# SYNTHESES AND PROPERTIES OF THE 6'-C-ALKYL DERIVATIVES OF $3^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}$-DIDEOXYKANAMYCIN B 

Sir:
The chemical modification of kanamycins to give derivatives active against resistant strains which form $3^{\prime}$-O-phosphotransferases has been successful ${ }^{1,2)}$. However, the $6^{\prime}-\mathrm{N}$-methylation of aminoglycoside antibiotics has been not enough to inhibit the reaction of all $6^{\prime}-\mathrm{N}$-acetyltransferases, and $6^{\prime}$-N-ethyl and $6^{\prime}$-deamino derivatives have one fourth or lower activity than the parent antibiotics ${ }^{3,4)}$. In this communication, we wish to report syntheses and properties of $6^{\prime}$-C-alkyl derivatives of $3^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}$ dideoxykanamycin B. Both $6^{\prime}(S)$ - and $6^{\prime}(R)$-Calkyl derivatives are strongly active against sensitive and resistant strains. The former is more active than the latter in inhibiting some resistant strains producing $6^{\prime}-\mathrm{N}$-acetyltransferase.

By the method reported in a previous paper ${ }^{5)}$, $6^{\prime}$-C-alkyl derivatives of $3^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}$-dideoxykanamycin B were synthesized through a 5'-deaminomethyl-5'-C-formyl derivative. The free amino groups of $6^{\prime}-\mathrm{N}$-benzyloxycarbonyl- $3^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}$-dideoxykanamycin $\mathrm{B}^{6)}$ (1) were protected with tert-butoxycarbonyl group by reaction with tert-butyl S-4,6-dimethylpyrimid-2-ylthiocarbonate in aqueous dioxane at room temperature for 22 hours in $99 \%$ yield. Treatment of the $6^{\prime}-\mathrm{N}$-benzyloxycarbonyl$1,3,2^{\prime}, 3^{\prime \prime}$-tetra-N-tert-butoxycarbonyl derivative (2) with 2,2-dimethoxypropane in anhydrous $\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{N}$-dimethylformamide in the presence of $p$ toluenesulfonic acid at $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 1 hour followed by silicic acid column chromatography (chloro-form-methanol, 100:1) gave $6^{\prime}-\mathrm{N}$-benzyloxy-carbonyl-1, $3,2^{\prime}, 3^{\prime \prime}$-tetra- N -tert-butoxycarbonyl$4^{\prime \prime}, 6^{\prime \prime}$-O-isopropylidene- $3^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}$-dideoxykanamycin B (3) in $79 \%$ yield. The N-benzyloxycarbonyl group in 3 was removed by catalytic hydrogenation with $5 \%$ palladium-barium carbonate in a mixture of ethanol and methanol under atmospheric pressure for 6 hours to afford the $1,3,2^{\prime}$, $3^{\prime \prime}$-tetra-N-tert-butoxycarbonyl- $4^{\prime \prime}, 6^{\prime \prime}$ - O -isopropylidene derivative (4) in $78 \%$ yield. Oxidation of a primary amino group in 4 with ninhydrin and sodium hydrogencarbonate in a heterogeneous mixture of chloroform and water at room temperature for 42.5 hours followed by silicic acid column chromatography (dichloromethane - ethanol, 40:1) afforded $1,3,2^{\prime}, 3^{\prime \prime}$ -
tetra-N-tert-butoxycarbonyl-5'-deaminomethyl-$5^{\prime}$-C-formyl-4', $6^{\prime \prime}$ - O - isopropylidene- $3^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}$-dideoxykanamycin B (5) in $59 \%$ yield, mp 205~ $207^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (decomp.), PMR(dioxane- $\mathrm{d}_{8}$ ): $\delta 9.57$ ( s , CHO ).

Treatment of 5 in dichloromethane with an excess of ethereal diazomethane $(0.5 \mathrm{~m})$ at room temperature for 18 hours followed by silicic acid column chromatography (choloroform - methyl ethyl ketone, $2: 1$ ) gave the $5^{\prime}$-C-ethanoyl derivative (6) in $81 \%$ yield, $\mathrm{mp} 216 \sim 218^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (decomp.), $[\alpha]_{D}^{22}+64^{\circ}(c \quad 0.3$, methanol), PMR (chloroformd): $\delta 2.21\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{COCH}_{3}\right)$. Reductive amination of 6 in anhydrous methanol with ammonium acetate and sodium cyanoborohydride followed by silicic acid column chromatography (chloro-form-methanol-17\% aqueous ammonia, 80: $10: 1)$ afforded two diastereomers, the $6^{\prime}(S)$ -




