

SYNTHESIS AND MODIFICATION OF DITERPENOID WITH TWO DIHYDROQUINOPIMARIC ACID SKELETONS

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Dieters and diamides in which two dihydroquinopimaric acid carbon skeletons are covalently bonded through aliphatic spacers were synthesized.

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The synthesis of compounds with several carbocyclic skeletons that form the basis of various isoprenoid natural metabolites has recently become one of the active areas of organic chemistry [1–3]. These derivatives, primarily higher terpenoids, are interesting because slight changes of their structures cause significant changes in the biological activity [4, 5]. The combination in a single molecule of several diterpenoid skeletons causes new properties to appear. Derivatives of podocarpic acid with two abietane skeletons are promising as potential liver X-receptor agonists [2]. Derivatives of the diterpenoid isosteviol with two *ent*-beyerane skeletons transport through a liquid CHCl₃ membrane amino acids [6] and iron cations [7] and exhibit antituberculosis activity [8]. The first macrocycles containing diterpenoid [9] or steroid [10] skeletons have been synthesized. Of these, macrocyclic taxanoids with anticancer activity greater than that of taxol have the most practical value [11].

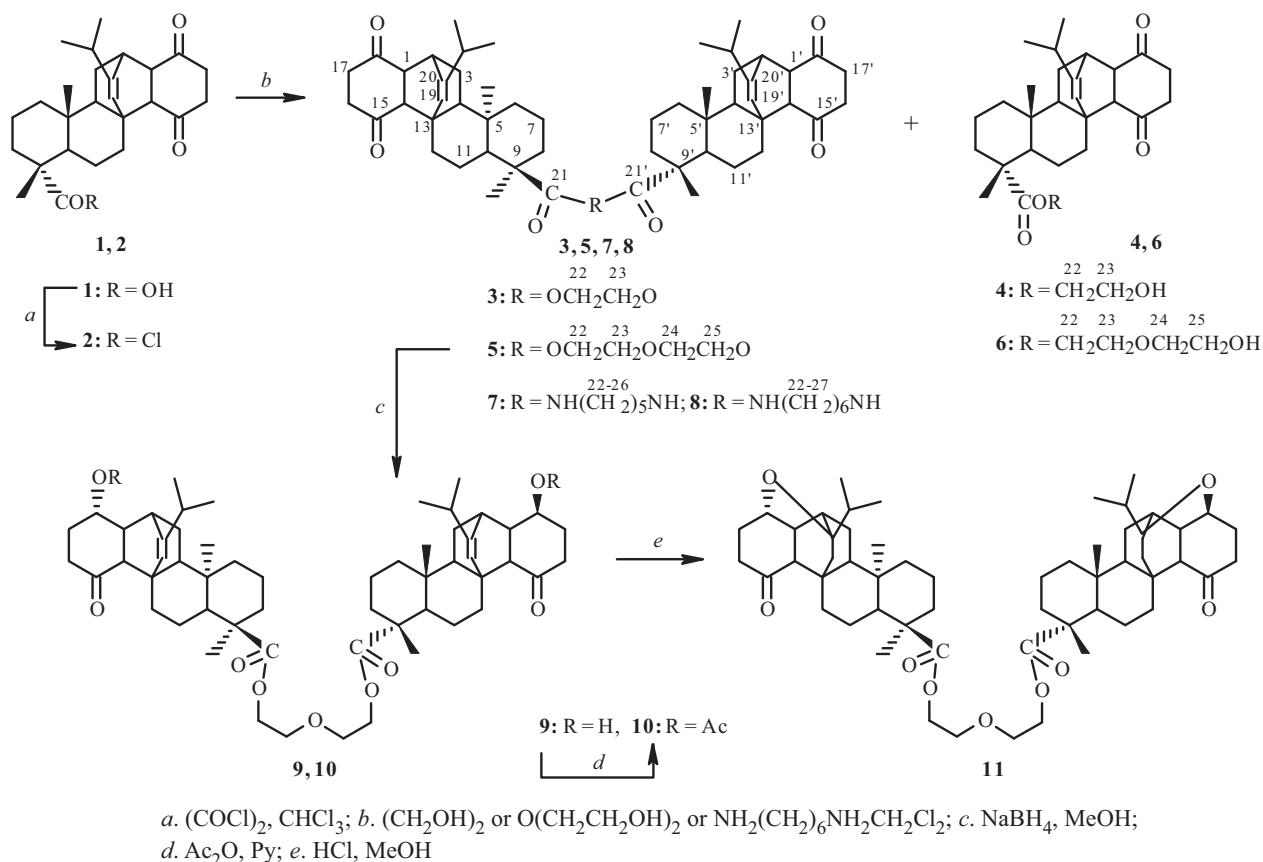
One of the first important problems on the synthetic route to compounds with several skeletons is the development of methods for bonding them covalently. The simplest pathway is the acid chloride route that includes reaction of the acid chlorides of terpenoid acids with H-binucleophiles of various structures [8]. Herein we report the first synthesis of diesters and diamides containing two dihydroquinopimaric acid (DQPA) carbon skeletons (**1**).

