AMINOTHIAZOLYLGLYCYL DERIVATIVES OF CARBACEPHEM ANTIBIOTICS

II. SYNTHESIS AND ANTIBACTERIAL ACTIVITY OF NOVEL AMINOTHIAZOLYL CEPHEM COMPOUNDS WITH HYDROXYPYRIDONE MOIETY

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The synthesis and antimicrobial activity of novel carbacephem antibiotics which have amido moiety of (S)-aminothiazolylglycyl side chain are described. Among them, the compound having 5-hydroxy-4-pyridon-2-carboxyl group (KT-4697) showed exceptionally strong activity against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* as well as Gram-negative bacteria. A cephalosporin with this acyl group namely KT-4788 with methylpyridiniumthiomethyl group at C-3 was found to be the most active against Gram-positive and Gram-negative strains including *P. aeruginosa*.

In the previous paper¹⁾, we reported the antibacterial activity of 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-acylamidoacetyl]carbacephem antibiotics having hydroxyl substituents on benzoyl moiety. Among these compounds, 3,4-dihydroxy benzoyl derivative bearing (S)-configuration of aminothiazolylglycyl moiety (1, KT-4380) exhibited the highest activity against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* as well as Gram-negative

strains. In vivo, however, KT-4380 showed weaker activity than expected from *in vitro* anti-pseudomonal activity. This was explained by the fact that catechol moiety was methylated *in vivo* by catechol *O*-methyltransferase (COMT) and loose its anti-pseudomonal activity. Therefore we continued the screening of new anti-pseudomonal acyl group other than that has catechol moiety. Recently synthesis and antimicrobial activity of ureido-penicillins bearing catechol moiety was reported^{2,3)}. In this paper, we wish to describe the synthesis and the antimicrobial



activity of compounds (3) which have an acyl moiety attached to the aminothiazolylglycyl side chain.

Chemistry

The stereo-selective reduction of methoxyimino derivative (4, KT-3767) was studied first, since as previously reported that (S)-configuration compound is more active against Gram-negative strains than (R)-isomer, and we designed to use (S)-isomer of aminothiazolylglycyl carbacephem compound 2 as a

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Table 1. Stereo-selective reduction of KT-3767 (4).



Temp (°C)	Time (minutes)	S/R ^a	Yield of (S)-isomer (%) ^b
25	30	62/38	40
10	45	65/35	50
0	90	68/32	58
-5	240	73/27	64

^a Monitored by HPLC.

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^b After purification by column chromatography on Diaion HP-10.





starting material in this study. We found that reduction of KT-3767 by zinc in acetic acid increased the formation of (S)-isomer with decreasing of temperature as shown in Table 1. In addition, (S)-isomer was obtained at high yield taking advantage of the fact that only (S)-amino diastereomer forms crystals by chelating with zinc. A bioisostere^{4,5} of catechol (a compound which is equivalent to catechol biologically) was selected as the acyl group linked to this (S)-isomer. Other substituted heterocyclic compounds were selected as acyl groups. The compounds were condensed with 2 using several procedures acid chloride, mixed anhydride, DCC or active ester method, followed by cleavage of protecting group if necessary to give desired products 3. 5-Hydroxy-4-pyridon-2-carboxylic acid (9),⁶ a typical heterocyclic acyl group, was prepared through the route shown in Scheme 1. Kojic acid 5 was selected as a starting material, and its enolic hydroxy group was protected by benzylation to afford 6. Compound 6 was converted into carboxylic acid 7 by Jones oxidation, and treated with concentrate NH₄OH

	H ₂ N			Соон			
	KT-4380	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	3f
R:	OH		сн3 он	н2 он он	SH OH		С N-OH ОН
 Staphylococcus aureus 209-P	12.5	6.25	6.25	6.25	12.5	6.25	25
S. epidermidis	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	50	6.25	6.25
<i>Escherichia coli</i> Juhl	0.05	0.1	0.05	0.05	0.78	0.2	0.05
Klebsiella pneumoniae 8045	0.02	0.1	0.05	0.05	0.2	0.2	0.02
Serratia marcescens T-26	0.78	3.13	12.5	6.25	12.5	25	12.5
Proteus mirabilis 1287	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.78	0.01
Enterobacter cloacae F 1510	0.01	0.01	0.2	0.2	0.78	0.78	0.39
Citrobacter freundii F 1526	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.56	0.39	0.2
Pseudomonas aeruginosa #1	0.78	50	12.5	25	12.5	50	12.5
P. aeruginosa 145	0.39	100	12.5	50	12.5	100	12.5

Table 2. Antimicrobial activity of catechol bioisostere (MIC, μ g/ml).

