

X-RAY CRYSTAL STRUCTURE OF
4-DEOXY-3'-BROMOPYRIDO[1',2'-1,2]IMIDAZO[5,4-c]RIFAMYCIN SMARIO BRUFANI[†], LUCIANO CELLAI, SILVIO CERRINI, WALTER FEDELI^{††},
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This paper reports the determination of the X-ray molecular structure of 4-deoxy-3'-bromopyrido[1',2'-1,2]imidazo[5,4-c]rifamycin S, carried out in order to unequivocally define the general structure of a new series of rifamycin SV derivatives, which are potent antibacterial agents, and are not absorbed at the gastroenteric level.

They have been prepared by Alfa Farmaceutici, Bologna, by condensing 2-aminopyridine derivatives to 3-bromorifamycin S. The solid state X-ray study has confirmed the structure proposed on the basis of ¹H NMR studies in solution. It has also shown that the newly formed pyridoimidazo system is in a mesomeric betaine form, the pyrido nitrogen being positively charged and the imidazo nitrogen being negatively charged.

This feature is believed responsible for the pharmacokinetic behavior of these new drugs, one of which, denoted either as rifamycin L 105 or rifaximin, is actually under clinical trial as a topical intestinal disinfectant.

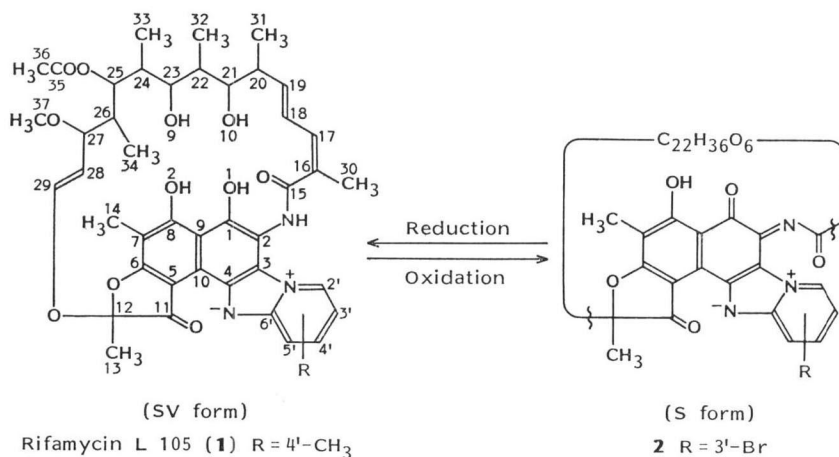
Rifamycin L 105 (Fig. 1, **1**) is a new antibacterial antibiotic, not absorbed at the gastroenteric level, currently under clinical evaluation as a topical intestinal disinfectant¹⁾. This new drug has been prepared, as one of a series of new rifamycin SV derivatives in the Research Laboratories of Alfa Farmaceutici, Bologna, by reacting 3-bromorifamycin S with 2-amino-4-picoline, and subsequently reducing with ascorbic acid. Previous chemical studies²⁾ on related compounds, and the ¹H NMR study of **1** and of the other similar derivatives³⁾ indicate that such a reaction leads to the formation of a pyridoimidazo system condensed at C₃-C₄ of the chromophore rings. The most probable general structure of the new derivatives appeared to be the one shown in Fig. 1. In order to verify this hypothesis, and to discover structural details which could help in understanding the peculiar pharmacokinetic properties of **1** an X-ray molecular structure of a related derivative, the 4-deoxy-3'-bromopyrido[1',2'-1,2]imidazo[5,4-c]-rifamycin S (Fig. 1, **2**) was carried out.

The results of this structural study are reported in this paper.

¹H NMR Analysis

The spectrum of **2** in CDCl₃ has been assigned as shown in Table 1, by extensive spin decoupling, and resulted almost identical to that of **1** in the S form³⁾, therefore the two structures in solution must be also identical.

Fig. 1. General formulae of 4-deoxypyrido[1',2'-1,2]imidazo[5,4-c]rifamycin S and SV derivatives.

Table 1. Assignment of the 1H NMR spectrum of **2** in $CDCl_3$.

6.6	}		$\begin{array}{c} \parallel \\ N \\ \\ C=O \\ \\ C-CH_3 \end{array}$	2.27			
					$\begin{array}{c} \\ HC \\ \\ HC \\ \\ HC \end{array}$		
2.35	4.0		$\begin{array}{c} \\ HC-CH_3 \end{array}$	0.58			
2.90	10.0		$\begin{array}{c} \\ HC-OH \end{array}$	3.46			
1.40	<1		$\begin{array}{c} \\ HC-CH_3 \end{array}$	0.92			
2.85	2.0		$\begin{array}{c} \\ HC-OH \end{array}$	4.00	$^{13}CH_3$	1.75	
1.35	10.0		$\begin{array}{c} \\ HC-CH_3 \end{array}$	-0.03	$^{14}CH_3$	2.23	
4.80	~1		$\begin{array}{c} \\ HC-OCOCH_3 \end{array}$	2.03	1OH	13.20	
1.25	10.5		$\begin{array}{c} \\ HC-CH_3 \end{array}$	-0.03	2CH	9.59	
3.55	2.0		$\begin{array}{c} \\ HC-OCH_3 \end{array}$	3.07	4CH	7.62	
5.34	6.2		$\begin{array}{c} \\ HC \end{array}$		5CH	7.88	
6.29	12.5		$\begin{array}{c} \parallel \\ HC \end{array}$				
						$J_{27,29}$	1.5
						$J_{23}^0_{OH}$	5.0

