

## Synthesis of Nitrogen-Functionalized $\beta$ -Cycloaltrins

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**Abstract:** We report the synthesis of functionalized  $\beta$ -cycloaltrins having azido groups at C-3, C-6, and both C-3 and C-6 by nucleophilic epoxy ring-opening of per-2,3-anhidro- $\beta$ -cyclomannin derivatives. The value of these compounds as templates for further functionalization is exemplified by the conversion of heptakis(3,6-diazido-3,6-dideoxy)- $\beta$ -cycloaltrin into the per-3,6-diamino, per-3,6-diacetamido, per-3,6-dichloroacetamido, and per[3,6-bis(*N*'-ethylureido)] derivatives in good yields.

Cyclodextrins (CDs) are macrocyclic oligosaccharides comprising six ( $\alpha$ -CD), seven ( $\beta$ -CD), and eight ( $\gamma$ -CD)  $\alpha$ -(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-D-glucopyranosyl units, respectively, that are formed during the enzymatic degradation of starch. The hydrophobic cavities of these thorus-shaped structures are responsible of the main CD feature, that is the formation of inclusion complexes with a variety of geometrically and spatially compatible hydrophobic molecules in aqueous solution. This feature has found wide applications in analytical chemistry, pharmaceutical and biomedicinal sciences, industry, material sciences, etc.<sup>1</sup> The chemical modification of CDs also has received widespread interest in order to improve the molecular recognition properties of the parent CDs or to generate recognition features different from those of the CDs.<sup>2</sup> In this respect, the knowledge of the complex formation ability of nonglucose cyclooligosaccharides<sup>3</sup> is, however, little known. This is due in part to the lack of synthetic methodologies to produce a sufficient amount of such cyclooligosaccharides to perform the guest binding ability studies. Cyclomannins, the CD analogues composed of D-mannose,<sup>4</sup> as well as the *rhamno* isomer of  $\alpha$ -CD ( $\alpha$ cyclorhamnin),<sup>5</sup> have been synthesized by a multistep procedure. However, cyclofructins can be obtained by enzymatic digestion of the polysaccharide inulin.<sup>6</sup> The

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The nucleophilic ring-opening of per(2,3-anhydro)cyclomannins with other nucleophiles different from water could also provide a route for the synthesis of cycloaltrin derivatives<sup>9</sup> with additional interaction sites that could cooperate with the hydrophobic cavity and thus improve the guest binding ability of the macrocycle. We turned our attention to the synthesis of functionalized cycloaltrins as a part of a program involving the construction of site-specific drug delivery systems based on glyco-cyclodextrins with dual function as host for the complexation with guest molecules and lectin ligands.<sup>10</sup> In particular, we have explored the synthesis of perfunctionalized  $\beta$ -cycloaltrins having nitrogen-containing functions on one or both faces of the macrocyclic ring.

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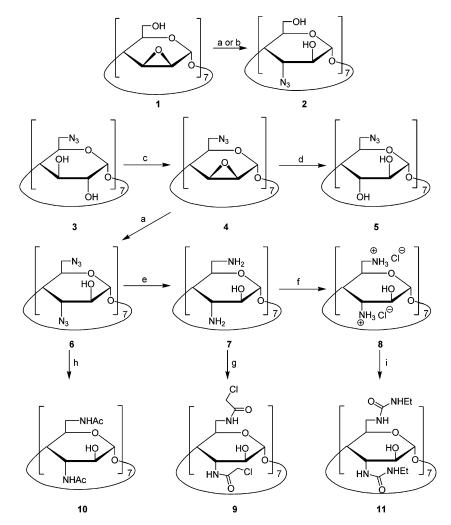
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<sup>a</sup> Reagents and conditions: (a) NaN<sub>3</sub>, DMF/H<sub>2</sub>O (9:1), 120 °C, 3 d, 36%; (b) NaN<sub>3</sub>, DMF/NH<sub>4</sub>Cl aq (9:1), 120 °C, 3 d, 76%; (c) NaH, DMF, rt, 5 h, then benzenosulfonyl chloride, rt, 1 h, 84%; (d) DMF/H<sub>2</sub>O (1:2), 120 °C, 7 d, 55%; (e) PPh<sub>3</sub>, DMF, rt, 1.5 h, then NH<sub>3</sub> aq, rt, 24 h, 91%; (f) HCl aq, 100%; (g) (ClCH<sub>2</sub>CO)<sub>2</sub>O, MeOH, rt, 24 h, 85%; (h) PPh<sub>3</sub>, DMF, rt, 1 h, then NH<sub>3</sub> aq, rt, 24 h, followed by Ac<sub>2</sub>O, MeOH, rt, 24 h, 52%; (i) NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, EtNCO, H<sub>2</sub>O/Me<sub>2</sub>CO (2:1), rt, 24 h, 57%.

