Synthesis of the Pyrrole-Imidazole Alkaloid Sventrin from the Marine Sponge *Agelas sventres*

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The marine pyrrole-imidazole alkaloid sventrin (**1**) and the hitherto unknown dehydrooroidin (**3**) have been synthesized stereoselectively *via* alkyne intermediates. The pathways start from a 2-azido-4-alkynylimidazole which can be chemo- and stereoselectively reduced to the corresponding amino alkene using $NaAlH_2(OCH_2CH_2OMe)_2$ (Red-Al) or, alternatively, to the amino alkyne. Selective removal of simultaneously present Boc or trityl protecting groups was possible employing either *p*-TsOH or acetic *resp.* formic acid.

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