



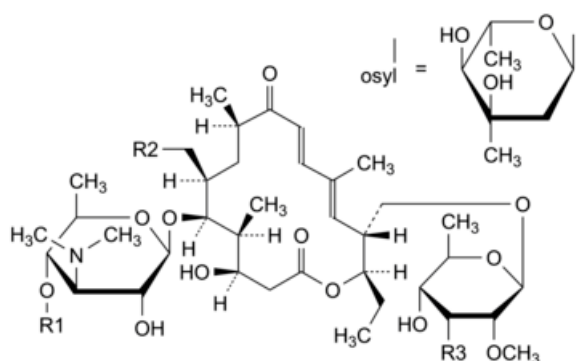
Edition: BP 2025 (Ph. Eur. 11.6 update)

Tylosin



[General Notices](#)

(Tylosin for Veterinary Use, Ph. Eur. monograph 1273)



Tylosin	R1	R2	R3	Mol. Formula	M_r
A	osyl	CHO	OCH ₃	C ₄₆ H ₇₇ NO ₁₇	916
B	H	CHO	OCH ₃	C ₃₉ H ₆₅ NO ₁₄	772
C	osyl	CHO	OH	C ₄₅ H ₇₅ NO ₁₇	902
D	osyl	CH ₂ OH	OCH ₃	C ₄₆ H ₇₉ NO ₁₇	918

1401-69-0

Action and use

Macrolide antibacterial.

Preparation

[Tylosin Injection](#)

Ph Eur

DEFINITION

Mixture of macrolide antibiotics produced by certain strains of *Streptomyces fradiae*. The main component is 2-[(4*R*,5*S*,6*S*,7*R*,9*R*,11*E*,13*E*,15*R*,16*R*)-15-[[[6-deoxy-2,3-di-*O*-methyl-β-*D*-allopyranosyl]oxy]methyl]-6-[[[3,6-dideoxy-4-*O*-(2,6-dideoxy-3-*C*-methyl-α-*L*-ribo-hexopyranosyl)-3-(dimethylamino)-β-*D*-glucopyranosyl]oxy]-16-ethyl-4-hydroxy-5,9,13-trimethyl-2,10-dioxo-1-oxacyclohexadeca-11,13-dien-7-yl]acetaldehyde (tylosin, tylosin A). Tylosin B (desmycosin, 4'-*O*-demycarosyltylosin), tylosin C (macrocin, 3'''-*O*-demethyltylosin) and tylosin D (relomycin, 19-deoxo-19-hydroxytylosin) may also be present.

Content

Minimum 900 IU/mg (dried substance). Tylosins A, B, C and D contribute to the potency.

CHARACTERS

Appearance

Almost white or slightly yellow powder.

Solubility

Very slightly soluble in water, freely soluble in ethanol (96 per cent) and in methylene chloride, practically insoluble in heptane.

IDENTIFICATION

Infrared absorption spectrophotometry ([2.2.24](#)).

Comparison [tylosin CRS](#).

TESTS

Appearance of solution

The solution is clear ([2.2.1](#)) and not more intensely coloured than reference solution Y₅ ([2.2.2, Method II](#)).

Dissolve 1.00 g in 20 mL of a mixture of equal volumes of [acetonitrile R](#) and [water R](#).

pH ([2.2.3](#))

8.5 to 10.5.

Suspend 0.25 g in 10 mL of [carbon dioxide-free water R](#).

Composition

Liquid chromatography ([2.2.29](#)): use the normalisation procedure. *Prepare the solutions immediately before use.*

Phosphate buffer pH 5.5 Dissolve 25.82 g of [potassium dihydrogen phosphate R](#) in 800 mL of [water R](#), adjust to pH 5.5 with a 13.2 g/L solution of [dipotassium hydrogen phosphate R](#) and dilute to 1.0 L with [water R](#).

Test solution Dissolve 25.0 mg of the substance to be examined in 5 mL of [acetonitrile R](#) and dilute to 25.0 mL with [water R](#).

Reference solution (a) Dissolve 5 mg of [tylosin for system suitability CRS](#) (containing tylosins A, B, C and D, and impurities A, E, N, O, R and S) in 1 mL of [acetonitrile R](#) and dilute to 5.0 mL with [water R](#).

Reference solution (b) Dilute 1.0 mL of the test solution to 100.0 mL with [water R](#). Dilute 1.0 mL of this solution to 10.0 mL with [water R](#).

