

## Synthesis of Optically Pure Macroheterocycle with Ester and Hydrazide Fragments on the Basis of *l*-Menthol

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*Based on *l*-menthol we have developed a synthesis method for potentially useful optically pure methyl- and isopropyl-branched 21-member macrolide with hydrazide and ester fragments via sequential [2+1]-condensation of methyl-(3*R*,6*S*)-6-hydroxy-3,7-dimethyl octanoate with glutaric acid chloranhydride and [1+1]-reaction of intermediate tetraester with hydrazine hydrate. The evidence is given for the structure of the obtained macrocycle using IR and NMR spectroscopy and mass spectrometry.*

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## Синтез оптически чистых макрогетероциклов со сложноэфирными и гидразидными фрагментами на основе *l*-ментола

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*Разработан метод синтеза оптически чистого метил- и изо-пропил-замещенного 21-членного макролида с гидразидными и сложноэфирными фрагментами. Структура полученного соединения была подтверждена с помощью ИК и ЯМР спектроскопии и масс-спектрометрии.*

**Ключевые слова:** *l*-Ментол, *O,N*-макрогетероциклы, сложноэфирные и гидразидные фрагменты, синтез.

Modern practical medicine successfully employs pharmaceutical preparations with oxygen and nitrogen containing macrocyclic compounds as drug substances.<sup>[1]</sup> Therefore, the development of methods for obtaining macroheterocycles containing pharmacophoric fragments presents a crucial problem for further modern pharmacology and chemical science.

This report describes a synthetic route to potentially bioactive optically pure methyl and isopropyl branched 21-member macrolide with hydrazide and ester groups fabricated from accessible natural *l*-menthol.

### Experimental

IR spectra in thin layers were recorded on IR Prestige-21 Shimadzu instrument. NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with TMS internal standard and in MeOH+C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> with DSS internal standard on a Bruker AM-300 spectrometer (operating frequency 300.13 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H; 75.47, <sup>13</sup>C). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were written down in modes with a broadband outcome on protons and in the JMOD mode. Chromatography was carried out in Chrom-5 [column length 1.2 m, stationary phase SE-30 (5%) silicone on Chromaton N-AW-DMCS (0.16-0.20 mm), 50-300 °C] instrument with He carrier gas. Column chromatography used SiO<sub>2</sub> (70-230, Lancaster, England).

TLC monitoring used Sorbfil SiO<sub>2</sub> (Russia). Elemental analyses of all compounds were agreed with those calculated. Mass spectra of compounds **3**, **5** were recorded on Shimadzu LCMS 2010 EV instrument using under atmospheric pressure chemical ionization (APCI) with electron energy 20 eV and detection of positive and negative ions. The liquid mobile phase was H<sub>2</sub>O and/or CH<sub>3</sub>CN at flow rate 0.02 ml/min.

