

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.<sup>5</sup> 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 Brown<sup>6</sup> to give 8 in a highly stereo- and enantioselective manner (95% ee, >98% de).<sup>7</sup> Compound 8 was converted to aldoxime 9 by standard chemistry. Generation of the nitrile oxide with aqueous sodium hypochlorite was accompanied by spontaneous cyclization,<sup>8</sup> 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.<sup>9</sup> Removal of the MEM group<sup>10</sup> followed by Swern oxidation<sup>11</sup> 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,<sup>12</sup> leading to compound 19. Unmasking of the amino aldehyde functionality was realized by reductive opening of the isoxazole ring with molybdenum hexacarbonyl,<sup>13</sup> 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 phthalimide<sup>14</sup> before proceeding further. Scheme III summarizes the final stages of the synthesis. Ring closure of 23 took place upon exposure to base,<sup>3b,4</sup> 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 Danishefsky<sup>4</sup> and Magnus<sup>3k</sup> on similar compounds.<sup>15</sup> (-)-Calicheamicinone (1) ( $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -472^{\circ}$ ,  $c$  0.21, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) ex-

hibited spectral data identical to those reported by Danishefsky et al.<sup>4,16,17</sup>

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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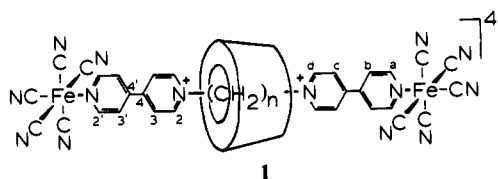
## Self-Assembling Metal Rotaxane Complexes of $\alpha$ -Cyclodextrin

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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.<sup>1</sup> We report herein the rapid self-assembly of a series of stable  $\alpha$ -cyclodextrin ( $\alpha$ -CD) rotaxanes by the reaction of the labile [Fe(CN)<sub>5</sub>OH<sub>2</sub>]<sup>3-</sup> ions with prethreaded 1,1''-( $\alpha,\omega$ -alkanediyl)bis(4,4'-bipyridinium) dicationic ligands (bpy(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>bpy<sup>2+</sup>, where  $n = 8-12$ ). The stability of the  $\alpha$ -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 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy.



Several examples of symmetrical rotaxanes based on the cyclic oligosaccharide  $\alpha$ -cyclodextrin, threaded by alkyl chains bearing cationic aromatic N-heterocycle<sup>2,3</sup> or cobalt amine<sup>4,5</sup> end groups, have been reported. The preparation of an asymmetrical zwitter-

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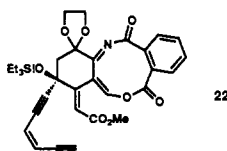
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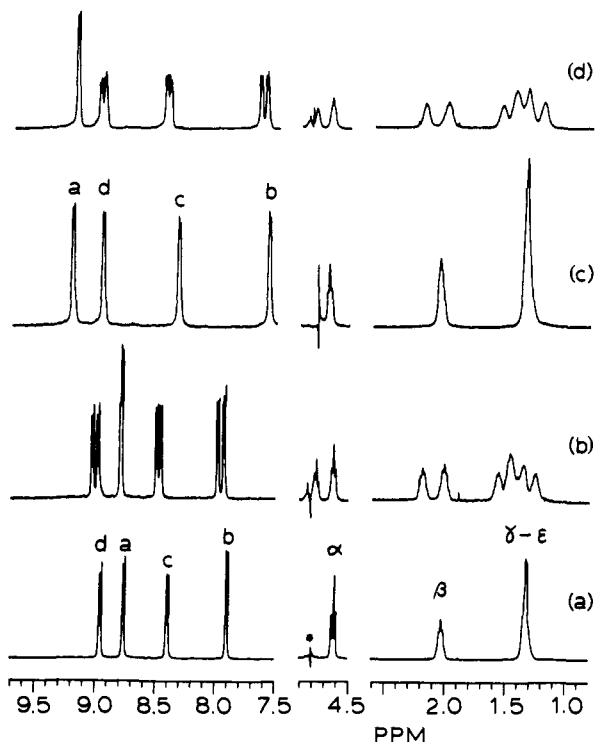
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**Figure 1.** The 400-MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra (in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  vs TSP) of the  $\text{bpy}(\text{CH}_2)_9\text{bpy}$  protons on (a) the free  $\text{bpy}(\text{CH}_2)_9\text{bpy}^{2+}$ , (b) the  $(\text{bpy}(\text{CH}_2)_9\text{bpy}-\alpha\text{-CD})^{2+}$  inclusion complex, (c) the  $[(\text{NC})_5\text{Fe}(\text{bpy}(\text{CH}_2)_9\text{bpy})\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5]^{4-}$  complex, and (d) the  $[(\text{NC})_5\text{Fe}(\text{bpy}(\text{CH}_2)_9\text{bpy}-\alpha\text{-CD})\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5]^{4-}$  rotaxane complex. The proton labels a–d refer to the aromatic protons in 1, and the  $\alpha$ – $\epsilon$  labels indicate the positions of the aliphatic protons with respect to the quaternary nitrogens.

