rings A and E must therefore be at C-2 of ring A with a free hydroxyl at C-3 in calichemicin γ_1^1 . Similar experiments were carried out on the tetraacetate of 11, confirming that, in 11, both C-2A and C-3A bear free hydroxyls.

In this report we have shown calichemicin γ_1^1 to consist of four glycosidic units, a hexasubstituted benzene moiety, and an undefined $C_{18}H_{16}NO_4S_3$ unit. The exact configuration of the ethylamino sugar (ring E) is presently unknown; work is in progress to synthesize both of the enantiomers of 5 for optical activity comparison. In the following paper we assign the structure of the calichemicin aglycon $(C_{18}H_{17}NO_5S_3)$.¹¹

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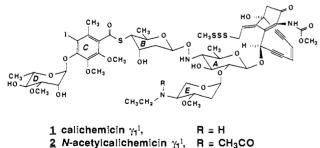
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Calichemicins, a Novel Family of Antitumor Antibiotics. 2. Chemistry and Structure of Calichemicin γ_1^{1}

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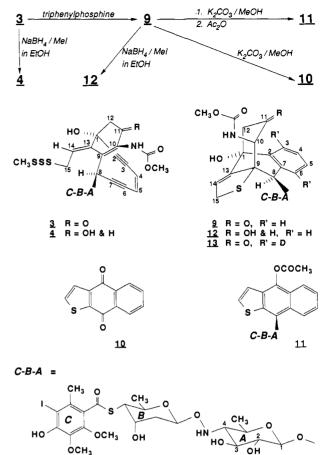
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The structures of a number of methanolysis products of calichemicin γ_1^{1} (C₅₅H₇₄IN₃O₂₁S₄), a potent antitumor antibiotic, are reported in the preceding paper. These degradation studies show calichemicin γ_1^{I} to consist of four glycosidic units, a fully substituted iodothiobenzoate moiety, and an undefined C₁₈H₁₇- NO_5S_3 aglycon.¹ Evidence is presented in the present paper which defines the structure of the aglycon and allows us to assign calichemicin γ_1^{I} the structure 1, containing the unprecedented bi-



cyclo[7.3.1]tridec-9-ene-2,6-diyne system, a unique N-O glycosidic linkage, and a methyl trisulfide moiety. Interestingly, the enediyne system can be readily triggered to aromatize via a free radical intermediate² by cleavage at the methyl trisulfide moiety. This aromatization process may be responsible for the remarkable DNA damaging effects of the calichemicins and is probably related to the reaction of neocarzinostatin with thiols.

Scheme I



Extensive NMR studies including ¹H-¹H COSY, ¹³C DEPT, and ¹H-¹³C correlation were carried out on 1, its mono-N-acetyl derivative 2^{1} , and the pseudoaglycon 3^{1} . These spectral studies showed that the aglycon of calichemicin γ_1^1 contained two methyl groups (δ_{H} 2.52, δ_{C} 22.8, C-15-SSSCH₃; δ_{H} 3.77, δ_{C} 53.6, C-10-NHCOOCH₃),⁴ a vinyl ABX system (A δ_{H} 5.89, δ_{C} 122.4, CH-4; B δ_H 5.81, δ_C 123.9, CH-5; X δ_H 6.27, δ_C 71.2, CH-8; J_{AB} = 9.5 Hz, J_{BX} = 1.4 Hz),⁵ an isolated = CH-CH₂- spin system $(\delta_{\rm H} 6.45, \delta_{\rm C} 127.5, {}^{3}J_{\rm HCCH} = 9.8, 5.3 \, {\rm Hz}, {\rm CH}{-}14; \delta_{\rm H} 3.87, 4.12,$ δ_C 39.1, CH₂-15),⁶ an isolated methylene (δ_H 2.84, 3.22, δ_C 53.5, ${}^{2}J_{\rm HCH} = 16.8$ Hz, CH₂-12), and an α , β -unsaturated ketone ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 191.8, C-11; IR 1680 cm⁻¹). These structural units accounted for 14 of the protons and nine of the carbons of the aglycon $(C_{18}H_{17}NO_5S_3)$. The remaining nine carbons (δ_C 72.5, 83.9, 87.5, 98.7, 100.4, 130.6, 136.3, 140.7, and 154.3) did not bear protons.

