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Note

Efficient synthesis of 6-thio and 3-thio analogues of Amiprilose and related compounds

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Amiprilose [1,2-O-isopropylidene-3-O-(3-N, N-dimethylaminopropyl)- α -D-glucofuranose] (1) and its hydrochloride salt [Therafectin® (SM1213)] are synthetic carbohydrates [1,2] known to exhibit antiproliferative and anti-inflammatory activities [3–6]. Compound 1 acts as an immunomodulator [7] and therefore has a therapeutic effect on such autoimmune disorders as arthritis, psoriasis, eczema, and systemic lupus erythematosus [3-6]. It has low toxicity and no serious side effects [8,9], but is required in large doses for effective therapy. This presents a problem for oral administration of such a drug, especially since treatment of inflammatory or autoimmune disorders is often mid- to long-term. Attempts have been made by other workers [1,6,10,11] to discover a more potent derivative of this drug. For example, a few 6-thio derivatives of p-glucose, partially or fully protected by isopropylidene groups such as 4a and 4c, were recently prepared. Preliminary investigations showed that they are approximately 5-1000 times more potent than the parent compound [6,10,11]. This prompted us to report a simpler route for 4c and the synthesis of new 3-thio derivatives of 1, as a part of our studies on thioethers derived from various sugars [12,13]. For this purpose a two-step strategy was used in which starting protected monosaccharides were converted into iodides and then condensed with the appropriate tertiary aminoalkanethiolates to give the desired thioethers.

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		$[\alpha]_D$ in CHCl ₃	m/e (ES+)	Formula	Calcd				Found			
pound	(%)				C	Н	N	S	C	Н	N	S
4b	89	+26° (c 1.6)	406 [M+H]+	C ₁₈ H ₃₁ NO ₇ S	53.32	7.71	3.45	7.91	53.15	7.70	3.47	8.09
4c	96 ^b	$-2^{\circ}(c\ 2.4)$	$322 [M + H]^+$	C ₁₄ H ₂₇ NO ₅ S	52.30	8.48	4.36	9.97	50.75	8.51	4.27	9.70
4d	83	$+22^{\circ}(c\ 1.5)$	$434 [M + H]^{+}$	$C_{20}H_{35}NO_7S$	55.41	8.14	3.23	7.40	55.38	8.12	3.20	7.35
4e	92	$-9^{\circ}(c\ 0.3)$	$350 [M + H]^+$	$C_{16}H_{31}NO_5S$	54.99	8.94	4.01	9.18	55.06	8.90	4.07	9.22
6a	96	$-29^{\circ}(c\ 3.1)$	$362 [M+H]^+$	$C_{17}H_{31}NO_5S$	56.47	8.66	3.87	8.87	56.08	8.63	3.94	9.23
6b	89	$-26^{\circ}(c\ 2.8)$	$390 [M + H]^+$	$C_{19}H_{35}NO_5S$	58.58	9.06	3.60	8.23	58.33	9.01	3.63	8.53
6c	85	$-15^{\circ}(c\ 2.7)$	$348 [M + H]^+$	$C_{16}H_{29}NO_5S$	55.31	8.41	4.03	9.23	55.39	8.45	3.93	9.08
6d	80	$-13^{\circ} (c \ 2.7)$	$376 [M + H]^+$	$C_{18}H_{33}NO_5S$	57.57	8.86	3.73	8.54	57.74	8.89	3.70	8.53
7	82	$-41^{\circ}(c\ 1.0)$	$322 [M + H]^{+}$	C ₁₄ H ₂₇ NO ₅ S	52.31	8.47	4.36	9.97	51.80	8.43	4.26	9.46

Table 1 Yields and physicochemical data for N, N-substituted aminothioether derivatives

