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**AMINOPYRIMIDINES AND DERIVATIVES. 22<sup>1</sup>. SYNTHESIS OF 3-GLYCOPYRANOSYL-vic-TRIAZOLO [4,5-d]PYRIMIDINES, 7-GLYCOPYRANOSYL-PYRROLO [2,3-d]PYRIMIDINES AND 4-GLYCOPYRANOSYLAMINO-FURO [2,3-d]PYRIMIDINES<sup>2</sup>.**

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**Abstract:** Reaction between 4-β-D-(O-acetyl)glycopyranosylaminopyrimidines 1 and chloracetylchloride yields the corresponding 5-α-chloracetyl derivatives 2, the hydrolysis products 3 and the corresponding 5-α-chloracetyl derivative of compounds 3. The former compounds were cyclized to the corresponding 7- β-D-glycopyranosyl-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidines 5 (2a yields 5,6-dihydro-4-β-D-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl)glucopyranosylamino-2-methoxy-5-oxo-furo[2,3-d]pyrimidine 6a); the second ones to 3- β-D-(O-acetyl)glycopyranosyl-vic-triazolo[4,5-d]pyrimidines 10, and the last one to 4-β-D-(O-acetyl)glycopyranosylamino-furo[2,3-d]pyrimidines 7. The anticancer activity of some of these products is noticed.

In a previous work, we communicated the synthesis of one 7-glucopyranosyl-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidine and one 3-glucopyranosyl-vic-triazolo[4,5-d]pyrimidine<sup>3</sup>. The necessary intermediates were obtained by reaction between the corresponding 4-glucopyranosylamino pyrimidine and chloracetyl chloride. Herein we report the extension of this work to other 4-glycopyranosylaminopyrimidines. The compounds obtained in these reactions were cyclized to give the above heterocycles and

4-glycopyranosylamino-furo[2,3-d]pyrimidines. Likewise, we also report the results of anticarcinogenic in vivo tests against L1210 Leukemia of some of them.

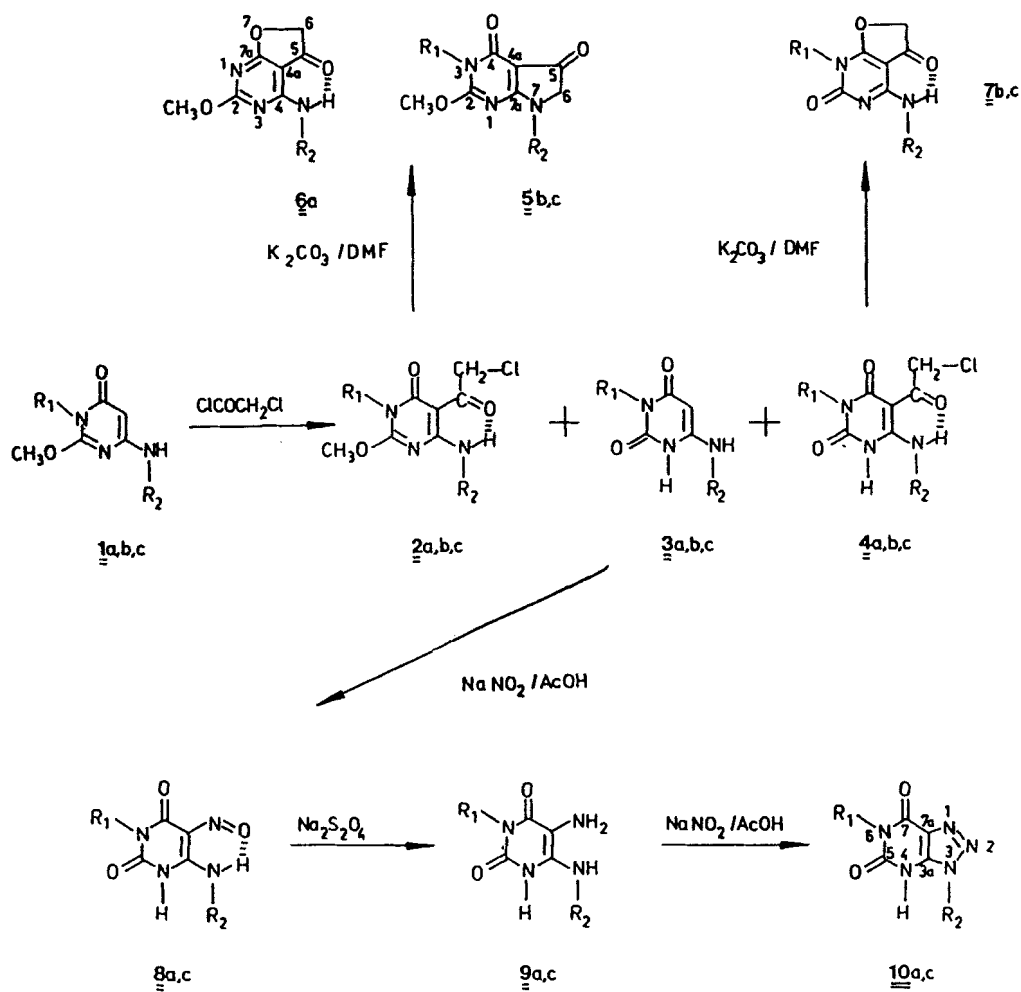
Furo[2,3-d]pyrimidines have been synthesized by acid catalyzed ring closure of 5-acetonylpyrimidin-4-ones<sup>4-8</sup>, by heating 5-(CH<sub>2</sub>-C≡C-R') pyridin-4-ones derivatives in the presence of small amount of zinc carbonate<sup>9-10</sup> or heating 5-(2-halovinyl)uracils in DMF/t-BuONa<sup>11-12</sup>. 4-aminofuro[2,3-d]pyrimidines are of potential pharmacological interest and several methods have been devised for the synthesis of this class of compounds. The most interesting being that in which the starting compounds are the corresponding 4-amino-6-hydroxy-pyrimidines and  $\alpha$ -haloketones<sup>13</sup>.