Reaction of DQPA chloride (**2**) with diols (ethyleneglycol, diethyleneglycol) and diamines (1,5-penta- and 1,6-hexamethylenediamines) in a 2:1 ratio by refluxing in CHCl₃ in the presence of Et₃N synthesized derivatives **3–8** in 29–65% yields after chromatographic purification (Scheme 1). The structures of the compounds were established by NMR spectroscopy and mass spectrometry. The NMR spectra of **3** and **5–8**, which contained two skeletons, showed one set of resonances of double intensity for the carbon skeleton. Characteristic resonances of C atoms C-21 and C-21' at δ 177.8–178.5 ppm in the ¹³C NMR spectra were indicative of the formation of ester and amide bonds in **3–8**.

Methylene resonances for the –O–CH₂–CH₂–O– spacer in the skeleton of diester **3** were observed at δ_C 60.5 ppm (¹³C NMR) and δ_H 2.81 ppm as a doublet of doublets (PMR). A doublet of triplets for the –CH₂–CH₂OH resonance in the PMR spectrum at δ_H 4.40 ppm was indicative of the formation of monoester **4**. Resonances of the –O–(CH₂)₂–O–(CH₂)₂–O– spacer in spectra of **5** were observed at δ 69.2 and 63.7 ppm (¹³C NMR) and δ 3.65 and 4.23 ppm as triplets (PMR). In contrast with the ¹³C NMR spectrum of **5**, that of **6** contained resonances of C-24 and C-25 at δ 72.2 and 61.5 ppm.

The electron-impact (EI) mass spectrum of **5** had a peak for the fragment ion [M – CH₃]⁺ (*m/z* 879) in the heavy mass region. Other fragment ions with lower *m/z* values in the mass spectrum of **5** were apparently formed by successive decomposition under EI of the aforementioned ion. The base peak in the electrospray ionization (ESI) mass spectrum had *m/z* 917 and corresponded to [M + Na]⁺.

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Scheme 1

Resonances for methylene groups of the spacer in diamides **7** and **8** were observed at δ_{C} 39.6–24.2 ppm (¹³C NMR) and at δ 3.14–3.35 as a multiplet (PMR).

Compound **5**, in which two DQPA skeletons were bonded by a diethyleneglycol spacer were modified at the C-18 and C-18' positions. Reduction of **5** by NaBH₄ in MeOH produced the bishydroxy derivative **9**, which was characterized as the acetate **10**. The ¹³C NMR spectrum of **11**, which was obtained from **9** by refluxing in the presence of HCl, exhibited characteristic resonances for the pairs C-18, C-18' and C-20, C-20' at δ 72.8 and 84.1 ppm, respectively.

Thus, we synthesized diesters and diamides in which two DQPA skeletons were covalently bonded through aliphatic spacers. The determination of the properties of the bis-derivatives as compared with the starting diterpenoids and the development of methods for converting them to macrocycles will be reported separately.

