

Regiochemical Correlation between 6-O-Sulfonylated Cyclodextrins
and 3-O-Sulfonylated Cyclodextrins via 3,6-Anhydrocyclodextrins

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(3R)-2,3-Anhydrocyclodextrins which were prepared from
3-O-sulfonylcyclodextrins were treated with aqueous alkali
to give 3,6-anhydrocyclodextrins, which were prepared by the
reaction of 6-O-sulfonylcyclodextrins with aqueous alkali.
This regiochemical correlation was applicable to regioisomer
determination of 3-O-disulfonylcyclodextrins on the basis of
the regiochemistry of 6-O-disulfonates.

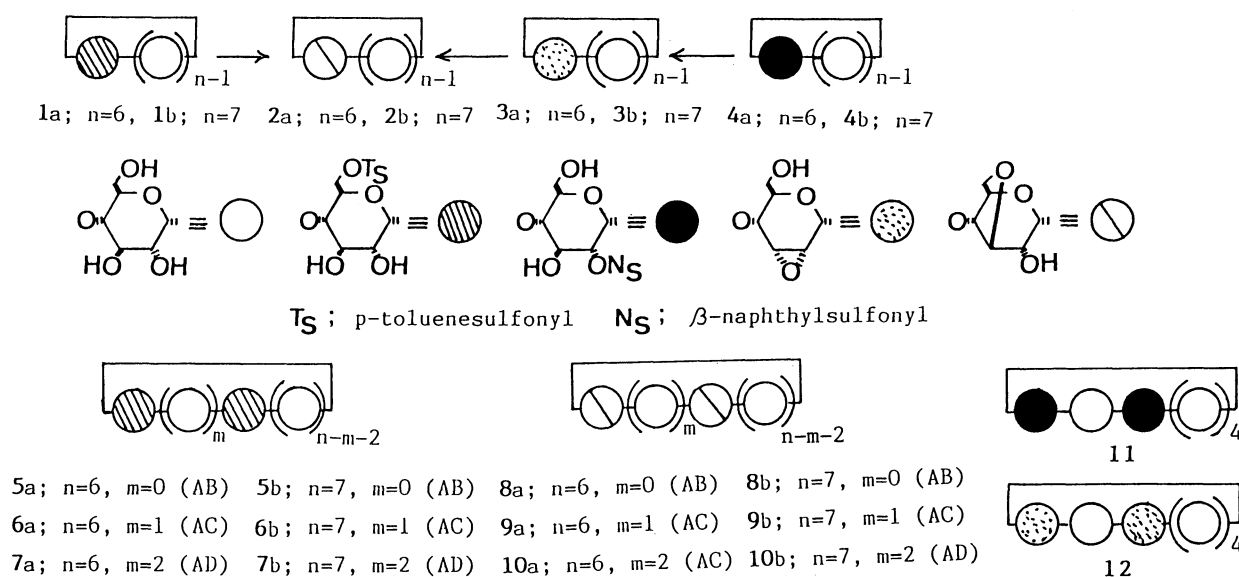
In order to determine regiochemical structures of 6-O-polysulfonylcyclo-
dextrins, we developed the extended Körner method¹⁾ and the Taka amylase
hydrolysis method followed by analysis of the products,^{2a-d)} the substituted
linear oligosaccharides. Since the latter method produces 6'-sulfonylmaltose
from a 6-O-monosulfonylcyclodextrin, it is useful only for the structure deter-
mination of 6^A,6^B-O-disulfonylcyclodextrins and the related compounds which
have the sulfonyl groups on the glucose units adjacent to one another. Only one
method for the regiochemical structure determination of isomeric 2-O- or 3-O-di-
sulfonylcyclodextrins is the Taka amylase hydrolysis.^{2d-f)} Since this method

gives 2''-O-sulfonylmaltotriose or 3'-O-sulfonylmaltotriose (and 3''-sulfonylmaltotetraose in some cases) from 2-O- or 3-O-monosulfonylcyclodextrin, respectively, this method is applicable not only to the A,B-isomers but also to the A,C- and A,D-isomers. Although this enzymatic method seems to be widely applicable to the isomer determination of 2-O- or 3-O-polysubstituted cyclodextrins, there is a serious defect that the polysubstituted cyclodextrins, even disubstituted cyclodextrins, are too slowly hydrolyzed by Taka amylase to be practically used. Therefore, novel and appropriate method should be established for regioisomer determination of polysubstituted cyclodextrins. In this report, we describe a new method which correlates regioisomers of 6-O-polysulfonylated cyclodextrins with those of 3-O-poly-sulfonylated cyclodextrins via regiosomeric poly-3,6-anhydrocyclodextrins (Scheme 1). This implies that regiochemistry of 3-O-polysulfonylcyclodextrins can be determined if 6-O-polysulfonylcyclodextrins are structurally determined by appropriate method such as the extended K \ddot{r} ner method.

