# Crystal and Molecular Structure of Tamaulipin-A, a trans,trans-Germacra-1(10),4-dienolide Sesquiterpene Lactone 

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The crystal and molecular structure of tamaulipin-A (I), $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{O}_{3}$, has been determined by single-crystal $X$-ray diffraction. Crystals are orthorhombic, space group $P 2_{1} 2_{1} 2_{1}, a=7.890(9), b=11.957$ (13), $c=14.649$ (17) $\AA$, $Z=4$. The structure was solved from diffractometer data by direct phasing techniques and refined by full-matrix least-squares to $R 8.1 \%$ over 732 reflections. The cyclodecadiene ring is in the chair-chair conformation, the methyl groups attached to $\mathrm{C}(4)$ and $\mathrm{C}(10)$ are in the syn- $\beta$ orientation (absolute configuration inferred from independent data), and the $\alpha$-methylene- $\gamma$-lactone is trans-fused at $\mathrm{C}(6)$ and $\mathrm{C}(7)$ with $\mathrm{H}(6) \beta$ and $\mathrm{H}(7) \alpha$. Weak intermolecular hydrogen bonds exist between the hydroxy-group at $\mathrm{C}(2)$ and the lactone carbonyl $[\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O} 2.2(1), \mathrm{O} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ $3.00(1) \AA$ A].

The trans, trans-germacra-1(10),4-dienolide sesquiterpene lactone tamaulipin-A (I) was isolated by Fischer and


(Ib)

Mabry ${ }^{1}$ from certain Mexican populations of the common ragweed Ambrosia confertiflora DC. On the basis of physical and chemical evidence they postulated a structure and stereochemistry (Ia) which we have now confirmed by single-crystal $X$-ray analysis. On the basis of n.m.r. results, and by reason of consistency with
the known absolute configuration of a related compound, we believe (Ia) and (Ib) represent the absolute stereochemistry of tamaulipin-A.

## EXPERIMENTAL

Tamaulipin-A was recrystallized from absolute ethanol, and a pale yellow crystal measuring ca. $0.51 \times 0.42 \times$ $0.32 \mathrm{~mm}^{3}$ was mounted on a glass fibre. The crystal was bounded by faces of the orthorhombic forms $\{100\},\{001\}$, $\{010\}$, and $\{011\}$. Preliminary Weissenberg, precession, and cone-axis photographs established space group $P 2_{1} 2_{1} 2_{1}$. Intensity data were collected by use of Zr -filtered $\mathrm{Mo}-\mathrm{K}_{\alpha}$ radiation on an Enraf-Nonius PAD 3 diffractometer. The $\theta-2 \theta$ scan technique, with $4.5^{\circ} \leqslant \theta \leqslant 25^{\circ}[0.1104 \leqslant$ (sin $\theta) / \lambda \leqslant 0.5946]$, was employed to measure the intensities of l 418 unique reflections in one octant. Throughout data collection, 3 reflections were measured periodically, but neither electronic nor crystal instabilities were detected.

The crystal scattered Mo radiation weakly and only 933 of the reflections had integrated intensities $I>\sigma(I)$. The variance was estimated as $\sigma(I)^{2}=I_{\mathrm{t}}+I_{\mathrm{b}}+0.08 I^{2}$, where $I_{\mathrm{t}}$ and $I_{\mathrm{b}}$ are the total and estimated background counts in the scan. Lorentz and polarization ( Lp ) corrections were applied to yield structure amplitudes $\left|F_{0}\right|$ and normalized
${ }^{1}$ N. H. Fischer and T. J. Mabry, Tetrahedron, 1968, 24, 4091.
structure factors $E$. The variance of each structure amplitude was estimated as $\sigma\left(\left|F_{\mathrm{o}}\right|\right)^{2}=\sigma(I)^{2} /(4 I \mathrm{~L} p)$.

Crystal Data. $-\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{O}_{3}, M=248$. Orthorhombic, $a=$ $7.890(9), b=11.957(13), c=14.649(17) \AA, U=1382 \AA^{3}$, $D_{\mathrm{m}}$ (flotation in aqueous NaBr$)=1.20, Z=4, \quad D_{\mathrm{c}}=$ $1.19 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}$. Space group $P 2_{1} 2_{1} 2_{1}$. Mo- $K_{\alpha}$ radiation, $\lambda=0.7107 \AA, \mu\left(\right.$ Мо- $\left.K_{\alpha}\right)=0.89 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$.

