

process, head-to-tail dimerization of CO₂, has often been invoked in the disproportionation of CO₂. Oxygen atom transfer to CO from CO₂,¹¹ NO,³³ NO₂,³⁴ and O₂³⁵ has been reported. The present system is the first to display facile oxygen atom transfer from carbonate. Our studies of oxygen atom transfer from **3** to other substrates are continuing.

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Total Synthesis and Evaluation of (±)-N-(*tert*-Butyloxycarbonyl)-CBI, (±)-CBI-CDPI₁, and (±)-CBI-CDPI₂: CC-1065 Functional Agents Incorporating the Equivalent 1,2,9,9a-Tetrahydrocycloprop[1,2-*c*]benz[1,2-*e*]indol-4-one (CBI) Left-Hand Subunit

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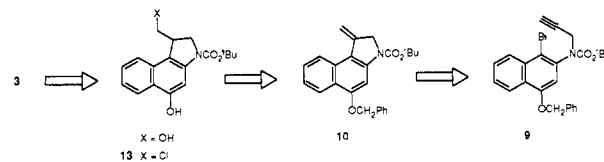
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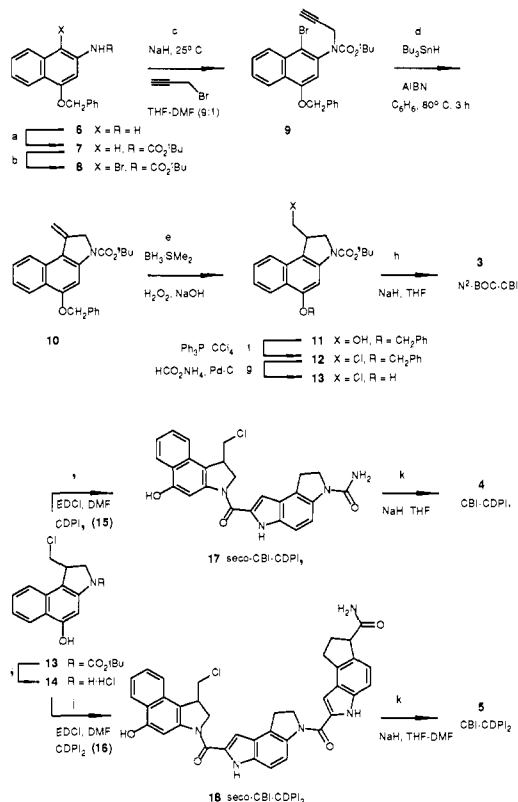
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(+)-CC-1065 (**1**, NSC-298223), an antitumor antibiotic isolated from cultures of *Streptomyces zelensis*, possesses exceptionally potent in vitro cytotoxic activity, broad spectrum antimicrobial activity, and confirmed in vivo antitumor activity.²⁻³ In a series of extensive investigations the site and mechanism of the (+)-CC-1065 antitumor activity have been related to its irreversible covalent alkylation of sequence-selective B-DNA minor groove sites [5'-d(A/GNTTA)-3' and 5'-d(AAAAA)-3'] that has been demonstrated to proceed by 3'-adenine *N*-3 alkylation of the electrophilic cyclopropane present in the left-hand (CPI) subunit of (+)-CC-1065.^{4,5} The demonstration that simplified agents including CDPI₃⁶ methyl ester exhibit a substantial preference for A-T rich noncovalent minor groove binding⁷ attributable to preferential stabilization of a noncovalent complex within the

