

reduction in the 532-nm pigment band intensity (photolysis of 3-(diazooacetoxy)retinal in *n*-hexane under this condition led to total disappearance of its 245-nm band).

The extent of cross-linking, i.e., ca. 25%, was estimated by taking aliquots at suitable intervals during irradiation, denaturing the pigment by heating in SDS for 2-3 min, adding EtOH, and scintillation counting the pellet obtained by centrifugation.³⁰

An advantage of the diazoacetoxy photoaffinity group is that its characteristic IR frequency around 2150 cm⁻¹ is in a region normally transparent in biopolymers. Thus although the diazo band is too weak to be observed in the FTIR of the pigment prior to cross-linking (Figure 1, arrow), the difference spectrum measured after irradiation at 254 nm clearly shows the 2110-cm⁻¹ band due to disappearance of the photoaffinity group (Figure 1, insert).³¹ Studies are in progress to locate the site(s) of labeling in bR.³²

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Evidence for the Necessity of Double Bond (13-Ene) Isomerization in the Proton Pumping of Bacteriorhodopsin

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Bacteriorhodopsin (bR), the pigment of purple membrane (PM), converts solar energy into a proton gradient that is coupled to ATP synthesis.¹ bR consists of a protein (opsin) that binds one retinal molecule at Lys-216² through a protonated Schiff base linkage.^{3,4} There are two modifications for bR,⁵ the light- and dark-adapted forms, bR^{LA} (570 nm) and bR^{DA} (560 nm), the chromophores of which are *trans*-retinal and 1:1 mixture of *trans*- and 13-*cis*-retinals.⁶ Although both forms undergo a photocycle, only that of bR^{LA} is associated with H⁺ pumping.

Proton translocation during the photocycle is thought to be associated with changes in the protonation state of the Schiff base

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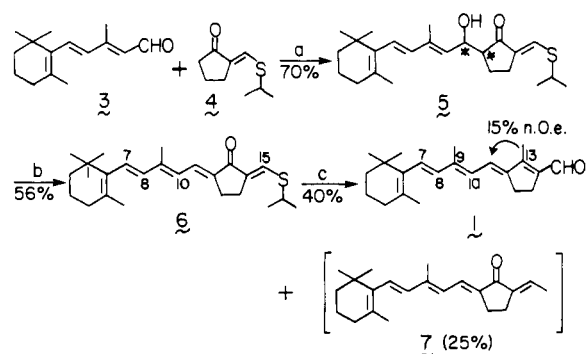
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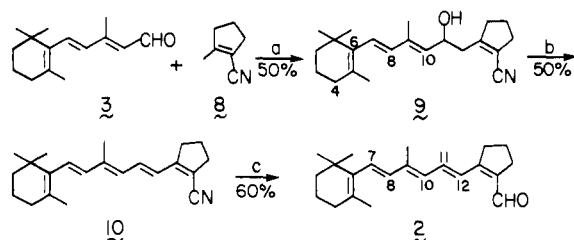
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Scheme I



^a (i) 4 in LDA/THF -78 °C, 15 min; (ii) 3, -78 °C, 20 min; (iii) 3 equiv of AcOH, -78 °C. ^b (i) MsCl/Et₃N/CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C, 1 h; (ii) flash chromatography. ^c (i) MeLi/Et₂O, -78 °C; (ii) satd aq NH₄Cl, -30 °C → 25 °C (30 min); (iii) flash chromatography.

Scheme II



^a (i) LDA/THF, -78 °C → 25 °C (40 min); (ii) 2 equiv of HMPA, 0 °C; (iii) addition of 3, -78 °C (1 h) → 0 °C (40 min). ^b (i) Ac₂O/py, 25 °C, 2 h; (ii) *t*-BuOK/THF, 0 °C, 30 min. ^c (i) DIBAL/Et₂O, -78 °C (1 h) → -40 °C; (ii) EtOAc, -40 °C, followed by aq (COOH)₂, -40 °C (15 min) → 25 °C.

