Attempted Conversion of (III) and (IV) to (VII) and (VIII)—Refluxing of (III) with 10% MeOH-KOH solution for 5 hr. or heating in a sealed tube for 3 hr. in boiling water resulted in recovery of the original material. The same treatment of (IV) failed to produce (VII).

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## Summary

The ethoxyl analogs of 2,3-dihydrodictamnine ( $\mathbb{II}$ ) and 2,3-dihydroevolitrine ( $\mathbb{IV}$ ) were prepared from the corresponding 4-chloro-3-(2-chloroethyl)carbostyrils (I and II) by heating with ethanolic alkali. Dehydrogenation of ( $\mathbb{II}$ ) gave the ethoxyl analog of dictamnine ( $\mathbb{V}$ ), whose alkoxyl interchange with methanolic potassium hydroxide furnished dictamnine ( $\mathbb{V}$ I). 2,3-Dihydrodictamnine ( $\mathbb{V}$ II), 2,3-dihydroevolitrine ( $\mathbb{V}$ III), and 2,3-dihydroskimmianine ( $\mathbb{V}$ IX) did not undergo conversion, except ( $\mathbb{V}$ III), to the corresponding ethoxyl analogs with ethanolic alkali. An attempted conversion of ( $\mathbb{II}$ II) and ( $\mathbb{V}$ IV) to the respective ( $\mathbb{V}$ III) and ( $\mathbb{V}$ IIII) failed.

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**Toshiro Murata**: Metabolic Fate of 1-Ethynylcyclohexyl Carbamate. IV.\*<sup>1</sup> Supplementary Studies on the Glucuronide excreted from the Urine of Man receiving 1-Ethynylcyclohexyl Carbamate.

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In the previous paper<sup>2)</sup> of this series, isolation of a glucuronide from the urine of man who received 1-ethynylcyclohexyl carbamate (ECC) orally was reported. The glucuronide thus obtained was paper chromatographically proved to be a glucuronide of 1-ethynyl-4-hydroxycyclohexyl carbamate (OH-ECC) which has been isolated as a metabolite of ECC by the present author<sup>2)</sup> and by McMahon,<sup>3)</sup> and whose chemical structure was established by McMahon.<sup>4)</sup>

In the present work, attempt was made to obtain crystalline derivative of the glucuronide. The purified glucuronide was successively methylated and acetylated with diazomethane and acetic anhydride. The derivative obtained was identified as methyl (4-ethynyl-4-carbamyloxycyclohexyl) tri-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosid) uronate from its elemental analysis and infrared absorption spectrum.

## Experimental

**Isolation of Urinary Glucuronide of OH-ECC**—Isolation of the glucuronide was carried out by the method described in a previous paper.<sup>2)</sup>

Preparation of Derivative of the Glucuronide—An Et<sub>2</sub>O solution of CH<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>, freshly prepared

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<sup>\*2</sup> Kuhonji, Oe-machi, Kumamoto (村田敏郎).

<sup>1)</sup> Part II. T. Murata: This Bulletin, 9, 146 (1961).

<sup>2)</sup> T. Murata: *Ibid.*, 8, 629 (1960).

<sup>3)</sup> R. E. McMahon: J. Am. Chem. Soc., 80, 411 (1958).

<sup>4)</sup> Idem: J. Org. Chem., 24, 1834 (1959).

from 5 g. of nitrosomethylurea, was added to a solution of 18 mg. of purified glucuronide dissolved in 2 cc. of MeOH, the mixture was allowed to stand overnight in a refrigerator, and a small amount of precipitate formed was removed by filtration. The filtrate was evaporated to dryness in a reduced pressure to yield a pale brown material, which was dissolved in 5 g. of pyridine and 4 g. of  $Ac_2O$  was added to the solution. After the mixture was allowed to stand at room temperature for 5 days, it was poured into ice-water with stirring and extracted 3 times with  $Et_2O$ . The combined  $Et_2O$  extract was washed successively with dil. HCl and  $H_2O$ , dried over anhyd.  $Na_2SO_4$ , and evaporated to dryness. The residue was dissolved in MeOH and the solution was passed through alumina column. The column was eluted with  $CCl_4$  and with MeOH. The MeOH solution was evaporated to dryness and the residue was dried over  $P_2O_5$  in vacuo for 3 days. The solidified derivative of the glucuronide was recrystallized twice from iso-PrOH, m.p.  $75\sim78^\circ$ . Yield, 11.0 mg. Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{22}H_{29}O_{12}N$ :  $C_52.90$ ;  $H_5.86$ ;  $N_5.86$ ; N

Infrared absorption spectrum of the derivative is shown in Fig. 1 and the absorptions indicate the loss of a free OH band at  $3650 \sim 3590 \, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$  and appearances of bands characteristic to C-O in acetate at  $1250 \, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ , C=O in normal saturated ester at  $1752 \, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ , and C-O-C in a six-membered ring at  $1035 \, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ .

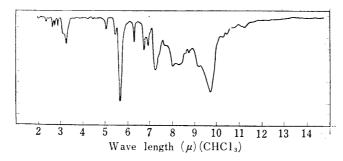


Fig. 1. Infrared Absorption Spectrum of Methyl [(4-Ethynyl-4-carbamyloxycyclohexyl) tri-O-acetyl-\(\beta-D\)-glucopyranosid]uronate

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## Summary

Methyl (4-ethynyl-4-carbamyloxycyclohexyl) tri-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosid]uronate was prepared from glucuronide which had been obtained from the urine of man receiving 1-ethynylcyclohexyl carbamate.

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**Toshiro Murata**: Metabolic Fate of 1-Ethynylcyclohexyl Carbamate. V.\*1 Studies on 1-Ethynyl-1,2-cyclohexanediol in the Urine of Man receiving 1-Ethynylcyclohexyl Carbamate.

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In the previous paper of this series,<sup>1)</sup> excretion of 1-ethynyl-1,2-cyclohexanediol in the urine of man who received 1-ethynylcyclohexyl carbamate (ECC) was suggested and synthesis of cyclohexanediols was attempted.

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