

CRYSTAL STRUCTURES OF CYCLOSPORIN DERIVATIVES: *O*-ACETYL-(4*R*)-4-(*E*-2-BUTYL)-4,*N*-DIMETHYL-L-THREONYL-CYCLOSPORIN A AND *O*-ACETYL-(4*R*)-4-[*E*-2-(4-BROMOBUTYL)]-4,*N*-DIMETHYL-L-THREONYL-CYCLOSPORIN A

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The structures of *O*-acetyl-(4*R*)-4-(*E*-2-butyl)-4,*N*-dimethyl-L-threonyl-cyclosporin A (**1**) and *O*-acetyl-(4*R*)-4-[*E*-2-(4-bromobutyl)]-4,*N*-dimethyl-L-threonyl-cyclosporin A (**2**) were determined by X-ray diffraction methods and compared with the structure of related cyclosporins. In contrast to expectation, neither the acetylation nor the subsequent bromination of **1** affects the conformation and packing of cyclosporins in the solid state. Both compounds are isomorphous and crystallize in the orthorhombic space group $P2_12_12_1$ with $a = 12.936(2)$ Å, $b = 15.590(2)$ Å, $c = 36.280(3)$ Å, and $a = 12.916(3)$ Å, $b = 15.675(4)$ Å, $c = 36.715(7)$ Å, for **1** and **2**, respectively.

Key words: Cyclic peptides; Cyclosporins; Crystal structure determination; X-Ray diffraction; NMR spectroscopy; Immunosuppressants.

Cyclosporins are natural undecapeptides derived from cyclosporin A (CsA, cyclo(-MeBmt¹-Abu²-Sar³-MeLeu⁴-Val⁵-MeLeu⁶-Ala⁷-D-Ala⁸-MeLeu⁹-MeLeu¹⁰-MeVal¹¹-), where MeBmt = (4*R*)-4-[(*E*)-2-butenyl]-4,*N*-dimethyl-L-threonine, Fig. 1). CsA is biologically active substance which is used as an immunosuppressant for organ transplantations and treatment of various autoimmune diseases (*Consupren*®, Galena).

So far, three crystal structures of solvated cyclosporin A have been reported including: CsA monohydrate^{1,2} (**3**, $P2_12_12_1$), CsA dihydrate³ (**4**, $P4_1$) and CsA dimethyl isosorbide clathrate⁴ (**5**, $P2_1$). The conformation of CsA in nonpolar solvents^{5,6} is very similar to that found in various single crystal forms^{3,7}. In more polar solvents, such as DMSO, the number of conformations is increasing⁶, which is probably caused by the breaking of the intramolecular H-bonds and formation of H-bonds to the solvent molecules. However, the conformation of CsA found in the crystalline state also predominates in polar solvents. X-Ray structural studies demonstrated^{8,9} that CsA after complexation with its transport protein – cyclophilin adopts the complete different all-*trans* conformation with the only intramolecular hydrogen bonds between the MeBmt¹ (OH) side chain and MeLeu⁴ (CO). Another new backbone form of CsA in complex with lithium chloride in THF solution has been reported recently¹⁰ in which the configuration of the peptide bond between MeLeu⁹ and MeLeu¹⁰ has changed from *cis* to *trans* similarly as in the complex with cyclophilin.

Both [*O*-acetyl-MeBmt¹]CsA (**1**) and [*O*-acetyl- ω -bromo-MeBmt¹]CsA (**2**) are useful intermediates in the synthesis of human metabolite¹¹ AM1

