202. Synthesis of New Unnatural Macrocyclic Trichothecenes: 4-Epiverrucarin A

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The 4-epiverrucarin **A (24),** a new unnatural macrocyclic trichothecene, was synthesized starting from 4-epiverrucarol(20). The latter **was** obtained by metal-hydride reduction of the 4-0x0 derivative **19.** Subsequent conversion of **20** into the monoester **30** and then the diester **32** followed by macrolactonization of the latter yielded 4-epiverrucarin **A (24).** Attempts to invert the configuration of the naturally occuring 3a-OH group of a tricholhecene were unsuccessful. The cytostatic (P-8 15) and immunosuppressive (MLR) activity of several natural and unnatural trichothecenes was determined *in vim.*

Introduction. – In the preceeding communication [1], first results of our programme directed to the synthesis of new unnatural macrocyclic trichothecenes were described, namely the synthesis of 3-isoverrucarin $((1 - O)(4 \rightarrow 3)$ abeo-verrucarin A; 1) and the two novel macrocyclic by-products verrucinol and verrucene **(2).** In continuation of these efforts, the next goal was the preparation of 3- and 4-hydroxytrichothecenes possessing unnatural configurations and to use them for the synthesis of additional macrocyclic analogues of verrucarin A **(3).** Such compounds will give more detailed information on the relationship between chemical structure and biological activity.

Results. - Initially, the epimerization of the *3a* -OH group of anguidine **(4)** or of the calonectrin **(5)** derivative **6** was attempted using the Mitsunobu's procedure (Ph,P, diethyl azodicarboxylate, AcOH [2]). No reaction of the secondary 3α -OH group was observed, neither at room temperature nor upon heating. Recently, the lack of reactivity of the OH groups at C(3) or **C(4)** of the trichothecene skeleton during Mitsunobu's procedure was also observed by Wani et *al.* [3]. These OH groups are probably not attached by Ph,P because of steric hindrance. When anguidine **(4)** was submitted to a modified Mitsunobu procedure [4], it was also inert at room temperature. However, upon heating, two products were isolated which were identified as the triacetate **7** and the carbonate **8.** Both compounds were formed with retention of configuration. This unexpected behaviour suggests a nucleophilic attack of the OH group on activated acetate or diethyl azodicarboxylate. The configuration of the OH group at C(3) was assigned by 'H-NMR on the basis of the value of 5 Hz for $J(H-C(2), H-C(3))$ which is due to the dihedral angle of $25-30^\circ$ between these protons. The inverse configuration would lead to a dihedral angle of *ca.* $90-100^\circ$, hence to a *J* of *ca.* $0-2$ Hz. Moreover, the 3α -configuration of **7** and **8** was

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confirmed by acetylation (Ac,O, pyridine) of anguidine **(4)** which yielded a product identical with **7.** 

Next, we attempted substitution at  $C(3)$  by activating the  $3\alpha$ -OH group as the mesylate **9,** tosylate **10,** or triflate **11.** Standard procedures yielded the sulfonates without any difficulties. Several methods to introduce O-nucleophiles at  $C(3)$  by the  $S_8$ <sup>2</sup> mechanism were applied but did not yield the desired products (see *Table* I) [5-91. The mesylate **9** and tosylate **10,** in most cases, did not react, while the triflate **11** often yielded the elimination product **12** or **13,** or products in which epoxide opening had occurred or which still contained the sulfonate group. Compound **14** was obtained in quantitative

| <b>Starting</b><br>material | Method                                                                              | Product      | Lit.  |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------|
| 9                           | CsAc (4 equiv.), DMF (90%), 17 h                                                    |              | $[5]$ |
|                             | CsAc (3 equiv.), [18]crown-6 (0.75 equiv.), benzene, $80^\circ$ , 19 h              |              | [6]   |
| 10                          | CsAc (3 equiv.), [18]crown-6 (0.75 equiv.), benzene, $80^\circ$ , 16 h              |              | $[5]$ |
|                             | $Cs(CH_3CHO)$ (2.2 equiv.), 1,3-dimethyl-2-imidazolidinone, 150 $^{\circ}$ , 6 h    |              | [10]  |
|                             | Et <sub>4</sub> NAc (2-4 equiv.), acetone, $56^{\circ}$                             | a)           | [7]   |
|                             | NaOH (6 equiv.), H <sub>2</sub> O, MeOH, 23 <sup>°</sup> , 20 h                     | 14(98%)      |       |
| 11                          | $Et4NAc$ (2 equiv.), acetone, 20°, 6 d                                              | $12(18\%)+a$ | [7]   |
|                             | $Et4NAc$ (2 equiv.), DMF, 85°, 17 h                                                 | $a_1$        | [7]   |
|                             | LiAc (4 equiv.), DMF, $80^\circ$ , 24 h                                             | $12(19\%)$   | [7]   |
|                             | $Bu_4NNO_3$ (1.5 equiv.), toluene, 80°, 16 h                                        | 12(13%)      | [8]   |
|                             | KO <sub>2</sub> , DMSO, 20°, 16 h                                                   | 13(97%)      | [9]   |
|                             | diethyl azodicarboxylate, Ph <sub>3</sub> P, ZnAc <sub>2</sub> , toluene, 95%, 23 h | $7(41\%)+$   | [4]   |
|                             |                                                                                     | $8(11\%)$    |       |

Table 1. *Experiments for the Inversion of the 3a-OH Group of Trichothecenes* 

<sup>a</sup>) The products which were formed ( $\lt 10\%$ ) were not determined. According to <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, epoxide opening occurred, or the sulfonate groups were still present.

yield after hydrolysis of 10 by NaOH. The method to epimerize the  $4\alpha$ -OH group of a **12,13-deoxytrichothecene** derivative which was used in a verrucarin synthesis [ 101 also failed in our hands. The product, in which the 12,13-epoxy group was lacking according to 'H-NMR, decomposed on storage and, therefore, its constitution could not be determined. We did not attempt an epimerization of a 12,13-deoxygenated derivative.

