

## CO<sub>2</sub> Adducts of the Amino and Imino Groups Studied by <sup>1</sup>HNMR and <sup>13</sup>CNMR

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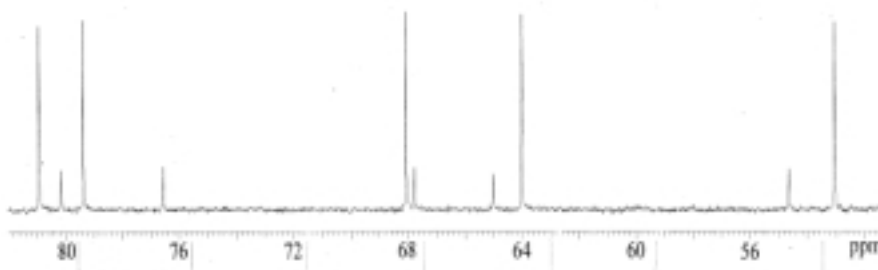
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**Abstract:** CO<sub>2</sub> adducts of *L*-(+)-asparaginic acid and some polyhydroxylated alkaloids was studied by <sup>1</sup>HNMR and <sup>13</sup>CNMR in this paper.

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When isolating 1,4-dideoxy-1,4-imino-*D*-arabinitol using Dowex 1×2 (OH form) or CM-Sephadex C-25 (NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> form), we found another compound always accompanied with it. It was apparent that the two compounds had similar structures from their <sup>1</sup>HNMR and <sup>13</sup>CNMR in D<sub>2</sub>O (**Fig. 1**). At first, we guessed the two compounds were isomerides. But when acid was added into the solution of the two compounds, the signals for the minor compound disappeared.

**Figure 1** <sup>13</sup>CNMR of 1,4-dideoxy-1,4-imino-*D*-arabinitol **3** and its carbamino adduct **4**

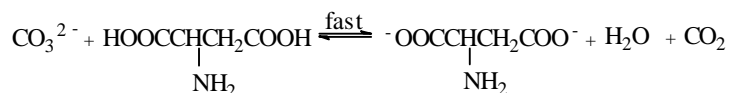


Since certain amines can react with CO<sub>2</sub> to form carbamates<sup>1,2</sup>, and the reaction can be conducted by addition of CO<sub>2</sub> or NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, we inferred that one of the two compounds was the CO<sub>2</sub> adduct of another.

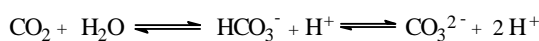
In order to confirm the inference, we added excess K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> into the solution of *L*-(+)-asparaginic acid in D<sub>2</sub>O. Its <sup>1</sup>HNMR and <sup>13</sup>CNMR spectra are changed as shown in **Table 1**. This addition results in the partial conversion of *L*-(+)-asparaginic acid to the adduct form by a series of equilibria (**Scheme 1**):

## Scheme 1

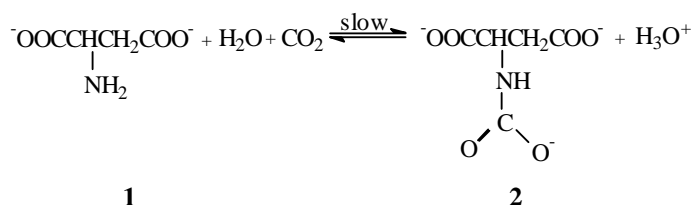
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(3)

**Table 1**  $^1\text{H}$ NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR of L-(+)-asparaginic acid and its carbamate

Sample	$^1\text{H}$ NMR (ppm)	$^{13}\text{C}$ NMR(upfield region) (ppm)
L-(+)- asparaginic acid	2.62 (q, $J_{\text{AB}}=16.9\text{Hz}$ , $J_{\text{AX}}=7.7\text{Hz}$ )	37.2, 54.0
	2.73 (q, $J_{\text{AB}}=16.9\text{Hz}$ , $J_{\text{BX}}=4.2\text{Hz}$ )	
	3.77 (q, $J_{\text{AX}}=7.7\text{Hz}$ , $J_{\text{BX}}=4.2\text{Hz}$ )	
<b>1</b>	2.42 (q, $J_{\text{AB}}=14.8\text{Hz}$ , $J_{\text{AX}}=8.8\text{Hz}$ )	43.8, 56.5
	2.64 (q, $J_{\text{AB}}=14.8\text{Hz}$ , $J_{\text{BX}}=4.8\text{Hz}$ )	
	3.56 (q, $J_{\text{AX}}=8.8\text{Hz}$ , $J_{\text{AX}}=4.8\text{Hz}$ )	
<b>2</b>	2.54 (q, $J_{\text{AB}}=14.7\text{Hz}$ , $J_{\text{AX}}=8.3\text{Hz}$ )	42.4, 57.4
	2.66 (q, $J_{\text{AB}}=14.7\text{Hz}$ , $J_{\text{AX}}=5.1\text{Hz}$ )	
	4.19 (q, $J_{\text{AX}}=8.3\text{Hz}$ , $J_{\text{BX}}=5.1\text{Hz}$ )	

In the  $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectra,  $\delta$  2.42, 2.64 and 3.56 correspond to **compound 1** and its protonated adduct;  $\delta$  2.54, 2.66 and 4.19 correspond to **compound 2** and its protonated adduct.

