

with the ground-state bleach, we observe a new absorption centered at 2110 cm^{-1} , which decays with $\tau < 0.5$ ps. Subsequently, we observe a broad feature extending from 1950 to 2040 cm^{-1} . Shown in Figure 1 are three kinetic traces taken throughout the region 1950–2040 cm^{-1} . While the rise times of the transients at the low-energy end of the band are instrument limited, they become progressively slower when moving to the high-energy side of the band and in fact correspond to the decay times found for the lower energy transients (Table I). Additionally, the decay times of the transients change from < 1 ps at 1954 cm^{-1} to 6 ps at 2034 cm^{-1} , matching the recovery time of the ground-state band (6 ± 1 ps).⁸

MMCT excitation should lead to a complex in which the ruthenium cyanide center has formally changed from a 2+ to a 3+ oxidation state, resulting in a shift of the $\text{RuC}\equiv\text{N}$ stretch from the ground-state value of 2053 cm^{-1} to ca. 2120 cm^{-1} .⁹ We can thus unambiguously assign the short-lived transient at 2110 cm^{-1} to the MMCT excited state. The features between 1950 and 2040 cm^{-1} are consistent with vibrationally hot ground-state molecules formed following the back electron transfer. Metal–cyanide stretches exhibit anharmonicities of ca. 14 cm^{-1} ,¹⁰ leading to vibrationally excited states that are shifted to lower energy from the ground-state band. The frequencies observed correspond to population of the vibrationally excited states $v = 1-7$.¹¹

Data taken throughout the band from 1950 to 2040 cm^{-1} show that there is a steady progression of rate constants, with the higher vibrational states relaxing more quickly (see Table I). This is consistent with the expectation based on existing evidence¹² that higher vibrational states typically have larger cross sections for energy transfer. In the present case, relaxation can take place either through an intramolecular mechanism (i.e., IVR) or through transfer of the excess energy to the surrounding solvent molecules. Little is known about IVR rates in inorganic molecules; the available evidence suggests that such rates may be slower than observed in organic systems (typically < 1 ps) due to large frequency mismatches, which lead to poor coupling between modes, particularly across M–L linkages.¹³ Transfer of energy to the solvent from excited inorganic molecules is generally found to be much slower than we observe¹⁴ and is typically solvent dependent. We are presently preparing to perform picosecond Raman experiments to directly observe low-frequency modes to address this question.

These findings demonstrate that the back electron transfer¹⁵ from the MMCT state is ultrafast ($\tau < 0.5$ ps). The infrared frequency observed for the MMCT state suggests that nearly a

full charge transfer occurs. More intriguing, however, is that upon return to the ground electronic state large amounts of energy (up to 14 000 cm^{-1}) are placed into a single vibration: the terminal $\text{RuC}\equiv\text{N}$ stretching mode.¹⁶ The large energy difference² (ca. 8000 cm^{-1}) between the $\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}\text{--Ru}^{\text{III}}$ and the $\text{Ru}^{\text{III}}\text{--Ru}^{\text{II}}$ species potentially allows the deposition of large amounts of energy into selected vibrational modes of the product of the thermal back electron transfer. The efficiency and selectivity of this process in the present case is, however, quite remarkable.¹⁷ Vibrationally excited products following electron transfer have been observed in the gas phase, but to our knowledge this is the first direct observation in the solution phase.¹⁸ Moreover, the relative rates observed for electronic and vibrational relaxation in $[(\text{NC})_5\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}\text{CNRu}^{\text{III}}(\text{NH}_3)_5]^{1-}$ suggest that activated modes in the excited state remain so on the time scale of electron transfer, holding important consequences for electron-transfer theories and for fast electron-transfer processes such as charge separation in photosynthesis. Studies of related systems are in progress in our laboratories in order to discern how modifications to the system may affect electron transfer and energy relaxation dynamics.

