

SYNTHESIS OF 3'-DEOXY-3'-  
FLUOROKANAMYCINS A AND B  
ACTIVE AGAINST RESISTANT  
BACTERIA\*

Sir:

Kanamycins are inactivated by enzymes of resistant bacteria phosphorylating or adenylylating the 3', 4' or 2''-hydroxyl groups<sup>1,2)</sup>, among which the 3'-hydroxyl group is most frequently modified. Syntheses of 3'-deoxykanamycin A<sup>3)</sup>, 3',4'-dideoxykanamycin B<sup>4)</sup> (dibekacine), and other deoxy derivatives of kanamycins and related aminoglycoside antibiotics were the major solutions<sup>1,2)</sup> in order to overcome the inactivation by resistant bacteria. In this communication we describe the synthesis of useful derivatives by replacing the 3'-hydroxyl group with a fluorine atom to avoid the above modifications by resistant bacteria\*\*. For the first approach, we prepared

3'-deoxy-3'-fluorokanamycins A (1) and B (2).

3'-Deoxy-3'-fluorokanamycin A was prepared by condensation of 6-azido-2,4-di-*O*-benzyl-3,6-dideoxy-3-fluoro- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl bromide (10) and a protected derivative (11) of 6-*O*-(3-amino-3-deoxy- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl)-2-deoxystreptomine (3AD). 3-Deoxy-3-fluoro-1,2;5,6-di-*O*-isopropylidene-D-glucofuranose<sup>1,4)</sup> (3) was selec-

Fig. 1.

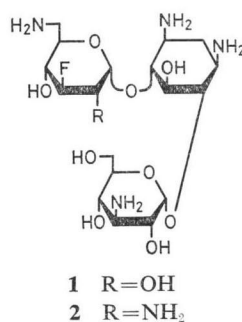
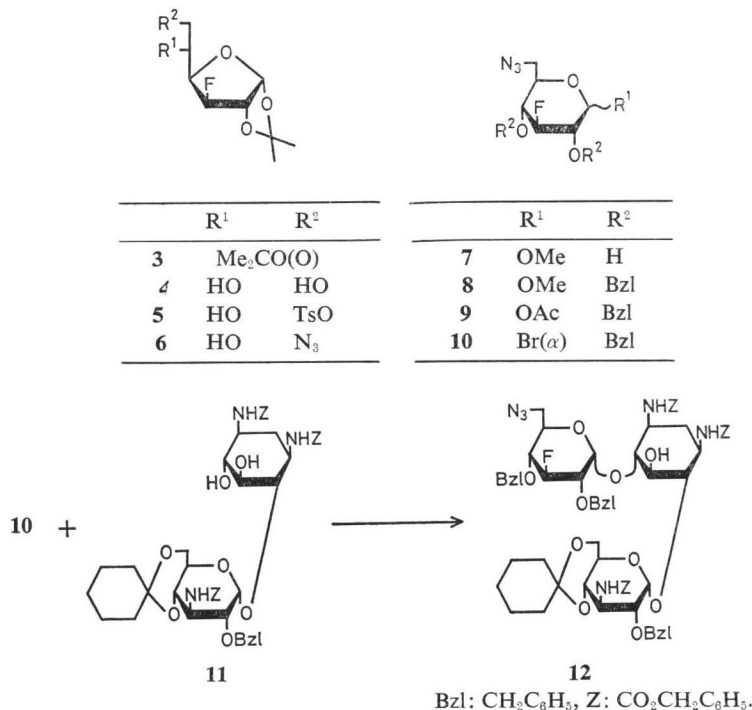


Fig. 2.