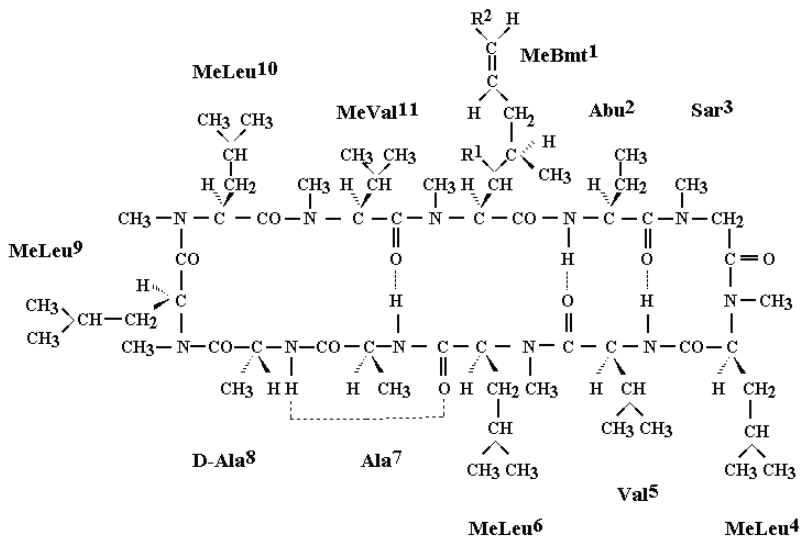


FIG. 1

Schematic representation of conformations and hydrogen bonds common for **1**–**4**, **6**. **1**: R¹ = CH₃COO⁻, R² = CH₃; **2**: R¹ = CH₃COO⁻, R² = -CH₂Br; **3**–**4**: R¹ = -OH, R² = -CH₃; **6**: R¹ = CH₃COS⁻, R² = CH₃

(M-17, 7) and/or in the synthesis of tritium-labeled¹² cyclosporin A. Acetylation of cyclosporin A leads to a complete loss of its immunosuppressive activity¹³, indicating that the introduction of acetyl group might influence the conformation of the cyclopeptide backbone. However, its ability to sensitize multidrug-resistant cells to chemotherapeutic agents is retained¹³. The aim of this paper is to evaluate the effect of acetylation and subsequent bromination of cyclosporin A on its conformation and hydrogen bonding in the solid state.