Our attention was then directed towards the epimerization of the  $4\beta$ -OH group. It is reported that trichothecen-3-ones are attacked by  $N$ aBH<sub>4</sub> exclusively from the 'exo'-side leading to the 3 $\alpha$ -hydroxy derivatives [11]. Thus, the 15-OH group of the diol 15<sup>2</sup>) was selectively acetylated (Ac<sub>2</sub>O, pyridine) to the 15-monoacetate **16** (yield 58%) and the latter oxidized to the ketone 17 (88%) using Swern's procedure [12]. Unfortunately, when 17 or the deprotected  $3\alpha$ -hydroxy ketone 18 were submitted to the reduction procedure using either  $N$ aBH<sub>4</sub> or lithium tri(tert-butoxy)aluminium hydride, a rapid decomposition of the starting material was observed. On the other hand, the 4-keto compound 19 was readily reduced by metal hydrides.



The preparation of 4-epiverrucarol (20) started with the protection of the 15-OH group of verrucarol (21). Acetylation (Ac<sub>2</sub>O, pyridine, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) gave the monoacetate 22 in 63% yield. The subsequent oxidation of the 4-OH group afforded 19 in almost quantitative yield. Reduction of 19 using  $NABH_4$  yielded a mixture of 31% of the monoacetate 23 and of 40% of 4-epiverrucarol (20), while lithium tri(tertbutoxy)aluminium hydride yielded 79% of 23 as the only product which was hydrolyzed to 20.

Having obtained 4-epiverrucaro1(20), we decided to synthesize 4-epiverrucarin A (24) by the same route as that used in the synthesis of verrucarin A [13]. We planned to begin with the selective esterification of the 15-OH group with the verrucarinic-acid derivative 25 and accordingly to attach the muconic halfester 26 to the remaining 4-OH group. However, when 4-epiverrucarol **(20)** and 25 were submitted to the condensation procedure according to *Neises* and *Steglich* (dicyclohexylcarbodiimide **(DCC),** 4-(dimeth-

**<sup>2,</sup>** For the **preparation** of **15, see** [l].



ylamino)pyridine ((Me<sub>2</sub>N)Py), Et<sub>3</sub>N) [14], the reverse reactivity of the OH groups at C(4) and  $C(15)$  as compared to verrucarol (21) was observed. According to the  $H-NMR$ , the  $4\alpha$ -monoacylated product 27 was formed as main product. It was not possible to cleanly separate the products by column chromatography. Therefore, the selectivity of the acylation was determined using AcOH and 20. After careful column chromatography, 71% of the  $4\alpha$ -monoacetate 28, 9.6% of the 15-monoacetate 23, and 8.4% of the diacetate 29 were obtained. Similar differences of the reactivity of the OH groups were observed during other acetylation procedures. Using Ac,O or AcCl in pyridine and CH,Cl,, the 4-OH group of 20 was slightly favoured. The 15-OH group of verrucarol(21) was predominately acetylated using Ac,O in pyridine, while AcCl in pyridine favoured the 4 $\beta$ -OH group [15]. This procedure using Et<sub>3</sub>N instead of pyridine was also selective for the 15-OH group of 4-epiverrucarol  $(20)$ . The results of the acetylation procedures are summarized in *Table* 2.

| Method                                                                                               | Ratio [%] 23/28 <sup>a</sup> ) |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Ac <sub>2</sub> O (2 equiv.), pyridine (6 equiv.), CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , 20 <sup>o</sup> | 31:45                          |
| AcCl (1 equiv.), pyridine (3 equiv.), $CH2Cl2$ , $0^{\circ}$                                         | 33:54                          |
| AcCl (1 equiv.), $Et_3N$ (3 equiv.), $CH_2Cl_2$ , $0^\circ$                                          | 60:25                          |
| AcCl (1 equiv.), (i-Pr), EtN (3 equiv.), CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , $0^{\circ}$               | 60.34                          |

Table 2. *Acetylation of 4-Epiverrucarol(20)* 

To complete the synthesis of 4-epiverrucarin **A** (24), the muconic halfester 26 was selectively attached (DCC,  $(Me,N)Py$ , Et<sub>3</sub>N) to the  $4\alpha$ -OH group *(Scheme)*. The muconates 30 and 31 were obtained with a yield of 61 and 29%, respectively, without isomerization of the  $(Z)$ -double bond  $(cf. [13])$ . However, the condensation of the primary OH group in 30 with the acid 25 turned out to be more difficult: 2.5 equiv. of 25 were necessary in order to achieve a quantitative conversion using the same acylation procedure (DCC,  $(Me,N)Py, Et,N$ ). Moreover, the desired ester 32 could not be completely separated from by-products. The limited amounts of starting materials prevented us from investigating other acylation procedures. After the removal of the silyl protecting groups by Bu,NF, the seco-acid 33 was submitted to the mixed-anhydride lactonization procedure using pivalic acid,  $Et<sub>1</sub>N$ , and  $(Me<sub>2</sub>N)Py$  [17]. The subsequent removal of the tetrahydro-2H-pyranyl (Thp) group of the cyclized product 34 with pyridinium  $p$ -toluenesulfonate in EtOH afforded 4-epiverrucarin A (24) in 29% yield (from 30).



**Biological Activity.** - Biological evaluation of several new trichothecenes, especially of macrocyclic derivatives, was carried out using the P-8 15 mastocytoma cell line [18] (cytostatic activity) and the murine mixed lymphocyte reaction [ 191 (MLR; immunosuppressive activity) by determining the inhibitory concentration  $(IC_{50})$  for cell growth. The





