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11-Deoxylandomycinone and landomycins X-Z, new cytotoxic angucyclin(on)es from a *Streptomyces cyanogenus* K62 mutant strain

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Four new angucyclin(on)es, 11-deoxylandomycinone (**1**) and landomycins X–Z (**2–4**) were isolated from the crude extract of *Streptomyces cyanogenus* K62 mutant strain, along with the recently reported landomycins S, T and V (**5–7**) and five other known compounds. The structures of the new compounds **1–4** were elucidated by 1D and 2D NMR studies along with HR-MS analyses. Unique about the structures is that the fourth sugar moiety (sugar D) in landomycins X–Z (**2–4**) was β -D-amicetose instead of β -D-olivose, usually found in this position. The new angucyclin(on)es were biologically evaluated in comparison with previously known congeners against a small panel of MCF-7 (estrogen responsive) and MDA 231 (estrogen refractory) breast cancer cell lines. 11-deoxylandomycinone (IC₅₀ 2.1 ± 0.3 and 1.2 ± 0.4 μ M) and landomycin Y (IC₅₀ 1.0 ± 0.1 and 2.0 ± 0.1 μ M) showed the highest cytotoxic potencies against both the cell lines.

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INTRODUCTION

The landomycins are a subgroup of the large family of angucycline group antibiotics, which are characterized by diverse biological activities, such as antitumor, antibacterial and enzyme inhibition.^{1–7} The chemical structures of the landomycins consist of a polyketide-derived angucyclinone decorated with a single deoxyoligosaccharide chain of various lengths. Landomycins A–D (**13**) were originally found as products of *Streptomyces cyanogenus* S136.^{3,5,6} Later, several more landomycins were discovered, and analyzed for their structure–activity relationships.^{8–12} It was found that the biological activities were mainly dependent on the length of the saccharide chain, with those analogs possessing longer saccharide chains, being more potent in general.^{10,13,14} Landomycin A, the principal product of *S. cyanogenus* S136, is the most potent antitumor agent, possessing an unusual spectrum of activity against the NCI 60 human cancer cell line panel.^{1,2,6} It contains a hexasaccharide side chain, constructed from two repeating trisaccharide patterns (D-olivose-4-1-D-olivose-3-1-L-rhodinose). Except for landomycin C (**13**), the sugar chains of all reported landomycins are constructed solely from L-rhodinose and D-olivose units. Landomycin C (**13**) was the only analog that bears three different sugar moieties; D-olivose, L-rhodinose and D-amicetose.

During our search for further new cytotoxic landomycin analogs, a fermentation of *S. cyanogenus* K62 in SG-medium was carried out which afforded four new angucyclin(on)es: 11-deoxylandomycinone

(**1**) and landomycins X–Z (**2–4**) along with the known compounds tetrangulol (**11**), tetrangomycin (**12**), landomycins M (**8**), F (**9**) and O (**10**).^{10,11,15–17} In addition, we also found again the very recently reported landomycins S, T and V (**5–7**) (Scheme 1).¹²

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In our search for new landomycin analogs with altered saccharide patterns we screened the regulator-affected high producing mutants *S. cyanogenus* K62 and *S. cyanogenus* K60.¹⁸ The production spectrum using SG-medium was very similar for both mutant strains, based on the TLC and HPLC-MS analyses (Supplementary Figure S1). However, the general production yields of *S. cyanogenus* K62 were significantly higher than those of *S. cyanogenus* K60. Therefore, we focused on the K62 mutant for the search of new minor congeners.

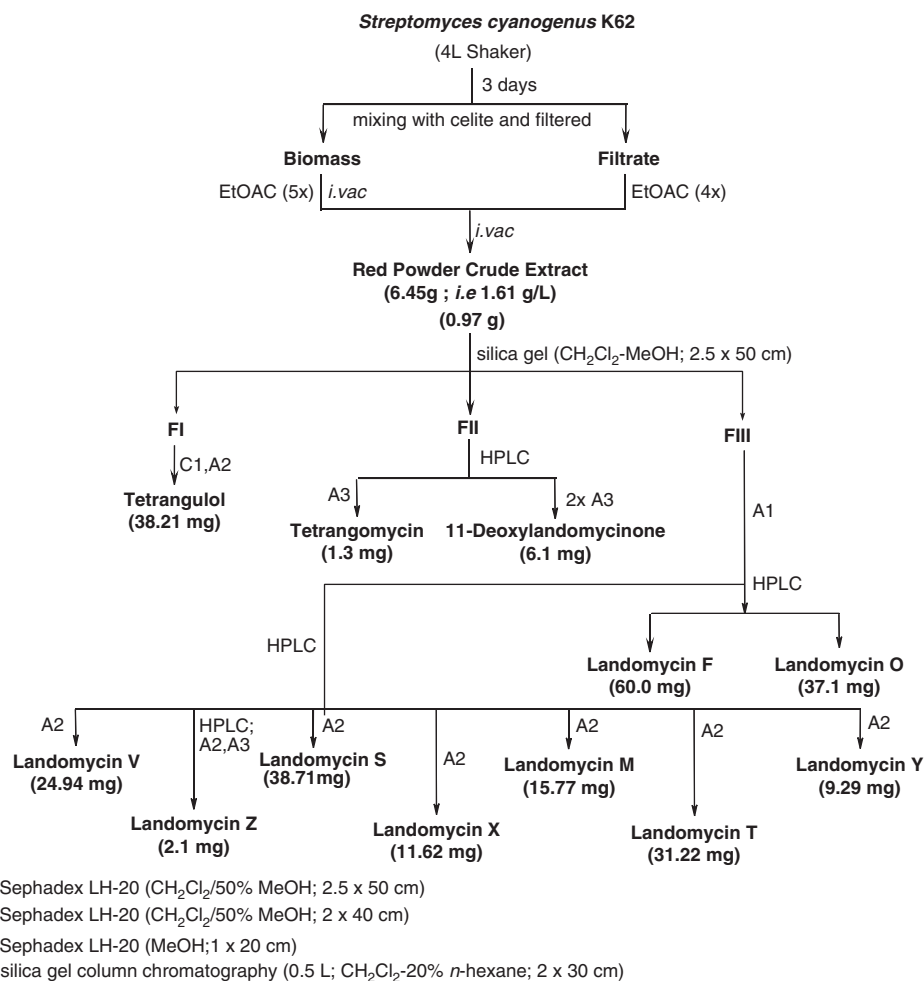
A pre-culture of *S. cyanogenus* K62 served to cultivate 40 of 0.25 L-Erlenmeyer flasks each containing 100 ml of SG-medium, on rotary shaker for 3 days. The broth was harvested, mixed with celite, filtered off and extracted with ethyl acetate, and the organic extracts from supernatant and cells were concentrated in vacuo to afford 6.45 g of a reddish powder crude extract (1.61 g l⁻¹). A TLC analysis of the strain extract exhibited several UV orange-red fluorescent bands at 366 nm, which turned blue on treatment with 2N NaOH, as indicative of perihydroxy quinones. The HPLC-MS analysis of the crude extract displayed several components with UV spectrum characteristic of