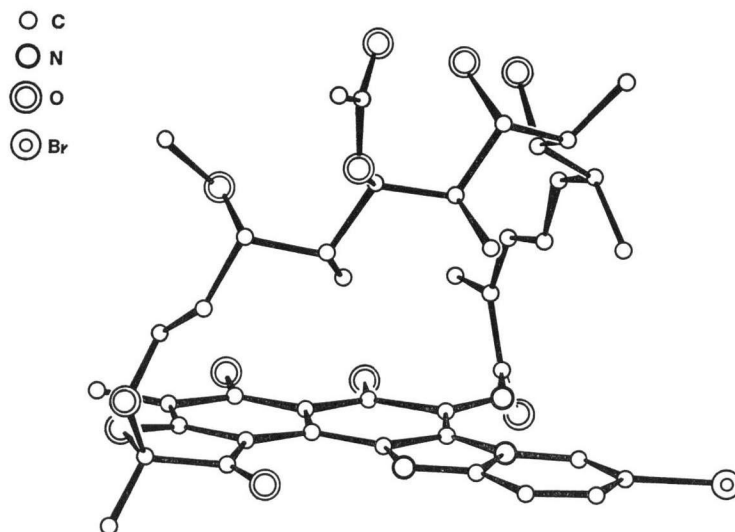
Chemical shifts in ppm from TMS as 0, coupling constants in Hz. The spectra were run on the 200 MHz instrument of the CNR-Research Area of Rome.

X-Ray Crystal Structure

The molecular structure* of **2** is shown in Fig. 2. The atomic coordinates, bond distances and

* The observed amplitudes, calculated structure factors, and atomic thermal parameters are available on request from: The Director, Istituto di Strutturistica Chimica "G. Giacometti", C.N.R. C.P. 10-00016 Monterotondo Stazione, Roma, Italy.

Fig. 2. Molecular structure of 4-deoxy-3'-bromopyrido[1',2'-1,2]imidazo[5,4-c]rifamycin S.

Table 2. Torsion angles ($^{\circ}$) along the skeleton of the ansa-chain, calculated according to the convention of KLYNE and PRELOG¹²⁾.

	2	Rifamycin B ⁴⁾	Rifampicin ⁵⁾	3-Methoxycarbonyl-rifamycin S ⁶⁾	Rifamycin SV ⁷⁾
C(1)-C(2)-N-C(15)	-2	-32	-55	-141	167
C(2)-N-C(15)-C(16)	82	180	179	177	-171
N-C(15)-C(16)-C(17)	27	-43	-31	63	119
C(15)-C(16)-C(17)-C(18)	3	5	4	2	-3
C(16)-C(17)-C(18)-C(19)	179	168	155	169	-173
C(17)-C(18)-C(19)-C(20)	180	-175	-165	-179	-179
C(18)-C(19)-C(20)-C(21)	-116	-11	-19	-30	-52
C(19)-C(20)-C(21)-C(22)	180	170	169	180	176
C(20)-C(21)-C(22)-C(23)	-168	-179	-176	-178	-175
C(21)-C(22)-C(23)-C(24)	73	53	62	57	62
C(22)-C(23)-C(24)-C(25)	-148	174	165	-174	180
C(23)-C(24)-C(25)-C(26)	160	155	159	169	176
C(24)-C(25)-C(26)-C(27)	-178	174	153	180	174
C(25)-C(26)-C(27)-C(28)	-166	-170	-171	180	-179
C(26)-C(27)-C(28)-C(29)	-109	117	118	-110	-101
C(27)-C(28)-C(29)-O(5)	180	-168	-175	-176	-179
C(28)-C(29)-O(5)-C(12)	-115	49	65	-127	-118
C(29)-O(5)-C(12)-O(3)	-65	-79	-78	-52	-58

valence angles of the non-hydrogen atoms are deposited with the Crystallographic Data Centre, Cambridge, England.

The mean distances involving carbon atoms are 1.53 (3), 1.33 (2), 1.37 (4) Å for bonds C(sp³)-C(sp³) or sp², C(sp²)-C(sp²), and C(sp²)-C(sp²) (aromatic), respectively; those involving hetero-atoms are 1.37 (4), 1.25 (1), 1.41 (5), 1.21 (2), and 1.88 (1) Å for bonds C-N, C=N, C-O, C=O, and C-Br, respectively. The mean values of valence angles are 110 (3), 120 (6), 118 (12), and 115 (6) $^{\circ}$ around atoms C(sp³), C(sp²), N, and O, respectively.

The conformation of the *ansa*-chain is described by the torsion angles reported in Table 2, together with those of other active rifamycins, such as rifamycin B⁽¹⁾, rifampicin⁽²⁾, 3-methoxycarbonylrifamycin S⁽³⁾, and rifamycin SV⁽⁷⁾.

As found in the solid state, the conformation of the *ansa*-chain from C₁₂ to C₁₇ in **2** is comparable with those mentioned above. It is also similar to those found in solution for many other active ansamycins⁽⁵⁾, particularly the three-dimensional arrangement of the four oxygen atoms O₁, O₂, O₉, and O₁₀. This arrangement is the feature assumed to be mainly responsible for the compounds' activity⁽⁶⁾. A different conformation is observed instead along C₂-N₁-C₁₅-C₁₆. Indeed the lack of the hydrogen atom on N₁ and the formation of the double bond between C₂ and N₁, as found in **2**, impose different conformational constraints on this junction of the *ansa*-chain.