The reaction of 1 with freshly distilled ClCOCH<sub>2</sub>Cl leads to the three classes of compounds (Scheme 1) with variable yields depending on the solvent used. Thus, 1a reacts in anhydrous ethyl acetate to give 2a, 3a, and 4a in 9%, 60% and 21% yields, respectively, whereas when the solvent used is anhydrous chloroform (dried over aluminium oxide) respective yields of 52-60%, 15-23% and traces, are obtained. The reaction of 1b gives 68% of 2b, 6% of 3b, and 14% of 4b in chloroform. Although chloracetyl chloride amounts and reflux time were increased the said reaction did not take place completely in ethyl acetate. As it has been previously described<sup>3</sup>, 1c produces only 2c and 4c in ethyl acetate in yield of 42% and 43%, respectively. Reaction of 1c in chloroform is similar to that of 1b in ethyl acetate.

In the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of compounds 2, the signal assigned to C<sub>4</sub>-NH (which appears as a doublet due to the coupling with H-1', J<sub>1',NH</sub> = 8.2 Hz) appears downfield shifted (5 ppm) when compared to the corresponding signal in the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of its precursor 1. This shift is attributed to hydrogen bond between C<sub>4</sub>-NH and C<sub>5</sub>-COCH<sub>2</sub>Cl groups as shown in Scheme 1. This proton is exchangeable allowing to observe the anomeric protons signal as a doublet (J<sub>1',2'</sub> = 8.2 Hz).

Compounds 2 are formed by electrophilic aromatic substitution at C-5 of pyrimidine of 1. The HCl molecule produced in this substitution is responsible for the formation of compounds 3<sup>3</sup>.

Upon prolonged heating of the reaction mixture in order to get complete disappearance of the starting product (2 mmol of ClCOCH<sub>2</sub>Cl per



Compd.	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>
a	H	β-D-(tetra-O-acetyl)glucopyranosyl
b	CH <sub>3</sub>	β-D-(tri-O-acetyl)xylopyranosyl
c	CH <sub>3</sub>	β-D-(tetra-O-acetyl)glucopyranosyl

SCHEME 1

mol of 1) the substitution of 3 at C-5 occurs to give compounds 4, in low yields.

Compounds 4a and 4c can be directly prepared by treatment of 3a and 3b in ethyl acetate with an excess of  $\text{ClCOCH}_2\text{Cl}$  (12 mmol per mmol of 3) in yields 85-90% and 90-95%, respectively. This method enable us to prepare 4c which is not formed by direct reaction.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectra of 4 show the same shifting as those of compounds 2 for  $\text{C}_4\text{-NH}$  signals (Scheme 1).

The treatment of 2b,c intermediates in DMF with anhydrous  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  at 80 - 90°C, leads to the 7- $\beta$ -D-glycopyranosyl-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidines 5b and 5c<sup>3</sup>. When 2a reacts under the same conditions the 4- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosylamino-furo[2,3-d]pyrimidine 6a is obtained. This different behaviour is caused by aromatization which involves the cyclization of 2a to 6a.

In the  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectra of 6a the signal assigned to  $\text{C}_4\text{-NH}$  appears as a doublet at 8.1 ppm ( $J_{1',\text{NH}} = 8.2$  Hz, in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) whereas the said signal is not present in 5b and 5c spectra. The signal corresponding to the methylenic protons in C-6 disappears by adding  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  in the case of compounds 5b and 5c due to the keto-enolic equilibrium. The doublet assigned to  $\text{C}_4\text{-NH}$  in the 6a spectrum appears ( $\Delta\delta$  1.3 ppm) downfields shifted when compared to that of the same signal in 3a, this might be caused by the hydrogen bonding, as shown in Scheme 1. This deshielding is lower than that of compounds 2 and 4, and it could be the responsible for the smaller exchange rate of the methylenic C-6 proton in the presence of  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  in the case of compound 6a compared with 2b and 2c.

