GERMACRANOLIDES FROM HELIANTHUS CALIFORNICUS

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Abstract—Five germacranolide sesquiterpene lactones and a trachylobane diterpene were isolated from the hexaploid species $Helianthus\ californicus\$ Four of the sesquiterpene lactones are new, including a 1-oxo-3,10-diol without any carbon—carbon double bonds in the main ring whose structure was confirmed by X-ray crystallography. These results require revision of the structures of several previously published compounds. Two of the germacranolides have alkyl ether functions at a position β to a ketone and are believed to be artifacts of the isolation process. Based on terpenoid chemistry, there are no obvious progenitors of H californicus among the diploid species of H elianthus examined to date

INTRODUCTION

As part of our continuing phytochemical study of the North American sunflowers, *Helianthus* (Asteraceae) [1–5], we have investigated the terpenoid chemistry of *H californicus* DC, a hexaploid perennial species of section *Divaricati*, series *Corona-solis* [6] native to central and southern California and northern Baja California [7] A substantial number of sesquiterpene lactones and diterpenes has been isolated from species of *Helianthus* [7a] Most of the sesquiterpene lactones reported are germacrolide or heliangolide-type germacranolides, while the majority of the diterpenes have kaurane, atisirane or trachylobane skeletons

In this paper, we report the isolation and identification of a diterpene carboxylic acid, the previously characterized trachylobane carboxylic acid 19 [8] and five germacranolides from a chloroform extract of H californicus. One of the germacranolides was the known costunolide derivative 18 [9], while the others (1–3 and 13) were new compounds, although 2 and 3 were probably artifacts of the isolation procedures used An X-ray analysis of compound 1 confirmed the stereochemistries of 1–3 and suggested that several previously published structures (4–9) needed revision

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Compound 1 gave a molecular ion at m/z 380 (5% relative intensity) which had a formula of $C_{20}H_{28}O_7$ (HRMS 380 1835 calculated, 380 1833 measured). Spectral data showed the presence of an α -methylene- γ -lactone (IR $\nu_{\rm max}$ 1767 cm⁻¹, ¹³C NMR δ 169 0 s, ¹H NMR two narrowly-split doublets at δ 5 67 and 6 27) and an angelic acid side chain [IR $\nu_{\rm max}$ 1714 cm⁻¹, MS m/z 83 (base peak), ¹³C NMR δ 165 6 s, ¹H NMR. a spin system consisting of two methyl groups at 1 80 and 1 95 and a vinylic proton at 6 08] Of the three remaining oxygen atoms, one was in an unconjugated ketone (IR 1714 cm⁻¹, ¹³C NMR δ 213 5 s) and at least one was in a hydroxyl group (IR 3530 cm⁻¹, ¹H NMR: D₂O-exchangeable br s at 4 04) These structural features

*Ang = angelate, 1Val = 1V

**Since C-10 is depicted as a re-entry angle in these formulae, it is necessary to reverse the relative configuration at this position according to recommendations made earlier [52] The relative configuration at C-10 in 1-5, 10 and 11 is R (and that in the enantiomeric formulae 1a-3a is S) In 1b-3b, which are rotamers of 1a-3a, the C-10 substituents have 'moved' to position 4 where, because this center is not drawn in re-entrant fashion, their orientations are no longer reversed Similar considerations apply to C-4, which has an R configuration in 1-5, 10 and 11, but becomes S in 1a-3a (and in 1b-3b) In 1b-3b, the C-4 methyl group has 'moved' to a re-entrant position, C-10, so its configuration has been reversed Compounds 6-9 are depicted as in the original description. It is not known if the authors had intended to reverse the stereochemistry at C-10 in these compounds or not

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Table 1 ¹³C NMR spectra of compounds 1-3, 10 and 13*

	1	2	3	10	13
C-1	213 5 s	214 8 s	215 2 s	208 2 s	126 0 d
C-2	41 9 t‡	377 t	40 0 t‡	125 5 d	30 5 t
C-3	69 1 d†	80 3 d	77 2 d	147 0 d	76 0 d
C-4	30 3 d	30 2 d	30 5 d	28 5 d	134 2 s
C-5	35 6 t†	35 1 t	357t	40 6 t**	130 2 d
C-6	75 9 d†	76 5 d	76 2 d	76 1 d	70 4 d
C-7	41 9 d	42 9 d	43 2 d	42 6 d	59 1 d
C-8	72 1 d†	70 0 d	71 4 d¶	73 7 d	79 5 d
C-9	40 6 t‡	40 2 t‡	40 7 t‡	40 4 t**	477 t
C-10	77 6 s	78 1 s	78 6 s	767 s	1336s
C-11	1368s	136 3 s	137 1 s	136 1 s	41 2 d
C-12	169 O s	169 3 s	169 7 s	169 5 s	179 2 s
C-13	123 5 t	123 4 t	123 6 t	125 1 t	177 <i>q</i> ††
C-14	27 8 q	28 5 q	29 0 q	28 2 q	157q††
C-15	20 5 q §	20 2 q§	23 8 q §	200q§	1689++
C-1'	1656s	166 3 s	166 6 s	166 2 s	
C-2'	127 O s	127 2 s	127 8 s	127 1 s	_
C-3'	138 6 d	139 8 d	139 8 d	140 1 d	_
C-4'	153q	157 q	16 2 q	157 q	_
C-5'	198q§	20 0 q §	22 5 q §	20 1 q §	_
ОМе		58 1 q		_	_
OCH(Me) ₂	_		70 7 d¶	_	_
	_		207q	_	_
	_	_	20.7q	_	_
Acetate					1705s
		-			21 3 q

^{*}Run at 22 6 MHz in CDCl₃ with TMS as an internal standard Assignments made using off-resonance decoupling experiments and by analogy with portions of model compounds 1-3 [5, 14, 15], 10 [14, 49] and 14 [33, 50, 51]

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 OAC OR $R = 2$ Mebut

	$3-OR^1$	<u>4—Me</u>	<u>8-OR</u>	<u>10-OAc</u>
6 $R = Mac R^1 = H$	β	α	α	β
7 $R = Ang R^1 = H$	β	β	α	α
8 R = Ang R1 = H	α	α	β	β
9 R = Mac R ¹ = Me	β	α	α	β

accounted for six of the seven degrees of unsaturation calculated from the molecular formula Since all of the 13 C NMR resonances for sp^2 -hybridized carbons were accounted for (Table 1), the final degree of unsaturation was a ring. This ring had to be carbocyclic and the remaining oxygen had to be in a second hydroxyl group since there was only one more 13 C NMR signal for an sp^3 -hybridized carbon atom bonded to oxygen