The first objective was to introduce the azide group at C-3 of  $\beta$ -cycloaltrin. Previous reports on the synthesis of cycloaltrins as well as per(3-deoxy)cyclomannins have shown that the epoxide cleavage with water, ammonia, and hydride occurs by nucleophilic attack at C-3 of the 2,3-anhydrocyclomannins to give the trans-diaxial ring opening,7d,8e,9a,11 as had been shown also for oxiranes derived from monosaccharides.<sup>12</sup> Treatment of 2,3-anhydro- $\beta$ -cyclomannin (1)<sup>7b</sup> with sodium azide in a mixture of DMF/H<sub>2</sub>O at 120 °C for 3 days gave the corresponding per(3-azido-altro)cyclooligosaccharide 2 in 36% yield (Scheme 1). When a better proton source such as ammonium chloride was employed, compound 2 was isolated in 76% yield, but still it was necessary to heat the reaction mixture at the same elevated temperature for a long period of time.

For the synthesis of per(6-azido)cycloaltrin derivative **5**, we first obtained the per(6-azido-2,3-anhydro)cyclomannin **4** by treatment of per(6-azido)- $\beta$ -CD<sup>13</sup> **3** with

sodium hydride and benzenesulfonyl chloride. The 2,3anydro derivative **4** was isolated in 84% yield. The NMR data for compound **4** were consistent with a *manno*oxirane structure for the seven sugar units of the cyclooligosaccharide. For example, the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum shows a singlet at 5.18 ppm for H-1, and two doublets at 3.35 and 3.16 ppm for H-3 and H-2, respectively, with a coupling constant of 3.6 Hz. These data are very similar to those reported for heptakis(2,3-anhydro)- $\beta$ -cyclomannin<sup>7b</sup> **1**. Compound **4** was then heated at 120 °C in a mixture of DMF and water for 7 days to give in 55% yield the  $\beta$ -cycloaltrin derivative **5**, having the primary face per-substituted with azide. The reaction of **4** with sodium azide in DMF/H<sub>2</sub>O at 120 °C afforded the per(3,6-diazido)- $\beta$ -cycloaltrin **6** in 55% yield.

Azido-cycloaltrins 2, 5, and 6 were characterized by NMR spectroscopic techniques with COSY, HMQC, and HMBC experiments and high-resolution FAB mass spectrometry. Measurements of the NMR data were performed at 80 °C to avoid broadening of the signals. The

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NMR spectra show a single signal pattern for all saccharide residues in agreement with a  $C_7$  symmetry for the macrocycles. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR signal for the anomeric protons of the three azido-cycloaltrins **2**, **5**, and **6** appeared at similar chemical shifts 4.80, 4.74, and 4.84 ppm, respectively. Similarly, the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **2**, **5**, and **6** display one anomeric carbon signal at 102.9–102.4 ppm. The presence of the azido group is revealed by the NMR carbon signals at 61.2 (C-3 for **2**), 51.2 (C-6 for **5**), 60.7 (C-3 for **6**), and 51.0 (C-6 for **6**) ppm which are upfield shifted up to 8.8–10.3 ppm when compared with the <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts of the  $\beta$ -cycloaltrin carbons.<sup>8d</sup>

As one of our objectives is to use de azido cycloaltrin derivatives as scaffolds for further functionalization with amino groups or derivatives, we carried out the reduction of the per(3,6-diazido)cycloaltrin 6 by employing triphenvlphosphine, followed by treatment with aqueous ammonia solution. The water-soluble per(3,6-diamino) derivative 7 was isolated in 91% yield. Subsequent treatment of compound 7 with a HCl solution gave quantitatively the water-soluble HCl salt 8. The HR-FAB mass spectra of 7 and 8 show M + H and M - 14HCl + H peaks, respectively. The NMR data also establish the presence of the amino function at C-3 and C-6. For example, in the  ${}^{13}C$  NMR spectra of 7 and 8, the resonance of C-3 and C-6 appears upfield shifted to 51.9 and 42.4 ppm for 7 and 50.9 and 38.7 ppm for 8 relative to the 3,6-diazido derivative 6.

