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## Synthesis of New Conduritol Analogues Derived from Bicyclooctatriene: *Bis*-homo-conduritol-D and *Bis*-homo-conduritol-F

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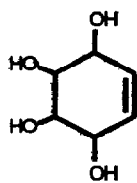
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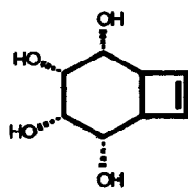
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**Abstract:** The first synthesis of conduritol analogues 2 and 3 is reported. The key compound 7 reacted with  $\text{KMnO}_4$  and *m*-chloroperbenzoic acid in a stereospecific manner to give *syn*-addition products 9 and 10, respectively. Zinc-dust elimination of 10 followed by epoxide opening resulted in the formation of 3b. The free tetrol 3 was obtained by ammonolysis. The other tetrol isomer 2 was obtained by similar synthetic steps.

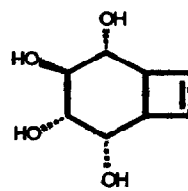
Conduritols are tetrahydroxylated cyclohexene derivatives. Two stereoisomers, conduritol-A and conduritol-F of these compounds are known to occur in the nature<sup>2</sup>. All the possible conduritol isomers have been synthesized and their biological importance has been studied. Potential use of some conduritol and conduritol derivatives as inhibitors for glycosidases<sup>3</sup> adds further relevance to this area. Recently, we have reported the synthesis of various conduritol isomers<sup>4</sup>. In this communication we report about the synthesis and characterization of new conduritol analogues derived from bicyclooctatriene such as, *bis*-homo-conduritol-D 2, and *bis*-homoconduritol-F 3.



