

7.35 and 7.52 (br s, 2 H, amide H), 7.52 (s, 2 H 2',6' Ar-H), 7.67, (d, 2 H, 3'',5'' Ar-H, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 7.79 (d, 2 H, 2'',6'' H, $J = 8$ Hz). Anal. (C, H, N, Cl). Further elution yielded 3a (0.351 g, 16.6%), which was identical with that prepared via Scheme I. Table V summarizes the reaction conditions, stoichiometry, and results of the triazole alkylations.

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Design and Synthesis of HIV Protease Inhibitors. Variations of the Carboxy Terminus of the HIV Protease Inhibitor L-682,679

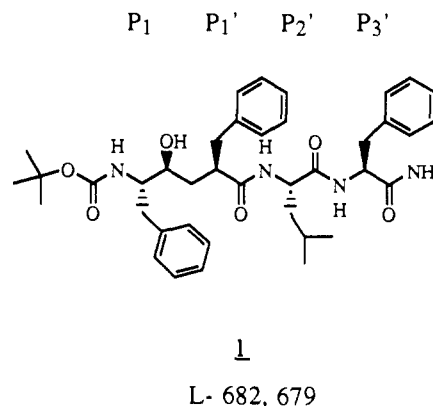
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A series of tetrapeptide analogues of 1 (L-682,679), in which the carboxy terminus has been shortened and modified, was prepared and their inhibitory activity measured against the HIV protease in a peptide cleavage assay. Selected examples were tested as inhibitors of virus spread in cell culture. Compound 12 was a 10-fold more potent enzyme inhibitor than 1 in vitro and 30-fold more potent in inhibiting the viral spread in cells.

The HIV protease has been characterized biochemically and structurally as a member of the aspartyl protease family of enzymes. Inactivation of this protease results in the production of noninfectious virions and consequent inhibition of the spread of viral infection in susceptible cells.¹ Inhibition of this enzyme should provide an attractive therapeutic goal in the treatment of AIDS. Our strategy, like that of others,²⁻⁴ was based on the transi-

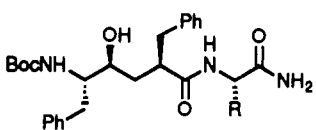
tion-state mimetic concept which proved successful in the design of renin inhibitors. We found early on⁵ that incorporation of a hydroxyethylene isostere as a dipeptide mimic provided compounds which were potent and selective inhibitors of HIV protease. The prototype, L-682,679 (1), essentially a pentapeptide, is a potent and

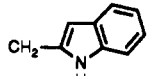



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Table I



| no. | R | mp, °C | % yield ^a | formula ^b | IC ₅₀ , nM |
|-----|---|---------|----------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 3 | CH(CH ₃) ₂ | 214–216 | 52 | C ₂₉ H ₄₁ N ₃ O ₅ | 1.1 |
| 13 | H | 149–151 | 58 | C ₂₆ H ₃₆ N ₃ O ₅ | 550 |
| 14 | CH ₃ | 174–176 | 62 | C ₂₇ H ₃₇ N ₃ O ₅ | 7 |
| 15 | CH ₂ CH(CH ₃) ₂ | 185–187 | 32 | C ₃₀ H ₄₃ N ₃ O ₅ | 10 |
| 16 | CH(CH ₃)CH ₂ CH ₃ | 226–228 | 20 | C ₃₀ H ₄₃ N ₃ O ₅ | 2.7 |
| 17 | C ₆ H ₅ | 215–216 | | C ₃₂ H ₃₆ N ₃ O ₅ | 0.9 |
| 18 | C ₆ H ₁₁ | 232–234 | 30 | C ₃₂ H ₄₆ N ₃ O ₅ | 5.2 |
| 19 | CH ₂ C ₆ H ₅ | 227–230 | 62 | C ₃₃ H ₄₁ N ₃ O ₅ | 29 |
| 20 | CH ₂ C ₈ H ₁₁ | 203–205 | 10 | C ₃₃ H ₄₇ N ₃ O ₅ | 64 |
| 21 | CH ₂ OH | 180–182 | 25 | C ₂₇ H ₃₇ N ₃ O ₆ | 606 |
| 22 |  | 202–204 | 35 | C ₃₆ H ₄₂ N ₄ O ₅ | 60 |
| 23 |  | 130–133 | 20 | C ₃₀ H ₃₈ N ₅ O ₅ | 770 |
| 24 | D-CH ₂ CH(CH ₃) ₂ | 216–218 | 29 | C ₃₀ H ₄₉ N ₃ O ₅ | 3100 |

^a Yields are combined for coupling and desilylation. ^b Satisfactory analyses (C, H, and N; $\pm 0.4\%$ of theoretical values) were obtained for all compounds.

selective inhibitor of HIV protease with an IC₅₀ of 0.6 nM in the peptide cleavage assay. It was also an effective inhibitor of the spread of the virus in cell culture with a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC₁₀₀) of 6 μ M. Structural manipulation of various portions of this molecule provided compounds with enhanced potency, selectivity, and solubility. In this paper we describe the systematic study of the carboxy terminus of this molecule with special emphasis on the variation of the P₂' amino acid and the elimination/replacement of the P₃' amino acid.