The amino cycloaltrin **7** is a key compound for the introduction of pendant hydrogen-bonding donor groups on both faces of the cycloaltrin. Thus, the reaction of the free amino **7** with chloroacetic anhydride gave the per-(3,6-di-N-chloroacetyl) derivative **9** in 85% yield. The tetradecaacetamide cycloaltrin **10** could be obtained in 52% yield by treatment of **6** with triphenylphosphine, then aqueous ammonia solution, followed by treatment of the crude product with acetic anhydride in methanol. Finally, the HCl salt **8** was treated first with aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and then with ethyl isocyanate to afford the per-[3,6-bis(N'-ethylureido)]cycloaltrin **11** in 57% yield after column chromatography.

In summary, we have described the synthesis of perfunctionalized  $\beta$ -cycloaltrins having azido groups at C-3, C-6, and both C-3 and C-6 by nucleophilic opening of the epoxy rings of per(2,3-anhidro)- $\beta$ -cyclomannin derivatives. The value of these compounds as templates for further functionalization was exemplified by the conversion of heptakis(3,6-diazido-3,6-dideoxy)- $\beta$ -cycloaltrin into the per(3,6-diamino), per(3,6-diacetamido), per(3,6-diacetamido) derivatives in good yields.

## **Experimental Section**

**Heptakis(3-azido-3-deoxy)-β-cycloaltrin (2).** A suspension of **1** (50 mg, 0.050 mmol) and NaN<sub>3</sub> (114 mg, 1.750 mmol) in a mixture of DMF (4.5 mL) and NH<sub>4</sub>Cl aqueous solution (5% w/v, 0.5 mL) was stirred at 120 °C for 3 days. The solvent was removed by evaporation under vacuum and the crude product was purified by column chromatography (CH<sub>3</sub>CN-H<sub>2</sub>O 10:1) to give **2** (50 mg, 76%) as a solid: mp 166 °C dec; [α]<sub>D</sub> +32 (*c* 0.125, MeOH); IR (KBr) 3432, 2931, 2116, 1043 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 80 °C) δ 5.50 (br s, 7H, OH), 4.80 (d, 7H, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>1,2</sub> = 4.1 Hz, H-1), 4.58 (br s, 7H, OH), 4.09-4.06 (m, 14H, H-4,5), 3.92 (dd, 7H, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>2,3</sub> = 7.9 Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>1,2</sub> = 4.1 Hz, H-2), 3.80 (dd, 7H,

 ${}^3J_{2,3}=7.9$  Hz,  ${}^3J_{3,4}=3.1$  Hz, H-3), 3.74 (m, 14H, H-6,6');  ${}^{13}\mathrm{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6,$  80 °C)  $\delta$  102.9 (C-1), 75.1 (C-4), 72.5 (C-5), 68.6 (C-2), 61.2 (C-3), 60.3 (C-6); HMRS (FAB) m/z calcd for  $\mathrm{C_{42}H_{63}O_{28}N_{21}}$  1309.4151, found 1310.4200 (M + H)+.

Heptakis(2,3-anhydro-6-azido-6-deoxy)-β-cyclomannin (4). To a solution of 3 (2 g, 1.5 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (150 mL) was added NaH (1.074 g, 44.780 mmol) in portions under an argon atmosphere. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 5 h. Benzenesulfonyl chloride (1.5 mL, 11.075 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h more. The solution was poured into  $H_2O(500 \text{ mL})$  and filtered off. The residue was dried under vacuum to give 4 (1.497 g, 84%) as a solid: mp 130 °C dec;  $[\alpha]_D$  +47 (c 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (KBr) 3496, 2925, 2107, 1292, 1070 cm^-1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl\_3)  $\delta$  5.18 (s, 7H, H-1), 3.90 (d, 7H, J = 8.9 Hz, H-5), 3.77-3.73 (m, 14H, H-4,6), 3.51 (dd, 7H,  ${}^{2}J_{6,6'} = 13.6$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J_{5,6'} = 7.4$  Hz, H-6'), 3.35 (d, 7H,  ${}^{3}J_{2,3} = 3.6$  Hz, H-3), 3.16 (d, 7H,  ${}^{3}J_{2,3} = 3.6$  Hz, H-2);  ${}^{13}C$ NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 95.9 (C-1), 70.7 (C-5), 68.5 (C-4), 53.6 (C-3), 51.9 (C-6), 49.1 (C-2); HMRS (FAB) m/z calcd for  $C_{42}H_{49}O_{21}N_{21}$  1183.3412, found 1158.3580 (M + 3H<sup>+</sup> - N<sub>2</sub>).