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  spectra of compounds 5b, 5c and 6a show differences in the resonance of C-6: 52.9 ppm in 5b, 53.1 ppm in 5c and 75.3 ppm in 6a; and C-4: 173.4 ppm in 5b, 169.3 in 5c and 185.9 ppm in 6a (C-7a). Both carbon atoms are downfields shifted in 6a with regard to 5b and 5c (about 22 and 16 ppm, respectively).

The reaction of compounds 4 under the same conditions, as before mentioned for 2, leads to 4-glycopyranosylamino furo[2,3-d]pyrimidines 7, just as in the case of compound 2a. The formation of a highly conjugated carbonyl system drives the reaction again towards furo[2,3-d]pyrimidines instead of the pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidine. The purification of 7a derivatives has not been possible.

The synthesis of 3-glycopyranosyl-vic-triazolo[4,5-d]pyrimidines 10 have been carried out by nitrosation of 3 in AcOH/NaNO<sub>2</sub>, followed by the reduction of the resulting 8 with Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> in aqueous solution to give 9 and final cyclization of 9 with NaNO<sub>2</sub>/AcOH. The synthesis of 10b has not been carried out because we could not dispose of sufficient amounts of its precursor 3b.

The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of derivatives 8 show the C<sub>4</sub>-NH signal (doublet, J<sub>1',NH</sub> = 9 Hz 8a and J<sub>1',NH</sub> = 8.9 Hz, 8c) at lower field values than that of compounds 3, due to hydrogen interaction between this group and the oxygen atom of C<sub>5</sub>-NO<sup>14</sup> (Scheme 1). In the <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum, the C-5 signal appears also at lower field values.

Purification of derivatives 8 by crystallization was impossible because of their extreme unstability in solution.

On the other hand, the optical rotation measurements indicated that compounds 8 undergo mutarotation as other glycosylaminopyrimidines<sup>14</sup>.

The β-configuration of the sugar moieties in all compounds obtained has been confirmed by the values of the coupling constants J<sub>1',2'</sub> and by the chemical shifts of the anomeric proton and carbon. The α-anomers have not been detected in the crystalline products.

Compounds 2a, 4a,b, 5b, 6a, 10, 5-α-chloroacetyl-1,6-dihydro-4-β-D-glycopyranosylamino-1-methyl-2-methoxy-6-oxo-pyrimidine<sup>3</sup> 11 and 2,6-dioxo-4-β-D-glycopyranosylamino-1-methyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidine<sup>3,15</sup> 12, have been tested in vivo as inhibitors of the L1210 Leukemia at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) according to standard methods. The T/C percent values oscillated between 87 and 121, therefore none of those products shows anticancer activity.

### EXPERIMENTAL

Melting points were determined in a Melting Point Apparatus Gallenkamp and are uncorrected. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded with Hitachi Perking-Elmer R-600 and Bruker AM 300 Spectrometers, using tetramethylsilane as an internal standard. Carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded with Bruker WP-805 and Bruker AM-300 spectrometers. Specific rotation values were determined with a Perkin-Elmer 141 polarimeter. Ultraviolet and visible spectra were recorded with a Model 25 Beckman spectrophotometer.

Infrared spectra were recorded with a Beckman 4250 spectrophotometer (KBr pellets). The analysis of C, H and N have been performed in "Instituto Nacional de Química Orgánica" in Madrid and with a Perkin-Elmer 240 C. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was runned on silica gel Merck 60 G, using chloroform/hexane/ethanol (variable proportions) as eluent. Column chromatography was done on Kieselgel 60 Silica gel (70-230 mesh) using the solvent systems indicated in each case. Compounds **1** were prepared following the published method<sup>16</sup>.

Reaction of **1a** with chloroacetyl chloride in ethyl acetate.

0.65 ml (8 mmol) of freshly distilled  $\text{ClCOCH}_2\text{Cl}$  were added to a solution of 1.88 g (4 mmol) of **1a** in 25 ml of heated anhydrous ethyl acetate. A white solid precipitated after 15-20 minutes. The mixture was stirred under reflux for 5-6 h (at this time starting product was not detected in TLC,  $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{EtOH}$ , 100:3) and allowed to stand at room temperature for 12 h. The solid was filtered, washed with ethyl acetate and recrystallized from EtOH. This compound was identified as: 2,6-dioxo-4- $\beta$ -D-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl)glucopyranosylamino-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidine, **3a**. 1.1 g (60%). m p: 298-306 °C (dec.).  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -1.5^\circ$  (c 1, DMSO). UV ( $6.55 \times 10^{-5}$  M, MeOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\epsilon$ ): 264 (18200) nm; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3270 w, 3100 w, 1760 s, 1730 s, 1600 s, 1240 s, 1220 s, 1050 s, 1030 s.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 2.0 (12 H, s,  $\text{COCH}_3$ ), 4.8 (1H, s, C(5)-H), 5.3 (1H, m, with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  to d,  $J_{1',2'} = 8.2$  Hz, H-1'), 6.8 (1H, d,  $J_{1',\text{NH}} = 8.2$  Hz, with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  disappears, C(4)-NH), 10.1 (1H, s broad, N(1)-H), 10.5 (1H, s broad, N(3)-H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 20.2, 20.3, 20.35 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$ ), 61.6 (C-6'), 67.9, 70.1, 71.6, 72.5 (C-2', C-3', C-4', C-5'), 75.9 (C-1'), 79.3 (C-5), 150.4 (C-4), 153.0 (C-2), 164.2 (C-6), 169.2, 169.3, 169.5, 169.9 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{-CO}$ ); Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_3\text{O}_{11}$ : C, 47.26; H, 5.08; N, 9.19. Found: C, 47.57; H, 5.18; N, 8.95.