The mean plane of the *ansa*-chain makes an angle of 123° with that of the chromophore ring. This distances between O₁, O₂, O₉, O₁₀ are O₁ . . . O₂=2.54, O₁ . . . O₉=8.94, O₁ . . . O₁₀=7.47, O₂ . . . O₉=9.58, O₂ . . . O₁₀=8.58, O₉ . . . O₁₀=2.63 Å. The C₂₃-O₉ and C₂₁-O₁₀ bonds are nearly parallel to the plane of the chromophore nucleus.

The crystal structure shows that the naphthoquinone nucleus and the newly formed pyrido-imidazolic ring system are coplanar. The root mean square distance of the seventeen constituent atoms from the plane through the entire chromophore system is 0.04 Å, with the maximum deviations occurring at C₃ (-0.04 Å) and at C_{2'} (0.06 Å). In particular the geometry at N_{1'} is quite planar, with N_{1'} lying only 0.03 (1) Å outside the plane of its substituents.

The coplanarity of the atoms and the bond lengths clearly indicate that there is a large contribution by a mesomeric betaine structure, which suggests that a formal positive charge can be assigned to N_{1'} and a negative charge to N_{7'}.

As a whole the molecular structure observed in the solid state* is stabilized by three intramolecular hydrogen bonds between O₁ . . . O₂, (2.54 Å), O₈ . . . O₉ (2.69 Å), O₉ . . . O₁₀ (2.62 Å), in which the donors are O₂, O₉ and O₁₀, respectively. This hydrogen-bonding scheme has already been found both in the solid state⁽⁷⁾ and in organic solutions for many rifamycin S and SV derivatives⁽⁹⁾.

Experimental

Crude **2** was purified on a Silica Gel 60 column (40~63 μm) eluting with a mixture of CHCl₃ - MeOH, 95:5. Well shaped red crystals of **2** were then obtained from a H₂O - MeOH solution. A crystal of dimensions 0.15 × 0.4 × 0.4 mm was used for the measurement of the cell constants and data collection. Crystal data: C₄₂H₄₆N₃O₁₁Br · 2H₂O, monoclinic P2₁, *a*=9.581 (8), *b*=14.508 (8), *c*=16.752 (9) Å, β=97.31 (9)°, *U*=2310 Å³, *Z*=2, *D*_c=1.27 gcm⁻³, μ=10.1 cm⁻¹, MoKα radiation.

The intensities of 5281 reflections with 2θ ≤ 54° were measured using monochromatic MoKα radiation (λ=0.71069 Å) on a Syntex P2₁ diffractometer, in the ω-scan technique, with a variable scan rate between 0.5 and 29.3° minute⁻¹, (depending on the intensity), a scan range of 0.9°, and a background to peak ratio of 0.5. The intensities were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects, but no correction was made for absorption. During the data collection four standard reflections were monitored every 100 measurements in order to check crystal alignment and stability. Of the 5281 independent reflections collected, 3163 had intensity ≥ 2σ(I) and were used in the structure determination. The crystal structure was solved by conventional heavy-atom methods. The atomic coordinates and anisotropic thermal parameters were refined by least-squares calculations in block-diagonal (9 × 9) approximation, to an R

* Two water molecules of crystallization, O₁₂ and O₁₃, are linked by a hydrogen bond of 2.74 Å. In addition O₁₂ acts as donor to O₁₀ (2.87 Å) in the same asymmetric unit and to O₁₁ (2.82 Å) of a screw-axis related molecule; O₁₃ is donor to O₁₂ and to O₂ (2.91 Å) of a third screw-axis related molecule.

value of 0.13.

At this stage the oxygen atoms of the water molecules of crystallization and the hydrogen atoms of **2** were found from difference Fourier syntheses. Refinement was brought to completion keeping the positions of the hydrogen atoms fixed with B values equal to that of the carrier atoms. The final reliability indices are $R=0.089$ and $R_w=0.119$. During refinement the quantity minimized was $\sum w|F_o - F_c|^2$, and the weight assigned to each reflection was $w=(a+|F_o|+b|F_o|^2)^{-1}$ with $a=10.1$ and $b=0.007$. The atomic scattering factors were taken from the International Tables for X-ray Crystallography¹⁰. All the calculations were carried out on the HP-1000 computer of the CNR Research Area of Rome, using a set of programs developed in this Institute¹¹.

Conclusions

The similarity in chemical composition and structure of the pyridoimidazo rifamycin S and SV derivatives¹², and the similarity of their ¹H NMR spectra³, support the assumption that the main features of the molecular structure determined in the crystal on **2** are representative also of those of **1** and of the other related derivatives; that is, all must display analogous betaine structures.

This particular feature is believed to be the main factor determining the pharmacokinetic behavior of these drugs. In fact, the presence of the phenolic hydroxyls on C₁ and C₈, and the presence of the opposite charges on N₂ and N₃ make these molecules ionized at all pH values of the gastroenteric tract, and thus prevent their absorption, which is supposed to take place by a passive mechanism.