results are summarized in *Table 33).* **A** comparison of the acetyl derivatives of verrucarol **(21)** and 4-epiverrucarol **(20)** demonstrates the necessity of the  $\beta$ -configuration at the 4-position of simple trichothecene esters. On the other hand, a change of the configuration at C(4) of the macrocyclic verrucarin A **(3)** decreases the activity but does not effect a complete loss of activity (see **24).** The change of the attachment of the macrolidic bridge from  $C(4\beta)$  to  $C(3\alpha)$  leads to a complete loss of the activity as demonstrated by 3-Isoverrucarin A  $((1 - O)(4 \rightarrow 3)$ abeo-verrucarin A; 1) and verrucene (2) [1]. In contrast to the simple trichothecene esters, an additional OH group in  $3\alpha$ -position does not change the *in uitro* activity of verrucarin **A (3),** as demonstrated by the comparison of 4P, 15-di-0 -acetylverrucarol with anguidine **(4)** and 3a -hydroxyverrucarin **A (35)** with verrucarin A  $(3)$ , respectively. The loss of the  $(Z, E)$ -diene system also results in a decreased activity as shown by **2",3",4,5"-tetrahydroverrucarin** J in comparison with verrucarin J **(36).** All tested compounds also show immunosuppressive activity which points to a general cytotoxicity and not to a selective cytostatic or immunosuppressive activity. The presence of the 12,13-epoxy group has been shown to be essential for the biological activity of simple trichothecene esters [20] [21]. Verrucarin K ( $= 12.13$ -deoxyverrucarin **A),** the first natural trichothecene lacking the 12,13-epoxy group, has been isolated some years ago [22]. Interestingly, a high cytotoxic activity was found for this compound. This result suggests that the macrolidic part possesses a cytotoxic activity independent of the epoxybearing trichothecene moiety. The cytotoxic activities of macrocyclic trichothecene mode1 compounds which do not possess the trichothecene moiety support this hypothesis [23]. However, with the data available at present, it is too early to draw final conclusions for the structural requirements for the biological activity of trichothecene mycotoxins.

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## **Experimental Part**

*General.* H<sub>2</sub>O-sensitive reactions were carried out under Ar or N<sub>2</sub>. CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and toluene were dried by filtering through an Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> column and stored over molecular sieves (4 Å). THF and DMSO were dried by distilling over LiAlH<sub>4</sub> or CaH<sub>2</sub>, respectively. All org. extracts were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and evaporated under reduced pressure bellow 50". TLC: silica gel *60 F2j4 (Merck)* ; detection with 10% H2S0, in MeOH or KMn04 soh. **Prep.** TLC: silica gel *<sup>60</sup>*  $F_{254}$  (Merck);  $20 \times 20$ -cm plates, thickness of layer: 0.25 or 0.55 mm. CC (column chromatography): silica gel 60 (6C-200 pm or 35-70 pm; *Merck);* Al2O3 (Typ *507C* neutral, *Fluka).* M.p.: *Kofler* block; corrected. *[my;* : *Perkin-Elmer-141* polarimeter. IR: *Perkin-Elmer-1* 77 grating spectrometer. NMR: *Vuriun-EM-360* spectrometer ('H, 60 MHz), *Bruker-WH-90* spectrometer with *Fourier* transform ('H, 90 MHz; I3C, 22.63 MHz), *Variun- VXR-400* spectrometer **with** *Fourier* transform ('H, 400 MHz; 13C, 101 **MHz);** 300-MHz 'H-NMR were recorded by *Ciba-Geigy,* Basel; CDCI, was used as solvent, and the chemical shifts are reported in ppm downfield from internal TMS. MS:  $VG$ -70-250 spectrometer (Cl by NH<sub>3</sub>). DCC = dicylohexylcarbodiimide.

Mitsunobu *Procedure. Method A:* To a soh. of 30 mg (0.082 mmol) of anguidine **(4)** and 19.4 mg (0.074 mmol) of **Ph3P** in 5 ml of benzene, 0.01 16 ml(O.074 mmol) of diethyl azodicarboxylate and 0.0045 ml (0.079 mmol) of AcOH in 2 ml of benzene were added within 5 min under stirring. The mixture was stirred for 22 h and then heated to reflux for an additional 7 h. No product formation could be detected (TLC) during this procedure: *2* was recovered *(cu.* 90%) by CC.

*Method B:* To a soln. of 50 mg (0.137 mmol) of 4 in 2 ml of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/toluene 1:3,72 mg (0.275 mmol) of Ph<sub>3</sub>P and 19 mg (0.104 mmol) of dried (100°/0.05 Torr, 15 h) Zn(OAc)<sub>2</sub> were added. After 5 min, 0.0408 ml (0.260 mmol)

*<sup>3,</sup>* The biological tests were carried out by *P. Hiestand, Sundoz AG,* Basel. We are very grateful *for* his help.

of diethyl azodicarboxylate were added within **3** min to the stirred soh. Stirring was continued for 15 h at r.t. During this period, no product formation could be detected (TLC). The mixture was then heated at 90-100". After 23 h, the Zn(OAc)<sub>2</sub> was filtered off and the filtrate evaporated. CC (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/acetone 98:2) afforded 23 mg (41 %) of **7** and 7 mg (1 1 %) of **8.** 

*12, 13-Epoxytrichothec-9-ene-3x,4ß, 15-triyl Triacetate (7). Crystallization from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, Et<sub>2</sub>O, and petroleum* ether. M.p. 123.3-124.3". 'H-NMR (300 MHz): 0.78 **(s,** CH,(14)); 1.74 **(s,** CH,(16)); 2.08 **(s,** Ac); 2.13 **(s,** Ac); 2.16  $(s, Ac)$ ; 2.79, 3.09 (AB,  $J = 4$ , CH<sub>2</sub>(13)); 3.88 (d,  $J = 5$ , H-C(2)); 4.00 (br. d,  $J = 5.5$ , H-C(11)); 4.11, 4.28 (AB, *J* = 12, CH<sub>2</sub>(15)); 5.21 *(dd, J* = 3.5, 5, H-C(3)); 5.49 *(br. d, J* = 5.5, H-C(10)); 5.75 *(d, J* = 3.5, H-C(4)). CI-MS: 426 (100,  $[M + NH_4]^+$ ), 409 ( $[M + H]^+$ ), 349.

*4/3,15-Diacefoxy-12,13-epoxytrichofhec-9-en-3a-yl Ethyl* Carbonate *(8).* 'H-NMR (300 MHz): 0.74 (s, 3.89  $(d, J = 5, H - C(2))$ ; 4.01 (br.  $d, J = 5, H - C(11)$ ); 4.04, 4.54  $(AB, J = 12, CH_2(15))$ ; 4.53  $(q, J = 7, CH_3CH_2O)$ ; 5.08 *(dd,J* = 3.5,5, H-C(3)); 5.50 (hr. *d, J* = 5.5, H-C(10)); 5.80(d, *J* = 3.5, H-C(4)). "C-NMR (101 MHz): 6.5; 14.2; 20.8; 21.1; 21.3; 23.2; 27.9; 44.0; 47.2; 48.9; 63.5; 64.1; 64.6; 67.9; 77.5; 79.1; 81.2; 118.3; 140.6; 154.2 CH,(14)); 1.33 *(t,J* = 7, CH,CH,O); 1.71 *(3,* CH,(16)); 2.05 *(s,* Ac); 2.10 **(s,** Ac); 2.78, 3.07 *(AB, J* = 4, CH2(13)); (OCOO); 170.4; 170.6. CI-MS: 456 (100, *[M* + NH4]'), 440,439 *([M* + HI'), 379, 349,229.

