahydropyrans linked through C9 & C12 alkyl chains. New Haliclamines E and F were reported from the Arctic Sponge Halicloa viscosa [34]. Cyclic 3-alkyl pyridinium alkaloid monomers were reported from a new zealad Halicloa sp. [35]. The new compounds, dehydrohaliclocyclins C and F, are the first reported examples of cyclic 3-APA monomers with unsaturation in the alkyl chain. The known compound haliclocyclin C was also isolated. Halicloa exigua (Kirkpatrick) contained bis-1-oxaquinolizidine alkaloids (Xestospongin-D and Araguspongion_C), having vasodilatory activity. A new isoquinoline alkaloid, which was established as 1-hydroxymethyl-7-methoxy isoquinoline 6-ol and the known compound mimosamycin [36].

Renieramycins [37] are very labile compounds, readily decomposing to monomeric renierone, mimosamycin and their analogs. The monomeric alkaloids O-demethyl renierone and mimosamycin are found in H. cribricus and Reniera sp. Biologists are of the opinion that the names Reniera & Halicloa denote one & the same genus. The novel metabolites, named Halipeptin A & B [38] were isolated from Halicloa sp. and showed a very strong anti-inflammatory activity in vivo. Chemically both halipeptins A & B are mixed biogenesis metabolites consisting of a peptidic portion connected to a polyketide framework and characterized by the presence of unusual residues along with conventional proteinogenic amino acid units.

### Polycyclic Compounds

Polycyclic long chain fatty acids and fatty alcohols are the distinct lipid composition of the biological activities [39]. Some polycyclic compounds which are isolated from Halicloa sp., are osirisynes, halicyclone [40], lembheynes [41] and chlorinated acetylenes [42]. Many isomers of the chlorinated acetylenes were isolated from Halicloa lunisimilis (San Diego, E.g. (1E, 3E, 9Z)-1-chlorohexadeca-5, 7-diyne-1, 3, 9-tiene-15-ol and (1Z, 3E, 9Z)-1-chlorohexadeca-5, 7-diyne-1, 3, 9-tiene-14-ol. Halicloa possesses a diacetylenic carbion and a 2-yne-4, 5, 6-trihydroxy carboxylic acid group as structural features, making it structurally related to osirisynes A-F previously isolated from the sponge [43].

### Sphingosine Derivatives

Ceramides are amides of fatty acids with long-chain di- or trihydroxy bases, the commonest in animals being sphingosine and in plants phytosphingosine. Halicloa sp. was found to halicerebroside a [44]. New ceramide from marine sponge Halicloa koremella and related compounds as antifouling substances against macroalgae. Various cerebroside have been isolated from Halicloa sp. [45].

### Miscellaneous Compounds

Halicloa species have led to the isolation of peptides e.g. hexapeptide waiakeamide [46], tetrahydropyran [47], hemiketal [48], sesquiterpenoids [49], heterocyclic sesquiterpene, macrocyclic lactones [50], aminoalcohols [51], long chain acetylene alcohols [52], halipeptins [53], protein, halipeptide (depsipeptides), cyclic peptide, lectin, from Halicloa sp. A new pentacyclic sulfated hydroquinone [54] from the marine sponge Halicloa sp. Nucleosides are also reported from the Marine Sponge Halicloa sp. Three known nucleosides [55] were isolated from the sponge Halicloa sp. The structures were established on the basis of NMR data and comparison with those reported, and chemotaxonomic relationships of the sponge nucleosides were discussed. A new compound maleimide-5-oxime was isolated, together with 3, 4-dihydroxybenzoic acid, tetillapyrone, from the ethyl acetate extract of the marine sponge Halicloa baoer while tetillapyrone, nortetillapyrone, p-hydroxybenzaldehyde and phenylactic acid were isolated from the ethyl acetate extract of Halicloa cyamiformis collected from the Gulf of Thailand [56]. Venkateshwar et al. isolated two fenoverol isomer 4, 5, (S)-α-cyano-3-phenoxy benzyl (S)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-isovalerate or (S) (S)-fenolarate and (R) α-cyano-3-phenoxy benzyl (S)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-isovalerate or (R) (S)-fenolarate [57].

### Biological Activities

**Antimicrobial** [23], hemolytic, and hemagglutulation activities [58] have been studied by comparing natural and cultured sponges and types of solvent used. This study was aimed to extract and to characterize the secondary metabolite from sponges originated from Indonesia (Halicloa molitba and Stylotella aurantium). H. exigua showed potent antibacterial, antioxidant, anti-inflammatory and anticancer activities [59, 60]. Antioxidant activity determination showed that the hexane, dichloromethane and ethyl acetate extracts of marine sponge Halicloa sp. showed antioxidant and cytotoxic activities of the marine sponges may be attributed to the zoochemicals present. Halicloa viscosa are active against phytopathogenic fungi studied [61]. Nortetillapyrone showed antifungal activity [56], with a preponderance on the dermatophytes filamentous fungi. Some of the nonpolar compounds have shown to have some antibacterial activities [62]. Other activities reported are antifouling [46], neurotogenic [52], hemagglutinating [63], anti HIV [54], anti-inflammatory [38], inhibitor of kinesis family [64], antimumical, antimalarial [65] & antitumor [7], anticancer [50], toxicity activity [66], haemolytic [20, 69] & ichthyotoxic [67] and cytotoxic [68] activities.

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