Spin decoupling experiments were undertaken to assign the remainder of the ¹H NMR signals (Tables 2 and 3) Irradiation at $\delta 6$ 27 (H-13a) located H-7 (2 66), which was coupled to signals at 493 and 555 Since there were no carbon-carbon double bonds in the macrocycle, the signal at 493 seemed to be that of the proton at the site of lactone ring fusion and the signal at 5 55 was probably that of the proton at the position of attachment of the ester side chain Irradiation at 5 55 collapsed a sharp two-proton doublet at 240 into a singlet, while irradiation at 493 simplified methylene protons at 146 and 218 These methylene protons seemed to be spin-coupled to a partially-obscured multiplet at ca 1 95, which was in turn coupled to a saturated methyl group (1 12 d) and a ddd at 4 28, a signal assignable to a proton adjacent to a hydroxyl group Irradiation at 428 collapsed double doublets at

[†]Assignments confirmed by single-frequency off-resonance decoupling experiments

^{‡§||¶**††}Assignments interchangeable

Table 2 'H NMR spectra of the sesquiterpene lactones 1-8* chemical shifts

	-	1 (C,D,N)	2	3	4 [10]	\$ [10]	6 [11]	7 [12]	8 [13]
H-2a†	3 12 dd	3.75) 2 96 (2H) d	3 05 dd	3 25	3 25	315	3 17	316
H-2b	2 85 dd	3 19	1		2 96	295	2 89	291	2 30
H-3	4 28 ddd	4 63	3 73 dt		434	431	4 23	4 23	4 24
H-4	1 95‡	2 39 dddg	195‡		++	1 75‡	2 10	2 08‡	206
H-5a	2 18 ddd	2 67	2 14		++	2 1 2	2 10	2 08	2 10
H-5b	1 46 ddd	1 53	146		++	16	1 51	1 53	1 53
9-H	4 93 ddd	5 55	4 88		4 90	4 92	4 48	4 46	4 45
H-7	2 66 dddd	3 28	264		2 59	260	2 98	2 95	2 94
H-8	5 55 td	6 11 ddd	5 54 td		5 80 dd	5 94	4 94 ddd	5 01	200
H-9a	2 40 (2H) d	3 01 dd	2 40 (2H) d		5 54 4	585	2 64 dd	260	2 61
H-96	1 ∽	2 57 dd	\ ~		{	ļ	2 19 dd	2 15	215
H-13a	6 27 d	627	6 26		6 31	6 2 9	6 33	6 33	6 32
H-13b	5714	5 48	5 79		5 80	5 79	5.71	5 70	5 70
H-14	1 39 (3H) s	1 49 (3H)	1 37 (3H)		1 28 (3H)	1 27 (3H)	1 88 (3H)	1 89 (3H)	1 90 (3H)
H-15	1 12 (3H) d	1 24 (3H)	111 (3H)		114 (3H)	1 14 (3H)	1 13 (3H)	1 13 (3H)	1 14 (3H)
H-3′	6 08 44	296	617						
H-4′	195 (3H) dq	201 (3H)	1 95 (3H)		1				
H-5′	180 (3H) br s	1 80 (3H)	1 79 (3H)	1 79 (3H)	ļ				
10-0H	4 04 br s	1	4 03	4 02	ł				
OMe	1	1	3 39 (3H) s	1	١				
OCH(Me) ₂	1	ļ	١	3 63 septet	}				
	1	1	ì	1 16 (3H) d	}				
	l	l	1	1 15 (3H) d	1				

*Run in CDCI, (except as noted) with TMS as an internal standard Compounds 1-5 were measured at 200 MHz, 7 at 270 MHz and 6 and 8 at 400 MHz Data for 4-8 taken from literature refs given Signals for the side chain esters in these compounds are omitted. Multiplicaties are the same as those in the previous column, except as noted

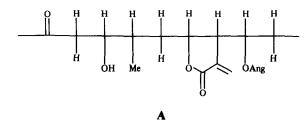
† Methylene proton assignments—1-3 $2a = 2\beta$, $2b = 2\alpha$, $5a = 5\beta$, $5b = 5\alpha$, 7 $2a = 2\beta$, $2b = 2\alpha$, $5a = 5\alpha$, $5b = 5\beta$, $9a = 9\alpha$, $9b = 9\beta$ Other methylene

protons not assigned ‡Obscured by overlapping signals

Table 3	¹H NMR	spectra	of the	sesquiterpene	lactones	1-8	coupling constants
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	1	1 C₅D₅N	2	3	4 [10]	5 [10]	6[11]	7[12]	8 [13]
					[10]		O[II]	, [12]	
H-2a, 2b	18	18		18	18	18	19	_	19
H-2a, 3	10 5	105	8 5	9	105	10	-	_	_
Н-2ь, 3	6	6	8 5	7	65	65		_	_
H-3, 4	~2	~2	~2	~2	25	25	15		_
H-4, 5a	8 5	9 5	8 5	8		_	9	_	~75
H-4, 5b	4.5	4	4	4	-	4	3	3 5	~3
H-4, 15	75	6 5	7	7	65	65	7	7	
H-5a, 5b	16	15	16	14	_	16	15	15	13
H-5a, 6	4.5	4 5	45	45	65	65	4	5 5	~4
H-5b, 6	8 5	8 5	8.5	8 5	6.5	65	7	75	~10
H-6, 7	4.5	3 5	4 5	45	35	4		45	~7
H-7, 8	2	2	2	2	15	15	~2	5	4
H-7, 13a	2	2	2	2	2	2	25	25	2.5
H-7, 13b	15	15	15	2	2	2	2	2	23
H-8, 9a	8	10	8	8	10	105	8 5	85	9
H-8, 9b	8	4	8	8			~1	1 5	~1
H-9a, 9b		14 5	_		_	_	_	15	14

^{*}See footnotes to Table 2 Where couplings are not listed, they can be assumed to have been obscured, or in the case of geminal couplings, both protons have the same chemical shift Couplings for angelate side chain in 1-3 3', 4' = 7 5, 3', 5' = 1 5 and 4', 5' = 1 5



2 85 and 3 12 into an isolated AB pattern. These results are summarized in partial structure A. The chemical shifts of the signals at 2 85 and 3 12 suggested that they were adjacent to the ketone. The remaining position in the tenmembered ring, then, had to accommodate another methyl group (¹H NMR 1 39 s) and the second hydroxyl group, giving the general structure shown in formula 1, exclusive of stereochemistry.