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Enantioselective Total Synthesis of (–)-Calicheamicinone

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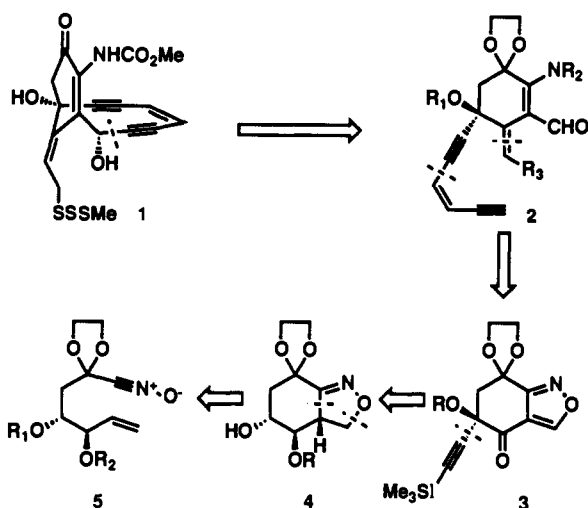
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Calicheamicin γ_1^{11} is a prominent member of the enediyne class of anticancer antibiotics² possessing phenomenal anticancer

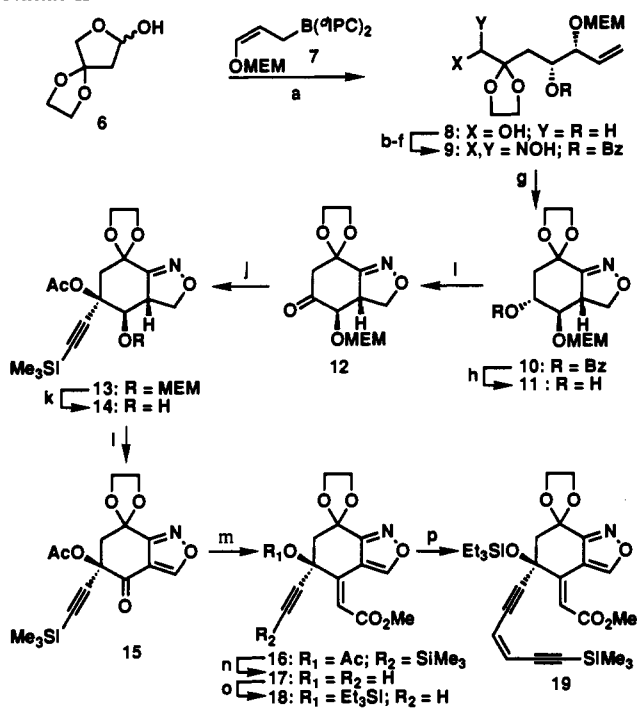
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Scheme I^a



^a Retrosynthetic analysis of (-)-calicheamicinone (1).