Mueller-Hinton agar dilution method, 10⁶ cfu/ml.

	H₂N∢	N CH NH CC R		-N COOH			
	KT-4380	3g	3h	3i	3j	3k	31
R:	ОН		↓ NH H		HN JOH		C-N-OH
Staphylococcus aureus 209-P	12.5	50	12.5	25	25	25	25
S. epidermidis	12.5	25	12.5	25	12.5	25	12.5
Escherichia coli Juhl	0.05	0.2	0.05	0.1	0.1	0.05	0.1
Klebsiella pneumoniae 8045	0.02	0.2	0.02	0.05	0.01	0.02	0.1
Serratia marcescens T-26	0.78	12.5	25	6.25	0.78	0.78	3.13
Proteus mirabilis 1287	0.1	0.39	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Enterobacter cloacae F 1510	0.01	1.56	0.39	0.39	0.02	0.05	0.1
Citrobacter freundii F 1526	0.1	0.78	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.39
Pseudomonas aeruginosa #1	0.78	25	50	50	0.39	3.13	25
P. aeruginosa 145	0.39	50	100	100	0.2	6.25	25

Table 3. Antimicrobial activity of heterocyclic compounds (MIC, μ g/ml).

to form pyridone 8. The deprotection of 8 with concentrate HCl gave 9 in over all yield of 45% from 5.

Antibacterial Activity

The minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) values of the amido-carbacephem antibiotics (3)

Table 5. Antimicrobial activity of cephalosporins (MIC, μ g/ml).								
H ₂ N N NH CO COOH		13 a $R = -N$ $CH_2CH_2SO_3H$ 13 b $R = -S$ N H_2CH_2COOH						
O H		13c R =	s	N-CH2CON	1 ₂ 13d R	a = − s —	N ⁺ -CH ₃	
	KT-4697	12	13a	13b	13c	13d	Cefo- perazone	
Staphylococcus aureus 209-P	25	12.5	12.5	50	1.56	0.78	1.56	
S. epidermidis	12.5	12.5	50	50	3.13	1.56	3.13	
<i>Escherichia coli</i> Juhl	0.1	0.1	0.39	0.39	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Klebsiella pneumoniae 8045	0.01	0.02	0.1	0.05	0.1	0.05	0.1	
Serratia marcescens T-26	0.78	12.5	6.25	0.78	12.5	6.25	6.25	
Proteus mirabilis 1287	<u> </u>		1 50		2 1 2	0 70	0 70	
11010103 1111 101110 1201	0.1	0.39	1.56	0.2	3.13	0.78	0.70	
Enterobacter cloacae F 1510	0.1 0.02	0.39 0.05	1.56 0.1	0.2	3.13 0.05	0.78	0.78	
Enterobacter cloacae F 1510 Citrobacter freundii F1526	0.1 0.02 0.1	0.39 0.05 0.1	0.1 0.2	0.2 0.02 0.1	3.13 0.05 0.2	0.78 0.02 0.1	0.78 0.2 0.39	
Enterobacter cloacae F 1510 Citrobacter freundii F1526 Pseudomonas aeruginosa #1	0.1 0.02 0.1 0.39	0.39 0.05 0.1 0.39	0.1 0.2 0.2	0.2 0.02 0.1 0.39	3.13 0.05 0.2 1.56	0.78 0.02 0.1 0.39	0.2 0.39 3.13	

Table 4.	Enzymatic reaction with COMT
Ratio o	O-methylated product.