Treatment of 3 (Scheme I) with NaBH₄/EtOH in the presence of methyl iodide gave dihydropseudoaglycon 4 ($C_{40}H_{49}IN_2O_{15}S_4$, FABMS weak M + K at m/z 1091 and M + Na at m/z 1075; $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.17 dd, 2.73 dd, $\delta_{\rm C}$ 45.7, ${}^{2}J_{\rm HCH}$ = 13.7 Hz, CH₂-12; $\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.75 m, $\delta_{\rm C}$ 66.8, CH-11, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HCCH}$ = 6.3, 4.4 Hz), establishing the connectivity between the α,β -unsaturated ketone and the isolated

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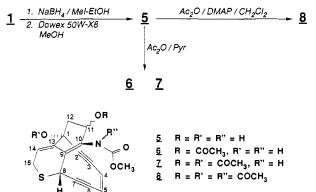
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⁽⁶⁾ The chemical shifts of the methylene protons was determined by ¹H-¹H COSY experiment

Scheme II



methylene and the presence of a substituent on the α carbon of the α,β -unsaturated ketone.⁷ Methanolysis (Dowex 50W-X8, H⁺ form, Scheme II) of dihydrocalichemicin γ_1^{I} (prepared from calichemicin γ_1^1 by the NaBH₄/EtOH/MeI method) gave modified dihydroaglycon 5 [C₁₇H₁₅NO₄S, FABMS weak (M – H)⁻ at m/z 328; UV λ_{max}^{MeOH} 239 (ϵ 3200), 267 nm (ϵ 3000); IR (KBr) 2190, 1710, 1520 cm⁻¹] instead of the expected 4. Extensive NMR studies showed that 5 has lost the methyl group at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.52 ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 22.8) while the rest of the dihydroaglycon moiety remained intact. However, significant changes in chemical shifts were observed for the =CH-CH $_2-$ spin system and the X of the vinyl ABX system. Careful analysis of the NMR data of 5 suggested the presence of a = $CH-CH_2-S-CH-$ moiety in a six-membered ring, establishing the connectivity between the =CH-CH₂- spin system and the vinyl ABX system in 5.⁸ Compound 5 was converted (Scheme II) to its monoacetate 6, diacetate 7, and triacetate 8,⁹ demonstrating the presence of three exchangeable protons in 5. The large downfield shift (0.6 ppm) of one of the methylene protons in 7 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.25, dd) and 8 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.30, dd) revealed the presence of a tertiary hydroxyl group α to the methylene of the CH₂CH(OH) unit. The chemical shifts of four of the quaternary carbons (86.1, 87.6, 99.7, and 102.0 ppm) in 5 and the IR band at 2190 cm⁻¹ (weak) suggested the presence of conjugated acetylenes which will be discussed further below.

In an attempt to elucidate the nature of the three sulfur atoms in the aglycon, calichemicin γ_1^{I} was treated with triphenylphosphine in CH₂Cl₂. An aromatized derivative containing four contiguous aromatic protons was obtained concomitant with triphenylphosphine sulfide and methyl mercaptan.¹⁰ Due to the complexity of the NMR spectra of this compound, the pseudoaglycon 3 (C₄₀H₄₇IN₂O₁₅S₄, Scheme I) was treated with excess triphenylphosphine in CH₂Cl₂/CH₃OH (2:1) and the corresponding aromatized compound 9 (C₃₉H₄₇IN₂O₁₅S₂, HRFABMS M + Na Δ 1.0 mmu) was isolated. The absence of both the carbon resonances (83.9, 87.5, 98.7, 100.4 ppm) of the conjugated acetylenes and the proton resonances (5.89, 5.81 ppm) of the ABX system suggested that these subunits were converted to the new aromatic ring ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.61 d, $\delta_{\rm C}$ 124.1, CH-3; $\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.36 m, $\delta_{\rm C}$ 130.7, CH-4; $\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.25 m, $\delta_{\rm C}$ 128.8, CH-5; $\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.35 m, $\delta_{\rm C}$ 132.3, CH-6) of 9. Long-range ${}^{1}\text{H}{-}^{13}\text{C}$ correlation (COLOC)¹¹ experiments revealed interactions through multiple bonds between $\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.70 (s, 3 H, $\delta_{\rm C}$ 52.8, OCH₃) and $\delta_{\rm C}$ 157.1 as well as between $\delta_{\rm C}$ 157.1 and $\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.06 (d, 1 H, coupled to an exchangeable doublet at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 5.38, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HCNH}$ = 8.5 Hz; $\delta_{\rm C}$ 69.2, d), suggesting the presence of a CH₃OCONHCH moiety.¹² The existence of the carbamate group was confirmed by the IR absorption at 1710 and 1520 cm⁻¹ for 5.