The relative orientation of the ring substituents in 1 was difficult to determine because the conformational flexibility of molecular models made applications of the Karplus relationship unreliable and because there were no appropriate analogues whose stereochemistry had been unequivocally established. For example, the ¹H NMR shifts and coupling constants for protons at H-2, H-3 and H-4 in the related compounds 4-8 [10-13] are very much like those for the analogous protons in 1 (Tables 2 and 3). This might suggest that all of these compounds share the same stereochemistry at C-3 and C-4. However, the configurations of these three centers in compounds 4-8 have been assigned in all possible ways.

The elucidation of the structure of a derivative of 1, compound 10, helped overcome these problems. The dehydrated derivative 10 was the major product of an attempt to acetylate 1 with acetic anhydride in pyridine. Spectral data showed the presence of a C-2-C-3 double

Table 4 ¹H NMR spectra of compounds 10 and 11*

	10	11 [14]
H-2	6 51 d (12)	6 52 d (11)
H-3	5 91 dd (11, 12)	5 96 d (11)†
H-4	3 10 dddq (5, 11, 12, 6)	3 09 m
Η-5α	1 43 ddd (5, 12 5, 13)	‡
Η-5β	1 83 ddd (5 5, 12, 13)	‡
H-6	4 54 br dd (5 5, 12 5)	4 50 dd (5, 12)
H-7	2 68 br ddd (1 5, 2, 2 5)	‡
H-8	5 36 ddd (2 5, 5, 9 5)	5 32 dt (2, 7)
Η-9α	2 35 dd (5, 16)	2 26 (2H) d (7)
Η-9β	2 26 dd (9 5, 16)	} —
H-13a	6 38 d (2)	³ 6 27 d (1)
H-13b	5 78 d (1 5)	5 77 d (1)
H-14	1 46 (3H) s	1 44 (3H) s
H-15	1 13 (3H) d (6)	1 12 (3H) d (7)
ОН	408 br s	3 70 br s
H-3'	6 05 qq (7 5)	
H-4'	1 95 (3H) dq (7 5, 1 5)	
H-5'	177 (3H) br s (15, 15)	

^{*}Run in CDCl₃ with TMS as an internal standard at 200 MHz (10) and 100 MHz (11) Data for 11 is from ref [14] Signals for the ester side chain in this compound are omitted Numbers in parentheses are coupling constants in Hz

1685 cm⁻¹, ¹³C NMR upfield shift of carbonyl to 208 2, ¹H NMR new signals at 5 91 and 6 51) With the exception of signals for the side chain, the NMR spectra of 10 were very similar to those of neurolenin A (11) (Tables 1

[†]Probably a misprint-should read 'triplet'

[‡]Signal not reported

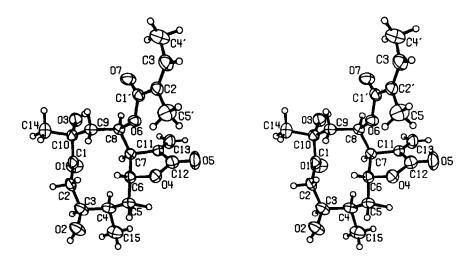


Fig 1 Stereoscopic view of the molecule showing the atom labeling scheme The thermal ellipsoids are 50% equiprobability envelopes, with hydrogens as spheres of arbitrary diameter. Hydrogens are numbered the same as the atom to which each is attached

lography [14] The stereochemistry of the main skeleton of 10 therefore seemed to be the same as that of 11, which appeared to fix the configurations at C-4, C-6, C-7, C-8 and C-10 in the parent compound 1

To confirm these findings and to determine the configuration at C-3, an X-ray analysis of 1 was obtained As seen in Fig 1, the orientation of substituents at C-4, C-6, C-7, C-8 and C-10 is the same as in 11 and the 3-hydroxyl group is β -disposed The bond distances and angles in the ten-membered ring system (Tables 5 and 6) are not unusual and show good agreement with corresponding fragments in similar compounds [15-17] The geometry of the C-8 side chain also compares well with that of other angelate residues in natural products [18-20] Some degree of shortening of the angelate methyl bonds due to high thermal motion is seen, although not to the same extent as noted in our previous studies [19, 21] The α -methylene- γ -lactone ring of 1 is decidedly non-planar, as evidenced by the sum of the endocyclic torsion angle

Table 5 Intramolecular bond distances (A)

O1-C1	1 208 (4)	C4-C15	1 536 (6)
O2-C3	1 444 (4)	C5-C6	1 523 (5)
O3-C10	1 434 (5)	C6-C7	1 548 (4)
O4-C6	1 474 (4)	C7-C8	1 520 (4)
O4-C12	1 352 (4)	C7-C11	1 515 (5)
O5-C12	1 202 (4)	C8-C9	1 533 (5)
O6-C8	1 462 (4)	C9-C-10	1 521 (5)
O6-C1'	1 344 (4)	C10-C14	1 534 (6)
O7-C1'	1 222 (4)	C11-C12	1 479 (5)
C1-C2	1 510 (5)	C11-C13	1 306 (5)
C1-C10	1 546 (5)	C1'-C2'	1 468 (5)
C2-C3	1 517 (5)	C2'-C3'	1 335 (5)
C3-C4	1 535 (5)	C2'-C5'	1 501 (6)
C4-C5	1 529 (5)	C3'-C4'	1 496 (6)
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Table 6 Intramolecular bond angles (°)