3 $\mathrm{R}=-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{NHCbz}$
$4 \mathrm{R}=-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{NH}_{2}$
$5 \mathrm{R}=-\mathrm{CHO}$
$6 R=-\mathrm{COCH}_{3}$
$7 R=-\mathrm{COCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$
$8 \mathrm{R}=-\mathrm{CH}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{2}\right) \mathrm{CH}_{3}$
$9 \mathrm{R}=-\mathrm{CH}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{2}\right) \mathrm{CH}_{3}$
(R)

IO $\mathrm{R}=-\mathrm{CH}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{2}\right) \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ (S)
(R)

C-methyl derivative (8) and $6^{\prime}(R)$-C-methyl derivative (9) in each $31 \%$ yield. The N -tertbutoxycarbonyl groups and O -isopropylidene group in 8 were removed in $90 \%$ trifluoroacetic acid at room temperature for 45 minutes to afford $6^{\prime}(S)$-C-methyl-3',4'-dideoxykanamycin B (12) as a monocarbonate, which was purified by column chromatography on Amberlite CG-50 $\left(\mathrm{NH}_{4}{ }^{+}\right)$resin and eluted with 0.3 N ammonia in a quantitative yield. The compound 9 was also converted into a monocarbonate of $6^{\prime}(R)$-C-methyl-3', 4'-dideoxykanamycin B (13).

The treatment of 5 with diazoethane ( $70 \%$ yield), reductive amination of the $5^{\prime}$-C-propanoyl derivative (7) with ammonium acetate and sodium cyanoborohydride, separation of two diastereomers ( $\mathbf{1 0}$ and 11) by silicic acid column chromatography ( $41 \%$ and $32 \%$ yield, respec-

Table 1. Properties of $6^{\prime}$-C-alkyl derivatives of $3^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}$-dideoxykanamycin B.

| Compound | mp (decomp.) | $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}$ in $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | Molecular formula | MS $m / e$ | Rf on TLC* |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1 2}$ | $169 \sim 173^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $+93^{\circ}$ at $22^{\circ}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{39} \mathrm{~N}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{8} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ | $466(\mathrm{M}+1)^{+}$ | 0.48 |
| $\mathbf{1 3}$ | $162 \sim 167^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $+103^{\circ}$ at $22^{\circ}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{39} \mathrm{~N}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{8} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ | $466(\mathrm{M}+1)^{+}$ | 0.43 |
| $\mathbf{1 4}$ | $145 \sim 152^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $+111^{\circ}$ at $22^{\circ}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{41} \mathrm{~N}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{8} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ | $479 \mathrm{M}^{+}$ | 0.53 |
| $\mathbf{1 5}$ | $149 \sim 155^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $+117^{\circ}$ at $22^{\circ}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{41} \mathrm{~N}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{8} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ | $479 \mathrm{M}^{+}$ | 0.51 |
| $\mathbf{1 6}$ | $156 \sim 164^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $+70^{\circ}$ at $25^{\circ}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{46} \mathrm{~N}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{10} \cdot 2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ |  | 0.42 |
| $\mathbf{1 7}$ | $156 \sim 166^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $+76^{\circ}$ at $25^{\circ}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{46} \mathrm{~N}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{10} \cdot 1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ |  | 0.38 |

* TLC: on cellulose (Avicel) plates using butanol-ethanol-chloroform $-17 \%$ aq. ammonia (4:5:2:5, $\mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v})$.

Table 2. The carbon 13 chemical shifts.