EXPERIMENTAL

Source of Materials

[O-Acetyl-MeBmt¹]CsA (**1**) and [O-acetyl- ω -bromo-MeBmt¹]CsA (**2**) were prepared by acetylation of cyclosporin A (99.5%, Galena, Czech Republic) with acetic anhydride and bromination of **1** with *N*-bromosuccinimide^{11,12}. Identification: FAB MS (Finnigan MAT 90, *m*-nitrobenzyl alcohol): **1** *m/z* 1 244.9 [M + H]⁺, 1 184.8 [MH - CH₃CO₂H]⁺; **2** [M + H]⁺ as a doublet *m/z* 1 322.8/1 324.8 (⁷⁹Br/⁸¹Br 1 : 1). For the comparison of conformations of **1** and **2** in the crystalline state and solution, so far unpublished full NMR assignment is provided for **2** (Varian VXR-400, 399.95 MHz for ¹H, 100.58 MHz for ¹³C, CDCl₃, 25 °C). Carbon signal multiplicity was determined by APT and DEPT. The 2D NMR experiments on which the reported assignments are based (COSY, delay-COSY, ROESY, HOM2DJ and HETCOR) were performed using the manufacturer's software: δ 0.795 (3 H, d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, H-6 δ_{u}); 0.807 (3 H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, H-5 γ_{u}); 0.849 (3 H, d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, H-11 γ_{u}); 0.853 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, H-2 γ); 0.855 (3 H, d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, H-9 δ_{u}); 0.885 (3 H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, H-11 γ_{d}); (3 H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, H-9 δ_{d}); 0.896 (3 H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1 γ -Me); 0.951 (3 H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, H-10 δ_{u}); 0.957 (3 H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, H-10 δ_{d}); 0.985 (3 H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, H-4 δ_{u}); 0.992 (3 H, d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, H-6 δ_{d}); 1.019 (3 H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, H-5 δ_{d}); 1.048 (3 H, d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, H-6 δ_{d}); 1.182 (1 H, m, H-10 β_{u}); 1.209 (1 H, m, H-9 β_{u}); 1.263 (3 H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, H-8 β); 1.311 (3 H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, H-7 β); 1.333 (1 H, m, H-9 γ); 1.421 (1 H, m, H-10 γ); 1.449 (1 H, m, H-4 γ); 1.650 (1 H, m, H-4 β_{u}); 1.667 (1 H, m, H-1 δ_{u}); 1.690 (2 H, m, H-2 β); 1.899 (1 H, m, H-6 γ); 1.903 (1 H, m, H-1 γ); 2.022 (3 H, s, Ac); 2.022 (1 H, m, H-4 β_{d}); 2.070 (1 H, m, H-10 β_{d}); 2.139 (1 H, m, H-9 β_{d}); 2.180 (1 H, m, H-1 δ_{d}); 2.219 (1 H, m, H-6 β_{d}); 2.418 (1 H, dq, *J* = 9.0, 6.8, 6.6 Hz, H-5 β); 2.651 (3 H, s, 10-Me); 2.674 (3 H, s, 11-Me); 3.106 (3 H, s, 4-Me); 3.180 (1 H, d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, H-3 α_{u}); 3.208 (3 H, s, 9-Me); 3.255 (3 H, s, 6-Me); 3.263 (3 H, s, 3-Me); 3.453 (3 H, s, 1-Me); 3.894 (1 H, dd, *J* = 9.9, 7.8 Hz, H-1 ω_{u}); 3.938 (1 H, dd, *J* = 9.9, 8.0 Hz, H-1 ω_{d}); 4.412 (1 H, dq, *J* = 6.9, 7.2 Hz, H-7 α); 4.647 (1 H, d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, H-3 α_{d}); 4.738 (1 H, dd, *J* = 9.0, 9.0 Hz, H-5 α); 4.837 (1 H, dq, *J* = 7.6, 6.8 Hz, H-8 α); 4.952 (1 H, ddd, *J* = 9.7, 6.9, 6.9 Hz, H-2 α); 4.972 (1 H, d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, H-11 α); 5.143 (1 H, dd, *J* = 8.5, 5.6 Hz, H-10 α); 5.276 (1 H, dd, *J* = 7.0, 3.6 Hz, H-6 α); 5.306 (1 H, dd, *J* = 6.7, 3.8 Hz, H-4 α); 5.464 (1 H, ddd, *J* = 15.2, 4.9, 4.8 Hz, H-1 ϵ); 5.510 (1 H, dd, *J* = 11.6, 1.0, H-1 β); 5.539 (1 H, d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, H-1 α); 5.572 (1 H, ddd, *J* = 15.2, 8.0, 7.8 Hz, H-1 η); 5.675 (1 H, dd, *J* = 11.1, 4.2 Hz, H-9 α); 7.429 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 8-NH); 7.568 (1 H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 5-NH); 8.022 (1 H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 7-NH); 8.551 (1 H, d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 2-NH).

¹³C NMR (100.58 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 9.88 q (C-2 γ), 15.02 q (C-7 β), 17.67 q (C1 γ -Me), 17.90 q (C-8 β), 18.08 q (C-5 γ_{u}), 18.62 q (C-11 γ_{u}), 19.69 q (C-5 γ_{d}), 20.46 q (C-11 γ_{d}), 20.7 + q

