# Ring Contraction of an Ascomycin Derivative to a 19-Membered Macrolactam ${ }^{1}$ ) 

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[^0]Introduction. - Ascomycin (1) is a 23 -membered macrolactam isolated from the fermentation broth of Streptomyces hygroscopicus var. ascomyceticus [2]. Derivatives of ascomycin (1) have shown high activities in animal models of skin inflammation [3], and clinical efficacy was confirmed with SDZASM981 (2) in patients with atopic dermatitis, allergic contact dermatitis, and psoriasis [4]. In our search for new derivatives with interesting pharmacological profiles, we embarked on the chemical modification of isoascomycins, featuring a 21 -membered instead of a 23 -membered macrolactam ring [1] (see $\mathbf{3 - 5}$ ). They are readily available from 22,22- $O$-dihydroascomycin ${ }^{2}$ ) precursors by a base-induced intramolecular acyl shift from 26-O to 24- $O$ [1a, c]. Surprisingly, no further shift to $22-O$ has been observed thus far. Here, we report the first synthesis of a doubly ring-contracted 19-membered ascomycin macrolactam isomer, derived from (22R)-28,29-epoxy-22,22- $O$-dihydroisoascomycin ${ }^{2}$ ) (9).

Results and Discussion. - Epoxide 9 is accessible via deprotected (22R)-22,22-Odihydroisoascomycin (8) followed by a regiospecific epoxidation of the $\mathrm{C}(28)=\mathrm{C}(29)$ bond (Scheme 1). For the deprotection of (22R)-26,33-bis-O-[(tert-butyl)dimethylsil-yl]-22,22- $O$-dihydroisoascomycin (5) [1c], we first used as routinely aqueous HF in MeCN solution. However, the reaction with aqueous HF solution yielded unexpectedly the pyran derivative 6. Exhaustive acetylation of 6 with an excess of $\mathrm{Ac}_{2} \mathrm{O} / 4$ (dimethylamino)pyridine (DMAP) gave only the $33-O$-acetyl derivative 7 and confirmed the absence of free OH groups at $\mathrm{C}(22)$ and $\left.\mathrm{C}(26)^{3}\right)$. As deduced unambiguously from the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}$ data, the newly formed pyran ring in $\mathbf{6}$ and $\mathbf{7}$ exists in

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$1 \mathrm{R}^{33}=\mathrm{OH}$ ascomycin ${ }^{2}$ )
$3 \mathrm{R}^{33}=\mathrm{R}^{26}=\mathrm{OH}, \mathrm{R}^{22}=\mathrm{O}$ isoascomycin ${ }^{2}$ )
$4 \mathrm{R}^{33}=\mathrm{R}^{26}=\mathrm{OH}, \mathrm{R}^{22}=\mathrm{H}$, (S) OH

26,33-bis-O-[(tert-butyl)dimethylsilyl]-dihydroisoascomycin ${ }^{2}$ )
a chair conformation with all substituents in equatorial positions, with exception of the $\mathrm{C}(22)$ residue. It is interesting to note that the configuration at $\mathrm{C}(26)$ of $\mathbf{6}$ is reversed as compared to the starting material $\mathbf{5}$, thus indicating that ring closure probably occurs via an intramolecular nucleophilic attack of $\mathrm{OH}-\mathrm{C}(22)$ at $\mathrm{C}(26)$.

The desired deprotection of 5 without concomitant ring closure was achieved by applying aqueous HCl instead of HF solution to give the ( $22 R$ )-22,22- $O$-dihydroisoascomycin derivative $\mathbf{8}$ in good yield (Scheme 1). Compound $\mathbf{8}$ was easily converted to epoxide 9 by selective epoxidation of the allylic $C(28)=C(29)$ bond with a catalytic amount of $\left[\mathrm{VO}(\mathrm{acac})_{2}\right](\mathrm{acac}=$ pentane-2,4-dione $)$ and 1.43 equiv. of tert-butyl hydroperoxide in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ solution [5] ( $72 \%$ yield; diastereoisomer mixture $85: 15$ ).