Column:

- size: $l = 0.25$ m, $\varnothing = 4.6$ mm;
- stationary phase: [end-capped octadecylsilyl silica gel for chromatography R](#) (5 μ m);
- temperature: 60 °C.

Mobile phase:

- mobile phase A: phosphate buffer pH 5.5, [acetonitrile R](#), [water for chromatography R](#) (10:27.5:62.5 V/V/V);

— *mobile phase B*: phosphate buffer pH 5.5, [water for chromatography R](#), [acetonitrile R](#) (10:40:50 V/V/V);

Time (min)	Mobile phase A (per cent V/V)	Mobile phase B (per cent V/V)
0 - 25	100	0
25 - 45	100 → 84	0 → 16
45 - 65	84	16
65 - 70	84 → 44	16 → 56
70 - 82	44	56

Flow rate 1.0 mL/min.

Detection Spectrophotometer at 280 nm.

Injection 20 µL.

Identification of peaks Use the chromatogram supplied with [tylosin for system suitability CRS](#) and the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (a) to identify the peaks due to tylosins A, B, C and D, and impurities A, E, N, O, R and S.

Relative retention With reference to tylosin A (retention time = about 65 min): impurity E = about 0.23; tylosin B = about 0.31; impurity A = about 0.38; tylosin C = about 0.60; tylosin D = about 0.78; impurity N = about 0.81; impurity O = about 0.85; impurity R = about 1.17; impurity S = about 1.20.

System suitability:

— [resolution](#): reference solution (a): minimum 2.0 between the peaks due to tylosin B and impurity A; minimum 1.5 between the peaks due to impurities N and O; minimum 1.3 between the peaks due to impurities R and S;

— [signal-to-noise ratio](#): minimum 10 for the principal peak in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (b).

Limits:

— *tylosin A*: minimum 80.0 per cent;

— *sum of tylosins A, B, C and D*: minimum 95.0 per cent;

— *reporting threshold*: 0.10 per cent (reference solution (b)).

Related substances

Liquid chromatography ([2.2.29](#)) as described in the test for composition. Use the normalisation procedure.

Limits:

— *impurity A*: maximum 2.0 per cent;

— *sum of impurities eluting between impurity A and tylosin C*: maximum 2.0 per cent;

— *impurities N, O*: for each impurity, maximum 1.0 per cent;

— *impurities E, R, S*: for each impurity, maximum 0.5 per cent;

— *any other impurity*: for each impurity, maximum 0.50 per cent;

— *total*: maximum 5.0 per cent;

— *reporting threshold*: 0.10 per cent (reference solution (b)).

Impurity II (tyramine)

Maximum 0.35 per cent, or maximum 0.15 per cent if intended for use in the manufacture of parenteral preparations.

In a 25.0 mL volumetric flask, dissolve 50.0 mg in 5.0 mL of a 3.4 g/L solution of [phosphoric acid R](#). Add 1.0 mL of [pyridine R](#) and 2.0 mL of a saturated solution of [ninhydrin R](#) (about 40 g/L). Close the flask with aluminium foil and heat in a water-bath at 85 °C for 30 min. Cool the solution rapidly and dilute to 25.0 mL with [water R](#). Mix and measure immediately the absorbance ([2.2.25](#)) of the solution at 570 nm using a blank solution as the compensation liquid. The

absorbance is not greater than that of a standard prepared at the same time and in the same manner using 5.0 mL of a 35 mg/L solution of [tyramine R](#) (impurity II) in a 3.4 g/L solution of [phosphoric acid R](#). If intended for use in the manufacture of parenteral preparations, the absorbance is not greater than that of a standard prepared at the same time and in the same manner using 5.0 mL of a 15 mg/L solution of [tyramine R](#) (impurity II) in a 3.4 g/L solution of [phosphoric acid R](#).

[Loss on drying \(2.2.32\)](#)

Maximum 4.0 per cent, determined on 1.000 g by drying in an oven at 60 °C at a pressure not exceeding 0.7 kPa for 3 h.

[Sulfated ash \(2.4.14\)](#)

Maximum 1.0 per cent, determined on 1.0 g.

ASSAY

Carry out the microbiological assay of antibiotics ([2.7.2](#)). Use [tylosin CRS](#) as the chemical reference substance.

