

SYNTHESIS AND STEREOCHEMISTRY OF NEW N-SUBSTITUTED CYTISINE DERIVATIVES

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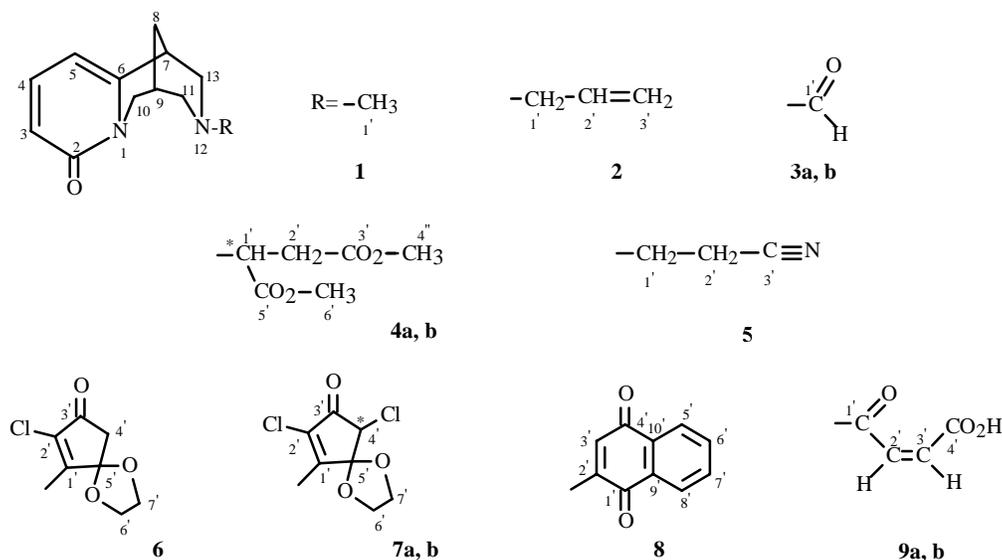
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A series of new N-substituted cytosine derivatives was synthesized. The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of certain compounds exhibit a doubled set of signals. This is explained by formation of diastereomeric pairs in compounds containing an asymmetric center in the substituents. The signal splitting in $-\text{COHC}=\text{CHCO}_2\text{H}$ and $\text{HC}=\text{O}$ (formyl) derivatives is explained by the existence of Z and E invertomers. Their stereochemical features are discussed. Amide conjugation is confirmed by temperature experiments.

Key words: cytosine, derivatives, amide conjugation, ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra.

The alkaloid cytosine is a representative of natural 3,7-diazabicyclo[3.3.1]nonanes. It is used in medicine [1] because it possesses a wide spectrum of biological activity. Its derivatives are interesting for studying the biological activity of chiral 3,7-diazabicyclo[3.3.1]nonanes and in structural studies.

We synthesized a series of N-substituted cytosines: N-methylcytosine (**1**) [2], N-allylcytosine (**2**), N-formylcytosine (**3a** and **b**), dimethyl-2-(N-cytisinyl)succinate [3] (**4a** and **b**), N-(γ -nitropropyl)-cytosine (**5**) [2], 1,4-dioxo-7-chloro-6-N-cytisinylspiro[4.4]non-6-en-8-one (**6**), 1,4-dioxo-7,9-dichloro-6-N-cytisinylspiro[4.4]non-6-en-8-one (**7a** and **b**), 2-N-cytisinyl-1,4-naphthoquinone [3] (**8**), and 4-oxo-4-(N-cytisinyl)butenoic acid (**9a** and **b**) [3].



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TABLE 1. ^{13}C NMR Parameters of Cytisine and Its Derivatives