linkage as well as retinal geometry. However, the structures of photocycle intermediates, e.g., M₄₁₂ species, and their relation to the mechanism of proton pumping is not clear. Although resonance Raman and FTIR spectroscopy^{7b,8a,b,d} have shown that the M₄₁₂ species is not protonated, results pertaining to the nature of 13-ene in M₄₁₂ are conflicting, i.e., it is a 1:1 mixture of *cis*/*trans*,^{6a} 13-*trans*,^{8b} or mostly 13-*cis*.^{3b,7,8a,c} Therefore information pertinent to the molecular events involved in the proton pumping was sought by the study of retinals 1 and 2 with fixed 13-*trans* and 13-*cis* structures. The bR analogues derived from these retinals both failed to pump protons, thus showing that the 13-ene isomerization appears to be necessary for proton translocation.

The *trans*-fixed aldehyde 1 was synthesized according to Scheme I. The C₁₅-aldehyde 3 was condensed in aprotic medium with thiovinyl ketone 4 (from 2-(hydroxymethylidene)cyclopentanone⁹ and 2-propanethiol,¹⁰ mild conditions¹¹) to give β-hydroxy ketone 5 as a 55:45 diastereomeric mixture (¹H NMR).¹² Dehydration of 5 with MsCl/NEt₃¹³ provided thiovinyl ketone 6 as the major product: mp 130.5-132.0 °C (hexane); UV (hexane) 386 nm.¹⁴

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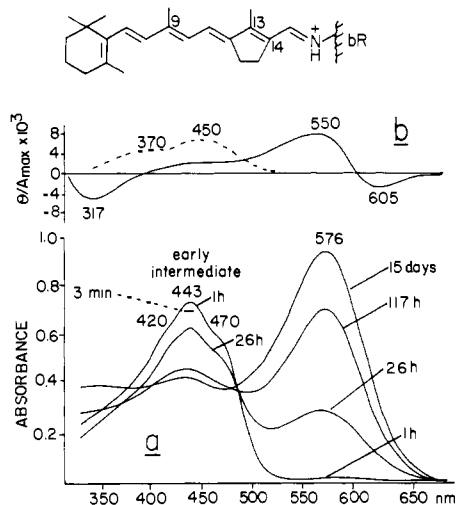


Figure 1. (a) Formation of bR-1 from a 1:1 OD ratio of apomembrane and retinal **1**, in 10 nM HEPES buffer pH 7.0, dark, 22 °C. (b) Circular dichroism spectrum of bR-1 after 15 days of regeneration; dotted line shows the spectrum of the early intermediate.

The 13-Me group was introduced by treatment with MeLi; the product, without isolation, was treated with aqueous NH_4Cl , which induced anionotropic rearrangement of the OH and elimination of mercaptan¹⁵ to give, after flash chromatography, 40% **1** and 25% **7** (1,4-adduct). The trans structure of **1** is based on ^1H NMR data,¹⁶ comparison of δ values with those of other double bond isomers,¹⁷ and NOE results (see **1**). For the synthesis of cis-locked **2** (Scheme II), C_{15} -aldehyde **3** was condensed with 1-cyano-2-methylcyclopentene (**8**)¹⁸ to afford nitrile **9**. Dehydration of **9** with $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}/\text{py}$ ¹⁹ gave **10** as the only double bond isomer,²⁰ which was reduced and hydrolyzed²¹ to desired aldehyde **2**: UV (hexane) 366 nm.²²

The binding of *trans*-retinal **1** to the apoprotein²³ yielded within 3 min an "early intermediate" with fine structures at 420/443/470 nm (Figure 1) and CD maxima at 370 and 450 nm. The 443-nm UV peak is then slowly²⁴ replaced by a 576-nm bR^{DA} species, which peaks after 15 days (!). The similarity of the opsin shift ($\text{OS} = 4140 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) to that of PM (4870 cm^{-1}),²⁶ reextraction of