*I2,13-Epoxy-3cc-~(methanesulfonyl)oxy]frichothec-9-en-15-yl* 4-Oxopentanoate *(9).* To a soh. of 50 mg (0.137 mmol) of *6* in 0.5 ml of pyridine at O", 0.021 **3** ml(0.276 mmol) of MsCl were added. Then, the icebath was removed and the soln. stirred at r.t. for an additional 22 h. It was diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O and washed with 1N HCl and H<sub>2</sub>O. After evaporation CC (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/acetone 9:1) afforded 58 mg (96%) of **9.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (90 MHz): 0.87 (s,  $H-C(2)$ ; 3.85, 4.05 *(AB, J* = 12, CH<sub>2</sub>(15)); 4.03 *(d, J* = 5, H-C(11)); 5.00 *(m, H-C(3))*; 5.42 *(br. <i>d, J* = 5*,*  $CH_3(14)$ ; 1.78  $(s, CH_3(16))$ ; 2.17  $(s, CH_3CO)$ ; 2.80, 3.05  $(AB, J = 4, CH_2(13))$ ; 3.05  $(s, CH_3SO_3)$ ; 3.65  $(d, J = 5)$ H-C(10)). CI-MS: 460 (100,  $[M + NH_4]^+$ ), 444, 364, 344, 327, 231.

*12.13-Epoxy-3a-((foluenesulfonyl)oxy]frichothec-9-en-15-yl* 4-Oxopenfanoate **(10).** As for **9,** 50 mg (0.137 mmol) of 6 were treated with 52 mg (0.274 mmol) of TsCl, and 0.5 ml of pyridine. CC (Et<sub>2</sub>O, petroleum ether 8:2) yielded 69 mg (97%) of 10 as a colourless oil. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (90 MHz): 0.78 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>(14)); 1.75 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>(16)); 2.15 (s, CH2(15)); 3.93 (H-C(l1)); 4.88 *(m,* H-C(3)); 5.40 (br. *d, J* = 5, H-C(I0)); 7.36 *(d, <sup>J</sup>*= 8, 2 arom. H); 7.83 *(d,*   $J = 8$ , 2 arom. H). CI-MS: 536 (100,  $[M + NH_4]^+$ ), 518 ( $[M + H]^+$ ), 438, 428, 231. CH<sub>3</sub>CO); 2.48 *(s, CH<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)*; 2.78, 2.98 *(AB, J* = 4, CH<sub>2</sub>(13)); 3.38 *(d, J* = 5, H-C(2)); 3.81, 4.01 *(AB, J* = 12,

*12,13-Epoxy-3a-(( trifluoromefhylsulfonyl)oxy]frichothec-9-en-15-yl4-O.wopen~anoa~e* **(1 1).** A soh. of **83** mg (0.22 mmol) of 6 and 0.037 ml (0.456 mmol) of pyridine in 1.5 ml of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was cooled to 0°. After 5 min, a soln. of 0.057 ml (0.347 mmol) of trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride in 1.5 ml of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added within 9 min to the stirred soln. After 1 h, the icebath was removed and Et<sub>2</sub>O added. It was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O. The Et<sub>2</sub>O was evaporated and the residue filtered over  $SiO_2$  (Et<sub>2</sub>O) to yield 111 mg (98%) of 11. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (90 MHz): 0.90 (s, *(AB, J* = 12, CH2(15)); 4.05 H-C(l1)); 5.40 *(m,* H-C(3)); 5.53 (br. *d, J* = 5, H-C(10)). CI-MS: 514 (100,  $[M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>$ , 364, 134. CH,(14)); 1.77 *(s,* CH,(16)); 2.03 (3, CH,CO); 2.93,3.12 *(AB, J* = 4, CH2(13)); 3.82 *(d, J* = 5, H-C(2)); 3.95,4.12

*12.I3-Epoxytrichofheca-3,9-dien-l5-yl4-Oxopentunoate* **(12).** 'H-NMR (300 MHz): 0.98 **(s.** CH,(14)); 1.73 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>(16)); 2.21 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>CO); 2.58 (m, CH<sub>2</sub>CO); 2.77 (m, CH<sub>2</sub>COO); 2.98, 3.23 (AB, J = 4, CH<sub>2</sub>(13)); 3.83, 3.93 (AB, *<sup>J</sup>*= 12, CHz(15)); 3.87 (H-C(I **1));** 4.08 *(d, J* = **3,** H-C(2)); 5.42 *(d, J* = 5, H-C(10)); 6.13 *(dd, <sup>J</sup>*= **3,** 5, H-C(3)); 6.42 *(d, J* = 5, H–C(4)). CI-MS: 364 *([M* + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>), 347 *([M* + H]<sup>+</sup>), 249 *(100)*.

