

Synthesis and Anti-Actinomycotic Activity of the Oligomycin A Thiocyanato Derivative Modified at 2-Oxypropyl Side Chain

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*A novel way of chemical modification of the antibiotic oligomycin A at the 2-oxypropyl side chain was developed. Previously obtained 33-O-mesyl oligomycin A was used at the reaction with the potassium thiocyanate to produce (33S)-33-deoxy-33-thiocyanatooligomycin in 66 % yield. (33S)-33-Deoxy-33-thiocyanatooligomycin A has demonstrated a lower potency active against *S. fradiae* and *S. albus* than oligomycin A.*

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Синтез и противоактиномикозная активность производного олигомицина А, модифицированного тиоцианатом по 2–гидроксипропильной цепи

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Разработан новый способ химической модификации антибиотика олигомицина А в боковой цепи. Взаимодействием 33-О-мезилолигомицина с тиоцианатом калия синтезирован (33S)-33-дезоксидезокси-33-тиоцианатолигомицин с выходом 66 %. (33S)-33-Дезокси-33-тиоцианатолигомицин показал несколько меньшую активность в отношении *S. fradiae* и *S. albus*, чем исходный олигомицин А.

Ключевые слова: (33S)-33-Дезокси-33-тиоцианатолигомицин, олигомицин А, макролидный антибиотик, противоактиномикозная активность, АТФ-синтаза.

Introduction

Oligomycin A, an inhibitor of F_0F_1 ATP synthases of bacteria and eukaryotes, disrupts bioenergetic metabolism.^[1,2] The extremely high potency of oligomycin A makes this antibiotic an attractive scaffold for rational design of new chemotherapeutic agents. Oligomycins belong to the class of macrolide antibiotics which have highly functionalized molecules with keto- and hydroxyl groups, lactone and spiro moieties, and double bonds. The complexity of oligomycin and its lability in basic conditions^[3] significantly impede drug modification and applicability. These challenges have prompted us to develop preparative ways to diversify the oligomycin scaffold. Additionally, novel semi-synthetic derivatives with a point modification of functional groups at oligomycin A (**1**) would be also valuable for SAR studies, validation of intracellular targets, and depicting the mechanism of F_0F_1 ATP synthase inhibition.^[4] Of interest is the development of modifications of the oligomycin A

2-oxypropyl side chain, as a hydroxyl group of this moiety plays a key role at the inhibition of proton translocation in F_0F_1 ATP synthase.^[5] Recently a fluorinated oligomycin A has been obtained selectively despite the presence of five hydroxyl groups indicating the special properties of 33-OH group.^[6]

Experimental

(33S)-33-Deoxy-33-thiocyanatooligomycin $C_{46}H_{73}NO_{10}S$ (**3**).

To a stirring solution of 33-O-mesyl-oligomycin A (**2**)^[7] (30 mg, 0.034 mmol) in hexamethylphosphoric triamide (HMPA) (3.5 ml) under argon flow, KSCN (67 mg, 0.7 mmol) was added. A flask with reaction mixture was put into the bath heated to 105 °C. The temperature was kept at 105–115 °C. An additional portion of KSCN (0.015 g, 0.15 mmol) was added after 1 h. The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 hrs; after the reaction was completed (TLC analyzed in hexane/acetone, 10:7), the resulting solution was cooled and quenched by adding water (10 ml). The aqueous

