



Homochiral rigid γ -amino acid glycosides from aucubin

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Abstract—Two homochiral glucosylated hydroxy γ -amino acids **7** and **11** were synthesized by chiral pool synthesis in eight steps from the natural iridoid aucubin. © 2003 Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved.

1. Introduction

For several decades, the discovery of new medicinal chemistry leads has almost exclusively relied upon the isolation of bioactive natural products from plant extracts, microbiological fermentations or animal sources. More recently, the advent of combinatorial chemistry permitted the intentional creation of chemical libraries, which can be screened for a variety of biological activities in the course of high throughput screening programs. Such libraries should include a large number of diverse molecules bearing substituents and functional groups in a well-defined three-dimensional relationship. In this context, the preparation of novel rigid scaffolds from small homochiral natural products appears a promising approach, which renews the interest in the secondary metabolites of living organisms.

In nature, amino acids and carbohydrates are the major building blocks used to generate molecular diversity. Their combination in glycopeptides and glycoproteins plays an important role in intercellular recognition phenomena, including metastasis, adhesion, infection, and inflammation. Consequently, the interest of various types of sugar-amino acid hybrids and conjugates as scaffolds to build up libraries for improved drug discovery has been recently emphasized.^{1–6} The aim of this work is the synthesis of glycosides of rigid homochiral hydroxyamino acids from the naturally abundant iridoid glycoside aucubin **1**,⁷ in order to provide new structural scaffolds possessing three different functional groups in addition to the sugar unit.

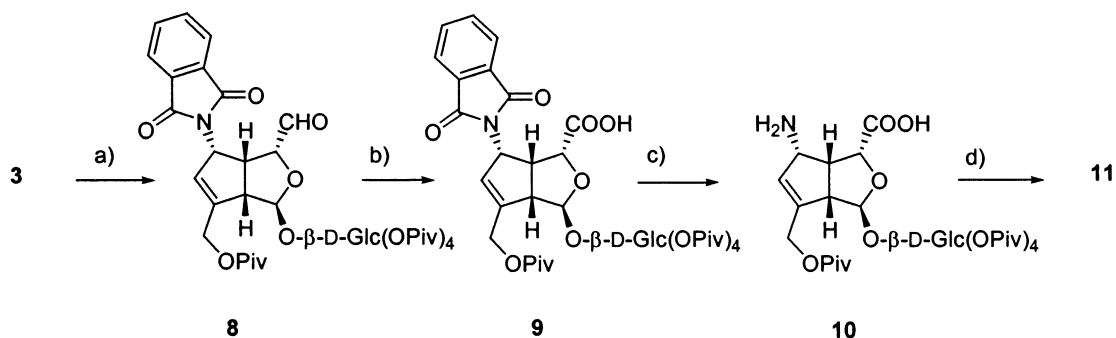
We have recently shown that the hydroxy group at C-6 on the aucubin aglycone could be selectively epimerized,⁸ or converted into an amino group,⁹ and that the cyclopentano[*c*]pyran basic core could be easily rearranged into various other fused systems, including bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane,^{10,11} 8,9-diazatricyclo[4.4.0.0^{1,5}]-decane,¹² and cyclopenta[*c*]furan.^{9,10} These results permitted us to conceive an access to hydroxy γ -amino acids derived from the cyclopenta[*c*]pyran and cyclopenta[*c*]furan skeletons, with conservation of the sugar unit (Scheme 1).

2. Results and discussion

Starting from 2',3',4',6',10-penta-*O*-pivaloylaucubin **2**, readily obtained from aucubin **1** in four steps and 30% overall yield, introduction of the amino group was ensured by a modified Mitsunobu reaction involving phthalimide as nitrogen donor.¹³ (6*R*)-Phthalimidoper-pivaloylbarstioside **3** was obtained in 81% yield under those conditions.⁹ Compound **3** was the key intermediate in the syntheses of both cyclopenta[*c*]pyran and cyclopenta[*c*]furan derivatives. Our approach further involved oxidation of an aldehyde function, obtained either by substitution or by rearrangement, to elaborate the carboxylic acid group present in the target molecules.