*12,13-Epoxytrichotheca-3,9-dien-15-ol* (13). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz): 1.03 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>(14)); 1.72 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>(16)); 2.97, 3.23(*AB*, *J* = 4, CH<sub>2</sub>(13)); 3.43, 3.55(*AB*, *J* = 12, CH<sub>2</sub>(15)); 3.85(br. *d*, *J* = 5, H-C(11)); 4.05(*d*, *J* = 3, H-C(2)); 5.42 (br. *d, J* = 5, H-C(10)); 6.08 *(dd, J* = 6, 3, H-C(3)); 6.47 *(d, J* = 6, H-C(4)). CI-MS: 266 *([M* + NH,]+), 249  $([M + H]^+), 231, 201.$ 

*12,I3-Eyoxy-I5-hydroxyfrichofhec-9-en-3cr-gl* p-Toluenesulfonafe **(14).** 'H-NMR (90 MHz, CCI,): 0.88 (s, CH,(15)); 4.82 *(m,* H-C(3)); *5.33* (br. *d, J* = 6, H-C(l0)); 7.30 *(d, J* = 7.5, 2 arom. H); 7.78 *(d, J* = 7.5, *<sup>2</sup>* arom. H). CH<sub>3</sub>(14)); 1.75 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>(16)); 2.52 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>); 2.77, 2.97 (AB, J = 4, CH<sub>2</sub>(13)); 3.21–3.93 (H-C(2), H-C(11),

*12,13-Epoxy-4~-hydroxy-3a-[ (tefrahydro-2H-pyranyl)oxy]trichofhec-9-en-15-yl* Acetate **(16).** To a soln. of 2.0 g (5.46 mmol) of **15** in 40 ml of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 2.64 ml (32.8 mmol) of pyridine and 1.03 ml (10.9 mmol) of Ac<sub>2</sub>O were added and stirred for 15 h. The solvent was evaporated, the residue dissolved in Et<sub>2</sub>O and washed with cold 1N HCl, sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> soln., and H<sub>2</sub>O. Then, the Et<sub>2</sub>O was evaporated and the residue purified by CC (Et<sub>2</sub>O) to yield 1.296 g (58%) of **16** as a foam. IR (CHCI,): 3580 (OH), 2950, 1735 (ester), 1240. 'H-NMR (YO MHz): 0.82, 0.84 **(s,**  CH<sub>3</sub>(14)); 1.71 *(s, CH<sub>3</sub>(16))*; 2.05 *(s, Ac)*; 2.76, 3.03 *(AB, J* = 4, CH<sub>2</sub>(13)); 4.71, 4.97 (br., acetal); 5.50 (br. *d, J* = 5,  $H - C(10)$ ).

*12.13-Epoxy-4-oxo-3cc-[(tetrahydro-2 H-pyranyl)oxyJtrichothec-9-en-I5-yl* Acetate **(17).** To a soh. of 0.0354 ml (0.499 mmol) of DMSO in 1 ml of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at  $-70^{\circ}$ , a soln. of 0.0654 ml (0.469 mmol) of (CF<sub>3</sub>CO)<sub>2</sub>O in 1 ml of CH2C12 was added within 5 min under stirring. After 10 min, 63.8 mg (0,156 mmol) of **16** in **1** ml of CH2C12 were added within 10 min. Stirring at  $-70^{\circ}$  was continued for an additional 30 min. Then, 0.0691 ml (0.499 mmol) of Et3N were added, and 5 min later, the ice-bath was removed. During 50 min, the soh. was allowed to warm up to r.t. The mixture was diluted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  and washed with  $H_2O$  (two times). After removal of the solvent, the residue was purified by CC (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/acetone 95:5) to afford 56 mg (88%) of 17. M.p. 170–189° (diastereoisomers). CI-MS: 424 *([M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>)*, 340, 85 (100).

*12,13-Epoxy-3a-hydroxy-4-oxotrichothec-9-en-l5-y1* Acetate **(18).** To a soln. of 250 mg (0.615 mmol) of **17** in 25 ml of MeOH, 16 mg (0.062 mmol) of pyridinium p-toluenesulfonate were added and stirred for 15 h at 50 $^{\circ}$ . The solvent was evaporated, the residue dissolved in  $CH_2Cl_2$  and washed with  $H_2O$ . After removal of the CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, the crude product was purified by CC (CH<sub>2</sub>C1<sub>2</sub>/acetone 8:2) to yield 188 mg (95%) of **18**. M.p. 163–168° (crystallized from CH,C12/Et,O). 'H-NMR (90 MHz): 0.94 (s, CH,(14)); 1.72 (br. **s,** CH3(16)); 2.06 **(s,** Ac); 2.88 *(d, J* = 3.5, OH, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O); 2.95, 3.24 (AB,  $J = 4$ , CH<sub>2</sub>(13)); 3.78 (br. d,  $J = 5$ , H-C(11)); 3.84, 4.02 (AB,  $J = 12$ , CH<sub>2</sub>(15)); 4.07 (d,  $J = 5$ , H–C(2)); 4.30 (dd,  $J = 3.5$ , 5, H–C(3); after exchange with D<sub>2</sub>O, d,  $J = 5$ ); 5.44 (br. d,  $J = 5$ , H-C(10)). CI-MS: 340 (100,  $(M + NH_4]^+$ ), 323  $((M + H)^+)$ , 305, 263, 245. Anal. calc. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>6</sub> (322.35): calc. C 63.34, H 6.88; found: C 62.78, H 7.06.

*12,13-Epoxy-4~-hydroxytrichothec-9-en-15-y1* Acetate (22). As for **16,** with 100 mg (0.376 mmol) of verrucarol  $(21)$ , 0.182 ml (2.253 mmol) of pyridine, 0.071 ml (0.751 mmol) of Ac<sub>2</sub>O, and 2.8 ml of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. CC (Et<sub>2</sub>O) yielded 73 mg (63%) of 22. M.p. 149–150° (crystallized from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/Et<sub>2</sub>O). IR (KBr): 3450, 1720, 1675, 1385, 1255, 1070. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (90 MHz): 0.87 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>(14)); 1.71 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>(16)); 2.06 (s, Ac); 2.80, 3.11 (*AB*, *J* = 4, CH<sub>2</sub>(13)); 3.60 (*d*,  $J = 5.5$ , H-C(2)); 3.82 (br. *d*,  $J = 5$ , H-C(11)); 3.92, 4.13 (*AB*,  $J = 12$ , CH<sub>2</sub>(15)); 4.48 (*m*, H-C(4)); 5.41 (br. *d*,  $J = 5$ , H-C(10)).

