#### **1712 CHAPTER 16** The Chemistry of Carbohydrates

## Figure 1626

## Epimers.

OH OH OH OH OH OH OH OH OH

D-(+)-glucose

(2*R*,3*S*,4*R*,5*R*)-2,3,4,5,6-pentahydroxyhexanal

OH OH OH OH OH OH OH OH

D-(+)-glucose (2*R*,3*S*,4*R*,5*R*)-2,3,4,5,6-pentahydroxyhexanal

OH OH OH

D-(+)-galactose

and

and

(2R,3S,4S,5R)-2,3,4,5,6-pentahydroxyhexanal

L-(-)-idose

(2R,3S,4R,5S)-2,3,4,5,6-pentahydroxyhexanal

doxorubicin - chemotherapeutic agent used in treating various cancers, including breast, bladder, and lymph; approved since 1974

epidoxorubicin (epirubicin) chemotherapeutic agent used with advanced breast, ovarian, and lung cancers; approved since 1999

compound. When the addition reaction is intramolecular, however, the equilibrium constants favor the cyclic hemiacetal or cyclic hemiketal (10–250 to 1), particularly when a five- or six-membered ring is formed (Figure 1627).

# Figure 1627

## Cyclic hemiacetals and cyclic hemiketals (general).

equilibrium