Next we achieved further functionalizations of epoxide 9. Upon treatment with Lewis acids, epoxides are known to undergo various rearrangement reactions, via ring opening and concomitant alkyl or hydride migrations (for a review, see [6]). Treatment of 9 with $\mathrm{BF}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{OEt}_{2}$, however, did not result in products from the expected rearrangement reactions. Instead, the 19-membered macrolactam derivative $\mathbf{1 0}$ was isolated as the major product, together with several minor, not-yet-identified by-products (Scheme 2).

The structure of $\mathbf{1 0}$ and of its tri- $O$-acetyl derivative $\mathbf{1 1}$ was assigned by NMR analysis with the exception of the absolute configurations at the newly generated stereocenters $\mathrm{C}(28)$ and $\mathrm{C}(29)$. The formation of $\mathbf{1 0}$ can be explained assuming a ring contraction (acyl shift from $24-O$ to $22-O$ ) followed by a Lewis-acid-catalyzed intramolecular epoxide-ring opening, occurring via a nucleophilic attack of the liberated $24-\mathrm{OH}$ group at $\mathrm{C}(28)$ of the epoxide. Thus far, no Lewis-acid-mediated ring contraction was observed starting from the unmodified ( $22 S$ )-22,22- $O$-dihydroisoascomycin (4) or its ( $22 R$ )-isomer derivative 5. Whether this is due to a rapid equilibrium between the 21 - and 19 -membered ring size is not yet clear. However, this indicates that the observed $\mathbf{9} \rightarrow \mathbf{1 0}$ ring contraction might be driven by the subsequent capture of the $24-\mathrm{OH}$ group via intramolecular epoxide ring opening and tetrahydrofuran formation.

Scheme 1

) Arbitrary numbering
${ }^{3}$ ) Systematic numbering

Conclusion. - In summary, a double ring contraction of an ascomycin derivative to a 19-membered macrolactam has been established for the first time. Investigations addressing the general applicability of this ring contraction to related macrolactams are ongoing.

[^2]Scheme 2


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## Experimental Part

General. All reactions were performed in flame-dried reaction vessels under a slight pressure of dry Ar. Solvents were dried by standard methods. All other commercially available reagents were applied without further purification. All reactions were monitored by TLC on glass-backed silica-gel plates with fluorescent stain (UV detection at $\lambda_{\max } 254 \mathrm{~nm}$ ); visualization of the reaction components by spraying with a soln. of molybdatophosphoric acid ( $20 \%$ in $\mathrm{EtOH} / \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} 3: 1$ ). Column chromatography (CC): silica gel ( $0.040-$ 0.063 mm ), from E. MERCK. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ - and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}$ Spectra: Bruker-WM-250 and Bruker-AMX-500; the solvent $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ was used as internal standard ( $\delta_{(\mathrm{H})} 7.27, \delta_{(\mathrm{C})} 77.0$ ); due to complicated overlapping $m$, only relevant ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$-NMR data are reported. Mass spectra: fast-atom-bombardment (FAB) spectra; $V G-70-S E$ instrument ( $V G$ anal.) operating at 8 kV accelerating voltage.