C	Cytisine	1	2	3a	3b	4a	4b	5	6	7a	7b	8	9a	9b
2	163.37	163.44	163.48	163.20	163.05	163.34	163.34	163.25	164.01	165.4	165.31	163.49	163.1	163.2
3	116.38	116.38	116.37	117.65	117.34	116.63	116.50	116.47	116.01	117.43	117.43	117.70	117.05	116.81
4	138.53	138.47	138.44	138.59	138.96	138.66	138.66	138.46	139.92	141.39	141.34	138.80	139.42	139.43
5	104.70	104.54	104.35	105.75	105.00	104.62	104.62	104.39	104.10	105.11	105.30	105.49	105.17	105.29
6	150.89	151.32	151.46	147.93	147.93	151.07	150.75	150.61	148.93	149.91	149.91	153.98	150.56	150.87
7	35.32	35.16	35.35	33.68	34.40	34.40	34.29	34.98	34.93	36.26	36.03	35.10	35.16	35.16
8	26.03	25.13	25.77	26.12	26.17	25.62	25.62	25.31	24.97	26.14	26.06	28.08	26.07	25.96
9	27.50	27.69	27.88	26.92	26.54	28.25	27.59	27.57	27.91	29.26	29.03	25.97	27.91	27.91
10	49.48	49.77	49.83	48.73	48.48	49.77	49.54	49.55	48.52	48.76	48.76	48.88	49.58	49.39
11	52.72	61.93	59.73	51.99	45.88	60.40	60.23	59.65	53.98	56.36	55.63	55.38	54.20	48.83
13	53.69	62.24	60.11	46.94	53.24	63.17	62.97	59.11	53.14	54.74	55.43	55.87	47.85	52.82
1'	-	45.99	134.87	160.97	161.09	53.58	52.98	52.65	63.81	63.78	63.78	183.85	166.86	167.14
2'	-	-	117.03	-	-	34.40	34.29	15.32	62.07	63.58	63.58	148.76	137.31	137.81
3'	-	-	-	-	-	171.12	171.12	118.19	107.51	108.91	109.11	113.38	125.25	125.42
4'	-	-	-	-	-	51.44	51.44	-	160.05	160.11	159.97	182.05	166.18	166.50
5'	-	-	-	-	-	170.71	170.82	-	107.51	109.71	109.65	125.53;		
												126.83 (C8)		
6'	-	-	-	-	-	51.85	51.73	-	191.68	187.26	187.09	132.70;		
												133.85 (C7)		
7'	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45.08	66.59	66.41	132.01;		
												132.55 (C10)		

In the present article, we discuss the spectral properties of these compounds. The physicochemical properties of **1** and **5**, which have been previously synthesized, correspond to those published [4, 5]. Thus, reaction of cytosine with allylbromide or formic acid gives N-allylcytisine **2** or N-formylcytosine **3a** and **b** in yields of 87 and 95%, respectively; reaction of 1,4-dioxo-6,7,9-trichlorospiro[4.4]non-6-en-8-one [6] or 1,4-dioxo-7,9-dichlorospiro[4.4]non-6-en-8-one [7] with cytosine gives 1,4-dioxo-7,9-dichloro-6-N-cytisinylspiro[4.4]non-6-en-8-one (**7a** and **b**) or 1,4-dioxo-7-chloro-6-N-cytisinylspiro[4.4]non-6-en-8-one (**6**) in yields of 75 and 64%, respectively.

Analysis of the ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra revealed that a doubled set of signals is observed for **3**, **4**, **7**, and **9** (Table 1 lists ^{13}C NMR spectral data of the studied compounds). According to the literature [8-10], adding substituents to the N has no effect on the conformation of the cytosine core. This is confirmed by the fact that the chemical shifts of bridging C-8, which are sensitive to conformational changes, are practically the same.

Compounds **4a** and **b** and **7a** and **b** are pairs of diastereomers that are formed when addition of a substituent creates an asymmetric center. Signals for stereoisomeric **4a** and **b** and **7a** and **b** were assigned based on integrated intensities in the ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra [11, 12].

It is interesting that the chiral centers in **7a** and **b** are located six bonds from each other. Nevertheless, the diastereomeric splitting reaches 0.3 ppm. The N atom located between the chiral centers probably intensifies the transfer of magnetic shielding by the asymmetric nuclei [13, 14]. Diastereomerism was not observed previously in cytosine derivatives with an asymmetric center in the substituent [15, 16]. Formation of **3** and **9** also produces two stereoisomers. The maximum difference for C-11 and C-13 in these instances is 1-2 ppm. Invertomers with hindered rotation around the N-C bond, which are considered to be *Z* and *E* isomers, appear because of the formation of amide conjugation [17, 18]. Assignments were made for **3** and **9**. The chemical shifts of H-8, H-9, and H-7 in the ^1H NMR of **3a** and **b** are the same. All other give a pair of signals of equal intensity. The major and minor resonances of the formyl proton occur as two singlets (3:2) at 7.88 and 7.65 ppm, respectively, i.e., they have an unusual strong-field shift compared with that expected (~11 ppm). Crystals of the pure compound dissolve in dry CDCl_3 . The difference $\Delta\delta = 7.88 - 7.65$ is independent of solvent. Therefore, the difference in the chemical shifts is explained only by the different stereochemistry. Double resonance, integration by parts, and 2D experiments were