Structure Solution and Refinement.-All structure invariant ( $\Sigma_{2}$ ) relationships ${ }^{2}$ were determined for the 200 reflections with highest $E$ values by means of the SINGEN link of the ' $X$-Ray ' 72 ' computing system. ${ }^{3}$ The phases of three origin-defining reflections, an enantiomorph defining reflection and two arbitrary reflections were assigned

Table 1
Atomic positional $\left(\times 10^{4}\right)$ and thermal parameters

| $\left(\times 10^{3}\right)\left(\mathrm{H} \times 10^{3}\right.$ and $\left.\times 10^{2}\right)$ |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Atom | $X$ | $Y$ | $Z$ | $U$ |
| C(1) | 7 049(13) | $6186(8)$ | 1919 (7) | 48(2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 8389 (13) | 5 272(9) | $1851(7)$ | $57(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 9 507(14) | 5 494(8) | 990(7) | 50(3) |
| C(4) | $10179(11)$ | 6 666(7) | $1032(6)$ | 40(2) |
| C(5) | 9 281(12) | 7 483(7) | 679(6) | 40(2) |
| C(6) | 9343 (12) | 8 687(7) | 917(7) | 41(2) |
| C(7) | 7 596(12) | 9 216(8) | 1072 (6) | 50 (3) |
| C(8) | 6 846(16) | $9125(9)$ | 2042 (8) | $59(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(9)$ | 6 002(19) | $8004(13)$ | ) $2351(11)$ | 80(5) |
| $\mathrm{C}(10)$ | $7091(12)$ | 7 041(8) | $2455(6)$ | $51(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(11)$ | 7880 (12) | 10363 (8) | 718(7) | 52(2) |
| C(12) | 9 323(14) | $10345(9)$ | 118(7) | $57(3)$ |
| C(13) | 7 023(21) | 11300 (13) | ) 876(11) | 86(4) |
| C(14) | $11702(17)$ | $6815(12)$ | ) $1610(10)$ | 63 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C}(15)$ | 8 287(21) | $7167(17)$ | ) $3267(10)$ | 88(4) |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 7 684(11) | $4157(7)$ | $1788(7)$ |  |
| $\mathrm{O}(2)$ | $10130(7)$ | 9340 (5) | 184(4) | * |
| $\mathrm{O}(3)$ | 9888 (12) | 11 044(5) | -407(5) | * |
| H(1) | 620(8) | 615(5) | 141(4) | 2(2) |
| $\mathrm{H}(10)$ | 718(13) | 418(8) | 127(6) | $7(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{H}(2)$ | 898(11) | 520(6) | 249(6) | 7(2) |
| $\mathrm{H}(31)$ | 889(9) | 545(5) | $41(5)$ | 3(2) |
| H(32) | $1051(11)$ | 490(6) | $112(5)$ | 8(3) |
| H(5) | 827(9) | 728(5) | 299(4) | $1(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{H}(6)$ | 998(7) | 888(4) | 148(4) | $1(1)$ |
| H(7) | $662(14)$ | 898(8) | $59(7)$ | 7(2) |
| $\mathrm{H}(81)$ | 787 (10) | 922(6) | 253(5) | $3(2)$ |
| H(82) | 617(16) | 972(9) | 202(7) | 6(2) |
| $\mathrm{H}(91) \dagger$ | 512 | 781 | 189 | 6(2) |
| $\mathrm{H}(92) \dagger$ | 545 | 814 | 296 | 16(4) |
| $\mathrm{H}(131)$ | 778(11) | $1182(7)$ | 71 (6) | $4(2)$ |
| H(132) | 627(13) | $1129(8)$ | 131(7) | 6(2) |
| $\mathrm{H}(141)$ | $1251(15)$ | 659(9) | 125(7) | 9 (3) |
| $\mathrm{H}(142)$ | 1 202(10) | 760(7) | 160(5) | 6(2) |
| $\mathrm{H}(143)$ | $1167(15)$ | $661(9)$ | 213(8) | 7(2) |
| $\mathrm{H}(151) \dagger$ | 767 | 751 | 380 | 20(6) |
| $\mathrm{H}(152)$ | 869(16) | 641(11) | ) $\quad 343(7)$ | 12(4) |
| $\mathrm{H}(153) \dagger$ | 927 | 765 | 310 | 18(5) |
| * $T=\exp \left[-2 \pi^{2} \sigma \cdot U \cdot \sigma\right], \quad \sigma=h a^{*}+k b^{*}+l c^{*}, U$ is a symmetric tensor with elements $U_{i j}$. |  |  |  |  |
| Atom | $U_{11} \quad U_{22}$ | $U_{33}$ | $U_{12} \quad U_{13}$ | $U_{23}$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 89(6) 52(5) | 110(7) | $-11(5) \quad 11(6)$ | 24(5) |
| $\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 60(4) 55(4) | 58(4) | 5(3) $12(4)$ | 8(3) |
| $\mathrm{O}(3)$ | 141 (8) 57(4) | 68(4) | $-5(5) \quad 11(5)$ | 16(4) |