(Ac), 21.15 q (C-6 δ_u), 21.28 q (C-4 δ_u), 21.81 q (C-9 δ_u), 23.50 q (C-4 δ_d), 23.52 q (C-10 δ_u), 23.76 q (3 C, C-6 δ_d , C-9 δ_d , C-10 δ_d), 24.22 d (C-10 γ), 24.50 d (C-4 γ), 24.66 d (C-9 γ), 24.75 d (C-6 γ), 24.90 t (C-2 β), 29.47 d (C-11 β), 29.68 q (9-Me), 29.86 q (10-Me), 30.17 q (11-Me), 31.35 q (4-Me), 31.45 q (6-Me), 31.66 d (C-5 β), 32.33 q (3-Me), 32.87 t (C-1 ω), 32.99 d (C-1 γ), 33.64 t (C-1 δ), 35.93 t (C-4 β), 37.14 t (C-6 β), 39.23 t (C-9 β), 39.29 q (1-Me), 40.98 t (C-10 β), 44.68 d (C-8 α), 47.87 d (C-9 α), 48.24 d (C-7 α), 48.73 d (C-2 α), 50.02 t (C-3 α), 54.25 (C-6 α), 54.86 d (C-5 α), 55.28 d (C-4 α), 56.04 d (C-1 α), 57.29 d (C-10 α), 58.28 d (C-11 α), 72.97 d (C-1 β), 128.49 d (C-1 η), 134.12 d (C-1 ϵ), 167.95 s (Ac C=O), 170.09 s, 170.33 s, 170.44 s, 170.77 s, 170.94 s, 171.19 s, 171.31 s, 172.78 s, 172.96 s, 173.45 s, 173.74 s (11 \times C=O). Note: subscripts u and d denote the upfield and downfield resonating atom in diastereotopic pairs.

Crystal Structure Determination

Compounds **1** or **2** (1 g) were dissolved in acetone (5 ml) and heptane (50 ml) was added under vigorous stirring. The solution was allowed to stand in an open flask to slowly evaporate. Crystals were filtered off, washed with an acetone–heptane mixture (1 : 20, v/v), and dried in air.

Compound 1: C₆₄H₁₁₃N₁₁O₁₃; $M_r = 1\,244.7$, orthorhombic system, space group $P2_12_12_1$ (No. 19), $a = 12.936(2)$ Å, $b = 15.590(2)$ Å, $c = 36.280(3)$ Å, $Z = 4$, $V = 7\,317(2)$ Å³, $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.130$ g cm⁻³, $\mu(\text{CuK}\alpha) = 0.64$ mm⁻¹, $F(000) = 2\,712$. The structure was solved by direct methods and anisotropically refined by full-matrix least-squares. Hydrogen atoms were found from expected geometry and were not refined. Absorption was neglected. The absolute configuration was assigned based on that of cyclosporin A.

Compound 2: C₆₄H₁₁₂BrN₁₁O₁₃; $M_r = 1\,323.6$, orthorhombic system, space group $P2_12_12_1$ (No. 19), $a = 12.926(3)$ Å, $b = 15.675(4)$ Å, $c = 36.715(7)$ Å, $Z = 4$, $V = 7\,433(3)$ Å³, $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.183$ g cm⁻³, $\mu(\text{CuK}\alpha) = 1.24$ mm⁻¹, $F(000) = 2\,848$. The structure was solved by direct methods. The semi-empirical absorption correction based on ψ -scan of six reflections¹⁴ was applied. H-atoms were included in calculated positions. The C14 carbon (the terminal atom of Abu²) was found disordered over two positions with the same site-occupancy factors of 0.5. Its parameters for both positions were refined isotropically with restrained geometry. The positions of the remaining atoms were refined anisotropically by full-matrix least-squares. The large residual electron density and decrease of standard reflections indicated a possible presence of a water molecule in the structure, but it was impossible to interpret difference Fourier maxima in this way. Absolute configuration was determined using refinement of Flack's enantiopole parameter to final value of $x = 0.11(4)$.