For the synthesis of the known 6-thio-regioisomer of 1, namely 4c, iodine was introduced selectively at the 6-position of 1,2-O-isopropylidene- α -D-glucofuranose (2). When the reaction was carried out according to the method of Garegg [14], nonnegligible amounts of 5,6-elimination by-product were obtained, whereas Plusquellec's method [15] gave exclusively 3a in 83% yield. Treatment of the latter with N,N-dimethylaminopropanethiol [16] and NaOMe in THF-HMPA at room temperature [12] gave 4c in 66% yield (55% overall yield from 2). Although quantitative conversion of 3a to the thioether was observed by TLC, the apparent yields were due to unfavorable partitioning in the extraction procedures. Better yields were obtained starting from acetylated material 3b, using K_2CO_3 in Me_2CO-H_2O for the thioetherification step (89%), followed by Zemplén deacetylation (96%, 69% overall yield from 2). Similarly, under the same conditions, 3b afforded 4d then 4c (Table 1). The new route to 4c described herein is a significant improvement over recently patented routes [6,10,11] in which 4c is synthesized in 8 steps (with 1,2:3,5-di-O-isopropylidene-6-thio- α -D-glucofuranose as key intermediate), in overall yield of 35% from the same material 2 as we have used.

In order to obtain the new 3-thio analogue of **1**, the starting 1,2:5,6-di-O-isopropylidene- α -D-glucofuranose (**5a**) was converted into iodide **5b** [14] and allowed to react with N,N-dimethylaminopropanethiol and NaOMe as previously described [12] to give thioether **6a**, isolated in high yield (96%). Extension of the reaction to various N,N-dialkylaminoalkanethiols resulted in formation of the corresponding thioethers **6b**-**d** in excellent yields (Table 1). Selective hydrolysis of the 5,6-isopropylidene group with M HCl was undertaken on **6a** to afford the 3-thio analogue (**7**) of Amiprilose (82%, 55% overall yield from **5a**).

The present study provides a convenient method for the preparation of thio derivatives of Amiprilose with potential anti-inflammatory activities whenever the required tertiary aminoalkanethiols are commercially or readily available. The new products described have been submitted for biological evaluation.

^a All compounds were obtained as colorless syrups.

b Yield 66% from 3a.

1 $R = (CH_2)_3$ -NMe₂ (Amiprilose)

$$R_1 = H, R_2 = OH$$

$$3a R_1 = H, R_2 = I$$

$$3b R_1 = Ac, R_2 = I$$

4a
$$R_1 = CMe_2$$
, $R_2 = (CH_2)_3$ -NMe₂

4b
$$R_1 = Ac$$
, $R_2 = (CH_2)_3$ -NMe₂

$$4c$$
 $R_1 = H$, $R_2 = (CH_2)_3$ -NMe₂

4d
$$R_1 = Ac$$
, $R_2 = (CH_2)_3 - NEt_2$

$$4e R_1 = H, R_2 = (CH_2)_3-NEt_2$$

$$5a R_1 = OH, R_2 = H$$

$$5b R_1 = H, R_2 = I$$

6a
$$R_1 = CMe_2$$
, $R_2 = (CH_2)_3$ -NMe₂

6b
$$R_1 = CMe_2$$
, $R_2 = (CH_2)_3 - NEt_2$

$$6c$$
 $R_1 = CMe_2$, $R_2 = (CH_2)_2$ -NMe₂

6d
$$R_1 = CMe_2$$
, $R_2 = (CH_2)_2$ -NEt₂

$$R_1 = H$$
, $R_2 = (CH_2)_3$ -NMe₂

1. Experimental

General methods.—Melting points were determined on a digital melting-point apparatus (Electrothermal) and are uncorrected. Optical rotations for solutions in CHCl₃ were recorded with a digital polarimeter DIP-370 (JASCO) at 25 °C. NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker WB-300 spectrometer at 300.133 and 75.45 MHz (solutions in

 $CDCl_3$, internal Me_4Si). Electrospray mass spectrometry (ES +) was carried out on a ZAB-EQ (VG Analytical, Manchester, UK) instrument. TLC was performed on Silica Gel F_{254} (Merck) and detection by UV light at 254 nm or by charring with phosphomolybdic– H_2SO_4 reagent. Column chromatography was effected on Silica Gel 60 (Merck, 230 mesh). Acetone, hexane, ether, acids, and industrial grade bases were supplied by CINAS. Microanalyses were performed by the Service Central de Microanalyses du Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (Vernaison, France).