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SYNTHESES OF 23-DEOXY-23-*N*-ETHYL-23-
(2-FLUORO-, 2,2-DIFLUORO-, AND 2,2,2-TRIFLUOROETHYL)AMINO
DERIVATIVES OF MYCAMINOSYL TYLONOLIDE AND
4'-DEOXYMYCAMINOSYL TYLONOLIDE

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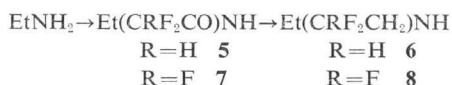
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Derivatives of mycaminosyl tylonolide (1) and 4'-deoxymycaminosyl tylonolide (2) containing *N*-ethyl-2-fluoro-, 2,2-difluoro- and 2,2,2-trifluoroethylamino groups at their C-23 have been prepared by treating 23-deoxy-23-ethylaminomycaminosyl tylonolide diethyl acetal (14) and its 4'-deoxy analog 15 with 2-fluoro-, 2,2-difluoro- and 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl trifluoromethanesulfonates. The relationship between the antibacterial activity and the numbers of the fluorine atoms introduced in the final products is discussed.

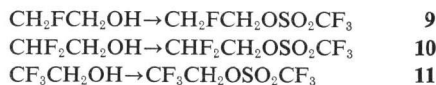
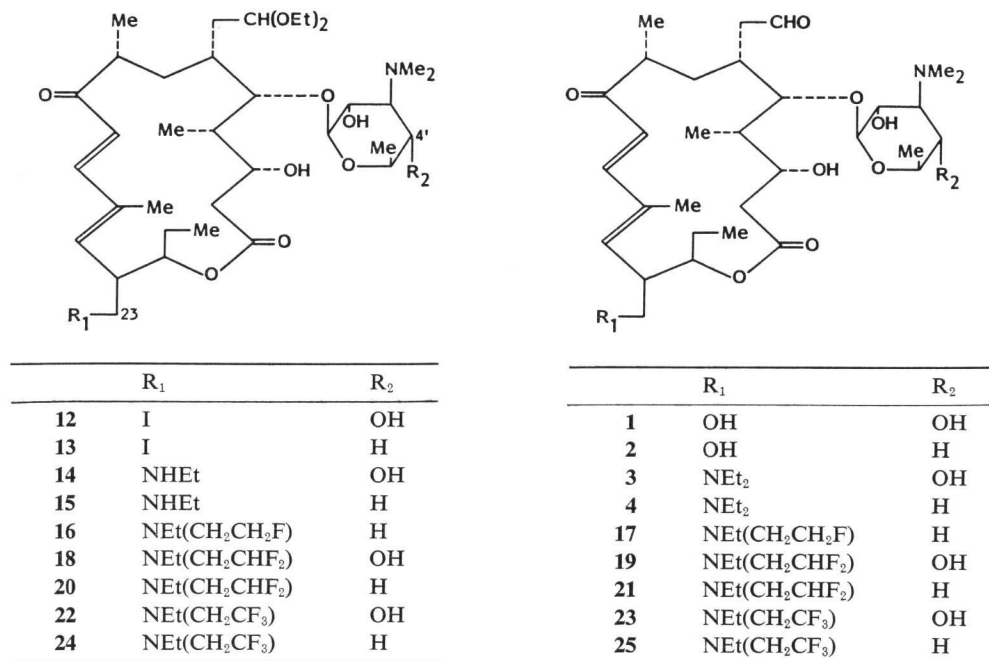
23-Dialkylamino-23-deoxymycaminosyl tylonolides and their 4'-deoxy analogs¹⁾ were found to show strong antibacterial activities against Gram-negative as well as Gram-positive bacteria. This remarkable extension of antibacterial spectrum may be due to the presence of a new basic nitrogen at C-23. This paper describes the effect on the antibacterial activity by conversion of the 23-diethylamino group of 23-deoxy-23-diethylaminomycaminosyl tylonolide (3) and its 4'-deoxy analog 4 into fluorine-containing diethylamino groups. Since fluorine is the most strongly electron-withdrawing atom with only slight increase in atomic volume in comparison to that of hydrogen, the replacement of one of the ethyl groups of the 23-diethylamino group of the compounds 3 and 4 with a fluorine-containing ethyl group will decrease the basicity of the nitrogen atoms at C-23 in comparison to that of 3 and 4 without significant change in the group volume at C-23. Thus, such fluorine-containing compounds are of interest to the study of the basicity (at C-23)-activity relationship.

We commenced the experiment to prepare 23-deoxy-23-*N*-ethyl-23-(2,2,2-trifluoroethylamino)-mycaminosyl tylonolide diethyl acetal (22) by treating 23-deoxy-23-iodomycaminosyl tylonolide diethyl acetal²⁾ (12) with *N*-ethyl-2,2,2-trifluoroethylamine (8), a procedure being routinely used¹⁾ in the syntheses of 23-dialkylamino-23-deoxy derivatives of mycaminosyl tylonolide (1) and its 4'-deoxy analog 2. The reagent 8 was prepared by reduction of *N*-ethyltrifluoroacetamide (7) according to KANO *et al.*³⁾



(8 could also be prepared from 7 by the action of lithium aluminium hydride in ether in a similar yield). However, the reaction of 8 with 12 did not proceed at all only recovering the starting material 12. Reaction of 12 with *N*-ethyl-2,2-difluoroethylamine (6) was next tried. The reagent 6 was prepared³⁾ likewise from *N*-ethyldifluoroacetamide (5), which in turn, was prepared by coupling ethylamine and

Chart 1.



difluoroacetic acid by use⁴⁾ of 2,2'-dibenzothiazolyl disulfide and triphenylphosphine (see Experimental). However, the reagent again did not react with **12**. The lack of reactivity is attributed to the remarkably decreased basicity of the reagents **6** and **8** caused by the fluorine atoms in comparison to diethylamine.

