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## SYNTHETIC APPROACH TO D-PSICOFURANOSYL NUCLEOSIDES AND THEIR 1-DEOXY ANALOGUES.

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**Abstract:** The sugar moiety of ketofuranosyl nucleosides derived from D-psicofuranose and 1-deoxy-D-psicofuranose are readily available through nucleophilic addition of D-ribono-1.4-lectone with lithiated reagents.

As a part of our work on the synthesis of ketofuranosyl nucleosides, conveniently substituted D-psicofuranose and 1-deoxy-D-psicofuranose were required. Their 1-halo 1 and 2.6-anhydro derivatives 2.3 have been previously reported. The corresponding halogenoses were also prepared in many steps for their use in conventional nucleoside synthesis 4-B. We now describe a new synthesis route for the target compounds 38 and 36 from inexpensive commercially available D-ribono-1.4-lactone.

Nucleophilic addition of 2.3-O-isopropylidene-5-O-tetrahydropyranyl-D-ribonolactone (1) with the carbanion generated from 2-lithio-1.3-dithiane afforded the dithioacetal 2 in 90 % yield. Any standard method<sup>9-11</sup> for conversion of a dithianyl group such as that in 2 into an aldehyde group was unsuccessfull. In contrast, 2 readily underwent desulfurization by hydrogen-saturated Raney nickel in boiling ethanol to give the protected 1-deoxy-D-psicofuranose 3a in 60 % yield. Reaction of 1 with methyllithium in tetrahydrofuran initially at -78°C and later at 0 °C gave in 93 % yield a chromatographically homogeneous oil identical with 3a.

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a. 2-lithio-1.3 dithians. THF, -78°C. b. Raney nickel. EtOH.  $\Delta$ . c. Li-C $\equiv$ C-CH<sub>2</sub>OTHP. THF. -78 °C. d. Mel. Ag<sub>2</sub>O. e. Pd/SO<sub>4</sub>Bs. NEt<sub>3</sub>. H<sub>2</sub>. AcOEt. f. OsO<sub>4</sub> (catalytic). Me<sub>3</sub> N-O. tert- BuOH.  $\Delta$ . g. NalO<sub>4</sub>, eq. MeOH. h. NaBH<sub>4</sub>. MeOH.

Similar nucleophilic addition of 1 with the carbanion generated from lithium 1-O-tetrahydropyranyl-2-propynide afforded the pentofuranosyl-propyne 4 in quantitative yield. Hydrogenation of 4 using palladium on barium sulfate was performed at room temperature to afford the vinyl compound 5. Cis dihydroxylation of 5 provided the diol 6 in 70 % yield. Periodate oxydation of 6, followed by reduction of the intermediate aldehyde with sodium borohydride, produced substituted D-psicofuranose 3b in 75 % overall yield.

The assignment of the structures to compounds 2 - 8 was based upon elemental analysis and magnetic resonance spectroscopy (proton and carbon 13).

a) Absolute configuration of the anomeric carbon in  $\underline{3a}$  issued from reaction of  $\underline{1}$  with methyllithium was determined to be  $\beta$  from  $^{13}\text{C-n.m.r.}$  studies and comparaison with similar D-psicofuranosyl derivatives  $^{12,13}$ . This R chirality was in agreement with the stereoselectivity observed in the reaction of sugar lactone with lithiated heterocycles  $^{14}$ .

- b) The product from reaction of 1 with 2-lithio-1.3-dithiane was a mixture of the  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ -enomers of 2. Its  $^{13}\text{C-n.m.r.}$  spectrum indicated a ratio of 56 %  $\alpha$  / 44 %  $\beta$  , based on the intensities of the signals relative to the anomeric and isopropylidenic carbons. A similar behavior of  $\gamma$ -valerolactone had been previously observed by D. Horton et al.  $^{15}$ .
- c) The quantitation for the anomeric mixture of 4 was determined from the same criteria as for 2 and gave an identical result.
- d) The analytical date of <u>3b</u> are in agreement with those described by other authors for various substituted  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ -D-psicofuranoses 12.16.17.

In conclusion, this work provides versatile intermediates for the synthesis of various nucleosides which is actually under investigation. The 1-deoxy-  $\beta$  -D-psicofuranosyl nucleosides are particularly worthwhile on account of their resemblance with the biologically important 2'-deoxynucleosides.