**Heptakis(6-azido-6-deoxy)-β-cycloaltrin (5).** A suspension of **4** (350 mg, 0.296 mmol) in a mixture of DMF (7 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (14 mL) was stirred at 120 °C for 7 days. The solvent was removed by evaporation under vacuum. The product was precipitated by addition of Et<sub>2</sub>O, filtered off, and suspended in water. The suspension was lyophilizated to give **5** (212 mg, 55%) as a solid: mp 133 °C dec;  $[\alpha]_D - 52$  (*c* 0.125, H<sub>2</sub>O); IR (KBr) 3397, 2927, 2105, 1060, 1025 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 80 °C) δ 4.74 (d, 7H, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>1,2</sub> = 3.2 Hz, H-1), 4.26 (dt, 7H, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>4,5</sub> = 6.5 Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>5,6</sub> = 6.5 Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>5,6</sub> = 3.5 Hz, H-5), 3.86 (dd, 7H, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>4,5</sub> = 6.4 Hz, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>3,4</sub> = 3.4 Hz, H-4), 3.79 (br t, 14H, H-2,3), 3.69-3.60 (m, 14H, H-6,6'); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 80 °C) δ 102.4 (C-1), 75.8 (C-4), 70.3 (C-5), 69.9 (C-2), 68.5 (C-3), 51.2 (C-6); MALDI-TOF-MS *m/z* calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>63</sub>O<sub>28</sub>N<sub>21</sub> 1309.415, found 1332.365 (M + Na)<sup>+</sup>.

Heptakis(3,6-diazido-3,6-dideoxy)- $\beta$ -cycloaltrin (6). A suspension of 4 (736 mg, 0.62 mmol) and NaN<sub>3</sub> (1.410 g, 21.714 mmol) in a mixture of DMF (30 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (3.4 mL) was stirred at 120 °C for 3 days. The reaction mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (200 mL) and the organic phase was washed with  $H_2O$  (2  $\times$  150 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and evaporated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (EtOAc-hexane 2:1) to give 6 (510 mg, 55%) as a solid: mp 70 °C; [α]<sub>D</sub> +56 (c 0.5, MeOH); IR (KBr) 3421, 2926, 2017, 1094, 1031 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 80 °C)  $\delta$  5.62 (d, 7H, J = 6.0 Hz, OH), 4.84 (d, 7H,  ${}^3J_{1,2}$  = 3.6 Hz, H-1), 4.24 (dt, 7H,  ${}^3J_{4,5}$  = 6.7 Hz,  ${}^3J_{5,6'}$  = 6.7 Hz,  ${}^3J_{5,6}$  = 3.1 Hz, H-5), 4.07 (dd, 7H,  ${}^3J_{4,5}$  = 6.7 Hz,  ${}^3J_{3,4}$  = 4.0 Hz, H-4), 3.98– 3.92 (m, 7H, H-2), 3.85 (dd, 7H,  ${}^{3}J_{2,3} = 7.4$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J_{3,4} = 3.8$  Hz, H-3), 3.77 (dd, 7H,  ${}^{2}J_{6,6'} = 13.3 \text{ Hz}$ ,  ${}^{3}J_{5,6} = 3.2 \text{ Hz}$ , H-6), 3.68 (dd, 7H,  ${}^{2}J_{6,6'} = 13.3 \text{ Hz}$ ,  ${}^{3}J_{5,6'} = 6.8 \text{ Hz}$ , H-6');  ${}^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 80 °C) & 102.8 (C-1), 76.0 (C-4), 70.5 (C-5), 68.6 (C-2), 60.7 (C-3), 51.0 (C-6); HMRS (FAB) m/z calcd for  $C_{42}H_{56}O_{21}N_{42}$  1484.4605, found 1457.4600 (M - N<sub>2</sub> + H)<sup>+</sup>.