Scheme I



Scheme II^a



^a (a) 2.0 equiv of (*t*BuO₂C)₂O, dioxane, 95 °C, 3 h, 96%; (b) 1.2 equiv of *N*-bromosuccinimide, catalytic H₂SO₄, THF, -60 °C, 5 h, 98%; (c) 1.3 equiv of NaH, 3.0 equiv of 3-bromopropene, 24 °C, 3 h, 100%; (d) 2.0 equiv of Bu₃SnH, 0.2 equiv of AIBN, benzene, 80 °C, 1 h; (e) 6.3 equiv of Me₂S·BH₃, THF, 0–25 °C, 3 h; 2 N NaOH, 30% H₂O₂, 0–25 °C, 1 h, 45 °C, 20 min, 62% from **9**; (f) 2.0 equiv of Ph₃P, 6 equiv of CCl₄, CH₂Cl₂, 24 °C, 10 h, 99%; (g) 25% aqueous HCO₂NH₄/THF 1:5, 10% Pd/C, 0 °C, 2.5 h, 97%; (h) 3 equiv of NaH, THF, 24 °C, 2 h, 93%; (i) 3 N anhydrous HCl/EtOAc, 24 °C, 10 min, 100%; (j) for **17**, 3 equiv of EDCI, 1.0 equiv of **15**, 5 equiv of NaHCO₃, DMF, 24 °C, 3 h, 86%; for **18**, 3 equiv of EDCI, 1.0 equiv of **16**, DMF, 24 °C, 5 h, 78%; (k) for **4**, 5 equiv of NaH, THF, 24 °C, 2 h, 74%; for **5**, 2 equiv of NaH, 2:1 THF–DMF, 0 °C, 1 h, 84%.

narrower, sterically more accessible A–T rich minor groove⁸ (accessible hydrophobic binding) has suggested that CC-1065 is best represented as a selective⁹ alkylating agent superimposed on the CDPI₃ skeleton and derives its properties in part from the effective delivery of a selective alkylating agent to accessible adenine *N*-3 alkylation sites. The additional demonstration that agents possessing the exceptionally reactive, parent 1,2,7,7a-tetrahydrocycloprop[1,2-*c*]indol-4-one (CI) left-hand subunit, e.g., CI-CDPI_{*x*} (*x* = 1, 2),¹⁰ or the unnatural enantiomer of the CC-1065 left-hand subunit (CPI), e.g., (–)-CPI-CDPI₂^{11,12} and

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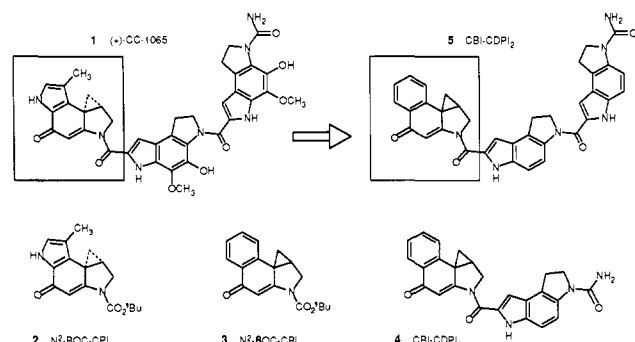
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Table I

	(+)-CC-1065 1	(±)-BOC-CPI 2	(±)-BOC-CBI 3	(±)-CBI-CDPI ₁ 4	(±)-CBI-CDPI ₂ 5	(±)-CBI
$t_{1/2}$, ^b pH = 3.0		35.5 h (38.5 h) ^a	132 h			stable
$t_{1/2}$, pH = 7.0	stable	stable	stable	stable	stable	stable
$t_{1/2}$ (rel)		1.0	3.7			>10-20
IC ₅₀ , ^c (10 ⁻⁵ μg/mL)						
L1210	1.2 (1.5)	10000	1500 (4700)	0.2 (0.9)	1.3 (1.4)	190
B16	1.4 (11)	>100000	38000 (13000)	5.0 (7)	1.6 (5)	530

^a Taken from ref 5. ^b Half-life ($t_{1/2}$) in 50% H₂O-CH₃OH at pH = 7, and 50% CH₃OH-buffer at pH = 3 as monitored by UV. Buffer is 4:1:20 (v/v) 0.1 M citric acid, 0.2 M Na₂HPO₄, and water. ^c IC₅₀ = inhibitory concentration for 50% cell growth of L1210 mouse lymphocytic leukemia and mouse B16 melanoma relative to untreated controls, see ref 23. The value in parentheses refers to the chloromethyl seco agents, e.g., 13, 17, and 18.

