

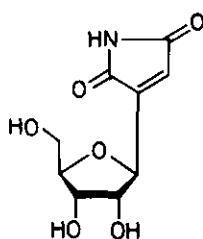
SYNTHESIS OF HOMOSHOWDOMYCIN AND HOMOPYRAZOMYCIN¹

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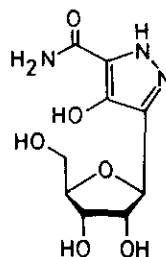
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Abstract — An efficiently stereocontrolled entry to the title homo-C-nucleosides is described.

Showdomycin (I)² and pyrazomycin (II)³ are C-nucleosides that possess marked anti-bacterial and antitumor activities.⁴ Disclosed herein is the synthesis of homoshowdomycin (VII) and homopyrazomycin (XII), the analogues in which the ribofuranosyl group and nitrogen heterocycle are linked by a methylene unit. The synthesis starting from the readily available chiral lactone III^{2e, 2f} has been accomplished in a stereospecific manner.



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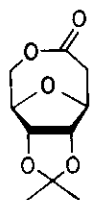


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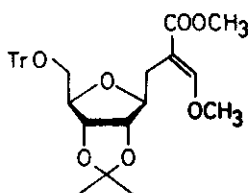
The lactone III can be converted to IV easily as reported earlier.¹ Ozonolysis of IV in ethyl acetate at -78 °C followed by workup with dimethyl sulfide⁵ produces the keto ester V, which without purification was subjected to the Wittig condensation with carbamoylmethylene-triphenylphosphorane^{2b, 2d, 6} (1.3 equiv, CHCl₃, 25 °C, 30 min) to give a 23:77 mixture of the maleimide derivative VI⁷ and uncyclized VIII⁸ having an E double bond (66% yield based on IV). The reaction conditions were mild enough to maintain the C-β-glycoside structure throughout such transformation. In the NMR spectra of VI (CDCl₃), the isopropylidene methyls exhibited ¹H signals at δ 1.34 and 1.54 (Δδ 0.20 ppm)⁹ and ¹³C signals at δ 25.53 and 27.44 (Δδ 1.91 ppm),¹⁰ in accord with the assigned configuration. A direct method for converting VIII to VI has not yet been found, but VIII could be subjected to recycle use, since upon ozonolysis it reverted to the keto ester V. Finally treatment of VI with 9:1 trifluoroacetic acid–water (25 °C, 45 min) afforded 2-(β-D-ribofuranosyl)methylmaleimide (homoshowdomycin) (VII)¹¹ in 90% yield.

When the keto ester V was treated with ethyl hydrazinoacetate hydrochloride and sodium acetate (2 equiv each, CH₃OH–THF–H₂O, 25 °C, 12 h), the hydrazone IX was obtained (47% yield based on IV). Cyclization was then effected by 0.29 N methanolic sodium methoxide

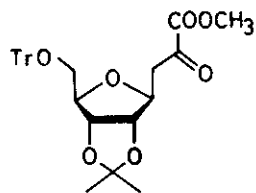
(reflux, 4.5 h)¹² to form X.¹³ Ammonolysis of X (NH₃/CH₃OH, 25 °C, 4 days, 75%), giving XI,¹⁴ followed by removal of the protective groups in 90% aqueous trifluoroacetic acid (25 °C, 20 min, 87%) completed the synthesis of 3-(β-D-ribofuranosyl)methyl-4-hydroxypyrazole-5-carboxamide (homopyrazomycin) (XII).¹⁵



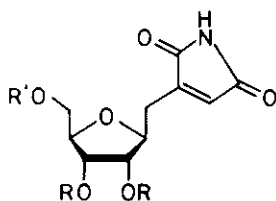
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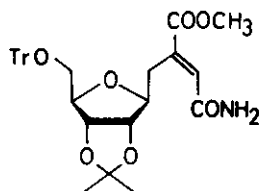
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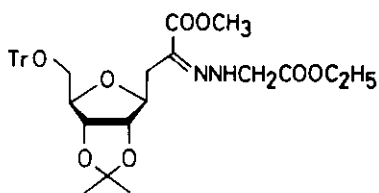
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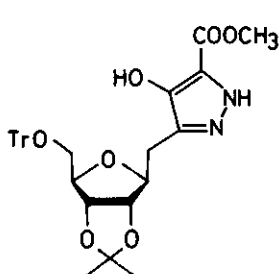
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VII, R = R' = H



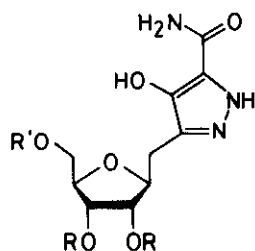
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X