Treatment of 9 with methanolic K_2CO_3 (30 min) afforded naphtho[2,3-b]thiophene-4,10-dione (10, Scheme I), which was also isolated from the acid hydrolysates of N-acetylcalichemicin γ_1^{I} . Sequential treatment of 9 with methanolic K₂CO₃ (5 min) and excess acetic anhydride trapped the intermediate of the above conversion as 11. Compound 11 (C₃₆H₄₀INO₁₃S₂, HRFABMS M + K Δ 2.7 mmu) crystallized in the asymmetric triclinic space group P1; its structure, including the absolute configuration, was determined by X-ray crystallography.¹³ Structure 11 established the unusual N-O glycosidic linkage between rings A and B, the glycosidic linkage of ring A to the aglycon portion of 9, and the basic carbon skeleton of the aglycon portion of 9. Nuclear Overhauser difference experiment carried out on 9 showed a strong NOE between $\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.83 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, H-1A) and the two protons at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.60 (s, H-8) and $\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.35 (m, H-6), establishing the proximity of ring A to the methine carbon at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 80.1 ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.60), and prompted us to assign the chemical structure of 9. The connectivity between C-10 and C-11 was suggested by ¹H-¹³C COLOC experiments and confirmed by ¹H-¹H COSY analysis of the dihydro derivative (12) of 9.14

The methyl group at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.52 ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 22.8) was missing in 9; however, the molecular formula of 9 differed from 3 by the elements of CS_2 . In order to locate the three newly acquired protons in 9, the conversion of 3 to 9 by triphenylphosphine was carried out in CD₂Cl₂/CD₃OD (2:1). Compound 13 was obtained with deuterium incorporated at the para positions (C-3 and C-6) of the new aromatic ring.¹⁵ No deuterium incorporation was observed when the same reaction was carried out in CH₂Cl₂/CD₃OD, suggesting a free radical mechanism for the aromatization. The deuterium labeling pattern of 13 necessitated the existence of the benzene-1,4-diyl diradical as an intermediate of the reductive aromatization and argued the presence of an enediyne system in $3.^2$ The chemical structure of 3 was assigned on the basis of the structure of 9, the reductive aromatization process discussed above, the formation of both triphenylphosphine sulfide and methyl mercaptan during the aromatization, and the structural information obtained for 4 and 5. The complete structure of calichemicin γ_1^{I} was assigned as 1 on the basis of the structure of 3 and the structure of 13 in the preceding paper.

The conversion of 3 to 9 necessitates the loss of the SSCH₃ molety and the concomitant Michael addition of the thiolate to C-9. Release of strain at the bridgehead (C-9) allows the formation of the 1,4-diradical which abstracts hydrogen radical from the solvent to afford 9.^{2,15} On reduction of the $\alpha,\beta,\gamma,\delta$ -unsaturated carbonyl (cf. dihydrocalichemicin γ_1^{I}), the corresponding thiolate displaces the glycosidic linkage at C-8 to give 5. Assuming an S_N2 displacement, the stereochemistry at C-8 of the intact calichemicin γ_1^{I} may be inferred. Preliminary CD study on 1 suggests