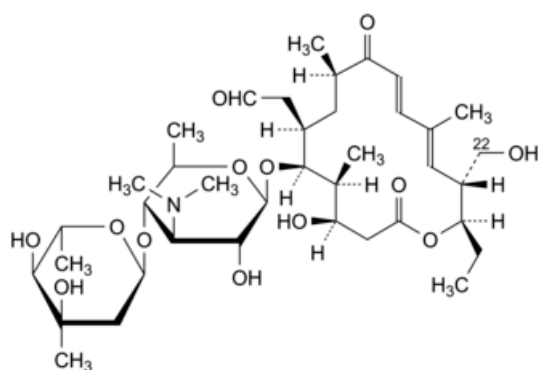
STORAGE

In an airtight container, protected from light. If the substance is sterile, the container is also sterile and tamper-evident.

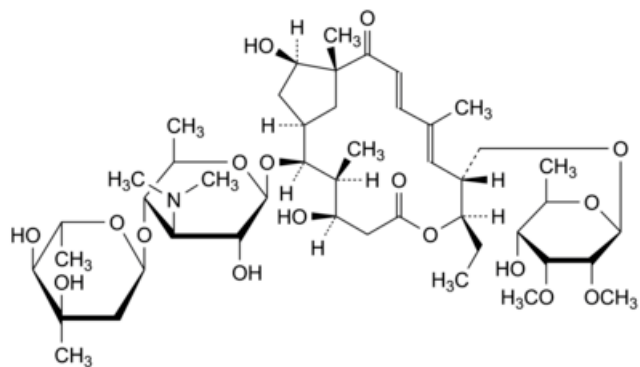
IMPURITIES

Specified impurities A, E, N, O, R, S, II.

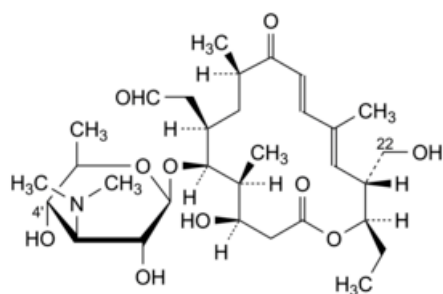
Other detectable impurities (the following substances would, if present at a sufficient level, be detected by one or other of the tests in the monograph. They are limited by the general acceptance criterion for other/unspecified impurities. It is therefore not necessary to identify these impurities for demonstration of compliance. See also [5.10. Control of impurities in substances for pharmaceutical use](#)) B, C, D, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, P, Q, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z, AA, BB, CC, DD, EE, FF, GG, HH.



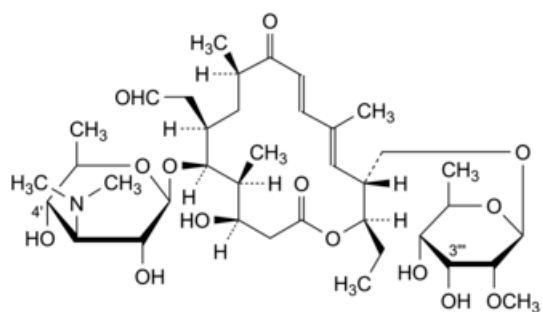
A. 22-O-demycinosyltylosin,



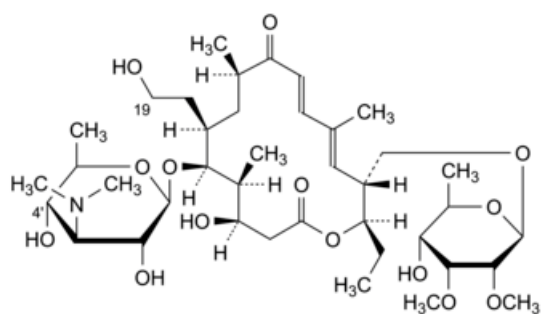
B. tylosin A aldol,



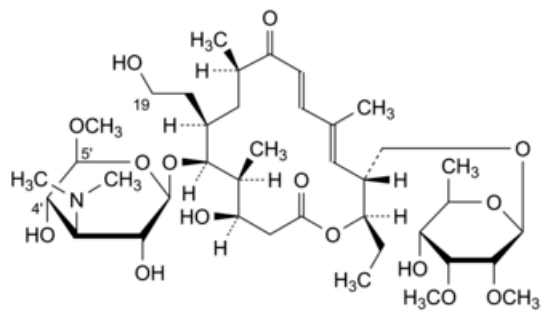
C. 4'-O-demycarosyl-22-O-demycinosyltylosin (demycinosyl desmycosin),