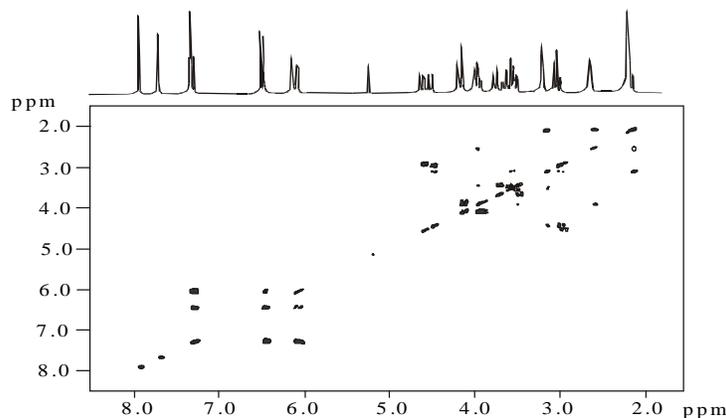


Fig. 1. Two-dimensional COSYHH-45 spectrum of formylcytosine (**3a**, **3b**).

performed to determine unambiguously all interactions in each isomer. The 2D COSY-45 (Fig. 1) and COSYLR-45 spectra include two subspectra for each isomer. The pairs of geminal protons at 2.95-4.58 and 2.9-4.52 ppm have the greatest difference in chemical shifts. They correspond to the C atoms at 45.88 and 46.94, respectively, as expected from the 2D heteronuclear correlation spectra. Such a diastereotopic shift is due to the presence of a *cis*-carbonyl in the substituent on N [19]. Therefore, one pair of geminal protons in the *Z*-isomer should belong to C-13; in the *E*-isomer, to C-11. The axial proton on C-11 is broadened owing to through-space coupling with the axial proton on C-10, which in the one-dimensional spectrum has a constant of 1.1 and 1.3 Hz in different isomers. Therefore, the minor component is the *E*-isomer with C-11 at 45.88 ppm and H_a (2.95 ppm) and H_c (4.58 ppm). Other pairs of protons H_a (3.45 ppm) and H_c (3.56 ppm) on C (53.24 ppm) and H_a (3.44 ppm) and H_c (3.53 ppm) on C (51.99 ppm) belong to C-13 in the *E*-isomer and C-11 in the *Z*-isomer, respectively. This agrees with the literature [20, 21]. The signal in similar systems with the C atom *trans* to a carbonyl is located at weaker field and to a greater extent in the *E*-isomer [19]. The resonance of an axial proton *trans* to a carbonyl in the *Z*-isomer is also at weaker field relative to that in the *E*-isomers [19]. In COSYLR, where through-space couplings have stronger cross-peaks, the following couplings are seen: for the *Z*-isomer [H-1' with H_a-13], for the *E*-isomer [H-1' with H_a-11].

Thus, the signal for an aldehyde proton in the *Z*-isomer is shifted to weaker field compared with that for the *E*-isomer apparently due to deshielding of the magnetically anisotropic C-2 carbonyl because the molecular symmetry is destroyed only by the pyridone ring. Assignments were made for 4-oxo-4-(*N*-cytisyl)butenoic acid (**9a** and **b**) as follows. Amide conjugation occurs also in this instance. However, *cis* and *trans* isomerization around the C=C double bond is absent. This is confirmed by the identical spin-spin coupling constants between protons on C-2' and C-3' (11.9 Hz). However, the *E*-isomer predominates in this instance (3:2). Furthermore, the ¹H NMR spectra of **9a** and **b** show that the vicinal protons on C-2' and C-3' of one isomer are located at weaker field. The signal of one of them is shifted to weak field up to 6.5 ppm. Such magnetic deshielding can be explained by the *Z*-conformation. We can exclude H-bonding because the IR spectrum lacks the characteristic absorption band. The presence of amide conjugation was confirmed by varying temperature. Thus, heating **9a** and **b** to 100°C causes the signals to coalesce in the ¹³C NMR because of free rotation of the substituent around the N-COCHCHCO₂H bond.

EXPERIMENTAL

NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AM-300 spectrometer (¹H, 300.13; ¹³C, 75.47 MHz). Chemical shifts are given vs. CDCl₃, 77.1 ppm; (CD₃)₂CO, 28.83; DMSO-d₆, 39.43 (¹³C) and 7.27, 2.07, and 2.50 ppm (¹H). IR spectra were recorded on a UR-20 instrument as thin layers or in mineral oil. Mass spectra were obtained in a MX-1300 spectrometer with source temperature 100°C and ionizing-electron energy 70 and 12 eV.