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18. Indicative structural data for compounds N°:

5", 6"), 26.6 and 25.1 (Me<sub>2</sub>).

[Primed and second numbers are respectively used for atoms in the tetrahydropyranyl and 1.3-dithiane rings.  $^{1}H$  and  $^{13}C$  n.m.r. spectra were recorded at 300.13 and 75.47 MHz - Brucker). 2: oil;  $\begin{bmatrix} \alpha \end{bmatrix}_{0}^{20}$  -10.3° (c 1. chloroform): v  $_{\rm max}$  film 3400 (OH), 1380 and 1370 (CMe2) and 750 cm<sup>-1</sup> (CH2-S-CH2);  $^{1}H$ -n.m.r. (CDCl3):  $\delta$  5.06 (s. 1. OH), 4.92-4.53 (m. 1. H-2), 4.62 (s. 1. H-2"), 4.38-4.17 (m. 1. H-3), 3.98-3.20 (m. 6. H-4, 5. 1', 5'), 3.14-2.54 (m. 4. H-4",  $\delta$ "), 2.19-1.97 (m. 2, H-5"), 1.89-1.43 (m. 6. H-2', 3', 4'), 1.58 and 1.47 (2s. 6. Me2);  $^{13}C$ -n.m.r.: $\delta$ 115.4 and 112.7 (CMe2 for  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ), 108.9 and 105.5 (C-1 for  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ), 98.9 (C-1'), 86.2, 85.2, 81.8 (C-2, 3, 4), 68.1 (C-5'), 62.7, 62.3, 62.1, 61.9 (C-5), 49.3, 48.9, 48.4.

3e  $\beta$ , oil: [a]  $^{20}$  -22.6° (c 0.012, chloroform);  $^{1}$ H-n.m.r. (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  5.0-4.78 (m.2.H-3. 4); 4.59-4.55 (m.1. H-5), 4.09-4.03 (m.2.H-8), 3.95-3.89 (t. 1. H-1'), 3.70-3.59 (m. 2. H-5'), 1.89-1.69 (m.6. H-2', 3', 4'), 1.62 (s. 6. IpCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.44 (s. 3. H-1);  $^{13}$ C-n.m.r.: $\delta$  112.4 (CMe<sub>2</sub>), 106.8 (C-2), 98.9 (C-1'), 87.6, 84.5, 82.6 (C-3, 4, 5), 68.7 (C-5'), 62.4, 61.9 (C6), 30.0, 25.0, 19.2 (C-2', 3', 4'), 26.6 and 25.1 (Me<sub>2</sub>), 21.7 (C-1).

47.6 (C-2"), 31.8, 25.6, 19.1 (C-2', 3', 4'), 29.8, 27.6, 25.4 (C-4".

4. oil:  $\begin{bmatrix} \alpha \end{bmatrix}^{20}$  28.2° (c 1. chloroform); v  $_{max}$  film 3350 (OH). 
2250 (C=C). T380 and 1370 cm<sup>-1</sup> (CMe<sub>2</sub>);  $^{1}$ H-n.m.r. (CDCl<sub>3</sub>);  $^{6}$ 5.11-4.72 (m. 3. H-2, 3. OH). 4.68-4.39 (m. 3. H-4. C  $\equiv$  C-CH<sub>2</sub>O). 4.27-3.86 and 3.80-3.53 (2m. 8. H-6. 1'.5'). 1.96-1.40 (m. 12. H-2'. 3'. 4'). 1.69 and 1.51 (2s. 6. IpCH<sub>3</sub>);  $^{13}$ C-n.m.r.:  $^{6}$  115.3 and 113.1 (CMe<sub>2</sub> for  $^{\alpha}$  and  $^{\beta}$ ). 101.5 and 99.3 (C-1 for  $^{\alpha}$  and  $^{\beta}$ ). 98.9 (C-1'). 87.9. 84.9. 82.3 (C-2.3, 4). 74.0 (C  $\equiv$  C). 68.3 (C-5'), 61.9 (C-5). 30.1. 25.3, 18.9 (C-2'. 3'. 4'). 28.5 and 25.9 (CMe<sub>2</sub>).