## $\dagger$ Fixed in calculated positions.

values and used in the tangent refinement process of TANGEN. ${ }^{3}$ Of the four phase sets thus generated, the one with the highest figure-of-merit was used to calculate an $E$ map, from which 13 of the 18 non-hydrogen atoms were located.

[^0]Successive least-squares and $\Delta F$ procedures yielded the approximate positions of all 38 atoms.

With isotropic temperature factors for all atoms, weighted $\left[w=\sigma\left(\left|F_{0}\right|\right)^{-2}\right]$ full-matrix least-squares refinement yielded $R 9.5$ and $R^{\prime} 9.3 \%$.* With anisotropic temperature factors for the three oxygen atoms, $R$ dropped to 8.3 and $R^{\prime} 8.8 \%$. However, it was noted that the two hydrogen atoms bonded to the $C(9)$ methylene carbon, and two of the hydrogen atoms of the $\mathrm{C}(15)$ methyl group were in physically unreasonable positions. These four atoms were fixed in calculated positions for the last few cycles. The final $R$ was 8.1 and $R^{\prime} 8.7 \%$, with 732 reflections contributing $[\mathrm{I}>2 \sigma(\mathrm{I})]$ and an error-of-fit of $1.48 . \dagger$
Atomic scattering factors for carbon and oxygen were from ref. 4 and for hydrogen from ref. 5.

Table 2
Interatomic distances $(\AA)$ and angles ( ${ }^{\circ}$ )

| (a) Distances |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 1.52(1) | $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 1.54(1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | 1.29(1) | $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | 1.48(1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 1.56(1) | $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | 1.56(2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 1.45(1) | $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | 1.44(2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 1.50(1) | $\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | 1.53(2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 1.31(1) | $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | 1.44(1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | 1.48(2) | $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | 1.33(2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 1.48(1) | $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 1.36(1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 1.53(1) | $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{O}(3)$ | 1.22(1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 1.46(1) |  |  |
| (b) Angles |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | 126.2(9) | $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | 116.4(8) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 108.8(8) | $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | 119.4(10) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 113.4(9) | $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | 117.4(11) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 108.8(8) | $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | 123.6(10) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 108.9(8) | $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | 124.7(11) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $119.2(8)$ | $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | 111.8(11) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | $115.0(9)$ | $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | 108.6(8) |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | 125.0(9) | $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | 129.9(11) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 127.7(8) | $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | 121.5(11) |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 114.0(8) | $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 109.8(8) |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 111.1(7) | $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{O}(3)$ | 131.6(10) |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 105.6(7) | $\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{O}(3)$ | 118.6(9) |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 116.8 (8) | $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | 108.9(7) |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | 101.2(7) |  |  |