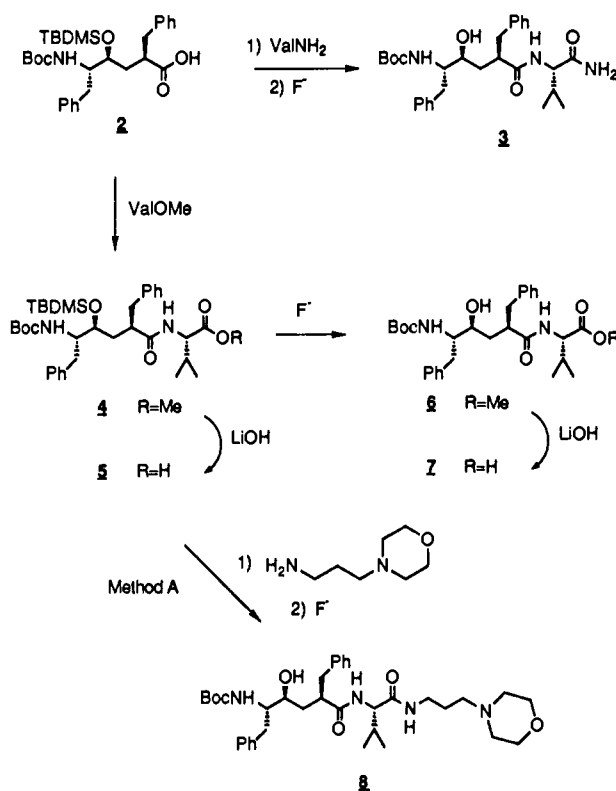
Results and Discussion

Synthesis. All of the compounds were prepared from a common intermediate, protected acid **2**, described previously.⁶ This acid was readily coupled to an amino acid amide such as valinamide by using standard conditions (EDC, HOBT) to provide compound **3** after desilylation with tetrabutylammonium fluoride (Scheme I). Compounds **13–24**, shown in Table I were prepared in this manner.

To prepare analogues of **1** in which phenylalanine in P₃' is replaced by an amine, acid **2** was coupled to an amino acid ester such as valine methyl ester to give **4**, which was hydrolyzed with base to acid **5**. Subsequent coupling of **5** to an amine such as 4-(3-aminopropyl)morpholine followed by deprotection gave **8** (method A, Scheme I). A more efficient synthesis was achieved by first coupling an active ester of requisite P₂' amino acid **9** with the desired amine such as 2-(aminomethyl)benzimidazole to provide **10**. Deprotection with hydrochloric acid and subsequent coupling to acid **2** gave **12** (method B, Scheme II) after desilylation. Compounds **25–52** in Table II were prepared by one of these methods.

In Vitro Activity. Initial evaluation of these compounds as HIV protease inhibitors was carried out with the HIV-1 enzyme substrate cleavage assay, which has

Scheme I



been described elsewhere.⁷ Each compound was dissolved in DMSO and added to the enzyme mixture to provide the required concentrations of inhibitor. The IC₅₀ values were calculated from the extent of substrate cleavage as determined by HPLC.⁷

The in vitro activities are shown in Tables I and II. The amino terminal *tert*-butyloxycarbonyl group, as well as the