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\*\* Fluorination of aminoglycoside antibiotics at sites remote from bacterial enzymatic inactivation have been reported; 5-deoxy-5-epifluorosisomicin<sup>9)</sup>, 3-epifluoro-, 3-fluoro-, and 3,3-difluoro-3-demethoxysporaricins A<sup>6,7)</sup>, 5-deoxy-5-fluorosporaricin A<sup>8)</sup>, 5''-deoxy-5''-fluorolividomycin B<sup>9)</sup>, 4''-deoxy-4''-fluoro-<sup>10)</sup> and 4''-deoxy-4''-epifluorokanamycins A<sup>11)</sup>, several analogs<sup>12)</sup> of the latter, and 6''-deoxy-6''-fluorokanamycin A<sup>13)</sup>.

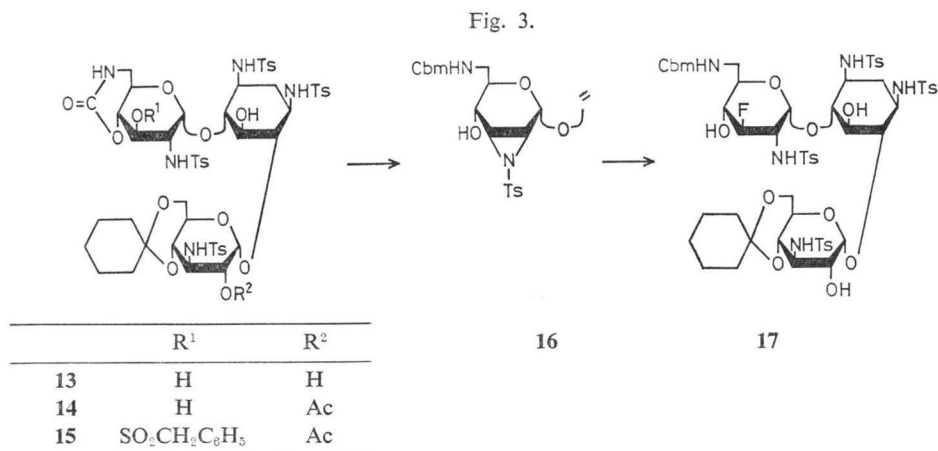


Table 1. Minimal inhibitory concentration ( $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ) of 3'-deoxy-3'-fluorokanamycin A (1), 3'-deoxy-3'-fluorokanamycin B (2), and related compounds [kanamycin A (KMA), kanamycin B (KMB), 3'-deoxykanamycin A (3'DKMA), and dibekacin (DKB)].

	KMA	3'DKMA	1	KMB	DKB	2
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> FDA 209P	1.56	3.13	1.56	0.78	0.78	0.78
<i>S. aureus</i> Smith	1.56	1.56	0.78	<0.20	<0.20	<0.20
<i>S. aureus</i> Ap01 <sup>a</sup>	25	50	50	6.25	3.13	25
<i>S. epidermidis</i> 109 <sup>a</sup>	50	50	100	50	3.13	>100
<i>Micrococcus flavus</i> FDA 16	12.5	25	12.5	3.13	25	3.13
<i>Bacillus subtilis</i> PCI 219	0.39	0.78	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39
<i>Corynebacterium bovis</i> 1810	12.5	25	50	1.56	12.5	3.13
<i>Escherichia coli</i> K-12	0.78	3.13	1.56	0.39	0.78	0.78
<i>E. coli</i> K-12 R5 <sup>b</sup>	100	100	100	12.5	100	25
<i>E. coli</i> K-12 ML1629 <sup>c</sup>	100	6.25	3.13	>100	1.56	1.56
<i>E. coli</i> K-12 ML1410	6.25	12.5	6.25	1.56	3.13	3.13
<i>E. coli</i> K-12 ML1410 R81 <sup>c</sup>	100	6.25	6.25	>100	1.56	1.56
<i>E. coli</i> K-12 LA290 R55 <sup>d</sup>	50	100	100	50	100	100
<i>E. coli</i> W677	1.56	3.13	1.56	0.78	0.78	0.78
<i>E. coli</i> JR66/W677 <sup>d, e</sup>	100	100	50	>100	50	25
<i>E. coli</i> K-12 C600 R135 <sup>f</sup>	1.56	3.13	1.56	0.39	0.78	0.78
<i>Mycobacterium smegmatis</i> ATCC 607	0.78	1.56	0.78	1.56	0.78	0.78
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> PCI602	3.13	3.13	3.13	0.78	1.56	0.78
<i>K. pneumoniae</i> 22#3038 <sup>d, e</sup>	100	100	100	>100	50	50
<i>Shigella dysenteriae</i> JS11910	6.25	12.5	6.25	1.56	3.13	1.56
<i>Proteus rettgeri</i> GN311	0.78	1.56	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.39
<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	3.13	25	12.5	3.13	25	12.5
<i>Providencia</i> sp. Pv16 <sup>g</sup>	6.25	6.25	6.25	12.5	25	25
<i>Providencia</i> sp. 2991 <sup>g</sup>	50	50	12.5	25	100	100
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> A3	3.13	0.39	0.39	1.56	<0.20	<0.20
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> No. 12	25	3.13	3.13	12.5	1.56	3.13
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> H-9 <sup>e</sup>	100	6.25	3.13	>100	3.13	3.13
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> TI-13 <sup>e</sup>	25	6.25	3.13	25	1.56	3.13
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> 99 <sup>f</sup>	100	6.25	6.25	50	3.13	6.25
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> GN315 <sup>b</sup>	100	100	100	100	100	>100