The complete X-ray data can be obtained from the fourth author upon request.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Data collection and structure refinement parameters for compounds **1** and **2** are listed in Table I. Figure 2 shows ORTEP drawing of **1** and **2**. The crystal structures and the numbering of the peptide backbone are shown in Fig. 2. Both **1** and **2** crystallize in the orthorhombic space group $P2_12_12_1$ and exhibit a compact antiparallel β -sheet structure with four intramolecular hydrogen bonds involving NH groups, and the peptide bond between MeLeu⁹

and MeLeu¹⁰ in a *cis*-conformation (Fig. 1). The crystal structure determination of the title compounds has revealed that they are isostructural with cyclosporin A monohydrate^{1,2} (**3**) and [*S*-acetyl-MeBmt¹]CsA (**6**) (ref.¹⁵). Consequently, the molecular structure, backbone conformation as well as the conformation of side chains in **1–4** and **6** are very similar (for the backbone conformational angles see Table II). As implied from the comparison of structures, the conformation of the cyclosporin backbone is highly conserved and is not affected even by the introduction of the bulky substituents. In **3** the solvent water is hydrogen bonded to the hydroxy group of

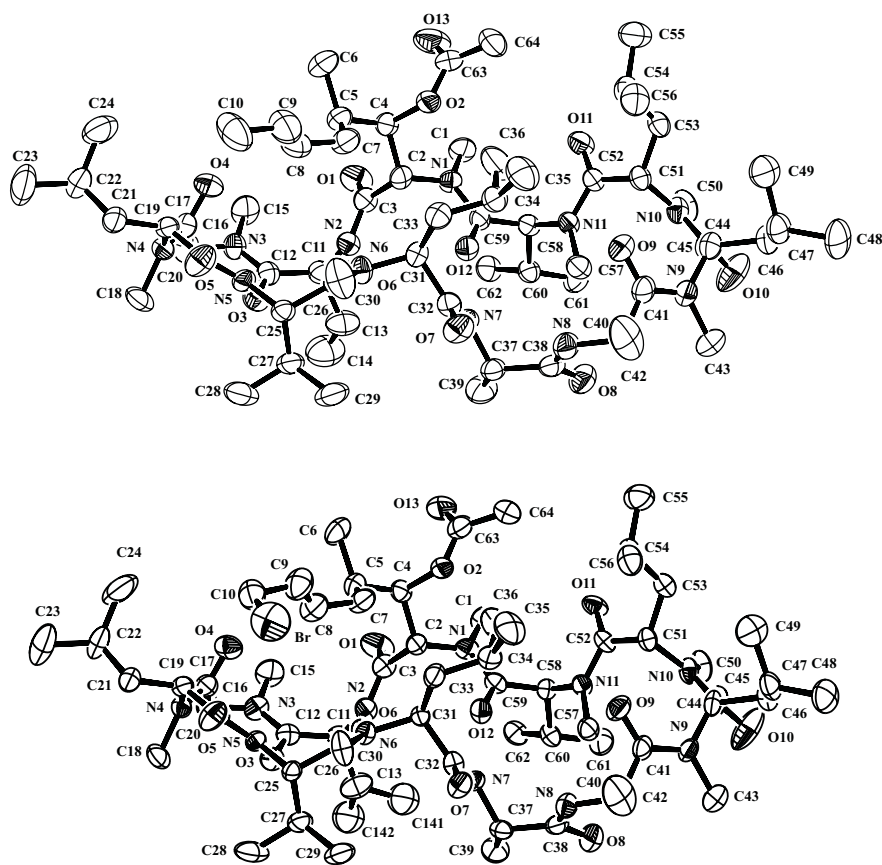


FIG. 2
Ortep drawings of [*O*-acetyl-MeBmt¹]CsA (**1**, upper) and [*O*-acetyl- ω -bromo-MeBmt¹]CsA (**2**, bottom)