	30 minutes	60 minutes
KT-4380	20%	28%
KT-4697	Trace	2%

Monitored by HPLC. Conditions, see Experimental section.

against Gram-positive and Gram-negative strains are listed in Tables 2 and 3. No compound which was a bioisostere of catechol showed anti-pseudomonal activity. This is in contrast with the fact that some strong β -adrenostimulants have catechol bioisosteres such as those of compounds 3a, 3e and 3f^{7,8)}. Only 3j (KT-4697) having 5-hydroxy-4-pyridon-2-carbonyl group, which is a more

distant bioisostere⁶⁾ of catechol, showed strong anti-pseudomonal activity. It is worthwhile to note that 3k which is a regioisomer of 3j, demonstrated only moderate activity against *Pseudomonas* sp. These acyl group have hydroxypyridone-pyridine diol tautomerism as shown in Scheme 1. We conducted various studies to determine which tautomer was involved in KT-4697, but spectrometrically (UV, IR and NMR) could not come to a conclusion. As shown in Table 4, however, KT-4697 unlike KT-4380 was only slightly methylated by the enzymatic reaction of catechol O-methyltransferase in vitro. So it is expected to demonstrate strong activity against Pseudomonas sp. in vivo. As shown in Table 3, KT-4697 had strong and broad activity against Gram-negative bacteria including P. aeruginosa, while it showed week activity against Gram-positive bacteria. In order to enhance the activity against Gram-positive bacteria, especially against Staphylococcus aureus, we prepared cephalosporin analog which had same 7-acyl group with KT-4697 and various substituents at 10-position.

Preparation and Antibacterial Activity of Cephalosporin Analogs

The compounds listed in Table 5 were prepared by method outlined in Scheme 2. Reduction of methoxyimino group of cefotaxime (10) gave aminothiazolylglycyl derivative (11) as 1:1 mixture of



diastereomers. Then 5-hydroxy-4-pyridon-2-carboxylic acid (9) was condensed with 11 by active ester method employed in the case of carbacephem compounds. Substitution at 10-position of 12 by various kind of nucleophile was accomplished in the usual way to afford 13. The results of *in vitro* antibacterial evaluation are summarised in Table 5. Cephalosporins with this acyl group showed strong anti-pseudomonal activity. Among these compounds, 13d (KT-4788) having methylpyridiniumthio group at 10-position was significantly active against Gram-positive bacteria as well as Gramnegative bacteria including *P. aeruginosa*. Thus we have found 5-hydroxy-4-pyridon-2-carbonyl moiety attached to aminothiazolylglycyl side chain is a good alternative to catechol moiety in β -lactam antibiotics. The application of this acyl group to cephalosporin has thus culminated in KT-4788 which has a broad antimicrobial spectrum extended to Gram-positive bacteria.

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Experimental

NMR spectra were recorded at 90 MHz on a Varian EM-390 NMR spectrometer and at 100 MHz on a Jeol FX-100 NMR spectrometer using TMS or DSS as an internal standard. All chemical shifts are reported in δ ppm. IR spectra were taken on a Jasco IR-810 IR spectrometer. Mass spectra were recorded on a Hitachi M-80B mass spectrometer (secondary ion mass spectrometry (SI-MS)). Estimation of purity of compounds was greater than 95% by analytical HPLC.

Antibiotic Susceptibility

All antimicrobial activity data are given as the minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) in μ g/ml. MICs were determined by the agar dilution method using Mueller-Hinton agar after incubation at 37°C for 20 hours with an inoculum size of 10⁶ cfu/ml.

Stereo-selective Reduction of KT-3767

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To a solution of KT-3767 (4, 1.0 g) in 18 ml of acetic acid was added portionwise 710 mg of zinc dust over 30 minutes at various temperature (when reaction temperature was below 10°C, MeOH was added to the solution as an anti-freeze). The reaction mixture was stirred until the starting