(3S,4R,5R,7R,8R,9E,12S,14S,15R,16S,18R,19R,26aS)-8-Ethyl-4,5,8,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,24,25,26, 26a-hexadecahydro-19-hydroxy-5-\{(E)-[1R,3R,4R)-4-hydroxy-3-methoxycyclohexyl]-1-methylethenyl\}-14,16-dimethoxy-4,10,12,18-tetramethyl-15,19-epoxy-3,7-methano-3H,7H-pyrido[2,1-c][1,20,4]dioxaazacyclotricosine$1,20,21(23 \mathrm{H})$-trione ${ }^{3}$ ) (6). A soln. of (22R)-26,33-O-bis[(tert-butyl)dimethylsilyl]-22,22-O-dihydroisoascomy$\operatorname{cin}(5)(399 \mathrm{mg}, 0.39 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{MeCN}(10 \mathrm{ml})$ was treated with $40 \%$ aq. HF soln. ( $100 \mu \mathrm{l}$ ) for 4 h at r.t. The volatile components were evaporated, and the oily residue was purified by CC (hexane/AcOEt $1: 1): \mathbf{6}(110 \mathrm{mg}$, $36 \%)$. Colorless foam. Mixture of two conformers ( $3: 1$ ), major conformer: $\left.{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)^{2}\right): 5.54(d, J=$ $1.5, \mathrm{OH}) ; 5.19(d, J=9, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(29)) ; 4.86(d t, J=4,11, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(24)) ; 4.63$ (br. $s, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(2)) ; 4.38$ (br. $d, J=11.5$, $\left.\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{eq}}-\mathrm{C}(6)\right) ; 3.40,3.35,3.31(3 s, 3 \mathrm{MeO}) ; 1.66(s, \mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(19)) ; 1.26(s, \mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(28)) ; 1.04(d, J=6.5, \mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(17))$; $\left.0.94(d, J=7, \mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(11)) ; 0.82(d, J=6.5, \mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(25)) ; 0.73(t, J=7, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(37)) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)^{2}\right): 194.7$ ( $\mathrm{C}(9)$ ) ; 170.2 ( $\mathrm{C}(1)) ; 167.3(\mathrm{C}(8)) ; 136.6(\mathrm{C}(19)) ; 134.1(\mathrm{C}(29)) ; 132.4(\mathrm{C}(28)) ; 126.9(\mathrm{C}(20)) ; 98.1(\mathrm{C}(10))$; $84.2(\mathrm{C}(32)) ; 81.3(\mathrm{C}(26)) ; 76.7(\mathrm{C}(22)) ; 75.5(\mathrm{C}(15)) ; 75.3(\mathrm{C}(14)) ; 75.2(\mathrm{C}(24)) ; 74.5(\mathrm{C}(13)) ; 73.5(\mathrm{C}(33))$; 58.5, 56.7, 56.6, $55.4(\mathrm{C}(2), 3 \mathrm{MeO}) ; 48.1$ (C(18)); $39.4(\mathrm{C}(6)) ; 39.2(\mathrm{C}(21)) ; 38.0(\mathrm{C}(25)) ; 35.1(\mathrm{C}(16)) ; 35.0$ ( $\mathrm{C}(30)) ; 34.6(\mathrm{C}(31)) ; 33.9(\mathrm{C}(11)) ; 33.0(\mathrm{C}(23)) ; 30.5(\mathrm{C}(35)) ; 27.4(\mathrm{C}(17)) ; 26.7(\mathrm{C}(3)) ; 24.5(\mathrm{C}(5)) ; 24.1$ ( $\mathrm{C}(36)$ ); 21.2 ( $\mathrm{C}(4)) ; 20.7$ ( $\mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(17)$ ); 16.2 ( $\mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(11)$ ); 15.9 ( $\mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(19)) ; 13.6$ ( $\mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(25))$; 11.5, 11.4 (C(37), Me-C(28)).