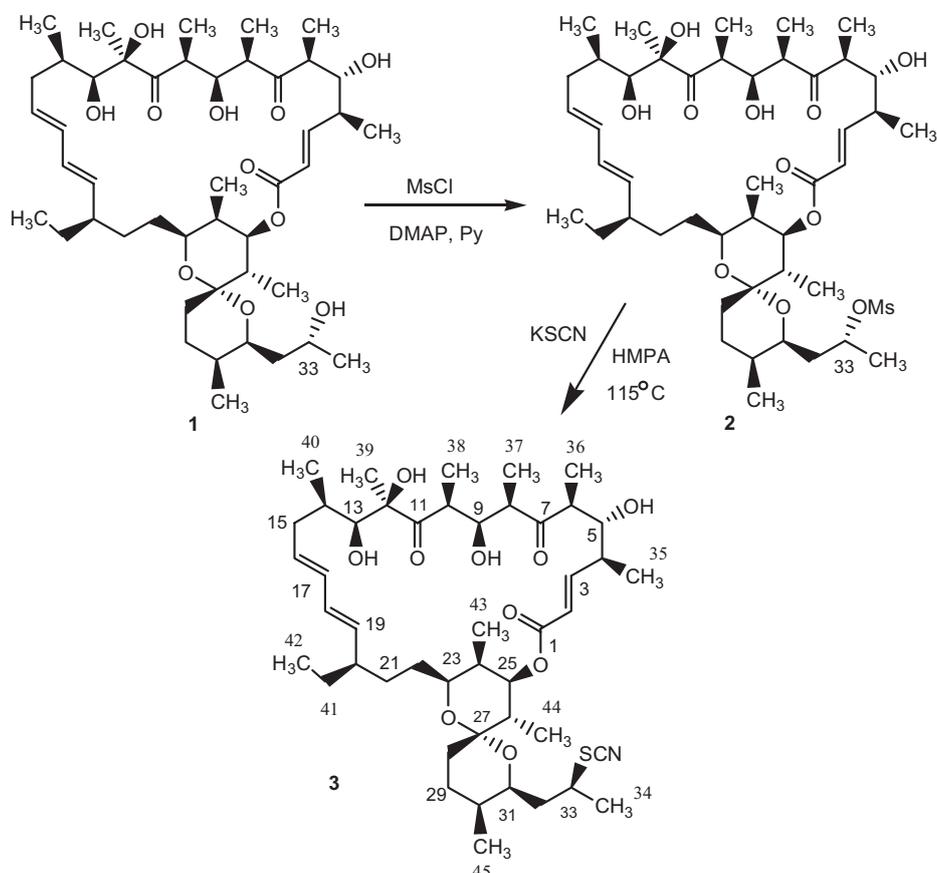


Figure 1. Synthesis of (33S)-33-deoxy-33-thiocyanatooligomycin A **3**.

Table 1. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compounds **2** and **3** with comparison to oligomycin A **1** in CDCl₃.