We, therefore, changed the synthetic pathway to attach the fluorine-containing ethyl groups to the nitrogens at C-23 of 23-deoxy-23-ethylaminomycaminosyl tylosin diethyl acetal (**14**) and its 4'-deoxy analog **15**, both of the acetals being readily prepared from **12** and its 4'-deoxy analog **13** and ethylamine. The *N*-alkylations were carried out by use of 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl trifluoromethanesulfonate⁵⁾ (**11**), 2,2-difluoroethyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (**10**), and 2-fluoroethyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (**9**), all of them being prepared from the corresponding fluorine-containing alcohols and trifluoromethanesulfonyl chloride. *N*-(2-Fluoroethyl)-derivatization of **15** with **9** was carried out in the presence of triethylamine in benzene at room temperature to give the 23-*N*-(2-fluoroethyl) derivative (**16**). The *N*-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-derivatizations of **14** and **15** also readily proceeded to give **18** and **20**. However, *N*-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-derivatization of **14** and **15** required a high temperature to give **22** and **24** (120°C for 1~2 hours in a pressure bottle; an improved procedure was also shown; see Experimental). Acidic hydrolysis of the resulting acetals (**16**, **18**, **20**, **22** and **24**) gave the final products (**17**, **19**, **21**, **23** and **25**).

The antibacterial spectra of the above compounds are shown in Table 1 with those of **3** and **4**. The results show that, against Gram-positive bacteria, there is not much difference in activity among the compounds including **3** and **4**, however, against Gram-negative bacteria and *Pseudomonas*, a significant gradual decrease in activity is observed with increase of the number of fluorine atoms. Thus, it is revealed that, for the latter group of bacteria, fluorination of the β-position of one of the

Table 1. Antibacterial spectra of the products synthesized, 3 and 4 ($\mu\text{g/ml}$).

Test organisms*	Compound Substituent at C-23	3 NEt ₂	19 NEt(CH ₂ CHF ₂)	23 NEt(CH ₂ CF ₃)	4 NEt ₂	17 NEt(CH ₂ CH ₂ F)	21 NEt(CH ₂ CHF ₂)	25 NEt(CH ₂ CF ₃)
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> 193		0.78	<0.2	0.39	<0.2	0.39	<0.2	<0.2
"	EMf**	>100	>100	100	12.5	100	100	100
"	209P	0.78	0.39	0.39	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
"	MS 9610	>100	>100	>100	>100	>100	>100	>100
<i>Micrococcus luteus</i> PCI 1001		<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
<i>Escherichia coli</i> NIHJ		1.56	12.5	50	1.56	6.25	25	12.5
"	K-12	3.12	25	50	3.12	6.25	12.5	12.5
"	" ML 1629	6.25	>100	>100	3.12	12.5	50	100
"	" ML 1410 R81	12.5	>100	>100	6.25	25	100	100
"	" LA 290 R55	3.12	3.12	6.25	0.78	1.56	3.12	6.25
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> PCI 602		1.56	6.25	6.25	1.56	1.56	3.12	3.12
<i>Salmonella enteritidis</i> 1891		3.12	3.12	6.25	0.78	1.56	3.12	3.12
<i>S. typhi</i> T-63		3.12	50	>100	3.12	12.5	50	100
<i>Proteus vulgaris</i> OX-19		1.56	50	50	1.56	6.25	25	25
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> A3		12.5	25	50	12.5	50	50	50

* Agar dilution streak method (nutrient agar 37°C, 17 hours).

** Erythromycin-resistant strain.

diethylamino groups of **3** and **4** causes decrease in the antibacterial activity with decrease in basicity of the nitrogen at C-23.

Experimental

General

^1H NMR spectra were recorded at 90 MHz with a Varian EM-390 spectrometer, or at 250 MHz in the FT mode with a Bruker WM 250 spectrometer. Optical rotations were determined with a Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter. UV spectrum was recorded with a Hitachi 200-10 spectrometer. Melting points were determined with a Kofler block and are uncorrected. Mass spectra were recorded with a Hitachi M-80 spectrometer. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) were performed on Kieselgel 60 F-254 silica gel with detection by spraying with sulfuric acid, followed by slight heating. Column chromatography was performed on Kieselgel 60, 230~400 mesh (E. Merck).

N-Ethyl difluoroacetamide (5)

To a mixture of difluoroacetic acid (7 g), 2,2'-dibenzothiazolyl disulfide (25.4 g), and triphenylphosphine (20 g) in dichloromethane-*N,N*-dimethylformamide (1:1, 700 ml) were added 0.95 M ethylamine in acetonitrile (90 ml) and triethylamine (7.7 ml) and the solution was kept at room temp for 5 hours. The solution was washed with aq 2% hydrochloric acid, aq 2% sodium hydroxide, water, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated. The residue was distilled (4 Torr., bath temp 120°C) to give a syrup of **5**, 2.72 g (30%) (Ref⁶) bp₃ 60°C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 1.24 (t, 3H, CH_3CH_2), 3.42 (quintet, 2H, $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{NH}$), 5.91 (t, 1H, $^2J_{\text{H,F}}=55$ Hz, CF_2HCO).

N-Ethyl-2,2-difluoroethylamine (6)

Compound **5** (2.72 g) was treated with sodium borohydride (2.5 g) and titanium (IV) chloride (6.3 g) similarly as described for **8** to give a liquid of **6**, 0.5 g (21%), bp 40°C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 1.14 (t, 3H, CH_3CH_2), 2.73 (q, 2H, CH_3CH_2), 2.98 (dt, 2H, CHF_2CH_2), 5.86 (tt, 1H, CHF_2CH_2); $^3J_{\text{H-1,H-2}}=4$ Hz, $^3J_{\text{H-1,F}}=15$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{H-2,F}}=57$ Hz.