(3S,4R,5R,7R,8R,9E,12S,14S,15R,16S,18R,19R,26aS)-5-\{(E)-[(1R,3R,4R)-4-(Acetyloxy)-3-methoxycyclo-hexyl]-1-methylethenyll-8-ethyl-4,5,8,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,24,25,26,26a-hexadecahydro-19-hydroxy-14,16-dimethoxy-4,10,12,18-tetramethyl-15,19-expoxy-3,7-methano-3H,7H-pyrido[2,1-c][1,20,4]dioxaazacyclotricosine$1,20,21(23 \mathrm{H})$-trione $\left.{ }^{3}\right)(7)$. To a soln. of $6(110 \mathrm{mg}, 0.143 \mathrm{mmol})$ in dry pyridine $(1 \mathrm{ml})$ at $0^{\circ}$, DMAP ( 25 mg , $0.205 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $\mathrm{Ac}_{2} \mathrm{O}(41.5 \mu \mathrm{l}, 0.43 \mathrm{mmol})$ were added, and the soln. was stirred at $0^{\circ}$ for 2 h . The mixture was diluted with $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}(10 \mathrm{ml})$, washed with 0.1 N HCl soln. $(3 \times 6 \mathrm{ml})$ and brine $(1 \times 5 \mathrm{ml})$, dried $\left(\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}\right)$ and evaporated. The oily residue was submitted to CC (silica gel, hexane/AcOEt, $3: 1$ ): $\mathbf{7}(86 \mathrm{mg}, 74 \%)$. Mixture of two conformers $(3: 1)$, major conformer: $\left.{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)^{2}\right): 5.55(d, J=1, \mathrm{OH}) ; 5.21(q d, J=1.5,9$, $\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(29)) ; 4.87(d t, J=4,11, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(24)) ; 4.39\left(\right.$ br. $\left.d, J=12, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{eq}}-\mathrm{C}(6)\right) ; 3.62(d d, J=5,10.5, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(22)) ; 3.54$
$(d, J=10, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(26)) ; 3.38,3.34,3.32(3 s, 3 \mathrm{MeO}) ; 2.92\left(d t, J=3,13, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{ax}}-\mathrm{C}(6)\right) ; 2.08(s, \mathrm{AcO}-\mathrm{C}(33)) ; 1.69(s$, $\mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(19)) ; 1.67(s, \mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(28)) ; 1.05(d, J=6.5, \mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(11)) ; 0.91(d, J=7, \mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(17)) ; 0.82(t, J=7$, $\left.\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(37)) ; 0.75(d, J=6.5, \mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(25)) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)^{2}\right): 194.5(\mathrm{C}(9)) ; 170.5,170.1$ ( $\left.\mathrm{C}(1), C \mathrm{OMe}\right) ; 167.3$ ( $\mathrm{C}(8)$ ); $136.6(\mathrm{C}(19)) ; 133.7(\mathrm{C}(29)) ; 132.7(\mathrm{C}(28)) ; 126.9(\mathrm{C}(20)) ; 98.1(\mathrm{C}(10)) ; 81.3(\mathrm{C}(26)) ; 80.7(\mathrm{C}(32))$; 76.7 ( $\mathrm{C}(22)$ ); $75.8(\mathrm{C}(33)) ; 75.5(\mathrm{C}(15)) ; 75.3,75.2(\mathrm{C}(14), \mathrm{C}(24)) ; 74.5(\mathrm{C}(13)) ; 58.4,57.3$ ( $\mathrm{MeO}-\mathrm{C}(13)$, $\mathrm{MeO}-\mathrm{C}(32)) ; 56.6(\mathrm{C}(2)) ; 55.3(\mathrm{MeO}-\mathrm{C}(15)) ; 48.1(\mathrm{C}(18)) ; 39.4(\mathrm{C}(6)) ; 39.2(\mathrm{C}(21)) ; 38.0(\mathrm{C}(25)) ; 36.2$ ( $\mathrm{C}(31))$; $35.1(\mathrm{C}(16)) ; 34.8(\mathrm{C}(30)) ; 33.9(\mathrm{C}(11)) ; 33.1(\mathrm{C}(23)) ; 29.8(\mathrm{C}(35)) ; 27.4(\mathrm{C}(17)) ; 26.7(\mathrm{C}(3)) ; 24.5$ (C(5)); $24.2(\mathrm{C}(36)) ; 21.3,21.2,20.8(\mathrm{C}(4), \mathrm{MeCO}, M e-\mathrm{C}(17)) ; 16.2(M e-\mathrm{C}(11)) ; 15.9(M e-\mathrm{C}(19)) ; 13.6$ ( $\mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(25)) ; 11.5,11.4(\mathrm{C}(37), M e-\mathrm{C}(28))$.