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Conduritol

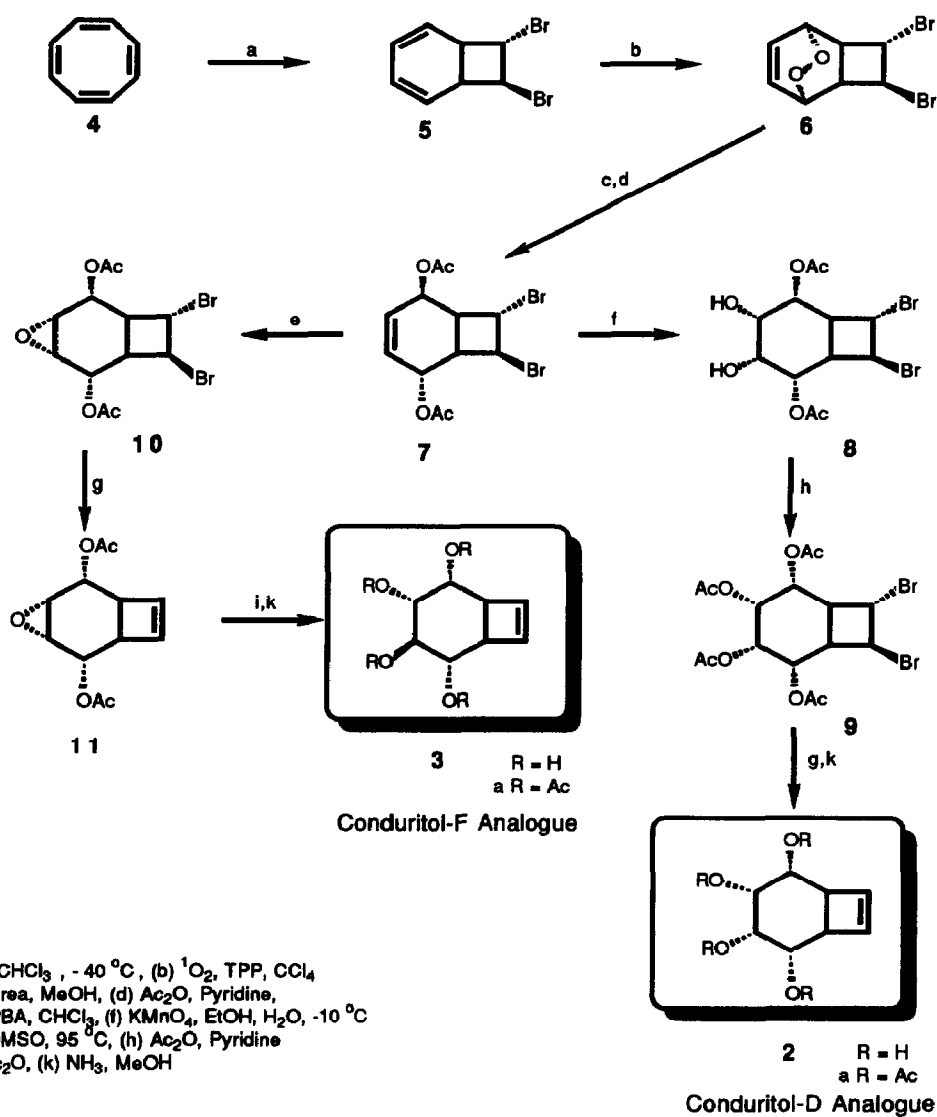


2  
*Bis*-homo-conduritol-D



3  
*Bis*-homo-conduritol-F

Our starting material was dibromobicyclooctadiene which has been synthesized by bromination of cyclooctatetraene<sup>5</sup>. Photooxygenation of *trans*-7,8-dibromobicyclo[4.2.0]octa-2,4-diene in methylene chloride using tetraphenylporphyrine as sensitizer gave the endoperoxide<sup>6</sup> in 80% yield. The reduction of



endoperoxide with thiourea in methanol followed by acetylation in pyridine gave the diacetate **7**<sup>6a</sup> in 75 % yield which was the key compound for the synthesis of our target molecules **2**, and **3**. Hydroxylation of diacetate **7** with  $\text{KMnO}_4$  at  $-10^\circ\text{C}$  in ethanol led exclusively to **8** which was characterized as its tetraacetate **9** (overall yield 68 %). The NMR spectral data confirmed the hydroxylation of the double bond but it was not possible to assess from these data whether the stereochemical course of the hydroxylation was *syn* or *anti*. In order to make a clear-cut differentiation between these two possible structures we carried out an X-ray crystal analysis<sup>7</sup> of this compound (Figure 1). All *cis*-stereochemistry of four acetate groups was determined unequivocally. The stereochemical outcome of this latter reaction was explained by inspection of Dreiding models. This shows the *syn*-face of the cyclohexene double bond is considerably more accessible than the *anti*-face which is blocked by the *endo*-bromine atom.

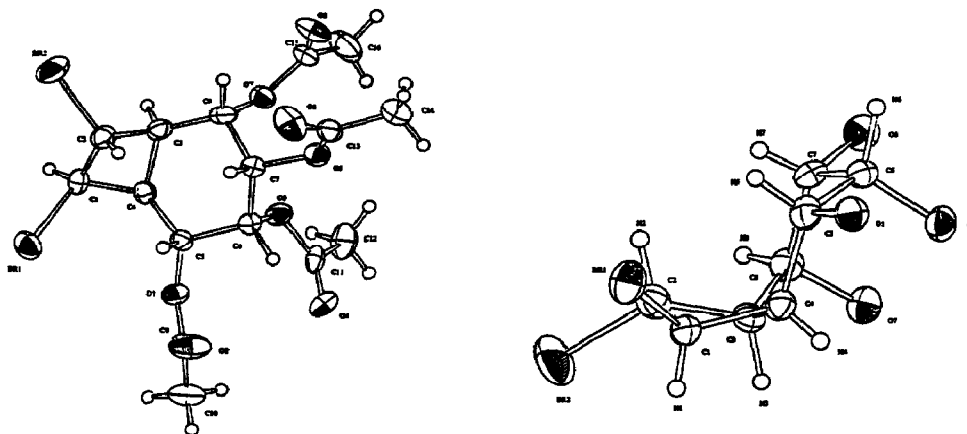


Figure 1. X-ray crystal structure for 9. a) Complete Structure, b) Rings with attached atoms

Table 1. Intramolecular Distances Involving the Nonhydrogen Atoms

atom	atom	distance	atom	atom	distance
Br (1)	C (1)	1.94 (1)	C (1)	C (2)	1.53 (1)
Br (2)	C (2)	1.93 (9)	C (1)	C (4)	1.54 (1)
O (1)	C (5)	1.45 (1)	C (2)	C (3)	1.54 (1)
O (1)	C (9)	1.35 (1)	C (3)	C (4)	1.57 (1)
O (7)	C (15)	1.34 (1)	C (3)	C (8)	1.49 (1)
O (7)	C (8)	1.43 (1)	C (4)	C (5)	1.53 (1)
O (3)	C (6)	1.45 (1)	C (5)	C (6)	1.51 (1)
O (3)	C (11)	1.36 (1)	C (15)	C (16)	1.50 (1)
O (2)	C (9)	1.17 (1)	C (9)	C (10)	1.51 (1)
O (8)	C (15)	1.19 (1)	C (6)	C (7)	1.52 (1)
O (5)	C (7)	1.42 (1)	C (7)	C (8)	1.54 (1)
O (5)	C (13)	1.36 (1)	C (13)	C (14)	1.49 (1)
O (6)	C (13)	1.20 (1)	C (11)	C (12)	1.49 (1)
O (4)	C (11)	1.21 (1)			