*12,13-Epoxy-4-0xotrichothec-9-en-15-y1* Acetate **(19).** As for **17,** with 0.837 ml (1 1.81 mmol) of DMSO, 1.55 **rn1(11.07 mmol) of (CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>O, 1.138 g(3.69 mmol) of 22, 1.64 ml(11.81 mmol) of Et<sub>3</sub>N, and 45 ml of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.CC** (Et20) yielded 1.077 g (95%) of **19.** 'H-NMR (90 MHz): 0.93 **(s,** CH,(14)); 1.73 (br. **s,** CH3(16)); 2.03 **(s,** Ac); 2.63 (m, CH<sub>2</sub>(3)); 2.95, 3.23 (AB, *J* = 4, CH<sub>2</sub>(13)); 3.83 (d, *J* = 5, H-C(11)); 3.87, 4.02 (AB, *J* = 12, CH<sub>2</sub>(15)); 4.11 (m,  $H-C(2)$ ; 5.47 (br. *d*,  $J = 5$ ,  $H-C(10)$ ).

Reduction **of19** by NaBH,. To 36 mg (0.1 18 mmol) of **19** in 1.5 ml of EtOH, 4.9 mg (0.129 mmol) of NaBH, were added and stirred for 2 h. To achieve a complete conversion, further 4.9 mg of NaBH<sub>4</sub> were added. After 6 h, ca. 0.3 ml of 1N HCl were slowly added (pH 2-3), and the pH was adjusted to 6-7 with sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> soln. The aq. soln. was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 times). After evaporation of the solvent, CC (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/acetone 9:5 to 1:1) afforded **13** mg (31 *YO)* of 23 and 14.5 mg (40%) of 20.

Reduction **of19** *by* LiAlH(t-OBu),. To a soln. of 115 mg (0.375 mmol) of **19** in 5 ml of THF, 187 mg (0.735 mmol) of LiAlH(t-OBu)<sub>3</sub> were added and stirred for 17 h. An additional 187 mg of LiAlH(t-OBu)<sub>3</sub> were added to complete the reduction. After 6 h, ca. 4.5 ml of 1N HCl were carefully added dropwise to the stirred soln. The pH was adjusted to  $3-4$  with sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> soln. After 30 min, the mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 times). Removal of the solvent and subsequent CC (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/acetone 9:1) of the residue afforded 91 mg (79%) of 23.

*I2.13-Epoxy-4x-hydroxytrichothec-9-en-15-yl Acetate* (23). M.p. 213-215° (subl.). [ $\alpha$ ] $_{10}^{21} = -22.9$  (c = 0.450, CHCI,). 'H-NMR (90 MHz): 0.92 (s, CH3(14)); 1.72 (br. **s,** CH3(16)); 2.05 **(s,** Ac); 2.47 (d, *J* = *5,* OH, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O); 2.54 *(m, CH<sub>2</sub>(3))*; 2.78, 3.05 *(AB, J* = 4, CH<sub>2</sub>(13)); 3.66 *(d, J* = 5.5, H-C(2)); 3.79, 5.24 *(AB, J* = 12, CH<sub>2</sub>(15)); 4.20 (br. *d, J* = 5, H-C(11)); 4.31 (ddd, *J* = 5, 5, 11, H-C(4)); 5.46 (br. *d, J* = 5, H-C(10)). CI-MS: 326 *([M* + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>), 309 *([M* + H]<sup>+</sup>), 291, 249 *(100)*. Anal. calc. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (308.37): C 66.21, H 7.84; found: C 66.23, H 8.10.

*12,13-Epoxytrichothec-9-ene-4a,l5-diol(* = 4-Epiuerrucarol; 20). To a soln. of 41 1 mg (1.33 mmol) of 23 in 15 ml *of* MeOH, **8** ml(8.00 **mrnol)** of **IN** NaOH were added and stirred for 40 min. The pH was adjusted to 7-8 by addition of 1 $\times$  HCl. The aq. soln. was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, the org. layer washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, and the solvent evaporated. Crystallization from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane yielded 335 mg (94%) of 20. M.p. 169–172°. [ $\alpha$ ] $_{10}^{12}$  = +38.8 (C = 0.250, CHCI,). IR (KBr): 3305, 3210, 2960, 1675. 'H-NMR (400 MHz): 0.89 **(s,** CH,(14)); 1.73 **(s,** CH3(16)); 2.03 *(m, CH<sub>2</sub>(7), CH<sub>2</sub>(8)); 2.49 (m, H-C(3)); 2.81, 3.10 (AB, J = 4, CH<sub>2</sub>(13)); 3.57, 3.62 (AB, J = 12, CH<sub>2</sub>(15));* 3.60 (OH, eXChdngeabk with D20); 3.68 (d, *J* = 5.5, H-C(2)); 4.15 (dd, *J* = 6, 11, H-C(4)); 4.53 **(br.** d, *J* = 5.5, H-C(I 1)); 4.85 **(br.,** OH; exchangeable with D20); 5.58 (br. *d, J* = 5.5, H-C(10)). CI-MS: 248 *([M* + NH,]'), 267  $([M + H]^+)$ , 249 (100). Anal. calc. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (266.33): C 67.65, H 8.33; found: C 67.43, H 8.42.

Condensation **of** 20 with **5-[** (( *tert-Buty1)dimethyisiiyi)oxy* ]-3-methyl-2-[ *(tetrahydro-2H-pyranyI)oxy]*  pentanoic Acid(25). A soln. **of** 97 mg (0.365 mmol) of 20, 139 mg (0.401 mmol) of 25, and 10 mg (0.082 mmol) of (Me2N)Py in 3 ml of CH2CI2 was cooled to *0".* After 10 min, 98 mg (0.475 mmol) of DCC were added. The soh. was

stirred for 1 h, then the ice-bdth was removed. After an additional stirring at r.t. for 18 h, the precipitated urea was filtered off. The CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was evaporated and the residue purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 0.035-0.070 mm; CH2Clz/acetone 95 : *5)* 99 mg (46%) of *I2,13-epoxy-IS-hydroxytrichothec-Y-en-4a-y1 5-[(* (tert-buty1)dimethylsilyl) oxy]-3-methyl-2-[ (tetrahydro-2 *H-pyrunyljoxy]pentanoate* (27) as a mixture of THP diastereoisomers (ratio 2:l). 'H-NMR (400 MHz): 0.06 (s, (CH,)2Si); 0.90 (s, (t-Bu)Si); 0.95 **(s,** CH,(14)); 0.99, 1.02 (d, *J* = 7, CH3(3')); 1.73 (br. s, CH<sub>3</sub>(16)); 2.67, 2.75 (2m, CH<sub>2</sub>(3)); 2.84, 3.11 *(AB, J* = 4, CH<sub>2</sub>(13)); 5.07, 5.18 *(2dd, J* = 6, 10.5,  $H-C(4)$ ; 5.50 *(m,* H-C(10)). CI-MS: 595 *([M + H]<sup>+</sup>)*, 511, 481, 263, 249, 217, 85 (100).