C6-O4-C12	1106(3)	C7-C8-C9	1180(3)
C8-O6-C1'	118 4 (3)	C8-C9-C10	117 4 (3)
O1-C1-C2	121 5 (4)	O3-C10-C1	107 6 (3)
O1-C1-C10	120 4 (4)	O3-C10-C9	111 6 (3)
C2-C1-C10	1180 (4)	O3-C10-C14	105 8 (4)
C1-C2-C3	115 7 (4)	C1-C10-C9	114 5 (3)
O2-C3-C2	106 1 (3)	C1-C10-C14	107 5 (3)
O2-C3-C4	110 3 (4)	C9-C10-C14	109 3 (4)
C2-C3-C4	115 8 (3)	C7-C11-C12	107 0 (3)
C3-C4-C5	116 9 (3)	C7-C11-C13	130 5 (4)
C3-C4-C15	109 6 (4)	C12-C11-C13	122 5 (4)
C5-C4-C15	107 9 (4)	O4-C12-O5	122 0 (4)
C4-C5-C6	120 6 (3)	O4-C12-C11	109 3 (3)
O4-C6-C5	106 2 (3)	O5-C12-C11	128 7 (4)
O4-C6-C7	104 6 (3)	O6-C1'-O7	122 2 (3)
C5-C6-C7	1149 (3)	O6-C1'-C2'	1107(3)
C6-C7-C8	115 5 (3)	O7-C1'-C2'	127 1 (4)
C6-C7-C11	101 1 (3)	C1'-C2'-C3'	121 9 (4)
C8-C7-C11	110 5 (3)	C1'-C2'-C5'	117 4 (4)
O6-C8-C7	105 5 (3)	C3'-C2'-C5'	120 6 (4)
O6-C8-C9	106 5 (3)	C2'-C3'-C4'	129 4 (5)

Table 7 Torsion	angles (°)
C12-O4-C6-C7	-214
O4-C6-C7-C11	26 5
C6-C7-C11-C12	-233
C7-C11-C12-O4	118
C11-C12-O4-C6	64
O5-C12-C11-C13	119
C1-C2-C3-C4	56 3
C2-C3-C4-C5	63 6
C3-C4-C5-C6	64 9
C4-C5-C6-C7	-543
C5-C6-C7-C8	151 1
C6-C7-C8-C9	-573
C7-C8-C9-C10	-655
C8-C9-C10-C1	68 3
C9-C10-C1-C2	53 6
C10-C1-C2-C3	-1576
C7-C8-O6-C1'	145 9
C8-O6-C1'-C2'	-1766
O6-C1'-C2'-C3'	1747
C1'-C2'-C3'-C4'	01
C5'-C2'-C3'-C4'	178 5

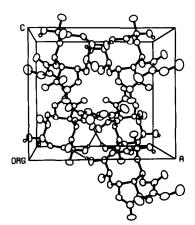
moduli (89°, see Table 7) This is the usual case for a transfused ring [19, 22], quite unlike the nearly planar transfused ring found in niveusin C-2',3'-epoxide [21] The bonding geometry around the ring is in excellent agreement with literature values [20, 21, 23, 24]

The packing of the molecules in the unit cell is shown in Fig 2 Both of the hydroxyl hydrogens participate in hydrogen bonding to an oxygen of a neighboring molecule, with the interatomic separations being

O-2 O-1 = 3023 A and O-3 O-7 = 2897 A Both of these would be classified as relatively weak hydrogen bonds [25, 26]

The absolute configuration of 1 was not assignable from the results of the X-ray investigation alone, since there was no heavy, anomalously scattering atom in the molecule The CD data were of little help in this connection either, since it was not possible to definitely determine the sign of the diagnostic $n \to \pi^*$ transition of the α methylene-y-lactone system (240-265 nm) [27] due to interference from the chromophore of the angelate side chain The CD curve showed a broad shallow minimum from 235-260 nm Therefore, both Fig 1 (represented in 1) and its mirror image (1a) are equally plausible When rotated to a more conventional representation (1b), the mirror image is seen to be 12,8-lactonized with its substituents at differently numbered positions than in 1 Biosynthetic considerations do not permit one to decide between 1 and 1b because H californicus produces both 12,6 and 12,8-lactonized sesquiterpene lactones (see below) and because there are no carbon-carbon double bonds in the macrocycle of 1 to indicate its mode of biogenesis In this paper, the data for 1-3 are discussed as if these were 12,6-lactonized compounds to be consistent with the representation of the analogues 4-9 and 11 in the literature Compound 4 is considered to be 12,6-lactonized based on its conversion to a furanone-type sesquiterpene lactone closely related to zexbrevin [10] However, the absolute configuration has not yet been determined for any of these compounds

With the relative configuration of 1 established, the close correspondence of the H-2, H-3 and H-4 1 H NMR signals in 4–8 to those of 1 (Tables 2 and 3) suggest that the substituents at C-3 and C-4 in 4–8 are all probably β -oriented. The signals of H-5–H-8, however, show consistent differences between 6–8, on the one hand, and 1, 4 and 5 on the other (Tables 2 and 3), probably attributable to a change in the orientation of the C-8 side chain. Since the side chain is β -oriented in 1, it is likely to have a β -orientation in 4 and 5 and an α -orientation in 6 and 7, as originally proposed, but it is probably also β -oriented in 8 \dagger A reversal of the configuration at C-10 in 6–8 might



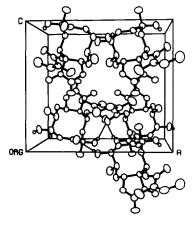


Fig 2 Stereoscopic view of the molecular packing in the unit cell, as viewed along the b axis Hydrogen bonds are included as thin solid lines

[†]Striking similarities in the ¹H NMR spectra reported for 7 [12] and 8 [13] indicate that these compounds are probably identical

also account for the ¹H NMR differences at H-5-H-8, but this seems less likely, as such a change should lead to a shift in the conformation of the C-1 ketone function to maintain its hydrogen bonding with the 10-hydroxyl group which, according to models, should also affect the conformation at C-2 and C-3 As stated above, the ¹H NMR signals for protons at C-2 and C-3 are very similar in all of these compounds

Two close analogues of 1, compounds 2 and 3 (or 2a and 3a) were also isolated during this study Structures were assigned to them based on comparisons of their spectral data with those of 1 (Tables 1-3) The presence of an unprecedented isopropyl group in 3 suggested that this compound might be an artifact of our isolation and purification procedures which employed both isopropanol and isopropyl ether If so, both 1 and 2 might also be considered artifacts derived from the reaction of precursors like 12 with methanol or water Reactions of this type have been reported for sesquiterpene lactones in vitro [28] Portions of the H californicus extract were exposed to methanol during thin-layer chromatography and water was used in the precipitation of phenolics and chlorophyll with lead acetate during the basic extraction procedure [29]

