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Abstract

The siderophore myxochelin A is a potent inhibitor of human 5-lipoxygenase (5-LO). To clarify whether the iron-chelating properties of myxochelin A are responsible for this activity, several analogues of this compound were generated in the native producer *Pyxidicoccus fallax* by precursor-directed biosynthesis. Testing in a cell-free assay unveiled three derivatives with bioactivity comparable with that of myxochelin A. Furthermore, it became evident that inhibition of 5-LO by myxochelins does not correlate with their iron affinities.

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