(c) Interatomic contacts $<2.8 \mathrm{~A}$
(i) Intramolecular

| $\mathrm{H}(1) \cdots \mathrm{H}(10)$ | $2.5(1)$ | $\mathrm{H}(6) \cdots \mathrm{H}(142)$ | $2.2(1)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{H}(2) \cdots \mathrm{H}(152)$ | $2.0(1)$ | $\mathrm{H}(7) \cdots \mathrm{H}(91)$ | $2.5(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{H}(31) \cdots \mathrm{H}(5)$ | $2.2(1)$ | $\mathrm{H}(81) \cdots \mathrm{H}(151)$ | $2.4(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{H}(31) \cdots \mathrm{H}(10)$ | $2.4(1)$ | $\mathrm{H}(81) \cdots \mathrm{H}(153)$ | $2.1(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{H}(5) \cdots \mathrm{H}(7)$ | $2.5(1)$ | $\mathrm{H}(82) \cdots \mathrm{H}(132)$ | $2.2(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{H}(6) \cdots \mathrm{H}(81)$ | $2.3(1)$ |  |  |
| $($ ii $)$ Intermolecular |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{H}(10) \cdots \mathrm{O}(3)$ | $2.2(1)$ | $\mathrm{H}(92) \cdots \mathrm{O}(1)$ | $2.4(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{H}(6) \cdots \mathrm{H}(2)$ | $2.3(1)$ | $\mathrm{H}(92) \cdots \mathrm{H}(10)$ | $2.3(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{H}(81) \cdots \mathrm{H}(32)$ | $2.5(1)$ |  | $\mathrm{O}(1) \cdots \mathrm{O}(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{H}(92) \cdots \mathrm{O}(3)$ | $2.3(1)$ |  | $3.00(1)$ |

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Atomic parameters are listed in Table l, molecular dimensions and significant contact distances in Table 2, and torsion angles in Table 3. Observed and calculated
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${ }^{3}$ J. M. Stewart, G. J. Kruger, H. L. Ammon, C. Dickenson, and S. R. Hall, Technical Report TR 192, Computer Science Centre, University of Maryland, 1972.
${ }^{4}$ D. Cromer and J. Mann, Acta Cryst., 1968, A24, 321.
${ }^{5}$ R. F. Stewart, E. R. Davidson, and W. T. Simpson, J. Chem. Phys., 1965, 42, 3175.
structure factors ( $\times 10$ ) are deposited as Supplementary Publication No. SUP 22156 (5 pp.).*

Table 3
Torsion angles ( ${ }^{\circ}$ )

| $\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | -101 |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 137 |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 54 |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 178 |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | -89 |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | 82 |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 156 |
| $\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | -14 |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | -132 |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 109 |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 87 |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | - 146 |
| $\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | -151 |
| $\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | --24 |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | -79 |
| $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | 161 |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | 67 |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | -111 |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | 69 |
| $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 165 |
| $\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | - 14 |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | 21 |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | -160 |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | 148 |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | -32 |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | -10 |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{O}(3)$ | 170 |
| $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 170 |
| $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{O}(3)$ | -10 |
| $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | -6 |
| $\mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 174 |
| $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 19 |
| $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 143 |

The unit cell contains four discrete molecules (Figure 1 ), each consisting of a cyclodecadiene ring (A) and a
experimentally, we believe that ( Ib ) and Figure 2 represent the absolute stereochemistry by analogy with similar compounds of known stereochemistry, as discussed later.

Ring A.-The trans,trans-cyclodeca-1,5-diene ring is in extended chair or chair-chair conformation $(+-+-+-+-+-)$ analogous to that of transdecalin. Indeed, the conformations of six other germacranolide sesquiterpenes, for which detailed structural analyses have been carried out, can also be derived hypothetically from trans-decalin as follows. If the transannular bond $[\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(10)]$ of trans-decalin were ruptured, and equatorial hydrogen atoms at $\mathrm{C}(1)$ and $\mathrm{C}(4)$ extracted, two mutually perpendicular transethylenic bonds could be formed. As C(5) and C(10) move away from one another, the four axial positions at $\mathrm{C}(1), \mathrm{C}(4), \mathrm{C}(5)$, and $\mathrm{C}(10)$ would fall into the planes of the $\pi$ systems with only minor alterations of their former positions. Substitution of carbon (usually methyl) groups at $\beta-4$ and $\beta-10$ would then produce the synconfiguration common to this class of germacranolides, and further substitution at equatorial or $\beta$-axial positions would yield costunolide, ${ }^{6}$ elephantol ${ }^{7}$ (as $p$-bromobenzoate), eupatolide, ${ }^{8}$ germacratriene ${ }^{9}$ (as $\mathrm{AgNO}_{3}$ adduct), parthenolide, ${ }^{10}$ pyrethrosin, ${ }^{11}$ and tamaulipinA (Ib) (see Tables 4 and 5). The stereochemistry of a tamaulipin-A derivative, dihydrotamaulipin-A acetate, was determined from NOE results by Bhacca and Fischer, ${ }^{12}$ and is identical to the known absolute configuration of the related compound elephantol ${ }^{7}$ (as the $p$-bromobenzoate). We are thus confident that (Ib) represents the absolute configuration of tamaulipin-A.