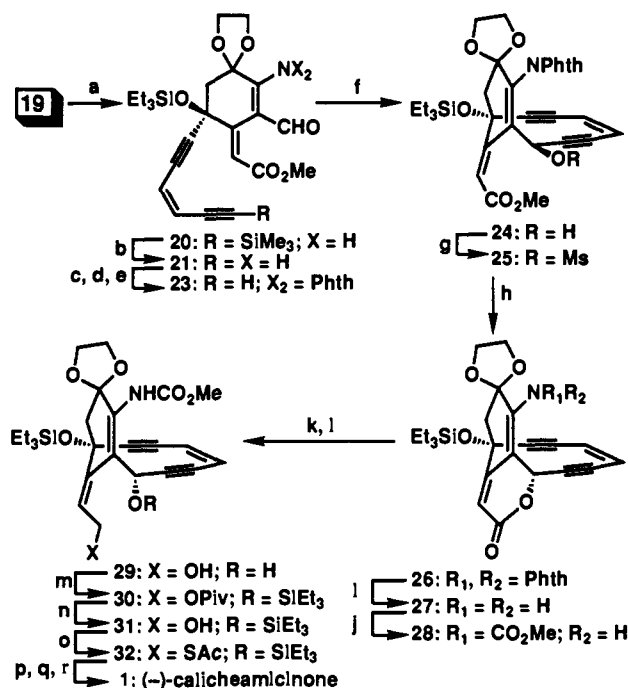
Scheme II^a



^a Reagents and conditions: (a) 1.1 equiv of 7, THF, -78 °C, 3 h → 25 °C, 87%; (b) 1.0 equiv of ^tBuMe₂SiCl, 2.0 equiv of imidazole, CH₂Cl₂, 25 °C, 2 h; (c) 2.0 equiv of PhCOCl, pyr, DMAP (catalytic), CH₂Cl₂, 25 °C, 12 h; (d) 3 equiv of ^tBu₄NF, THF, 50 °C, 3 h; (e) Swern oxidation; (f) 3 equiv of NH₂OH·HCl, 3 equiv of NaOAc, EtOH-H₂O (2:1), 25 °C, 30 min, 98% overall from 8; (g) excess aqueous NaOCl, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C, 2 h, 65% as a 4:1 mixture; (h) NaOMe (catalytic), MeOH, 0 °C, 12 h, 100%; (i) 1.5 equiv of Jones' reagent, acetone, 0 °C, 12 h, 95%; (j) 1.5 equiv of lithium (trimethylsilyl)acetylide, THF, -78 °C, 30 min; then 5 equiv of Ac₂O, -78 → 25 °C, 3 h, 67%; (k) 10 equiv of ZnBr₂, CH₂Cl₂, 25 °C, 2 h; (l) Swern oxidation, 54% overall from 13; (m) 5 equiv of Ph₃P=CHCO₂Me, toluene, 90 °C, 16 h, 84%; (n) NaOMe (catalytic), MeOH-CH₂Cl₂ (1:1), 0 °C, 12 h, 80%; (o) 1.5 equiv of Et₃SiOTf, 2.0 equiv of 2,6-lutidine, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C, 30 min, 96%; (p) 1.5 equiv of (Z)-(4-chloro-3-buten-1-ynyl)trimethylsilane, 0.07 equiv of Pd(PPh₃)₄, 0.20 equiv of CuI, 1.5 equiv of ^tBuNH₂, PhH, 0 °C, 2 h, 91%.

properties and great potential for medical applications. Several approaches to model systems of the aglycon skeleton of this

Scheme III^a



^a Reagents and conditions: (a) 1.0 equiv of Mo(CO)₆, MeCN-H₂O (20:1), 80 °C, 1.5 h, 76%; (b) NaOMe (catalytic), CH₂Cl₂-MeOH (1:1), 0 °C, 12 h, 92%; (c) 1.4 equiv of phthaloyl chloride, 4 equiv of pyr, MeNO₂, 0 °C, 30 min; (d) silica gel, CH₂Cl₂, 25 °C, 2 h; (e) excess Ac₂O, MeNO₂, 25 °C, 1 h, 78% from 21; (f) 1.1 equiv of KHMDS, toluene, -90 °C, 5 min, 44%; (g) 10 equiv of MsCl, 20 equiv of pyr, DMAP (catalytic), CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C, 2 h; (h) silica gel, 2 equiv of pyridine, PhH, 25 °C, 5 h, 90% from 24; (i) 10 equiv of MeNHNH₂, PhH, 25 °C, 30 min, 99%; (j) 3 equiv of triphosgene, 15 equiv of pyridine, CH₂Cl₂, 25 °C, 40 min; then 15 equiv of pyridine, excess MeOH, 0 °C, 30 min, 82%; (k) 3 equiv of DIBAL, CH₂Cl₂, -78 °C, 30 min, 95%; (l) excess NaBH₄, MeOH, 0 °C, 1 h, 88%; (m) 3 equiv of PivCl, 15 equiv of pyr, CH₂Cl₂, 25 °C, 2 h; then 3 equiv of TE-SOTf, 0 °C, 10 min, 67%; (n) 3 equiv of DIBAL, CH₂Cl₂, -78 °C, 1 h, 84%; (o) 8 equiv of DEAD, 10 equiv of PPh₃, 8 equiv of AcSH, THF, 0 °C, 30 min, 93%; (p) 5 equiv of DIBAL, CH₂Cl₂, -78 °C, 30 min; (q) 5 equiv of N-(methylthio)phthalimide, CH₂Cl₂, 25 °C, 30 min, 71% from 32; (r) TsOH (catalytic), aqueous THF, 25 °C, 16 h, 66%.

molecule have appeared in the literature.³ An impressive landmark in the area is the total synthesis of racemic calicheamicinone (1), the aglycon portion of calicheamicin γ_1 ,¹ recently recorded by the Danishefsky group.⁴ In this communication we report a conceptually different approach to this molecule based upon an intramolecular alkenyl nitrile oxide dipolar cycloaddition reaction which leads directly to the incorporation of the full functionality

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of the aglycon and which is amenable to enantioselective synthesis (Scheme I). This approach has culminated in a highly enantio- and stereoselective total synthesis of (-)-calicheamicinone (1).