	Mass (m/z)	IR (KBr) ν_{max} (cm ⁻¹)	¹ H NMR (δ, ppm)
<u></u>	551 (M+1)+	1741, 1663, 1633,	(D ₂ O); 7.82 (1H, d), 7.70 (1H, dd), 7.03 (1H, d), 6.76
		1569	(1H, s), 6.23 (1H, m), 5.62 (1H, s), 5.37 (1H, d), 3.93
			$(1H, m), 2.6 \sim 1.3 (4H, m)$
3b		1740, 1665, 1630,	(D ₂ O); 7.32 (1H, s), 7.22 (1H, m), 6.98 (1H, m), 6.72
		1610	(1H, s), 6.23 (1H, s), 5.62 (1H, s), 5.35 (1H, d), 3.88
			$(1H, m), 2.6 \sim 1.3 (4H, m)$
3c		1740, 1706, 1646,	(D_2O) ; 7.8 (2H, m), 6.58 (1H, m), 6.67 (1H, s), 6.18
		1637	(1H, m), 5.60 (1H, s), 5.31 (1H, d), 4.64 (2H,s), 3.84
			$(1H, m), 2.6 \sim 1.3 (4H, m)$
3d	489 (M+1)+	1751, 1696, 1685,	$(DMSO - CD_3OD); 8.07 (1H, d), 7.67 (1H, dd), 6.88$
		1637, 1630	(1H, d), 6.45 (1H, s), 6.30 (1H, m), 5.53 (1H, s), 5.32
			$(1H, s), 2.2 \sim 2.5$ (2H, m), $1.6 \sim 1.9$ (2H, m)
3e	$482(M+1)^{+}$	1757, 1654, 1636	(DMSO); 8.88 (IH, d), 8.40 (IH, d), 8.70 (IH, s), 8.20
			(1H, d), 7.77 (1H, dd), 7.02 (1H, d), 0.97 (2H, S), 0.49
			(1H, S), 0.50 (1H, III), 5.56 (1H, u), 5.55 (1H, uu), 5.8
26	$407 (M + 1) \pm$	1741 1720 1652	(D, O): 7 95 (1H d) 6 97 (1H d) 6 77 (1H dd) 6 73
51	497 (MT+T)	1637 1618	(11, s), 6, 20, (11, m), 5, 57, (11, s), 5, 34, (11, d), 3, 86
		1057, 1010	(1H, m), 2.6~1.3 (4H, m)
3g	$477 (M+2)^+$	1749, 1733, 1718,	(D_2O) ; 8.30 (1H, s), 6.61 (1H, s), 6.10 (1H, m), 5.43
-8		1686, 1651, 1608	(1H, s), 5.22 (1H, d), 3.9 (1H, m), 2.3 (2H, m), 2.2~1.5
		, ,	(2H, m)
3h	459 (M+1)+	1743, 1665, 1617	(DMSO); 8.84 (1H, d), 8.45 (1H, d), 8.11 (1H, d), 7.89
			(1H, dd), 6.93 (2H, s), 6.42 (1H, s), 6.31 (1H, d), 6.29
			(1H, m), 5.47 (1H, d), 5.33 (1H, dd), 3.78 (1H, m),
			2.6~1.3 (4H, m)
3i	476 (M+1)+	1752, 1684, 1670,	$(DMSO - CD_3OD); 8.02 (1H, s), 7.01 (1H, s), 6.55 (1H, s$
		1637	s), 6.46 (1H, m), 5.55 (1H, d), 3.8 (1H, m), $2.5 \sim 1.4$
~		1746 1690 1656	(4H, m)
3K	$497(M+1)^{+}$	1746, 1680, 1656,	(D_2O) ; 7.10 (1H, u), 0.05 (1H, s), 0.30 (1H, u), 0.2 (1H m) 5.55 (1H s) 5.33 (1H d) 3.9 (1H m) 2.6~
		1020	(111, 111, 5.55) (111, 5), 5.55 (111, 0), 5.5 (111, 11), 2.6%
31	$511 (M+1)^+$	1765 1700 1660	$(DMSO - CD_{\circ}OD)$; 7.43 (1H, s), 6.53 (1H, s), 6.33
51	511 (11 + 1)	1635	(1H, s), 6.3 (1H, m), 5.47 (1H, s), 5.32 (1H, d), 3.8
			(1H, m), 3.67 (3H, s), 2.4 (2H, m), 2.0~1.4 (2H, m)
13a		1780, 1660, 1620	(D ₂ O); 8.80 (2H,d), 8.1 (2H, m), 7.71 (1H, s), 7.17
			(1H, s), 6.71 (1H, s), 5.9~5.0 (3H, m), 5.56 (1H, s),
			3.8~3.0 (2H, m), 3.35 (4H, s)
13b	709 (M+1)+	1770, 1620, 1560	(D_2O) ; 7.75 (1H, s), 7.19 (1H, s), 6.78 and 6.74 (1H, s),
			$5.8 \sim 5.5$ (1H, m), 5.59 (1H, s), $5.2 \sim 4.9$ (1H, m), 5.00
			$(2H, s), 4.5 \sim 3.9 (2H, m), 3.9 \sim 3.2 (2H, m)$
13c		1765, 1690, 1630	(D_2O) ; 8.28 (2H, m), 7.72 (2H, m), 7.65 (1H, s), 7.14
			and 7.13 (1H, d), 6.73 and 6.70 (1H, s), 5.68 and 5.58 (1H, x) 5.66 (1H, x) 5.67 (1H, x) 4.5 4.0 (2H, x)
			$(1H, a), 5.56 (1H, s), 5.07 (1H, m), 4.5 \sim 4.0 (2H, m),$
			3.3∼3.1 (2⊓, III)