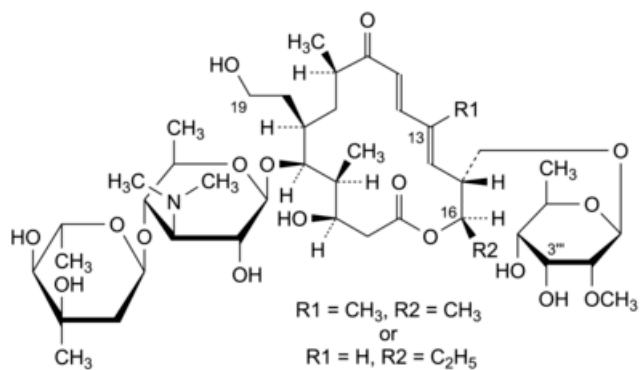
D. 3'''-O-demethyl-4'-O-demycarosyltylosin (demycarosyl macrocin, lactenocin),



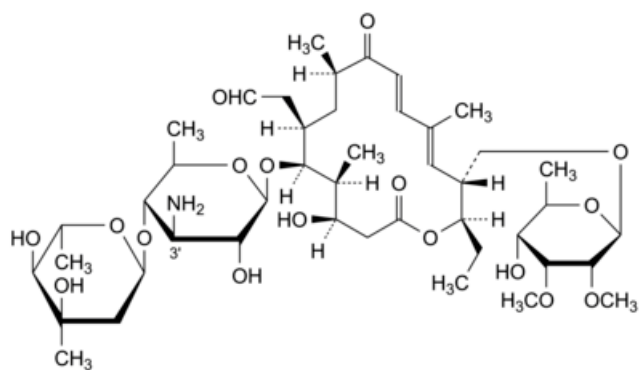
E. 4'-O-demycarosyl-19-deoxy-19-hydroxytylosin (demycarosyl relomycin),



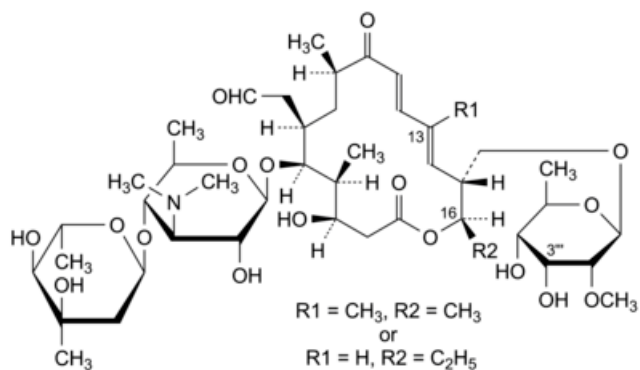
F. 5'-demethyl-4'-O-demycarosyl-19-deoxy-19-hydroxy-5'-methoxytylosin,



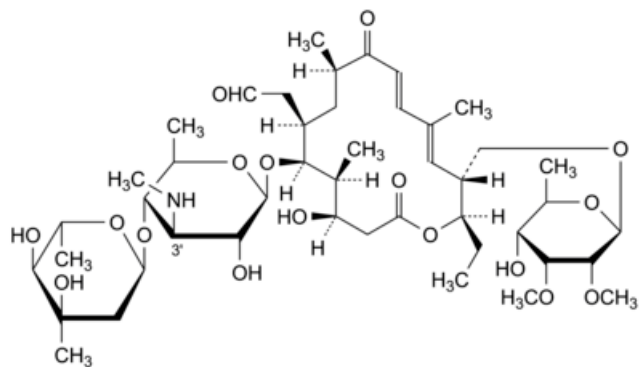
G. 16-deethyl-3'''-O-demethyl-19-deoxy-19-hydroxy-16-methyltylosin or 3'''-O,13-didemethyl-19-deoxy-19-hydroxytylosin,