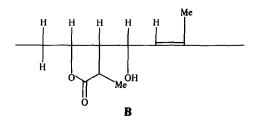
In order to resolve this question, a second collection of H californicus leaves, gathered from the same plants as the initial collection, was extracted and the resulting syrup worked up without exposure to methanol, isopropanol or isopropyl ether (see Experimental section) Compound 1 was isolated from this second extract, but compounds 2 and 3 were not detected As a second test, a small amount of leaves from the second collection was ground in chloroform for 60 sec and the resulting extract analyzed directly, without being subjected to lead acetate treatment Thin-layer chromatography again showed the presence of compound 1 (as well as 13, 18 and 19), but not 2 or 3 Therefore, it appears that 1 and, by implication, related sesquiterpene lactones with β -hydroxyketone moieties (such as 4-8) are probably naturally-occurring compounds, but that 2 and 3 were artifacts of the purification procedures Methyl ethers have been reported to occur in a few sesquiterpene lactones [30, 31], including

9[11], which is closely related to 3 (The C-4 methyl group of 9 is probably β -oriented, as discussed above) In these methyl ethers, the methoxyl group is always β to a carbonyl function

Another sesquiterpene lactone isolated in this study, compound 13, was a saturated α -methyl- γ -lactone [IR $\nu_{\rm max}$ 1773 cm⁻¹, ¹³C NMR δ 179 2 s, ¹H NMR δ 1 46 (3H) d] with an acetate function [IR $\nu_{\rm max}$ 1738 cm⁻¹, ¹³C NMR δ 170 5 s, ¹H NMR δ 2 10 (3H) s], two carbon–carbon double bonds (¹³C NMR δ 126 0 d, 130 2 d, 133 6 s, 134 2 s) and a hydroxyl group (IR $\nu_{\rm max}$ 3450 cm⁻¹) Irradiation at H-13 in the ¹H NMR spectrum (1 46) (Table 8) located H-11 (2 81), which was also shown to be spin-coupled to a signal at ca 21 (H-7) Irradiation at 21 simplified two signals for protons adjacent to oxygen atoms (408 and 436) The signal at 436 was next to a hydroxyl group since it shifted downfield to 555 in the acetylation product 14 The proton at 408, then, must be the one at the site of lactone fusion Further decoupling experiments established partial structures B and C In joining these fragments, placing the double bonds in their usual locations from a biosynthetic perspective (C-1-C-10 and C-4-C-5) resulted in general structure 13 with lactone fusion to C-8

The stereochemistry at C-3, C-6, C-8 and C-11 in 13 was deduced from ¹H NMR data (Table 8) and models, assuming a typical germacrolide conformation with both methyl groups projecting above the β -face of the molecule [32] The large $J_{6,7}$ (9.5 Hz) and $J_{7,8}$ (8 Hz) values were indicative of a C-6α-hydroxyl group and a trans-fused lactone ring, respectively, assuming that H-7 was αoriented as in all known sesquiterpene lactones of authenticated absolute stereochemistry The small $J_{2,3}$ coupling constants (3 and 4 Hz) correlated well with H-2-H-3 couplings in other 3α -oxygenated germacrolides [33, 34], but were quite different from those reported for 3β oxygenated germacrolides (4-6 and 8-11) [e g 35-37] The configuration at C-11 in 11,13-dihydro-sesquiterpene lactones is often determined from the magnitude of the diamagnetic (upfield) shifts of the H-13 signal in benzene or pyridine [38] The pyridine shift of H-13 in 13 was downfield by 0 30 ppm from its location in chloroform,

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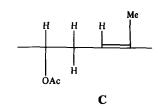


Table 8 ¹H NMR spectra of compound 13*

	CDCl ₃	C ₅ D ₅ N
H-1	5 10 br dd (4, 11)	5 25
Η-2α	2 34 ddd (3, 4, 13)	2 33
Η-2β	2 50 ddd (4, 11, 13)	2 52
H-3	5 17 dd (3, 4)	5 30
H-5	5 02 br d (1 5, 10)	5 39
H-6	4 36 dd (9 5, 10)	4 54
H-7	2 1† (8, 9 5, 10 5)	2 33
H-8	4 08 ddd (2, 8, 9 5)	4 21
Η-9α	2 44 dd (9 5, 13)	2 54
Η-9β	2 79 br d (2, 13)	2 81
H-11	281 dq (105, 75)	3 15
H-13	1 46 (3H) d (7 5)	1 76 (3H)
H-14	1 56 (3H) br s	1 50 (3H)
H-15	1 65 (3J) br s (1 5)	1 54 (3H)
acetate methyl	2 10 (3H) s	200 (3H)

*Run at 200 MHz with TMS as an internal standard Numbers in parentheses are coupling constants in Hz Multiplicities in C_5D_5N were similar to those in CDCl₃

which, for *trans*-fused lactones, is closer to the range for α -oriented C-11 methyl groups (smaller upfield shifts) than that for β -oriented C-11 methyl groups (larger upfield shifts) [38] More significantly, the downfield shift of the C-11 methyl group in pyridine can be explained by its close proximity to the 6α -hydroxyl group [39], a fact which clearly points to its α -orientation

The structure of 13 was confirmed by its conversion to the diacetate 14, identified by comparison of its spectral data with those presented in the literature [33] Compound 14 was previously prepared from the diol 15 isolated from H pumilus An 11,13-dehydro-analogue of 13, compound 16, has been reported [40], but comparison of its $J_{2,3}$ values (2 and 3 Hz, presumably from the pyrazoline derivative) with those of other 3-oxygenated germacrolides (see above) suggests that it has the same

Table 9 Data collection and processing parameters

Space group	P2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2, orthorhombic
Cell constants	a = 12736(7) A
	b = 13587(8)
	$c = 11\ 302\ (4)$
	$V = 1956 \mathrm{A}^3$
Molecular formula	$C_{20}H_{28}O_{7}$
Molecular weight	380 42 g/mol ⁻¹
Molecules per cell	Z=4
Density	$\rho = 1.29 \text{ g/cm}^{-3}$
Absorption coefficient	$\mu = 0.6 \text{cm}^{-1}$
Radiation (MoKα)	$\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ A}$
Collection range	$4^{\circ} \leqslant 2\theta \leqslant 60^{\circ}$
Scan width	$\Delta\theta = (1.00 + 0.35 \tan \theta)^{\circ}$
Maximum scan time	240 s
Scan speed range	04 to 50° min ⁻¹
Total data collected	3191
Independent data, $I > 3\sigma(I)$	1294
Total variables	344
$R = \Sigma F_0 - F_c / \Sigma F_0 $	0 027
$R_{\rm w} = [\Sigma_{\rm w} (F_0 - F_c)^2 / \Sigma_{\rm w} F_0 ^2]^{1}$	1/2 0 021
Weights	$w = \sigma(F_0)^{-2}$
Goodness-of-fit	1 22

configuration as 13–15, and so should have its structure revised to 17 However, in contrast to the published report, Bohlmann [personal communication] mentioned that the ¹H NMR spectrum of 16 shows broad signals and that the couplings of H-3 "seem to be large" He further noted that the acetylation product of 16 did not give chamissonin diacetate, the expected product from 17