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A2 ↓

Landomycin V
(24.94 mg)

HPLC; A2, A3 ↓

Landomycin Z
(2.1 mg)

A2 ↓

Landomycin S
(38.71 mg)

A2 ↓

Landomycin X
(11.62 mg)

A2 ↓

Landomycin M
(15.77 mg)

A2 ↓

Landomycin T
(31.22 mg)

A2 ↓

Landomycin Y
(9.29 mg)

Figure 1 Work-up procedure of extracts from *Streptomyces cyanogenus* K62.

Table 1 Physico-chemical properties of 11-deoxylandomycinone (1) and landomycin X (2)^a

	11-Deoxylandomycinone (1)	Landomycin X (2)
Appearance	Orange solid	Orange solid
R_f	0.87 (CH ₂ Cl ₂ /7% MeOH)	0.65 (CH ₂ Cl ₂ /7% MeOH)
Molecular formula	C ₁₉ H ₁₄ O ₅	C ₅₅ H ₇₄ O ₂₀
(-)-ESI MS: m/z	321 [M-H] ⁻	1053 [M-H] ⁻
(+)-ESI MS: m/z	323 [M+H] ⁺	1077 [M+Na] ⁺
(-)-ESI MS/MS: m/z (%)	—	1053 ([M-H] ⁻ , 100), 1035 ([M-H ₂ O-H] ⁻ , 5), 893 (70), 321 ([M-(L-rhodinose+D-olivose+D-amicetose+L-rhodinose+D-olivose+D-olivose)-H] ⁻ , 50)
(+)-HRESI MS (m/z)		
Found	323.1001 [M+H] ⁺ , 305.0795 [M-H ₂ O+H] ⁺ and 361.0473 [M+K] ⁺	1077.4722 [M+Na] ⁺ and 1093.4467 [M+K] ⁺
Calcd	323.0914 for C ₁₉ H ₁₅ O ₅ , 305.0808 for C ₁₉ H ₁₃ O ₄ and 361.0473 for C ₁₉ H ₁₄ O ₅ K	1077.4665 for C ₅₅ H ₇₄ O ₂₀ Na and 1093.4405 for C ₅₅ H ₇₄ O ₂₀ K
(-)-HRESI MS (m/z)		
Found	321.0768 [M-H] ⁻	1053.4688 [M-H] ⁻
Calcd	321.0768 for C ₁₉ H ₁₃ O ₅	1053.4700 for C ₅₅ H ₇₃ O ₂₀
UVVIS (MeOH): λ_{max} (log ϵ)	263 (3.71), 288 (3.68), 319 sh (3.58), 447 (3.28) nm	265 (4.41), 285 (4.35), 320 sh (4.13), 412 (3.93) nm

Abbreviations: HRESI, high resolution electrospray ionization; VIS, visible.
^aSee also Supplementary Figures S3, S6, S10 and S29 (for comparison).

Table 2 Physico-chemical properties of landomycins Y (3) and Z (4)

	Landomycin Y (3)	Landomycin Z (4)
Appearance	Red solid	Orange solid
R_f	0.60 (CH ₂ Cl ₂ /7% MeOH)	0.35 (CH ₂ Cl ₂ /7% MeOH)
Molecular formula	C ₅₅ H ₇₂ O ₁₉	C ₄₉ H ₆₄ O ₁₈
(+)-ESI MS: m/z	1059 [M+Na] ⁺	963 [M+Na] ⁺
<i>(+)-HRESI MS (m/z)</i>		
Found	1059.4546 [M+Na] ⁺	963.3981 [M+Na] ⁺
Calcd	1059.45598 for C ₅₅ H ₇₂ O ₁₉ Na	963.39846 for C ₄₉ H ₆₄ O ₁₈ Na
UVVIS (MeOH):	246 sh (4.59), 312	265 (4.14), 285 (4.05),
λ_{max} (log ϵ)	(4.59), 399 (4.03) nm	403 (3.79) nm

correlations) and MS data analysis showed that the difference was in the fourth sugar moiety, with sugar D being a D-amictose instead of the D-olivose unit usually found in this position. The data also proved the attachment of the hexasaccharide at 8-position (³J_{C-H} coupling between H-1A, δ_H 5.18 with C-8, δ_C 156.4), for MS/MS fragmentation see also Supplementary Figure S3. All of the remaining NMR data (Tables 3 and 4 and Figure 3) are in full agreement with structure 2. The relative configurations of the sugar residues were derived from the coupling constants and NOESY experiments (Figure 4) indicating that compound 2 has the same stereochemistry both at C-6 of the aglycone and the hexasaccharide sugar moieties as found previously for landomycin C (13). In sum, structure 2 was determined to be 11-deoxylandomycin C, and was named landomycin X.