6-O-Tosyl- α -cyclodextrin (1a) was converted to 3^A,6^A-anhydro- α -cyclodextrin (2a) in 57.7% yield by treatment with aqueous NaOH (1 mol dm⁻³) similarly to the 6-O-tosyl- β -cyclodextrin case (1b, 2b) reported before by us.³⁾

A solution of (3^AR)-2^A,3^A-anhydro- α -cyclodextrin 3a (50 mg) in 4% aqueous Ba(OH)₂ (1 mL) was kept at 100 °C for 48 h in a sealed tube and was neutralized with dilute H₂SO₄. The solution was filtered, concentrated in vacuo and applied on a reverse-phase column (Merck Lobar column LiChroprep Rp18). After eluting with water (300 mL), a gradient elution of 5% aqueous MeOH (500 mL) was applied to give 2a (35.0 mg, 70.0%).⁴⁾ The product 2a was identified by comparing its ¹³C NMR (67.5 MHz) and ¹H NMR (270 MHz) spectra and its HPLC retention time with those of the authentic specimens. The epoxide was easily prepared by the reaction of 3-O-(β -naphthylsulfonyl)- α -cyclodextrin 4a under a milder condition (25 °C, 5 h)^{2d,f)} than that employed in the reaction of 3a. Therefore, it is possible to convert the 3-O-sulfonate 4a to the 3,6-anhydrocyclodextrin 2a directly under the reaction condition employed in the reaction of 3a.⁴⁾ As shown above, 3-O-sulfonylated cyclodextrins can be correlated with 6-O-sulfonylated cyclodextrins via 3^A,6^A-anhydrocyclodextrins.⁵⁾ Before the applicability of this correlation method was tested, conversions of 6^A,6^X-O-disulfonyl- α -cyclodextrin 5a-7a (X = B, C, or D)¹⁾ and 6^A,6^X-O-disulfonyl- β -cyclodextrin 5b-7b (X = B, C,

or D)^{2a}) to the corresponding 3^A,6^A;3^X,6^X-dianhydrocyclodextrins 8a,b-10a,b were successfully carried out. ¹H NMR spectra of 10a and 10b which was obtained from 7a and 7b, respectively, were shown in Fig. 1 as examples. The proton absorptions of the 3,6-anhydroglucose units were assigned as shown in Fig. 1 with the aid of COSY ¹H NMR spectra. Simplicity of the spectrum (Fig. 1A) of 10a demonstrates that 10a is a symmetric compound i.e. 3^A,6^A;3^D,6^D-dianhydro- α -cyclodextrin, which reconfirms the structure determination carried out before by us. Since there is not such a symmetry in the disubstituted β -cyclodextrin, two 3,6-anhydroglucose units in 10b show absorptions different from one another as shown in Fig. 1B. To test the usefulness of the correlation method, (3^A_R,3^C_R)-2^A,3^A;2^C,3^C-dianhydro- β -cyclodextrin 12 (100 mg) which was easily obtained from



Scheme 1.

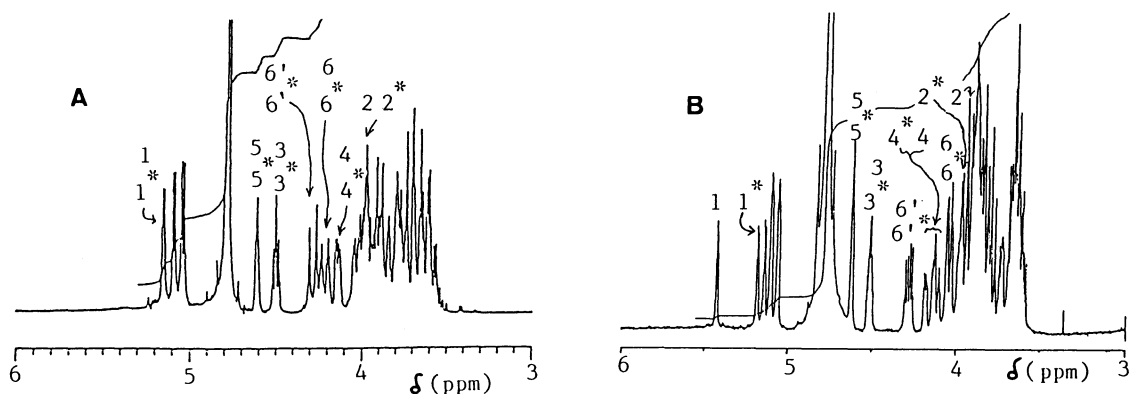


Fig. 1. ¹H NMR spectra of 3^A,6^A;3^D,6^D-dianhydro- α -cyclodextrin 10a (A, 270 MHz) and 3^A,6^A;3^D,6^D-dianhydro- β -cyclodextrin 10b (B, 400 MHz) in D₂O.

the corresponding disulfonate **11** was successfully converted to 3^A,6^A;3^C,6^C-dianhydro-β-cyclodextrin **9b** (73.8 mg, 73.8%) by the procedure similar to that described in the conversion of the monosulfonate **3b**. The product **9b** was identified by comparing its ¹³C and ¹H NMR spectra and its HPLC retention time with those of the product **9b** obtained from 6^A,6^C-di(tosyl)-β-cyclodextrin **6b**. In conclusion, this correlation method via 3,6-anhydrocyclodextrins is expected to be useful to determine the regiochemistry of 3-O-polysulfonylated cyclodextrins. This method will be applicable to regiochemical determination of 3-O-tri-sulfonylated β-cyclodextrin^{2f)} which has not been structurally determined and also, to more difficult regiochemical problem, determination of isomeric 3-O,6-O-disulfonylated cyclodextrins. These applications will be reported in the near future. Also, it should be noted that the regioisomeric 3,6-anhydrocyclodextrins **8a,b-10a,b** have unique cavity shapes which are different from one another and from that of cyclodextrins themselves and are expected to show unique molecular recognition.

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