The mother liquors were neutralized with a saturated  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  aqueous solution, washed with water, dried over  $\text{CaCl}_2$  and evaporated under reduced pressure. The solution of the syrupous residue in 1 ml of chloroform was applied on a chromatographic column, using  $\text{CHCl}_3$ -EtOH mixtures (0-2%) as eluent. Two products were obtained; the first one was recrystallized from EtOH-AcOEt (50%) and identified as: 5- $\alpha$ -chloroacetyl-1,6-dihydro-4- $\beta$ -D-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl)glucopyranosyl amino-2-methoxy-6-oxo-pyrimidine, **2a**. 0.2 g (9%). m p 219-220 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$

= + 15.3° (c 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). UV ( $5.47 \times 10^{-5}$  M, MeOH),  $\lambda_{\max}$  ( $\epsilon$ ): 294 (11100) and 225 (31700) nm. IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3200 w, 1750 s, 1665 s, 1645 s, 1615 s, 1580 s, 1235 s, 1215 s, 1040 s. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 2.0 (12 H, s, COCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.1 (3H, s, C(2)-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.9 (2H, s, COCH<sub>2</sub>), 5.6 (1H, m, with D<sub>2</sub>O to d, J<sub>1',2'</sub> = 8.2 Hz, H-1'), 11.1 (1H, d, J<sub>1',NH</sub> = 8.2 Hz, with D<sub>2</sub>O disappears C(4)-NH), 11.6 (1H, s broad, with D<sub>2</sub>O disappears, N(1)-H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 20.45 (CH<sub>3</sub>COO), 51.2 (CO-CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.7 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 61.9 (C-6'), 68.4, 70.5, 73.1, 73.8 (C-2', C-3', C-4', C-5'), 78.7 (C-1'), 94.3 (C-5), 158.2 (C-4), 164.6 (C-2), 165.5 (C-6), 169.4, 170.2, 170.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 190.9 (COCH<sub>2</sub>). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>12</sub>Cl: C, 46.06; H, 4.78; N, 7.67. Found: C, 46.32; H, 5.09; N, 7.33.

The second collected fraction was crystallized from AcOEt-EtOH (80-20) and identified as: 5- $\alpha$ -chloroacetyl-2,6-dioxo-4- $\beta$ -D-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl)glucopyranosylamino-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro pyrimidine, 4a. 0.45 g (21%). m p : 210-214 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -9.9^\circ$  (c 1, DMSO). UV ( $4.87 \times 10^{-5}$  M, MeOH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  ( $\epsilon$ ): 283 (14000), 239 (9300), 222 (10700) nm. IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3200 m, 1760 s, 1720 s, 1680 s, 1615 s, 1540 m, 1200-1240 s broad, 1070 s, 1045 s. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 2.0 (12H, s, COCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.8 (2H, s, COCH<sub>2</sub>), 5.5 (1H, m, with D<sub>2</sub>O to d J<sub>1',2'</sub> = 8.2 Hz, H-1'), 11.1 (1H, s, with D<sub>2</sub>O disappears, N(1)-H), 11.6 (1H, d, J<sub>1',NH</sub> = 8.2 Hz, with D<sub>2</sub>O disappears, C(4)-NH). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 20.05, 20.1, 20.2, 20.3, 20.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 50.6 (COCH<sub>2</sub>), 61.5 (C-6'), 67.55, 70.01, 72.06, 72.1 (C-2', C-3', C-4', C-5'), 78.0 (C-1'), 89.7 (C-5), 148.7 (C-4), 158.1 (C-2), 162.5 (C-6), 169.1, 169.5, 169.9, 170.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 189.9 (COCH<sub>2</sub>). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>12</sub>Cl: C, 44.99; H, 4.53; N, 7.87. Found: C, 44.81; H, 4.66; N, 7.57.

Reaction of 1a with chloroacetyl chloride in chloroform.

1.88 g. (4 mmol) of 1a were added to 25 ml of chloroform previously dried over active aluminium oxide. 0.65 ml (8 mmol) of freshly distilled ClCOCH<sub>2</sub>Cl were added to the resulting solution; a white solid precipitated after 1 h. The mixture was stirred under reflux for 5 h (at this time no starting product was detected by TLC, eluent HCCl<sub>3</sub>-EtOH, 3-100) and next was allowed to stand at room temperature for 12 h. The solid was filtered, washed with chloroform and recrystallized from EtOH being identified as: 2,6-dioxo-4- $\beta$ -D-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl)glucopyranosylamino-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro pyrimidine, 3a. 0.27-0.42 g (15-23%). m p : 298-306 °C (dec.).