Position	Type	Oligomycin A (1)		33-O-Mesyloligomycin A (2)		33-Deoxy-33-thiocyanato-oligomycin A (3)	
		δ _C , ppm	δ _H , ppm, mult (<i>J</i> in Hz)	δ _C , ppm	δ _H , ppm, mult (<i>J</i> in Hz)	δ _C , ppm	δ _H , ppm, mult (<i>J</i> in Hz)
1	O=CO	165.0	–	165.0	–	165.1	–
2	CH	122.6	5.80, dd (15.6, 0.7)	122.6	5.80, dd (15.7, 0.7)	122.7	5.86, d (15.3)
3	CH	148.3	6.62, dd (15.6, 10.1)	148.4	6.62, dd (15.6, 10.0)	148.6	6.67, dd (15.3, 10.8)
4	CH	40.1	2.36, tq (10.0, 6.6)	40.0	2.37, tq (10.0, 6.5)	40.2	2.42, m
5	CH	72.9	3.75, dd (10.1, 1.3)	72.9	3.76, dd (10.1, 1.2)	73.0	3.82, d (9.8)
6	CH	46.4	2.70, dq (1.3, 7.4)	46.5	2.71, qd (7.3, 1.3)	46.7	2.74, m
7	C=O	220.2 ^{a)}	–	220.2 ^{a)}	–	220.4	–
8	CH	41.9 ^{b)}	3.59, dq (8.6, 6.9)	41.8 ^{b)}	3.58, dq (8.4, 6.9)	41.7	3.35, m
9	CH	72.6	3.94, dd (8.6, 3.1)	72.5	3.94, dd (8.4, 3.0)	72.3	3.98, m
10	CH	45.6 ^{b)}	2.74, dq (3.0, 7.1)	45.6 ^{b)}	2.75, qd (7.0, 3.0)	45.7	2.8 m
11	C=O	219.9 ^{a)}	–	219.8 ^{a)}	–	220.0	–
12	C-O	82.9	–	82.9	–	83.1	–
13	CH	72.2	3.89, d (1.9)	72.2	3.92, d (1.8)	68.5	3.84, m
14	CH	33.4	1.88, m	33.4	1.85, m	45.9	1.92, m
15	CH ₂	38.3	2.17, bd; 1.98dt	38.4	2.18, m; 1.97, m	38.38	1.28, m; 1.46, m
16	CH	129.3	5.42, ddd (14.8, 10.5, 4.1)	129.3	5.44, ddd (14.7, 10.6, 3.9)	129.8	5.49, t (11.0)
17	CH	132.3	6.00, ddd (14.7, 10.4, 1.4)	132.3	6.01, ddd (14.6, 10.3, 1.6)	130.6	5.98, m
18	CH	130.2	5.90, dd (14.9, 10.5)	130.3	5.92, dd (14.7, 10.4)	132.4	6.05, m
19	CH	137.7	5.21, dd (14.8, 9.6)	137.6	5.24, dd (14.7, 9.6)	137.3	5.27, dd (15.3, 9.9)
20	CH	45.9	1.85, m	45.7	1.85, m	45.74	1.92, m
21	CH ₂	31.4	1.52, m; 1.35, m	31.4	1.40, m	38.5	1.94, m; 2.17 m
22	CH ₂	30.9	1.59, ddd	30.4	1.59, m; 1.07, m	30.7	1.18–1.23, m
23	CH	68.9	3.78, ddd (9.8, 2.7, 2.4)	69.1	3.71, ddd (10.0, 3.7, 2.1)	41.97	3.63, m
24	CH	35.7	2.11, ddq (5.0, 2.2, 6.9)	35.6	2.11, ddq (5.0, 2.0, 7.0)	35.8	2.16, m
25	CH	76.1	4.91, dd (11.4, 5.0)	75.8	4.93, dd (11.4, 4.9)	75.9	4.99, dd (12.0, 4.3)
26	CH	37.6	1.78, dq (11.4, 6.6)	37.6	1.78, dq (11.4, 6.6)	37.7	1.83, m
27	OCO	99.1	–	99.2	–	99.5	–
28	CH ₂	25.9	1.90, m; 1.23, m	25.8	1.88, m; 1.22, m	21.8	1.46, m; 1.28 m
29	CH ₂	26.4	2.07, m; 1.38, m	26.1	2.08, m; 1.48, m	26.23	1.96, m; 2.21, m
30	CH	30.4	1.54, m	29.6	1.60, m	33.6	1.99, m
31	CH	67.1	3.96, dt (10.3, 2.5)	67.9	3.83, ddd (8.2, 5.0, 2.5)	69.6	3.70, m
32	CH ₂	42.4	1.55, m; 1.25, m	40.6	1.83, m; 1.73, m	40.9	1.80, m; 1.98, m
33	CH	64.6	4.00, ddq (9.2, 3.1, 6.2)	78.2	4.87, ddq	41.8	3.35, m
34	CH ₃	24.6	1.21, d (6.2)	22.0	1.48, d (6.2)	22.5	1.62, d (6.6)
35	CH ₃	17.8	1.16, d (6.6)	17.8	1.16, d (6.5)	18.0	1.22, d (6.0)
36	CH ₃	8.2	1.05, d (7.3)	8.2	1.05, d (7.3)	8.4	1.10, d (7.3)
37	CH ₃	14.0	1.09, d (6.9)	13.9	1.08, d (6.9)	14.2	1.13, d (6.1)
38	CH ₃	9.2	1.01, d (7.0)	9.3	1.02, d (7.0)	9.4	1.06, d (6.6)
39	CH ₃	20.9	1.11, s	20.9	1.12, s	21.0	1.16, s
40	CH ₃	14.4	0.98, d (6.6)	14.4	0.98, d (6.6)	11.1	0.94, d (6.9)
41	CH ₂	28.4	1.35, m; 1.25, m	28.2	1.35, m; 1.25, m	28.5	1.39, m; 1.29, m
42	CH ₃	12.0	0.80, t (7.4)	12.0	0.81, t (7.4)	12.1	0.86, m
43	CH ₃	6.0	0.82, d (6.9)	5.9	0.82, d (6.9)	6.0	0.87, d (6.0)
44	CH ₃	11.7	0.95, d (6.6)	11.7	0.94, d (6.6)	12.1	1.00, d (6.0)
45	CH ₃	11.1	0.88, d (6.9)	11.0	0.91, d (7.0)	14.5	1.03, d (6.4)
46	S-C	–	–	39.1	2.99s	111.3	–

^{a), b)} Assignment of reverse signals of the same compound, labeled the same letters.

solution was extracted with EtOAc (2×20 ml). The combined organic layer was carefully washed with water (5×20 ml), brine (20 ml), dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated. The residue was purified twice by column chromatography on silica gel in hexane:acetone (10:7) and then CHCl₃:MeOH (10:0.5). After evaporation of the solvent a colorless amorphous powder was obtained. Yield: 0.019 g (66 %). R_f=0.58 (hexane:acetone, 10:7); R_t = 17.11, 96.4 %. Mass spectrum (ESI) *m/z* (%): 854.4861 (100) [(M+Na)⁺]. IR (film) ν cm⁻¹: 3447 m, 2969 s, 2933 s, 2875 s, 2152 w, 1713 s, 1651 w, 1457 s, 1384 m, 1333 m, 1273 m, 1223 m, 1173 s, 1090 m, 984 s, 894 s (Figure S11). UV-Vis (CH₃OH) λ nm (lg ϵ): 260 (4.4), 280 (4.2) (Figure S10). [α]_D²⁰ -41.6° (c 0.576, methanol). M.p.: 103–104 °C.