(3S,5R,6R,7E,10S,12S,13R,14S,16R,17R,24aS)-6-Ethyl-4,5,6,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,22,23,24,24a-hexadeca-hydro-5,17-dihydroxy-3-\{(1S,2S,3E)-2-hydroxy-4-[(1R,3R,4R)-4-hydroxy-3-methoxycyclohexyl]-1,3-dimethyl-but-3-enyl\}-12,14-dimethoxy-8,10,16-trimethyl-13,17-epoxy-3H-pyrido[2,1-c][1,4]oxaazacycloheneicosine-1,18, $19(21 \mathrm{H})$-trione $\left.{ }^{3}\right)(\mathbf{8})$. A soln. of $5(3.20 \mathrm{~g}, 3.13 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{MeCN}(50 \mathrm{ml})$ was treated with $1 \mathrm{~N} \mathrm{HCl}(6 \mathrm{ml})$ at r.t. for 4.5 h . The mixture was neutralized with sat. aq. $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ soln. and extracted with $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}(3 \times 30 \mathrm{ml})$. The extract was dried $\left(\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}\right)$ and evaporated. $\mathrm{CC}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} / \mathrm{MeOH} 95: 5\right)$ of the residue yielded $\mathbf{8}(1.73 \mathrm{~g}, 70 \%)$. Colorless foam. $\left.{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)^{2}\right): 5.12(d, J=9, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(29)) ; 5.01(d, J=5, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(2)) ; 4.97(d t, J=2.5,7$, $\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(24)) ; 4.76(d, J=10.5, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(20)) ; 4.43\left(\mathrm{br} . d, J=11, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{eq}}-\mathrm{C}(6)\right) ; 4.01(s, \mathrm{OH}) ; 3.81(d, J=7.5, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(26))$; $3.63(d, J=10, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(14)) ; 3.39,3.37,3.29(3 \mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{MeO}) ; 3.01(d d d, J=4.5,9,11, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(32)) ; 2.84(d t, J=3,13.5$, $\left.\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{ax}}-\mathrm{C}(6)\right) ; 2.80(\mathrm{br} . s, \mathrm{OH}) ; 1.63(s, \mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(28)) ; 1.55(s, \mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(19)) ; 1.02(d, J=6.5, \mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(11)) ; 0.97(d, J=$ 7, $\left.\mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(25)) ; 0.90(d, J=6.5, \mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(17)) ; 0.80(t, J=7.5, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(37)) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)^{2}\right): 197.0(\mathrm{C}(9))$; 169.7 ( $\mathrm{C}(1)$ ); $166.0(\mathrm{C}(8)) ; 137.1$ ( $\mathrm{C}(19)$ ); 134.9 ( $\mathrm{C}(28)$ ); 132.4 ( $\mathrm{C}(29)$ ); 126.9 ( $\mathrm{C}(20)) ; 96.0(\mathrm{C}(10)) ; 84.3$ ( $\mathrm{C}(32)$ ); 79.7 ( $\mathrm{C}(26)) ; 74.9,74.8(\mathrm{C}(15), \mathrm{C}(22)) ; 73.7(\mathrm{C}(13), \mathrm{C}(33)) ; 72.9(\mathrm{C}(14)) ; 72.3(\mathrm{C}(24)) ; 57.4,57.0$, $56.6,56.5(3 \mathrm{MeO}, \mathrm{C}(2)) ; 50.3(\mathrm{C}(21)) ; 48.1(\mathrm{C}(18)) ; 39.5(\mathrm{C}(6)) ; 37.6(\mathrm{C}(25)) ; 35.7(\mathrm{C}(23)) ; 35.0,34.9(\mathrm{C}(30)$, $\mathrm{C}(31)) ; 34.6(\mathrm{C}(11)) ; 32.8(\mathrm{C}(16)) ; 32.1(\mathrm{C}(12)) ; 31.5(\mathrm{C}(34)) ; 30.6(\mathrm{C}(35)) ; 27.5(\mathrm{C}(3)) ; 26.4(\mathrm{C}(17)) ; 24.6,24.5$ ( $\mathrm{C}(5), \mathrm{C}(36)) ; 22.1(\mathrm{C}(4)) ; 20.4$ ( $\mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(17)) ; 16.3$ ( $\mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(11)) ; 15.7$ ( $\mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(19))$; 11.9, 11.7 ( $\mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(28)$, $\mathrm{C}(37))$; $9.0(\mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(25))$. FAB-MS: $776\left(\left[M-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right]^{+}\right), 758\left(\left[M-2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right]^{+}\right), 560,266,254,241,220$.
