

CDPI₃-Eneidyne and CDPI₃-EDTA Conjugates: A New Class of DNA Cleaving Agents

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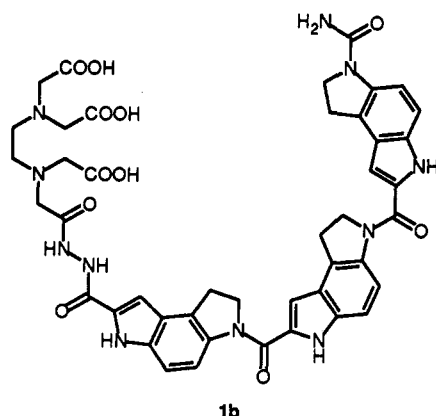
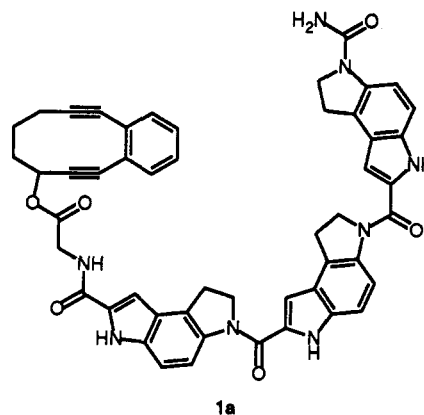
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The synthesis and preliminary evaluation of **1a** and **1b**, prototypical CDPI₃-eneidyne and CDPI₃-EDTA conjugates constituting a new class of DNA cleaving agents, are detailed.

The emergence of footprinting^{1,2} and the complementary technique of affinity cleavage^{2,3} for the determination of DNA binding selectivity coupled with structural detail within identified sequences obtained through X-ray crystallography, NMR spectroscopy, or molecular modeling have advanced the understanding of DNA-agent molecular recognition. The application of such techniques to the definition of the sequence selective alkylation of duplex DNA by (+)-CC-1065^{4,5} and the duocarmycins⁶ and the sequence-selective cleavage of duplex DNA by the enediyne antitumor antibiotics⁷ including the esperamicins,⁸ calicheamicins,⁹ neocarzinostatin,¹⁰ and dynemicin¹¹ continue to contribute to an understanding of the structural basis of the agents properties.

Herein, we detail the linkage of CDPI₃, a synthetic and effective noncovalent minor groove DNA binding agent based on the CC-1065 structure,¹²⁻¹⁴ with EDTA and a simple enediyne capable of productive Bergman cyclization¹⁵ in initial studies designed to explore the potential

ramifications of incorporation of a nonselective DNA cleaving agent into the structure of a selective minor groove binding agent related to CC-1065.¹⁶



Synthesis of a CDPI₃-Eneidyne and CDPI₃-EDTA Conjugate. Recognizing that the requisite enediyne for linkage with CDPI₃ should exhibit manageable but productive Bergman cyclization reactivity, the enediyne **6** was selected for examination. Ideally, the enediyne should exhibit significant chemical stability at room temperature but possess productive reactivity at approximately 40 °C. On the basis of the Bergman cyclization rates of a series of previously disclosed enediynes,¹⁷⁻³⁶ **6** was anticipated to approach this appropriate window of chemical reactivity.

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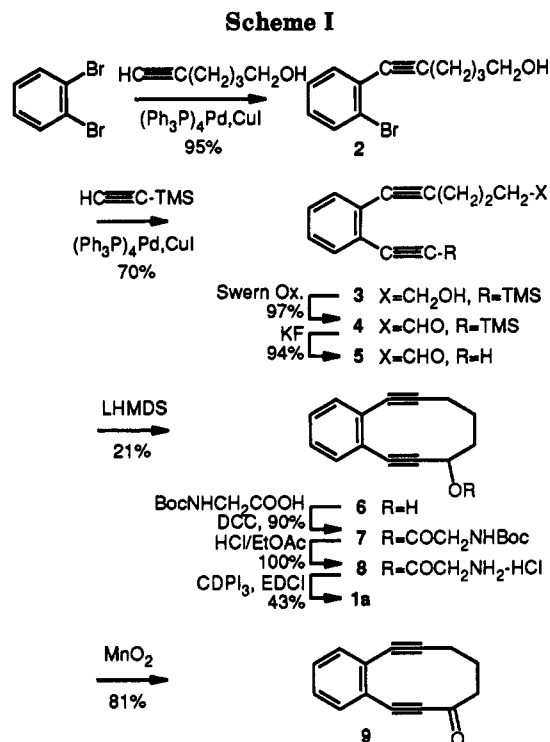
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Palladium(0)-catalyzed coupling of *o*-dibromobenzene with 5-hexyn-1-ol cleanly provided **2** (95%). Subsequent direct palladium(0)-catalyzed coupling of **2** with (trimethylsilyl)acetylene provided **3** (70%) without deliberate protection of the primary alcohol and was accompanied by significant amounts of recovered, unreacted **2** (26%). Swern oxidation of **3** to the corresponding aldehyde **4** (97%) followed by fluoride-induced deprotection of the terminal acetylene provided **5** (94%). Attempts to promote the cyclization of **5** to provide **6** under the conditions of desilylation with in situ acetylide generation and cyclization have not proven successful.³⁶

The key 10-membered ring cyclization was most effectively accomplished by slow addition (5 h) of LHMDS (4 equiv, THF, 25 °C) to a solution of **5** under dilute reaction conditions (0.04–0.005 M) and provided **6** in optimized conversions of 20–25%. The examination of a range of additional bases including KHMDS failed to improve on this conversion and many (NaH) failed altogether. Acylation of **6** with BOC-Gly (2 equiv, 1.1 equiv DCC, 0.1 equiv DMAP, CH₂Cl₂, 25 °C, 4 h, 90%) provided **7**.³⁷ Acid-catalyzed *N*-BOC deprotection followed by coupling of the intermediate amine hydrochloride salt **8** with CDPI₃¹² following the protocol developed in the prior studies (3.0 equiv EDCI, 3.0 equiv Et₃N, 1.0 equiv DMAP, DMF, 25 °C, 36 h) provided **1a** (43%). By necessity, the coupling reaction was run as a suspension in DMF and the crude product was isolated in essentially pure form by simple trituration with aqueous acid, aqueous base, and tetrahydrofuran. Analytically pure samples of **1a** were obtained by conventional chromatography (SiO₂, 0–5% DMF–THF gradient elution).