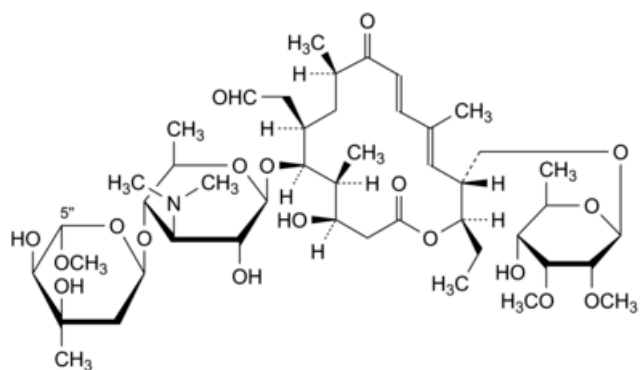
H. 3'-N,3'-N-didemethyltylosin,



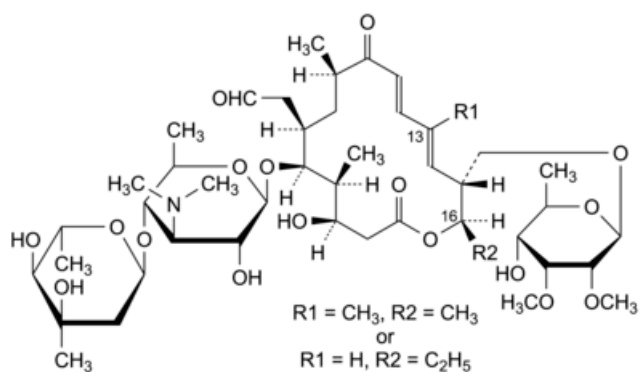
I. 16-deethyl-3'''-O-demethyl-16-methyltylosin or 3'''-O,13-didemethyltylosin,



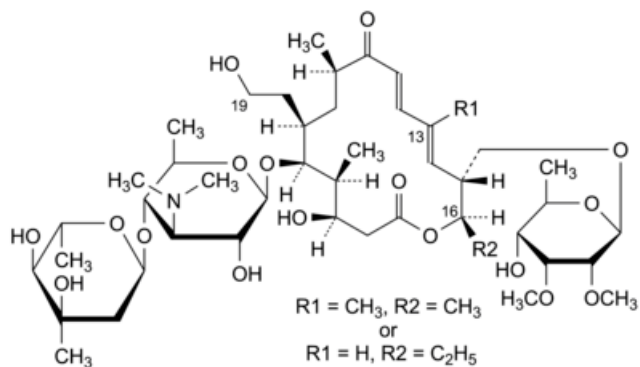
J. 3'-N-demethyltylosin,



K. 5''-demethyl-5''-methoxytylosin,



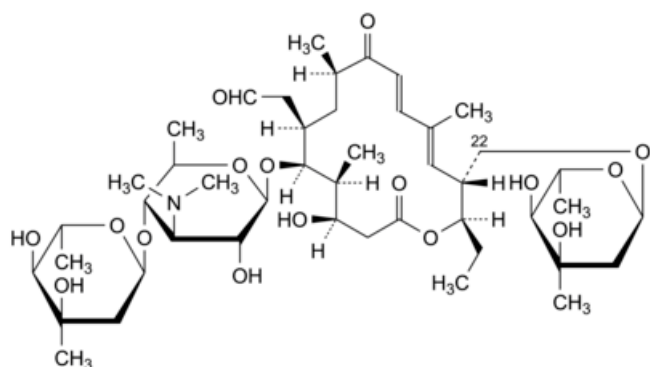
L. 16-deethyl-16-methyltylosin or 13-demethyltylosin,



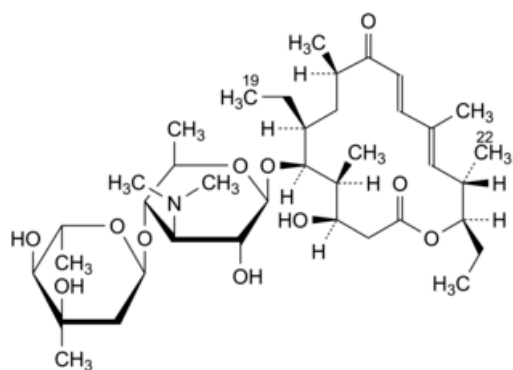
M. 16-deethyl-19-deoxy-19-hydroxy-16-methyltylosin or 13-demethyl-19-deoxy-19-hydroxytylosin,