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Table II

| no. | R | R' | method | mp, °C | % yield ^a | formula ^b | IC ₅₀ , nM |
|-----|---|--|--------|---------|----------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 1 | CH ₂ CH(CH ₃) ₂ | PheNH ₂ | A + B | 218-219 | 60 | C ₃₉ H ₅₂ N ₄ O ₆ | 0.6 |
| 25 | CH(CH ₃)CH ₂ CH ₃ | PheNH ₂ | B | 118-119 | 86 | C ₃₉ H ₅₂ N ₄ O ₆ | 0.25 |
| 26 | CH ₂ CH(CH ₃) ₂ | CH ₂ Ph | B | 171-173 | 32 | C ₃₇ H ₄₉ N ₃ O ₅ | 1.4 |
| 27 | CH(CH ₃)CH ₂ CH ₃ | CH ₂ Ph | B | 204-206 | 31 | C ₃₇ H ₄₉ N ₃ O ₅ | 0.71 |
| 28 | CH(CH ₃) ₂ | CH ₂ Ph | B | 204-206 | 71 | C ₃₆ H ₄₇ N ₃ O ₅ | 0.24 |
| 29 | C ₆ H ₅ | CH ₂ Ph | B | 194-196 | 25 | C ₃₉ H ₄₅ N ₃ O ₅ | 5.8 |
| 30 | CH ₂ CH(CH ₃) ₂ | CH ₂ CH ₂ Ph | A | 164-165 | 37 | C ₃₈ H ₅₁ N ₃ O ₅ | 15 |
| 31 | CH ₂ CH(CH ₃) ₂ | CH(CH ₂ OH)CH ₂ Ph | A | 189-191 | 44 | C ₃₉ H ₅₃ N ₃ O ₆ | 1.5 |
| 32 | CH ₂ CH(CH ₃) ₂ | CH ₂ CH ₂ OH | B | 173-175 | 33 | C ₃₂ H ₄₇ N ₃ O ₆ | 2.1 |
| 33 | CH(CH ₃)CH ₂ CH ₃ | CH ₂ CH ₂ OH | A | 202-204 | 46 | C ₃₂ H ₄₇ N ₃ O ₆ | 0.46 |
| 34 | CH(CH ₃) ₂ | CH ₂ CH ₂ OH | B | 188-189 | 59 | C ₃₁ H ₄₅ N ₃ O ₆ | 0.44 |
| 35 | CH(CH ₃)CH ₂ CH ₃ | CH ₂ CH(OH)CH ₂ OH | B | 171-172 | 36 | C ₃₃ H ₄₉ N ₃ O ₇ | 0.15 |
| 36 | CH(CH ₃) ₂ | CH ₂ CH(OH)CH ₂ OH | B | 170-171 | 31 | C ₃₂ H ₄₇ N ₃ O ₇ | 0.05 |
| 37 | CH ₂ CH(CH ₃) ₂ | CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ N(CH ₃) ₂ | B | 155-156 | 36 | C ₃₅ H ₅₄ N ₄ O ₅ | 23 |
| 38 | CH(CH ₃)CH ₂ CH ₃ | CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ N(CH ₃) ₂ | A | 195-196 | 40 | C ₃₅ H ₅₄ N ₄ O ₅ | 7.9 |
| 39 | CH(CH ₃) ₂ | CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ N(CH ₃) ₂ | B | 175-177 | 57 | C ₃₄ H ₅₂ N ₄ O ₅ | 3.4 |
| 40 | C ₆ H ₅ | CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ N(CH ₃) ₂ | B | 162-164 | 14 | C ₃₇ H ₅₁ N ₄ O ₅ | 26 |
| 41 | CH(CH ₃)CH ₂ CH ₃ | CH ₂ CH ₂ N(CH ₃) ₂ | A | 195-197 | 39 | C ₃₄ H ₅₂ N ₄ O ₅ | 7.1 |
| 42 | CH(CH ₃) ₂ | CH ₂ CH ₂ NHCH ₃ | A | 168-170 | 3 | C ₃₆ H ₅₂ N ₄ O ₄ | 1.73 |
| 43 | CH(CH ₃) ₂ | CH ₂ CH ₂ NH ₂ | B | 192-194 | 76 | C ₃₁ H ₄₆ N ₄ O ₅ | 0.46 |
| 44 | CH(CH ₃) ₂ | CH ₂ CH(OH)CH ₂ N(C ₂ H ₅) ₂ | A | 152-156 | 42 | C ₃₆ H ₅₆ N ₄ O ₆ | 6.3 |
| 45 | CH(CH ₃) ₂ | CH ₂ CH(OH)CH ₂ N | A | 141-143 | 44 | C ₃₆ H ₅₄ N ₄ O ₇ | 0.88 |
| 8 | CH(CH ₃) ₂ | CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ N | A | 176-178 | 77 | C ₃₆ H ₅₄ N ₄ O ₆ | 2.9 |
| 46 | CH(CH ₃)CH ₂ CH ₃ | CH ₂ - | A | 187-189 | 33 | C ₃₆ H ₄₆ N ₄ O ₅ | 1.3 |
| 47 | CH(CH ₃) ₂ | CH ₂ - | A | 159-161 | 8.5 | C ₃₆ H ₄₆ N ₄ O ₅ | 0.75 |
| 48 | CH(CH ₃) ₂ | CH ₂ - | A | 154-155 | 22 | C ₃₅ H ₄₆ N ₄ O ₅ | 0.69 |
| 49 | CH(CH ₃) ₂ | CH ₂ - | A | 168-170 | 17 | C ₃₅ H ₄₆ N ₄ O ₅ | 0.62 |
| 50 | CH(CH ₃)CH ₂ CH ₃ | CH ₂ - | B | 231-233 | 38 | C ₃₄ H ₄₇ N ₅ O ₅ | 0.88 |
| 51 | CH(CH ₃) ₂ | CH ₂ - | B | 204-206 | 27 | C ₃₇ H ₄₇ N ₅ O ₅ | 0.2 |
| 52 | C ₆ H ₅ | CH ₂ - | B | 171-173 | 30 | C ₄₀ H ₄₅ N ₅ O ₅ | 0.07 |
| 12 | CH(CH ₃)CH ₂ CH ₃ | CH ₂ - | B | 233-235 | 31 | C ₃₈ H ₄₉ N ₅ O ₅ | 0.06 |