Closely related to landomycin X (2), compound 3 was obtained as dark red solid from the same fraction III, exhibiting a molecular

Table 3 ¹H NMR data of 11-deoxylandomycinone (1) and landomycins X–Z (2–4) in CDCl₃, δ in p.p.m. relative to TMS, multiplicities (J/Hz)

Position	(1) ^a δ_H (500 MHz)	Landomycin X (2) ^b δ_H (500 MHz)	Landomycin Y (3) ^b δ_H (500 MHz)	Landomycin Z (4) ^b δ_H (500 MHz)
1-OH	9.21 brs	9.55 brs	11.11 s	9.55 brs
2	6.77 brs	6.76 brs	7.09 d 1.7	6.77 brs
3-CH ₃	2.31 s	2.29 s	2.46 s	2.29 s
4	6.74 brs	6.71 brs	7.22 d (1.7)	6.71 brs
5 _{α}	2.93 dd (16.2, 4.2)	2.87 dd (16.2, 4.3)	8.08 d (8.8)	2.88 dd (16.2, 4.3)
5 _{β}	3.11 dd (16.3, 4.2)	3.05 dd (16.2, 4.3)	—	3.06 dd (16.2, 4.7)
6	5.20 t (4.1)	5.10 t (4.4)	8.23 d (8.6)	5.10 t (4.5)
8-OH	11.97 s	—	—	—
9	7.32 dd (8.4, 1.0)	7.48 d (8.5)	7.48 dd (8.4, 0.8)	7.49 d (8.5)
10	7.64 t (8.0)	7.65 t (8.2)	7.67 t (8.1)	7.66 t (8.2)
11	7.76 dd (7.5, 1.0)	7.93 d (7.7)	8.00 dd (7.7, 0.9)	7.94 d (7.7)
<i>Sugar A, β-D-olivose</i>				
1A	—	5.18 dd (9.5, 1.5)	5.23 dd (9.6, 1.9)	5.20 brd (9.5)
2A _{α}	—	2.15 ddd (12.7, 12.0, 5.0)	2.16 ddd (12.7, 12.0, 5.0)	2.11 ddd (12.7, 12.0, 5.0)
2A _{ϵ}	—	2.63 ddd (12.8, 11.2, 5.1)	2.72 ddd (12.7, 5.1, 1.7)	2.66 ddd (12.8, 5.1, 1.7)
3A	—	3.70 m	3.75 m	3.72 m
3A-OH	—	4.70 brs	4.72 brs	4.72 brs
4A	—	3.05 dd (8.4, 8.4)	3.10 dd (8.4, 8.4)	3.09 dd (8.1, 8.1)
5A	—	3.48 m	3.48 m	3.44 m
6A	—	1.29 d (6.1)	1.30 d (6.1)	1.29 d (6.1)
<i>Sugar B, β-D-olivose</i>				
1B	—	4.51 dd (8.6, 1.3)	4.52 dd (9.9, 1.8)	4.51 brd (9.6)
2B _{α}	—	1.78–1.50 m (complex)	1.75–1.45 m (complex)	1.75–1.51 m (complex)
2B _{ϵ}	—	2.24 ddd (12.0, 5.0, 1.5)	2.20 ddd (12.0, 5.0, 1.5)	2.21 ddd (12.0, 5.0, 1.5)
3B	—	3.48 ddd (12.2, 8.3, 5.2)	3.48 ddd (12.2, 8.3, 5.2)	3.47 ddd (12.2, 8.3, 5.2)
4B	—	3.05 dd (8.4, 8.4)	3.05 dd (8.4, 8.4)	3.08 dd (8.4, 8.4)
4B-OH	—	4.20 brs	4.22 brs	4.20 brs
5B	—	3.22 m	3.23 m	3.25 m
6B	—	1.33 d (6.1)	1.32 d (6.1)	1.31 d (6.1)
<i>Sugar C, α-L-rhodinose</i>				
1C	—	4.94 brs	4.95 brs	4.95 brs
2C _{α}	—	1.68 m (complex)	1.58 m (complex)	1.75–1.51 m (complex)
2C _{ϵ}	—	1.95 m (complex)	1.78 m (complex)	2.02–1.89 m (complex)
3C _{α}	—	1.55 m (complex)	1.55 m (complex)	1.75–1.51 m (complex)
3C _{ϵ}	—	2.02 m (complex)	2.05 m (complex)	2.02–1.89 m (complex)
4C	—	3.51 brs	3.51 brs	3.52 brs
5C	—	4.07 q (6.5)	4.06 dq (6.6, 1.2)	4.07 q (6.6)
6C	—	1.18 d (6.4)	1.18 d (6.4)	1.19 d (6.4)

Table 4 ^{13}C NMR data of 11-deoxylandomycinone and landomycins X–Y (2, 3) compared with the reported data of landomycin C (13),⁶ (δ_{C} , mult)