N. unknown structure,

O. unknown structure,



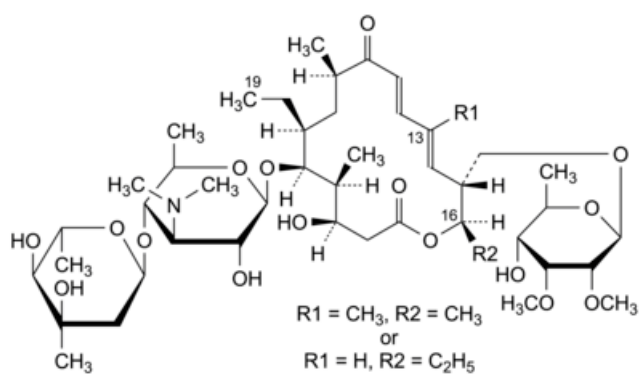
P. 22-O-demycinosyl-22-O-mycarosyltylosin,



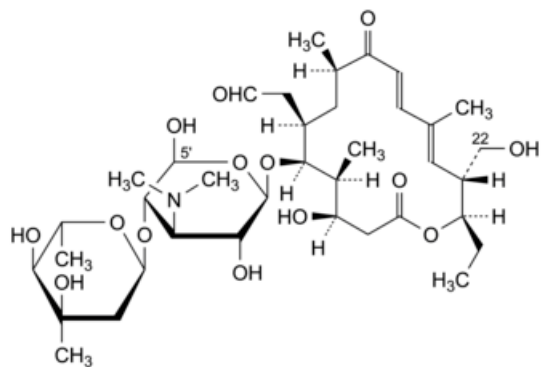
Q. 22-demycinosyloxy-19-deoxytylosin,

R. unknown structure,

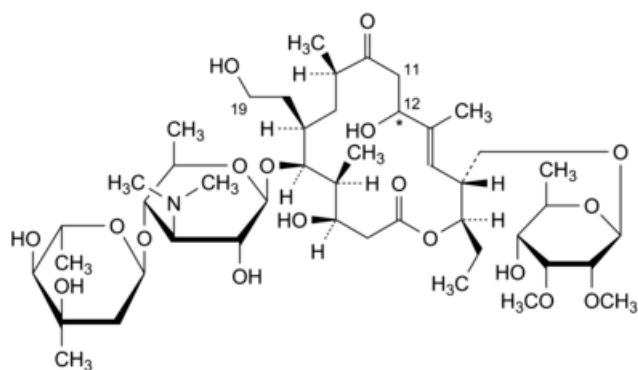
S. unknown structure,



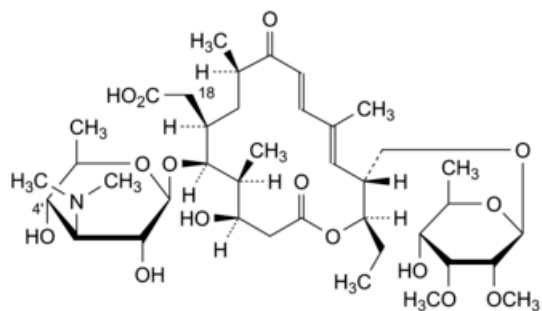
T. 16-deethyl-19-deoxy-16-methyltylosin or 13-demethyl-19-deoxytylosin,



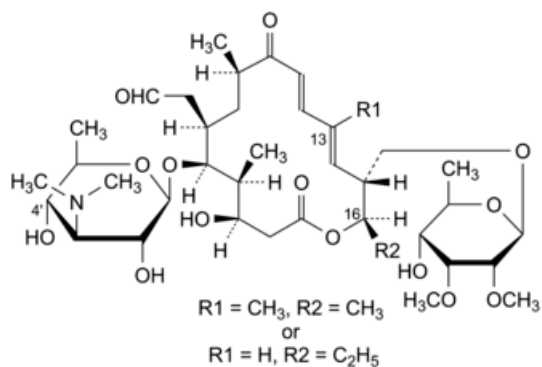
U. 5'-demethyl-22-O-demycinosyl-5'-hydroxytylosin,



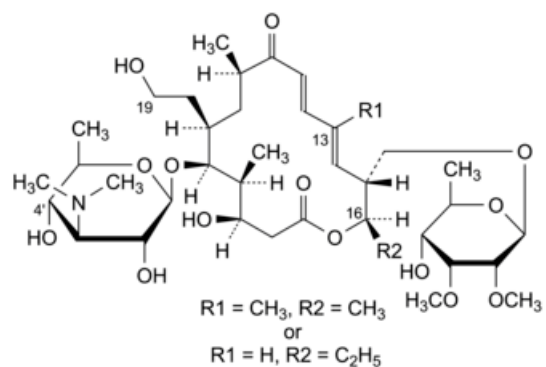
V. 19-deoxo-12,19-dihydroxy-11,12-dihydrotylosin,