^a Yields are combined for coupling and desilylation. ^b Satisfactory analyses (C, H, and N; $\pm 0.4\%$ of theoretical values) were obtained for all compounds.

benzyl substituents at the P₁ and P₁' sites have been kept constant. Systematic variation at these sites will be the subject of subsequent papers. Removal of the P₃' phenylalanine of 1 and replacement with an NH₂ provides 15, which is 17-fold less active than 1. Replacement of the primary amide with methyl ester 6 (IC₅₀ = 25 nM) or free carboxylic acid 7 (IC₅₀ = 161 nM), as illustrated in the P₂' valine series, decreases intrinsic potency 100-fold. As the R group of the P₂' amino acid increases in size from H to methyl to isopropyl, potency approaches that of 1. When R is a branched substituent like isobutyl (Ile-16), isopropyl (Val-3), or phenyl (Phg-17), maximal potencies are achieved. As the size of the R group increases to benzyl or cyclohexylmethyl or as polar groups such as hydroxymethyl are added, potency drops. The substitution of a D-amino acid amide in place of the natural L-amino acid

amide, e.g. D-leucine (24), leads to a 300-fold drop in activity.

Variation of the P₃' terminus using either leucine, isoleucine, valine, or phenylglycine as the P₂' spacer provides compounds with activities covering a wide range. Replacement of phenylalaninecarboxamide in 1 with benzylamine gives compounds with potencies equivalent to that of 1. Homologation by one carbon (30) leads to a 25-fold loss in potency. Phenylalaninecarboxamide can be replaced with phenylalaninol (31) with slight loss of activity. Removal of the benzyl group to give the aminoethanol amide (32-34) does not affect potency significantly. The addition of a second hydroxyl group to provide aminoethanediols 35 and 36 increases potency.

Although water solubility improves when an aliphatic amino group is incorporated into the terminal amide, the

Scheme II

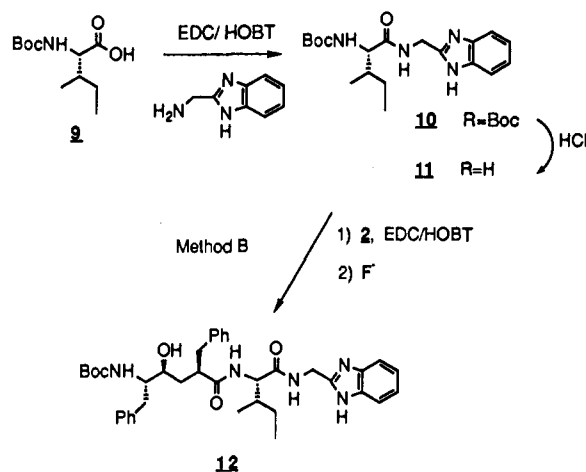


Table III. Viral Spread

| no. | IC ₅₀ , nM | MIC ₁₀₀ , nM | no. | IC ₅₀ , nM | MIC ₁₀₀ , nM |
|-----|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | 0.6 | 6000 | 32 | 2.1 | 3000 |
| 4 | 1.1 | 780 | 33 | 0.46 | 400 |
| 14 | 7.0 | 6000 | 36 | 0.05 | 1500 |
| 16 | 2.7 | 3000 | 8 | 2.9 | 780 |
| 17 | 0.9 | 1500 | 46 | 1.3 | 780 |
| 26 | 1.4 | 3000 | 49 | 0.88 | 400 |
| 27 | 0.71 | 1500 | 12 | 0.06 | 200 |

compounds are less potent. Substitution with 3-(dimethylamino)propylamine gives compounds (37–40) with IC₅₀ values in the 5–25 nM range. Shortening the aliphatic chain (41) has no effect on potency, but removing one (42) or both (43) of the methyls on nitrogen increases potency. Substitution of a less basic amine at the amide terminus, as in 3-(aminopropyl)morpholine (8), improves potency. When the hydroxyl moiety as well as a terminal amine is incorporated into the carboxy terminus, the activity is directed by the potency of the amine, with diethylamino compound 44 being less potent than morpholino derivative 45. Replacement of the amide terminus with (aminomethyl)pyridines, with the pyridine nitrogen in any position, or (aminomethyl)imidazole gives compounds (46–50) with activities in the subnanomolar range. Substitution by (aminomethyl)benzimidazole provides the most potent compounds (51, 52, 12) in this series with IC₅₀ values less than 100 pM. The imidazole portion of 12 appears to be mimicking a carboxamide and the phenyl portion may be contributing additional hydrophobic binding in essentially a P₄' site.