The two other compounds isolated in this investigation were the sesquiterpene lactone 18 and the diterpene 19, both known from other species of Helianthus Compound 18, a simple costunolide derivative, was reported from H grossesserratus [9] and H niveus subsp niveus [Whittemore, A T, Gershenzon, J and Mabry, T J, unpublished results], while 19, a hydroxytrachylobane acid first isolated from H ciliaris [8], has also been isolated from eight other species of Helianthus [3, 5, 9, 41–43 and Lee, E, Gershenzon, J and Mabry, T J, unpublished results]

The terpenoid chemistry of H californicus follows the general patterns of sesquiterpene lactone and diterpene constituents isolated from other species of Helianthus Both germacranolide sesquiterpene lactones and trachylobane diterpenes are common in the genus The species considered to be most closely related to H californicus on morphological grounds [7, 44] is H nuttallu, another member of section Divaricati, series Corona-solis [6] This taxon, a native of the Rocky Mountains and southern Canada with a diploid chromosome number, has been suggested as a likely progenitor of the hexaploid H californicus [7] The chemical evidence for these relationships is equivocal Helianthus nuttallii has been shown to contain a distinctive 12,8-cis-lactorized eudesmanolide and a furanoheliangolide [Lee, E, Gershenzon, J and Mabry, T J, unpublished results However, no eudesmanolides or furanoheliangolides were isolated in this study, although compounds 1-3 might be considered heliangolide derivatives Interestingly, H californicus has chemical similarities with two Helianthus taxa of the western United States which are classed in other sections

[†]Partially obscured due to overlapping signals

of the genus Helianthus niveus subsp niveus (section Helianthus), found along the coast of Baja California, also produces 18 [Whittemore, A, Gershenzon, J and Mabry, T J, unpublished results], while H pumilus (section Ciliares), native to Colorado and Wyoming, contains 15, an 11,13-dehydro-12,8-lactonized germacrolide very similar to 13 [33] Investigations of the terpenoid chemistry of additional species of Helianthus are in progress

EXPERIMENTAL

Plant material Leaves of Helianthus californicus were collected at the US Dept of Agriculture research facility, Bushland, Texas on 14 October, 1978 (J G #35) and on 11 August, 1979 (J G #44, vouchers on deposit at the Herbarium of the University of Texas) from plants growing from rootstock originally collected on the west side of Lake Berryessa, Napa Co, California, on Knoxville Rd (01 00 marker), north of state highway 128, 27 August, 1977 (C E Rogers and T E Thompson #772)

First extraction Plant material collected in 1978 (700 g) was air-dried, ground and extracted with CHCl₃ at room temp for 24 hr Standard workup [29] gave 5 6 g of crude syrup which was applied to a silica gel column (140 g) packed in CHCl₃. The column was eluted with a CHCl₃—iso-PrOH gradient Fractions that eluted with 5% iso-PrOH were combined and separated by repeated prep TLC (silica gel, 2 mm) in several solvent systems [CHCl₃—iso-PrOH (15 1), CHCl₃—MeOH (20 1), toluene—EtOAc (1 1)] to give 87 mg of 2 and 34 mg of 3 These compounds were recrystallized from mixtures of EtOAc and iso-Pr₂O

A ppt from fractions that eluted with 10% iso-PrOH was washed with CHCl₃ and MeOH leaving 104 mg of 19 as powdery crystals Methylation of 50 mg of 19 with CH₂N₂ gave 16 mg of 20 as long white needles Compounds 19 and 20 were identified by comparison of their mps and spectral data with those in the literature [18] and with those obtained from an authentic specimen isolated from H niveus subsp canescens and its methylated derivative [3] Crystals formed in the filtrate from the 10% iso-PrOH fractions on standing These were recrystallized from hot CH₂Cl₂ to give 244 mg of 1 TLC comparisons showed that compounds 13 and 18, which were isolated in the second extraction, were also present in this first extract, although they were not purified

Second extraction Plant material collected in 1979 (750 g) was extracted and worked up as before The crude syrup (10 g) was applied to a silica gel column (200 g) packed in toluene, which was eluted with a toluene–EtOAc gradient Fractions that eluted with 40% EtOAc were combined and separated by repeated prep TLC to give 340 mg 13 as a pale yellow oil Fractions that eluted with 50% EtOAc crystallized when triturated with CH₂Cl₂ Recrystallization from hot CH₂Cl₂ gave ca 2 g of 1 Separation of fractions that eluted with 65% EtOAc by repeated prep TLC gave 25 mg 18 as a pale gum that was unstable on standing at room temp TLC showed that 19 was also present in this extract, but 2 and 3 were not detectable These TLC plates, like many others run during the course of this work, were visualized with an acidified vanillin spray [45]

8β-Angeloyloxyternfolin (1) Mp 168–170° (CH₂Cl₂) CD (MeOH) $[\theta]_{284}$ + 1900 (ketone), broad shallow minimum 260–225 nm (e.g. $[\theta]_{237}$ - 4200), $[\theta]_{211}$ - 16 000 IR $\nu_{\rm max}^{\rm Nuyo}$ cm⁻¹ 3530 (OH), 1767 (lactone >C=O), 1714 (ester side chain >C=O and ketone >C=O), 1666, 1267, 1242, 1221, 1170, 1124, 1083, 1047, 1026, 920, 818 MS (probe) 70 eV, m/z (rel int) 380 (5) [M]⁺, 362 (3) [M - H₂O]⁺, 281 (10) [M - C₅H₇O₂]⁺ side chain cleavage at ether oxygen, 263 (9) [281 - H₂O]⁺, 245 (3) [281 - H₂O - H₂O]⁺, 237 (8) [281 - CO₂]⁺,