Resistance mechanism: <sup>a</sup> AAD(4'), <sup>b</sup> AAC(6'), <sup>c</sup> APH(3')-I, <sup>d</sup> AAD(2''), <sup>e</sup> APH(3')-II, <sup>f</sup> AAC(3), <sup>g</sup> AAC(2').

tively deacetonated to give **4** quantitatively. 6-*O*-Tosylation gave **5** (76%) which was treated with sodium azide in DMF to give the 6-azido derivative (**6**, quantitatively) as a syrup,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -27^\circ$  (*c* 1,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ), IR (neat)  $2110\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

Methanolysis of **6** in the presence of Amberlite CG-120 ( $\text{H}^+$  form) gave the 6-azido-3-fluoroglycopyranoside derivative (**7**, quantitatively), which, after benzylation of the 2- and 4-hydroxyl groups to give **8**, was treated with acetic anhydride-sulfuric acid (100:1) affording the 1-*O*-acetyl derivative (**9**, 75% from **7**). Treatment of **9** with  $\text{TiBr}_4$  in dichloromethane-EtOAc (10:1) (room temp, 40 hours) gave the corresponding 1-bromide (**10**) as a syrup (71%),  $[\alpha]_D^{25} +193^\circ$  (*c* 1,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); IR (neat)  $2110\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  4.99 (1H, dt, H-3), 6.31 (1H, t, H-1);  $J_{1,2} = {}^4J_{\text{H-1,F}} = 4\text{ Hz}$ ,  ${}^3J_{\text{H-2,F}} = 12\text{ Hz}$ ,  ${}^2J_{\text{H-3,F}} = 53\text{ Hz}$ , and  ${}^3J_{\text{H-4,F}} = 14\text{ Hz}$ .

2'-*O*-Benzyl-1,3,3'-tris(*N*-benzyloxycarbonyl)-4',6'-*O*-cyclohexylidene derivative (**11**) of 3AD was prepared by cyclohexylidenation of the 4',6'-unprotected precursor<sup>13)</sup>. Condensation of **10** and **11** was carried out in dichloromethane in the presence of mercury (II) cyanide and Drierite ( $\text{CaSO}_4$ ) and the product (**12**) purified by column chromatography (30% based on **11**). Treatment with aqueous acetic acid to remove the cyclohexylidene group, followed by hydrogen in the presence of palladium black to reduce the azido and remove the benzyl and benzyloxycarbonyl groups gave, after purification by CM-Sephadex C-25 column chromatography (0~0.15 M aqueous ammonia), the desired product (**1**, 60%) as the monocarbonate,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} +116^\circ$  (*c* 0.5,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ );  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (250 MHz, 20%  $\text{ND}_3$  in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  4.58 (1H, dt, H-3'), 5.02 (1H, d, H-1''), 5.38 (1H, t, H-1');  $J_{1',2'} = {}^4J_{\text{H-1',F}} = 4\text{ Hz}$ ,  $J_{2',3'} = J_{3',4'} = 9\text{ Hz}$ ,  ${}^2J_{\text{H-3',F}} = 54\text{ Hz}$ ,  $J_{1'',2''} = 3.8\text{ Hz}$ .