Viral Spread Activity. Representative compounds in this series were also tested for their ability to inhibit HIV-1 infection in cell culture by using the protocol described previously.⁸ Compounds were tested at concentrations up to 12 μM in H9 human T-lymphoid cells without observing any morphological changes or a change in metabolism. In a cell-based assay described in ref 8 these compounds blocked the processing of the viral *gag* precursor protein, p55, to the mature p24 and p17 core and matrix proteins, implying that the inhibition of viral infectivity is due to their ability to inhibit the viral protease. Table III lists the minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC₁₀₀) necessary to stop the spread of HIV virus in cell culture

(i.e. 100% inhibition) as well as the IC₅₀ values in the peptide cleavage assay for these compounds. Pentapeptide 1 and diol 36 are considerably less potent in cell culture than would have been predicted by their IC₅₀ values. This may reflect their inability to penetrate the hydrophobic cell membrane. Although their intrinsic potency is poorer, primary amides 4 and 16 are more potent inhibitors in cell culture than 1. As the terminal amide increases in size (26 and 27) or polarity (32 and 33), the intrinsic potency improves, but no improvement is observed in MIC. Amides which contain a weakly basic site (46 and 49), although poorly water soluble, exhibit potent in vitro and in vivo activity. Benzimidazole 12 is the most potent inhibitor in this series.

Conclusions

Potent HIV protease inhibitors both in vitro and in cell-based assays have been prepared with the hydroxyethylene moiety to mimic the transition state. Optimization of the carboxy terminus by substituting an α-branched amino acid in the P₂'-position and capping it with numerous amides has provided inhibitors with subnanomolar activity. When the carboxy terminus is (aminomethyl)benzimidazole, as in 12, the spread of virus in cells is stopped at an inhibitor concentration of 200 nM.

Experimental Section

Melting points were determined with a Thomas-Hoover capillary melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Elemental analyses were performed on site and were within ±0.4% of the theoretical values. All compounds were routinely examined by proton NMR (Varian XL300) and TLC (silica gel). The primary amides listed in Table I were prepared from commercially available or known literature amines and acid 2 as exemplified by the procedure described for valine amide 3. Two general methods, A (Scheme I) or B (Scheme II), were used to prepare the compounds listed in Table II, examples of which are given below.

N-[5(S)-[(tert-Butoxycarbonyl)amino]-4(S)-hydroxy-6-phenyl-2(R)-(phenylmethyl)hexanoyl]valine Amide (3). 5(S)-[(tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino]-4(S)-(tert-butyl dimethylsiloxy)-6-phenyl-2(R)-(phenylmethyl)hexanoic acid⁵ (0.20 g, 0.38 mmol) was dissolved in DMF (2 mL) at ambient temperature and treated with 1-hydroxybenzotriazole hydrate (HOBT; 0.054 g, 0.40 mmol), 1-ethyl-3-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]carbodiimide hydrochloride (EDC; 0.077 g, 0.40 mmol), and valinamide hydrochloride (0.062 g, 0.46 mmol) with stirring. The pH of the solution was adjusted to 8 with triethylamine (Et₃N; 0.12 mL, 0.86 mmol), and the mixture was stirred for 18 h. The DMF was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue partitioned between EtOAc and H₂O. The organic layer was separated, washed with H₂O, 10% citric acid solution, aqueous saturated NaHCO₃ solution, and brine, and dried (Na₂SO₄). Filtration and concentration to dryness gave 0.24 g of [5(S)-[(tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino]-4(S)-(tert-butyl dimethylsiloxy)-6-phenyl-2(R)-(phenylmethyl)hexanoyl]valine amide, which was used without further purification: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.35–7.00 (m, 10 H, ArH), 6.16 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1 H, NH), 5.45 (br s, 2 H, NH₂), 4.81 (d, J = 12 Hz, 1 H, NH), 4.11 (t, J = 7 Hz, 1 H, CH), 3.80–3.70 (m, 1 H, CH), 2.85–2.47 (m, 5 H, CH₂), 2.15–2.10 (m, 1 H, CH), 1.88–1.65 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 1.35 (s, 9 H, CH₃), 0.97 (s, 9 H, CH₃), 0.93–0.75 (m, 6 H, CH₃), 0.12 (s, 6 H, CH₃). This product was dissolved in THF (3 mL) and treated with tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF; 1.0 M in THF) (2 mL) with stirring at ambient temperature. After 20 h solvent was removed on a rotary evaporator, and the mixture was treated with 10% citric acid (20 mL)–H₂O (20 mL). The white solid precipitate was collected by suction filtration, washed with H₂O, dried, and chromatographed on a silica gel (2 mm) Chromatotron plate eluting with CHCl₃–MeOH (95:5) to give 0.10 g (52%) of 3: mp 214–216 °C; MS (FAB) m/e 512 (M + 1); ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ 7.57 (d, J = 7 Hz, 1 H, NH), 7.26–7.10 (m, 10 H, ArH), 7.05 (s, 1 H, NH₂), 6.93 (s, 1 H, NH₂), 6.40 (d, J = 11 Hz, 1 H, NH), 4.57 (d, J = 4 Hz, 1 H, CH), 4.10–4.05 (m, 1 H, CH), 3.60–3.50 (m, 1 H, CH), 3.45–3.35 (m, 1 H, CH), 2.90–2.50

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Compounds 13–24 were prepared in this manner.