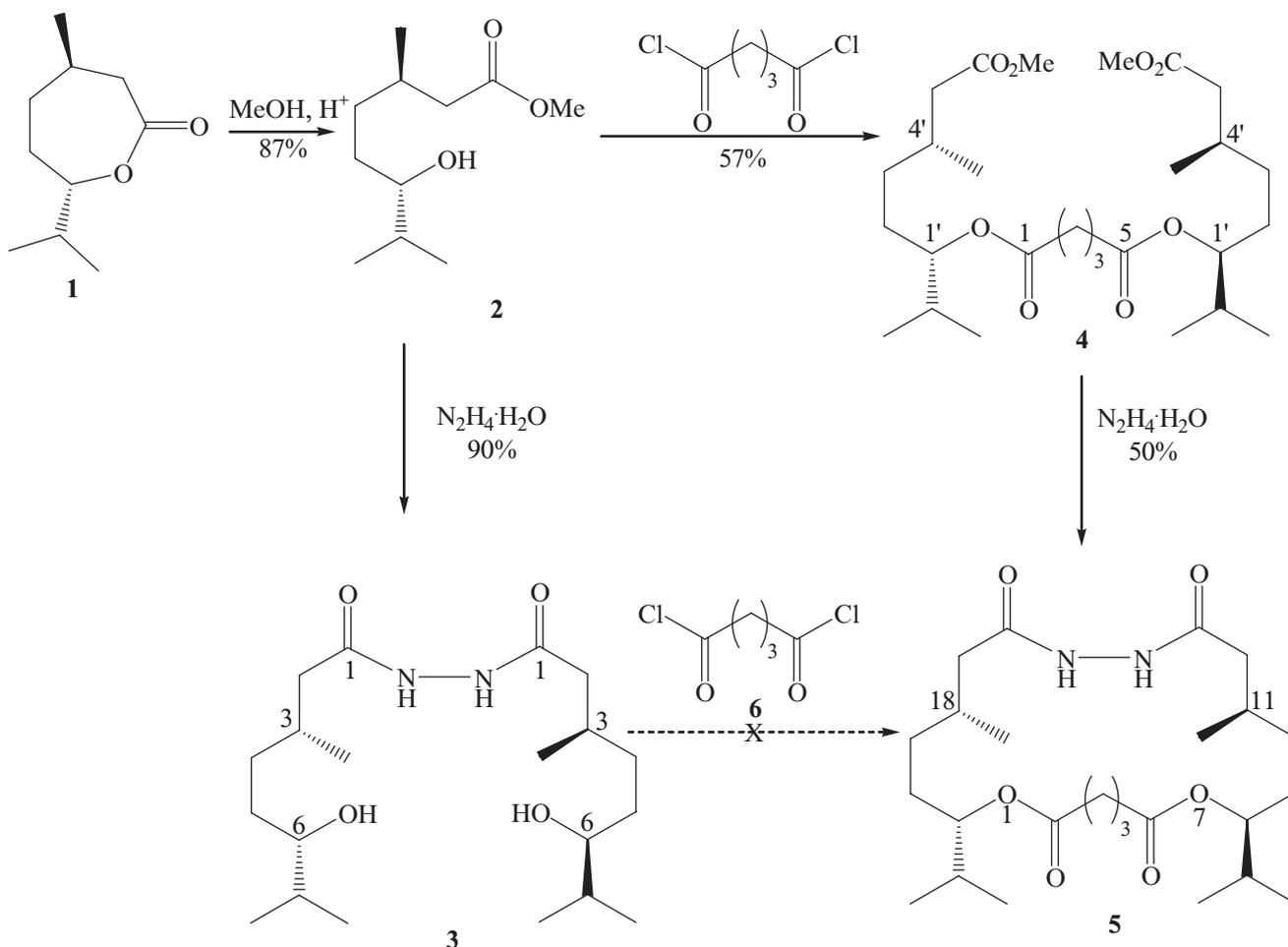
*Methyl-(3R,6S)-6-hydroxy-3,7-dimethyloctanoate*, **2**. To the stirred solution of mentholactone **1**<sup>[2]</sup> (10.0 g, 58.8 mmol) in 100 ml abs. methanol three drops of conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> were added and left to stand for 24 hrs (with TLC control). Thereafter, methanol was sublimed; the residue was diluted with ethyl acetate (100 ml) and sequentially rinsed with saturated NaCl, NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and NaCl solutions; the organic layer was desiccated with MgSO<sub>4</sub> and sublimed. Yield: 10.3 g (87%) by ester **3**, the IR and NMR spectral parameters were similar to those obtained previously.<sup>[2]</sup>

*1,2-Bis((3R,6S)-6-hydroxy-3,7-dimethyl-1-oxooctyl)-hydrazine*, **3**. To 3.00 g (14.9 mmol) of methyl-(3R,6S)-6-hydroxy-3,7-dimethyloctanoate (**2**) in 5 ml of dioxane 0.37 g (7.4 mmol) hydrazine monohydrate was slowly dropwise added, stirred for 4 hrs (until disappearance of **2**, with TLC control); dioxane was sublimed, and the residue was filtered through Schott filter, under rinsing with 20 ml MTBE. Yield 2.48 g (90%). [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> -5.7° (c 1.27, CH<sub>3</sub>OH). *m/z* (APCI, 20 eV): 373 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>], 371 [(M-H)<sup>-</sup>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (MeOH+C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) δ ppm: 0.80 (6H, d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>-3), 1.08 (12H, d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>-7), 1.17-1.24 (4H, m, H-4), 1.30-1.45 (2H, m, H<sup>''</sup>-5), 1.40-1.62 (2H, m, H<sup>''</sup>-5), 1.78 (2H, q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, H-7), 1.81-1.87 (2H, m, H-3), 2.06 (4H, d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, H-2), 3.51-3.82 (2H, m, H-6), 6.02 (1H, s, OH), 9.18 (2H, s, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (MeOH+C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) δ ppm: 17.09, 18.81 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>-8), 19.46 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>-3), 31.24 (d, C-3), 31.66 (t, C-5), 33.53 (t, C-4), 33.99 (d, C-7), 41.73 (t, C-2),

76.82 (d, C-6), 173.66 (s, C-1). IR (KBr) ν<sub>max</sub> cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3285-3170 (NH, OH), 1651, 1629 (CONH).