2-*N*, *N*-Dimethylaminoethan-1-thiol and 2-*N*, *N*-diethylaminoethan-1-thiol are commercially available (Aldrich). 3-*N*, *N*-Dimethylaminopropan-1-thiol and 3-*N*, *N*-diethylaminopropan-1-thiol were synthesized according to previous methods in two steps [13] from *N*, *N*-dimethyl-3-chloropropylamine hydrochloride (71% overall yield) and in three steps [16] from 3-*N*, *N*-diethylaminopropan-1-ol (49% overall yield) respectively.

6-Deoxy-6-iodo-1,2-O-isopropylidene-α-D-glucofuranose (**3a**).—A solution of iodine (2.8 g, 11.0 mmol) in dry DMF (30 mL) was added dropwise into a stirred solution of **2** (2.0 g, 9.1 mmol) and PPh₃ (3.6 g, 13.7 mmol) in dry DMF (30 mL) cooled at -10 °C. The mixture was left overnight at room temperature, neutralized with satd aq NaHCO₃, the iodine reduced with satd aq (NH₄)₂S₂O₃, and the mixture was then concentrated. The residue was dilute with CHCl₃ and washed twice with water. The resulting aqueous phase was extracted with CHCl₃ and the combined organic phase dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Chromatography of the residue (2:3 hexane–Et₂O) gave pure **3a** which crystallized from Et₂O as a white solid (2.5 g, 83%): mp 92–94 °C; [α]_D −11° (*c* 1.1, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR: δ 5.86 (d, $J_{1,2}$ 3.5 Hz, H-1), 4.45 (d, $J_{2,3}$ 0 Hz, H-2), 4.28 (s broad, H-3), 3.97 (dd, $J_{3,4}$ 2.5, $J_{4,5}$ 7.3 Hz, H-4), 3.86 (s, OH), 3.76 (m broad, H-5), 3.66 (s, OH), 3.47 (dd, $J_{5,6a}$ 3.3, $J_{6a,6b}$ 10.5 Hz, H-6a), 3.31 (dd, $J_{5,6b}$ 6.8, $J_{6a,6b}$ 10.5 Hz, H-6b), 1.41, 1.24 (2 s, CMe₂); ¹³C NMR: δ 112.0 (*C*Me₂), 104.9 (C-1), 85.1 (C-2), 81.8 (C-4), 74.7 (C-3), 69.0 (C-5), 26.8, 26.3 (2 C*Me*₂), 11.9 (C-6). Anal. Calcd for C₉H₁₅IO₅ (330.12): C, 32.75; H, 4.58; I, 38.44. Found: C, 33.41; H, 4.57; I, 36.49.

3,5-Di-O-acetyl-6-deoxy-6-iodo-1,2-O-isopropylidene-α-D-glucofuranose (3b).— Conventional acetylation of crude 3a was effected in 3:1 Ac₂O-Et₃N for 1 h at room temperature. The resulting mixture was evaporated, diluted with Et₂O, and washed twice with water. The organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated. Crude material was purified by column chromatography (9:1 hexane-Et₂O) to give 3b as a colorless solid (81%): mp 74–75 °C, lit. 75 °C [17]; [α]_D – 19.8° (c 1.07, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR: δ 5.79 (d, $J_{1,2}$ 3.6 Hz, H-1), 5.22 (d, $J_{2,3}$ 0, $J_{3,4}$ 2.9 Hz, H-3), 4.60 (m, H-5), 4.37 (d, $J_{1,2}$ 3.6, $J_{2,3}$ 0 Hz, H-2), 4.24 (dd, $J_{3,4}$ 2.9, $J_{4,5}$ 9.2 Hz, H-4), 3.46 (dd, $J_{5,6a}$ 3.1, $J_{6a,6b}$ 11.2 Hz, H-6a), 3.33 (dd, $J_{5,6b}$ 4.9, $J_{6a,6b}$ 11.2 Hz, H-6b), 1.94 (s, 2 MeCOO), 1.42, 1.20 (2 s, CMe₂); ¹³C NMR: δ 169.2 (2 COO), 112.6 (CMe₂), 104.9 (C-1), 83.3 (C-2), 79.6 (C-4), 74.3 (C-3), 67.1 (C-5), 26.8, 26.3 (2 CMe₂), 20.7, 20.5 (2 MeCOO), 7.4 (C-6). Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₉IO₇ (414.19): C, 37.70; H, 4.62; I, 30.64. Found: C, 37.44; H, 4.61; I, 30.64.