EXPERIMENTAL

¹³C NMR and PMR spectra in CDCl₃ were recorded on a Bruker AM-300 spectrometer (75.5 and 300 MHz, respectively) with SiMe₄ internal standard. Melting points were determined on a Boetius microstage. Optical rotation was measured on a Perkin–Elmer 241 MC polarimeter in a 1-dm tube. EI mass spectra were obtained in a Trace MS Finnigan MAT instrument at 70 eV ionizing electron energy and ion-source temperature 200°C. Heating of the direct-probe vaporizer system was programmed from 40 to 400°C at 35°C/min. ESI mass spectra were obtained in a DFS Thermo Electron Corporation instrument (syringe pump, 1% solution in MeOH at flow rate 5 μ L/min) in positive-ion mode at capillary potential 4.5 kV. TLC was performed on Silufol plates (Chemapol, Czech Rep.) using CHCl₃:MeOH (20:1). Compounds were detected by phosphotungstic acid solution (10%) in EtOH with subsequent heating to 100–120°C for 2–3 min. DQPA (**1**) and its acid chloride (**2**) were prepared by literature methods [12, 13].

Synthesis of 3–8. DQPA chloride (**2**, 1 mmol, 0.43 g) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) was treated with diol (0.5 mmol, 0.02 mL ethyleneglycol or 0.025 mL diethyleneglycol) or diamine (0.5 mmol, 0.05 g 1,5-pentamethylenediamine or 0.05 g

1,6-hexamethylenediamine) and Et₂N (0.3 mL), refluxed for 12 h (TLC monitoring), washed with HCl solution (20 mL, 5%) and water (2 × 20 mL), and dried over MgSO₄. Solvent was vacuum distilled. The solid was purified by column chromatography over Al₂O₃ with elution by CHCl₃.

Bis-[(20-isopropyl-5,9-dimethyl-15,18-dioxopentacyclo[12.4.0.2^{2,13}.0^{5,10}.0^{4,13}]-eicos-19-en-5-carboxy]ethane (3).

Yield 0.39 g (43%), mp 102–105°C (CHCl₃), [α]_D²⁰ +5.0° (c 0.1, CHCl₃), C₅₄H₇₄O₈.

PMR spectrum (CDCl₃, δ, ppm, J/Hz): 0.51 (6H, s, 2CH₃), 0.68–0.79 (4H, m), 0.95 [6H, s, 2×CH(CH₃)₂], 1.01 [6H, s, 2×CH(CH₃)₂], 1.12 (6H, s, 2CH₃), 1.15–2.00 (24H, m), 2.01–2.61 (14H, m), 2.81 (4H, dd, J₁ = 2.1, J₂ = 5.1, H-22, H-23), 3.11 (2H, br.s), 5.40 (2H, br.s, H-19, H-19').

¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, δ, ppm): 208.0 (C-18, C-18'), 206.9 (C-15, C-15'), 177.8 (C-21, C-21'), 149.5 (C-20, C-20'), 126.2 (C-19, C-19'), 60.5 (C-22, C-23), 56.3 (2C), 54.8 (2C), 49.7 (2C), 46.9 (C-9, C-9'), 46.2 (2C), 41.5 (2C), 39.1 (2C), 39.0 (2C), 38.6 (2C), 38.3 (2C), 37.7 (2C), 37.3 (2C), 35.1 (2C), 33.1 (2C), 27.9 (2C), 22.4 (2C), 21.2 (2C), 20.3 (2C), 19.0 (2C), 17.0 (2C), 16.6 (2C).

9-Hydroxyethoxyethyl-[(20-isopropyl-5,9-dimethyl-15,18-dioxopentacyclo[12.4.0.2^{2,13}.0^{5,10}.0^{4,13}]-eicos-19-en-5-carboxylate (4). Yield 0.23 g (51%), mp 90–93°C (CHCl₃), [α]_D²⁰ +43.0° (c 0.56, CHCl₃), C₂₈H₄₀O₅.