Evaluation of the antibacterial activity of compounds 1 and 3. The antibacterial activity of oligomycin A (**1**) and its derivative (**3**) was determined as the diameter of the growth inhibition halo of *S. fradiae* ATCC-19609 cells around paper discs impregnated with tested compounds.^[8] The agar MG medium (0.7 % agar), pH = 7.5, was mixed with *S. fradiae* spore suspension (10⁷ spores per dish) and plated on Petri dishes with agar MG medium (2 % agar). Dishes were overlaid with paper discs containing different concentrations of tested compounds. The growth inhibition halo was measured after incubation for 24 hrs at 28 °C. The compound's concentrations showed the smallest halo diameter were compared.

The details of measurements are given in *Supplementary Information*.

Results and Discussion

Previously the selective transformation of 33-hydroxyl group of oligomycin A side chain **1** into 33-mesyloxy group was observed.^[7] The reaction of **1** with methanesulfonyl chloride in pyridine in the presence of DMAP has resulted to 33-*O*-mesylate of oligomycin **2** with a good yield. It is known that the mesyloxy moiety is an excellent leaving group that can be replaced with wide range of nucleophiles. Therefore, further studies toward the transformation of **2** were pursued. In this study, we have described the modification of **2** into (33*S*)-33-deoxy-33-thiocyanatooligomycin A **3** and compared their antibiotic activity.

After extensive studies, we have found the reaction conditions for successful transformation of **2** to **3** (Figure 1). Treatment of **2** with an excess of KSCN in hexamethylphosphoric triamide (HMPA) at 105–115 °C for 3–4 hrs has given **3** in good yield (66 %). To avoid side reactions, a flask with reaction mixture was put into the bath heated to 105 °C. We were unable to accomplish this reaction in other solvents such as *N,N*-dimethylformamide, *N,N*-dimethylacetamide, or *N*-methylpyrrolidone.

The structure of **3** was confirmed by ¹H and ¹³C NMR studies, high-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS ESI),

and IR spectroscopy. The assigned stereochemistry of **3** was based on the general features of S_N2-type reactions, which led to Walden inversion of substituents at 33-C. The strong characteristic band at 2153 cm⁻¹ for the SCN group was observed in the IR spectrum of **3**.

In ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of **3** the sizeable low field shifts of 33-H signal ($\Delta\delta_{\text{H}} \sim 3.5$ ppm) and 33-C ($\Delta\delta_{\text{C}} \sim 37$ ppm) were noted in comparison with corresponding signals of **2**. Additionally, the quaternary signal at 111.26 ppm in ¹³C NMR spectra and JMOD-HQ experiment have proved the structure of (33*S*)-33-deoxy-33-thiocyanatooligomycin A (**3**). The NMR spectra (Table 1) were elucidated using 2D ¹H¹H-COSY, ¹H¹H-NOESY and 2D inverse hetero ¹H¹³C-HMQC and ¹H¹³C-HMBC correlations (Figures S1–S9).

Actinobacteria of the *Streptomyces* genus, a cause of actinomycosis, has been found to be more sensitive to **1** than other bacteria.^[9] The *Streptomyces fradiae* strain highly sensitive to **1** (MIC <0.001 nmol/ml, <0.0005 nmol/disc) has been validated by us as a useful test system for screening the derivatives of **1**.^[8] To estimate the activity of the novel semi-synthetic derivative **3**, we have tested its potency against *S. fradiae* in comparison with **1**. The screening has shown that although **3** has strongly inhibited the growth of the test culture at subnanomolar concentrations (Table 2), it was noticeably less potent than **1**. This result has correlated with crystallographic data for a drug-enzyme complex that showed an important role of the hydroxyl group in the propanol side chain of oligomycin A **1** for binding to subunit *c* of the F₀F₁ATP synthase.^[4]

Conclusions

We have developed a method for a point modification of the complex molecule of oligomycin A at the position 33 of the side chain. Although (33*S*)-33-deoxy-33-thiocyanatooligomycin A **3** obtained by this method was less potent against *S. fradiae* and *S. albus* than oligomycin A, **3** can be useful for investigation of the action mechanism of oligomycins and functioning of ATP synthase in eukaryotic or microbial cells. Further development of the routes to transform 33-*O*-mesyl-oligomycin A (**2**) potentially useful for diversification of oligomycin A is in progress.

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Table 2. Comparative *in vitro* activity of oligomycin A and (33*S*)-33-thiocyanate derivative against *S. fradiae* ATCC-19609 and *S. albus* ATCC-21132.

Compound		Oligomycin A (1)		33-Deoxy-33-thiocyanatooligomycin (3)	
Concentration, nmol/disc ^{a)}		0.001	0.01	0.01	0.1
Halo diameter, mm	<i>S. fradiae</i> ATCC-19609	10.0±0.3 ^{b)}	19.0±0.5	9.0±0.5	12.0±0.5
	<i>S. albus</i> ATCC-21132	–	10.5±0.5	–	7.5±0.5

^{a)}disc diameter 7 mm;

^{b)}± S.D. of three independent measurements.

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