Obtainment of a γ -amino acid in the cyclopentano[*c*]pyran series implied introduction of a carbonyl group at C-4 of **3**. For this purpose, a Vilsmeier reaction, which takes advantage of the activation of position 4 toward electrophilic attack, appeared particularly

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Scheme 3. Reagents and conditions: (a) NIS, CH₃CN/H₂O then KHCO₃, Bu₄NBr, toluene, 80%; (b) K₂Cr₂O₇, AcOH, 50%; (c) NH₂NH₂, EtOH, 82%; (d) LiOH, CH₃CN/H₂O, 85%.

3. Conclusion

In summary, two homochiral glycosylated hydroxy-amino acids **7** and **11** were synthesized in good yield from the natural iridoid aucubin. Both possess three points of chemical diversity in addition to the sugar unit. Interestingly, the dihedral angles between the amino and carboxylic groups are significantly different in these two conformationally constrained compounds. Consequently, both appear as rigid scaffolds suitable for further development in combinatorial chemistry, particularly in the fields of glycopeptides and glycopeptide mimics.

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- Compound **5**: Mp 133°C (recrystallized from CH₂Cl₂); $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -9$ (*c* 1, CHCl₃); (ESI-MS) m/z 962 (M+Na)⁺. Anal. calcd for C₄₉H₆₅NO₁₇: C, 62.61; H, 6.97; N, 1.49. Found: C, 62.27; H, 6.64; N, 1.26%; IR (film) ν 3254, 2974, 2936, 2909, 2874, 1735, 1725, 1638, 1481, 1461, 1399, 1368, 1330, 1282, 1206, 1140, 1075, 1038, 943, 721 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.95–7.79 (m, 4H, H-ar), 7.50 (d, *J* = 1.5, 1H, H-3), 6.10 (d, *J* = 8, 1H, H-1), 5.82 (br. s, 1H, H-7), 5.77 (br. d, *J* = 8.5, 1H, H-6), 5.57 (t, *J* = 9.5, 1H, H-3'), 5.32 (d, *J* = 8, 1H, H-1'), 5.30 (t, *J* = 9.5, 1H, H-4'), 5.14 (dd, *J* = 8, 9.5, 1H, H-2'), 5.05 (br. s, 2H, H-10a, H-10b), 4.35 (dd, *J* = 12, 1.5, 1H, H-6'a), 4.28 (dd, *J* = 12, 5.5, 1H, H-6'b), 4.18 (ddd, *J* = 9.5, 5.5, 1.5, 1H, H-5'), 3.73 (td, *J* = 8.5, 1.5, 1H, H-5), 3.00 (br. t, *J* = 8.5, 1H, H-9), 1.30–1.00 (5 s, 45H, 15 CH₃); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) 178.2, 177.6, 177.3, 176.6, 176.5 (C=O Piv), 171.0 (C-11), 168.5 (2 C=O Pht.), 155.4 (C-3), 143.5 (C-8), 133.9 (2 C-ar.), 131.6 (2 C-ar.), 124.9 (C-7), 123.1 (2 C-ar.), 104.5 (C-4), 98.4 (C-1'), 97.6 (C-1), 72.6 (C-3'), 72.3 (C-5'), 70.9 (C-2'), 67.8 (C-4'), 62.0 (C-10), 61.8 (C-6'), 56.7 (C-6), 46.3 (C-9), 38.7 (5 C(CH₃)₃), 35.5 (C-5), 27.5 (15 CH₃).
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- Compound **6**: Glassy solid; $[\alpha] = -34$ (*c* 0.03, CHCl₃); ESI-MS $m/z = 832$ (M+Na)⁺. Anal. calcd for C₄₁H₆₃NO₁₅:

