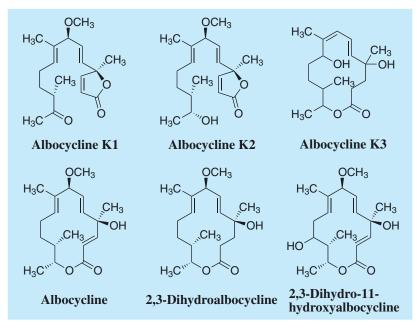
Albocycline

$\textbf{1. Discovery, producing organism and structures}^{\text{1-5}}$

Albocyclines were isolated from the culture broth of the actinomycete strain OH-3984 and found to inhibit of the melanogenesis of B16 melanoma cells. The absolute stereochemistry of albocyclines K1 and K2 were determined by chemical conversion from albocycline⁴⁾.



Streptomyces sp. OH-3984



2. Physical data (Albocycline K1)

Colorless oil. C₁₈H₂₆O₄; mol wt 306.18. Sol. in MeOH, CHCl₃.

3. Biological activity^{1,3)}

1) Inhibitory effect on melanin synthesis of B16 melanoma cells

Compound	MIC*	Cytotoxicity**
Arbutin	9.4	>100
Kojic acid	15.0	>100
Albocycline K1	7.5	>100
Albocycline K2	3.8	>100
Albocycline K3	15.0	>100
Albocycline	0.12	0.24
2,3-Dihydro albocycline	15	30
2,3-Dihydro-11-hydroxy albocycline	30	60

^{*}µg/ml, **µg/ml against B 16 melanoma cell.

2) Albocyclines K1 and K2 did not show inhibitory activity against tyrosinase or antimicrobial activity at a concentration of 1 mg/ml.

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