Figure 1 Stereodiagram of one unit cell of tamaulipin-A. The intermolecular hydrogen bond is displayed bottom foreground
five-membered $\alpha$-methylene- $\gamma$-lactone ring (B) trans-fused to ring a at $\mathrm{C}(6)$ and $\mathrm{C}(7)$ (Figure 2). Although it was not possible to establish the absolute configuration

* See Notice to Authors No. 7 in J.C.S. Perkin II, 1977, Index issue.
${ }^{6}$ F. Sorm, M. Suchy, M. Holub, A. Linek, I. Hadinec, and C. Novak, Tetrahedron Letters, 1970, 1893. The torsion angles calculated from the unrefined co-ordinates are those of the enantiomorph of costunolide.
${ }^{7}$ A. T. McPhail and G. A. Sim, J.C.S. Perkin II, 1972, 1313.

There is considerable strain in ring $A$, as judged by the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}\left(s p^{3}\right)-\mathrm{C}$ bond angles, but it appears to be localized in
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${ }_{11}$ E. J. Gabe, S. Neidle, D. Rogers, and C. E. Nordman, Chem.
Comm., 1971, 559.
12 N. S. Bhacca and N. H. Fischer, Chem. Comm., 1968, 68.
the $C(6)$ to $C(9)$ region (mean $117^{\circ}$ ) since $C(2)$ and $C(3)$ display angles near $109^{\circ}$. Endocyclic torsion about the $\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ double bond is found in all known germacranolide structures of this class (Table 4, mean $\omega_{10,1}$

positions 6 and 7 requires orientations $\mathrm{H}(6) \beta$ and $\mathrm{H}(7) \alpha$. The endocyclic bond angles average $107^{\circ}$, and the sum of the endocyclic torsion angle moduli ( $80^{\circ}$ ) indicates significant non-planarity. The conformation of the ring


Figure 2 Stereodiagram of the $\beta$-face of tamaulipin-A
$165^{\circ}$ ) and is restricted to a narrow range of $7^{\circ}$. Of the four germacranolides with $C(4)-C(5)$ double bonds, the average torsion from $180^{\circ}$ is greater than $\omega_{10.1}\left(159^{\circ}\right)$ but so is the range ( $19^{\circ}$ ). As was observed for melampodin, ${ }^{13}$
is that of an envelope, with $\mathrm{C}(6)$ at the flap. Conjugation of the exocyclic methylene and carbonyl groups is perturbed somewhat by the $-10^{\circ}$ torsion $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(11)-$ $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{O}(3)$.

Table 4
Comparative endocyclic torsion angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$

| Comp.* | $\omega_{10.1}$ | $\omega_{1.2}$ | $\omega_{2,3}$ | $\omega_{3.4}$ | $\omega_{4.5}$ | $\omega_{5.6}$ | $\omega_{6.7}$ | $\omega_{7,8}$ | $\omega_{8,9}$ | $\omega_{9,10}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| (II) | 180 | -60 | 60 | -60 | 180 | -180 | 60 | -60 | 60 | -180 |
| (III) | 161 | -91 | 53 | -102 | 166 | -125 | 79 | -83 | 78 | -119 |
| (IV) | 163 | -104 | 42 | -77 | 156 | -108 | 82 | -119 | 83 | -89 |
| (V) | 167 | -98 | 50 | -86 | 155 | -136 | 90 | -76 | 67 | -155 |
| (VI) | 168 | -116 | 47 | -91 | 160 | -120 | 85 | -113 | 96 | -95 |
| (VII) | 168 | -107 | 52 | -88 | 147 | -124 | 96 | -89 | 75 | -109 |
| (I) | 165 | -101 | 54 | -89 | 156 | -132 | 87 | -79 | 67 | -111 |

* Tamaulipin-A (I), idealized trans-decalin (II), costunolide (III), elephantol (IV), eupatolide (V), germacratriene (VI), and parthenolide (VII).