Condensation of 20 with AcOH. As for 27 (see above), with 90 mg (0.338 mmol) of 20, 213 µl (0.372 mmol) of AcOH, 9 mg (0.074 mmol) of (Me,N)Py, 91 mg (0.439 mmol) of DCC, and 3 ml of CH,C12. CC **(SiO,,** 0.030-0.075 mm; Et,O/hexane/MeOH 49:49:2) yielded 74 mg (71 *YO)* of 28, 10 mg (9.6%) of 23, and 7.5 mg (8.4%) of 29.

12,13-Epoxy-15-hydroxytrichothec-9-en-4x-yl Acetate (28). M.p. 172-174° (from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/Et<sub>2</sub>O/MeOH).  $[a]_D^{20} = +37.7$  (c = 0.310, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz): 0.99 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>(14)); 1.75 (br. *s*, CH<sub>3</sub>(16)); 1.83 (dd, *J* = 5, 16, H-C(3)); 2.16 **(s,** Ac); 2.68 *(ddd, J* = **5,** 11, 16, H-C(3)); 2.85, 3.1 **1** *(AB, J* = 4, CH,(13)); 3.56,4.18 (br. *AB,*   $J=12$ , CH<sub>2</sub>(15)); 3.71(d,  $J=5.5$ , H-C(2)); 4.09(br.d,  $J=5$ , H-C(11)); 5.13(dd,  $J=5$ , 11, H-C(4)); 5.49(br.d,  $J = 5$ , H-C(10)). CI-MS: 326 *([M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>)*, 309 *([M + H]<sup>+</sup>)*, 249, 169 (100).

12,13-Epoxytrichothec-9-ene-4x,15-diyl Diacetate (29). M.p. 157-159° (from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane). [a] $^{20}_{10}$  = +6.7 (c = 0.360, CHCI,). 'H-NMR (400 MHz): 0.92 **(s,** CH,(14)); 1.73 **(s,** CH,(16)); 2.04 **(s,** Ac); 2.17 **(s,** Ac); 2.67 (ddd, 4.07 (br. d, *J* = *5.5,* H-C(l1)); 5.17 *(dd, J* = *5,* 11, H-C(4)); 5.45 (br. d, *J=* **5.5,** H-C(l0)). CI-MS: 368 *([M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>), 351 <i>([M + H]<sup>+</sup>), 291, 169 (100).* Anal. calc. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>6</sub> (350.41): C 65.13, H 7.48; found: C 64.87, H 7.73. *J* = 5, 11, 16, H–C(3)); 2.84, 3.10 *(AB, J* = 4, CH<sub>2</sub>(13)); 3.72 *(d, J* = 5, H–C(2)); 3.79, 4.99 *(AB, J* = 12, CH<sub>2</sub>(15));

*12.I3-Epoxy-1S-hydroxytrichothec-9-en-4a-yl* 2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethyl *(2'Z,4E)-Hexa-2.4-diendioate (30).*  As above, with 83 mg (0.312 mmol) of 20, 83 mg (0.343 mmol) of 26, 3.8 mg (0.031 mmol) of (Me,N)Py, 77 mg (0.374 mmol) of DCC, and 2.5 ml of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. CC (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 0.030-0.075  $\mu$ m; CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/acetone 95:5) yielded 94 mg (61 %) of 30 and 44 mg (29 %) of 31. 30: M.p. 110-112<sup>o</sup> (from Et<sub>2</sub>O/hexane).  $[\alpha]_0^{20} = +25.7$ ,  $[\alpha]_{436}^{20} = +43.3$ (c = 0.505, CHCL,). IR (KBr): 3500 (OH), 2950, 2900, 1725, 1715 (ester), 1600. 'H-NMR (400 MHz): *0.05* (s,  $(CH_3)$ ; 5i); 1.05  $(m, CH_2Si)$ ; 1.07  $(s, CH_3(14))$ ; 1.73  $(br. s, CH_3(16))$ ; 1.89  $(dd, J = 5, 15.5, H-C(3))$ ; 1.98  $(br. s, OH,$ exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O); 2.77 (ddd,  $J = 5.5, 11, 15.5, H-C(3)$ ); 2.87, 3.12 (AB,  $J = 4$ , CH<sub>2</sub>(13)); 3.52 (dd,  $J = 5, 12$ , H-C(15); after D20 exchangeable, d, *J* = 12); 3.73 (d, *J* = 5.5, H-C(2)); 4.03 (d, *J* = *5.5,* H-C(l1)); 4.25 (dd, *J* = 5, 12, H-C(15); after D<sub>2</sub>O exchange, d, *J* = 12); 4.28 (m, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Si); 5.18 (dd, *J* = 5, 11, H-C(4)); 5.45 (br. d, *J* = 5.5,H-C(10));6,02(d,J= 11.5,H-C(2));6,14(d,J= *15.5,H-C(5'));6,70(dd,J=* 11.5, 11.5,H-C(3')); 8.31 (dd,  $J = 11.5$ , 15.5, H-C(4')). CI-MS: 508 ( $[M + NH_4]^+$ ), 491 ( $[M + H]^+$ ), 463, 249, 90 (100).

*12,13-Epoxy-4a-hydroxytrieho~hec-Y-en-l5-y1* 2-( Trimethylsilyljethyl *(2'Z,4E)-Hexa-2,4-diendioate* **(31).**  <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz): 0.05 (s, (CH<sub>3</sub>),Si); 0.91 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>(14)); 0.99 (m, CH<sub>2</sub>Si); 1.72 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>(16)); 1.96 (dd, *J* = 5, 15, H-C(3)); 2.53 (ddd, *J* = 5, 10.5, 15, H-C(3)); 2.67 (hr. d, *J* = 4.5, OH); 2.79, 3.05 *(AB, J* = 4, CH,(13)); 3.67 *(d,*   $J = 5.5$ , H-C(2)); 3.93, 5.36 *(AB, J* = 12, CH<sub>2</sub>(15)); 4.23 (br. d,  $J = 5.5$ , H-C(11)); 4.27 *(m.* H-C(4), OCH,CH,Si); 5.45 (br. d, *J* = 5.5, H-C(I0)); 5.94 (d, *J* = 11.5, H-C(2')); 6.10 *(d, J* = 15.5, H-C(5')); 6.64 *(dd,*   $J = 11.5$ , H-C(3')); 8.31 (dd,  $J = 11.5$ , 15.5, H-C(4')).