(3S,5R,6R,7E, 10S,12S,13R,14S,16R,17R,24aS)-6-Ethyl-4,5,6,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,22,23,24,24a-hexa-decahydro-5,17-dihydroxy-3-\{(1S,2S)-2-hydroxy-2-\{3-[(1R,3R,4R)-4-hydroxy-3-methoxycyclohexyl]-2-methyl-oxiran-2-yll-1-methylethyl\}-12,14-dimethoxy-8,10,16-trimethyl-13,17-epoxy-3H-pyrido[2,1-c][1,4]oxaazacyclo-heneicosine-1,18,19(21H)-trione $\left.{ }^{3}\right)(9)$. To a soln. of $\mathbf{8}(370 \mathrm{mg}, 0.466 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(20 \mathrm{ml}) t-\mathrm{BuOOH}$ ( $0.23 \mathrm{ml}, 0.699 \mathrm{mmol} ; 3 \mathrm{M}$ soln. in toluene) and $\left[\mathrm{VO}(\mathrm{acac})_{2}\right](9 \mathrm{mg}, 0.024 \mathrm{mmol})$ were added at $0^{\circ}$. After 0.5 h at $0^{\circ}$, the mixture was warmed to r.t. and stirred for 4 h . The resulting soln. was diluted with toluene $(10 \mathrm{ml})$ and evaporated. The crude product ( 338 mg ) was purified by CC ( $\mathrm{AcOEt} /$ toluene $3: 1$ ): 9 ( $270 \mathrm{mg}, 72 \%$ ). Colorless foam. Mixture of two diastereoisomers ( $85: 15$ ), major diastereoisomer: $\left.{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)^{2}\right): 5.17-5.06(\mathrm{~m}$, $\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(24)) ; 4.84(d, J=9.5, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(20)) ; 4.41\left(\mathrm{br} . d, J=11, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{eq}}-\mathrm{C}(6)\right) ; 4.19(s, \mathrm{OH}) ; 3.82(\mathrm{br} . s, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(26)) ; 3.41$, $3.37,3.29(3 \mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{MeO}) ; 2.84(d, J=8.5, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(29)) ; 1.57(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(19)) ; 1.24(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(28)) ; 0.98,0.94(2 d, J=$ 6.5 each, $\mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(11), \mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(17)) ; 0.87(d, J=7, \mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(25)) ; 0.81(t, J=7, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(37))$. FAB-MS: $816([M+$ $\mathrm{Li}^{+}$), 686, 333, 313, 266, 221.