Heptakis(3,6-diamino-3,6-dideoxy)- $\beta$ -cycloaltrin (7). A solution of **6** (76 mg, 0.051 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (421 mg, 1.607 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (10 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 h. Aqueous  $NH_3$  (30% v/v, 2.5 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h. The solvent volume was reduced to 1 mL by evaporation under vacuum, and Et<sub>2</sub>O was added until precipitation occurred. The solid was filtered off and washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O. Then it was dissolved in water and the solution was lyophilized to yield 7 (52 mg, 91%) as a white solid: mp 165 °C dec; [α]<sub>D</sub> +32 (*c* 0.5, MeOH); IR (KBr) 3432, 3372, 2924, 1061, 1023 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 80 °C)  $\delta$  4.64 (d, 7H,  ${}^{3}J_{1,2} =$  4.6 Hz, H-1), 3.96 (dd, 7H, J = 10.1 Hz, J = 6.2 Hz, H-5), 3.84 (t, 7H, J = 4.6 Hz, H-4), 3.52 (dd, 7H, J) ${}^{3}J_{2,3} = 8.1$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J_{1,2} = 4.9$  Hz, H-2), 3.00-2.75 (m, H-3,6,6', OH, NH<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>', H<sub>2</sub>O); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 80 °C) δ 102.7 (C-1), 77.2 (C-4), 73.2 (C-5), 71.1 (C-2), 51.9 (C-3), 42.4 (C-6); HMRS (FAB) m/z calcd for C42H84O21N14 1120.5935, found  $1121.6000 (M + H)^+$ .

Heptakis(3,6-diamino-3,6-dideoxy)- $\beta$ -cycloaltrin Chlorhydrate (8). A solution of 7 (96 mg, 0.086 mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O was

acidificated with HCl (5% v/v) to pH 2–3. The solvent was removed by evaporation under vacuum to give **8** (140 mg, 100%) as a yellow solid: mp 182 °C dec;  $[\alpha]_D + 25$  (*c* 0.5, H<sub>2</sub>O); IR (KBr) 3449, 2922, 1611, 1509, 1050, 1013 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  5.14 (d, 7H,  ${}^3J_{1,2} = 6.0$  Hz, H-1), 4.74 (m, H-5, HDO), 4.56 (t, 7H, J = 4.5 Hz, H-4), 4.23 (dd, 7H,  ${}^3J_{2,3} = 9.6$  Hz,  ${}^3J_{1,2} = 6.0$  Hz, H-2), 3.88 (dd, 7H,  ${}^3J_{2,3} = 9.6$  Hz,  ${}^3J_{3,4} = 4.1$  Hz, H-3), 3.54 (br d, 14H, J = 6.0 Hz, H-6,6');  ${}^{13}$ C NMR (75 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  102.0 (C-1), 75.5 (C-4), 70.9 (C-5), 66.3 (C-2), 50.9 (C-3), 38.7 (C-6). HMRS (FAB) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>98</sub>O<sub>21</sub>N<sub>14</sub>Cl<sub>14</sub> 1624.2670, found 1121.6000 (M – 14HCl + H)<sup>+</sup>.

Heptakis(3,6-diamino-3,6-di-*N*-chloroacetyl-3,6-dideoxy)β-cycloaltrin (9). A suspension of **7** (30 mg, 0.027 mmol) and (ClCH<sub>2</sub>CO)<sub>2</sub>O (194 mg, 1.134 mmol) in dry MeOH (5 mL) was stirred in argon atmosphere at room temperature for 24 h. The solvent was evaporated under vacuum and the crude product was precipitated with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The solid was filtered off and dried to give **9** (50 mg, 85%) as a brown solid: mp 202 °C dec; [α]<sub>D</sub>  $-12 (c 0.25, H_2O)$ ; IR (KBr) 3431, 2927, 1616, 1399, 1044 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) δ 5.03 (br d, 7H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>1,2</sub> = 60 Hz, H-1), 4.66-4.60 (m, 7H, H-5), 4.47 (t, 7H, J = 4.1 Hz, H-4), 4.11 (dd, 7H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>2,3</sub> = 9.7 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>1,2</sub> = 6.2 Hz, H-2), 4.07 (br s, 28H, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl), 3.76 (dd, 7H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>2,3</sub> = 9.9 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>3,4</sub> = 3.7 Hz, H-3), 3.50-3.37 (m, 14H, H-6,6'); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) δ 174.9 (CO), 102.2 (C-1), 75.7 (C-4), 71.1 (C-5), 66.4 (C-2), 51.0 (C-3), 43.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl), 38.4 (C-6).