The preparation and evaluation of the DNA affinity cleavage agent derived from the linkage of EDTA^{2,3,42} to CDPI₃ was examined with the agent **1b** (CDPI₃-EDTA) which was anticipated to derive DNA cleavage capabilities from Fenton chemistry when presented with Fe(II) in the presence of appropriate reducing (thiol) and oxidizing (O₂) agents.^{1–3,38–43} CDPI₃-EDTA (**1b**) was pre-



pared as outlined in Scheme II. As a result of the solubility properties of CDPI₃ hydrazide, **11** and **1b**, the direct and slow carbodiimide-promoted coupling of CDPI₃-NHNH₂ with triethyl ethylenediaminetetraacetate⁴⁴ proved technically challenging to conduct effectively and the separation of resulting mixtures of unreacted starting materials and **11** proved difficult. This coupling proved to proceed in much higher conversions (73% versus 30–40%) and the subsequent purification proved much simpler if triethyl ethylenediaminetetraacetate was first converted to the isolable mono-*N*-hydroxysuccinimide active ester **10** and subsequently coupled with CDPI₃ hydrazide.

Bergman Cyclization of 6 and 9. Pertinent to the projected properties of **1a** was the event and rate of Bergman cyclization. Important to its projected utility was a useful stability at 25 °C coupled with productive reactivity at 40 °C. Consistent with expectations, **6** proved stable at 25 °C and displayed a reasonable, albeit not rapid, rate of cyclization at 40–80 °C in 1,4-cyclohexadiene, Table I. In agreement with past observations, **12** was the major thermal product presumably derived from cyclization to the diyl followed by hydrogen atom abstraction, Scheme III. Similarly, **9** provided **13** (92%) upon heating at 82 °C in 1,4-cyclohexadiene presumably derived from Bergman cyclization and at a rate that was established qualitatively to be slightly faster than that of **6** (4 h vs 10 h for complete reaction, 82 °C). Notably, both **6** and **9** undergo Bergman cyclization at a rate substantially slower than the parent 10-membered enediyne ($t_{1/2} = 18 \text{ h}$, 37 °C)¹⁸ and at rates

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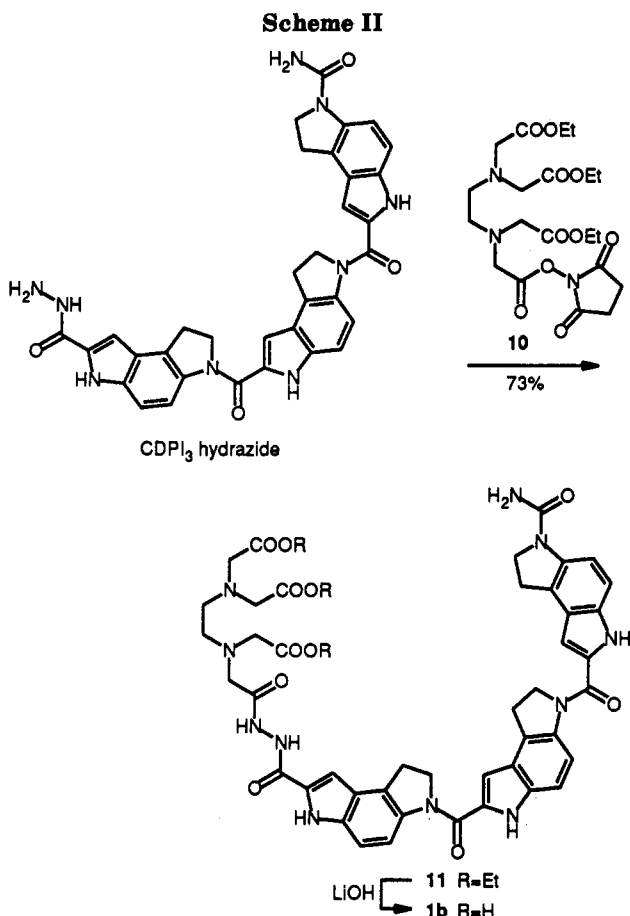
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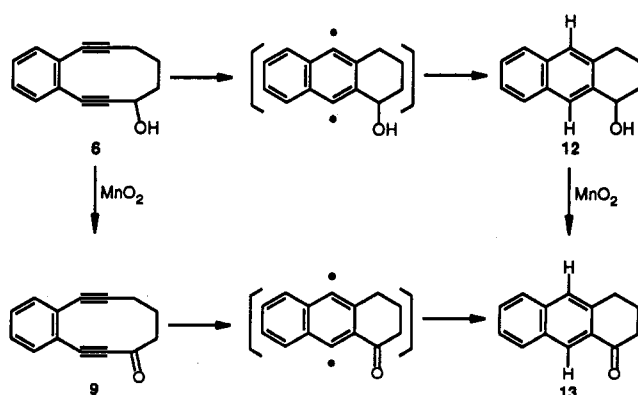
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**Table I. Bergman Cyclization of 6^a**

temp (°C)	k , min ⁻¹	$t_{1/2}$, min
40	7.50×10^{-5}	9240 (154 h)
60	5.00×10^{-4}	1390 (23.2 h)
80	2.54×10^{-3}	273 (4.6 h)

^a $E_a(6) = 19.4$ kcal/mol, $R = 0.9999$.

Scheme III

comparable to those qualitatively established for related benzo[3,4-*b*]cyclodec-3-ene-1,5-diyne recently disclosed.^{23,24}

DNA Cleavage Studies. The ability of the agents 1a, 6, 7, and 9 to cleave duplex DNA was determined through examination of single-strand and double-strand cleavage of supercoiled ϕ X174 DNA (form I) to produce relaxed (form II) and linear (form III) DNA, respectively. The thermal DNA cleavage reactions were run at 40 °C for 30 h. Under such conditions, each of the four agents produced DNA cleavage principally to provide relaxed (form II) DNA resulting from single-strand cleavage and presumably derived from Bergman cyclization of the enediyne. Each

of the three simple agents 6, 7, and 9 proved comparable in their ability to cleave the duplex DNA and under the conditions detailed at concentrations of $4 \times 10^{-3} - 2 \times 10^{-5}$ M. Small distinctions in the relative efficiency of DNA cleavage were observed and follow the order of $9 > 6 \geq 7$ and the distinctions in 9 versus 6 and 7 may be related to the relative rates of Bergman cyclization ($9 > 6, 7$), Table II. In contrast, 1a proved to be a much more effective DNA cleavage agent and under the conditions examined (40 °C, 30 h) the agent exhibited detectable DNA cleavage at concentrations as low as 4×10^{-9} M, a concentration 4 orders of magnitude lower than that required of 6, 7, and 9. Despite the detectable DNA cleavage at 4×10^{-9} M with 1a, complete cleavage of the supercoiled ϕ X174 DNA was not observed except at the high agent concentrations indicating that the efficiency of DNA cleavage under the reaction conditions may not be high. This may be related to a number of contributing factors including a slow Bergman cyclization rate that permits only a small percentage of agent to have reacted after 30 h at 37 °C, unproductive Bergman cyclization that does not lead to DNA strand scission, tight agent binding that inhibits subsequent effector agent binding and potential productive DNA cleavage, and nonoptimal binding orientation of the enediyne subunit. Although this inefficient cleavage of DNA may be perceived as a potential shortcoming of the agent, it does offer the advantage of a controlled rate and selectivity of DNA cleavage not accessible to more reactive DNA cleaving reactions. Such potential applications of 1a are under current investigation. In addition, the naturally occurring enediynes as well as agents like bleomycin produce both single- and double-strand DNA lesions and the latter have been considered the more significant biological event.⁴⁵ Unlike the naturally occurring enediynes, 1a failed to provide a substantial percentage of double-strand versus single-strand DNA cleavage events.