TABLE I
Data collection and structure refinement parameters for **1** and **2**

Parameter	1	2
Crystal dimensions	0.7 × 0.6 × 0.6 mm	0.8 × 0.8 × 0.1 mm
Diffractometer and radiation used	Enraf-Nonius CAD4, CuKα, λ = 1.54187 Å	
Scan technique	ω/2θ	ω/2θ
Temperature	293 K	293 K
No. and θ range of reflections for lattice parameter refinement	15; 48.82–49.80°	16; 15–50°
Range of <i>h</i> , <i>k</i> and <i>l</i>	0→15, 0→18, -43→0	0→12, 0→15, -36→36
Standard reflections monitored in interval; intensity fluctuation	120 min; -1.19%	60 min; -8.26%
Total number of reflections measured; θ range	5 608; 2.44–67.0°	8 201; 0–60°
No. of observed independent reflections	5 513	6 756
Criterion for observed reflections	$I \geq 1.96\sigma(I)$	$I \geq 1.96\sigma(I)$
Function minimized	$\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$	$\sum w(F_o - F_c)^2$
Weighting scheme	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0751P)^2 + 6.5518P]$, where $P = (F_o^2 + F_c^2)/3$	Chebyshev polynomial ²¹
Parameters refined	795	802
Value of <i>R</i> , <i>wR</i> and <i>S</i>	0.076, 0.179, 1.13	0.094, 0.116, 1.14
Ratio of maximum least-squares shift to e.s.d. in the last cycle	0.001	0.001
Maximum and minimum heights in final Δρ map	0.42; -0.19 e Å ⁻³	1.34; -1.45 e Å ⁻³
Source of atomic scattering factors	ref. ¹⁷	ref. ¹⁷
Programs used	SDP ref. ¹⁸ , SIR92 ref. ¹⁹ , SHELX97 ref. ²⁰	SDP ref. ¹⁸ , CRYSTALS ref. ²¹ , PARST ref. ²² , SIR92 ref. ¹⁹

TABLE II
A comparison of cyclosporin solid state conformations of compounds 1-6

	ϕ_1	ψ_1	ω_1	ϕ_2	ψ_2	ω_2	ϕ_3	ψ_3	ω_3	ϕ_4	ψ_4	ω_4	ϕ_5	ψ_5	ω_5	ϕ_6	ψ_6
[O-acetyl-MeBmt ¹]CsA 1	-99	105	-172	-108	106	-176	63	-132	175	-105	33	179	-112	122	165	-88	107
[O-acetyl- <i>o</i> -bromoMeBmt ¹]CsA 2	-104	104	-173	-106	107	-175	62	-133	176	-101	25	-179	-106	123	168	-92	104
[S-acetyl-MeBmt ¹]CsA 6^a (ref. ¹⁵)	-103	102	-169	-107	105	-176	63	-133	176	-107	35	180	-114	120	167	-85	110
CsA-H ₂ O 3^a (ref. ²)	-100	103	-169	-108	105	-175	66	-136	173	-105	33	177	-109	120	167	-87	105
CsA-2 H ₂ O 4^a (ref. ³)	-84	122	-175	-120	90	-177	71	-128	173	-99	22	-180	-113	125	167	-90	100
CsA · dimethyl isosorbide 5^a (ref. ⁴)	-93	156	167	-118	99	-167	68	-133	172	-98	9	-177	-85	134	176	-79	128
	ω_6	ϕ_7	ψ_7	ω_7	ϕ_8	ψ_8	ω_8	ϕ_9	ψ_9	ω_9	ϕ_{10}	ψ_{10}	ω_{10}	ϕ_{11}	ψ_{11}	ω_{11}	
[O-acetyl-MeBmt ¹]CsA 1	-174	-87	53	180	84	-126	-173	-117	112	-12	-134	64	-174	-98	122	177	
[O-acetyl- <i>o</i> -bromoMeBmt ¹]CsA 2	-172	-84	54	180	82	-126	-173	-117	109	-8	-138	65	-174	-97	124	180	
[S-acetyl-MeBmt ¹]CsA 6^a (ref. ¹⁵)	-173	-88	49	-180	83	-128	-174	-114	111	-10	-136	68	-176	-102	125	-180	
CsA-H ₂ O 3^a (ref. ²)	-173	-86	52	-180	82	-127	-169	-120	100	3	-146	66	-176	-98	122	178	
CsA-2 H ₂ O 4^a (ref. ³)	-165	-83	52	178	88	-125	-167	-119	100	-6	-139	65	-167	-103	125	173	
CsA-dimethyl isosorbide 5^a (ref. ⁴)	-174	-98	-5	180	150	-133	-173	-120	99	-1	-139	64	-178	-95	142	166	