**Heptakis(3,6-diamino-3,6-di-***N***-acetyl-3,6-dideoxy**)-*β***-cy-cloaltrin (10).** A solution of **6** (75 mg, 0.067 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (556 mg, 2.121 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (2 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. Aqueous NH<sub>3</sub> (30% v/v, 1 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h. The solvent was removed by evaporation under vacuum, and the crude was suspended in dry MeOH (4 mL). Ac<sub>2</sub>O (3 mL, 37.738 mmol) was added and the suspension was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. After evaporation the crude product was precipitated with Et<sub>2</sub>O and filtered off to give **10** (60 mg, 52%) as a pale yellow solid: mp 214 °C dec;  $[\alpha]_D + 56$  (*c* 0.5, MeOH); IR (KBr) 3404, 2927, 1646, 1554, 1106, 1068, 1035 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 80 °C) δ 7.76 (br s, 7H, NH-6), 7.32 (d, 7H, *J* = 8.0 Hz, NH-3), 4.65 (d, 7H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>1,2</sub> = 5.3 Hz, H-1), 4.09 (m, 14H, H-3,5), 3.87 (t, 7H, <sup>3</sup>J = 3.8 Hz, H-4), 3.69 (dd, 7H, <sup>3</sup>J = 9.4 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J =

5.2 Hz, H-2), 3.53–3.48 (m, 14H, H-6,6'), 2.00 (s, 21H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.96 (s, 21H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ , 80 °C)  $\delta$  169.5 (CO), 169.4 (CO), 104.3 (C-1), 77.7 (C-4), 72.4 (C-5), 68.5 (C-2), 50.1 (C-3), 39.0 (C-6), 22.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HMRS (FAB) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>70</sub>H<sub>112</sub>O<sub>35</sub>N<sub>28</sub> 1708.7415, found 1709.7490 (M + H)<sup>+</sup>.

Heptakis[3,6-bis(N'-ethylureido)-3,6-dideoxy]-β-cycloaltrin (11). To a solution of 8 (100 mg, 0.061 mmol) in  $H_2O$  (10 mL) was added a saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> to pH 8. A solution of ethyl isocianate (133 mg, 1.879 mmol) in dry Me<sub>2</sub>CO (5 mL) was then added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. The solvent was removed by lyophilization and the crude product was purified by column chromatography (CH<sub>3</sub>CN-H<sub>2</sub>O 5:1) to give 11 (74 mg, 57%) as a white solid: mp 228 °C dec;  $[\alpha]_D$  +27 (c 0.25, H<sub>2</sub>O); IR (KBr) 3383, 2974, 2930, 2887, 1639, 1565, 1098, 1024 cm^{-1};  $^1\mathrm{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ , 80 °C)  $\delta$  6.28 (t, 7H, J = 5.3 Hz, NHCH<sub>2</sub>- $CH_3$ ), 6.14 (t, 7H, J = 5.3 Hz,  $NHCH_2CH_3$ ), 6.08 (t, 7H, J = 5.6Hz, NH-6), 5.85 (d, 7H, J = 8.5 Hz, NH-3), 5.37 (d, 7H, J = 4.6Hz, OH), 4.63 (d, 7H,  ${}^{3}J_{1,2} = 4.6$  Hz, H-1), 4.02–3.92 (m, 14H, H-3,5), 3.84 (t, 7H,  ${}^{3}J = 5.0$  Hz, H-4), 3.69 (br dd, 7H,  ${}^{3}J_{2,3} = 8.7$ Hz,  ${}^{3}J_{1,2} = 4.4$  Hz, H-2), 3.61 (m, 7H, H-6), 3.35 (m, 7H, H-6'), 3.20–3.11 (m, CH<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>', H<sub>2</sub>O), 1.14 (t, 21H,  ${}^{3}J = 7.2$  Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.11 (t, 21H,  ${}^{3}J = 7.1$  Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>');  ${}^{13}$ C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_{6}$ , 80 °C) & 158.3 (CO), 158.1 (CO), 104.2 (C-1), 77.5 (C-4), 72.0 (C-5), 68.9 (C-2), 50.7 (C-3), 40.1 (C-6), 33.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>'),  $15.0 (CH_3), 14.9 (CH_3'); HMRS (FAB) m/z calcd for C_{84}H_{154}O_{35}N_{28}$ 2115.1131, found 2116.1240  $(M + H)^+$ .

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