*Bis[(1'S,4'R)-1'-isopropyl-6'-methoxy-4'-methyl-6'-oxohexyl]pentane dioate*, **4**. To the stirred solution of methyl-(3R,6S)-6-hydroxy-3,7-dimethyl octanoate (**2**) (3.00 g, 14.9 mmol) in 8 ml abs. pyridine glutaric acid chloranhydride (3.10 g, 7.4 mmol)<sup>[3]</sup> in 3 ml abs. ether was added, stirred for 24 hrs (until disappearance of **2**, TLC control). The reaction mixture was diluted with 50 ml of diethyl ester, sequentially rinsed with 5-*pc* HCl, saturated by NaCl solution and desiccated with MgSO<sub>4</sub>; the solvent was sublimed, and the residue was chromatographed. Yield 2.10 g (57%). *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.18 (SiO<sub>2</sub>, petroleum ether - MTBE). [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +1.4° (c 1.88, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 0.85 (12H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>-*i*-Pr), 0.92 (6H, d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>-4'), 1.12-1.35 (2H, m, H<sup>''</sup>-3'), 1.45-1.60 (2H, m, H<sup>''</sup>-3'), 1.49-1.58 (4H, m, H-3, H-4'), 1.78-1.89 (2H, m, CH-*i*-Pr), 1.88-2.21 (4H, m, H-2'), 2.11 (2H, dd, *J* = 14.4, 8.1 Hz, H<sup>''</sup>-5'), 2.29 (2H, dd, *J* = 14.4, 5.9 Hz, H<sup>''</sup>-5'), 2.38 (4H, t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, H-2, H-4), 3.64 (6H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>-O), 4.72 (2H, dt, *J* = 8.1, 4.2 Hz, H-1'). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 17.26, 18.48 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>-*i*-Pr), 19.60 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>-C-4'), 20.35 (t, C-3), 28.30 (t, C-2'), 30.17 (d, C-4'), 30.98 (d, CH-*i*-Pr), 32.23 (t, C-3'), 33.50 (t, C-2, C-4), 41.21 (t, C-5'), 51.26 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>-O), 78.33 (d, C-1'), 172.67 (s, C-1, C-5), 173.36 (s, C-6'). IR (KBr) ν<sub>max</sub> cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1732 (O=C-O).

*(8S,11R,18R,21S)-8,21-Diisopropyl-11,18-dimethyl-1,7-dioxo-14,15-diazacyclogeneicosane-2,6,13,16-tetron*, **5**. To the solution of tetraester **4** (1.35 g, 2.7 mmol) in 10 ml abs. dioxane hydrazine hydrate (0.14 g, 2.7 mmol) was slowly added dropwise under intense stirring and it was stirred for 6 hrs (until disappearance of **4**, with TLC control); dioxane was sublimed. The residue was diluted in 20 ml CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, rinsed with water (3×5 ml), desiccated with MgSO<sub>4</sub> and sublimed. To the resulting residue we sequentially



Scheme 1.

added 1 ml of dry  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and 10 ml hexane under stirring and left to stand until the layers separated, the upper one being decanted. The residue was rinsed with 5 ml hexane and sublimed. The yield was 0.46 g (50%) of the compound **5**.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +0.6^\circ$  (c 2.23,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).  $m/z$  (APCI, 20 eV): 487 [(M+H+ $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ )<sup>+</sup>], 485 [(M-H+ $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ )<sup>-</sup>].  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  ppm: 0.89 (12H, d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3$ -*i*-Pr), 0.91 (6H, d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3$ -11,  $\text{CH}_3$ -18), 1.01-1.25 (2H, m, H-11, H-18), 1.38-1.55 (4H, m, H-10, H-19), 1.41-1.56 (2H, m, H-4), 1.75-1.98 (4H, m, H-9, H-20), 1.78-1.92 (2H, m, CH-*i*-Pr), 2.05 (2H, dd,  $J = 14.0, 5.7$  Hz, H<sup>12</sup>-12, H<sup>17</sup>-17), 2.23 (2H, dd,  $J = 14.0, 7.9$  Hz, H<sup>12</sup>-12, H<sup>17</sup>-17), 2.32 (4H, t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, H-3, H-5), 4.67 (2H, dt,  $J = 8.0, 4.7$  Hz, H-8, H-21), 8.06 (2H, s, NH).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  ppm: 17.12, 18.34 (q,  $\text{CH}_3$ -*i*-Pr), 19.47 (q,  $\text{CH}_3$ -C-11,  $\text{CH}_3$ -C-18), 20.21 (t, C-4), 28.30 (t, C-9, C-20), 30.00 (d, C-11, C-18), 30.84 (d, CH-*i*-Pr), 32.08 (t, C-10, C-19), 33.30 (t, C-3, C-5), 41.56 (t, C-12, C-17), 78.13 (d, C-8, C-21), 172.43 (s, C-2, C-6), 173.07 (s, C-13, C-16). IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3292 (NH), 1735 (O=C-O), 1635, 1701 (CONH).