Table 6. ¹H NMR, IR and mass data of 3 and 13.

material was disappeared on HPLC. After filtration, the ratio of (S) and (R)-diastereomer produced was measured as the ratio of area under the peak of HPLC (Nucleosil 10C₁₈, 10% MeOH - 1/20 M phosphate buffer at pH 3). The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was dissolved in 5 ml of water. (S)-Diastereomer 2 chelated with zinc was crystallized and passed through the column packed with Diaion HP-10. During this procedure, the chelate with zinc was removed and free 2 was obtained as colorless powder. The result was listed in Table 2. In vivo activity will be reported in another paper.

In Vitro Enzymatic Reaction of KT-4380 and KT-4697 with COMT

To a solution of 0.2 ml of substrate (KT-4380 or KT-4697, 1 mg/ml), 0.2 ml of cofactor (*S*-adenosyl methionine, 10 mM), 0.2 ml of MgCl₂ (1 mM) and 0.2 ml of 1/20 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.9) was added 0.2 ml of porcine liver COMT (1,000 U/2 ml, Sigma). All materials were dissolved in 1/20 M phosphate buffer at pH 7.9. The mixture was incubated at 37°C with gentle shaking. The methylation reaction was monitored by HPLC (column; Nucleosil 10C₁₃, mobile phase; 25% MeOH - phosphate buffer (pH 3, at 40°C). The result was listed in Table 4.

General Procedure for the Acylation of 2

To a solution of 0.5 mmol of 2 in 2 ml of THF and 2 ml of H_2O at pH 8 with NEt₃ was added portionwise 0.6~1.0 mmol of acid chloride or active ester of acyl moiety at 0°C. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temp for 2 hours, acidified to pH 2 with 1 N HCl and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on Diaion HP-10, eluting with an aq MeOH, to give 3. In the case of the product with acetoxy group, removal of protecting group was accomplished by ammonolysis in MeOH. The product was chromatographed on Diaion HP-10 at pH 2 (1 N HCl) or pH 8 (aq NaHCO₃) to afford 3 as free acid or sodium salt, respectively. The physical data of 3 are listed in Table 6.

5-Benzyloxy-4-pyridon-2-carboxylic Acid (8)

To a solution of 5-benzyloxy-2-(hydroxymethyl)pyran-4-one¹⁰ (6) (4.3 g) in 250 ml of acetone was added dropwise 12.5 ml of Jones reagent at 0°C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2.5 hours, and 1 ml of 2-PrOH was added. After being stirred at room temp for 1 hour, the reaction mixture was filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford 7 as yellow crystals (2.8 g, 61%): ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_{θ}) δ 7.93 (1H, s), 7.3 (6H, m), 5.01 (2H, s). Two g of 7 was dissolved in 12 ml of conc NH₄OH and the solution was heated at 90°C in a sealed tube for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled and evaporated. The residue was dissolved in H₂O and adjusted to pH 2.5 with 1 N HCl. The precipitates were filtered, washed with water and dried to give 8 as a colorless crystals (96%): IR (KBr) cm⁻¹ 1654, 1643, 1573; ¹H NMR (D₂O - NaOD) δ 7.53 (1H, s), 7.36 (5H, s), 7.00 (1H, s), 5.03 (2H, s).

5-Hydroxy-4-pyridon-2-carboxylic Acid (9)

The suspension of 8 and 10 ml of conc HCl was heated at 90°C for 2 hours. After cooling, the reaction mixture was evaporated and residual solid was dissolved in 5 ml of H₂O. Adjusting pH at 2 with saturated NaCO₃ solution yielded 8 as a brown crystals (580 mg, 93.2%): IR (KBr) cm⁻¹ 3592, 1653, 1584, 1559; ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 - CD₃OD) δ 7.73 (1H, s), 7.30 (1H, s).