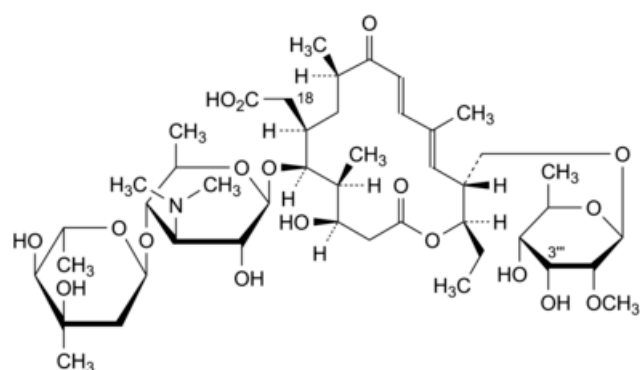
W. 18-carboxy-18-deformyl-4'-O-demycarosyltylosin,



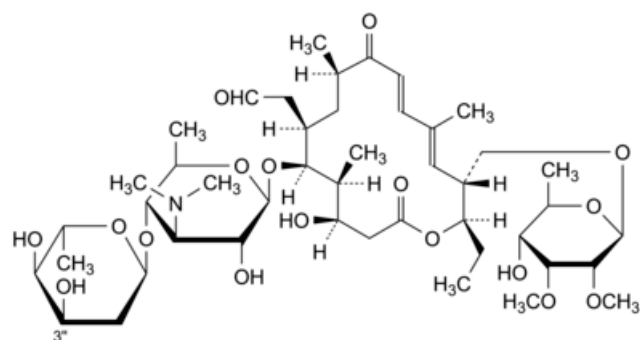
X. 16-deethyl-4'-O-demycarosyl-16-methyltylosin or 13-demethyl-4'-O-demycarosyltylosin,



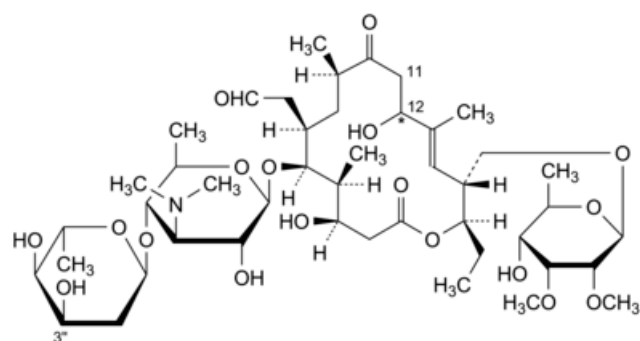
Y. 16-deethyl-4'-O-demycarosyl-19-deoxy-19-hydroxy-16-methyltylosin or 13-demethyl-4'-O-demycarosyl-19-deoxy-19-hydroxytylosin,



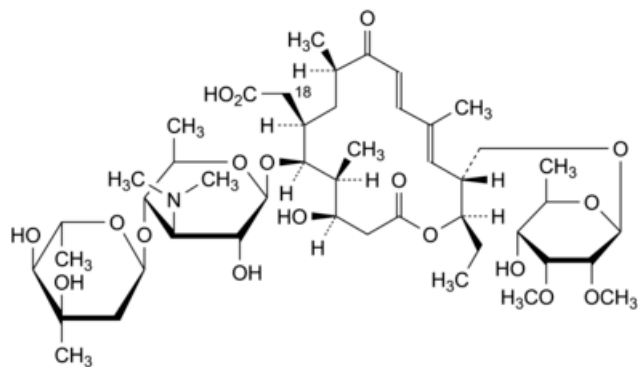
Z. 18-carboxy-18-deformyl-3'''-O-demethyltylosin,