The efficiency of DNA cleavage by CDPI₃-EDTA (1b) in the presence of Fe(II) similarly was assessed with the single-strand and double-strand cleavage of supercoiled ϕ X174 DNA (form I) to produce relaxed (form II) and linear (form III) DNA, respectively.⁵⁰ The Fe(II) complex of 1b in the presence of O₂ and 2-mercaptoethanol produced both single- and double strand cleavage of the supercoiled ϕ X174 DNA at concentrations significantly lower than that of background iron, and the agent alone in the absence of Fe(II) failed to produce DNA cleavage, Table III. In addition, the ratio of double-strand to single-strand cleavage events was established in kinetic measurements of the relative generation of linear versus relaxed ϕ X174 DNA and typical results are presented in Table IV. A study of the time dependence of the relative amount of circular versus linear DNA generated in the DNA cleavage reaction suggests that the linear DNA generated by 1b is not the consequence of random single-strand cleavage events that eventually provides DNA cleavage within 15 base-pairs on complementary strands required for the generation of linear DNA. The DNA cleavage reaction exhibits initial fast kinetics in the first 5 min and the subsequent decreasing rate may reflect conversion of the agent to a less active or inactive form in the course of the assay or metal complex reactivation kinetics. We assumed a Poisson distribution for the formation of single-strand and double-strand cleavage in order to calculate

Table II. Cleavage of Supercoiled ϕ X174 RFI DNA by 1a, 6, 7 and 9^a

concentrations (μ M)	1a (% form)			6 (% form)			7 (% form)			9 (% form)		
	I	II	III	I	II	III	I	II	III	I	II	III
0	95.0	5.0	0	95.0	5.0	0	95.0	5.0	0	95.0	5.0	0
4000	12.1	87.9	0	21.9	78.1	0	38.4	61.6	0	3.3	89.0	7.7
2000				38.5	61.5	0	40.3	59.7	0	15.3	84.7	0
400	50.2	49.8	0	60.8	39.2	0	57.4	42.6	0	55.6	44.4	0
200				72.4	27.6	0	72.6	27.4	0	67.6	32.4	0
40	61.8	38.2	0	86.6	13.4	0	77.2	22.8	0	78.5	21.5	0
20				92.0	8.0	0	80.8	19.2	0	87.6	12.4	0
4	62.7	37.3	0									
0.4	71.1	28.9	0									
0.04	75.2	24.8	0									
0.004	79.8	20.2	0									

^a Solutions contained 1.0 μ g of supercoiled ϕ X174 RFI DNA (1.4×10^{-8} M) in TE buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, 1 mM EDTA, pH 7.6). The DNA cleavage reactions were run for 30 h at 40 °C and the electrophoresis was conducted at 50 V for 2.5 h on a 0.7% agarose gel containing 0.1 μ g/mL ethidium bromide. Form I = supercoiled DNA, form II = relaxed DNA (single-stranded cleavage), form III = linear DNA (double-stranded cleavage). Direct fluorescence quantitation of the DNA in the presence of ethidium bromide was conducted using a Millipore Bio Image 60S RFLP system visualized on a UV (312 nm) transilluminator.

Table III. Cleavage of Supercoiled ϕ X174 RFI DNA by Fe(II)-1b^a

concentrations (μ M)		% form		
1b	Fe(II)	I	II	III
0	0	95.0	5.0	0
50	50	0	84.0	16.0
40	40	0	87.6	12.4
20	20	11.5	84.7	3.8
10	10	15.4	81.4	3.2
5	5	34.0	66.0	0
1	1	47.6	52.4	0
0	1	87.2	12.8	0
0	5	78.0	22.0	0
0	10	76.9	23.1	0

^a Solutions contained 0.25 μ g of supercoiled ϕ X174 DNA (1.4×10^{-8} M) in 50 mM Tris-HCl buffer solution (pH 8) containing 10 mM 2-mercaptoethanol. The DNA cleavage reactions were run for 30 min at 37 °C and electrophoresis was conducted at 50 V for 2.5 h on a 1% agarose gel containing 0.1 μ g/mL ethidium bromide. Form I = supercoiled DNA, form II = relaxed DNA (single-stranded cleavage), form III = linear DNA (double-stranded cleavage). Direct fluorescence quantitation of the DNA in the presence of ethidium bromide was conducted using a Millipore Bio Image 60S RFLP system visualized on a UV (312 nm) transilluminator.

the average number of single- and double-strand cuts per DNA molecule using the Freifelder-Trumbo equation.⁴⁶ The data for the first 1-5 min could be fitted to a linear equation with a ratio of 1:30 double-strand to single-strand cuts observed with 1b. The theoretical ratio of approximately 1:100 would be expected if the accumulation of linear DNA were the result of random single-strand breaks within the 5386 base-pair size of ϕ X174 DNA assuming that sequential cleavage in the complementary strands within 15 base-pairs is required for linearization of the hybridized DNA. Experimentally, Fe(II) alone produced a ratio of 1:98 under our conditions consistent with this theoretical ratio. For comparison, the ratio of double-strand to single-strand DNA cleavage by a number of natural products include: bleomycin A₂ (1:6-1:9),^{47,48} deglycobleomycin A₂ (1:12),⁴⁸ calicheamicin γ^I (1:2),⁹ neocarzinostatin (1:6-1:41),⁴⁹ and P-3A (1:30).⁴⁸

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Table IV. Kinetics of Supercoiled ϕ X174 RFI DNA Cleavage by Fe(II)-1b^a

time (min)	% form		
	I	II	III
0	95.0	5.0	0
1	55.1	44.9	0
2	47.4	51.3	1.3
4	35.7	60.0	4.3
6	24.3	66.4	9.3
8	20.1	69.9	10.0
10	17.3	72.1	10.6
12	14.0	74.6	10.4
15	10.8	77.1	12.1
18	9.3	78.0	12.7
20	8.5	78.5	13.0
30	6.9	79.5	13.6
40	2.7	81.6	15.7

^a The concentration of the Fe(II)-1b complex was 50 μ M. Solutions contained 0.25 μ g of supercoiled ϕ X174 DNA (1.4×10^{-8} M) in 50 mM Tris-HCl buffer (pH 8) containing 10 mM 2-mercaptoethanol. The DNA cleavage reactions were run at 37 °C and electrophoresis was conducted at 50 V for 2.5 h on a 1% agarose gel containing 0.1 μ g/mL ethidium bromide. The quantitation of percentage of forms I, II, and III present at each time point of Fe(II)-1b was conducted by direct fluorescence quantitation of the DNA in the presence of ethidium bromide using a Millipore Bio Image 60S RFLP system visualized on a UV (312 nm) transilluminator. Form I = supercoiled DNA, form II = relaxed DNA (single-stranded cleavage), form III = linear DNA (double-stranded cleavage).