Position	1 ^{a,b} $\delta_{\text{C}}^{\text{d}}$	2 ^{a,c} $\delta_{\text{C}}^{\text{d}}$	3 ^{a,c} $\delta_{\text{C}}^{\text{d}}$	13 ^c $\delta_{\text{C}}^{\text{e}}$	Position	2 ^{a,c} $\delta_{\text{C}}^{\text{d}}$	3 ^{a,c} $\delta_{\text{C}}^{\text{d}}$	13 ^c $\delta_{\text{C}}^{\text{e}}$
1	155.8 qC	155.8 qC	155.2 qC	155.1 qC	5B	72.0 CH	72.0 CH	69.2 CH ^f
2	115.4 CH	120.2 CH	119.9 CH	120.1 CH	6B	18.3 CH ₃	18.3 CH ₃	17.8 CH ₃ ^f
3	142.0 qC	143.9 qC	141.4 qC	143.7 qC	<i>Sugar C, α-L-rhodinose</i>			
3-CH ₃	21.2 CH ₃	21.4 CH ₃	21.4 CH ₃	21.2 CH ₃	1C	98.2 CH	98.1 CH	97.7 CH
4	121.1 CH	123.7 CH	121.4 CH	126.8 CH	2C	25.7 CH ₂	25.7 CH ₂	25.5 CH ₂
4a	138.7 qC	136.9 qC	138.5 qC	136.8 qC	3C	25.3 CH ₂	25.3 CH ₂	25.1 CH ₂
5	36.5 CH ₂	36.5 CH ₂	137.8 CH	37.1 CH ₂	4C	75.6 CH	75.6 CH	75.6 CH ^f
6	57.1 CH	62.0 CH	122.9 CH	65.6 CH	5C	68.0 CH	68.0 CH	67.8 CH ^f
6a	139.3 qC	145.8 qC	136.8 qC	138.8 qC	6C	17.2 CH ₃	17.2 CH ₃	17.0 CH ₃ ^f
7	188.0 qC	183.8 qC	181.9 qC	182.9 qC	<i>Sugar D, β-D-amicetose</i>			
7a	114.6 qC	120.6 qC	121.6 qC	114.9 qC	1D	103.7 CH	103.7 CH	103.5 CH
8	159.8 qC	156.4 qC	156.5 qC	150.7 qC	2D	30.2 CH ₂	30.2 CH ₂	30.7 CH ₂
9	123.0 CH	125.1 CH	124.8 CH	123.7 CH	3D	30.9 CH ₂	30.9 CH ₂	30.0 CH ₂
10	136.4 CH	134.9 CH	134.9 CH	132.6 CH	4D	80.7 CH	80.7 CH	80.7 CH
11	118.1 CH	123.1 CH	123.4 CH	159.6 CH	5D	74.5 CH	74.5 CH	74.4 CH ^f
11a	134.3 qC	134.7 qC	137.1 qC	119.1 qC	6D	18.5 CH ₃	18.4 CH ₃	16.9 CH ₃ ^f
12	183.7 qC	189.7 qC	190.7 qC	192.7 qC	<i>Sugar E, β-D-olivose</i>			
12a	144.6 qC	138.7 qC	130.8 qC	146.8 qC	1E	101.0 CH	101.1 CH	100.9 CH
12b	114.1 qC	113.3 qC	119.3 qC	113.3 qC	2E	37.4 CH ₂	37.7 CH ₂	37.2 CH ₂
<i>Sugar A, β-D-olivose</i>					3E	80.7 CH	80.9 CH	75.2 CH ^f
1A	—	98.5 CH	98.7 CH	99.6 CH	4E	75.4 CH	75.4 CH	80.5 CH
2A	—	37.7 CH ₂	37.8 CH ₂	37.6 CH ₂	5E	72.5 CH	72.5 CH	71.8 CH ^f
3A	—	69.4 CH	69.5 CH	72.3 CH ^f	6E	18.0 CH ₃	18.0 CH ₃	18.1 CH ₃ ^f
4A	—	88.0 CH	88.0 CH	87.8 CH	<i>Sugar F, α-L-rhodinose</i>			
5A	—	71.1 CH	71.1 CH	70.8 CH ^f	1F	97.5 CH	97.5 CH	97.3 CH
6A	—	18.0 CH ₃	18.1 CH ₃	17.8 CH ₃ ^f	2F	24.7 CH ₂	24.7 CH ₂	24.6 CH ₂
<i>Sugar B, β-D-olivose</i>					3F	24.3 CH ₂	24.3 CH ₂	24.1 CH ₂
1B	—	101.2 CH	101.0 CH	100.8 CH	4F	67.3 CH	67.3 CH	67.6 CH ^f
2B	—	37.4 CH ₂	37.4 CH ₂	36.3 CH ₂	5F	67.8 CH	67.8 CH	67.1 CH
3B	—	80.9 CH	80.8 CH	75.4 CH ^f	6F	17.2 CH ₃	17.2 CH ₃	18.3 CH ₃ ^f
4B	—	75.7 CH	75.7 CH	80.4 CH	—	—	—	—

^aSee also Supplementary Figures S9, S12 and S14, as well as Supplementary Figures S17, S20, S23, S26, S28, S32, S34 and S36 for comparison.

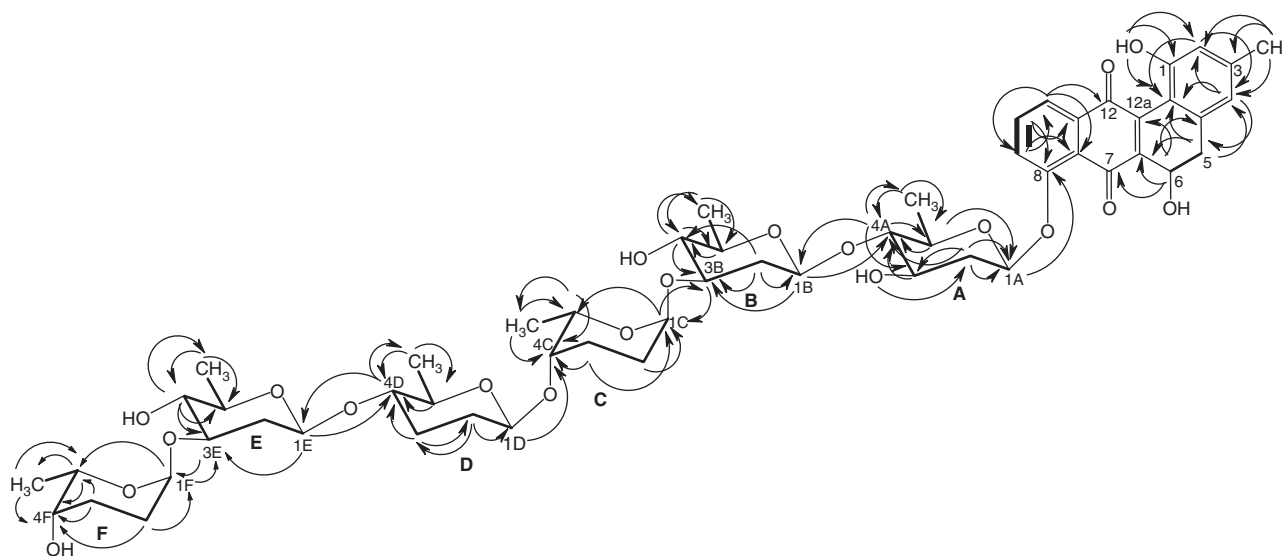
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^e50 MHz,

^fAssignment is uncertain.