General procedure for the preparation of type 4 compounds.—A solution of **3b** (3.0 g, 7.2 mmol) in Me₂CO (20 mL) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of K_2CO_3 (2.0 g, 14.5 mmol) and thiol (14.5 mmol) in water (20 mL). The mixture was kept at room temperature overnight (monitoring by TLC, 4:4:1 hexane-Et₂O-Et₃N), and Me₂CO was evaporated off. After extraction with CH₂Cl₂, the organic phase was

H NMR data for the N.N-substituted aminothioether derivatives measured at 300.133 MHz

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Compound		Chemical shifts	ifts (d)									
	Η̈́	H-2	H-3	H-4	H-5	H-6a	99-H		ර	CMe ₂		Others
4	5.73	4.30	5.16	4.26	5.02	2.88	2.52		1.35	1.14		2.41 (H-1'), 2.15 (H-3'), 2.03(2) (NMe), 1.88, 1.83 (McCOO), 1.55 (H-2')
ر ° 40	5.77	4.33	4.16	3.86	3.92	2.73	2.54		1.31	1.14		5.07(2) (OH), 2.49 (H-I'), 2.26 (H-3'), 2.07(2) (NMc), 1.61 (H-2')
4q	5.73	4.32	5.14	4.24	5.00	2.90	2.54		1.34	1.13		2.80(2) (NCH ₂), 2.72 (H-1'), 2.43 (H-3'), 1.87, 1.84 (MeCOO), 1.68
	i	;								;		$(H-2')$, 1.00(2) (NCH_2CH_3)
4 e	5.76	4.33	4.16	3.85	3.94	2.73	2.54		1.30	1.14		4.58(2) (OH), 2.47–2.34 (H-I', H-3', NCH ₂ '), 1.58 (H-2'), 0.86(2)
								;				(NCH_2CH_3)
6a	99.5	4.53	3.19	40.4	4.19	3.95	3.81	1.35	1.26	1.20	1.16	2.60–2.50 ° (H-1'), 2.21 (H-3'), 2.06(2) (NMe), 1.62 (H-2')
99	5.64	4.51	3.17	4.02	4.17	3.93	3.79	1.33	1.23	1.17	1.1	2.51 (H-1'), 2.35 (H-3'), 2.34(2) (NCH ₂), 1.58 (H-2'), 0.84(2)
												(NCH_2CH_3)
99	5.70	4.56	3.24	4.06	4.24	3.98	3.85	1.38	1.28	1.22	1.18	2.70-2.60 ^b (H-1'), 2.45-2.35 ^b (H-2'), 2.13 (NMe),
p 9	5.69	4.58	3.28	4.07	4.25	3.99	3.86	1.39	1.29	1.23	1.19	$2.67, 2.61^{h}$ (H-1'), $2.60, 2.57^{h}$ (H-2'), $2.43(2)$ (NCH ₂), $0.91(2)$
												(NCH_2CH_3)
7	5.70	4.59	3.23	4.11	3.23 4.11 3.84 3.69	3.69	3.51		1.37	1.19	•	4.50(2) (OH), 2.59 (H-I'), 2.44, 2.16 ^b (H-3'), 2.10 (NMe), 1.66 (H-2')
!	Coup	ling co	Coupling constants (Hz)	(HZ)	!							
	J _{1,2}	$J_{\underline{1,3}}$	J _{3,4}		J4.5 J5.6a J5.6b	Js.6b	Joa.6b					Others
4p	3.6	0	2.9	9.4	2.9	7.3	14.5					$J_{\text{H-1}',\text{H-2}'} = 7.4, \ J_{\text{H-2}',\text{H-3}'} = 7.2$
4c	3.7	0	2.4	9.9	3.3	7.5	14.0					$J_{\text{H-H}',\text{H-2}'} = 7.1$, $J_{\text{H-2}',\text{H-3}'} = 7.2$
4 d	3.6	0	2.8	9.4	2.8	7.2	14.5					$J_{\text{H-2}',\text{H-3}'} = 6.8$, $J_{\text{NCH_3,NCH_2CH_3}} = 7.2$
4 e	3.6	0	2.2		3.3	7.7	13.9					$J_{\text{H-I}',\text{H-2}'} = 7.0, J_{\text{H-2}',\text{H-3}'} = 7.1, J_{\text{NCH}_2,\text{NCH}_3,\text{CH}_3} = 7.1$
6a	3.5	0	3.7	9.8	6.2	5.2	8.5					$J_{\text{II}-2',\text{H}+3'} = 7.1$
9 9	3.5	0	3.7	9.8	6.2	5.2	8.5					$J_{\text{H-1},H-2'} = 7.4$, $J_{\text{H-2}',H-3'} = 7.2$, $J_{\text{NCH_2,NCH_2CH_3}} = 7.2$
96	3.5	0	3.7	8.7	6.1	5.2	9.8					
p 9	3.5	0	3.7	8.7	6.1	5.2	9.8					$J_{\text{NC} H_2, \text{NCH}_2 C H_3} = 7.2$
7	3.6	0	3.8	9.2	3.2	6.3	11.3					$J_{\text{H-I},\text{H-2}'} = 6.8$
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^a The signal of higher chemical shift of CH₂-6 is assigned to H-6a.