N-Ethyl trifluoroacetamide (7)

To an ice-cold solution of trifluoroacetic anhydride (15 g) in dry ether (75 ml) was gently introduced ethylamine gas for 10 minutes. The weakly basic solution was concentrated. The residual syrup was distilled (bp₁₅, bath temp 60°C) to give a syrup of **7**, 8.0 g (80%); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 1.24 (t, 3H, $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{NH}$), 3.43 (quintet, 2H, $J=7$ Hz, $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{NH}$), 6~7 (br, 1H, NH).

N-Ethyl-2,2,2-trifluoroethylamine (8)

To a suspension of sodium borohydride (12 g) in dry 1,2-dimethoxyethane (330 ml) was gradually added titanium (IV) chloride (29 g). To the resulting blue solution, a solution of **7** (14.4 g) in 1,2-dimethoxyethane (100 ml) was added, and the mixture was stirred at room temp for 12 hours. Addition of water (1 liter) was followed by aq 28% ammonia (50 ml) and the reaction mixture was extracted with benzene. The extracts combined were treated with 0.5 M hydrochloric acid and the aq acidic layer separated was concentrated. To the concentrate (~15 ml), potassium hydroxide was carefully added and the mixture was distilled under atmospheric pressure to give a liquid of **8**, 3.9 g (30%), bp 66~68°C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 1.13 (t, 3H, $J=7$ Hz, CH_3CH_2), 2.73 (q, 2H, $J=7$ Hz, CH_3CH_2), 3.13 (q, 2H, $^3J_{\text{H,F}}=9$ Hz, CF_3CH_2).

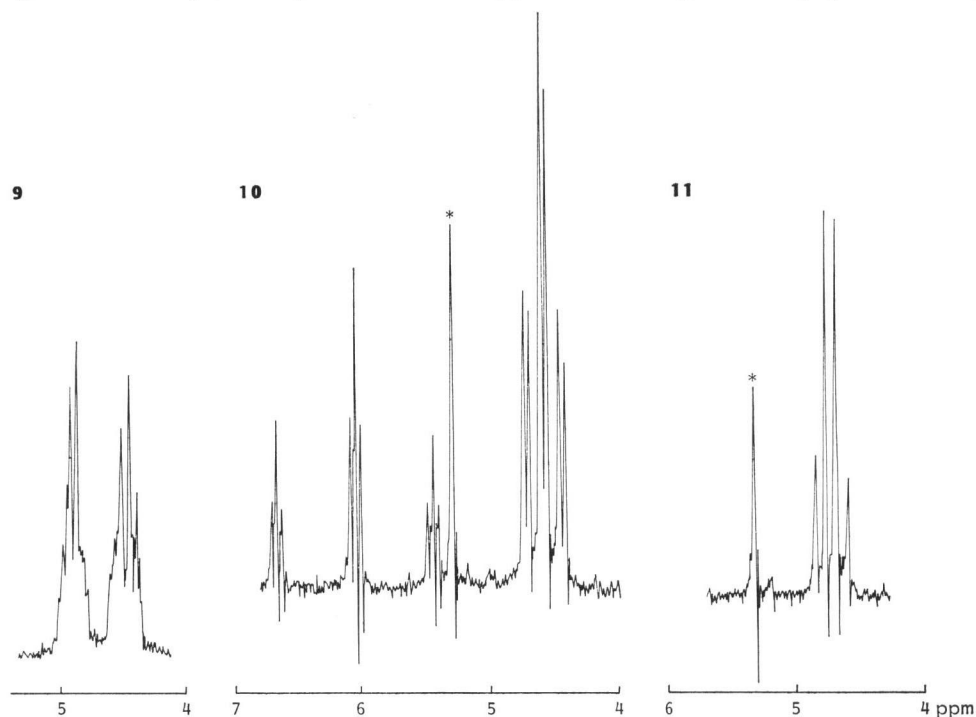
2,2-Difluoroethanol

Prepared from difluoroacetic acid according to HENNE and PELLEY⁷, bp 95.5~96°C.

2-Fluoroethyl Trifluoromethanesulfonate (9)

To a cold solution (-30°C) of trifluoromethanesulfonyl chloride (15 g) in dichloromethane (15 ml) were added 2-fluoroethanol (2.9 g) and triethylamine (4.6 g), dropwise, in this order, and the mixture was stirred at 0°C for 30 minutes. Cold aq 5% hydrochloric acid was added until strongly acidic, and the organic layer separated was dried over sodium sulfate. Evaporation followed by distillation (~12 Torr., bath temp 70°C) gave a liquid of **9**, 0.5 g.

Fig. 1. ^1H NMR spectra of **9**, **10** and **11** in CDCl_3 (* indicates the signals of CH_2Cl_2 contaminated).



2,2-Difluoroethyl Trifluoromethanesulfonate (10)

This was prepared from 2,2-difluoroethanol (2 g of the 66% solution in ether), trifluoromethanesulfonyl chloride (5 g) in dichloromethane (5 ml), and triethylamine (3.3 g) in a manner as described for **9**, 1.66 g (42%), bp $104 \sim 106^\circ\text{C}$.