Though effective DNA cleavage is observed with 1a at low agent concentrations, clear improvements in the efficiency of DNA cleavage, the rate of DNA cleavage, and enhancements in the ratio of double-stranded to single-stranded DNA cleavage⁴⁵ remain to be addressed. The comparative properties of additional enediyne-CDPI_n conjugates under present consideration will be disclosed in due course.⁵¹

Experimental Section

6-(2-Bromophenyl)hex-5-yn-1-ol (2). A solution of *o*-dibromobenzene (3.54 g, 15 mmol, 1.8 mL) in Et₃N (30 mL) under Ar at 25 °C was treated with 5-hexyn-1-ol (1.45 g, 15 mmol, 1.7 mL), (Ph₃P)₄Pd (346 mg, 0.3 mmol), and CuI (85 mg, 0.45 mmol) and the reaction mixture was stirred under Ar at 70-80 °C for 12 h. The Et₃N was removed in vacuo, and the residue was treated with a solution of saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (60 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (4 \times 50 mL). The combined Et₂O extracts were washed with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (3 \times 40 mL), dried (MgSO₄), and

(51) In vitro cytotoxic activity, L1210 (μ g/mL): 1a, 2; 1b, 2; 11, 2; 6, 7; 7, 3.

concentrated in vacuo. Flash chromatography (SiO₂, 15% EtOAc-hexane) afforded **2** (3.59 g, 3.80 theoretical, 95%) as a pale yellow oil: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz) δ 7.55 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 8, 2.4 Hz, C3'-H), 7.41 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 8, 2.4 Hz, C6'-H), 7.06–7.26 (m, 2 H, C4' and C5'-H), 3.70 (q, 2 H, *J* = 7.0 Hz, C1-H₂), 2.51 (t, 2 H, *J* = 7 Hz, C4-H₂), 1.62–1.88 (m, 4 H, C2 and C3-H₂), 1.54 (t, 1 H, *J* = 6 Hz, OH); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 50 MHz) δ 134.0, 133.0, 129.1, 127.5, 126.8, 126.0, 95.7, 80.2, 62.8, 32.1, 25.1, 19.8; IR (neat) ν_{\max} 3350, 2928, 2232, 1585, 1551, 1465, 1425, 1328, 1152, 1049, 1020, 992, 941 cm⁻¹; EIMS, *m/e* (rel inten) 252/254 (M⁺, 1/1), 129 (base); CIMS (2-methylpropane), *m/e* (rel inten) 253/255 (M⁺ + H, 89/96), 235/237 (94/100); FABHRMS (NBA), *m/e* 253.0231 (M⁺ + H, C₁₂H₁₃BrO requires 253.0228).

6-[2-[(Trimethylsilyl)ethynyl]phenyl]hex-5-yn-1-ol (3). A solution of **2** (1.95 g, 7.7 mmol) in Et₃N (15 mL) under Ar at 25 °C was treated with (trimethylsilyl)acetylene (1.13 g, 11.6 mmol, 1.63 mL), (Ph₃P)₄Pd (178 mg, 0.15 mmol), and CuI (44 mg, 0.23 mmol) and the reaction mixture was stirred under Ar at 50–55 °C for 48 h. The Et₃N was removed in vacuo, and the residue was treated with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (30 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (4 × 30 mL). The combined Et₂O extracts were washed with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (3 × 30 mL), dried (MgSO₄), and concentrated in vacuo. Flash chromatography (SiO₂, 10% EtOAc-hexane) afforded **3** (1.45 g, 2.08 g theoretical, 70%) as a pale yellow oil and recovered **2** (507 mg, 26%). For **3**: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz) δ 7.34–7.46 (m, 2 H, C4' and C5'-H), 7.14–7.26 (m, 2 H, C3' and C6'-H), 3.70 (q, 2 H, *J* = 7 Hz, C1-H₂), 2.50 (t, 2 H, *J* = 7 Hz, C4-H₂), 1.62–1.84 (m, 4 H, C2 and C3-H₂), 1.54 (t, 1 H, *J* = 6 Hz, OH), 0.25 (s, 9 H, SiCH₃); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 50 MHz) δ 132.8, 132.4, 128.8, 127.8, 127.2, 126.0, 104.4, 98.4, 94.8, 80.0, 62.8, 32.2, 25.2, 19.8, 0.34; IR (neat) ν_{\max} 3378, 2943, 2226, 2155, 1631, 1590, 1472, 1437, 1325, 1249, 1208, 1155, 1096, 1055, 850, 756, 691 cm⁻¹; EIMS, *m/e* (rel inten) 270 (M⁺, 7), 73 (base); CIMS (2-methylpropane), *m/e* 271 (M⁺ + H, 40); EIHRMS, *m/e* 270.1441 (M⁺, C₁₇H₂₂SiO requires 270.1440).

6-[2-[(Trimethylsilyl)ethynyl]phenyl]hex-5-yn-1-ol (4). A stirred solution of (COCl)₂ (1.43 mmol, 0.13 mL) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) under Ar at -78 °C was treated dropwise with a solution of DMSO (2.86 mmol, 0.24 mL) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at -78 °C for an additional 15 min before a solution of **3** (348 mg, 1.3 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) was added dropwise over 5 min at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for an additional 1 h at -78 °C. Et₃N (6.5 mmol, 0.94 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 15 min before being allowed to warm to 25 °C. H₂O (10 mL) was added, the layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (3 × 30 mL), dried (MgSO₄), and concentrated in vacuo. Flash chromatography (SiO₂, 10% EtOAc-hexane) afforded **4** (335 mg, 345 mg theoretical, 97%) as a pale yellow oil: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz) δ 9.85 (t, 1 H, *J* = 1.0 Hz, CHO), 7.35–7.5 (m, 2 H, C4' and C5'-H), 7.16–7.28 (m, 2 H, C3' and C6'-H), 2.70 (dt, 2 H, *J* = 7, 1 Hz, C2-H₂), 2.55 (t, 2 H, *J* = 7 Hz, C4-H₂), 1.95 (p, 2 H, *J* = 7 Hz, C3-H₂), 0.25 (s, 9 H, SiCH₃); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 50 MHz) δ 202.6, 133.0, 132.6, 128.8, 128.2, 127.4, 126.2, 104.4, 98.8, 93.6, 80.8, 43.2, 21.8, 19.6, 0.34; IR (neat) ν_{\max} 3028, 2960, 2900, 2232, 2158, 1720, 1602, 1478, 1442, 1410, 1300, 1258, 1208, 1160, 1102, 1040, 952, 844, 764, 644 cm⁻¹; CIMS (2-methylpropane), *m/e* 269 (M⁺ + H, base); EIHRMS 267.1211 (M⁺ - H, C₁₇H₂₀SiO requires 267.1205).