(3R,4R,5E, $8 \mathrm{~S}, 10 \mathrm{~S}, 11 \mathrm{R}, 12 \mathrm{~S}, 14 \mathrm{R}, 15 \mathrm{R}, 22 a \mathrm{~S})-4-$ Ethyl-4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,20,21,22,22a-tetradecahydro-15-hydroxy-10,12-dimethoxy-6,8,14-trimethyl-3-\{\{(2S,3R,4S)-tetrahydro-4-hydroxy-5-\{hydroxy[(1R,3R,4R)-4-hydroxy-3-methoxycyclohexyl]methyll-3-methylfuran-2-yllmethyll-11,15-epoxy-3H-pyrido[2,1-c][1,4]oxaaza-cyclononadecine-1,16,17(19H)-trione ${ }^{3}$ ) (10). A soln. of (22R)-28,29-epoxy-22,22-O-dihydroisoascomycin (9; $115 \mathrm{mg}, 0.142 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(5 \mathrm{ml})$ was treated with $\mathrm{BF}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}(10$ drops $)$ for 6 d at r.t. Workup with sat. aq. NaHCO 3 soln., extraction with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, drying $\left(\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}\right)$, and evaporation afforded the crude product ( 63 mg ) which was submitted to CC (AcOEt/toluene $3: 1): 10(44 \mathrm{mg}, 38 \%)$. Colorless foam. $\left.{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)^{2}\right): 5.16$ $(d d, J=5,10, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(22)) ; 4.44\left(\mathrm{br} . d, J=13.5, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{eq}}-\mathrm{C}(6)\right) ; 4.27(d, J=7.5, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(26)) ; 4.13(s, \mathrm{OH}) ; 3.74(d d, J=$ 2, 9.5, H-C(14)); 3.42, 3.38, 3.29 ( $3 s, 3 \mathrm{MeO}$ ); 2.99 ( $d d d, J=4.5,9,11.5, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(32)) ; 2.75,2.48$ ( $2 \mathrm{br} . s, 2 \mathrm{OH}$ ); $1.40(s, \mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(19)) ; 1.05(s, \mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(28)) ; 0.98,0.93,0.91$ ( $3 d, J=7$ each, $\mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(11), \mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(17), \mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(25))$; $\left.0.86(t, J=7, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(37)) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)^{2}\right): 196.5(\mathrm{C}(9)) ; 169.2(\mathrm{C}(1)) ; 165.4(\mathrm{C}(8)) ; 137.1(\mathrm{C}(19)) ; 123.9$ ( $\mathrm{C}(20))$; $96.8(\mathrm{C}(10)) ; 88.2(\mathrm{C}(28)) ; 84.6(\mathrm{C}(32)) ; 79.9(\mathrm{C}(26)) ; 77.6(\mathrm{C}(29)) ; 75.5(\mathrm{C}(24)) ; 75.2(\mathrm{C}(15)) ; 73.6$ ( $\mathrm{C}(13))$; $73.3(\mathrm{C}(22), \mathrm{C}(33)) ; 72.3(\mathrm{C}(14)) ; 56.6,56.3,56.2(3 \mathrm{MeO}) ; 56.1(\mathrm{C}(2)) ; 50.0(\mathrm{C}(18)) ; 43.9(\mathrm{C}(21))$; $42.2(\mathrm{C}(23)) ; 39.1(\mathrm{C}(6)) ; 37.9(\mathrm{C}(25)) ; 34.7(\mathrm{C}(30)) ; 33.1,32.4,31.9,31.4,31.1,29.6(\mathrm{C}(11), \mathrm{C}(12), \mathrm{C}(16)$, $\mathrm{C}(31), \mathrm{C}(34)) ; 28.5(\mathrm{C}(3)) ; 25.5(\mathrm{C}(17)) ; 24.8,24.7,24.6(\mathrm{C}(5), \mathrm{C}(35), \mathrm{C}(36)) ; 21.4(\mathrm{C}(4)) ; 20.5(M e-\mathrm{C}(17))$; $16.8(M e-\mathrm{C}(28)) ; 16.0(M e-\mathrm{C}(11)) ; 15.3(M e-\mathrm{C}(19)) ; 11.8(\mathrm{C}(37)) ; 10.0(M e-\mathrm{C}(25)) . \mathrm{FAB}-\mathrm{MS}: 833([M+$ $\left.\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right), 792\left(\left[M-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right]^{+}\right), 632,447,307,266$.