The mother liquors were neutralized with a saturated  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  aqueous solution, washed with water, dried over  $\text{CaCl}_2$  and evaporated under reduced pressure. The solution of the syrupous residue in 1 ml of chloroform was applied on a chromatography column, using a 0-2%  $\text{CHCl}_3$ -EtOH solution as eluent. Then a syrupous compound was obtained whose recrystallization from a EtOH-AcOEt mixture (50%) led to a solid which was identified as: 5- $\alpha$ -chloroacetyl-1,6-dihydro-4- $\beta$ -D-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl)glucopyranosylamino-2-methoxy-6-oxo pyrimidine, **2a**. 1.14- 1.32 g (52-60%). m p : 219- 220 °C.

By TLC a third hardly isolable product was detected and identified as: 5- $\alpha$ -chloroacetyl-2,6-dioxo-4- $\beta$ -D-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl)glucopyranosylamino-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro pyrimidine, **4a**.

Reaction of **1b** with chloroacetyl chloride in chloroform.

0.216 ml (2.66 mmol) of freshly distilled  $\text{ClCOCH}_2\text{Cl}$  were added to a solution formed by 0.82 g (2 mmol) of **1b** in 10 ml of anhydrous chloroform. The mixture was stirred under reflux for 4-6 h after which no starting product was detected by TLC (eluent EtOH- $\text{CHCl}_3$ , 3:100). The said mixture was then neutralized with a 5%  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  aqueous solution, washed with water, dried over  $\text{CaCl}_2$  and evaporated under reduced pressure. The chloroform solution of the reaction mixture was applied on a chromatographic column, using a 0-2%  $\text{CHCl}_3$ -EtOH mixture as eluent. The highest Rf compound was recrystallized from AcOEt-EtOH (10-90) and identified as: 5- $\alpha$ -chloroacetyl-1,6-dihydro-1-methyl-2-methoxy-6-oxo-4- $\beta$ -D-(2,3,4-tri-O-acetyl)xylopyranosylamino pyrimidine, **2b**. 0.66 g (68%). m p : 215-220 °C (dec.).  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -20^\circ$  (c 1,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). UV ( $4.89 \times 10^{-5}$  M, MeOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\epsilon$ ): 294 (13000), 260 (4400), 266 (37000) nm. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3200 w, 1755 s, 1680 s, 1640 s, 1590 s, 1560 s, 1240 s, 1220 s, 1070 s, 1040 s.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 2.0 (6H, s,  $\text{COCH}_3$ ), 2.2 (3H, s,  $\text{COCH}_3$ ), 3.3 (3H, s,  $\text{N-CH}_3$ ), 4.1 (3H, s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.9 (2H, s,  $\text{COCH}_2$ ), 5.8 (1H, st, with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  to d,  $J_{1',2'} = 8.2$  Hz, H-1'), 11.2 (1H, d,  $J_{1',\text{NH}} = 8.2$  Hz with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  disappears, C(4)-NH).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 20.6 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$ ), 27.5 ( $\text{N-CH}_3$ ), 51.5 ( $\text{COCH}_2$ ), 62.6 (C-5'), 67.9, 69.4, 70.1 (C-2', C-3', C-4'), 78.3 (C-1'), 94.3 (C-5), 157.9 (C-4), 162.3 (C-2), 163.1 (C-6), 169.6, 169.8 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$ ), 191.4 ( $\text{COCH}_2$ ). Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_3\text{O}_{10}\text{Cl}$ : C, 46.58; H, 4.94; N, 8.58. Found: C, 46.74; H, 5.06; N, 8.54.

The second fraction was recrystallized from AcOEt-EtOH (50%) to give: 5- $\alpha$ -chloracetyl-2,6-dioxo-1-methyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-4- $\beta$ -D-(2,3,4-tri-O-acetyl)xylopyranosylamino pyrimidine, **4b**. 0.14 g (15%). m p : 245-248 °C (dec.).  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -18.5^\circ$  (c 1, DMSO). UV ( $4.83 \times 10^{-5}$  M, MeOH)  $\lambda_{\max}(\epsilon)$ : 284 (14700), 242 (9000), 221 (14800) nm. IR  $\nu_{\max}(\text{cm}^{-1})$ : 3200 m, 1750 s, 1715 s, 1660 s, 1635 s, 1605 s, 1245 s, 1225 s, 1200 s, 1050 s, 1030 s.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 2.0 (9H, s,  $\text{COCH}_3$ ), 3.1 (3H, s, N- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 4.9 (2H, s,  $\text{COCH}_2$ ), 5.5 (1H, m, with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  to d,  $J_{1',2'} = 8.2$  Hz, H-1'), 11.6 (1H, d,  $J_{1',\text{NH}} = 8.5$  Hz, with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  disappears, C(4)-NH).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 20.1, 20.2, 20.4 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$ ), 26.5 (N- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 50.99 ( $\text{COCH}_2$ ), 62.6 (C-5'), 67.6, 69.7, 70.9 (C-2', C-3', C-4'), 78.1 (C-1'), 89.8 (C-5), 149.1 (C-4), 156.5 (C-2), 161.7 (C-6), 169.1, 169.3, 169.4 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$ ), 190.0 ( $\text{COCH}_2$ ). Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_3\text{O}_{10}\text{Cl}$ : C, 45.43; H, 4.66; N, 8.83. Found: C, 45.40; H, 4.68; N, 8.72.