2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl Trifluoromethanesulfonate (11)

2,2,2-Trifluoroethanol (3.3 g) was treated trifluoromethanesulfonyl chloride (5 g) and triethylamine (3.3 g) in a manner as described for **9**, and the fraction boiling at 94°C was isolated (3.58 g). The liquid was proved to be a $\sim 85\%$ solution of **11** containing dichloromethane (checked by the ^1H NMR spectrum), Ref²⁾ bp₇₄₀ $89 \sim 91^\circ\text{C}$ (prepared from $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_2\text{F}$ and $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$).

23-Deoxy-23-ethylaminomycaminosyl Tylonolide Diethyl Acetal (14)

To a solution of **12**²⁾ (110 mg) in dry acetonitrile (2.2 ml) was added 1.55 M ethylamine in acetonitrile (1.1 ml) and the solution was heated at 80°C for 5 hours. Concentration gave a residue, that was dissolved in chloroform, and the solution was washed with satd aq sodium hydrogencarbonate and satd aq sodium sulfate, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated. Column chromatography of the concentrate with chloroform - methanol - 28% aq ammonia (15:1:0.1) gave a solid of **14**, 71.4 mg (73%); $[\alpha]_D^{25} + 53^\circ$ (*c* 1, CHCl_3); TLC Rf 0.35 (*cf.* **12**, 0.57, with the above solvent system); UV $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$ nm (ϵ) 281 (22,000); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 4.33 (d, 1H, H-1'), 5.70 (d, 1H, H-13), 6.35 (d, 1H, H-10), 7.33 (d, 1H, H-11).

Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{66}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{10}$: C 63.58, H 9.52, N 4.01.

Found: C 63.33, H 9.41, N 3.98.

4',23-Dideoxy-23-ethylaminomycaminosyl Tylonolide Diethyl Acetal (15)

4',23-Dideoxy-23-iodomycaminosyl tyronolide diethyl acetal²⁾ (**13**, 4.4 g), was treated in a manner as described for **14** to give a solid of **15**, 2.55 g (66%), $[\alpha]_D^{25} + 39^\circ$ (*c* 1, CHCl_3).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 4.30 (d, 1H, H-1'), 5.70 (d, 1H, H-13), 6.35 (d, 1H, H-10), 7.32 (d, 1H, H-11).

Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{66}\text{N}_2\text{O}_9 \cdot \frac{1}{2}\text{H}_2\text{O}$: C 64.25, H 9.70, N 4.05.

Found: C 64.33, H 9.44, N 3.79.

4',23-Dideoxy-23-(*N*-ethyl-2-fluoroethylamino)mycaminosyl Tylonolide Diethyl Acetal (16)

To an ice-cold solution of **15** (78 mg) and triethylamine (28 mg) in dry benzene (0.8 ml) was added 2-fluoroethyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (**9**, 50 mg) and the solution was kept at room temp for 1 hour. Additional triethylamine (56 mg \times 3) and **9** (100 mg \times 3) were added in every 1 hour. TLC (CHCl₃ - MeOH - 28% aq NH₃, 15:1:0.1) of the solution showed two spots at Rf 0.3 (**16**) and 0 (major, 3'-*N*-(2-fluoroethyl)-derivated product?, cf. **15**, 0.2). Concentration gave a residue, that was dissolved in chloroform and the solution was washed with satd aq sodium hydrogencarbonate and satd aq sodium sulfate, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated. Column chromatography of the residue with CHCl₃ - MeOH - 28% aq NH₃, 30:1:0.1 gave a solid of **16**, 18 mg (22%).

4',23-Dideoxy-23-(*N*-ethyl-2-fluoroethylamino)mycaminosyl Tylonolide (17)

To a solution of **16** (22.4 mg) in acetonitrile (0.5 ml) was added 0.1 M aq hydrochloric acid (0.85 ml), and the solution was kept at room temp for 1 hour. Neutralization with sodium hydrogencarbonate was followed by extraction with chloroform (0.5 ml \times 3). The organic solution combined was washed with satd aq sodium sulfate, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated. Column chromatography of the residue with CHCl₃ - MeOH - 28% aq NH₃, 30:1:0.1 gave a solid, that was recrystallized from acetone - hexane to give prisms of **17**, 15 mg (75%), mp 151.5~152°C, $[\alpha]_D^{25} +22^\circ$ (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃); MS *m/z* 654 (M, C₃₅H₅₈FN₂O₈), 550 [M-104 (=CH₂NEt(CH₂CH₂F)], 104; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 4.20 and 4.73 (each t, 2H in total, ³J_{H,H}=6 Hz, ²J_{H,F}=48 Hz, CH₂FCH₂), 5.80 (d, 1H, H-13), 6.32 (d, 1H, H-10), 7.43 (d, 1H, H-11), 9.85 (s, 1H, CHO).

Anal Calcd for C₃₅H₅₈FN₂O₈: C 64.19, H 9.08, N 4.28.

Found: C 64.04, H 9.11, N 4.29.