**Figure 3** Selected HMBC connectivities (→) and H,H COSY correlations (bold lines) of Landomycin X (2).

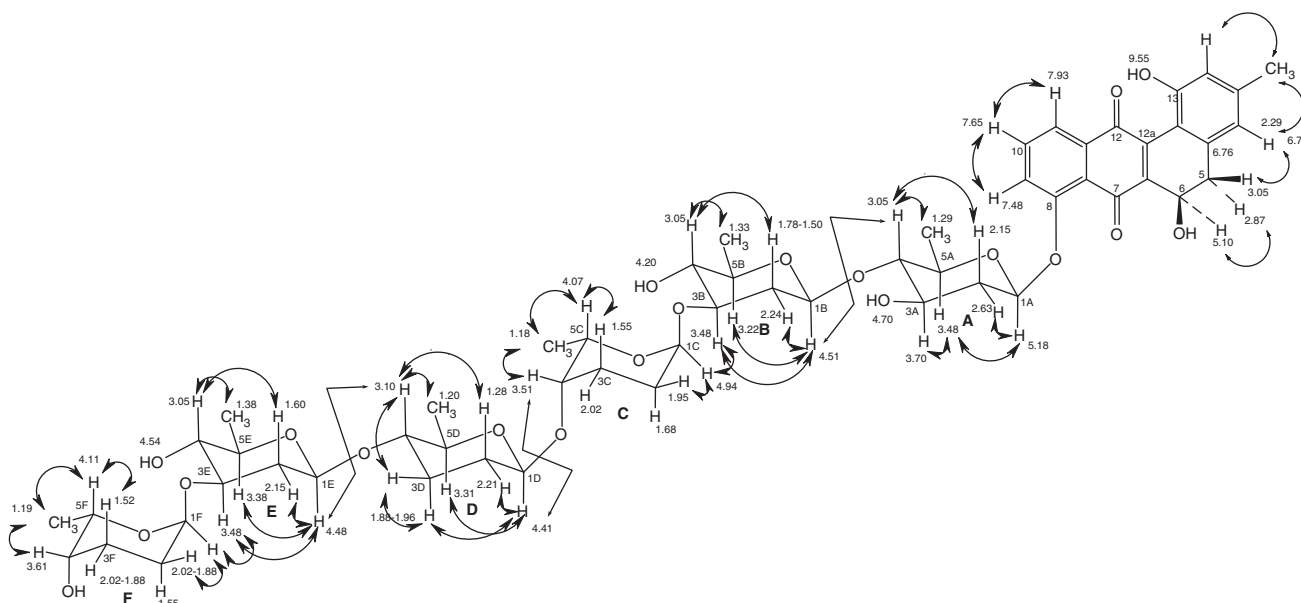


Figure 4 Diagnostic NOESY correlations (\leftrightarrow) of Landomycin X (2).

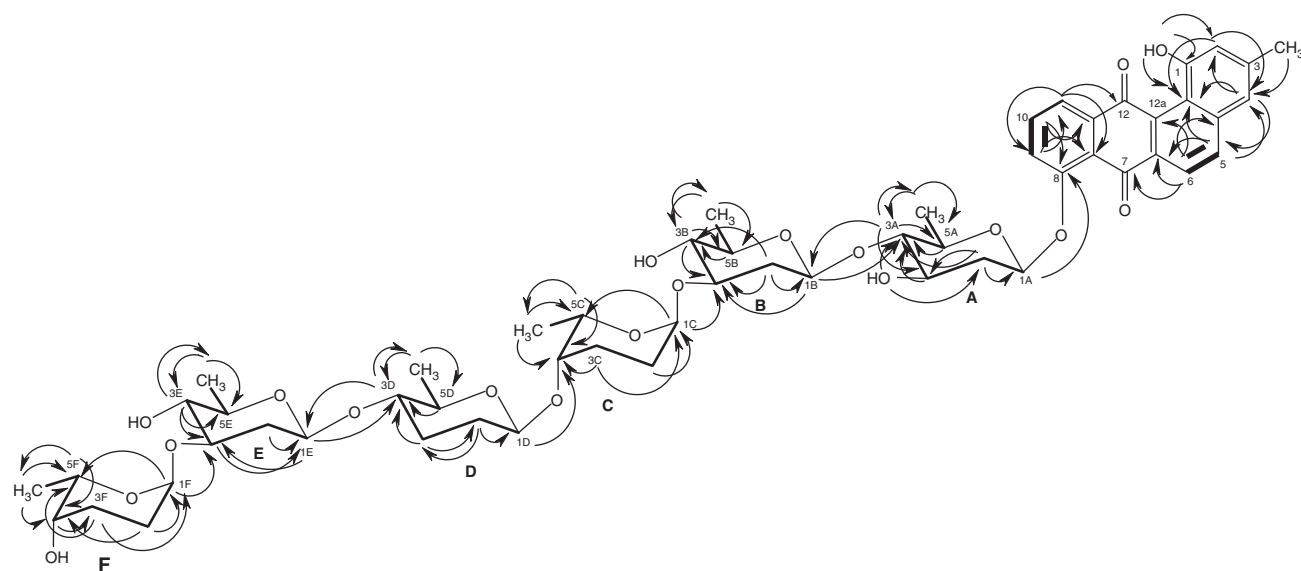


Figure 5 Selected HMBC connectivities (\rightarrow) and H,H COSY correlations (bold lines) of Landomycin Y (3).

found in compounds 2 and 7. Compared with structure 7 an oxygen atom was missing in compound 4, again at position 3D, due a D-amicetose unit instead of a D-olivose (H,H-COSY correlations, Supplementary Figure S2, Table 3). Thus, compound 4 was identified as 3D-deoxy-landomycin V, and consequently named landomycin Z.