*15-{ [S-[ I(* tert - *Butyl)dimethylsilyl)oxy]-3'-methyl-Z'-lj}-* 12.13 *epoxytrichothec-9-en-4a-yl 2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethyl (2" E,4" Z)-Hexa-2,4-diendioate (32). As above, with 131 mg*  $(0.267 \text{ mmol})$  of 30, 184 mg  $(0.534 \text{ mmol})$  of 25, 122 mg  $(0.587 \text{ mmol})$  of DCC, 6.5 mg  $(0.053 \text{ mmol})$  of  $(Me_2N)Py$ , and 4 ml of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The mixture was stirred for 21 h. Then, 46 mg (0.136 mmol) of 25 were added and stirred for an additional 20 h. After filtration of the precipitated urea, the solvent was evaporated and the residue purified by CC (petroleum ether/Et<sub>2</sub>O 1:1) yielding 253 mg of a mixture which consisted predominantly of 32. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz; diastereoisomers): 0.04, 0.06, 0.08 (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>Si, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Si; 0.89, 0.90 (2s, CH<sub>3</sub>(14), (t-BuSi); 2.75 (m, H-C(3)); 2.84 or 2.86 and 3.13 *(AB, J* = 4, CH<sub>2</sub>(13)); 3.93 and 4.82, 4.01 and 4.94 *(2AB, J* = 12, CH<sub>2</sub>(15)); 4.57, 4.65 (br., I H, acetal); 5.21 *(m,* H-C(4)); 5.46 (br. d, H-C(I0)); 6.03 *(d, J=* 11.5, H-C(2")); 6.13, 6.14 (2d, *J* = 15.5,  $[M + NH_4]^+$ , 820 (0.4,  $[M + H]^+$ ), 708, 493, 249, 217, 85 (100). H-C(5)); 6.71, 6.72 (2dd, *J* = 11.5, 11.5, H-C(3")); 8.43 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 15.5, H-C(4)). CI-MS: 837 (3.9,

4-Epiverrucarin *A* (24). To a soln. of 83 mg of 32 (exact amount not determined, see above) in 2 mi of THF, 158 mg (0.505 mmol) of Bu<sub>4</sub>NF were added and stirred for 2 h. The soln. was diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (35 ml) and washed with  $H_2O$  (5 ml). The Et<sub>2</sub>O was evaporated and the residue dried for 2 h (20 $\degree$ /0.02–0.04 Torr, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>): 55 mg of 33 which were immediately redissolved in 46 ml of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Then, 64 µl (0.455 mmol) of Et<sub>3</sub>N, and after 10 min, 44 µl (0.364 mmol) of pivaloyl chloride were added. The soln. was stirred for 10 min, and 11 mg (0.091 mmol) of  $(Me_2N)Py$  were added. Stirring was continued for 2 h (discolouration to yellow). The solvent was removed and the product purified by CC (Et,O/petroleum ether 7:3), yielding 24 rng of an oil which was dissolved in 2 ml of EtOH. Then, 8.9 mg  $(0.036$  mmol) of pyridinium p-toluenesulfonate were added, and the soln, was heated at  $50^{\circ}$  for 20 h. The solvent was evaporated and the residue purified by prep. TLC (Et<sub>2</sub>O): 13 mg (29% from 30) of 24 as an oil. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400) MHz): 1.09 *(d, J* = 7, CH,(6)); 1.20 **(s,** CH,(14)); 1.66 *(m,* H-C(8)); 1.71 (s, CH,(16)); 1.81 *(m,* H-C(7)); 1.88 *(m,*  2 H-C(4)); 1.96 *(m.* H-C(3)); 1.96 *(m,* H-C(3')); 2.33 *(m.* H-C(7)); 2.40 *(m,* H-C(8)); 2.69 (br. *d, J* = *5.5,* OH); 2.89 (ddd,  $J = 5$ , 10.5, 16, H-C(3)); 2.90, 3.15 (AB,  $J = 4$ , CH<sub>2</sub>(13)); 3.76 (d,  $J = 5.5$ , H-C(2)); 3.86 (m, H-C(2')); 3.89 *(m.* H-C(5')); 4.05 (br. *d, J* = *5.5,* H-C(l1)); 4.23,4.66 *(AB, J* = 12.5, CH,(15)); 4.81 *(m.* H-C(5')); 5.05 *(dd, <sup>J</sup>*= 10.5, 5, H-C(4)); 5.43 (br. *d, J* = 5.5, H-C(1O)); 6.07 *(d, J* = 15.5, H-C(5")); 6.09 *(d, J* = 11, H-C(2)); 6.63 *(dd, J* = 11, H-C(3")); 7.60 *(dd, J* = 11, 15.5, H-C(4")). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (101 MHz): 12.2 *(C(14))*; 17.1 *(C(6')*); 21.9 (C(7)); 23.2 (C(16)); 28.1 (C(4')); 32.3 (C(8)); 34.8 (C(3)); 35.0 (C(3')); 44.0 (C(6)); 47.5 (C(5)); 49.1 (C(13)); 62.3  $(C(5'))$ ; 64.9  $(C(12))$ ; 66.0  $(C(15))$ ; 66.7  $(C(11))$ ; 74.5  $(C(2'))$ ; 77.4  $(C(2))$ ; 83.3  $(C(4))$ ; 118.2  $(C(10))$ ; 126.1  $(C(2''))$ ; 128.1 (C(5")); 136.4 (C(3")); 137.9 (C(4")); 141.4 (C(9)); 165.4, 165.7 (C(1"), C(6")); 175.3 (C(1")). CI-MS: 520  $([M + NH_4]^+),$  503  $([M + H]^+),$  485, 249 (100).

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