N-Allylcytosine (2). A mixture of cytosine (3.39 g) and K₂CO₃ (4.5 g) in acetone (75 mL) was stirred under N₂ and treated with *N*-allylbromide (1.56 mL, 0.2-mL portions) over 10 min. The mixture was boiled for 11 h. After the reaction was finished K₂CO₃ was filtered off and washed with acetone. The filtrate was evaporated. The solid was purified by dissolving

in CH₂Cl₂ and passing through a layer of Al₂O₃. Solvent was evaporated to give 4.85 g (87%) of a white crystalline powder of N-allylcytisine, mp 117-118°C.

Found (%): C 73.08, H 8.00, N 12.15. C₁₄H₁₈N₂O. Calc. (%): C 73.01, H 7.88, N 12.16.

IR spectrum (KBr, v/cm⁻¹): 2900-2980 (CH₂), 2870, 2810, 1660 (N=C=O), 1585 (C=C-C=O), 1560, 960, 820, 760 (C=C).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, δ, ppm, J/Hz): 1.68 [1H, dt, H^cC(8), ²J = -12.7, ³J₈₋₉ = ³J₈₋₇ = 3.0], 1.8 [1H, dt, H^aC(8), ²J = -12.7, ³J₈₋₉ = ³J₈₋₇ = 3.0], 2.18 [2H, m, HC(13)], 2.45 [1H, m, HC(9)], 2.75-2.95 [5H, m, H₂C(1'), H₂C(11), HC(7)], 3.82 [1H, dd, H_aC(10), ²J = -15.4, ³J₁₀₋₉ = 6.7], 3.94 [1H, d, H_eC(10), ²J = -15.4], 4.94 [2H, m, HC(3')], 5.45-5.60 [1H, m, HC(2')], ³J₂₋₁ = 6.1], 5.90 [1H, d, HC(5), ³J₅₋₄ = 6.8], 6.36 [1H, dd, HC(3), ³J₃₋₄ = 9.0, ⁴J₃₋₅ = 1.1], 7.19 [1H, dd, HC(4), ³J₃₋₄ = 9.0, ³J₅₋₄ = 6.8].

Mass spectrum (EI, 70 eV), *m/z* [*I*_{rel} (%)]: 230 [M]⁺ (50), 189 (7), 147 (15), 146 (30), 169 (30), 84 (100).

N-Formylcytisine (3a and b). A solution of cytisine (0.2 g, 1 mmole) in acetic acid (2 mL) was treated with formic acid (90%, 6 mL, 5 mmole) and boiled for 2 h (TLC monitoring). The solvent was evaporated. The product was isolated by column chromatography on SiO₂ (CHCl₃:CH₃OH, 1:1). Yield 0.22 g (95%) of **3a** and **b** as a white crystalline powder, mp 169-171°C. Found (%): C 60.72, H 6.39, N 11.61. C₁₂H₁₄N₂O₂. Calc. (%): C 66.04, H 6.47, N 12.84.

IR spectrum (KBr, v/cm⁻¹): 1648 (N=C=O), 1632 (N=C=O), 1540, 1440, 1416, 804, 744 (C=C).

Mass spectrum (EI, 70 eV), *m/z* [*I*_{rel} (%)]: 218 [M]⁺ (100), 190 (14), 189 (12), 147 (30), 146 (80).

¹H NMR (**3a**, Z-isomer) (CDCl₃, δ, ppm, J/Hz): 2.09 [2H, m, H₂C(8)], 2.50 [1H, m, HC(9)], 2.95 [1H, d, H_a(13), ²J = -13.0], 3.09 [1H, m, HC(7)], 3.44 [1H, dd, H_a(11), ²J = -13.4, ⁴J = 1.1], 3.53 [1H, d, H_eC(11), ²J = -13.4], 3.88 [1H, ddd, H_aC(10), ²J = -15.73, ³J₁₀₋₉ = 6.4, ³J₁₀₋₁₁ = 1.1], 4.06 [1H, d, H_eC(10), ²J = -15.73], 4.52 [1H, d, H_eC(13), ²J = -13.0], 6.00 [1H, dd, HC(5), ³J₅₋₄ = 6.8, ⁴J₅₋₃ = 1.6], 6.40 [1H, dd, HC(3), ³J₃₋₄ = 9.1, ⁴J₃₋₅ = 1.6], 7.25 [1H, dd, HC(4), ³J₄₋₅ = 6.8, ³J₃₋₄ = 9.1], 7.88 [1H, s, COH].