PMR spectrum (CDCl₃, δ, ppm, J/Hz): 0.65 (3H, s, CH₃), 0.71–0.89 (2H, m, 2CH), 0.91 [3H, d, J = 6.9, CH(CH₃)₂], 0.97 [3H, d, J = 6.9, CH(CH₃)₂], 1.09 (3H, s, CH₃), 1.11–1.72 (12H, m), 2.08–2.50 (6H, m), 2.75 (1H, br.s, H-12), 3.12 (1H, br.s), 4.11–4.31 (2H, m, H-22), 4.40 [2H, dt, J₁ = 2.3, J₂ = 5.7, CH₂(23)OH], 5.30 (1H, br.s, OH), 5.49 (1H, br.s, H-19).

¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, δ, ppm): 209.5 (C-18), 207.9 (C-15), 177.8 (C-21), 149.1 (C-20), 125.4 (C-19), 62.3 (C-22), 60.4 (C-23), 60.0, 55.7, 54.7, 49.3 (C-9), 46.9, 41.1, 38.7, 38.2, 37.8, 37.6, 36.9, 36.5, 34.6, 32.8, 27.7, 21.7, 20.7, 19.8, 16.9, 16.6, 15.8.

Bis-[(20-isopropyl-5,9-dimethyl-15,18-dioxopentacyclo[12.4.0.2^{2,13}.0^{5,10}.0^{4,13}]-eicos-19-en-5-carboxy]ethoxyethane (5). Yield 0.58 g (65%), mp 101–104°C (CHCl₃), [α]_D²⁰ +5.5° (c 0.37, CHCl₃), C₅₆H₇₈O₉.

PMR spectrum (CDCl₃, δ, ppm, J/Hz): 0.56 (6H, s, 2×CH₃), 0.81–0.96 (4H, m), 0.98 [6H, s, 2×CH(CH₃)₂] and 1.03 [6H, s, 2×CH(CH₃)₂], 1.12 (6H, s, 2CH₃), 1.12–1.81 (22H, m), 2.18–2.57 (12H, m), 2.67 (2H, dd, J₁ = 2.6, J₂ = 5.6, H-2, H-2'), 3.20 (2H, br.s), 3.65 (4H, t, J = 4.7, H-23, H-24), 4.23 (4H, t, J = 4.9, H-22, H-25), 5.51 (2H, br.s, H-19, H-19').

¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, δ, ppm): 209.9 (C-18, C-18'), 208.9 (C-15, C-15'), 178.5 (C-21, C-21'), 149.6 (C-20, C-20'), 125.4 (C-19, C-19'), 69.2 (C-23, C-24), 63.7 (C-22, C-25), 60.7 (2C), 56.0 (2C), 54.9 (2C), 49.4 (2C), 47.1 (C-9, C-9'), 41.3 (2C), 39.0 (2C), 38.6 (2C), 38.0 (2C), 37.8 (2C), 37.1 (2C), 36.6 (2C), 34.8 (2C), 34.9 (2C), 27.9 (2C), 21.8 (2C), 20.8 (2C), 19.9 (2C), 17.1 (2C), 16.8 (2C), 16.0 (2C).

Mass spectrum (EI, 70 eV, *m/z*, *I*_{rel}, %): 879 (0.1) [M – CH₃]⁺, 786 (0.15), 785 (0.25) [C₅₀H₇₃O₇]⁺, 784 (0.22), 7835 (0.12), 674 (1.2), 673 (2.7) [C₄₅H₆₉O₄]⁺, 672 (1.7), 671 (1.1), 257 (82.6) [C₁₇H₂₁O₂]⁺, 133 (100) [C₁₀H₁₃]⁺ (peaks of ions containing the most common isotopes are shown). Mass spectrum (ESI, *m/z*, *I*_{rel}, %): 917 (100) [M + Na]⁺.

9-(2-Hydroxy-1-ethoxy)ethyl-[(20-isopropyl-5,9-dimethyl-15,18-dioxopentacyclo[12.4.0.2^{2,13}.0^{5,10}.0^{4,13}]-eicos-19-en-5-carboxylate (6). Yield 0.16 g (29%), mp 89–91°C (CHCl₃), [α]_D²⁰ +54.0° (c 0.56, CHCl₃), C₃₀H₄₄O₆.