terionic  $\alpha$ -CD rotaxane, bearing dimethyl(ferrocenylmethyl)ammonium and naphthalene-2-sulfonate end units, has recently been described.<sup>6</sup> The preparations of these metal rotaxane complexes have generally involved the reaction of a semirotaxane (bearing one end unit) with a second metal complex or organic end unit. Stoddart and co-workers have recently advanced elegant strategies for the self-assembly of rotaxanes comprising a tetracationic cyclophane bead, polyether threads, and triisopropylsilyl end units.<sup>7</sup>

The  $[\text{bpy}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{bpy}]\text{Br}_2$  bridging ligands<sup>8</sup> form stable inclusion complexes with  $\alpha$ -cyclodextrin by threading the 4,4'-bipyridinium group through the  $\alpha$ -CD cavity such that the hydrophobic alkyl chain resides within the cavity and the cationic bipyridinium end groups extend from either end.<sup>9</sup> The symmetry-related  $\text{bpy}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{bpy}^{2+}$  proton resonances in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the free ligand (Figure 1a) are split into two sets of peaks upon formation of the inclusion complex (Figure 1b). This splitting of the peaks (in addition to induced chemical shifts, as seen for the majority of rapidly exchanging inclusion complexes) results from the asymmetry in the  $\alpha$ -CD cavity, and the slow inclusion and release of the ligand on the NMR time scale.<sup>3</sup>

The pentacyanoferrate(II) group, which has a very strong affinity for aromatic N-heterocycles,<sup>11</sup> may be introduced as the

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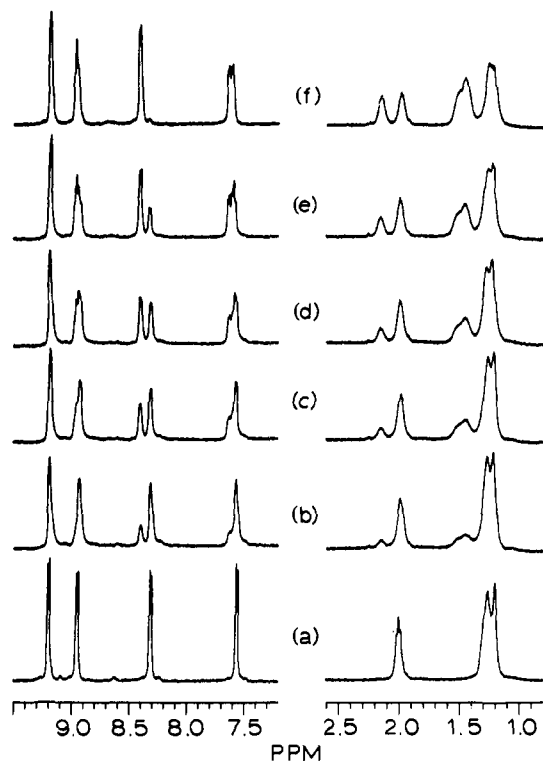
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**Figure 2.** (a) The 400-MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  vs TSP) of bridging ligand protons on the  $[(\text{NC})_5\text{Fe}(\text{bpy}(\text{CH}_2)_{10}\text{bpy})\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5]^{4-}$  complex and spectra recorded (b) 2 min, (c) 4 min, (d) 6 min, (e) 14 min, and (f) 30 min after the addition of a 2-fold excess of  $\alpha$ -cyclodextrin. The final spectrum (f) corresponds to the rotaxane complex.