6-(2-Ethynylphenyl)hex-5-yn-1-ol (5). A solution of **4** (180 mg, 0.67 mmol), KF (57 mg, 1.0 mmol), and H₂O (0.15 mL) in DMF (4 mL) was stirred under Ar at 25 °C for 5 h. The reaction mixture was poured onto ice (10 g) and the product was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (4 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with H₂O (4 × 10 mL), dried (MgSO₄), and concentrated in vacuo. Flash chromatography (SiO₂, 10% EtOAc-hexane) afforded **5** (124 mg, 132 mg theoretical, 94%) as a pale yellow oil: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz) δ 9.85 (t, 1 H, *J* = 1.0 Hz, CHO), 7.36–7.52 (m, 2 H, C4' and C5'-H), 7.18–7.32 (m, 2 H, C3' and C6'-H), 3.20 (s, 1 H, C≡CH), 2.72 (dt, 2 H, *J* = 7, 1 Hz, C2-H₂), 2.55 (t, 2 H, *J* = 7 Hz, C4-H₂), 1.45 (p, 2 H, *J* = 7 Hz, C3-H₂); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 50 MHz) δ 203.0, 133.4, 132.4, 129.4, 128.4, 127.4, 125.4, 94.0, 83.2, 81.2, 80.8, 43.4, 21.4, 19.6; IR (neat) ν_{\max} 3280, 3062, 2938, 2232, 2106, 1718, 1594, 1508, 1476, 1438, 758 cm⁻¹; EIMS, *m/e* (rel inten) 196 (M⁺, 3), 152 (base); CIMS (2-

methylpropane), *m/e* (rel inten) 197 (M⁺ + H, 99), 155 (base); EIHRMS, *m/e* 195.0801 (M⁺ - H, C₁₄H₁₂O requires 195.0810).

Benzo[4,5]cyclodec-4-ene-2,6-diyn-1-ol (6). A solution of **5** (74 mg, 0.38 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL) was added slowly to a solution of LHMDs (1.5 mmol, 1.5 mL of 1.0 M in THF) in dry THF (65 mL) over 5 h under Ar at 25 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for an additional 1 h before a solution of saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (20 mL) was added. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 × 30 mL), and the combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (2 × 20 mL), dried (MgSO₄), and concentrated in vacuo. Flash chromatography (SiO₂, 10% EtOAc-hexane) afforded **6** (15.6 mg, 74 mg theoretical, 21%) as a colorless oil and 17 mg (23% recovery) of **5**. For **6**: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz) δ 7.20–7.40 (m, 4 H, aromatic CH), 4.58–4.68 (m, 1 H, C1-H), 2.47 (t, 2 H, *J* = 7 Hz, C8-H₂), 2.08–2.23 (m, 3 H, C9-H₂ and C10 α-H or C10 β-H), 2.01 (d, 1 H, *J* = 7 Hz, OH), 1.70–1.90 (m, 1 H, C10 α-H or C10 β-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ 129.7, 128.9, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.3, 100.3, 98.5, 85.2, 82.0, 63.4, 38.0, 23.7, 21.3; IR (neat) ν_{\max} 3406, 2930, 2862, 2224, 2194, 1596, 1468, 1450, 1356, 1332, 1228, 1176, 1104, 1056, 1038, 1014, 974, 760 cm⁻¹; EIMS, *m/e* (rel inten) 196 (M⁺, 23), 139 (base); CIMS (2-methylpropane), *m/e* (rel inten) 197 (M⁺ + H, 82), 181 (base); EIHRMS, *m/e* 196.0883 (M⁺, C₁₄H₁₂O requires 196.0888).

Bergman Cyclization Kinetics for 6. Kinetic studies on the cyclization of **6** at 40, 60, and 80 °C were carried out in degassed C₆H₆ solutions at 0.01 M concentration of **6** in the presence of 1,4-cyclohexadiene (100 equiv). The reactions were followed by HPLC (SiO₂) with 1-cyanonaphthalene as internal standard. The HPLC analysis was started immediately after addition of 1,4-cyclohexadiene (90.1 μg, 94.6 μL, 1 mmol, 100 equiv) and 1-cyanonaphthalene (1.5 mg) to 1 mL of a 0.01 M solution of **6** (1.96 mg, 0.01 mmol) in degassed C₆H₆ with EtOAc-hexane (2:98) as eluent at a 1 mL/min flow rate. The retention time for the solvent (C₆H₆), internal standard, and **6** was 4.42, 9.75, and 18.96 min, respectively. The remaining percentage of **6** in the reaction mixture during the reaction process was obtained by recording and calculating the ratio of the area of **6** to internal standard periodically (every 10 h, 2 h, and 20 min for 40, 60, and 80 °C, respectively). Linear regression analysis (*r* > 0.996, 0.997, and 0.998 for 40, 60, and 80 °C, respectively) of the linear plots of Ln (**6**, %) versus time revealed the Bergman cyclization rate constants and *t*_{1/2} at different temperatures. The energy of activation (*E*_a) for the reaction was determined by an Arrhenius plot (*r* > 0.999).