When excess  $\text{CO}_2$  was added to the equilibrium system, carbamino adduct **2** of L-(+)-asparaginic acid broke down and the pH value was decreased.

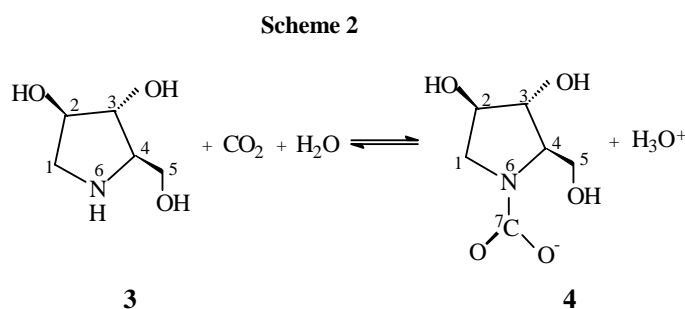
In order to confirm the carbamate formation further, we mixed ethanolamine with 0.5eq  $\text{KHCO}_3$  in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  to observe the change of the  $^1\text{H}$ NMR. The  $^1\text{H}$  chemical shift values are shown in **Table 2**. The result demonstrates the formation of carbamino adduct of ethanolamine.

**Table 2** <sup>1</sup>HNMR of ethanolamine with 0.5eq KHCO<sub>3</sub> system

Sample	<sup>1</sup> HNMR
Ethanolamine	2.74, 3.55
ethanolamine carbamate	3.11, 3.59

When polyhydroxylated alkaloids 1,4-dideoxy-1,4-imino-*D*-arabinitol (**3**) and 1,4-dideoxy-1,4-imino-*L*-xylose reacted with CO<sub>2</sub>, the corresponding carbamates formed very easily. In the process of purification of these two compounds using Dowex 1×2 (OH form) or CM-Sephadex C-25 (NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> form), both of them yielded carbamate due to reaction with CO<sub>2</sub> in the air.

1,4-Dideoxy-1,4-imino-*D*-arabinitol **3** reacted with CO<sub>2</sub> to form carbamate **4** as shown in **Scheme 2**:



The chemical shift values of 1,4-dideoxy-1,4-imino-*D*-arabinitol **3** and its carbamino adduct **4** were changed after addition of CO<sub>2</sub> and KHCO<sub>3</sub> into the system (**Table 3**).

**Table 3** The change of chemical shift values of the <sup>13</sup>CNMR spectra of 1,4-dideoxy-1,4-imino-*D*-arabinitol **3** and its carbamino adduct **4** after addition of CO<sub>2</sub>

carbon	1,4-dideoxy-1,4-imino- <i>D</i> -arabinitol <b>3</b>			carbamino adduct <b>4</b>		
	with CO <sub>2</sub> δ (ppm)	without CO <sub>2</sub> δ (ppm)	Δδ (ppm)	with CO <sub>2</sub> δ (ppm)	without CO <sub>2</sub> δ (ppm)	Δδ (ppm)
C-1	52.875	53.039	-0.164	54.918	54.646	0.272
C-2	61.942	63.997	-2.055	65.294	65.029	0.265
C-3	69.358	68.056	1.302	68.057	67.768	0.289
C-4	77.316	79.370	-2.054	76.896	76.583	0.313
C-5	78.762	80.924	-2.162	80.457	80.154	0.303

The proportion of carbamino adduct **4** increased after addition of CO<sub>2</sub> into the system, but the effect was not obvious for the carbon chemical shift of carbamino adduct **4**. All the chemical shift value changes of five carbons were within the range of 0.27~0.31 ppm. The compound **3** can be protonated with the addition of CO<sub>2</sub>. The three β-carbons (C-2, C-3 and C-5) of imino group shifted to upfield because of electronic field effect. The chemical shift of C-4 shifted to downfield, because the protonated imino group increased the induction effect, but the electronic field effect was

very small.

By addition of  $\text{KHCO}_3$  after introducing  $\text{CO}_2$  to the system, the proportion of carbamino adduct **4** increased further, but the chemical shift values of the above five carbons showed almost no change, the pH value of the system also showed practically no change.

Surprisingly, when polyhydroxylated piperidine compounds 1-deoxynojirimycin and fagomine were mixed with  $\text{CO}_2$  under the same conditions, no detectable adducts were observed.

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