¹H NMR (**3b**, E-isomer) (CDCl₃, δ, ppm, J/Hz): 2.09 [2H, m, H₂C(8)], 2.50 [1H, m, HC(9)], 2.90 [1H, dd, H_aC(11), ²J = -13.4], 3.09 [1H, m, HC(7)], 3.45 [1H, m, H_aC(13), ²J = -13.0], 3.56 [1H, d, H_eC(13), ²J = -13.0, ³J₁₀₋₁₁ = 1.3], 3.82 [1H, ddd, H_aC(10), ²J = -13.0, ³J₁₀₋₉ = 6.2, ³J₁₀₋₁₁ = 1.3], 4.06 [1H, d, H_eC(10), ²J = -13.4], 4.58 [1H, d, H_eC(11), ²J = -13.4], 6.08 [1H, dd, HC(5), ³J₅₋₄ = 6.8, ⁴J₅₋₃ = 1.6], 6.41 [1H, dd, HC(3), ³J₃₋₄ = 9.1, ⁴J₃₋₅ = 1.6], 7.25 [1H, dd, HC(4), ³J₄₋₅ = 6.8, ³J₃₋₄ = 9.1], 7.65 [1H, s, COH].

1,4-Dioxa-7,9-dichloro-6-N-cytisinylspiro[4.4]non-6-en-8-one (7a and b). A solution of 1,4-dioxa-6,7,9-trichlorospiro[4.4]non-6-en-8-one (0.2 g, 0.82 mmole) and cytisine (0.23 g, 1.2 mmole) in benzene (5 mL) was boiled for 3 h. The solvent was evaporated. The solid was dissolved in aqueous NaCl (10 mL). The product was extracted by CHCl₃ (3×10 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated. The product was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂ (benzene:methanol, 7:1). Yield 0.25 g (75%) of 1,4-dioxa-7,9-dichloro-6-N-cytisinylspiro[4.4]non-6-en-8-one.

Found (%): C 54.52, H 4.91, N 6.78, Cl 17.55. C₁₈H₁₈O₄Cl₂N₂. Calc. (%): C 54.45, H 4.63, N 7.08, Cl 17.80.

IR spectrum (KBr, v/cm⁻¹): 1720 (C=O), 1660 (N=C=O), 1610, 1580 (C=C-C=O), 820, 760 (C=C).

¹H NMR (**7a**) (CDCl₃, δ, ppm, J/Hz): 1.90 [2H, m, HC(8)], 2.49 [1H, m, HC(9)], 3.12 [1H, m, HC(7)], 3.28 [1H, d, HC(11), ²J = -12.4], 3.44 [1H, d, HC(13), ²J = -13.0], 3.81 [1H, dd, HC(10), H_aC(10), ²J = -15.4, ³J₁₀₋₉ = 5.7], 3.93-4.37 [7H, m, H₂C(6'), H₂C(7'), HC(4'), H_eC(10), H_eC(13)], 4.44 [1H, d, H_eC(11), ²J = -12.4], 6.01 [1H, d, HC(5), ³J = 6.8], 6.36 [1H, dd, HC(3), ³J₃₋₄ = 9.0, ⁴J₃₋₅ = 1.1], 7.19 [1H, dd, HC(4), ³J₃₋₄ = 9.0, ³J₅₋₄ = 6.8].

¹H NMR (**7b**): 1.90 [2H, m, HC(8)], 2.58 [1H, m, HC(9)], 3.08 [1H, m, HC(7)], 3.31 [1H, d, HC(11), ²J = -12.4], 3.42 [1H, d, HC(13), ²J = -13.0], 3.73 [1H, dd, HC(10), H_aC(10), ²J = -15.4, ³J₁₀₋₉ = 5.7], 3.93-4.37 [7H, m, H₂C(6'), H₂C(7'), HC(4'), H_eC(10), H_eC(13)], 4.44 [1H, d, H_eC(11)], 6.01 [1H, d, HC(5), ²J = 6.8], 6.36 [1H, dd, HC(3), ³J₃₋₄ = 9.0, ⁴J₃₋₅ = 1.1], 7.19 [1H, dd, HC(4), ³J₃₋₄ = 9.0, ³J₅₋₄ = 6.8].

