lar conditions gave a 75:25 mixture of 16b and 17b in 76% yield. Since α-alkyl substituent is known to stabilize the adjacent carbon radical by ca. 3 kcal/mol, the stabilizing effect of a-tributyltin group could be somewhat higher than this magnitude. When 15c was treated with thiophenol and AIBN in refluxing benzene, the product formed decomposed during silica gel column chromatographic separation. Therefore. 15c was treated with Bu₃SnH and AIBN in refluxing benzene for 4 h and only 17c was isolated without the formation of 16c, indicating that the stabilizing effect of α-tributyltin group should be far less than that of a-phenyl group. Finally, our affention was given to a competitive study between tributyltin group and trimethylsilyl group. When 15d was treated with thiophenol and AIBN in refluxing benzene for 3 h, a 33:67 mixture of 16d and 17d was obtained in 40% yield. The result obtained in this study suggests that the stabilizing effect of α-tributyltin group seems to be slightly less than that of a-trimethylsilyl group and the general order for stabilizing adjacent carbon radicals woud be Ph>Me₃Si>Bu₃Sn >alkyl.

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Synthetic Studies on Liposidomycins: Synthesis of 5-Aminopentose Moiety

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The liposidomycins are a family of novel lipid-containing nucleoside antibiotics of unusual complexity, recently found in the culture filtrate and mycelia of *Streptomyces griseosporeus*,¹ which inhibit formation of the lipid intermediate in peptidoglycan synthesis.^{1,2} The primary site of action of liposidomycin C was found to be phospho-MurNAc-pentapeptide transferase, the first step of the peptidoglycan synthesis in the cell wall of *E. coli*. Y-10.³ The structures of liposidomycins A,⁴ B (1),² and C² were proposed on the basis of degradation and spectroscopic studies; their structures are identical except lipid parts. The overall structure of liposidomycins as well as structural components, namely, a diazepinone and a 5-aminopentose 2-sulfate is unique. The present communication reports the synthetic studies of the 5-amino-β-D-ribo-

furanoside part of liposidomycins. There are a few points to be considered in the planning the synthesis; (i) introduction of the properly protected amino group at C-5, (ii) selective protection of 3-OH and sulfation of 2-OH, and (iii) β -glycosylation.

Diol 3 obtained by hydrolysis of isopropylidene group of compound 2 was transformed into 2,3-O-stannylene sugar 4 in almost quantitative yield by treatment with dibutyltin oxide in refluxing methanol. Reaction of 4 with benzyl bromide in the presence of one equivalent of tetrabutylammonium bromide in refluxing toluene gave a 1:1 mixture of 5-bromo-2-O-benzyl ether 5⁵ and 5-bromo-3-O-benzyl ether 66 in 68% yield and no dibenzyl ether was found. In the absence of tertrabutylammonium bromide, the bromination at C-5 did not occur and the benzylation was sluggish. Assignment of 5 and 6 was made on the basis of the 2D 1H NMR NOESY spectroscopic data: NOE's were observed between methyl protons of the methoxy group and aromatic protons and between the anomeric proton and benzylic protons of the benzyl group in compound 5. The ¹H NMR chemical shifts and coupling patterns of H-2 and H-3 of acetyl derivatives 107 and 118 further confirmed the assignment of 5 and 6. Although the reactions 2',3'-O-stannylene nucleosides with various electophiles were extensively studied, the study on the reaction of 2,3-O-stannylene ribosides is scarce. Reaction of stannylene sugar 7, in which a protected amino group was already introduced at C-5, with benzyl bromide provide a 1:1 mixture of regioisomers. The reactions of stannylene sugars 4 and 7 with trityl chloride or t-butyldimethylsilyl chloride were more selective but the desired 3-protected sugars were produced always as minor isomers. Reaction of 2,3-O-stannylene of benzyl riboside 8 with benzyl bromide also produced an equal mixture of two regioisomers.

3-O-Benzyl ether 6 was chosen for the further elaboration because of the need for a participating group at C-2 and of convenince in separation¹⁰ and handling. Compound 6 was treated with the potassium salt of phthalimide in the presence of potassium iodide in refluxing DMF to afford a protected aminosugar 9 in 70% yield. For the model study for the synthesis of liposidomycins, the formation of the β-glycosidic linkage at C-1 and the sulfation at C-2 of compound 9 were carried out. Reaction of 9 with sulfur trioxide-pyridine complex in pyridine at room temperature provided 2-O-sulfate salt 1211 in almost quantitative yield. For the glycosylation, acetate 13 and trichloroimidate 14 were examined as glycosyl donors12 and diacetone-D-glucose and cyclohexanol as glycosyl acceptors. Acetate 13 was found to be a superior glycosyl donor over imidate 14 in the reaction with not only diacetone-D-glucose but also cyclohexanol. β-Acetate 13 was obtained in 70% yield by the reaction of 11 with acetic acid-acetic anhydride in the presence of a catalytic amount of sulfuric acid in methylene chloride. Reaction of acetate 13 with diacetone-D-glucose in the presence of a catalytic amount of tin(IV) chloride in methylene chloride afforded β -glycoside 15¹³ in 74% yield. The evidence for the β-glycosi-

dic linkage of disaccharide 15 comes from a sharp singlet at 5.02 ppm in ¹H NMR spectrum owing to the anomeric proton of riboside part of 15.

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- 6. Compound **6**: $[\alpha]_D 28.2^0$ (*c* 0.85, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.71 (brs, 1H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 3.44 (m, 2H), 4.05 (d, J=4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (m, 1H), 4.27 (m, 1H), 4.61 and 4.65 (ABq, J=11.5 Hz, 2H), 4.89 (s, 1H); 7.36-7.40 (m, 5H).
- 7. Compound **10**: $[\alpha]_D + 18.3^\circ$ (*c* 0.30, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.02 (s, 3H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 3.92 (m, 2H), 4.15 (dd, J=4.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (m, 1H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 4.85 (d, J=1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (dd, J=6.4, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.70-7.88 (m, 4H).
- 8. Compound 11: $[\alpha]_D + 2.8^{\circ}$ (c 0.29, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.07 (s, 3H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 3.94 (m, 2H), 4.22 (m, 1H), 4.28 (m, 1H), 4.42 and 4.55 (ABq, J=10.8 Hz, 2H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 5.20 (d, J=2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (s, 5H), 7.69-7.85 (m, 4H).
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- 11. Compound 12: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 3.29 (s, 3H), 3.80-3.94 (m, 2H), 4.11 (m, 2H), 4.30 (d, J=9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.60-4.67 (m, 2H), 5.04 (s, 1H), 7.13-7.27 (m, 5H), 7.94-7.97 (m, 4H), 8.13 (t, J=6.0 Hz, 2H), 8.65 (t, J=4.5 Hz, 1H), 8.94 (d, J=5.0 Hz, 2H).
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2.06 (s, 3H), 3.50-4.30 (m, 6H), 4.38 and 4.53 (ABq, J= 10.6 Hz, 2H), 4.57 (d, J= 3.8 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 5.30 (d, J= 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (d, J= 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.18 (m, 5H), 7.68-7.84 (m, 4H).