Table 2. Intramolecular Bond Angles Involving the Nonhydrogen Atoms

atom	atom	atom	angle	atom	atom	atom	angle
C (5)	O (1)	C (9)	115.6 (8)	O (7)	C (15)	C (16)	109 (1)
C (15)	O (7)	C (8)	117.1 (8)	O (8)	C (15)	C (16)	124 (1)
C (6)	O (3)	C (11)	117.8 (7)	O (1)	C (9)	O (2)	125 (1)
C (7)	O (5)	C (13)	116.5 (7)	O (1)	C (9)	C (10)	110 (1)
Br(1)	C (1)	C (2)	116.6 (7)	O (2)	C (9)	C (10)	125 (1)
Br(1)	C (1)	C (4)	121.0 (7)	O (3)	C (6)	C (5)	108.4(7)
C (2)	C (1)	C (4)	89.2 (8)	O (3)	C (6)	C (7)	109.9(7)
Br(2)	C (2)	C (1)	118.4 (7)	C (5)	C (6)	C (7)	108.8(8)
Br(2)	C (2)	C (3)	118.6 (6)	O (5)	C (7)	C (6)	108.2(7)
C (1)	C (2)	C (3)	86.9 (7)	O (5)	C (7)	C (8)	109.7(8)
C (2)	C (3)	C (4)	87.4 (7)	C (6)	C (7)	C (8)	113.0(8)
C (2)	C (3)	C (8)	119.5 (9)	O (7)	C (8)	C (3)	107.6(8)
C (4)	C (3)	C (8)	120.0 (8)	O (7)	C (8)	C (7)	109.7(8)
C (1)	C (4)	C (3)	85.4 (7)	C (3)	C (8)	C (7)	112.1(8)
C (1)	C (4)	C (5)	115.0 (8)	O (5)	C (13)	O (6)	122 (1)
C (3)	C (4)	C (5)	112.6 (7)	O (5)	C (13)	C (14)	111 (1)
O (1)	C (5)	C (4)	106.0 (7)	O (6)	C (13)	C (14)	126 (1)
O (1)	C (5)	C (6)	111.1 (7)	O (3)	C (11)	O (4)	122.7(9)
C (4)	C (5)	C (6)	112.2 (8)	O (3)	C (11)	C (12)	110.5(9)
O (7)	C (15)	O (8)	126.0 (1)	O (4)	C (11)	C (12)	126.7(9)

The debrominated product **2a** has been obtained by heating of **9** with zinc dust, added with a small amount of iodine at 90 °C in dimethylsulfoxide for 4 h. The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of the tetraacetate support the symmetrical structure in which a plane of symmetry bisects the molecule. Alkoxy protons H<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>5</sub>, and H<sub>6</sub> (coupled with cyclobutene protons) give rise to an AA'BB'XX' system at δ = 5.3, 5.2 and 3.25 ppm where the double bond protons (H<sub>7</sub> and H<sub>8</sub>) resonate at δ = 6.29 as a singlet. An 8 line <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum is also in full agreement with the proposed structure. Deacetylation of **2a** was carried out with ammonia in methanol to give the free tetrol **2** in nearly quantitative yield (mp. 113-114 °C) which has been characterized properly.

For the synthesis of *bis*-homo-conduritol-F **3** we reacted **7** with *m*-chloroperbenzoic acid and obtained again only one isomer. The *syn*-stereochemistry of this dibromoepoxy diacetate **10** was confirmed by differential <sup>1</sup>H NMR-NOE measurements. The dibromoepoxy diacetate **10** reacted smoothly with Zn-DMSO and gave the epoxy diacetate **11** in 84% yield. *Trans*-ring opening of the epoxide **11** in acidified acetic anhydride proceeded regioselectively to afford in 90% yield the *bis*-homoconduritol-F tetraacetate **3**. All analytical methods indicate the presence of only one isomer and the observed asymmetry in the molecule is in agreement with the proposed structure. Finally, deacetylation of **3a** as described above gave the free tetrol (mp. 119-120 °C) in high yield.

In summary, a short stereocontrolled approach to these new class compounds, *bis*-homo-conduritol-D and -F has been accomplished starting from cyclooctatetraene. Further work starting from the diacetate **7** concerning the synthesis of *bis*-homo-aminoconduritol and *bis*-homo-inositol derivatives are currently under progress.

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