$\frac{(6R,7S)-7-[(S)-2-(2-Aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-(5-hydroxy-4-pyridon-2-carboxyamido) acetamido]-1-aza-bicyclo[4,2,0]oct-2-en-8-oxo-2-carboxylic Acid ($ **3j**, KT-4697)

To a solution of 9 (310 mg) and 1-hydroxybenzotriazole (260 mg) in 4 ml of DMSO was added 410 mg of dicyclohexylcarbodiimide. After being stirred at room temp for 1 hour, the reaction mixture containing active ester was added to a solution of 370 mg of 2 and 0.3 ml of NEt₃ in 2 ml of DMSO, and stirring was continued for 2 hours. The precipitates formed were filtered off, and 5 ml of H₂O was added to the filtrate. The solution was adjusted to pH 2 with 1 N HCl and chromatographed on Diaion HP-10 with elution by 50% aq MeOH to afford 260 mg of 3j as colorless powder (52.9%): IR (KBr) cm⁻¹ 1755, 1670, 1650, 1600, 1570; ¹H NMR (D₂O - NaOD) δ 7.67 (1H, s), 7.23 (1H, s), 6.73 (1H, s), 6.2 (1H, m), 5.60 (1H, s), 5.34 (1H, d, J=5 Hz), 3.9 (1H, m), 2.4 (2H, m), 2.2~ 1.5 (2H, m); SI-MS *m/z* 475 (M+1)⁺.

7-[2-(2-Aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-(5-hydroxy-4-pyridon-2-carboxyamido)acetamido]-3-cephem-4-carboxylic Acid Sodium Salt (12)

To a solution of 5-hydroxy-4-pyridon-2-carboxylic acid (9, 1.0 g) and N-hydroxy succinimide (750 mg) in 4.3 ml of DMSO was added dicyclohexyl carbodiimide (1.34 g). After stirring for 1 hour at room temp, the reaction mixture was added to a solution of 7-[2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-amino-acetamido]-3-acetoxymethyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylic acid hydrochloride¹¹⁾ (11, 2.0 g) and 1.2 ml of

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NEt₃ in 6.4 ml of DMSO. The mixture was stirred for 3 hours at room temp and adjusted to pH 2 with 1 N HCl. The precipitates formed were filtered off, and the solution was chromatographed on Diaion HP-10 with eluting by 30% aq MeOH to give 12 as free acid (1.08 g). Free acid 12 (770 mg) was dissolved in aq NaHCO₃ solution and passed through the column of Diaion HP-10 to afford 12 as sodium salt (470 mg, 26.0%): IR (KBr) cm⁻¹ 1770, 1660, 1610, 1520; ¹H NMR (D₂O) δ 7.73 (1H, s), 6.75 and 6.72 (1H, s), 5.7~5.5 (1H, m), 5.59 (1H, s), 5.1~5.0 (1H, m), 4.9~4.5 (2H, m), 3.7~3.1 (2H, m), 2.08 and 2.04 (3H, s); SI-MS *m/z* 587 (M+1)⁺.

7-[2-(2-Aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-(5-hydroxy-4-pyridon-2-carboxyamido)acetamido]-3-(1-methyl-4pyridiniothiomethyl)-3-cephem-4-carboxylate (13d, KT-4788)

To a solution of 318 mg of NaHCO₃ and 663 mg of 1-methylpyrido-4-thione in 38 ml of H₂O was added 2.13 g of **12**. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80°C for 3.5 hours and cooled to room temp. The product was purified by column chromatography on Diaion HP-10. The appropriate fraction eluted by 30% aq MeOH were combined and evaporated under reduced pressure to provide **13d** as yellow powder (730 mg, 31%): IR (KBr) cm⁻¹ 1780, 1670, 1640, 1610, 1560; ¹H NMR (D₂O - NaOD) δ 8.2 (2H, m), 7.6 (2H, m), 7.59 and 7.58 (1H, s), 7.09 and 7.07 (1H, s), 6.71 and 6.68 (1H, s), 5.66 and 5.56 (1H, d), 5.54 (1H, s), 5.0 (1H, m), 4.08 (3H, s), 3.8 ~ 3.0 (2H, m); SI-MS *m*/*z* 629 (M+1)⁺.

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