***N*-(*tert*-Butyloxycarbonyl)glycine Benzo[4,5]cyclodec-4-ene-2,6-diyn-1-yl Ester (7).** A solution of **6** (9 mg, 0.046 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) was treated with *N*-BOC-glycine (16.1 mg, 0.092 mmol, 2 equiv), DCC (10.5 mg, 0.0506 mmol, 1.1 equiv), and DMAP (0.6 mg, 0.0046 mmol, 0.1 equiv) under Ar at 25 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 4 h. Filtration of the reaction mixture, removal of the solvent in vacuo, and purification of the residue by flash chromatography (SiO₂, 10% EtOAc-hexane) afforded **7** (15.7 mg, 16.2 mg theoretical, 97%) as a white, waxy solid: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.21–7.36 (m, 4 H), 5.63 (m, 1 H, C1-H), 5.00 (br s, 1 H, NH), 3.88–4.01 (m, 2 H, CH₂NHBOC), 2.45–2.49 (m, 2 H, C8-H₂), 2.28–2.35 (m, 1 H, C10 α-H or C10 β-H), 2.10–2.15 (m, 2 H, C9-H₂), 1.84–1.89 (m, 1 H, C10 α-H or C10 β-H), 1.45 (s, 9 H, C(CH₃)₃); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 50 MHz) δ 170.0, 156.2, 130.4, 129.7, 129.2, 128.6, 128.1, 127.9, 100.4, 94.6, 87.0, 82.5, 80.5, 66.2, 42.8, 35.0, 28.5, 24.0, 21.4; IR (neat) ν_{\max} 3441, 2940, 2876, 2204, 2165, 1646, 1509, 1451, 1370, 1264, 1164, 1043, 984, 737 cm⁻¹; EIMS, *m/e* (rel inten) 353 (M⁺, 0.3), 57 (base); CIMS (2-methylpropane), *m/e* (rel inten) 354 (M⁺ + H, 0.4), 120 (100); FABHRMS (NBA-CsI), *m/e* 486.0681 (M⁺ + Cs, C₂₁H₂₃NO₄ requires 486.0681).

***N*-[3-[[3'-[[3''-Carbamoyl-1'',2''-dihydro-3''-H-pyrrolo[3'',2''-e]indol-7''-yl]carbonyl]-1',2'-dihydro-3''-H-pyrrolo[3',2'-e]indol-7''-yl]carbonyl]-1,2-dihydro-3-H-pyrrolo[3,2-e]indole-7-carbonyl]glycine Benzo[4,5]cyclodec-4-ene-2,6-diyn-1-yl Ester (1a).** A solution of **7** (51 mg, 0.14 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) under Ar at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 10 min and allowed to warm to 25 °C where it was stirred for an additional 20 min. The volatile materials were removed in vacuo and the white hydrochloride salt of **8** was taken up in DMF (3 mL). The

solution was treated with 1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (EDCI, 41.5 mg, 0.22 mmol), DMAP (9 mg, 0.072 mmol), CDPI₃¹² (44 mg, 0.072 mmol), and Et₃N (22 mg, 0.22 mmol) at 0 °C under Ar and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min and 25 °C for 48 h. The reaction suspension was concentrated in vacuo and the dry paste was washed with H₂O (4 × 5 mL), 10% aqueous HCl (4 × 5 mL), and H₂O (2 × 5 mL) and dried in vacuo. The brown solid was dissolved in DMF, SiO₂ (300 mg) was added to form a paste, and the DMF was removed in vacuo. The SiO₂ containing absorbed sample was placed on top of a flash chromatography column (SiO₂) and eluted with 0–5% DMF–THF to afford 1a (26 mg, 61 mg theoretical, 43%) as a light yellow solid: mp > 240 °C; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 300 MHz) δ 11.77 (s, 2 H, NH), 11.56 (s, 1 H, NH), 9.02 (s, 1 H, NH), 8.29 (dd, 2 H, *J* = 9.0 Hz, C4' and C4''-H), 7.96 (d, 1 H, *J* = 9.0 Hz, C4-H), 6.91–7.55 (m, 10 H), 6.19 (s, 2 H, CONH₂), 5.64 (m, 1 H, C1-H), 4.68 (t, 4 H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, C2' and C2''-H₂), 4.05 (m, 2 H, glycine CH₂), 3.98 (t, 2 H, *J* = 8.0 Hz, C2-H₂), 3.20–3.60 (m, 6 H, C1, C1' and C1''-H₂ partially obscured by H₂O), 2.10–2.50 (m, 5 H, C8, C9-H₂ and C10 α-H or C10 β-H), 1.75–1.85 (m, 1 H, C10 α-H or C10 β-H); IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3415, 2922, 2218, 2166, 1653, 1605, 1578, 1433, 1409, 1365, 1342, 1285, 1258, 1216, 1185, 1146, 801, 760 cm⁻¹; FABHRMS (DTT/DTE), *m/e* 849.3176 (M⁺ + H, C₅₀H₄₀N₆O₆ requires 849.3149).

Benzo[4,5]cyclodec-4-ene-2,6-diyne-1-one (9). A solution of 6 (9 mg, 0.041 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) was treated with activated MnO₂ (35.5 mg, 0.41 mmol) at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was warmed to 25 °C and stirred for an additional 1 h. Filtration of the reaction mixture through Celite and removal of solvent in vacuo followed by purification of the residue by flash chromatography (SiO₂, 5% EtOAc–hexane) afforded 9 (6.4 mg, 7.9 mg theoretical, 81%) as a colorless oil: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz) δ 7.25–7.58 (m, 4 H), 2.89 (t, 2 H, *J* = 7 Hz, C8-H₂), 2.60 (t, 2 H, *J* = 7.0 Hz, C10-H₂), 2.19 (p, 2 H, *J* = 7.0 Hz, C9-H₂); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 50 MHz) δ 188.6, 132.0, 131.4, 131.4, 129.0, 128.2, 126.5, 101.0, 95.5, 85.5, 82.4, 46.7, 25.7, 22.2; IR (neat) ν_{\max} 2978, 2866, 2232, 2092, 1646, 1598, 1448, 1381, 765 cm⁻¹; EIMS, *m/e* 194 (M⁺, base); CIMS (2-methylpropane), *m/e* 195 (M⁺ + H, base); EIHRMS, *m/e* 194.0728 (M⁺, C₁₄H₁₀O requires 194.0732).

1-Hydroxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroanthracene (12). A solution of 6 (13.8 mg, 0.07 mmol) in 1,4-cyclohexadiene (2 mL) was warmed at reflux (82 °C) for 10 h. Removal of the solvent in vacuo and purification of the residue by flash chromatography (SiO₂, 10% EtOAc–hexane) afforded 12 (8.7 mg, 13.9 mg theoretical, 63%, 60–73%) as a colorless, waxy solid: mp 87–88 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz) δ 7.94 (s, 1 H, C9-H), 7.72–7.84 (m, 2 H, C6 and C7-H), 7.63 (s, 1 H, C10-H), 7.38–7.46 (m, 2 H, C5 and C8-H), 5.00 (br s, 1 H, C1-H), 2.92–3.06 (m, 2 H, C4-H₂), 1.80–2.18 (m, 5 H, C2-H₂, C3-H₂ and OH); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 50 MHz), δ 138.6, 135.8, 133.5, 132.7, 128.2, 127.5, 127.5, 127.4, 126.5, 125.7, 69.2, 32.8, 29.7, 19.4; IR (neat) ν_{\max} 3443, 3054, 2986, 1598, 1495, 1423, 1265, 895, 740 cm⁻¹; EIMS, *m/e* 198 (M⁺, base); CIMS (2-methylpropane), *m/e* (rel inten) 199 (M⁺ + H, 3), 181 (base); FABHRMS (NBA), *m/e* 198.1050 (M⁺, C₁₄H₁₄O requires 198.1045).