Table 5
Correlation and specification of absolute stereochemistries

|  | Chirality |  |  |  |  |  | $\beta$-Substituents $\dagger$ |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Compd.* | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 |
| (III) |  |  |  | (R) | (S) |  | C (Me) | H | C (Me) | H | H |
| (IV) | (R) | (R) | (R) | (S) | (R) | (S) | $\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{Lac})$ - | O (Lac) | $\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{Me})$ | H | H |
| (V) |  |  |  | (R) | (R) | $(R)$ | C (Me) | H | $\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{Me})$ | H | OH |
| (VI |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{Me})$ | H | $\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{Me})$ | H | H |
| (VII) |  | (R) | (R) | (S) | (S) |  | $\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{Me})$ | H | $\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{Me})$ | H | H |
| (I) | (S) |  |  | (R) | (S) |  | $\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{Me})$ | H | $\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{Me})$ | H | H |
| Equatorial substituents |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 10 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |  |
| (III) | $\Delta$ | $-\Delta$ | H | H | $\Delta$ | $-\Delta$ | O(Lac)-C | ac) | H | H |  |
| (IV) | $\Delta$ | $-\Delta$ | H | H |  |  | OR | C(Lac- | ac) | H |  |
| (V) | $\Delta$ | $-\Delta$ | H | H | $\Delta$ | $-\Delta$ | O (Lac)- | ac) | H | H |  |
| (VI) | $\Delta$ | $-\Delta$ | H | H |  | $-\Delta$ | H | vinyl) | H | H |  |
| (VII) | $\Delta$ | $-\Delta$ | H | H |  |  | O (Lac)- | (ac) | H | H |  |
| (I) | $\Delta$ | $-\Delta$ | OH | H | $\Delta$ | $-\Delta$ | $\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{Lac})$ - | Lac) | H | H |  |
| * See footnote to Table 4. <br> $\dagger$ All $\alpha$-oriented substituents are H . |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

these apparent torsions are composed of a true torsion and a bending of the $s p^{2}$ bonds, but the relative contributions cannot be accurately deduced from $X$-ray data.

Ring B.-Fusion of the lactone ring at equatorial

Interatomic Distances.-The paucity of data precludes detailed analysis, but the mean $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{C}\left(s p^{2}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(s p^{3}\right)$, and
${ }^{13}$ S. F. Watkins, N. H. Fischer, and I. Bernal, Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. U.S.A., 1973, 70, 2434.
$\mathrm{C}\left(s p^{3}\right)-\mathrm{C}\left(s p^{3}\right)$ distances are as expected [1.31(1), 1.49(1), and $1.54(1) \AA]$. There is an intermolecular hydrogen bond between the hydroxy-group and the carbonyl
${ }^{3}$ W. C. Hamilton and J. A. Ibers, 'Hydrogen Bonding in Solids,' W. A. Benjamin, New York, 1967, p. 16, appendix.
oxygen of the lactone ring $[\mathrm{O}(3) \cdots \mathrm{H}(10) 2.2(1) \AA]$, and the apparent length indicates the bond is weak. ${ }^{14}$

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[^0]:    * $R^{\prime}=\left(\Sigma w \Delta^{2} / \Sigma w\left|F_{o}\right|^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$. Function minimized $\Sigma w \Delta^{2}$ where $\Delta=\left|F_{0}\right|-\left|F_{\mathrm{c}}\right|$.
    $\dagger$ Error of fit is $\left(\Sigma_{w} \Delta^{2} / N_{0}-N_{\mathrm{v}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ where $N_{0}$ and $N_{\mathrm{v}}$ are numbers of reflections and variables.