PMR spectrum (CDCl₃, δ, ppm, J/Hz): 0.67 (3H, s, CH₃), 0.73–0.94 (2H, m, 2CH), 0.95 [3H, d, J = 6.9, CH(CH₃)₂], 1.02 [3H, d, J = 6.9, CH(CH₃)₂], 1.12 (3H, s, CH₃), 1.15–1.83 (12H, m), 2.12–2.56 (6H, m), 2.76 (1H, br.s, H-12), 3.12 (1H, br.s), 3.57–3.65 (4H, m, H-23, H-24), 3.67 [2H, s, CH₂(25)OH], 4.45 (2H, t, J = 6.5, H-22), 5.30 (1H, br.s, OH), 5.51 (1H, br.s, H-19).

¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, δ, ppm): 210.5 (C-18), 210.4 (C-15), 178.2 (C-21), 149.5 (C-20), 125.2 (C-19), 72.2 (C-24), 69.0 (C-23), 63.3 (C-22), 61.5 (C-25), 60.4, 55.8, 54.7, 49.0 (C-9), 46.9, 41.1, 38.7, 38.3, 37.7, 37.5, 36.8, 36.2, 34.4, 32.7, 27.7, 21.7, 20.6, 19.7, 16.7, 16.5, 15.7.

***N,N'*-Bis-[(20-isopropyl-5,9-dimethyl-15,18-dioxopentacyclo[12.4.0.2^{2,13}.0^{5,10}.0^{4,13}]-eicos-19-en-5-carboxy]-diaminopentane (7).** Yield 0.47 g (53%), mp 93–95°C (CHCl₃), [α]_D²⁰ +4.3° (c 0.4, CHCl₃), C₅₇H₈₂N₂O₆.

PMR spectrum (CDCl₃, δ, ppm, J/Hz): 0.55 (6H, s, 2CH₃), 0.60–0.98 (4H, m), 0.99 [6H, s, 2×CH(CH₃)₂], 1.05 [6H, s, 2×CH(CH₃)₂], 1.10 (6H, s, 2CH₃), 1.12–1.87 (24H, m), 2.18–2.60 (12H, m), 2.78 (2H, dd, J₁ = 2.7, J₂ = 6.0, H-2, H-2'), 3.04 (2H, br.s), 3.13–3.34 (10H, m, 5CH₂), 5.50 (2H, br.s, H-19, H-19'), 5.98 (2H, br.s, CONH),

¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, δ, ppm): 209.7 (C-18, C-18'), 208.7 (C-15, C-15'), 178.5 (2CONH), 149.3 (C-20, C-20'), 125.5 (C-19, C-19'), 60.6 (2C), 55.8 (2C), 54.8 (2C), 49.8 (2C), 46.6 (C-9, C-9'), 39.6 (2C), 38.8 (2C), 38.4 (2C), 38.0 (2C), 37.6 (2C), 36.9 (2C), 36.8 (2C), 34.7 (2C), 32.8 (2C), 31.8 (C), 29.5 (2C), 27.7 (2C), 24.2 (2C), 21.2 (2C), 20.7 (2C), 19.8 (2C), 17.1 (2C), 16.6 (2C), 15.9 (2C).

***N,N'*-Bis-[(20-isopropyl-5,9-dimethyl-15,18-dioxopentacyclo[12.4.0.2^{2,13}.0^{5,10}.0^{4,13}]-eicos-19-en-5-carboxy]-diaminohexane (8).** Yield 0.56 g (62%), mp 97–99°C (CHCl₃), [α]_D²⁰ +5.2° (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃), C₅₈H₈₄N₂O₆.