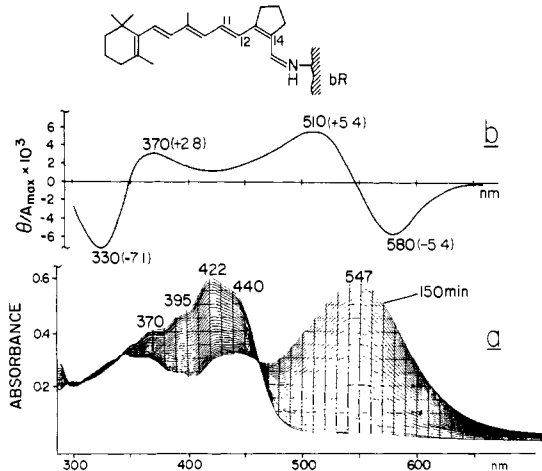


Figure 2. (a) Formation of bR-2 from a 1:1 OD ratio of apomembrane and retinal **2**, in 10 mM HEPES buffer pH 7.0, dark, 22 °C. The maximum pigment yield is achieved after 66 h. (b) Circular dichroism spectrum of bR-2 after 66-h incubation.

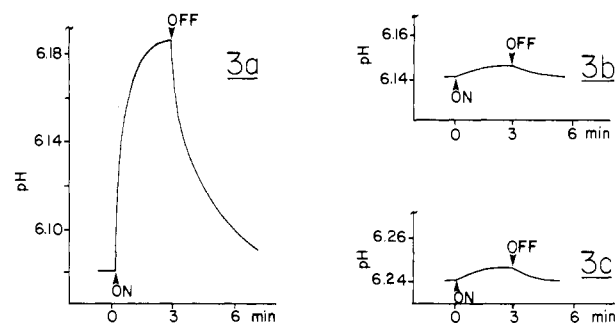


Figure 3. Proton translocation by (a) purple membrane; (b) BSA-washed apomembrane; (c) bR-1 prepared from BSA-washed apomembrane. The pH of the medium (unbuffered 0.5 M KCl) containing the vesicles²⁹ (lipid/protein w/w, 60/1) was monitored with a glass electrode. Irradiation at $>530 \text{ nm}$, $30 \pm 0.1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$; arrows show start and stop of irradiation.

authentic **1** by the CH_2Cl_2 procedure,²⁷ and the displacement of **1** by *trans*-retinal from the binding site indicate that the *trans*-fixed analogue **1** occupies the same binding site as natural *trans*-retinal.

The binding of retinal **2**, SBH^+ λ_{max} (MeOH) 440 nm, with the fixed 13-cis bond proceeded faster than for **1** (Figure 2). As in **1**, an intermediate was formed prior to the final 547-nm pigment, CD 580 nm (-5.4)/510 nm (+5.4). The OS value of 4480 cm^{-1} for bR^{DA}₂ is identical with that for bR^{DA}_{13-cis}.²⁶ A major difference between bR-1 and bR-2 is the photosensitivity of the latter; thus, irradiation with light of $>530 \text{ nm}$, room temperature, caused 90% bleaching in 30 min.²⁸

Vesicles prepared from bR-1 and soybean phospholipids²⁹ were measured for their proton-pumping ability according to published procedures.³⁰ The amount of H^+ translocation resulting from irradiation of bR-1 was negligible and is similar to that of BSA-washed apomembrane,³¹ the blank (Figure 3); in both cases, the slight pH rise is attributed to a small amount of residual bR^{LA}.

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Results from bR-2 were similar except that due to its photosensitivity, alkalization of the medium was monitored against irradiation time; the extent of H⁺ pumping remained constant at the level of blank and thus it is also due to residual bR^{LA}.

The results described show that fixed 13-ene structures inhibit proton translocation. It has been shown that bR^{LA} formed from 5,6-dihydro-,³² phenyl-,³³ and 3-(diazocetoxy)retinal³⁴ still retain the ability to pump protons although less efficiently. This suggests that the 13-ene plays a more important role than the ring site in initiating the translocation of protons across the membrane.