235 (12) $[263 - CO]^+$, 165 (16), 137 (14), 83 (100) $[C_5H_7O]^+$ side chain acylium ion, 55 (86) $[83 - CO]^+$, 43 (72)

Dehydration of 1 In an attempt to acetylate 1, 150 mg was left in 3 ml Ac₂O and 1 5 ml pyridine for 12 hr at room temp and the reaction mixture worked up in the usual fashion [1] Separation by prep TLC (CH₂Cl₂-iso-PrOH, 12 1) gave 90 mg of 10 as the principal product, colorless oil, IR $v_{\rm CHCl_3}^{\rm CHCl_3}$ cm⁻¹ 3500 (OH), 1760 (lactone >C=O), 1715 (side chain >C=O), 1685 (α, β-unsaturated ketone), 1650, 1635, 1280, 1240, 1140, 1135, 1120, 1050, 1040, 1000, 950, 885, 850, 815 MS m/z (rel int) 362 (59) [M]⁺, 344 (25) [M - H₂O]⁺, 318 (8) [M - CO₂]⁺, 279 (14) [M - C₅H₇O]⁺ α-cleavage of side chain, 262 (65) [M - C₅H₈O₂]⁺ McLafferty rearrangement and side-chain cleavage, 261 (36), 245 (35), 219 (51), 165 (78), 123 (63), 83 (86) [C₅H₇O]⁺ side chain acylium ion, 55 (100) [83 - CO]⁺

X-ray analysis of 1 All measurements were made using an Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 automatic diffractometer equipped with a MoK α target tube and a dense graphite crystal monochromator Final cell constants, as well as other information pertinent to data collection and refinement, are given in Table 9 The Laue symmetry was determined to be mmm, and from the systematic absences noted the space group was shown unambiguously to be $P2_12_12$, which is quite uncommon Intensities were measured using the θ -2 θ scan technique, with the scan rate depending on the net count obtained in rapid pre-scans of each reflection In reducing the data, Lorentz and polarization factors were applied, but no absorption correction was made

The structure was solved by use of MULTAN [46], which revealed the positions of all of the non-hydrogen atoms. The usual sequence of isotropic and anisotropic refinement was followed, after which all hydrogens were located in difference. Fourier syntheses. The thermal parameters of the H-4' hydrogens had to be fixed in the final cycles of refinement due to slight disorder and/or high thermal motion. After all shift/esd ratios were less than 0.3, the full-matrix least squares converged to the agreement factors listed in Table 9. The atomic scattering factors for C and O were computed from numerical Hartree-Fock wave functions [47], for H those of Stewart, Davidson and Simpson were used [48]. Bond lengths, angles and torsion angles are given in Tables 5-7, based on the final positional parameters (Table 10)

3-Methoxy-8β-angeloyloxyternfolm (2) Colorless oil IR $v_{\rm max}^{\rm CHCl_3}$ cm⁻¹ 3845 (OH), 1756 (lactone >C=O), 1720 (side chain >C=O), 1703 (ketone >C=O), 1670, 1618, 1228, 1154, 1090, 1042, 1000, 852, 817 MS m/z (rel int) 394 (2) [M]⁺ C₂₁H₃₀O₄ (HRMS 394 1991 calc, 394 1989 meas), 295 (2) [M - C₅H₇O₂]⁺, 277 (3) [295 - H₂O]⁺, 263 (10) [295 - MeOH]⁺, 235 (33) [263 - CO]⁺, 165 (30), 123 (35), 83 (100) [C₅H₇O]⁺, 55 (95) [83 - CO]⁺

3-Isopropoxy-8 β -angeloyloxyternifolin (3) Colorless oil IR $\nu_{\rm CHCl}^{\rm CHCl}$ cm⁻¹ 3485 (OH), 1756 (lactone >C=O), 1719 (side chain >C=O), 1701 (ketone >C=O in 7-membered ring or larger), 1671, 1617, 1227, 1136, 1110, 1102, 1035, 1000, 858, 818 MS m/z (rel int) 422 (1) [M]+ $C_{23}H_{34}O_7$ (HRMS 422 2304 calc, 422 2301 meas), 380 (1) [M - CH₂CO]+, 362 (1) [M - iso-PrOH]+, 281 (11) [380 - C₅H₇O₂]+ side chain cleavage at ether oxygen, 263 (14) [281 - H₂O]+, 245 (7) [281 - H₂O - H₂O]+, 235 (32) [263 - CO]+, 165 (30), 83 (100) [C₅H₇O]+, 55 (70) [83 - CO]+

 3α -Acetoxy-11,13-dihydrochamissonin (13) Pale yellow oil IR $v_{\text{max}}^{\text{CHCl}_3}$ cm⁻¹ 3450 (OH), 1773 (saturated lactone >C=O), 1738 (acetate >C=O), 1262, 905, 880 MS m/z (rel int) 308 (1) [M]⁺ C₁₇H₂₄O₅ (HRMS 308 1624 calc, 308 1626 meas), 282 (15), 266 (5) [M - CH₂CO]⁺, 248 (9) [M - HOAc]⁺, 230 (6), [248 - H₂O]⁺, 202 (7) [248 - H₂O - CO]⁺, 173 (15), 139 (27), 121 (43), 107 (58), 95 (73), 43 (100)

Acetylation of 13 Compound 13 (70 mg) was acetylated with

Table 10 Atomic coordinates and thermal parameters (×1000)