PMR spectrum (CDCl₃, δ , ppm, J/Hz): 0.55 (6H, s, 2CH₃), 0.70–0.98 (4H, m), 0.99 [6H, s, 2×CH(CH₃)₂], 1.04 [6H, s, 2×CH(CH₃)₂], 1.10 (6H, s, 2CH₃), 1.13–1.85 (24H, m), 2.13–2.58 (12H, m), 2.80 (2H, dd, J₁ = 2.4, J₂ = 5.3, H-2, H-2'), 3.05 (2H, br.s), 3.14–3.35 (12H, m, 6CH₂), 5.50 (2H, br.s, H-19, H-19'), 5.95 (2H, t, J = 5.2, CONH).

¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 209.8 (C-18, C-18'), 208.8 (C-15, C-15'), 178.4 (2CONH), 149.5 (C-20, C-20'), 125.5 (C-19, C-19'), 60.6 (2C), 55.9 (2C), 54.8 (2C), 49.9 (2C), 46.6 (C-9, C-9'), 41.2 (2C), 39.6 (2C), 38.9 (2C), 38.4 (2C), 38.0 (2C), 37.7 (2C), 37.0 (2C), 36.9 (2C), 34.7 (2C), 32.9 (2C), 29.3 (2C), 27.8 (2C), 24.2 (2C), 21.2 (2C), 20.7 (2C), 19.8 (2C), 17.1 (2C), 16.7 (2C), 16.0 (2C).

***Bis*-[(20-isopropyl-5,9-dimethyl-15 β -hydroxy,18-oxopentacyclo[12.4.0.2^{2,13}.0^{5,10}.0^{4,13}]-eicos-19-en-5-carboxy]ethoxyethane (9).** Compound **5** (1 mmol, 0.89 g) in CHCl₃:MeOH (20 mL, 1:1) was treated in portions with NaBH₄ (5 mmol, 0.2 g), stirred at room temperature for 2 h, washed with HCl solution (20 mL, 5%) and water (2 × 20 mL), and dried over MgSO₄. Solvent was vacuum distilled. The solid was purified by column chromatography over Al₂O₃ with elution by CHCl₃. Yield 0.78 g (87%), mp 102–104°C (CHCl₃), [α]_D²⁰ +4.6° (*c* 1.8, CHCl₃), C₅₆H₈₂O₉.

PMR spectrum (CDCl₃, δ , ppm, J/Hz): 0.55 (6H, s, 2CH₃), 0.79–0.96 (4H, m), 0.98 [6H, s, 2×CH(CH₃)₂], 1.03 [6H, s, 2×CH(CH₃)₂], 1.12 (6H, s, 2CH₃), 1.25–1.95 (24H, m), 1.97–2.51 (14H, m), 2.75 (2H, br.s), 3.66 (4H, br.s, H-23, H-24), 3.89 (2H, br.s, H-18, H-18'), 4.12 (4H, br.s, H-22, H-25), 4.71 (2H, br.s, OH), 5.51 (2H, br.s, H-19, H-19').

¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 212.9 (C-15, C-15'), 178.1 (C-21, C-21'), 146.9 (C-20, C-20'), 125.2 (C-19, C-19'), 68.7 (C-23, C-24), 68.1 (C-18, C-18'), 63.1 (C-22, C-25), 54.9 (2C), 49.3 (2C), 48.1 (2C), 46.7 (C-9, C-9'), 40.3 (2C), 38.1 (2C), 37.7 (2C), 36.4 (2C), 36.1 (2C), 35.1 (2C), 34.9 (2C), 33.0 (2C), 30.1 (2C), 27.3 (2C), 21.8 (2C), 21.6 (2C), 21.3 (2C), 19.6 (2C), 17.0 (2C), 16.7 (2C), 15.7 (2C).

***Bis*-[(20-isopropyl-5,9-dimethyl-15-methylcarbonyloxy-18-oxopentacyclo[12.4.0.2^{2,13}.0^{5,10}.0^{4,13}]-eicos-19-en-5-carboxy]ethoxyethane (10).** Compound **8** (1 mmol, 0.89 g) in Py (10–15 mL) was treated with Ac₂O (0.6 mL), left at room temperature for 15 h, and poured into HCl solution (50 mL, 5%). The solid was filtered off, washed with water, dried in air, and purified by column chromatography over Al₂O₃ with elution by CHCl₃. Yield 0.91 g (93%), mp 105–107°C (CHCl₃), [α]_D²⁰ +5.6° (*c* 0.25, CHCl₃), C₆₀H₈₆O₁₁.