The execution of the synthesis proceeded as summarized in Schemes II and III.⁵ Thus lactol 6, readily prepared from tetric acid via ketalization and DIBAL reduction, was treated with the allylborane 7 according to the general procedure reported by Brown⁶ to give 8 in a highly stereo- and enantioselective manner (95% ee, >98% de).⁷ Compound 8 was converted to aldoxime 9 by standard chemistry. Generation of the nitrile oxide with aqueous sodium hypochlorite was accompanied by spontaneous cyclization,⁸ resulting in a 4:1 mixture of isoxazoline diastereoisomers, from which the major isomer 10 was isolated by flash chromatography. Addition of lithium (trimethylsilyl)acetylide to 12 at -78 °C proceeded with complete stereoselectivity, delivering the incoming nucleophile from the opposite side to the OMEM group to give, after quenching with acetic anhydride, acetate 13.⁹ Removal of the MEM group¹⁰ followed by Swern oxidation¹¹ and concomitant aromatization gave the keto isoxazole 15. Stereocontrolled olefination of 15 proceeded smoothly upon heating with methyl (triphenylphosphoranylidene)acetate, resulting in exclusive formation of the desired geometrical isomer 16. Coupling of 18 with (Z)-(4-chloro-3-buten-1-ynyl)trimethylsilane by palladium (0)-copper(I) catalysis completed the construction of the enediyne moiety,¹² leading to compound 19. Unmasking of the amino aldehyde functionality was realized by reductive opening of the isoxazole ring with molybdenum hexacarbonyl,¹³ furnishing 20.

The propensity of the aldehyde group of 21 to enolize via the vinylogous amine led us to protect the latter functionality as the phthalimide¹⁴ before proceeding further. Scheme III summarizes the final stages of the synthesis. Ring closure of 23 took place upon exposure to base,^{3b,4} leading to a mixture of 24 (wrong stereochemistry at the newly generated center) and lactone 26 (44% total yield, ca. 9:1 in favor of 24). Taking advantage of proximity effects, we corrected the stereochemistry of the newly generated hydroxy-bearing center by conversion to a mesylate followed by exposure to silica gel leading directly to lactone 26. The completion of the synthesis was based on chemistry previously developed by Danishefsky⁴ and Magnus^{3k} on similar compounds.¹⁵ (-)-Calicheamicinone (1) ($[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -472^{\circ}$, c 0.21, CH₂Cl₂) ex-

hibited spectral data identical to those reported by Danishefsky et al.^{4,16,17}

The described chemistry provides a facile entry into the calicheamicin- and esperamicin-type aglycon skeletons in their optically active forms and opens the way for an eventual total synthesis of these naturally occurring substances. In addition, the efficacy and flexibility of the strategy allow for the construction of rationally designed mimics of these compounds that may prove useful in biotechnology as DNA-cleaving molecules and in chemotherapy as anticancer agents.

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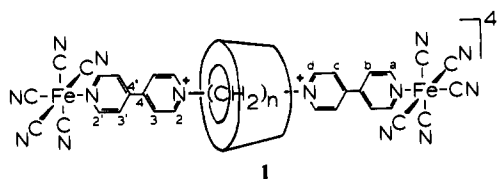
Self-Assembling Metal Rotaxane Complexes of α -Cyclodextrin

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Rotaxanes are chemical species in which a cyclic molecular bead is threaded by a linear chain bearing bulky end units, which prevent the complex from dissociating into its cyclic and linear molecular components.¹ We report herein the rapid self-assembly of a series of stable α -cyclodextrin (α -CD) rotaxanes by the reaction of the labile [Fe(CN)₅OH₂]³⁻ ions with prethreaded 1,1''-(α,ω -alkanediyl)bis(4,4'-bipyridinium) dicationic ligands (bpy(CH₂)_nbpy²⁺, where $n = 8-12$). The stability of the α -CD/ligand inclusion complex allows for the quantitative preparation of the rotaxane 1 in aqueous solution, the formation of which may be conveniently monitored by ¹H NMR spectroscopy.



Several examples of symmetrical rotaxanes based on the cyclic oligosaccharide α -cyclodextrin, threaded by alkyl chains bearing cationic aromatic N-heterocycle^{2,3} or cobalt amine^{4,5} end groups, have been reported. The preparation of an asymmetrical zwitter-

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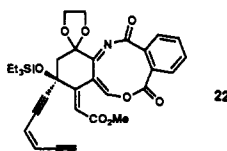
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