| Carbon | Chemical shift (ppm) |  |  |  |  |  | Carbon | Chemical shift (ppm) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{1 2} \\ & \mathrm{pD} \\ & 4.2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{1 3} \\ & \mathrm{pD} \\ & 4.3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{1 4} \\ & \mathrm{pD} \\ & 4.6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15 \\ & \mathrm{pD} \\ & 4.2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 16 \\ & \text { pD } \\ & 4.6 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{1 7} \\ & \mathrm{pD} \\ & 4.5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{1 2} \\ & \text { pD } \\ & 4.2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 13 \\ & \mathrm{pD} \\ & 4.3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{1 4} \\ & \mathrm{pD} \\ & 4.6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{1 5} \\ & \mathrm{pD} \\ & 4.2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 16 \\ & \mathrm{pD} \\ & 4.6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 17 \\ & \mathrm{pD} \\ & 4.5 \end{aligned}$ |
| 1 | 50.6* | 50.0* | 50.5* | 50.6* | 49.7* | 49.7* | 7 | 15.2 | 13.1 | 22.7 | 22.1 | 15.2 | 13.6 |
| 2 | 28.9 | 28.4 | 29.3 | 29.5 | 32.0** | 31.6 | $8^{\prime}$ |  |  | 9.7 | 10.3 |  |  |
| 3 | 49.5* | 48.9* | 49.5* | 49.4* | 49.7* | 49.6 | $1^{\prime \prime}$ | 101.3 | 100.8 | 101.3 | 101.3 | 98.8 | 98.8 |
| 4 | 77.7 | 77.6 | 78.5 | 79.1 | 79.4 | 79.3 | $2^{\prime \prime}$ | 68.9 | 68.4 | 68.9 | 68.9 | 68.9 | 68.8 |
| 5 | 75.2 | 74.6 | 75.2 | 75.1 | 75.8 | 75.7 | $3^{\prime \prime}$ | 55.7 | 55.2 | 55.7 | 55.7 | 55.9 | 55.9 |
| 6 | 84.6 | 84.1 | 84.7 | 84.9 | 81.2 | 81.1 | $4^{\prime \prime}$ | 66.3 | 65.7 | 66.2 | 66.3 | 66.5 | 66.5 |
| $1^{\prime}$ | 95.5 | 95.6 | 95.7 | 96.5 | 95.7 | 96.2 | 5" | 73.7 | 73.1 | 73.6 | 73.6 | 72.9 | 72.9 |
| $2^{\prime}$ | 49.6* | 49.2* | 49.7* | 49.6* | 49.7* | 49.7* | $6^{\prime \prime}$ | 60.7 | 60.2 | 60.7 | 60.7 | 60.7 | 60.6 |
| 3 ' | 21.1 | 20.9 | 21.1 | 21.4 | 21.3 | 21.5 | $1^{\prime \prime \prime}$ |  |  |  |  | 176.2 | 176.2 |
| $4^{\prime}$ | 26.1 | 22.7 | 26.2 | 22.6 | 26.1 | 23.2 | $2^{\prime \prime \prime}$ |  |  |  |  | 70.4 | 70.4 |
| $5^{\prime}$ | 70.9 | 69.2 | 69.5 | 68.9 | 70.8 | 69.7 | $3^{\prime \prime \prime}$ |  |  |  |  | 31.6** | 31.6 |
| $6^{\prime}$ | 51.9* | 50.0* | 57.2 | 56.2 | 51.9* | 50.5* | $4^{\prime \prime \prime}$ |  |  |  |  | 37.8 | 37.8 |

The ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ FT NMR spectra were taken with a Varian XL-100 spectrometer in $\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$. Dioxane ( 67.4 ppm ) was used as the internal reference. Similar values with asterisks within each column may be interchanged.

Table 3. Minimum inhibitory concentrations $(\mu \mathrm{g} / \mathrm{ml})$.