^b Strongly overlapped signals. Tit. [11]: $\delta_{\rm H-1} = 5.95$. $\delta_{\rm H-2} = 4.55$. $\delta_{\rm NMc} = 2.2$. $\delta_{\rm CMc} = 1.34$. 1.32.

Table 3 $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ NMR data for the N,N-substituted aminothioether derivatives measured at 75.45 MHz

Compound Chemical shifts (8)	Chemi	cal shif	ts (δ)										
	C-1 C-2	C-2	C-3	C-3 C-4 C-5 C-6	C-5	9-O	C	CMe ₂		C	CMe ₂		Others
4	104.9 83.2	83.2	74.5	74.5 78.6 67.9 34.4	67.9	34.4	=	112.2		26.6 26.1	26.1		169.3(2) (COO), 58.3 (C.3'), 45.2(2) (NMe), 30.4 (C-1'), 27.4 (C-2'), 20.6, 20.5 (MeCOO)
4c	104.7 85.3	85.3		74.8 81.3 69.1 36.8	69.1	36.8	Ξ	111.3		26.7 26.1	26.1		57.7 (C-3'), 44.9(2) (NMe), 30.2 (C-1'), 26.9 (C-2')
4 d	104.8	83.2		74.4 78.5 67.6	9.79	34.2	-	112.1		26.5	26.0		169.4(2) (COO), 49.4 (C-3'), 45.6(2) (NCH ₂), 29.5 (C-1'), 22.9
													(C-2'), 20.4(2) (MeCOO), 8.2(2) (NCH ₂ CH ₃)
4 e	104.7	85.2	74.5	74.5 81.3 68.7 36.7	68.7	36.7	=	111.2		26.6 26.0	26.0		50.9 (C-3'), 46.2(2) (NCH ₂), 30.4 (C-1'), 26.3 (C-2'), 10.8(2)
													(NCH ₂ CH ₃)
6а	104.6	85.7	51.6	80.1	73.7	67.4	111.4	108.9	26.6	26.4	26.0	25.1	51.6 80.1 73.7 67.4 111.4 108.9 26.6 26.4 26.0 25.1 58.0 (C-3'), 45.2(2) (NMe), 29.5 (C-1'), 27.2 (C-2')
99	104.6	85.7	51.6	80.1	73.8	67.4	111.4	108.9	26.6	26.4	26.1	25.1	73.8 67.4 111.4 108.9 26.6 26.4 26.1 25.1 51.3 (C-3'), 46.7(2) (NCH ₂), 29.8 (C-1'), 26.9 (C-2'), 11.7(2)
													(NCH_2CH_3)
99	104.7		52.6	80.2	73.8	67.5	9.111	1.601	26.7	26.5	26.1	25.2	52.6 80.2 73.8 67.5 111.6 109.1 26.7 26.5 26.1 25.2 58.9 (C-2'), 45.1(2) (NMe), 30.1 (C-1')
p 9	104.6		51.9	80.3		67.5	9.111	109.1	26.7	26.5	26.1	25.2	73.8 67.5 111.6 109.1 26.7 26.5 26.1 25.2 52.7 (C-2'), 46.9(2) (NCH.), 29.8 (C-1'), 11.8(2) (NCH., CH.,
7	104.9	85.9	52.4	79.3	70.1	64.6	52.4 79.3 70.1 64.6 111.6	9.11	ĺ	26.5 26.2	26.2		57.4 (C-3'), 44.0(2) (NMe), 30.2 (C-1'), 26.4 (C-2')