- C, 60.80; H, 7.84; N, 1.73. Found: C, 60.16; H, 7.79; N, 1.75%; IR (film) ν 2963, 2924, 1744, 1724, 1639, 1534, 1480, 1398, 1367, 1273, 1234, 1111, 1076, 1037, 955, 889, 804 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}/\text{CDCl}_3$) δ 8.50 (s, 1H, H-3), 5.88 (*br.s.*, 1H, H-7), 5.45 (t, $J=9.5$, 1H, H-3'), 5.32 (t, $J=9.5$, 1H, H-4'), 5.14 (dd, $J=8$, 9.5, 1H, H-2'), 5.13 (d, $J=8$, 1H, H-1'), 4.99 (d, $J=9$, 1H, H-1), 4.93 (d, $J=15$, 1H, H-10a), 4.82 (*br.d.*, $J=15$, 1H, H-10b), 4.50 (m, 1H, H-6), 4.32 (dd, $J=12.5$, 1.5, 1H, H-6'a), 4.26 (ddd, $J=9.5$, 3, 1.5 Hz, 1H, H-5'), 4.16 (dd, $J=12.5$, 3, 1H, H-6'b), 3.92 (*br.d.*, $J=9$, 1H, H-9), 3.10 (*br.t.*, $J=8.5$, 1H, H-5), 1.30–1.00 (5 s, 45H, 15 CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$) 179.0, 178.4, 178.0, 176.9 (5 C=O Piv, C-11), 153.2 (C-3), 145.3 (C-8), 126.7 (C-7), 110.3 (C-4), 98.7 (C-1'), 97.7 (C-1), 72.8 (C-3'), 72.6 (C-5'), 71.2 (C-2), 67.7 (C-4'), 62.2 (C-10), 61.4 (C-6'), 58.1 (C-6), 47.3 (C-9), 39.3 (C-5), 39.1 (5 $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 27.5 (15 CH_3). **Compound 7:** Amorphous powder. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}=-15$ (c 0.9, H_2O); ESI-MS $m/z=390$ (M+H) $^+$, 412 (M+Na) $^+$. Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_{10}$: C, 49.36; H, 5.95; N, 3.6. Found: C, 49.45; H, 5.95; N, 3.81%; IR (KBr) ν 3412, 2920, 2914, 1746, 1642, 1528, 1463, 1320, 1273, 1038, 991; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, D_2O) δ 7.30 (d, $J=1.5$, 1H, H-3), 5.29 (*br.s.*, 1H, H-7), 4.92 (d, $J=8.5$, 1H, H-1), 4.68 (d, $J=8$, 1H, H-1'), 4.39 (*br.d.*, $J=8$, 1H, H-6), 4.31 (*br. d.*, $J=16$, 1H, H-10a), 4.12 (*br.d.*, $J=16$, 1H, H-10b), 3.71 (dd, $J=12.5$, 1.5, 1H, H-6'a), 3.51 (dd, $J=12.5$, 5.5, 1H, H-6'b), 3.38–3.16 (m, 5H, H-9, H-3', H-4', H-5', H-2'), 2.72 (*br.t.*, $J=8$, 1H, H-5); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}/\text{D}_2\text{O}$) 175.4 (C-11), 153.5 (C-3), 153.0 (C-8), 123.8 (C-7), 110.4 (C-4), 99.8 (C-1'), 99.1 (C-1), 77.3, 76.8, 73.8, 70.6 (C-3', C-4', C-2', C-5'), 61.8 (C-6'), 60.8 (C-10), 58.6 (C-6), 46.8 (C-9), 38.7 (C-5).
20. **Compound 9:** Glassy solid; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}=-48.05$ (c 0.33, CHCl_3); ESI-MS $m/z=950$ (M+Na) $^+$. Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{48}\text{H}_{65}\text{NO}_{17}$: C, 62.12; H, 7.06; N, 1.51. Found: C, 62.10; H, 7.02; N, 1.49%; IR (film) ν 3254, 2972, 2935, 2874, 1774, 1740, 1716, 1480, 1461, 1398, 1367, 1336, 1282, 1141, 719 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.85, 7.72 (2 m, 4H, H-ar), 6.18 (m, 1H, H-5), 5.90 (s, 1H, H-3), 5.40 (m, 1H, H-6), 5.37 (t, $J=9.5$, 1H, H-3''), 5.16 (t, $J=9.5$, 1H, H-4''), 5.15 (dd, $J=8$, 9.5, 1H, H-2''), 5.02 (d, $J=8$, 1H, H-1''), 4.78 (*br.s.