| Test organism | Inactivating enzyme | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | DKB* |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Staph. aureus FDA 209P |  | 0.78 | 0.78 | 1.56 | 1.56 | 1.56 | 0.78 | 0.78 |
| Staph. aureus Smith |  | $<0.20$ | $<0.20$ | 0.39 | $<0.20$ | $<0.20$ | $<0.20$ | $<0.20$ |
| Staph. aureus Ap01 | $\mathrm{ANT}\left(4^{\prime}\right)$ | 0.78 | 0.78 | 1.56 | 3.13 | 1.56 | 0.78 | 0.78 |
| Staph. epidermidis 109 | ANT(4') | 0.78 | 0.78 | 1.56 | 1.56 | 1.56 | 0.78 | 0.78 |
| Micrococcus flavus FDA16 |  | 12.5 | 12.5 | 50 | 100 | 1.56 | 1.56 | 12.5 |
| Sarcina lutea PCI1001 |  | 12.5 | 100 | 50 | 50 | 1.56 | 3.13 | 25 |
| B. anthracis |  | $<0.20$ | $<0.20$ | $<0.20$ | 0.39 | $<0.20$ | $<0.20$ | $<0.20$ |
| B. subtilis PCI219 |  | <0.20 | $<0.20$ | $<0.20$ | $<0.20$ | $<0.20$ | $<0.20$ | $<0.20$ |
| B. subtilis <br> NRRL B-558 |  | $<0.20$ | $<0.20$ | 0.39 | 0.39 | $<0.20$ | $<0.20$ | $<0.20$ |
| B. cereus ATCC10702 |  | 1.56 | 1.56 | 3.13 | 3.13 | 1.56 | 1.56 | 1.56 |
| Corynebact. bovis 1810 |  | 12.5 | 25 | 50 | 50 | 3.13 | 3.13 | 25 |
| Mycob. smegmatis ATCC607 |  | 0.39 | 1.56 | 1.56 | 3.13 | 0.78 | 0.78 | 0.78 |
| E. coli NIHJ |  | 1.56 | 1.56 | 3.13 | 6.25 | 3.13 | 1.56 | 1.56 |
| E. coli K-12 |  | 1.56 | 6.25 | 3.13 | 3.13 | 1.56 | 0.78 | 1.56 |
| E. coli $\mathrm{K}-12 \mathrm{R} 5$ | $\mathrm{AAC}\left(6^{\prime}\right)$ | 6.25 | 100 | 12.5 | 25 | 6.25 | 100 | $>100$ |
| E. coli K-12 R388 |  | 0.78 | 0.78 | 3.13 | 3.13 | 1.56 | 0.78 | 1.56 |
| E. coli K-12 J5R11-2 | $\mathrm{APH}\left(3^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{I}$ | 1.56 | 1.56 | 3.13 | 3.13 | 1.56 | 0.78 | 0.78 |
| E. coli K-12 ML1629 | $\mathrm{APH}\left(3^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{I}$ | 1.56 | 3.13 | 3.13 | 3.13 | 3.13 | 3.13 | 3.13 |
| E. coli K-12 ML1630 |  | 1.56 | 1.56 | 6.25 | 6.25 | 3.13 | 3.13 | 1.56 |
| E. coli K-12 ML1410 |  | 1.56 | 1.56 | 6.25 | 3.13 | 12.5 | 6.25 | 0.78 |
| E. coli K-12 <br> ML1410 R81 | APH(3')-I | 3.13 | 1.56 | 6.25 | 3.13 | 1.56 | 1.56 | 1.56 |
| E. coli K-12 <br> LA290 R55 | ANT( $2^{\prime \prime}$ ) | $>100$ | $>100$ | $>100$ | $>100$ | 3.13 | 3.13 | $>100$ |
| E. coli K-12 <br> LA290 R56 |  | 25 | 50 | 100 | 25 | 1.56 | 1.56 | 25 |
| E. coli K-12 <br> LA290 R64 |  | 25 | 12.5 | 50 | 12.5 | 1.56 | 3.13 | 12.5 |
| E. coli W677 |  | 1.56 | 1.56 | 3.13 | 1.56 | 1.56 | 3.13 | 0.78 |
| E. coli JR66/W677 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { APH( } \left.3^{\prime}\right) \text {-II } \\ & \text { ANT }\left(2^{\prime \prime}\right) \end{aligned}$ | 100 | $>100$ | $>100$ | 100 | 6.25 | 6.25 | 100 |
| E. coli $\mathrm{K}-12 \mathrm{C} 600$ <br> R135 | AAC(3) | 1.56 | 1.56 | 6.25 | 1.56 | 1.56 | 0.78 | 1.56 |
| E. coli JR225 | AAC(3) | $>100$ | $>100$ | $>100$ | $>100$ | 1.56 | 1.56 | $>100$ |
| Kl. pneumoniae PCI602 |  | 3.13 | 1.56 | 3.13 | 3.13 | 1.56 | 1.56 | 3.13 |
| Sh. dysenteriae JSi 1910 |  | 6.25 | 3.13 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 6.25 | 6.25 | 3.13 |
| Sh. flexneri 4b JS11811 |  | 6.25 | 3.13 | 12.5 | 6.25 | 6.25 | 6.25 | 6.25 |
| Sh. sonnei JS11746 |  | 12.5 | 6.25 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 6.25 | 6.25 | 3.13 |
| Salm. typhi T-63 |  | 0.39 | 0.39 | 1.56 | 1.56 | 0.78 | 0.39 | 0.78 |
| Salm. enteritidis 1891 |  | 3.13 | 1.56 | 6.25 | 3.13 | 1.56 | 1.56 | 3.13 |
| Proteus vulgaris OX19 |  | 0.78 | 0.78 | 1.56 | 1.56 | 0.78 | 0.78 | 0.39 |
| Proteus rettgeri GN311 |  | 12.5 | 6.25 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 100 | 50 | 6.25 |
| Proteus rettgeri GN466 |  | 6.25 | 6.25 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 6.25 |
| Serratia marcescens |  | 50 | 25 | 25 | 12.5 | 50 | 25 | 50 |
| Serratia sp. SOU |  | 100 | 50 | > 100 | 12.5 | 100 | 50 | $>100$ |
| Providencia sp. Pv16 | AAC( $2^{\prime}$ ) | 100 | $>100$ | 100 | 100 | 12.5 | 50 | $>100$ |
| Providencia sp. 2991 | $\mathrm{AAC}\left(2^{\prime}\right)$ | 100 | $>100$ | $>100$ | $>100$ | 25 | 50 | $>100$ |