***N*-[5(*S*)-[(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)amino]-4(*S*)-(tert-butyl)dimethylsiloxy]-6-phenyl-2(*R*)-(phenylmethyl)hexanoyl]valine Methyl Ester (4).** 5(*S*)-[(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)amino]-4(*S*)-(tert-butyl)dimethylsiloxy]-6-phenyl-2(*R*)-(phenylmethyl)hexanoic acid (0.50 g, 0.95 mmol) was dissolved in DMF (8 mL) and treated with HOBT (0.135 g, 1.0 mmol), EDC (0.192 g, 1.0 mmol), and valine methyl ester hydrochloride (0.191 g, 1.0 mmol) followed by Et₃N (0.30 mL, 1.14 mmol) to bring the pH of the solution to 8.5. After stirring for 18 h at ambient temperature, the reaction mixture was partitioned between EtOAc and H₂O. The organic layer was separated, washed with H₂O (3 × 20 mL), 10% citric acid (1 × 20 mL), aqueous saturated NaHCO₃ solution (1 × 20 mL), brine (1 × 20 mL), and dried (Na₂SO₄). Filtration and concentration to dryness gave 0.58 g (100%) of 4 as a white foam, which was used without further purification: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.33–7.02 (m, 10 H, ArH), 5.85 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H, NH), 4.68 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1 H, NH), 4.34 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 8.5 Hz, 1 H, CH), 3.95–3.92 (m, 1 H, CH), 3.73–3.62 (m, 1 H, CH), 3.59 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.84 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 14.8, 1 H, CH), 2.69–2.49 (m, 4 H, CH₂), 2.04–1.69 (m, 3 H, CH, CH₂), 1.32 (s, 9 H, CH₃), 0.94 (s, 9 H, CH₃), 0.83 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 6.8 Hz, 6 H, CH₃), 0.11 (s, 6 H, CH₃).

***N*-[5(*S*)-[(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)amino]-4(*S*)-(tert-butyl)dimethylsiloxy]-6-phenyl-2(*R*)-(phenylmethyl)hexanoyl]valine (5).** Compound 4 (0.58 g, 0.95 mmol) was dissolved in 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME; 8 mL) and treated with a 1 M LiOH solution (4 mL) with stirring at ambient temperature. After 1 h solvent was removed on a rotary evaporator, and the residue was treated with 10% citric acid solution and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 30 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine, and dried (Na₂SO₄). Filtration and concentration to dryness gave 0.6 g (100%) of 5 as a white foam: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.30–6.90 (m, 11 H, ArH, NH), 4.86 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1 H, NH), 4.41–4.38 (m, 1 H, CH), 3.82 (q, *J* = 8 Hz, 1 H, CH), 3.66–3.58 (m, 1 H, CH), 2.82–2.37 (m, 5 H, CH₂), 2.24–2.11 (m, 1 H, CH), 1.79–1.70 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 1.28 (s, 9 H, CH₃), 0.93 (s, 9 H, CH₃), 0.88 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3 H, CH₃), 0.76 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3 H, CH₃), 0.10 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 0.06 (s, 3 H, CH₃).

***N*-[5(*S*)-[(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)amino]-4(*S*)-hydroxy-6-phenyl-2(*R*)-(phenylmethyl)hexanoyl]valine Methyl Ester (6).** Compound 4 (0.16 g, 0.25 mmol) was dissolved in THF (1 mL) and treated with TBAF (1 M in THF, 1 mL) with stirring at ambient temperature for 3 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated on a rotary evaporator then treated with H₂O (10 mL)–10% citric acid (10 mL) with stirring to precipitate 0.12 g (92%) of 6 as a white solid: mp 147–149 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 9 Hz, 1 H, NH), 7.30–7.04 (m, 10 H, ArH), 6.40 (d, *J* = 9 Hz, 1 H, NH), 4.48 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 1 H, CH), 4.10 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 1 H, CH), 3.55 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.94–2.40 (m, 6 H, CH₂), 2.00–1.95 (m, 1 H, CH), 1.70–1.20 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 1.30 (s, 9 H, CH₃), 0.90–0.70 (m, 6 H, CH₃). Anal. (C₃₀H₄₂N₂O₆) C, H, N.

***N*-[5(*S*)-[(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)amino]-4(*S*)-hydroxy-6-phenyl-2(*R*)-(phenylmethyl)hexanoyl]valine (7).** Compound 6 (0.02 g, 0.04 mmol) was dissolved in DME (0.5 mL) and treated with 1 M LiOH solution (0.16 mL) at ambient temperature and stirred for 6 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated to remove DME, the residue dissolved in H₂O, filtered, then acidified with 10% citric acid to precipitate 0.012 g (61%) of 7 as a white solid: mp 155–158 °C; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1 H, NH), 7.3–7.1 (m, 10 H, ArH), 6.39 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H, NH), 4.50 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1 H, CH), 4.13–4.10 (m, 1 H, CH), 3.6–3.5 (m, 1 H, CH), 3.4–3.3 (m, 1 H, CH), 2.9–2.4 (m, 5 H, CH₂), 2.0–1.9 (m, 1 H, CH), 1.7–1.5 (m, 1 H, CH₂), 1.30 (s, 9 H, CH₃), 0.85–0.70 (m, 6 H, CH₃). Anal. (C₂₈H₄₀N₂O₆) C, H, N.