XI, R-R = C(CH₃)₂, R' = Tr
XII, R = R' = H

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7. Foam. IR (CHCl₃) 3440 (NH), 1781 and 1728 cm⁻¹ (C=O). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.34 and 1.54 (s, isopropylidene CH₃), 2.79 (m, CH₂-maleimide), 3.20 (dd, J = 4.8, 10.5 Hz, H_{5'a}), 3.35 (dd, J = 4.0, 10.5 Hz, H_{5'b}), 4.18 (m, H₁, and H₄), 4.45 (dd, J = 4.9, 6.1 Hz, H₂), 4.67 (dd, J = 3.5, 6.1 Hz, H₃), 6.51 (m, H₃), 7.30 (m, Tr), 7.94 (br, NH). UV λ_{max} (CH₃OH) 221 nm (sh, ε 13500).
8. Foam. IR (CHCl₃) 3470 and 3310 (NH), 1708 and 1668 cm⁻¹ (C=O). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.32 and 1.52 (s, isopropylidene CH₃), 2.87 (dd, J = 9.1, 13.1 Hz, H_aH_bC=), 3.11 (dd, J = 5.0, 13.1 Hz, H_aH_bC=), 3.24 (dd, J = 3.6, 12.8 Hz, H_{5'a}), 3.38 (dd, J = 4.2, 12.8 Hz, H_{5'b}), 3.74 (s, OCH₃), 4.07 (m, H₁, and H₄), 4.45 (dd, J = 5.0, 6.2 Hz, H₂), 4.64 (dd, J = 4.8, 5.0 Hz, H₃), 6.44 (br, NH₂), 6.97 (s, =CHCONH₂), 7.30 (m, Tr).
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11. Mp 150-154 °C. [α]_D²⁰ -24° (c 0.20, CH₃OH). ¹H NMR (acetone-d₆) δ 2.70 (m, CH₂-maleimide), 3.66 (m, H₅), 3.82 (m, H₁, and H₄), 4.16 (m, H₂, and H₃), 4.0-5.0 (br, OH), 6.56 (m, H₃), 9.52 (br, NH). ¹³C NMR (acetone-d₆) δ 61.36 (C₅), 70.68, 74.39, 80.10,

- 84.30 (C₁, -C₄, of ribose), 146.41, 173.32, CH₂-maleimide obscured by acetone peaks.
 UV λ_{max} (CH₃OH) 222 nm (ε 10200).
12. The cyclization was carried out according to the method of G. Just and S. Kim, Can. J. Chem., 1977, 55, 427.
13. Foam. IR (CHCl₃) 3580–3200 (NH and OH), 1698 cm⁻¹ (C=O). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.35 and 1.54 (s, isopropylidene CH₃), 2.92 (dd, J = 7.3, 15.9 Hz, CH_aH_b-pyrazole), 3.15 (dd, J = 4.6, 15.9 Hz, CH_aH_b-pyrazole), 3.25 (dd, J = 5.0, 10.5 Hz, H_{5'a}), 3.41 (dd, J = 4.0, 10.5 Hz, H_{5'b}), 3.95 (s, OCH₃), 4.12 (m, H₁, and H₄), 4.56 (m, H₂, and H₃), 7.32 (m, Tr).
 UV λ_{max} (CH₃OH) 228 nm (sh, ε 14200), 268 (4830).
14. Foam. IR (CHCl₃) 3580–3200 (NH and OH), 1675 cm⁻¹ (C=O). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.30 and 1.50 (s, isopropylidene CH₃), 2.87 (dd, J = 7.9, 15.1 Hz, CH_aH_b-pyrazole), 3.19 (dd, J = 3.5, 15.1 Hz, CH_aH_b-pyrazole), 3.21 (dd, J = 5.5, 10.3 Hz, H_{5'a}), 3.46 (dd, J = 3.2, 10.3 Hz, H_{5'b}), 4.22 (m, H₁, and H₄), 4.49 (m, H₂, and H₃), 5.97 and 6.67 (br, NH₂), 7.30 (m, Tr), 8.03 (br, NH and OH). UV λ_{max} (CH₃OH) 227 nm (sh, ε 14300), 268 (5100).
15. Mp 109–113 °C. [α]_D²¹ -22° (c 0.23, CH₃OH). ¹H NMR (D₂O) δ 3.01 (m, CH₂-pyrazole), 3.73 (m, H₅), 3.90–4.30 (m, H₁, H₂, H₃, H₄). ¹³C NMR (D₂O) δ 30.38 (CH₂-pyrazole), 64.82 (C₅), 74.25, 77.20, 84.80, 86.78 (C₁, -C₄, of ribose), 132.31, 169.21.
 UV λ_{max} (H₂O) 223 nm (ε 8630), 266 (5150), λ_{max} (0.1 N NaOH) 235 nm (ε 4330), 311 (5460).

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