Finally using TLC (eluent EtOH- $\text{CHCl}_3$  3:100) a third product was detected with smaller Rf than the previously cited compounds. This product was occasionally isolated being identified as: 2,6-dioxo-1-methyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-4- $\beta$ -D-(2,3,4-tri-O-acetyl)xylopyranosylamino pyrimidine, **3b**. 0.05 g (6%). m p: 262 - 265 °C (dec.).

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = +29.9^\circ$  (c 1, DMSO). UV ( $9.28 \times 10^{-5}$  M, MeOH)  $\lambda_{\max}(\epsilon)$ : 264 (17400) nm. IR  $\nu_{\max}(\text{cm}^{-1})$ : 3280 m, 3125 m, 1750 s, 1720 m, 1680 m, 1600 s, 1580 s, 1250 s, 1230 s, 1080 s, 1035 s.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 2.0 (9H, s,  $\text{COCH}_3$ ), 3.0 (3H, s, N- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 4.9 (1H, s, C(5)-H), 5.3 (1H, st, with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  to d,  $J_{1',2'} = 8.2$  Hz, H-1'), 6.7 (1H, d,  $J_{1',\text{NH}} = 8.2$  Hz with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  disappears, C(4)-NH), 10.3 (1H, s, with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  disappears, N(3)-H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 20.22, 20.25, 20.3 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$ ), 25.9 (N- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 62.7 (C-5'), 68.3, 70.1, 72.1 (C-2', C-3', C-4'), 75.5 (C-1'), 79.9 (C-5), 150.6 (C-4), 151.5 (C-2), 163.1 (C-6), 169.3, 169.4, 169.5 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$ ). Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_3\text{O}_9$ : C, 48.12; H, 5.30; N, 10.52. Found: C, 48.05; H, 5.26; N, 10.12.

#### Reaction of **3** with chloracetyl chloride.

To a suspension of 1 mmol of **3** in 50 ml of anhydrous ethyl acetate, 0.97 ml (12 mmol) of freshly distilled  $\text{ClCOCH}_2\text{Cl}$  were added. The mixture was stirred under reflux for 2 h. After this time the crude reaction was evaporated under reduced pressure. The excess of solvent was removed by dissolving in EtOH and by evaporating several times. The product obtained was recrystallized from AcOEt-EtOH (80-20) and identified as:

5- $\alpha$ -chloracetyl-2,6-dioxo-4- $\beta$ -D-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl) glucopyranosylamino-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro pyrimidine, **4a**. Reaction time 2 h. 0.45–0.48 g (85–90%).

5- $\alpha$ -chloracetyl-2,6-dioxo-4- $\beta$ -D-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl)glucopyranosylamino-1-methyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro pyrimidine, **4c**. 0.50–0.52 g (92–95%). m p: 155–160 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -17.9^\circ$  (c 1, DMSO). UV ( $6.2 \times 10^{-5}$  M, MeOH),  $\lambda_{\max}(\epsilon)$ : 281 (12300), 241 (8000) and 220 (12500) nm. IR  $\nu_{\max}(\text{cm}^{-1})$ : 3340 m, 1755 s, 1735 s, 1635 s, 1605 s, 1548 m, 1230 s, 1220 s, 1200 s, 1035 s.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 2.0 (12H, s,  $\text{COCH}_3$ ), 3.1 (3H, s, N- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 4.9 (2H, s,  $\text{COCH}_2$ ), 5.5 (1H, st, with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  to d,  $J_{1',2'} = 8.2$  Hz, H-1'), 11.5 (1H, d,  $J_{1',\text{NH}} = 8.5$  Hz, with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  disappears, C(4)-NH), 11.7 (1H, s broad, with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  disappears, N(3)-H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 20.0, 20.1, 20.2, 20.3 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$ ), 26.5 (N- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 50.92 ( $\text{COCH}_2$ ), 61.5 (C-6'), 67.6, 70.0, 72.1 (C-2', C-3', C-4', C-5'), 77.9 (C-1'), 89.8 (C-5), 149.1 (C-4), 156.6 (C-2), 161.7 (C-6), 169.1, 169.5, 169.9 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$ ), 190.2 ( $\text{COCH}_2$ ). Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_3\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$ : C, 46.03; H, 4.78; N, 7.67. Found: C, 46.30; H, 5.01; N, 7.40.