***N'*-(3-Morpholinopropyl)-*N*-[5(*S*)-[(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)amino]-4(*S*)-hydroxy-6-phenyl-2(*R*)-(phenylmethyl)hexanoyl]valine Amide (8).** Compound 5 (0.05 g, 0.08 mmol) was dissolved in DMF (10 mL) and treated with EDC (0.03 g, 0.16 mmol), HOBT (0.023 g, 0.16 mmol), and 4-(3-aminopropyl)morpholine (0.23 mL, 0.16 mmol) with stirring at ambient temperature. Et₃N was added to adjust the pH to 8.5. After stirring for 18 h the reaction was concentrated on a rotary

evaporator to remove the DMF and partitioned between EtOAc and H₂O. The organic layer was separated, washed with 10% citric acid solution, aqueous saturated NaHCO₃ solution, and brine, and dried (Na₂SO₄). Filtration and concentration to dryness gave 0.045 g (75%) of silylated 8, which was used without further purification. Filtration and concentration to dryness gave 0.045 g (75%) of silylated 8, which was used without further purification: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.32–7.0 (m, 10 H, ArH), 6.35 (t, *J* = 5 Hz, 1 H, NH), 6.08 (d, *J* = 10 Hz, 1 H, NH), 4.70 (d, *J* = 10 Hz, 1 H, NH), 4.02–3.85 (m, 2 H, CH), 3.76–3.62 (m, 5 H, CH, CH₂), 3.3–3.0 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 2.82–2.28 (m, 11 H, CH₂), 2.12–2.0 (m, 1 H, CH), 1.88–1.50 (m, 4 H, CH₂), 1.32 (s, 9 H, CH₃), 0.91 (s, 9 H, CH₃), 0.78 (dd, *J* = 7, 15 Hz, 6 H, CH₃), 0.10 (s, 6 H, CH₃). This product was dissolved in 1 N TBAF in THF (2 mL), stirred for 18 h at ambient temperature, then partitioned between EtOAc and H₂O. The organic layer was separated, washed with brine, and dried (Na₂SO₄). Filtration and concentration to dryness gave 0.03 g (81%) of 8 after purification on a 2-mm SiO₂ preparative TLC plate eluting with 10% MeOH/CHCl₃: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.3–7.0 (m, 10 H, ArH), 6.75–6.65 (m, 1 H, NH), 6.32–6.10 (m, 1 H, NH), 4.82 (d, *J* = 9 Hz, 1 H, NH), 4.05 (t, *J* = 9 Hz, 1 H, CH), 3.94–3.5 (m, 7 H, CH, CH₂), 3.38–3.1 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 3.0–2.3 (m, 10 H, CH₂), 2.12–2.0 (m, 1 H, CH), 1.82–1.5 (m, 4 H, CH₂), 1.39 (s, 9 H, CH₃), 0.9–0.75 (m, 6 H, CH₃); mp 133–136 °C (maleate salt). Anal. (C₃₆H₅₄N₄O₆·C₄H₄O₄) C, H, N.

***N'*-(2-Benzimidazolylmethyl)-*N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)isoleucine Amide (10).** *tert*-(Butoxycarbonyl)isoleucine (15 g, 0.065 mol) and *N*-hydroxysuccinimide (8.2 g, 0.071 mol) were dissolved in DMF (60 mL), treated with EDC (13.7 g, 0.071 mol), and stirred at ambient temperature for 18 h. The reaction mixture was partitioned between EtOAc (200 mL) and H₂O (200 mL), the organic layer separated, washed with H₂O (4 × 100 mL) and brine (1 × 100 mL), and dried (Na₂SO₄). Filtration and concentration to dryness gave 18.9 g (96%) of *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)isoleucine succinimidyl ester, which was used without further purification. This intermediate (4.6 g, 0.014 mol) was dissolved in DME (70 mL) and treated with 2-(aminomethyl)benzimidazole dihydrochloride (5.9 g, 0.028 mol) with stirring at ambient temperature. The pH of the solution was adjusted to 7 with Et₃N (7.8 mL, 0.056 mol) and stirring was continued for 18 h. The DME was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was partitioned between EtOAc and H₂O. The organic layer was washed with H₂O (3 × 50 mL) and brine (1 × 50 mL), and dried (Na₂SO₄). Filtration and concentration to dryness gave 3.8 g (75%) of 10 after chromatography on SiO₂ (3–5% MeOH–CHCl₃): mp 206–209 °C (after crystallization from EtOAc); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.80–7.68 (m, 1 H, NH), 7.61–7.25 (m, 4 H, ArH), 5.28–5.20 (m, 1 H, NH), 4.97–4.69 (m, 3 H, CH, CH₂), 3.96 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 1 H, CH), 1.96–1.84 (m, 1 H, CH), 1.6–1.4 (m, 1 H, CH₂), 1.45 (s, 9 H, CH₃), 1.28–1.14 (m, 1 H, CH₂), 1.0–0.8 (m, 6 H, CH₃). Anal. (C₁₉H₂₅N₄O₃) C, H, N.