(-)-CC-1065,¹¹⁻¹³ exhibit the CPI-characteristic sequence-selective covalent alkylation of DNA has suggested that the specificity of the adenine N-3 alkylation is a function of DNA structure¹⁴ and may not be uniquely embodied in the natural left-hand subunit of CC-1065.⁹ Further, the thermal neutral nature of the adenine-CPI DNA alkylation (estimated $\Delta H^\circ = 1.5$ to -3.9 kcal)¹⁶⁻¹⁸ has suggested that it is the dominant noncovalent binding of the agents that drives the thermodynamically poor covalent alkylation (*binding-driven-bonding*). In support of this, the substantially reduced DNA binding efficiency and cytotoxic properties of CPI (ca. 10 000x) versus the comparable or indistinguishable properties of the aborted functional analogues of (+)-CC-1065, e.g., (+)-CPI-CDPI₁ and (+)-CPI-PDE-I₁,¹⁵ have confirmed that an important and additional functional role of the (+)-CC-1065 central subunit is to promote and stabilize the DNA:CC-1065 covalent complex formation (*binding-driven-bonding*). Herein we detail the total synthesis and preliminary evaluation of (±)-N-(*tert*-butyloxycarbonyl)-CBI (3), (±)-CBI-CDPI₁ (4), and (±)-CBI-



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CDPI₂ (5) constituting functional analogues of CC-1065 incorporating the *equivalent* 1,2,9,9a-tetrahydrocycloprop[1,2-*c*]-benz[1,2-*e*]indol-4-one (CBI) left-hand subunit. In anticipation that structural variations (e.g., CPI → CBI) of the left-hand subunit of the agents would not preclude a relevant adenine N-3 alkylation,¹⁰ the comparable heats of reaction (ΔH°)¹⁶⁻¹⁸ for CPI-adenine and CBI-adenine covalent alkylation suggested that the fundamental features of the DNA covalent alkylation characteristics of (+)-CC-1065 and the CPI-based agents (accessible hydrophobic binding-driven-bonding) would be embodied in the more accessible CBI-based agents *in an equivalent manner*.

Alkylation of the sodium salt of 2-(*tert*-butyloxycarbonyl)-amino)-4-(benzyloxy)-1-bromonaphthalene (8)¹⁹ with 3-bromopropyne provided 9, the immediate precursor for implementation of a 5-exo-dig aryl radical-alkyne cyclization.²⁰ Scheme II. Treatment of 9 with tri-*n*-butyltin hydride under conditions previously detailed¹¹ provided the unstable 3-methyleneindoline 10 which was subjected immediately to the conditions of hydroboration-oxidation to provide 11. Conversion of the primary alcohol 11 to the primary chloride 12 (Ph₃P, CCl₄),²¹ two-phase transfer catalytic hydrogenolysis (HCO₂NH₄, 10% Pd/C) of the benzyl ether which proved to proceed without competitive hydrogenolysis of the primary chloride provided 13 as a stable, immediate precursor to 3-5. Intramolecular Ar-3' alkylation of 13 promoted by the treatment of 13 with sodium hydride (THF, 24 °C, 2.5 h) cleanly provided N²-(*tert*-butyloxycarbonyl)-CBI (3, 93%). The incorporation of the CBI left-hand subunit into two functional analogues of CC-1065, CBI-CDPI₁ (4) and CBI-CDPI₂ (5), is detailed in Scheme II. Treatment of 13 with anhydrous hydrochloric acid (3 N HCl/EtOAc, 10 min, 24 °C) afforded the unstable hydrochloride 14 that was coupled directly with CDPI₁ (15, 3-carbamoyl-1,2-dihydro-3*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*e*]indole-7-carboxylic acid) and CDPI₂ (16) in the presence of 1-[(3-dimethylamino)propyl]-3-ethylcarbodiimide to provide 17 (86%) and 18 (78%),²² respectively. Final Ar-3' alkylation ring closure of 17 and 18 (NaH, 24 °C) provided CBI-CDPI₁ (4) and CBI-CDPI₂ (5).

Table I details the results of the preliminary evaluation and comparison of the properties and stability of the CBI-based versus CPI-based agents. Like CPI, the CBI-based agents proved stable in aqueous solution at pH = 7, and consistent with expectations N²-BOC-CBI proved to be more stable than N²-BOC-CPI to solvolysis at pH = 3, Table I. The cytotoxic potency of the CBI-based agents has proven equipotent to that observed with the potent CPI-based agents (N-BOC-CBI > N-BOC-CPI, CBI-CDPI₂ ≡ (+)-CC-1065), and full details of this comparison

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will be disclosed in a full account of this work. Evidence for the covalent alkylation of DNA by the CBI-based agents was obtained from the thermally-induced strand cleavage of double-stranded DNA after exposure to the agents (autofootprinting),⁹ Figure 1 (Supplementary Material). The autofootprinting was carried out with a 5'-end labeled fragment of SV40 (144 bp fragment, bp 138-5238) cloned into the Sma I site of the M13mp10 polylinker region [Agent:DNA incubation at 4 °C, 24 h; removal of unreacted agent through ethanol precipitation of DNA; thermal cleavage at 100 °C, 30 min].²⁴ Gel electrophoresis and autoradiographic evaluation of the DNA revealed that the observed sites of covalent alkylation and their relative intensities for CBI, **4**, **5**, and (+)-CC-1065 are identical.

