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### PRODUCTS FROM FURAN VII: A SYNTHETIC ROUTE TO C-SUBSTITUTED AMINODEOXYPOLYOLS AND THEIR *cis*-Pt-COMPLEXES

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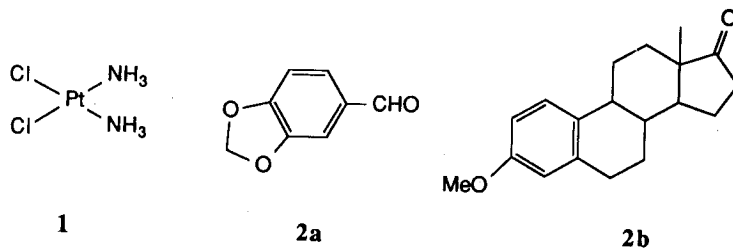
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#### INTRODUCTION

Cisplatin, 1, (*cis*-diaminedichloroplatinum-II), is used today as anticancer agent<sup>2</sup>. The fact that it has no selectivity against various tissues<sup>3</sup> and the dose-related, cumulative and only partially reversible renal toxicity<sup>4</sup>, are the more serious disadvantages of 1.

There is evidence that the presence of a hydrophylic<sup>5</sup> sugar-moiety on the ligand, may decrease the toxicity of the drug. On the other hand, the importance of the receptor binding ability (RBA), of several ligands has also been reported<sup>3,6</sup>.



Having the above in mind, a catechol derivative, as well as, a steroidal one (namely, 3,4-methylenedioxy-benzaldehyde, **2a**, and 3-methoxy-estrone, **2b**), were chosen in order to demonstrate our methodology of producing 1,2 diamines and the related cis-Pt complexes, having a combination concerning hydrophilicity and possible RBA properties.

The synthetic strategy was the following :

- 1) Introduction of the selected substituent into C-5 of an 1-O-acetyl-pentopyranulose.
- 2) Transformation of the C-substituted pentopyranulose to an open-chained 1,2-diaminodeoxypentitol.
- 3) Complexation of the latter compound with  $K_2PtCl_4$ .

#### CHEMISTRY

Introduction of a substituent to a sugar moiety by carbon-carbon bond formation, may be considered as a difficult task. That is why we have decided to construct the sugar skeleton upon a carbonyl group by using the well known reangement of 2-furfuryl alcohols to 2H-pyran-3(6H)-ones<sup>7</sup>. Accordingly, aldehyde **2a** and ketone **2b** were treated with 2-furyl-lithium yielding the corresponding furfuryl alcohols **3a** and **3b** which by subsequent oxidation with m-CPBA reanged to the anomeric mixture of 6-hydroxy-2-(3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl)-2H-pyran-3(6H)-one (yield 65%, two steps, mp 119-20°C), **4a** and 17 $\beta$ ,24-epoxy-24-hydroxy-19,21-dinorchola-1,3,5(10),22-tetraene-20-one<sup>8</sup>, (yield 62%, two steps, mp 191-2°C), **4b**, respectively.

Acetylation of alcohols **4a** and **4b** in benzene -at room temperature for 4h (acetic anhydride, sodium acetate), gave as major product the  $\alpha$ -anomer of **5a**, which was purified by column chromatography using hexane-AcOEt 7:3 as the eluant (yield 76%, mp 99-100°C, <sup>1</sup>H NMR: anomeric proton at 6.4 ppm,  $J_{\text{vicinal}}=3.5$ ,  $J_{\text{allylic}}=0$ ) while the  $\alpha$ -anomer of hexenulose **5b** was purified by crystalization from acetone (yield 85%, mp 169-70°C, <sup>1</sup>H NMR: anomeric proton at 6.6 ppm,  $J_{\text{vicinal}}=3.2$ ,  $J_{\text{allylic}}=0$ ) .



Addition of the azide anion upon **5a** and **5b** under conditions of stereoelectronic control<sup>9</sup>, (three-fold excess of sodium azide, in a mixture of THF:water:acetic acid 3:1:1 at room temperature for 6h) and *in situ* reduction<sup>10</sup> of the carbonyl group with NaBH<sub>4</sub> at 0°C, yielded predominately 1-O-acetyl-2-amino-2,3-dideoxy-5-(3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl)- $\alpha$ -DL-ribo-pentopyranose, **6a**, which was purified by column chromatography with hexane:AcOEt 1:1 as the eluant and crystalized from methanol-water (yield 70%, mp 127-9°C, <sup>1</sup>H NMR: H-1=5.6ppm, J<sub>1,2</sub>=3.2Hz ; H-5= 5.3ppm, J<sub>5,4</sub>= 7.8Hz) and 24-acetyloxy-22-azido-17 $\beta$ ,24-epoxy-20-hydroxy-19,21-dinorchola-1,3,5(10)-trien, **6b**, which was purified after three recrystallizations from AcOEt:hexane (yield 63%, mp 198°C, dec; <sup>1</sup>H NMR: anomeric proton at 5.9 ppm, J=2.9Hz), respectively. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR assignment of the above products were in agreement with analogous compounds<sup>11,12</sup> confirming the equatorial orientation of all but the anomeric substituents.