^a Data for **3**, **4** and **6** are from Cambridge Structural Database (CsA-H₂O, KEPNAU; CsA-2 H₂O, DEKSAN; [S-acetyl-MeBmt¹]CsA, ZAJDUJ).

MeBmt. In **1**, **2** and **6** the same position is occupied by an acetyl group giving further argument for isostructurality of all these compounds.

However, the side chain conformation of MeBmt residue is changed. An increase in $J(\alpha,\beta)$ from 6.1 Hz in CsA to 11.6 Hz in **1** indicates an antiperiplanar arrangement, $J(\beta,\gamma)$ decreases from 5.5 to 1.0 Hz. Only few most intense crosspeaks observed in ROESY spectra at room temperature (corresponding to geminal, vicinal sequential and some others – H-9 α vs H-10 α , 2-NH vs H-1 β) are insufficient for a detailed analysis.

TABLE III
Hydrogen bonds for **1** and **2**

Bonds	1			2		
	H...A Å	D...A Å	D-H...A °	H...A Å	D...A Å	D-H...A °
Abu ² (NH)...Val ⁵ (CO)	2.10	2.934(7)	163.2	1.99	2.939(9)	158.0
Val ³ (NH)...MeLeu ⁴ (N)	2.21	2.753(7)	120.6	2.37	2.755(9)	102.1
Val ³ (NH)...Abu ² (CO)	2.22	2.979(7)	146.2	2.01	2.974(9)	160.6
Ala ⁷ (NH)...MeVal ¹¹ (CO)	2.14	2.991(7)	168.5	2.04	3.024(8)	166.0
D-Ala ⁸ (NH)...MeLeu ⁶ (CO)	2.31	2.934(8)	133.0	1.99	2.893(8)	148.3

TABLE IV
Comparison of volumes for potential solvent²³ in cyclosporins **1-5** (solvent molecules excluded from the calculations)

Compound	Total solvent area in unit cell, Å ³	Total solvent area in unit cell/V	Maximal continuous sol- vent area, Å ³
[O-acetyl-MeBMT ¹]CsA 1	81.7	0.01	13
[O-acetyl- ω -bromo-MeBmt ¹]CsA 2	177.5	0.04	27
CsA·H ₂ O 3 (ref. ²)	144.5	0.02	27
CsA·H ₂ O 4 (ref. ³)	875.6	0.21	332
CsA·DMI 5 (ref. ⁴)	1 326.2	0.16	438

The only difference we have found is concerned to the hydrogen bonding in solid **1**. The molecule of cyclosporin with 11 carbonyl oxygen atoms and only one OH and four NH groups is a typical example of the H-deficient compounds. In such systems the tendency to the formation of three-center (bifurcated) hydrogen bonds might be expected¹⁶. So far, the bifurcated H-bonds of D-Ala⁸ (NH) to D-Ala⁸ (CO) and MeLeu⁶ (CO) have been observed in the structure of CsA in the nonpolar solvents³. Compound **1** is the first example of solid state conformation of cyclosporin with clear three-center hydrogen bonds from Val⁵ (NH) to MeLeu⁴ (CO) and Abu² (CO) (hydrogen bonding parameters are presented in Table III).

A comparison of the space available for solvent molecules in different cyclosporin modifications is made in Table IV. From the maximal continuous space available for solvent it should be deduced that the $P2_12_12_1$ packing in **1**, **2** and **3** is not suitable for incorporating solvent molecules in the structure in contradistinction to packing of **4** and **5**.

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