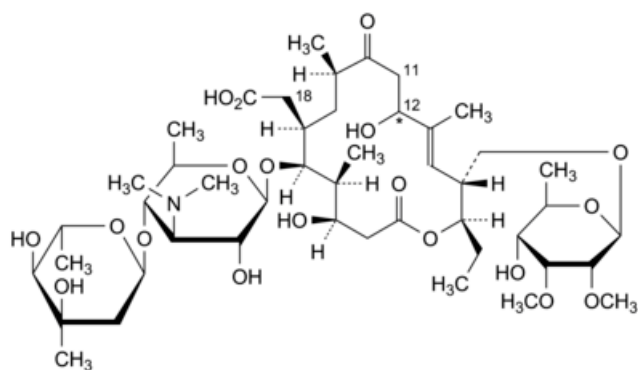
AA. 3'''-demethyltylosin,



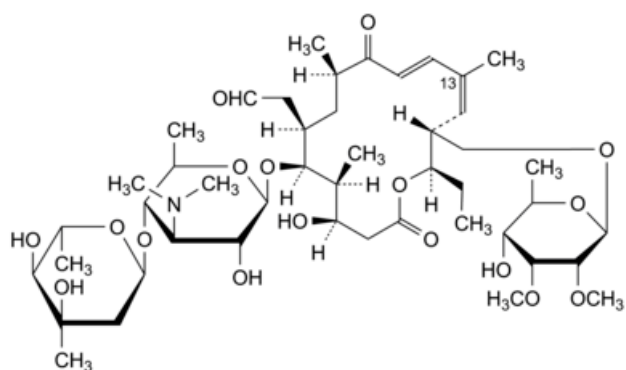
BB. 3'''-demethyl-12-hydroxy-11,12-dihydrotylosin,



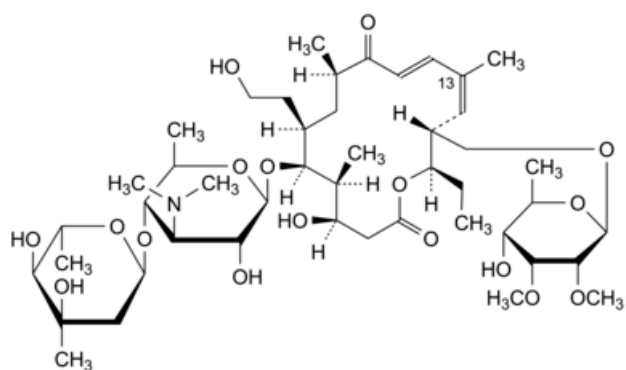
CC. 18-carboxy-18-deformyltylosin,



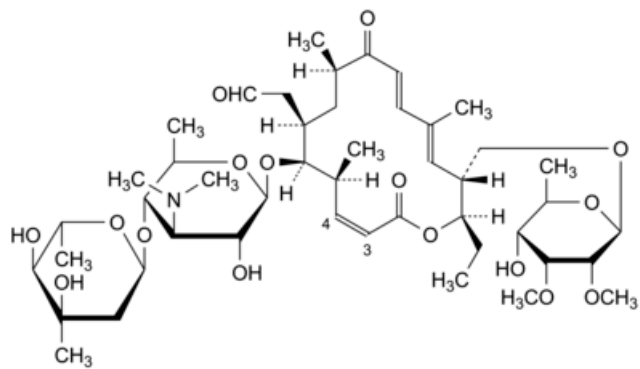
DD. 18-carboxy-18-deformyl-12-hydroxy-11,12-dihydrotylosin,



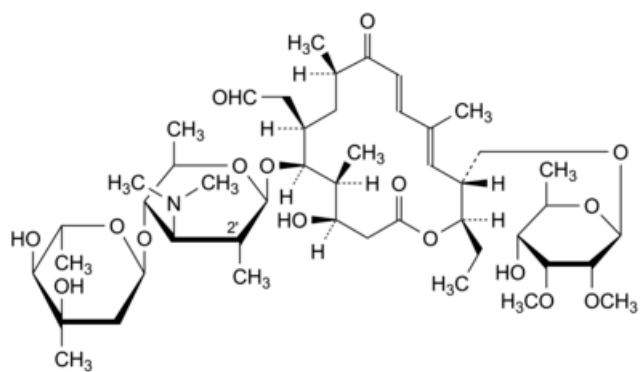
EE. (13Z)-tylosin,



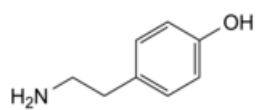
FF. (13Z)-19-deoxy-19-hydroxytylosin ((13Z)-relomycin),



GG. 4-dehydroxy-3,4-didehydrotylosin,



HH. 2'-deoxy-2'-methyltylosin,



II. 4-(2-aminoethyl)phenol (tyramine).

Ph Eur