Table 3. (continued)

| Test organism | Inactivating enzyme | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | DKB* |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ps. aeruginosa A3 |  | 3.13 | 3.13 | 12.5 | 6.25 | 6.25 | 3.13 | 12.5 |
| Ps. aeruginosa No. 12 |  | 100 | 50 | 100 | 50 | 50 | 25 | 12.5 |
| Ps. aeruginosa H9 | APH(3')-II | 50 | 25 | 50 | 50 | 25 | 25 | 6.25 |
| Ps. aeruginosa H11 |  | 50 | 25 | 100 | 100 | $>100$ | 100 | 12.5 |
| Ps. aeruginosa TI-13 | APH(3)'-I | 25 | 25 | 50 | 50 | 25 | 25 | 6.25 |
| Ps. aeruginosa GN315 | AAC(6) | 25 | 100 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | $>100$ |
| Ps. aeruginosa 99 | AAC(3) | 50 | 25 | 100 | 50 | 100 | 50 | 6.25 |
| Ps. aeruginosa B-13 | $\underset{-\mathrm{I}}{\mathrm{APH}\left(3^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{I}}$ | 50 | 25 |  |  | 100 | 50 | 12.5 |
| Ps. aeruginosa 21-75 | APH(3')-III | $>100$ | > 100 | $>100$ | $>100$ | 100 | 100 | $>100$ |
| Ps. aeruginosa PST1 | AAC(3) | $>100$ | $>100$ | $>100$ | $>100$ | 100 | 50 | $>100$ |
| Ps. aeruginosa <br> ROS134/PU21 | AAC(3) | $>100$ | $>100$ | $>100$ | $>100$ | 100 | 50 | > 100 |
| Ps. aeruginosa K-Ps102 | Permeability | 50 | 25 | 100 | 50 | 50 | 25 | 6.25 |
| Ps. maltophilia GN907 | Permeability | $>100$ | $>100$ | 100 | > 100 | 100 | > 100 | $>100$ |

* DKB is the abbreviation of $3^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}$-dideoxykanamycin B.
tively), removal of the protecting groups in $\mathbf{1 0}$ and 11, followed by resin chromatography on Amberlite CG-50 $\left(\mathrm{NH}_{4}{ }^{+}\right)$gave $6^{\prime}(S)$-C-ethyl-3', $4^{\prime}$-dideoxykanamycin $\mathrm{B}(14)$ and $6^{\prime}(R)$-C-ethyl$3^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}$-dideoxykanamycin B (15) as monocarbonates.

The 1-N-[(S)-4-amino-2-hydroxybutyryl] derivatives, $\mathbf{1 6}$ and $\mathbf{1 7}$ were prepared by $1-\mathrm{N}$-acylation of the $3,2^{\prime}, 6^{\prime}$-tri-N-protected derivatives of 12 and 13 with the N -hydroxysuccinimide ester of ( $S$ ) -4-benzyloxycarbonylamino-2-hydroxybutyric acid followed by removal of the N -protecting groups.

The properties of the six compounds described above are shown in Table 1. The chemical shifts of carbon-13 FOURIER-transform NMR spectra of these compounds were assigned as shown in Table 2. Absolute structures at C-6' in $\mathbf{1 2}$ and $\mathbf{1 3}$ were confirmed by optical rotations and PMR spectra of di-N-acetyl diethyldithioacetals of purpurosamine $\mathrm{B}^{7,8)}$ and 6-epi-purpurosamine $\mathrm{B}^{9)}$ which we derived from 13 and 12, respectively. The stereochemistry at C-6' in $\mathbf{1 4}$ and $\mathbf{1 5}$ was also confirmed by the comparison of their optical rotations (Table 1), Rf values on TLC (Table 1) and carbon-13 chemical shifts of C-4' (Table 2).

As shown in Table 3, the minimum inhibitory concentrations of six compounds (12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17) were tested. These compounds showed similar activity to $3^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}$-dideoxykanamycin B except for the activity against resistant
strains producing $6^{\prime}-\mathrm{N}$-acetyltransferase. It is an especially interesting finding that $6^{\prime}(S)$-Calkyl derivatives are much more active than $6^{\prime}(R)$-alkyl derivatives against a $6^{\prime}$-acetyltrans-ferase-producing resistant strain (Escherichia coli K-12 R5).

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