Biological activity

The anticancer activity of the new angucyclin(on)es 1–4 compared with landomycin A were determined using MCF-7 (estrogen responsive) and MDA 231 (estrogen refractory) breast cancer cells (Table 5). Cell viability assays showed that compounds 1–4 and landomycin A have comparable anticancer activities against both cells lines. Specifically, against MCF-7 cells, compound 3 was the most potent ($IC_{50}=1.0\ \mu\text{M}$), but also compounds 1, 2 and 4 appear to have

comparable activity ($IC_{50}=2.1, 2.8$ and $2.6\ \mu\text{M}$, respectively) to landomycin A. 11-deoxylandomycinone (1) ($IC_{50}=1.2\ \mu\text{M}$) was the most potent compound against MDA 231 cells. However compounds 2–4, ($IC_{50}=2.0, 2.0$ and $2.5\ \mu\text{M}$, respectively) also displayed significant cytotoxic activities, again comparable to landomycin A. In conclusion, unlike some of the previously discovered new 11-deoxy-landomycins; for example, landomycins F (9), M (8), S (5), T (6) and V (7), the new angucyclin(on)es 1–4 showed potency against both MDA 231 and MCF-7 cells, previously only found for landomycin A and other landomycins bearing an 11-OH group. The exchange of the fourth sugar moiety (β -D-olivose) of landomycins S, T and V (5–7) with β -D-amicetose as in the new landomycins X–Z (2–4) slightly improve the anticancer activity (Table 5). The results suggest that a missing 4D-OH group; that is, substitution of D-olivose by a D-amicetose unit in

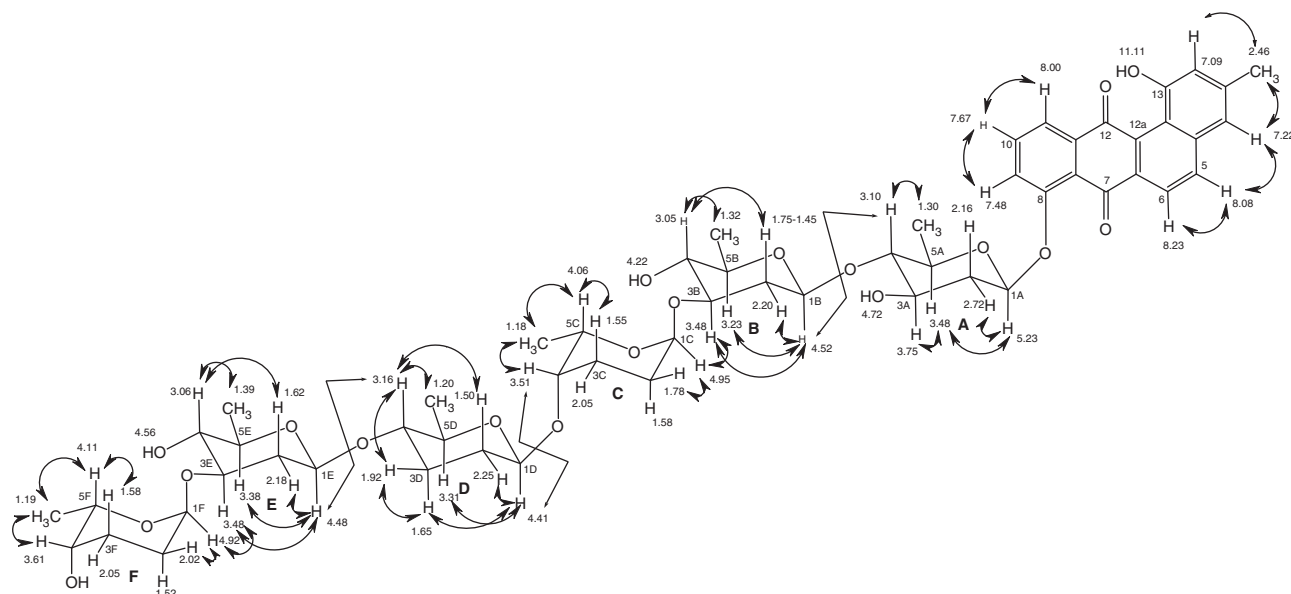


Figure 6 Diagnostic NOESY correlations (\leftrightarrow) of Landomycin Y (3).

Table 5 Anti-breast cancer potency (trypan blue exclusion cell viability assay) of the newly discovered 11-deoxylandomycinone (1) and landomycins X, Y and Z (2–4) in comparison with selected related compounds^a