Treatment of the above acetates (**6a**, **6b**) with a dilute methanolic solution of NaOH (MeOH/NaOH 0.1N 4:1) afforded the pentital **7a** (from **6a**) and tetrital **7b** (from **6b**), which were identified spectroscopically<sup>13</sup>. The latter aldehydes, **6a** and **6b**, were covered *in situ* to the oximes **8a** (colorless oil, yield 81%) and **8b** (crystals from AcOEt:hexane, mp 305°C, dec; yield 83%), by stirring the reaction mixture for 1h at 40°C with an excess of H<sub>2</sub>NOH.HCl, while the pH was maintained at 4.5 with the addition of sodium acetate. Catalytic hydrogenation of **8a** and **8b** at 45 PSI with PtO<sub>2</sub>, using a 2N HCl solution in MeOH/EtOH as the reaction solvent, yielded the hydrochloric salts of the coresponding 1,2-diamines: **9a** : 1,2-diamino-1,2,3-trideoxy-5-(3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl)-5R,S-ribitol (yield 85%, mp 112-4°C) and **9b** : 1,2-diamino-1,2,3-trideoxy-4-(17 $\beta$ -hydroxy-19,21-dinorcholan-1,3,5(10)-trienyl)-erythritol, (yield 71%, mp 329°C, dec). The later salts were both crystalized from ethanol-ether.

Finally the cis-Pt complex of diamine **9a** was prepared by stirring **9a** with a two-fold excess of K<sub>2</sub>PtCl<sub>4</sub> in water, at room temperature. The rate of complexation was followed by monitoring the pH of the reaction, which was maintained at 6.5 by addition of 0.1N NaOH solution<sup>14</sup>. The

precipitate was recrystallized from DMF/ether. The characteristic doublet at  $315\text{cm}^{-1}$  of the IR spectra of compound 10 confirmed the cis orientation of the ligands.

#### SUMMARY

The synthesis of C-substituted 1,2-diaminopolyols via 2H-pyran-3(6H)-ones, is presented. Estrone and catechol were chosen as the C-ligands, in order to produce cis-Pt complexes, having a combination concerning hydrophilicity and possible RBA properties.

The Grignard coupling of the selected ligand with furyl-Li and the subsequent oxidative rearrangement of the furan to a pyran ring are the key steps of this general synthetic route to C-substituted aminodeoxypolyols.

**Key Words :** furfuryl alcohol, 2H-pyran-3(6H)-one, 2,3,6-trideoxy-2-amino-glucopyranose, 1,2-aminodeoxypolyol, cis-Pt complexes, estrone, catechol, anti-cancer compounds.

#### ΠΕΡΙΛΗΨΗ

ΠΡΟΙΟΝΤΑ ΑΠΟ ΦΟΥΡΑΝΙΑ VII. ΣΥΝΘΕΤΙΚΗ ΠΟΡΕΙΑ ΠΡΟΣ ω-ΥΠΟΚΑΤΕΣΤΗΜΕΝΕΣ ΑΜΙΝΟ-ΔΕΟΧΥ-ΠΟΛΥΟΛΕΣ ΚΑΙ ΣΥΜΠΛΟΚΟΠΟΙΗΣΗ ΑΥΤΩΝ ΜΕ ΛΕΥΚΟΧΡΥΣΟ.

Στην παρούσα εργασία παρουσιάζεται μία πορεία σύνθεσης συμπλόκων λευκοχρύσου με υποκαταστάτες ομάδες με πιθανή ικανότητα σύνδεσης με ορμονικούς υποδοχείς (RBA). Στις ομάδες αυτές έχει προστεθεί η ανοικτή αλυσίδα ενός υδατάνθρακα με στόχο την αύξηση της υδροφιλικότητας του τελικού συμπλόκου. Αμφότερες οι βελτιώσεις, στοχεύουν στην ελάττωση της θεραπευτικής δόσης και της τοξικότητας που παρουσιάζει το αντίστοιχο αντικαρκινικό φάρμακο (Cisplatin).

Η συνθετική πορεία είναι η εξής :

- 1) Εισαγωγή του πυρανικού δακτυλίου στην καρβονυλομάδα του επιλεγμένου υποκαταστάτη.
- 2) Προσθήκη  $1,4\text{HN}_3$  στην παραπάνω ένωση και μετατροπή της στην οξίμη του ανοικτού αναλόγου (πολυόλη).
- 3) Αναγωγή των N-ομάδων προς αμινομάδες και συμπλοκοποίηση αυτών με λευκόχρυσο.

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