The identical DNA binding properties of (±)-CBI-CDPI₂ (**5**) and (+)-CC-1065 (**1**) and their equipotent cytotoxic activity [IC₅₀ (10⁻⁵ μg/mL), L1210: 1.2 (**1**) and 1.3 (**5**), B16: 1.4 (**1**) and 1.6 (**5**)] establishes that CBI-CDPI₂ constitutes an equivalent functional analogue of (+)-CC-1065 that embodies the fundamental and precise functional features of the agent responsible for its properties. Additional studies on the CBI-based agents will be disclosed in due course.

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Samarium(II) Iodide Mediated Transformation of Carbohydrates to Carbocycles

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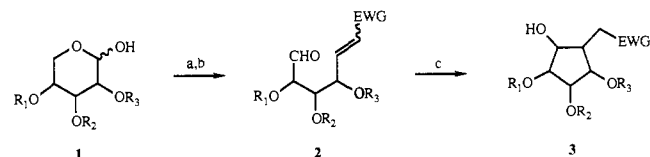
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Recently, there has been considerable interest in the construction of carbocycles from carbohydrates with many of these reactions involving the cyclization of 5-hexenyl radicals mediated by tributyltin hydride in a key step.¹ The highly oxygenated carbocyclic products produced in this process possess considerable synthetic utility because of their application to the total synthesis of biologically important molecules such as enzyme regulators,^{2a} the Corey lactone and related prostaglandin intermediates,^{2b} and

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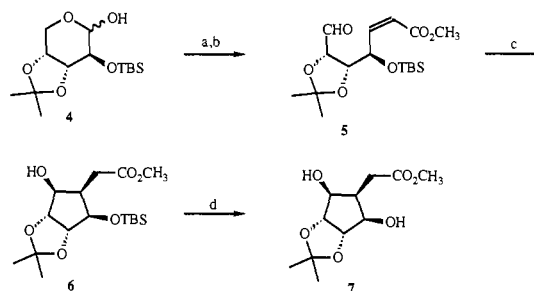
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Scheme I^a



^aEWG = CO₂Me; Key: (a) Ph₃P=CH-EWG, H⁺ (0.1 equiv), CH₂Cl₂; (b) PDC, CH₂Cl₂; (c) SmI₂, THF, MeOH, -78 °C.

Scheme II^a



^aKey: (a) Ph₃P=CHCO₂Me, CH₂Cl₂, PhCO₂H (0.1 equiv); (b) PDC, CH₂Cl₂, 3 Å sieves, HOAc (0.1 equiv); (c) SmI₂ (2 equiv), THF, MeOH, -78 °C; (d) *n*Bu₄NF, THF, 0 °C.

carbocyclic ribose derivatives.^{2c,d}

A quite different solution to this synthetic problem is afforded by one-electron reducing agents and electroreductive methods which mediate a variety of carbon-carbon bond-forming processes.³ A useful variant of this technology utilizes the reductive coupling reagent, samarium diiodide, in the intramolecular coupling of two sp² hybridized carbon centers in a mild and regio-controlled ring-forming process.⁴ A number of these studies involve the cyclization of aldehydes or ketones tethered to olefins which often proceed with high levels of diastereoselectivity.^{5,6} We would now like to report a novel method for the stereoselective preparation of polyhydroxylated carbocycles from carbohydrate templates⁷ mediated by the one-electron transfer agent, samarium diiodide. These studies also demonstrate a surprising reversal in the diastereoselectivity in the products depending on whether the olefin geometry of the starting carbohydrate is *cis* or *trans*. Finally, to our knowledge, no applications of samarium diiodide to carbohydrate templates have been studied.

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