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⁽⁸⁾ NMR data of =:CHCH₂SCH-- in 5: $\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.09, $\delta_{\rm C}$ 117.0 (CH-14); $\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.30, 3.60, $\delta_{\rm C}$ 24.5 (CH₂-15); ${}^{3}J_{\rm HCCH}$ = 4.3, 4.3 Hz, ${}^{2}J_{\rm HCH}$ = 17.7 Hz; $\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.70, $\delta_{\rm C}$ 30.7 (CH-8); ${}^{4}J_{\rm HCSCH}$ = 1.2 Hz, $J_{\rm BX}$ = 1.4 Hz. A change in the substitution pattern for the carbon (C-8) associated with the X-proton, possibly from O to S, was inferred by the large upfield shift of this carbon ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 67.3 in 4, $\delta_{\rm C}$ 30.7 in 5). A small coupling of 1.2 Hz between the X-proton ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 4.70) and one of the methylene protons of the =::CHCH₂-- unit suggested that these two units were joined via a sulfide linkage in 5. (9) High-resolution EIMS data m/z 311.0626 (C₁₉H₁₇NO₅S), 353.0713

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the configuration of the aglycon portion of the molecule to be as drawn. $^{\rm 16}$

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Reversible Stereospecific Extrusion of Ethylene from a 1,2-Diosmacyclobutane. Determination of Stereochemistry by Liquid-Crystal NMR

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In a reaction analogous to the desorption of an olefin from a metal surface, $(\mu-1,2\text{-}ethanediyl)octacarbonyldiosmium¹ (1) undergoes facile ethylene loss. As 1 is related to cyclobutane by the isolobal analogy² between Os(CO)₄ and CH₂, the loss of ethylene from 1 can be compared to the fragmentation of cyclobutane into two ethylenes—a classic example of a reaction "forbidden" by orbital symmetry as a concerted process. One would, therefore, expect the loss of ethylene from 1 to be forbidden as a concerted process³ and to occur by a diradical mechanism leading to loss of stereochemistry. We now report that, to the contrary, the loss of ethylene from 1 is stereospecific.$

Elegant experimental studies of $[2_{\pi} + 2_{\pi}]$ thermal cycloreversions⁴ in organic systems have demonstrated that the most sensitive stereochemical test for diradical intermediacy is the observation of retention or loss of stereochemistry at a primary radical center.⁵ A sensitive test for diradical intermediacy in the fragmentation of 1 is thus the observation of retention or loss of stereochemistry in the evolution of ethylene from 1-3,4-d₂. It seemed likely that stereochemically pure *cis*- and *trans*-1-3,4-d₂ would be available from the reaction of Na₂[Os₂(CO)₈]^{1a,7} (2)

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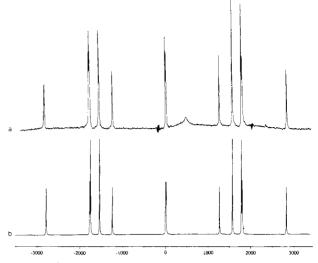


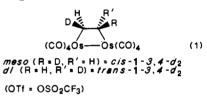
Figure 1. ¹H NMR spectrum, 200 MHz, of partially oriented 1: (a) experimental, <3.0 wt% 1 in E. Merck, Licristal TNC-1565, t = 23 °C, 660 scans, sweep width = 15 kHz; (b) calculated, $D_1 = -520.5$ Hz, $D_2 = -934.4$ Hz, $D_3 = +418.5$ Hz.

with *meso*- and *dl*-ethanediyl-l, 2- d_2 bis(trifluoromethanesulfonate)⁸ (3), respectively, on the assumption that the reaction would occur with inversion at both chiral centers and therefore with retention of their relative stereochemistry.

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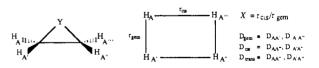
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Determination of both the stereochemistry (cis or trans) and stereochemical purity of $1-3,4-d_2$ poses an interesting spectroscopic problem, for which the dipolar couplings observable in liquidcrystal ¹H NMR spectra⁹ provide a unique solution. The magnitude of this coupling is directly dependent on the magnetic moments of the nuclei and on the degree of molecular orientation, and is inversely dependent on r^3 , where r is the internuclear separation. The C_{2v} symmetry of 1^{10} means that two parameters are required to describe its orientation;^{9d} the observed dipolar couplings in such a four-spin system are, therefore, not a simple function of relative internuclear distance. However, in a fourproton system of this symmetry a useful relationship (eq 2) has

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