bulky end units by means of a rapid ligand substitution reaction of the self-assembled  $\alpha$ -CD/ligand complex with the  $[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{OH}_2]^{3-}$  ion (using solid  $\text{Na}_3[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{NH}_3] \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , which rapidly aquates in solution<sup>11</sup>) in aqueous solution ( $k_f \approx 3000 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $I = 0.10 \text{ M}$  ( $\text{NaCl}$ )<sup>10</sup>), yielding the rotaxane complex 1. Coordination of the iron centers to the free or  $\alpha$ -CD included forms of the ligand results in the formation of a strong MLCT transition in the visible spectrum ( $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 540 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\epsilon = 1.18 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for 1,  $n = 12$ ) and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR chemical shifts of the pyridine protons ortho (downfield shift) and meta (upfield shift) to the coordinated nitrogen (parts c and d of Figures 1).<sup>11</sup> The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the rotaxane (Figure 1d) again exhibits two sets of ligand proton peaks, indicating that the complexed ligand is also included in the  $\alpha$ -CD cavity.<sup>12</sup>

The rotaxane complex  $[(\text{NC})_5\text{Fe}(\text{bpy}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{bpy}-\alpha\text{-CD})\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5]^{4-}$  also forms spontaneously upon addition of  $\alpha$ -cyclodextrin to a solution containing the bridged dimer,  $[(\text{NC})_5\text{Fe}(\text{bpy}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{bpy})\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5]^{4-}$ . The formation of the rotaxane by this route may be monitored by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (Figure 2). A relatively slow dissociation of a  $[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5]^{3-}$  moiety ( $t_{1/2} \approx 5 \text{ min}$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ ), followed by the formation of the semirotaxane  $[(\text{bpy}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{bpy}-\alpha\text{-CD})\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5]^-$  and then rapid recomplexation by  $[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{OH}_2]^{3-}$ , yields the rotaxane. The self-assembly of the metal rotaxane complex will occur, therefore, irrespective of the order of the addition of the  $\alpha$ -CD, bridging ligand, and  $[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5]^{3-}$  components. The  $\alpha$ -CD inclusion of the bridging ligand enhances the stability of the resulting bond with the pentacyanoferrate(II) end group ( $k_d = 1.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ ).

Analogous bridging ligands, in which pyrazine has replaced 4,4'-bipyridine, have also been prepared and lead to similar ro-

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taxane complexes.<sup>13</sup> Substituted pyridine and pyrazine ligands form stable coordination complexes with a number of redox-active d<sup>6</sup> metal centers, such as [M(CN)<sub>5</sub>]<sup>n-</sup> and [M(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>5</sub>]<sup>m+</sup> with iron, cobalt, ruthenium, and osmium. Using these preassembled  $\alpha$ -CD/ligand complexes, a great variety of symmetrical and asymmetrical  $\alpha$ -cyclodextrin metal rotaxanes may be prepared. Kinetic and spectroscopic investigations of the ligand-substitution and electron-transfer reactions involving these  $\alpha$ -CD metal rotaxanes are ongoing in our laboratory.

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### On the Use of AM1 Calculations for the Study of Intramolecular Hydrogen Bonding Phenomena in Simple Amides