***N'*-(2-Benzimidazolylmethyl)isoleucine Amide (11).** A stream of HCl was bubbled through a solution of 10 (2.0 g, 5.5 mmol) in EtOAc (20 mL) at –25 °C in a dry ice–acetone bath with stirring for 20 min. The system was purged with N₂ to remove excess HCl, and the mixture was concentrated to dryness to give 1.6 g (86%) of 11, which was used without further purification.

***N'*-(2-Benzimidazolylmethyl)-*N*-[5(*S*)-[(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino]-4(*S*)-hydroxy-6-phenyl-2(*R*)-(phenylmethyl)hexanoyl]isoleucine Amide (12).** Acid 2 (0.5 g, 0.95 mmol) was dissolved in DMF (10 mL) and treated with EDC (0.2 g, 1.04 mmol), HOBT (0.14 g, 1.04 mmol), and 11 (0.38 g, 1.14 mmol) with stirring at ambient temperature. The pH of the solution was adjusted to 8.0 with Et₃N (0.44 mL, 3.13 mmol), and the mixture was stirred for 20 h. The DMF was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was partitioned between EtOAc and H₂O. The organic layer was washed with H₂O (3 × 50 mL) and brine (1 × 50 mL) and dried (Na₂SO₄). Filtration and concentration to dryness gave 0.6 g (82%) of silylated 12: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.78–7.68 (m, 1 H, NH), 7.50–7.44 (m, 1 H, NH), 7.35–7.07 (m, 13 H, ArH), 6.89 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 6.10 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 1 H, NH), 6.69 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 1 H, NH), 4.78 (d, *J* = 10 Hz, 1 H, CH), 4.66 (dd, *J* = 7, 15 Hz, 1 H, CH), 4.23–3.97 (m, 3 H, CH), 3.84–3.77 (m, 1 H, CH), 2.89–2.5 (m, 6 H, CH₂), 1.92–1.62 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 1.36 (s, 9 H, CH₃), 0.97 (s, 9 H, CH₃), 0.87–0.8 (m, 6 H, CH₃), 0.14 (s, 6 H, CH₃). This material (0.6 g, 0.78 mmol)

was dissolved in THF (9 mL) and treated with 1 M TBAF in THF (6 mL) with stirring at ambient temperature. After stirring for 20 h the THF was removed and the residue treated with H₂O to precipitate 0.5 g (98%) of 12 as a white solid: mp 233–235 °C (after chromatography) (SiO₂, 3% MeOH-CHCl₃ saturated NH₃); ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.34 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 1 H, NH), 7.83 (d, *J* = 9 Hz, 1 H, NH), 7.54–7.44 (m, 2 H, NH), 7.26–7.03 (m, 13 H, ArH), 6.41 (d, *J* = 9 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 4.54 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 1 H, OH), 4.43

(qd, *J* = 6, 15 Hz, 2 H, CH₂), 4.20 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1 H, CH), 3.58–3.53 (m, 1 H, CH), 3.44–3.40 (m, 1 H, CH), 2.91–2.43 (m, 5 H, CH₂), 1.75–1.61 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 1.45–1.02 (m, 3 H, CH₂), 1.29 (s, 9 H, CH₃), 0.84–0.73 (m, 6 H, CH₃). Anal. (C₃₈H₄₉N₅O₅) C, H, N.

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Dual-Action Cephalosporins: Cephalosporin 3'-Quinolone Carbamates

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A series of cephalosporins has been prepared in which the 3'-position was linked to the nitrogen of the antibacterial quinolone ciprofloxacin through a carbamate function. Like the ester-linked and quaternary-linked dual-action cephalosporins reported earlier, these carbamate-linked compounds exhibited a broad antibacterial spectrum derived from both cephalosporin-like and quinolone-like activities, suggesting a dual mode of action. Studies to elucidate details of the mechanism of action have been inconclusive. Ciprofloxacin liberated as a consequence of bacterial enzyme-mediated reactions may contribute to the second mode of action, although some evidence indicates that the intact carbamate-linked bifunctional molecules may possess intrinsically both β-lactam and quinolone activities.

Introduction

When cephalosporins exert their biological activity by covalently binding to bacterial enzymes, opening of the β-lactam ring is accompanied by liberation of the 3'-substituent, if that substituent can function as a leaving group.¹⁻⁷ When the eliminated substance possesses antibacterial activity of its own, the cephalosporin should exhibit a dual mode of action.⁸⁻¹⁰ As a rationale for drug

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