1,4-Dioxa-7-chloro-6-N-cytisinylspiro[4.4]non-6-en-8-one (6) was prepared analogously to **7a** and **b** from 1,4-dioxa-6,7-dichlorospiro[4.4]non-6-en-8-one. Yield 64%.

IR spectrum (KBr, v/cm⁻¹): 1720 (C=O), 1660 (N=C=O), 1610, 1580 (C=C-C=O), 820, 760 (C=C).

¹H NMR (acetone-d₆, δ, ppm, J/Hz): 1.68-1.87 [2H, m, HC(8)], 2.30 [1H, m, HC(9)], 2.97 [1H, m, HC(7)], 3.05-3.20 [2H, m, HC(13)], 3.40-3.55 [2H, dd, HC(10), ²J = 15.4, ³J₁₀₋₉ = 6.8], 3.85-4.30 [6H, m, 2HC(11), 4H, O-CH₂-CH₂-O], 4.42 [1H, d, HC(4'), ²J = -13.0], 4.63 [1H, d, HC(4'), ²J = -13.0], 6.04 [1H, d, HC(5), ³J₄₋₅ = 6.6], 6.43 [1H, d, HC(3), ³J₃₋₄ = 9.0], 7.15 [1H, dd, HC(4), ³J₃₋₄ = 9.0, ³J₅₋₄ = 6.6]. Mass spectrum (EI, 70 eV), *m/z* [*I*_{rel} (%)]: 362 [M]⁺, 345, 319, 216, 172, 146.

4-Oxo-4-(N-cytisinyl)butenoic Acid (9a and b). A solution of cytisine (0.190 g, 1 mmole) in toluene (5 mL) was

treated dropwise with maleic anhydride (0.196 g, 2 mmole). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. The white precipitate was filtered off and washed with acetone. Yield 0.216 g (75%), mp 215-217°C. Found (%): C 64.65, H 5.91, N 9.79. $C_{15}H_{16}N_2O_4$. Calc. (%): C 62.49, H 5.59, N 9.72.

IR spectrum (KBr, ν/cm^{-1}): 3480, 3435, 3110 (OH), 1715 (C=C-CO₂H), 1660-1620 (N-C=O, C=C), 835, 770, 760, 720 (C=C).

Mass spectrum (EI, 70 eV), m/z [I_{rel} (%)]: 288 [M]⁺ (15), 190 (70), 189 (30), 148 (50), 147 (75), 146 (85), 98 (60), 54 (100).

¹H NMR (**9a**, *E*-isomer) (DMSO, δ , ppm, J/Hz): 1.93 [2H, br.s, H₂C(8)], 2.50 [1H, br.s, H_aC(9)], 2.88 [1H, d, H_aC(11), ²J = -13.2], 3.12 [1H, br.s, HC(7)], 3.22 [1H, d, H_aC(13), ²J = -13.1], 3.27-3.50 [m, CO₂H], 3.60-3.80 [2H, m, H_aC(10), H_cC(13)], 3.88 [1H, d, H_cC(10), ²J = -15.5], 4.48 [1H, d, H_cC(11), ²J = -13.2], 5.84 [1H, d, HC(3')], ³J_{3'-2'} = 11.9], 5.90 [1H, d, HC(2')], ³J_{2'-3'} = 11.9], 6.16 [1H, d, HC(5), ³J₅₋₄ = 6.7], 6.21 [1H, d, HC(3), ³J₃₋₄ = 7], 7.27-7.37 [1H, m, HC(4)].

¹H NMR (**9b**, *Z*-isomer) (DMSO, δ , ppm, J/Hz): 1.93 [2H, br.s, H₂C(8)], 2.50 [1H, br.s, H_aC(9)], 2.91 [1H, d, H_aC(13), ²J = -13.2], 3.17 [1H, br.s, HC(7)], 3.28-3.50 [2H, m, H_aC(11), CO₂H], 3.65 [3H, m, H_aC(10), H_cC(11), H_cC(10)], 4.31 [1H, d, H_cC(13), ²J = 13.2], 5.92 [1H, d, HC(3')], ²J_{3'-2'} = 11.9], 6.16 [1H, d, HC(5), ²J₅₋₄ = 6.7], 6.23 [1H, d, HC(3), ³J₃₋₄ = 7], 6.49 [1H, d, HC(2')], ²J_{2'-3'} = 11.9], 7.27-7.37 [1H, m, HC(4)].

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