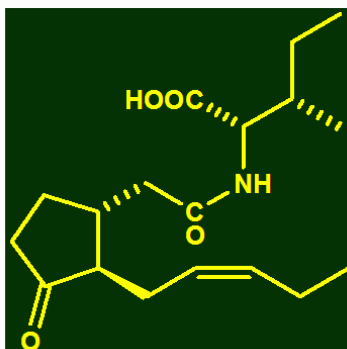


(-)-Jasmonic acid-isoleucine conjugate



An amino acid conjugate of jasmonic acid, *i.e.* *N*-jasmonylisoleucine (JA-Ile) was obtained from culture media of the fungus *Gibberella fujikuroi* in 1970 (1). JA-Ile and several other JA conjugates were subsequently isolated from plants, and a series of *N*-(jasmonoyl)amino acids was prepared by organic synthesis (2). Interest in JA-amino acid conjugates was stimulated by the finding of an enzyme in *Arabidopsis* which activates JA by conjugating it to isoleucine (3). Recent studies of JA-amino acid conjugates have focussed on so-called COI1 (coronatine-insensitive 1) and JAZ (jasmonate ZIM-domain) proteins and the JA-Ile-promoted interaction between JAZ and COI1 (4-6). The bacterial product coronatine, a molecular mimick of JA-Ile (7), and other chemically prepared analogs of JA-Ile (8) are important tools in this research.

JA-Ile (O-1803-35) synthesized by Lipidox is the coupling product of (-)-JA and (*S*)-Ile obtained following preparative reversed phase HPLC and crystallization from ethyl acetate.

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