No.	Name	Structure	Activities (mean IC_{50} , μM)	
			MCF-7	MDA-231
1	11-Deoxylandomycinone	$R^1=OH, R^2=OH$	2.1 ± 0.3	1.2 ± 0.4
2	Landomycin X	$R^1=$ hexasaccharide (I), $R^2=OH, R^3=H$	2.8 ± 0.5	2.0 ± 0.3
3	Landomycin Y	$R^1=$ hexasaccharide (I), $R^2=H, R^3=H, \Delta^{5,6}$	1.0 ± 0.1	2.0 ± 0.1
4	Landomycin Z	$R^1=$ pentasaccharide (II), $R^2=OH, R^4=H$	2.6 ± 0.3	2.5 ± 0.2
5	Landomycin S	$R^1=$ hexasaccharide (I), $R^2=OH, R^3=OH$	6.7 ± 1	1.5 ± 0.3
6	Landomycin T	$R^1=$ hexasaccharide (I), $R^2=OH, R^3=OH, \Delta^{5,6}$	NP ^b	1.85 ± 0.4
7	Landomycin V	$R^1=$ pentasaccharide (II), $R^2=OH, R^3=OH$	6.1 ± 1.3	1.5 ± 0.5
8	Landomycin M	$R^1=$ pentasaccharide (II), $R^2=H, R^4=OH, \Delta^{5,6}$	7.1 ± 4.6^c	1.9 ± 0.5
9	Landomycin F	$R^1=$ disaccharide (III), $R^2=OH$	NP ^{b,d}	1.8 ± 0.4
10	Landomycin O	$R^1=$ disaccharide (III), $R^2=H, \Delta^{5,6}$	NP ^{b,e}	3.55 ± 1.1
11	Tetrangulol	$R^1=OH, R^2=H, \Delta^{5,6}$	NP ^b	1.5 ± 0.2
12	Tetrangomycin	Structure 12	NP ^b	1.55 ± 0.3
	Landomycin A	11-Hydroxy-landomycin S	2.2 ± 0.1	2.0 ± 0.1

^aHPLC-MS analyses showed that these compounds remained stable under assay conditions, and did not decompose into aglycone and sugar residues.

^bNP, Not potent, the data for compounds 5–12 were taken from reference.¹²

^cPreviously reported¹⁰ IC_{50} against MCF-7 cells was $53.2 \pm 0.7 \mu M$ using a sulforhodamine B assay.

^dPreviously reported¹⁰ IC_{50} against MCF-7 cells was $15.9 \pm 3.0 \mu M$ using a sulforhodamine B assay.

^ePreviously reported¹⁰ IC_{50} against MCF-7 cells was $46.7 \pm 9.8 \mu M$ using a sulforhodamine B assay.

D-position of the saccharide chain, is advantageous, showing that subtle changes in the H-bonding properties of the saccharide chains can have a significant effect. As discussed before, the highest activity of landomycins X–Z (2–4) and aglycone 1 indicate that these compounds may have different mechanism-of-action, one for the aglycone alone, the other depending on the length of the sugar side chain, again with longer chains being advantageous. It should also be noted that the observed effects on estrogen receptor (ER)-negative (MDA-231) compared with ER-positive (MCF-7) breast cancer cells could be influenced by differential gene expression patterns known from these cell lines; for example, MDA-231 cells express higher cdc2, cyclin B1, cyclin D1, cyclin E, IGFBP-3, TGF- α , TGF β 2 compared with MCF-7 cells. Investigations of the molecular mechanism of the landomycins are currently in progress.

EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE

General experimental procedures

UV spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu UV-1800 (Model TCC-240A) UV spectrometer. NMR spectra were measured on a Varian VnmrJ 500 (1H , 500 MHz; ^{13}C , 125.7 MHz) spectrometer, the δ -values were referenced to the respective solvent signals. ESI mass spectra were recorded on a Finnigan LCQ ion trap mass spectrometer. Electrospray ionization high resolution mass spectra were recorded on an Agilent LC/MSD TOF (resolution: 10 000; 3 p.p.m. mass accuracy; Inlet Systems: Agilent Technologies 1200 Series LC pumps) Mass Spectrometer (Agilent, Palo Alto, CA, USA). LC/MS/MS measurements were performed on an Applied Biosystems 3200 QTRAP mass spectrometer (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA, USA) using electrospray ionization in the positive and negative ionization mode, inlet systems: Agilent 1100 series HPLC; Resolution: Unit mass. Samples were introduced by means

of a syringe pump. HPLC purifications were carried out using a Symmetry Prep C₁₈10 μm column (10×150 mm) on a binary LC system. HPLC-MS analyses were carried out using a Symmetry Anal C₁₈5 μm column (4.6×250 mm) on a binary LC system. Flash chromatography was carried out on silica gel MN 60 (140–270 mesh, American Society of Testing Materials). *R_f* values were measured on Polygram SIL G/UV₂₅₄ (Macherey-Nagel, Dueren, Germany). Size-exclusion chromatography was performed on Sephadex LH-20 (GE Healthcare, Piscataway, NJ, USA).

Cell viability assay

To determine the cytotoxic activity of the new compounds 11-deoxylandomycinone (1), landomycins X–Z (2–4) and landomycin A were tested against two breast cancer cell lines, MCF-7 (estrogen responsive) and MDA 231 (estrogen refractory). Cell viability of these two cell lines in response to the various concentrations of compounds were determined using the trypan blue exclusion assay, in which 50×10³ cells in 0.5 ml medium were plated in each well of a 24-well plate and allowed to attach overnight. The medium was replaced the following day with fresh medium containing different concentrations of the compounds to be tested and the plates were incubated for 24 h at 37 °C. At the end of the treatment period both adherent and floating cells were collected, and resuspended in phosphate-buffered saline for trypan blue staining using 0.4% stain for 3 min. Stained (dead) and unstained (live) cells were counted using a hemocytometer, cell viability in response to specific compounds was determined, dose–response curve was plotted and finally IC₅₀ was calculated. Each set of experiment was performed three times to confirm reproducibility of the results.

Culture material, fermentation and isolation

SG-Medium. Glucose (20 g, Sigma-Aldrich, St Louis, MO, USA), yeast extract (5 g, Acros Organics, Morris Plains, NJ, USA), Soytone (10, Becton, Dickinson, Franklin Lakes, NJ, USA), CoCl₂ × 6 H₂O (1 mg, Acros Organics, Morris Plains, NJ, USA) and calcium carbonate (2 g, Sigma-Aldrich) were dissolved in 1 l of demineralized water. The suspension (pH 7.2) was sterilized by autoclaving for 33 min at 121 °C.

M₂-Agar Medium. Glucose (4.0 g, Sigma-Aldrich), yeast extract (4.0 g, Acros Organics), malt extract (10.0 g, MP Biomedicals, LLC, Solon, OH, USA) and agar (15.0 g, Becton, Dickinson) were dissolved in 1 l of demineralized water.