3,4-Dihydro-1(2H)-anthracenone (13). Method A: a solution of 9 (4 mg, 0.02 mmol) in 1,4-cyclohexadiene (0.5 mL) was warmed at reflux for 4 h. Removal of the solvent in vacuo and purification of the residue by flash chromatography (SiO₂, 5% EtOAc–hexane) afforded 13 (3.7 mg, 4.0 mg theoretical, 92%) as white solid: mp 94–96 °C, lit.⁶² mp 95–96 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz) δ 8.62 (s, 1 H, C10-H), 7.99 (d, 1 H, *J* = 6.0 Hz, C9-H), 7.78 (d, 1 H, *J* = 6.0 Hz, C6-H), 7.67 (s, 1 H, C5-H), 7.39–7.60 (m, 2 H, C7 and C8-H), 3.12 (t, 2 H, *J* = 7.0 Hz, C4-H₂), 2.84 (t, 2 H, *J* = 7.0 Hz, C2-H₂), 2.18 (p, 2 H, *J* = 7.0 Hz, C3-H₂); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 50 MHz) δ 199.5, 139.8, 136.4, 132.2, 131.2, 130.5, 129.3, 129.1, 127.6, 127.2, 126.5, 40.0, 30.3, 23.5; IR (neat) ν_{\max} 3051, 2942, 2860, 1684, 1554, 1498, 1449, 895, 742 cm⁻¹; EIMS, *m/e* 196 (M⁺, base); CIMS (2-methylpropane), *m/e* (rel inten) 197 (M⁺ + H, base); FABHRMS (NBA), *m/e* 197.0966 (M⁺ + H, C₁₄H₁₂O requires 197.0966).

Method B: a solution of 12 (5.0 mg, 0.025 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) at 0 °C was treated with activated MnO₂ (22 mg, 0.25

mmol) and the resulting mixture was warmed to 25 °C and stirred for 2 h. Filtration of the reaction mixture through Celite, removal of the solvent in vacuo, and purification of the residue by flash chromatography (SiO₂, 5% EtOAc–hexane) afforded 13 (4.6 mg, 5.0 mg theoretical, 93%) as a white solid identical in all respects with the Bergman cyclization product of 9 (method A).

Triethyl Ethylenediaminetetraacetate. This intermediate was prepared according to the procedure by Hay:⁴⁴ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 4.15 (q, 2 H, *J* = 9 Hz, COCH₂), 4.13 (q, 4 H, *J* = 9 Hz, CO₂CH₂), 3.53 (s, 4 H, NCH₂CO), 3.48 (s, 2 H, NCH₂CO), 3.46 (s, 2 H, NCH₂CO), 2.84 (s, 4 H, NCH₂CH₂N), 1.24 (t, 3 H, *J* = 9 Hz, CH₃), 1.23 (t, 6 H, *J* = 9 Hz, CH₃); IR (neat) ν_{\max} 3854, 3822, 3802, 3712, 3690, 3650, 2984, 1734, 1670, 1654, 1636, 1558, 1540, 1522, 1508, 1398, 1208, 1022 cm⁻¹.

N-Hydroxysuccinimide Ester of Triethyl Ethylenediaminetetraacetate (10). A solution of triethyl ethylenediaminetetraacetate (178 mg, 0.47 mmol) in THF (4 mL) was treated with *N*-hydroxysuccinimide (55 mg, 0.47 mmol) and DCC (104 mg, 0.47 mmol) at 0 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred for 6 h at 0 °C and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, 30–50% EtOAc–hexane gradient elution) to afford 10 (195 mg, 224 mg theoretical, 88%) as a colorless, waxy solid: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 4.14 (q, 2 H, *J* = 9 Hz, CO₂CH₂), 4.12 (q, 4 H, *J* = 9 Hz, COCH₂), 4.03 (s, 2 H, NCH₂CO), 3.60 (s, 2 H, NCH₂CO), 3.57 (s, 4 H, NCH₂CO), 2.90 (s, 4 H, NCH₂CH₂N), 2.81 (s, 4 H, OCCH₂CH₂CO), 1.25 (t, 3 H, *J* = 9 Hz, CH₃), 1.24 (t, 6 H, *J* = 9 Hz, CH₃).

Triethyl CDPI₃-EDTA (11). A solution of 10 (32 mg, 0.067 mmol) in DMF (1.5 mL) was treated with DMAP (8 mg, 0.067 mmol) and CDPI₃-hydrazide⁵ (28 mg, 0.045 mmol) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h at 25 °C under Ar. The solvent was removed under vacuum and the residual solid was washed with H₂O (3 mL × 2), a mixture of THF–CH₂Cl₂–MeOH (1:1:1, 3 mL × 2), and dried in vacuo. The yellow solid was dissolved in DMF (1.5 mL), SiO₂ (200 mg) was added to form a paste, and the DMF was removed in vacuo. The SiO₂ containing absorbed sample was placed on top of a flash chromatography column (SiO₂) and eluted with 4–15% MeOH–CH₂Cl₂ gradient elution to afford 11 (32 mg, 44 mg theoretical, 73%) as a pale yellow solid: mp > 230 °C; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz) δ 11.81 (s, 1 H, NH), 11.79 (s, 1 H, NH), 11.59 (s, 1 H, NH), 10.37 (s, 1 H, NH), 9.88 (s, 1 H, NH), 8.28 (d, 2 H, *J* = 8 Hz, C4'-H and C4-H), 7.99 (d, 1 H, *J* = 8.8 Hz, C4''-H), 7.38 (d, 1 H, *J* = 8.1 Hz, C5'-H), 7.35 (d, 1 H, *J* = 8.1 Hz, C5-H), 7.25 (d, 1 H, *J* = 8.1 Hz, C5''-H), 7.20 (s, 1 H, C8'-H), 7.13 (s, 1 H, C8-H), 6.99 (s, 1 H, C8''-H), 6.13 (s, 2 H, CONH₂), 4.69 (m, 4 H, C2''-H₂ and C2'-H₂), 4.07 (m, 8 H, C2-H₂ and CO₂CH₂), 3.58 (s, 2 H, NCH₂CO), 3.50 (s, 2 H, NCH₂CO), 3.40–3.70 (m, 6 H, C1''-H₂, C1'-H₂ and C1-H₂, partially obscured by H₂O), 3.34 (s, 4 H, NCH₂CO), 2.84 (s, 4 H, NCH₂CH₂N), 1.23 (t, 3 H, *J* = 9 Hz, CH₃), 1.18 (t, 6 H, *J* = 9 Hz, CH₃); IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3854, 3840, 3802, 3752, 3736, 3690, 3676, 3650, 3408, 2926, 1745, 1740, 1654, 1578, 1560, 1542, 1508, 1426, 1364, 1342, 1284, 1204, 1146, 1026, 804, 759 cm⁻¹; HRFABMS (NBA), *m/e* 1008.4029 (M⁺ + Na, C₅₀H₅₅N₁₁O₁₁ requires 1008.3980).