3'-Deoxy-3'-fluorokanamycin B (**2**) was prepared from kanamycin B as follows: 4',6'-*O*,*N*-Carbonyl-4'',6''-*O*-cyclohexylidene-1,3,2',3''-tetrakis(*N*-tosyl)kanamycin B<sup>16)</sup> (**13**) was selectively acetylated with *N*-acetylimidazole in DMSO-pyridine to give the 2''-*O*-acetyl derivative (**14**, quantitatively);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (250 MHz, pyridine- $d_5$ )  $\delta$  5.51 (dd,  $J_{1'',2''} = 3.7\text{ Hz}$ ,  $J_{2'',3''} = 10.5\text{ Hz}$ , H-2''). Sulfonylation of **14** with benzylsulfonyl chloride in pyridine gave the 3'-*O*-benzylsulfonyl derivative (**15**, quantitatively);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (250 MHz, pyridine- $d_5$ )  $\delta$  5.41 (t,  $J =$

10.3 Hz, H-3'). Treatment of **15** with 0.5 M methanolic sodium hydroxide gave the *N*-tosyl-2',3'-aziridine (**16**, 95%) with concomitant cleavage of the 4',6'-cyclic carbamate to give the 6'-*N*-methoxycarbonyl group;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (250 MHz, pyridine- $d_5$ )  $\delta$  3.57 (dd, H-2') and 3.73 (dd, H-3');  $J_{1',2'} = \sim 4\text{ Hz}$ ,  $J_{2',3'} = 7\text{ Hz}$ , and  $J_{3',4'} = 3\text{ Hz}$ . Ring opening of the *N*-tosylaziridine with  $\text{KHF}_2$  in DMF (150°C, 2 hours) gave the 3'-fluoro-2'-*N*-tosyl derivative (**17**) in 60% yield;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (250 MHz, pyridine- $d_5$ )  $\delta$  5.31 (dt,  $J_{2',3'} = J_{3',4'} = 10\text{ Hz}$ ,  ${}^2J_{\text{H-3',F}} = 54\text{ Hz}$ , H-3'). Removal of the protecting groups of **17** with sodium in liquid ammonia to remove the *N*-Ts groups followed by treatments with aqueous sodium hydroxide and Dowex 50WX2 ( $\text{H}^+$  form) gave, after purification by CM-Sephadex C-25 column (developed by 0.05~0.15 M aqueous ammonia), the final product (**2**, 30%),  $[\alpha]_D^{25} +127^\circ$  (*c* 0.6,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ );  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (250 MHz, 20%  $\text{ND}_3$  in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  4.47 (1H, dt, H-3'), 5.03 (1H, d, H-1''), 5.34 (1H, t, H-1');  $J_{1',2'} = {}^4J_{\text{H-1',F}} = 3.8\text{ Hz}$ ,  ${}^3J_{\text{H-2',F}} = {}^3J_{\text{H-4',F}} = 10\text{ Hz}$ ,  ${}^2J_{\text{H-3',F}} = 54\text{ Hz}$ ,  $J_{1'',2''} = 3.8\text{ Hz}$ . 3'-Deoxy-3'-fluorokanamycin A and 3'-deoxy-3'-fluorokanamycin B showed strong activities (Table 1) in inhibiting the growth of sensitive and resistant bacteria. It should be stressed that these are the first examples in which a fluorine atom has been substituted for a hydroxyl group at a site of bacterial enzymatic inactivation.

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