(3R,4R,5E,8S, $10 \mathrm{~S}, 11 \mathrm{R}, 12 \mathrm{~S}, 14 \mathrm{R}, 15 \mathrm{R}, 22 a \mathrm{~S})-3-\{\{(2 \mathrm{~S}, 3 \mathrm{R}, 4 \mathrm{~S})-4-($ Acetyloxy $)-5-\{($ acetyloxy $)[(1 \mathrm{R}, 3 \mathrm{R}, 4 \mathrm{R})-4-$ (acetyloxy)-3-methoxycyclohexyl]methyl\}-tetrahydro-3-methylfuran-2-ylfmethylf-4-ethyl-4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14, 15,20,21,22,22a-tetradecahydro-15-hydroxy-10,12-dimethoxy-6,8,14-trimethyl-11,15-epoxy-3H-pyrido[2,1-c][1,4]-oxaazacyclononadecine-1,16,17(19H)-trione ${ }^{3}$ ) (11). According to the acetylation of $\mathbf{6}$, a mixture of $\mathbf{1 0}(44 \mathrm{mg}$, $0.054 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{Ac}_{2} \mathrm{O}(24 \mu \mathrm{l}, 0.25 \mathrm{mmol})$ and DMAP $(26.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.217 \mathrm{mmol})$ in pyridine $(0.5 \mathrm{ml})$ was stirred for 5 h at $0^{\circ}$ and then worked up. Purification by CC (cyclohexane/acetone $5: 1$ ) afforded $\mathbf{1 1}(42 \mathrm{mg}, 83 \%) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}$ $\left.\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)^{2}\right): 5.17(d d, J=4.5,10, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(22)) ; 5.09(d, J=5.5, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(20)) ; 4.97($ br. $d, J=6, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(2)) ; 4.86(d, J=$ $\left.10.5, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{eq}}-\mathrm{C}(6)\right) ; 4.58(d, J=6, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(26)) ; 4.15(s, \mathrm{OH}) ; 3.75(d d, J=2,9.5, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}(14)) ; 3.40,3.36,3.27(3 s, 3$ $\mathrm{MeO}) ; 2.08,2.05,2.04(3 s, 3 \mathrm{AcO}) ; 1.38(s, \mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(19)) ; 1.10(s, \mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(28)) ; 1.00,0.89,0.82(3 d, J=6.5$ each, $\left.\mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(11), \mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(17), \mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{C}(25)) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)^{2}\right): 196.5(\mathrm{C}(9)) ; 170.7,170.6,169.7$ (3 AcO); 168.9 ( $\mathrm{C}(1))$; $165.4(\mathrm{C}(8)) ; 137.4(\mathrm{C}(19)) ; 123.7(\mathrm{C}(20)) ; 96.6(\mathrm{C}(10)) ; 86.5(\mathrm{C}(28)) ; 80.7(\mathrm{C}(32)) ; 79.2,79.0(\mathrm{C}(26)$, $\mathrm{C}(29)) ; 77.5,75.7,75.0,74.0,73.2(\mathrm{C}(13), \mathrm{C}(15), \mathrm{C}(22), \mathrm{C}(24), \mathrm{C}(33)) ; 72.2(\mathrm{C}(14)) ; 57.3,56.6,56.3,56.0$ ( $\mathrm{C}(2), 3 \mathrm{MeO}) ; 49.9(\mathrm{C}(18)) ; 42.0,41.5(\mathrm{C}(21), \mathrm{C}(23)) ; 39.1(\mathrm{C}(6)) ; 36.0,34.8,34.7,32.5,32.3,29.3,28.7(\mathrm{C}(11)$, $\mathrm{C}(12), \mathrm{C}(16), \mathrm{C}(25), \mathrm{C}(30), \mathrm{C}(31), \mathrm{C}(34)) ; 26.1,25.5,24.7,24.6(\mathrm{C}(3), \mathrm{C}(5), \mathrm{C}(17), \mathrm{C}(35), \mathrm{C}(36)) ; 21.4$ (C(4)); 20.8, 20.5 ( $M e-\mathrm{C}(17), 3 \mathrm{AcO}) ; 16.1,16.0(M e-\mathrm{C}(11), M e-\mathrm{C}(28)) ; 15.3(M e-\mathrm{C}(19)) ; 11.9(\mathrm{C}(37))$; 9.3 ( $M e-\mathrm{C}(25))$. FAB-MS: $942\left([M+\mathrm{Li}]^{+}\right), 918,898,882,313$.

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    ${ }^{2}$ ) Arbitrary numbering.
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