## Results and Discussion

The synthesis scheme (Scheme 1) is based on chemo- and regioselective transformations of mentholactone **1** obtained from natural *l*-menthol in two stages.<sup>[2]</sup> Re-esterification of cyclic ether **1** with methanol in presence of  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  gave methyl-(3*R*,6*S*)-6-hydroxy-3,7-dimethyl octanoate (**2**), [2+1]-condensation of which with absolute glutaric acid chloranhydride resulted in *bis*[(1*S*,4*R*)-1-iso-propyl-6-methoxy-4-methyl-6-oxohexyl]pentane dioate (**4**).

Involvement of the latter into the [1+1]-condensation reaction with hydrazine hydrate made it possible to get the target macroheterocycle **5** containing hydrazone and ester groups.

An alternative attempt to synthesize the macrocycle **5** via [2+1]-condensation of methyl-(3*R*,6*S*)-6-hydroxy-3,7-dimethyl octanoate (**2**) with hydrazine hydrate followed by [1+1]-condensation of the resulting 1,2-*bis*[(3*R*,6*S*)-6-hydroxy-3,7-dimethyl-1-oxooctyl]hydrazine (**3**) with glutaric acid chloranhydride failed at the second stage, even with another solvent ( $\text{CCl}_4$  was changed for 1,4-dioxane) plus the  $\text{CoCl}_2$  catalyst previously used in<sup>[4]</sup>.

The structures of the resulting acyclic compounds **3**, **4** and macrolide **5** were established by IR,  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectroscopic techniques; the molecular mass was measured using chromatographic mass spectrometry.

The IR spectra of the acyclic compound **3** and macrolide **5** do not have an absorption band in the region of  $1735\text{ cm}^{-1}$  characteristic of the carboxylic function of the compound **2**. The presence of signals corresponding to the CONH fragment ( $1627$  and  $1651\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for **3**;  $1635$  and  $1701\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for **5**) and N-H bond ( $3284\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for **3** and  $3292\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for **5**) evidences for the formation of a hydrazone group. The IR spectrum of the acyclic compound **4** does not have the absorption bands at  $3300$ - $3600$  and  $1099\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for the hydroxyl group, and the presence of the absorption bands at  $1732$  and  $1728\text{ cm}^{-1}$  indicates the formation of tetraester **4**.

NMR data analysis of the compound **5** was performed through comparison of those known for acyclic tetraester **4**. The carbon signal of the COOMe grouping in the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of the product **5** ( $173.36\text{ ppm}$ ), obtained from the initial **4**, and proton signals of the hydrazone ( $\text{NH}_2\text{NHC}$ ) residue ( $\sim 4.90\text{ ppm}$ ) in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum are absent. This indicates that the compound **5** is not an acyclic product.

Besides a carbon signal of the ester groups ( $172.43\text{ ppm}$ ), we can observe a singlet of  $\text{NHC}=\text{O}$  groups ( $173.07\text{ ppm}$ ) in the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of the compound **5**. Proton spectrum displays a downfield signal ( $8.06\text{ ppm}$ ), the chemical shift value and integral intensity of which correspond to the two protons of  $\text{NHC}=\text{O}$  groups. This is testimony to the formation of a hydrazone [ $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NHNHC}(\text{O})-$ ] fragment. All these spectral data point out to the formation of the macrocycle **5** with ester and hydrazone functions, that being additionally supported by mass spectrometry data.

Acyclic tetraester **3** and macroheterocycle **5** were investigated under atmospheric pressure chemical ionization (APCI) with recording positive and negative ions (20 eV). In this case we noted very intense peaks of protonated  $\text{MH}^+$  and deprotonated (M-H)<sup>-</sup> ions as well as their ionic associates with water molecules, since protonation and water solvation capabilities are well-known facts in the chemistry of amides and hydrazides.<sup>[5]</sup>

## Conclusions

On the basis of *l*-menthol we have developed a synthetic method for the optically active macrocycle **5** with two ester and hydrazone functions using [2+1]-condensation of methyl-(3*R*,6*S*)-6-hydroxy-3,7-dimethyloctanoate with glutaric acid chloranhydride and [1+1]-reaction of intermediate tetraester with hydrazine hydrate at key stages. The structure of the macrolide **5** was established by IR,  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectroscopic techniques and chromatographic mass spectrometry.

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