Atom	X/A	Y/B	Z/C	U11	U22	U33	U12	U13	U23
O1	0 2316 (2)	0 2746 (2)	0 9882 (3)	55 (2)	46 (2)	90 (2)	-8 (2)	16 (2)	14 (2)
O2	0 5501 (2)	0 3343 (3)	0 8998 (3)	30 (2)	68 (2)	79 (3)	2 (2)	-8(2)	16 (2)
O3	0 0901 (2)	0 4095 (3)	1 0300 (3)	34 (2)	85 (2)	52 (2)	-4(2)	5 (2)	11 (2)
O4	0 3465 (2)	0 5227 (2)	0 6079 (2)	40 (2)	49 (2)	42 (2)	-6(1)	5 (1)	14 (2)
O5	0 2510 (2)	0 5467 (2)	0 4445 (2)	78 (2)	85 (2)	35 (2)	-3(2)	-3(2)	19 (2)
O6	0 1762 (2)	0 6134 (2)	0 7540 (2)	38 (1)	32 (1)	46 (2)	7 (1)	6 (1)	9 (1)
O 7	0 0196 (2)	0 6631 (2)	0 8234 (2)	41 (2)	54 (2)	66 (2)	10 (2)	13 (2)	12 (2)
C1	0 2673 (3)	0 3569 (3)	0 9928 (3)	44 (3)	54 (3)	32 (2)	-3(2)	3 (2)	11 (2)
C2	0 3834 (3)	0 3760 (3)	0 9776 (4)	36 (2)	54 (3)	39 (3)	-1(2)	-9 (2)	7 (3)
C3	0 4426 (3)	0 3008 (3)	0 9042 (4)	32 (2)	47 (3)	60 (3)	-1(2)	-3(2)	15 (3)
C4	0 4005 (3)	0 2835 (3)	0 7787 (4)	29 (2)	39 (2)	61 (3)	2 (2)	2 (2)	2 (2)
C5	0 4048 (3)	0 3707 (3)	0 6932 (4)	30 (2)	50 (3)	47 (3)	7 (2)	4 (2)	0 (3)
C6	0 3399 (3)	0 4629 (3)	0 7164 (3)	31 (2)	42 (2)	36 (3)	-4(2)	-2(2)	4 (2)
C 7	0 2210 (3)	0 4446 (3)	0 7342 (3)	27 (2)	32 (2)	36 (2)	-2(2)	1 (2)	5 (2)
C8	0 1648 (3)	0 5183 (3)	0 8131 (3)	27 (2)	31 (2)	37 (2)	-3(2)	0 (2)	1 (2)
C9	0 2054 (3)	0 5322 (3)	0 9397 (4)	34 (2)	36 (3)	44 (3)	2 (2)	1 (2)	-2(2)
C10	0 1959 (3)	0 4452 (3)	1 0237 (3)	35 (2)	55 (3)	34 (3)	0 (2)	2 (2)	5 (2)
C11	0 1814 (3)	0 4523 (3)	0 6082 (3)	31 (2)	42 (2)	35 (2)	2 (2)	2 (2)	-1 (2)
C12	0 2587 (3)	0 5119 (3)	0 5419 (4)	50 (3)	45 (3)	46 (3)	7 (2)	0 (3)	-4 (2)
C13	0 0976 (4)	0 4153 (4)	0 5585 (4)	46 (3)	88 (4)	40 (3)	-8(3)	-3(3)	0 (3)
C14	0 2240 (5)	0 4784 (5)	1 1494 (4)	69 (4)	86 (4)	41 (3)	9 (4)	-7(3)	-2(3)
C15	0 4597 (4)	0 1973 (4)	0 7214 (5)	53 (3)	56 (3)	82 (5)	12 (3)	-2(3)	~6 (3)
C1'	0 0972 (3)	0 6786 (3)	0 7627 (4)	41 (2)	36 (2)	42 (3)	3 (2)	-12 (2)	-4 (2)
C2'	0 1196 (3)	0 7670 (3)	0 6923 (4)	54 (3)	36 (2)	40 (3)	6 (2)	-4 (2)	1 (2)
C3'	0 0494 (4)	0 8391 (3)	0 6794 (4)	81 (4)	47 (3)	56 (3)	11 (3)	-6(3)	9 (3)
C4'	-00592 (4)	0 8473 (4)	0 7288 (5)	80 (4)	82 (4)	104 (5)	38 (3)	-5 (4)	1 (4)
C5'	0 2244 (5)	0 7725 (4)	0 6319 (6)	84 (4)	39 (3)	82 (4)	2 (3)	25 (4)	17 (3)
H(O2)	0 584 (4)	0 290 (3)	0 921 (5)	112 (25)					
H(O3)	0 062 (3)	0 428 (4)	0 994 (4)	100 (0)					
H2A	0 400 (2)	0 452 (2)	0 947 (3)	46 (10)					
H2B	0 411 (2)	0 377 (2)	1 056 (3)	44 (11)					
H3	0 438 (2)	0 231 (2)	0 945 (3)	58 (12)					
H4	0 323 (2)	0 260 (2)	0 786 (2)	19 (8)					
H5A	0 387 (2)	0 344 (2)	0 595 (3)	58 (11)					
H5B	0 480 (2)	0 391 (2)	0 681 (3)	48 (11)					
H6	0 370 (2)	0 505 (2)	0 777 (2)	14 (8)					
H7	0 208 (2)	0 374 (2)	0 767 (2)	18 (8)					
H8	0 085 (2)	0 503 (2)	0 818 (2)	18 (8)					
H9A	0 166 (2)	0 589 (2)	0 971 (3)	50 (12)					
H9B	0 280 (2)	0 559 (2)	0 938 (3)	58 (12)					
H13A	0 048 (2)	0 367 (2)	0 607 (3)	52 (11)					
H13B	0 081 (2)	0 427 (2)	0 485 (3)	42 (12)					
H14A	0 173 (3)	0 542 (3)	1 170 (4)	108 (18)					
H14B	0 291 (2) 0 225 (3)	0 507 (3)	1 152 (3) 1 205 (4)	60 (15) 110 (20)					
H14C		0 421 (3) 0 173 (3)	0 653 (3)	80 (0)					
H15A	0 417 (3) 0 527 (3)	0 1 / 3 (3)	0 694 (4)	101 (20)					
H15B	0 464 (3)	0 138 (3)	0 779 (3)	70 (0)					
H15C H3'	0 076 (3)	0 894 (3)	0 631 (3)	59 (13)					
нз Н4'А	-0 090 (0)	0 785 (0)	0 770 (0)	120 (0)					
H4'B	-0 105 (0)	0 858 (0)	0 649 (0)	120 (0)					
H4'C	-0 103 (0) -0 064 (0)	0 912 (0)	0 783 (0)	120 (0)					
H5'A	0 236 (3)	0 835 (3)	0 597 (3)	67 (14)					
H5'B	0 234 (3)	0 723 (3)	0 566 (3)	81 (16)					
H5'C	0 287 (3)	0 753 (3)	0 678 (4)	75 (17)					
	0 237 (3)	0.00(0)							

2 ml Ac_2O in 1 ml pyridine for 12 hr at room temp and the reaction worked up in the usual manner [1] The reaction mixture was separated by prep TLC (CH_2Cl_2 -iso-PrOH, 15 1) to give 22 mg 14 as a pale gum Spectral data for 14 were very similar to those given in the literature [33]

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