Fermentation, extraction and isolation. Strain *S. cyanogenus* K62 was cultivated on M₂-agar plates at 28 °C for 2 days. With pieces of well-grown agar subculture of the strain, a pre-culture (0.25 L-Erlenmeyer flask) of *S. cyanogenus* K62, containing 100 ml of SG-medium was prepared, inoculated and cultivated at 28 °C (250 r.p.m.). After 2 days the grown pre-culture flask was used to inoculate 40 of the 0.25 l flasks each containing 100 ml of SG-medium, which was grown at 28 °C, and harvested after 3 days. The obtained reddish brown culture broth was mixed with celite and filtered off; both biomass and filtrate were extracted with EtOAc; (5×500 ml, for biomass) and (4×2 l, for filtrate). Both extracts were combined and evaporated in vacuo at 40 °C, and afforded 6.45 g of reddish powder crude extract.

Separation of 0.97 g of crude extract on silica gel column (column 2.5×50 cm, 100 g), using a stepwise MeOH/CH₂Cl₂ gradient (0.21 0% MeOH → fraction FI, then 0.21 5% MeOH → fraction FII, then 0.21 10% MeOH, then 0.51 50% MeOH, combined → fraction FIII), yielded three fractions, FI (100 mg, red solid), FII (60.7 mg, orange solid) and FIII (570 mg, red solid). Fraction FI was further purified during silica gel column (0.5 l, CH₂Cl₂/20% *n*-hexane; 2 × 30 cm) followed by Sephadex LH-20 (2×40 cm, 50% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to obtain tertangulol (11; reddish brown crystals, 38.2 mg). Purification of fraction FII was carried out by HPLC followed by Sephadex LH-20 (1×20 cm, MeOH) to yield tetrangomycin (12; yellow solid, 1.3 mg) and 11-deoxylandomycinone (1; orange solid, 6.1 mg). In an analogous manner, further fractionation and purification of fraction FIII delivered landomycins F (9, 60.0 mg), O (10, 37.1 mg), V (7, 24.9 mg), S (5, 38.7 mg), M (8, 15.8 mg), T (6, 31.2 mg), along with the three new landomycins X~Z (2–4, 11.6, 9.39 and 2.1 mg, respectively) in pure form, (Figure 1, Supplementary Figure S4).

11-Deoxylandomycinone (1). Orange solid; *R_f* 0.87 (7% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂), blue coloration with 2N NaOH; UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ε) 263 (3.71), 288 (3.68), 319

sh (3.58), 447 (3.28) nm; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz) δ 12.07 (1H, brs, 8-OH), 9.75 (1H, brs, 1-OH), 7.73 (1H, t, *J*=8.8 Hz, H-10), 7.44 (1H, d, *J*=7.5 Hz, H-11), 7.32 (1H, d, *J*=8.8 Hz, H-9), 6.64 (1H, brs, H-2), 6.57 (1H, brs, H-4), 5.03 (1H, d, *J*=3.9 Hz, 6-OH), 4.97 (1H, brs, H-6), 2.89 (1H, d, *J*=16.2 Hz, H_β-5), 2.76 (1H, d, *J*=16.4 Hz, H_α-5), 2.26 (3H, s, 3-CH₃) p.p.m.; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz), see Tables 3 and 4; (–)-ESI MS *m/z* 321 [M-H][–]; (+)-ESI MS *m/z* 323 [M+H]⁺; (–)-HRESIMS *m/z* 321.0768 [M-H][–] (calcd for C₁₉H₁₃O₅, 321.0768); (+)-HRESIMS *m/z* 323.1001 [M+H]⁺, 305.0795 [M-H₂O+H]⁺, 361.0473 [M+K]⁺ (calcd for C₁₉H₁₅O₅, 323.0914, for C₁₉H₁₃O₄, 305.0808 and for C₁₉H₁₄O₅K, 361.0473).

Landomycin X (2). Orange solid; *R_f* 0.65 (7% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂), blue coloration with 2N NaOH; UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ε) 265 (4.41), 285 (4.35), 320 sh (4.13), 412 (3.93) nm; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz), see Tables 3 and 4; (–)-ESI MS *m/z* 1053 [M-H][–]; (+)-ESI MS *m/z* 1077 [M+Na]⁺; (–)-ESI MS/MS *m/z* (%) 1053 ([M-H][–], 100), 1035 ([M-H₂O-H][–], 5), 893 (70), 321 ([M-(L-rhodinose + D-olivose + D-amicetose + L-rhodinose + D-olivose + D-olivose)-H][–], 50); (–)-HRESIMS *m/z* 1053.4688 [M-H][–] (calcd for C₅₅H₇₃O₂₀, 1053.4700); (+)-HRESIMS *m/z* 1077.4722 [M+Na]⁺, 1093.4467 [M+K]⁺ (calcd for C₅₅H₇₄O₂₀ Na, 1077.4665 and for C₅₅H₇₄O₂₀K, 1093.4405).

Landomycin Y (3). Dark red solid; *R_f* 0.60 (7% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂), blue coloration with 2N NaOH; UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ε) 246 sh (4.59), 312 (4.59), 399 (4.03) nm; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz), see Tables 3 and 4; (+)-ESI MS *m/z* 1059 [M+Na]⁺; (+)-HRESIMS *m/z* 1059.4546 [M+Na]⁺ (calcd for C₅₅H₇₂O₁₉Na, 1059.4560).

Landomycin Z (4). Orange solid; *R_f* 0.35 (7% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂), blue coloration with 2N NaOH; UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ε) 265 (4.14), 285 (4.05), 403 (3.79) nm; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz), see Table 3; (+)-ESI MS *m/z* 963 [M+Na]⁺; (+)-HRESIMS *m/z* 963.3981 [M+Na]⁺ (calcd for C₄₉H₆₄O₁₈Na, 963.3985).

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