Cyclation of 5- $\alpha$ -chloracetyl derivatives **2** and **4**.

To 3 ml of DMF, 1 mmol of the corresponding 5- $\alpha$ -chloracetyl derivative (**2** or **4**) was added. To the resulting solution 0.14 g (1 mmol) of anhydrous  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80–90 °C for variable time. No starting product was then detected by TLC (eluent  $\text{CHCl}_3$ -hexane-EtOH, 6:1:0.25). DMF was eliminated using the following method: To the crude of the above reaction 3 g of silica gel and hexane were added; the mixture was then evaporated under reduced pressure and poured into a short chromatographic column and next eluted with hexane until DMF was eliminated. The compounds were eluted using  $\text{CHCl}_3$ -EtOH (0–25%) mixtures. The eluted fractions containing the compound were evaporated under reduced pressure and crystallized from EtOH and identified as:

5,6-dihydro-4- $\beta$ -D-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl)glucopyranosylamino-2-methoxy-5-oxo furo [2,3-d]pyrimidine, **6a**. Reaction time: 30 m. 0.4 g (78%). m p 192 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -14.2^\circ$  (c 1,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). UV ( $4.69 \times 10^{-5}$  M, MeOH)  $\lambda_{\max}(\epsilon)$ : 281 (15800), 273 (15500), 264 (12500), 224 (34800) nm. IR  $\nu_{\max}(\text{cm}^{-1})$ : 3380 w, 1750 s, 1705 s, 1620 s, 1600 s, 1225 s, 1090 s, 1035 s.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 2.1 (12H, s,  $\text{COCH}_3$ ), 4.1 (3H, s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ),

4.8 (2H, s, with  $D_2O$  disappears,  $COCH_2$ ), 5.7 (1H, m, with  $D_2O$  to d,  $J_{1',2'} = 9.6$  Hz, H-1'), 7.3 (1H, d,  $J_{1',NH} = 9$  Hz with  $D_2O$  disappears, C(4)-NH).  $^1H$ -NMR ( $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 2.0 (12H, s,  $COCH_3$ ), 4.0 (3H, s,  $OCH_3$ ), 4.8 (2H, s,  $COCH_2$ ), 5.8 (1H, m, with  $D_2O$  to d,  $J_{1',2'} = 8.2$  Hz, H-1'), 8.1 (1H, d,  $J_{1',NH} = 8.2$  Hz, with  $D_2O$  disappears, C(4)-NH).  $^{13}C$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 20.5, 20.6 ( $\underline{CH_3CO}$ ), 55.8 ( $OCH_3$ ), 61.6 (C-6'), 68.1, 70.5, 72.7, 73.6 (C-2', C-3', C-4', C-5'), 75.3 (C-6), 78.6 (C-1'), 91.8 (C-4a), 160.1 (C-4), 169.4 (C-2), 169.9, 170.1, 170.4, 170.5 ( $\underline{CH_3CO}$ ), 185.9 (C-7a), 192.1 (C-5). Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{21}H_{25}N_3O_{12}$ : C, 49.32; H, 4.93; N, 8.22. Found: C, 49.05; H, 5.18; N, 8.34.

4,5-dioxo-3-methyl-2-methoxy-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-7- $\beta$ -D-(2,3,4-tri-O-acetyl)xylopyranosyl pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidine, 5b. Reaction time: 40 minutes. 0.2 g (44%). m p: 198 °C (dec.).  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +2.6^\circ$  (c 1,  $CHCl_3$ ). UV ( $5.51 \times 10^{-5}$  M, MeOH),  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\epsilon$ ): 291 (8000), 262 (5700) and 230 (40600) nm. IR  $\nu_{max}$  ( $cm^{-1}$ ): 1755 s, 1735 s, 1670 s, 1580 s, 1530 s, 1260 s, 1233 s, 1215 s, 1070 s, 1040 s.  $^1H$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 2.0 (9H, s,  $CH_3CO$ ), 3.3 (3H, s, N- $CH_3$ ), 4.2 (3H, s,  $OCH_3$ ), 4.9 (2H, s, with  $D_2O$  disappears,  $COCH_2$ ), 5.6 (1H, d,  $J_{1',2'} = 9.6$  Hz, H-1').  $^{13}C$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 20.4, 20.5 ( $\underline{CH_3CO}$ ), 27.1 (N- $CH_3$ ), 52.9 ( $COCH_2$ ), 56.9 (O- $CH_3$ ), 64.7 (C-5'), 68.5, 72.5 (C-2', C-3', C-4'), 80.0 (C-1'), 95.2 (C-4a), 156.2 (C-7a), 161.5 (C-2), 169.2, 169.6, 169.9 ( $\underline{CH_3CO}$ ), 173.4 (C-4), 189.4 (C-5). Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{23}N_3O_{10}$ : C, 50.33; H, 5.11; N, 9.27. Found: C, 49.99; H, 5.01; N, 9.54.