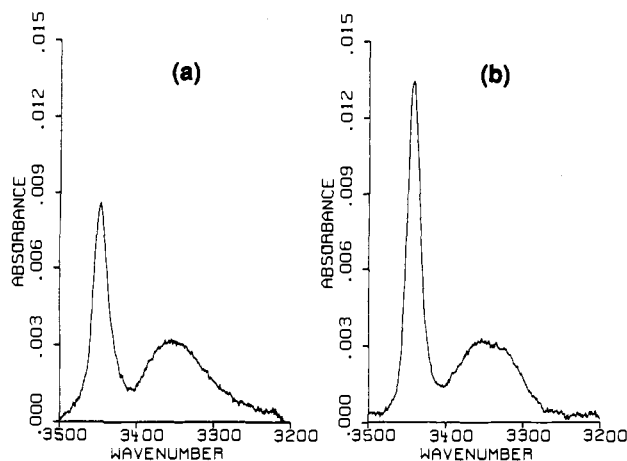
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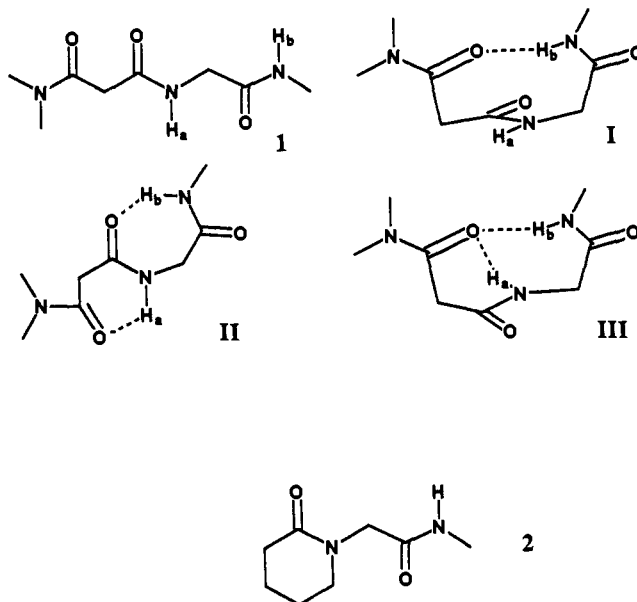
The manner in which networks of nonbonded interactions control spatial arrangements between or among molecules (e.g., enzyme-substrate interactions, host-guest chemistry) and the juxtaposition of segments of a single molecule with respect to one another (e.g., the folding of natural and synthetic polymers) is of considerable interest to both experimentalists and theoreticians.<sup>1</sup> Our experimental efforts in this area have involved the folding of small oligoamides in organic solvents.<sup>2</sup> Because of the structural simplicity of these model systems, they provide an opportunity to evaluate the accuracy with which computational methods reproduce the balance of noncovalent forces (including solvation forces) that controls intramolecular hydrogen bond formation.

On the basis of IR and variable-temperature NMR measurements, we have proposed that triamide **1** in dilute methylene chloride solution experiences substantial temperature-dependent changes in its folding pattern.<sup>2a</sup> Our data indicate that the form favored at low temperature (i.e., the most enthalpically stable folding pattern) is I, in which only H<sub>b</sub> is involved in an intramolecular hydrogen bond. Novoa and Whangbo have recently reported AM1 calculations that predict the global energy minimum to be II; III is also predicted to be energetically favorable.<sup>3,4</sup> In



**Figure 1.** N-H stretch region FT-IR spectral data for 1 mM diamide **2** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, after subtraction of the spectrum of pure CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at the same temperature: (a) 23 °C (absorption maxima at 3447 and ca. 3355 cm<sup>-1</sup>); (b) -69 °C (absorption maxima at 3442 and ca. 3350 cm<sup>-1</sup>). Samples prepared and data obtained on a Nicolet 740 spectrometer as described in ref 2c. Control experiments indicate that little or no aggregation of **2** occurs under these conditions.

II and III, both H<sub>a</sub> and H<sub>b</sub> are engaged in intramolecular hydrogen bonds, which is not consistent with our data concerning the most enthalpically stable folding pattern of **1**.<sup>2a</sup> We point out here that comparison of the AM1 results with experimental observations and with ab initio calculations suggests that the semiempirical methodology does not accurately predict the energetics of intramolecular N-H...O=C hydrogen bond formation in solution.



Our folding hypothesis for **1** was derived in part from the behavior of diamide **2**, which can form a seven-membered-ring hydrogen bond that is similar to the seven-membered-ring hydrogen bond available to H<sub>b</sub> of **1**.<sup>2a,5</sup> Since only one intramolecular N-H...O=C pairing is available to **2**, deducing this

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