washed with satd aq NH₄Cl, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated. Crude material was purified by column chromatography with a solvent gradient (hexane–Et₂O) containing 2% Et₃N, yielding the desired compounds **4b** and **4d** (Table 1 for yields and physicochemical data; Tables 2 and 3 for ¹H and ¹³C NMR data).

General procedure for deacetylation.—To a solution of thioether (5 mmol) in dry MeOH (10 mL) was added NaOMe (27 mg, 0.5 mmol) and the mixture was kept for 3 h at room temperature (monitoring by TLC, 4:4:1 hexane–Me₂CO–Et₃N). After neutralization with Amberlyst 15 H⁺ resin and filtration of the resin, the solvent was removed by evaporation. Flash chromatography of the residue (3:7 hexane–Me₂CO containing 5% Et₃N) yielded the desired compounds **4c** and **4e** (Table 1 for yields and physicochemical data; Tables 2 and 3 for ¹H and ¹³C NMR data).

General procedure for the preparation of type **6** compounds.—N,N-Dialkylaminoalkanethiol and NaOMe were allowed to react with **5b** as previously described [12] (monitoring by TLC, 1:4:1 hexane– Et_2O-Et_3N). Crude material was purified by column chromatography with a solvent gradient (hexane– Et_2O) containing 2% Et_3N , yielding the desired compounds **6a–d** (Table 1 for yields and physicochemical data: see Tables 2 and 3 for ¹H and ¹³C NMR data).

3-S-(3-N,N-dimethylaminopropyl)-1,2-O-isopropylidene-3-thio-α-D-glucofuranose (7).—Compound **6a** (4.40 g, 12.2 mmol) was dissolved in water, and aq HCl (1 M) was added dropwise, adjusting the pH to 1.0 ± 0.2 . Stirring was maintained for 150 min at room temperature, and the resulting solution was made alkaline with 30% NaOH to pH 10.5 ± 0.2 . The aqueous mixture was then extracted twice with CHCl₃, and the combined organic phase was dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography with a solvent gradient (hexane–Me₂CO) containing 2% Et₃N to yield **7** (3.21 g, 10.0 mmol, 82%). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₂₇NO₅S (321.44): C, 52.31; H, 8.47; N, 4.36; S, 9.97. Found: C, 51.80; H, 8.43; N, 4.26; S, 9.46.

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