*, 2H, H-4'a, H-4'b), 4.75 (d, $J=6.5$, 1H, H-1), 4.22 (dd, $J=12.5$, 1.5, 1H, H-6''a), 4.09 (dd, $J=12.5$, 4.5, 1H, H-6''b), 3.80 (ddd, $J=9.5$, 4.5, 1.5, 1H, H-5''), 3.45 (q, $J=6.5$, 1H, H-6a), 3.32 (m, 1H, H-3a), 1.30–1.00 (5 s, 45H, 15 CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) 178.0, 177.8, 177.0, 176.3 (5 C=O Piv), 173.1 (COOH), 168.6 (2 C=O Pht.), 136.2 (C-4), 134.1 (2 C-ar), 131.8 (2 C-ar.), 128.8 (C-5), 123.4 (2 C-ar), 102.0 (C-3), 96.9 (C-1''), 79.3 (C-1), 73.1 (C-3''), 72.1 (C-5''), 69.9 (C-2''), 67.6 (C-4''), 61.5 (C-4', C-6''), 61.0 (C-6), 57.7 (C-3a), 48.8 (C-6a), 38.9 (5 $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 27.2 (15 CH_3). **Compound 10:** Mp 210°C decomp. (recrystallized from $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$, 1:1); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}=-26$ (c 0.03, CHCl_3); ESI-MS $m/z=798$ (M+H) $^+$, 820 (M+Na) $^+$. Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{63}\text{NO}_{15}$: C, 60.21; H, 7.96; N, 1.76. Found: C, 59.47; H, 7.51; N, 1.50%; IR (film) ν 3455, 3194, 2971, 2936, 2909, 2874, 1741, 1596, 1480, 1460, 1398, 1367, 1280, 1140, 1061, 1036, 965 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.77 (m, 1H, H-5), 5.55 (s, 1H, H-3), 5.28 (t, $J=9.5$, 1H, H-3''), 5.18 (t, $J=9.5$, 1H, H-4''), 5.15 (d, $J=8$, 1H, H-1''), 4.98 (dd, $J=8$, 9.5, 1H, H-2''), 4.79 (*br.d.*, $J=15$, 1H, H-4'a), 4.58 (*br.d.*, $J=15$, 1H, H-4'b), 4.39 (m, 1H, H-6), 4.31 (*br.d.*, $J=7.5$, 1H, H-1), 4.23 (*br.d.*, $J=12.5$, 1H, H-6'a), 4.07 (dd, $J=12$, 3.5, 1H, H-6'b), 3.91 (*br.d.*, $J=9.5$, 1H, H-5''), 3.30 (*br.d.*, $J=7.5$, 1H, H-3a), 3.10 (q, $J=7.5$, 1H, H-6a), 1.30–1.00 (5 s, 45H, 15 CH_3); ^{13}C (75 MHz, CDCl_3) 178.1, 177.9, 177.2, 176.9, 176.1 (5 C=O Piv, C-1'), 141.3 (C-4), 125.8 (C-5), 100.5 (C-3), 95.7 (C-1''), 79.1 (C-1), 72.2 (C-3''), 71.9 (C-5''), 70.9 (C-2''), 67.5 (C-4''), 61.35 (C-6''), 60.9 (C-4'), 57.9 (C-3a), 54.5 (C-6), 46.8 (C-6a), 38.7 (5 $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 27.1 (15 CH_3). **Compound 11:** Glassy solid; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}=-33$ (c 0.1, H_2O); ESI-MS $m/z=400$ (M+Na) $^+$. Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_{10}$: C, 47.74; H, 6.14; N, 3.71. Found: C, 47.68; H, 5.13; N, 3.04%; IR (KBr) ν 3407, 2918, 2318, 2313, 1651, 1587, 1412, 1307, 1069, 1011, 958 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}/\text{D}_2\text{O}$) δ 5.93 (m, 1H, H-5), 5.81 (s, 1H, H-3), 4.96 (d, $J=8$, 1H, H-1''), 4.72 (*br.d.*, $J=4.5$, 1H, H-6), 4.59 (d, $J=7$, 1H, H-1), 4.48 (d, $J=15$, 1H, H-4'a), 4.38 (d, $J=15$, 1H, H-4'b), 4.08 (dd, $J=12.5$, 1.5, 1H, H-6'a), 3.88 (dd, $J=12.5$, 5.5, 1H, H-6'b), 3.70–3.40 (m, 5H, H-3a, H-6a, H-3'', H-4'', H-5'', H-2''); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}/\text{D}_2\text{O}$) 179.7 (C-1'), 147.8 (C-4), 124.1 (C-5), 105.7 (C-3), 101.5 (C-1''), 80.2 (C-1), 77.3, 76.7, 74.0, 70.4 (C-3'', C-4'', C-2'', C-5''), 61.7 (C-6''), 59.6 (C-4'), 58.4 (C-3a), 57.1 (C-6), 48.2 (C-6a).