CDPI₃-EDTA (1b). A solution of 11 (15 mg, 0.015 mmol) in THF–MeOH–H₂O (3:2:1, 1.5 mL) was treated with LiOH–H₂O (19 mg, 0.45 mmol) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 48 h at 60 °C. The solvent was removed in vacuo, and the residual solid was suspended in H₂O (2 mL) and acidified to pH 4 with the addition of 10% aqueous HCl. The solid was collected by centrifugation, washed with H₂O (2 mL × 3) and a mixture of CH₂Cl₂–THF–MeOH (1:1:1, 2 mL × 3), and dried in vacuo to afford 11 (10.4 mg, 13.7 mg theoretical, 76%) as a dark green solid: mp > 230 °C; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz) δ 11.81 (s, 1 H, NH), 11.79 (s, 1 H, NH), 11.59 (s, 1 H, NH), 10.37 (s, 1 H, NH), 9.86 (s, 1 H, NH), 8.28 (br s, 2 H, C4'-H and C4-H), 7.99 (d, 1 H, *J* = 8.8 Hz, C4''-H), 7.38 (t, 2 H, *J* = 8.1 Hz, C5'-H and C5-H), 7.25 (d, 1 H, *J* = 8.1 Hz, C5''-H), 7.21 (s, 1 H, C8'-H), 7.13 (s, 1 H, C8-H), 6.99 (s, 1 H, C8''-H), 6.13 (s, 2 H, CONH₂), 4.68 (m, 4 H, C2''-H₂ and C2'-H₂), 4.00 (t, 2 H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, C2-H₂), 3.40–3.55 (m, 14 H, C1''-H₂, C1'-H₂, C1-H₂ and NCH₂CO, partially obscured by H₂O), 2.86 (s, 4 H, NCH₂CH₂N); IR (KBr) ν_{\max} 3884, 3802, 3752, 3740, 3690, 3650, 3420, 2926, 1710, 1642, 1578, 1562, 1542, 1436, 1366, 1024, 996, 828, 768 cm⁻¹; HRFABMS (NBA), *m/e* 902.3211 (M⁺ + H, C₄₄H₄₃N₁₁O₁₁ requires 902.3222).

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DNA Cleavage Studies for 1a, 6, 7, and 9. Solutions containing 1.0 μg of supercoiled ϕX174 DNA (1.4×10^{-8} M) in 23 μL TE buffer (10 mM Tris, 1 mM EDTA, pH 7.6) were treated with 1 μL of a DMSO solution of the agents 1a, 6, 7, and 9 at the 25 \times specified concentration. Consequently, the actual agent concentration in the incubation mixture was that specified in the gel legends. The solutions were incubated at 40 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 30 h. Electrophoresis of the resulting DNA was conducted on a 0.7% agarose gel containing 0.1 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ ethidium bromide with loading buffer (pH 7.9) at 50 V, 2.5 h. The electrophoresis gels were immediately visualized on a UV transilluminator and photographed using black and white instant film (Polaroid T667).

DNA Cleavage Studies for CDPI₂-EDTA (1b). Efficiency of cleavage: all reactions were run with freshly prepared 1b-Fe(II) complexes. The 1b-Fe(II) complexes were prepared by combining 1 μL of a DMSO solution of 1b at the 10 \times specified concentration with 1 μL of a freshly prepared equimolar aqueous ferrous ammonium sulfate solution followed by vortex mixing. Each of the 1b-Fe(II) complex solutions was treated with 7 μL of a buffered DNA solution prepared by diluting 1 μg of supercoiled ϕX174 DNA (1.4×10^{-8} M) with 27 μL of a 50 mM Tris-HCl buffer solution (pH 8). The thoroughly mixed incubation solutions were placed in a 37 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ water bath for 2 h. The DNA cleavage reactions were initiated by adding 1 μL of an aqueous 10 mM 2-mercaptoethanol solution. The solutions, which have the concentrations specified on the gel legends, were thoroughly mixed by vortexing and incubated at 37 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 30 min. Electrophoresis was conducted on a 1% agarose gel containing 0.1 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ ethidium bromide with loading buffer (pH 7.9) at 50 V for 2.5 h and the gel was immediately visualized on a UV transilluminator and photographed using black and white instant film (polaroid T667).

Kinetic DNA Cleavage Studies: CDPI₂-EDTA (1b). Quantification of double-stranded and single-stranded cleavage: the 1b-Fe(II) complexes were formed by mixing 1 μL of a 500 μM solution of 1b in DMSO with 1 μL of a freshly prepared, 500 μM aqueous ferrous ammonium sulfate solution. A volume of 7 μL of a buffered DNA solution, which was prepared by adding 1 μg

of supercoiled ϕX174 DNA (1.4×10^{-8} M) to 27 μL of a 50 mM Tris-HCl buffer solution (pH 8), was added to each of the 1b-Fe(II) complex solutions. The solutions were incubated in a 37 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ water bath for 2 h. The DNA cleavage reactions were initiated by adding 1 μL of an aqueous 10 mM 2-mercaptoethanol solution to each of the reaction mixtures. The solutions, which have the same 50 μM final concentrations, were thoroughly mixed and incubated at 37 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 40, 30, 20, 18, 15, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2, and 1 min, respectively. The reactions were quenched with the addition of 7 μL of loading buffer (pH 7.9) formed by mixing Keller buffer (0.4 M Tris-HCl, 0.05 M NaOAc, 0.0125 M EDTA, pH 7.9) with glycerol (40%), sodium dodecyl sulfate (0.4%), and bromophenol blue (0.3%), and electrophoresis was run on a 1% agarose gel containing 0.1 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ ethidium bromide at 50 V for 2.5 h. The gel was immediately visualized on a UV transilluminator and photographed using black and white instant film (Polaroid T667). Direct fluorescence quantification of the DNA in the presence of ethidium bromide was conducted using a Millipore Bio Image 605 RFLP System visualized on a UV (312 nm) transilluminator. The ratio of the double-strand to single-strand cuts was calculated by the Freifelder-Trumbo equation.⁴⁶

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