23-Deoxy-23-(*N*-ethyl-2,2-difluoroethylamino)mycaminosyl Tylonolide (19)

A mixture of **14** (63 mg), triethylamine (52 mg), and 2,2-difluoroethyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (**10**, 117 mg of 87.5% solution in dichloromethane) in dry benzene (0.63 ml) was kept at room temp for 4 hours. After addition of chloroform (6 ml), the solution was treated as described for **16**. Column chromatography of the crude product as described for **16** gave a solid of **18**, 59 mg (86%). To the solid in acetonitrile (1.2 ml) was added 0.1 M aq hydrochloric acid (2.3 ml) and the solution was treated as described for **17**. Crude product obtained was recrystallized from acetone - hexane to give **19** as prisms, 49 mg (92%); mp 187~190°C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} +16^\circ$ (*c* 1, CHCl₃); MS *m/z* 688 (M, C₃₅H₅₅F₂N₂O₈), 565, 174; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 4.75 (dt, 1H, H-15), 5.69 (tt, 1H, ²J_{H,F}=57 Hz, ³J_{H,H}=4.5 Hz, CHF₂CH₂), 5.73 (d, 1H, H-13), 6.26 (d, 1H, H-10), 7.32 (d, 1H, H-11), 9.70 (s, 1H, CHO).

Anal Calcd for C₃₅H₅₅F₂N₂O₈ · ½H₂O: C 60.24, H 8.52, N 4.01.

Found: C 60.26, H 8.56, N 4.01.

4',23-Dideoxy-23-(*N*-ethyl-2,2-difluoroethylamino)mycaminosyl Tylonolide (21)

Compound **15** (83 mg) was treated as described for **19** to give **20** (46 mg, 51%). Hydrolysis of **20** as usual gave an amorphous solid of **21**, 38 mg (92%); $[\alpha]_D^{25} +16^\circ$ (*c* 1, CHCl₃); MS *m/z* 672 (M, C₃₅H₅₅F₂N₂O₈), 549, 122; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 4.74 (dt, 1H, H-15), 5.68 (tt, 1H, ²J_{H,F}=57.5 Hz, ³J_{H,H}=3.7 Hz, CHF₂CH₂), 5.74 (d, 1H, H-13), 6.30 (d, 1H, H-10), 7.35 (d, 1H, H-11), 9.72 (s, 1H, CHO).

Anal Calcd for C₃₅H₅₅F₂N₂O₈: C 62.48, H 8.69, N 4.16.

Found: C 62.23, H 8.56, N 4.15.

23-Deoxy-23-(*N*-ethyl-2,2,2-trifluoroethylamino)mycaminosyl Tylonolide Diethyl Acetal (22)

A mixture of **14** (82 mg), triethylamine (0.13 ml), and 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (**11**, 360 mg of 76% solution in dichloromethane) in dry benzene (0.82 ml) was heated, in a pressure bottle, at 120°C for 2 hours. Concentration gave a residue, that was treated as described for **16** to give, after column chromatography, a solid of **22**. Recrystallization from acetone - cyclohexane gave prisms, 64 mg (70%); mp 161~162°C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} +30^\circ$ (*c* 1, CHCl₃).

Anal Calcd for C₃₉H₆₇F₃N₂O₁₀: C 59.98, H 8.65, N 3.59.

Found: C 59.74, H 8.65, N 3.38.

23-Deoxy-23-(*N*-ethyl-2,2,2-trifluoroethylamino)mycaminosyl Tylonolide (23)

Compound **22** (22 mg) was hydrolyzed as usual to give a solid of **23**, 19 mg (97%). Recrystalliza-

tion gave plates; mp 187~188°C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} +13^\circ$ (*c* 1, CHCl₃); MS *m/z* 706 (M, C₃₅H₅₇F₃N₂O₉), 565, 516, 140 [CH₂NET(CH₂CF₃)]₂; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 3.00 (q, 2H, *J*=9 Hz, CF₃CH₂), 4.75 (dt, 1H, H-15), 6.27 (d, 1H, H-10), 7.32 (d, 1H, H-11), 9.71 (s, 1H, H-20).

Anal Calcd for C₃₅H₅₇F₃N₂O₉: C 59.47, H 8.13, N 3.96.

Found: C 59.29, H 8.23, N 3.92.

4',23-Dideoxy-23-(*N*-ethyl-2,2,2-trifluoroethylamino)mycaminosyl Tylonolide Diethyl Acetal (**24**)

Compound **15** (78 mg) was treated as described for **22** (reaction period, 1 hour) to give, after column chromatography, a solid of **24**, 37 mg (42%), and a by-product (24 mg).

Anal Calcd for C₃₅H₆₇F₃N₂O₈·½H₂O: C 60.54, H 8.80, N 3.62.

Found: C 60.24, H 8.99, N 3.50.

4',23-Dideoxy-23-(*N*-ethyl-2,2,2-trifluoroethylamino)mycaminosyl Tylonolide (**25**)

Procedure A: Compound **24** (19 mg) was treated as usual to give a solid of **25**, 13 mg (72%); $[\alpha]_D^{25} +15^\circ$ (*c* 1, CHCl₃); MS *m/z* 690 (M, C₃₅H₅₇F₃N₂O₈), 549, 140 [CH₂NET(CH₂CF₃)]₂; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 4.74 (dt, 1H, H-15), 5.72 (d, 1H, H-13), 6.30 (d, 1H, H-10), 7.34 (d, 1H, H-11), 9.72 (s, 1H, H-20).

Anal Calcd for C₃₅H₅₇F₃N₂O₈: C 60.85, H 8.32, N 4.05.

Found: C 60.87, H 8.45, N 4.05.

Procedure B: A mixture of **15** (3.73 g), triethylamine (3.6 g), and **11** (11.4 g of 67% solution in dichloromethane) in dry benzene - *N,N*-dimethylformamide (1:1, 19 ml) was heated at 50°C for 3 hours and then worked up as described for **24** and **25** (Procedure A) to give a solid of **25**, 1.67 g (44% based on **15**).

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