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Structure and Synthesis of 3-Deoxy-D-glycero-pentos-2-ulose, an Unusual Sugar Produced Enzymatically from (ADP-ribosyl)histone H2B

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Poly(ADP-ribosylation) is a posttranslational covalent modification of histones and non-histone nuclear proteins including poly(ADP-ribose) synthetase itself in eukaryotic cells.¹ It is initiated by enzymatic reactions of NAD on reactive functional groups of proteins such as glutamate of histones^{2,3} followed by elongation and branching. Evidence suggests the involvement of poly(ADP-ribosylation) in various biological functions.⁴⁻⁶ Although poly(ADP-ribose) is known to have α -ribosyl linkages at its C-2' elongation sites⁷ and C-2'' branching sites,⁸ the nature of the histone/poly(ADP-ribose) linkage is not fully understood.^{2,3}

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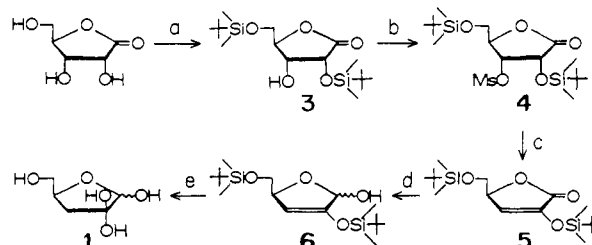
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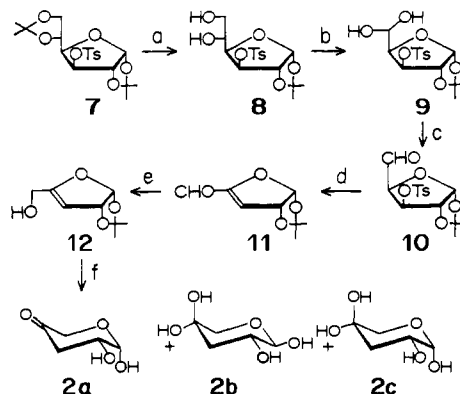
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Scheme I



^a *t*-BuMe₂SiCl/Py; Me₂NPy, room temperature, 4 h. ^b MsCl/Py; Me₂NPy, room temperature, 2 h. ^c Et₃N/C₆H₆, reflux, 2 h, 80% over 3 steps. ^d DIBAL/CH₂Cl₂, -78 °C, Ar, 64%. ^e Bu₄NF/THF, room temperature, 30 min, 38%.

Scheme II



^a TsOH/MeOH, reflux, 4 h. ^b NaIO₄/MeOH-H₂O, room temperature. ^c C₆H₆, reflux, 1 h. ^d Et₃N/C₆H₆, reflux, 1 h, Ar, 67% from 7. ^e DIBAL/CH₂Cl₂, -78 °C, Ar, 80%. ^f AcOH-H₂O (2:1), room temperature, overnight, 76%.

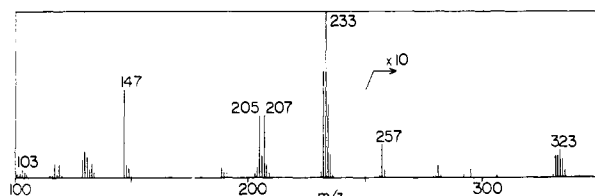


Figure 1. EI mass spectrum of a reduced X-*d*₂ Me₂Si derivative (erythro derivative; threo derivative showed almost identical spectrum).

In contrast, nonenzymatic cleavage of (ADP-ribosyl)histones yielded ADP-ribose.^{2,3,11,12} The sugar X obtained by successive degradation of ADP-X with phosphodiesterase and phosphatase retains the five carbons of the ribosyl nicotanamide portion of NAD as shown by ¹⁴C-labeling studies¹⁰ but differs from the common pentoses.¹⁰ Sugar X (ca. 10 μg using ca. 100 rat livers)¹⁰ was reduced by NaBH₄¹³ to the pentitol (reduced X) whose R_f value on paper chromatogram (R_f 0.51; *n*-BuOH/AcOH/H₂O 52:13:35 v/v¹⁴)¹⁰ suggested it to be 3-deoxypentitol.

Two of the most plausible candidates for X,¹⁵ 3-deoxy-D-glycero-pentos-2-ulose (1)^{16,17} and -4-ulose (2)^{16,18} were therefore

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