PMR spectrum (CDCl₃, δ , ppm, J/Hz): 0.60 (6H, s, 2CH₃), 0.62–0.98 (4H, m), 1.01 [6H, s, 2×CH(CH₃)₂] and 1.05 [6H, s, 2×CH(CH₃)₂], 1.30 (6H, s, 2CH₃), 1.25–1.99 (24H, m), 2.05 (6H, s, 2CH₃O), 2.03–2.95 (14H, m), 3.12 (2H, br.s), 3.65 (4H, br.s, H-23, H-24), 4.12 (4H, br.s, H-22, H-25), 4.91 (2H, br.s, H-18, H-18'), 5.52 (2H, br.s, H-19, H-19').

¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 210.9 (C-15, C-15'), 178.2 (2OCOCH₃), 70.4 (C-18, C-18'), 147.2 (C-20, C-20'), 123.9 (C-19, C-19'), 68.9 (C-23, C-24), 63.3 (C-22, C-25), 61.6 (2C), 54.5 (2C), 49.1 (2C), 46.8 (C-9, C-9'), 44.4 (2C), 40.2 (2C), 38.0 (2C), 37.5 (2C), 36.3 (2C), 35.8 (2C), 35.0 (2C), 34.9 (2C), 32.7 (2C), 29.8 (2C), 23.6 (2OCH₃), 21.5 (2C), 21.2 (2C), 20.9 (2C), 19.3 (2C), 16.8 (2C), 16.6 (2C), 16.5 (2C), 15.5 (2C).

***Bis*-[(20-isopropyl-5,9-dimethyl-18-oxo-15-oxohexacyclo[12.4.0.2^{2,13}.0^{5,10}.0^{4,13}]-eicos-19-en-5-carboxy]ethoxyethane (11).** Compound **10** (1 mmol, 0.89 g) in CHCl₃:MeOH (20 mL, 1:1) was treated with conc. HCl (5 mL), refluxed for 12 h (TLC monitoring), washed with NaHCO₃ solution (20 mL, 5%) and water (2 × 20 mL), and dried over MgSO₄. Solvent was vacuum distilled. The solid was purified by column chromatography over Al₂O₃ with elution by CHCl₃. Yield 0.66 g (74%), mp 97–100°C (CHCl₃), [α]_D²⁰ +3.8° (*c* 0.8, CHCl₃), C₅₆H₈₂O₉.

PMR spectrum (CDCl₃, δ , ppm, J/Hz): 0.57 (6H, s, 2CH₃), 0.79–0.96 (4H, m), 0.98 [6H, s, 2×CH(CH₃)₂], 1.03 [6H, s, 2×CH(CH₃)₂], 1.12 (6H, s, 2CH₃), 1.25–1.95 (24H, m), 1.97–2.51 (18H, m), 2.75 (2H, br.s), 3.65 (4H, br.s, H-23, H-24), 3.82 (2H, br.s, H-18, H-18'), 4.12 (4H, br.s, H-22, H-25).

¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 212.9 (C-15, C-15'), 178.3 (C-21, C-21'), 84.1 (C-20, C-20'), 72.8 (C-18, C-18'), 68.9 (C-23, C-24), 63.3 (C-22, C-25), 61.8 (2C), 55.4 (2C), 51.5 (2C), 49.9 (2C), 47.7 (2C), 46.7 (C-9, C-9'), 40.3 (2C), 38.1 (2C), 37.7 (2C), 36.4 (2C), 36.1 (2C), 35.1 (2C), 34.9 (2C), 33.0 (2C), 30.1 (2C), 27.3 (2C), 21.6 (2C), 21.3 (2C), 19.6 (2C), 17.0 (2C), 16.7 (2C), 15.7 (2C).

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