2,5-dioxo-1-methyl-1,2,5,6-tetrahydro-4- $\beta$ -D-(2,3,4-tri-O-acetyl)xylopyranosylamino furo[2,3-d]pyrimidine, 7b. Reaction time: 40 minutes. 0.28 g (63%). m p: 140 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -51.8^\circ$  (c 1,  $CHCl_3$ ). UV ( $5.46 \times 10^{-5}$  M, MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\epsilon$ ): 270 (17800), 228 (25300) nm. IR  $\nu_{max}$  ( $cm^{-1}$ ): 3650-3300 w broad, 1760 s, 1660 s, 1600 s, 1245 s, 1220 s, 1095 s, 1040 s.  $^1H$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 1.9 (3H, s,  $CH_3CO$ ), 2.0 (6H, s,  $CH_3CO$ ), 3.3 (3H, s, N- $CH_3$ ), 5.0 (2H, s,  $COCH_2$ ), 5.7 (1H, st, with  $D_2O$  to d,  $J_{1',2'} = 8.2$  Hz, H-1'), 7.5 (1H, d,  $J_{1',NH} = 8.2$  Hz, with  $D_2O$  disappears, C(4)-NH).  $^{13}C$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 20.2, 20.3, 20.4 ( $\underline{CH_3CO}$ ), 27.7 (N- $CH_3$ ), 62.9 (C-5'), 68.2, 70.2, 71.7 (C-2', C-3', C-4'), 77.3 (C-1'), 77.9 (C-6), 87.7 (C-4a), 154.2 (C-4), 157.7 (C-2), 169.4, 169.5 ( $\underline{CH_3CO}$ ), 177.2 (C-7a), 188.3 (C-5). Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{18}H_{21}N_3O_{10}$ : C, 49.20; H, 4.81; N, 9.56. Found: C, 48.97; H, 4.97; N, 9.55.

2,5-dioxo-4- $\beta$ -D-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl)glucopyranosylamino-1-methyl-1,2,5,6-tetrahydro furo[2,3-d]pyrimidine, 7c. Reaction time: 1 h. 0.3 g (58%). m p: 100-110 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -15.5^\circ$  (c 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). UV ( $6.06 \times 10^{-5}$  M, MeOH)  $\lambda_{\max} (\epsilon)$ : 269 (17400), 229 (25000) nm. IR  $\nu_{\max} (\text{cm}^{-1})$ : 3700-3300 m broad, 1760 s, 1680 s, 1595 s, 1250-1210 s broad, 1038 s. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 2.0 (12H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 3.4 (3H, s, N-CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.8 (2H, s, COCH<sub>2</sub>), 5.7 (1H, st, with D<sub>2</sub>O to d,  $J_{1',2'} = 9.4$  Hz, H-1'), 7.1 (1H, d,  $J_{1',\text{NH}} = 9.4$  Hz, with D<sub>2</sub>O disappears, C(4)-NH). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 20.3, 20.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 28.1 (N-CH<sub>3</sub>), 61.3 (C-6'), 67.8, 70.3, 72.5, 73.2 (C-2', C-3', C-4', C-5'), 77.5 (C-6), 77.6 (C-1'), 88.1 (C-4a), 154.7 (C-4), 158.2 (C-2), 169.3, 169.6, 170.0, 170.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 177.2 (C-7a), 187.3 (C-5). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>12</sub>: C, 49.31; H, 4.93; N, 8.22. Found: C, 49.26; H, 4.94; N, 7.84.

General procedure for the synthesis of 5-nitroso uracil derivatives

8.

0.21 g (3 mmol) of NaNO<sub>2</sub> were added to 6 ml of a solution of 2 mmol of 3 in hot acetic acid. The mixture was stirred at room temperature during 2-3 minutes and poured into 100 ml of water. The solution was neutralized with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and allowed to stand in the fridge. In the course of time a crystalline compound precipitated being identified as the corresponding 5-nitroso derivatives 8. The compounds proved to be pure.

2,6-dioxo-4- $\beta$ -D-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl)glucopyranosylamino-5-nitroso-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro pyrimidine, 8a. 0.92-1.02 g (85-95%). m p: 210-215 °C (dec.).  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +51^\circ$  (c 1, DMSO). UV ( $4.44 \times 10^{-5}$  M, MeOH)  $\lambda_{\max} (\epsilon)$ : 322 (14000), 230 (7600) nm. Visible ( $5.36 \times 10^{-3}$  M, MeOH)  $\lambda_{\max} (\epsilon)$ : 510 (62) nm. IR  $\nu_{\max} (\text{cm}^{-1})$ : 3620-3200 m broad, 1750 s, 1705 m, 1665 s, 1550 s, 1275 s, 1230 s, 1065 s, 1035 s. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 2.0 (12H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 5.8 (1H, st, with D<sub>2</sub>O to d,  $J_{1',2'} = 9$  Hz, H-1'), 10.1 (1H, s, with D<sub>2</sub>O disappears, N(3)-H), 12.2 (1H, d,  $J_{1',\text{NH}} = 9$  Hz, with D<sub>2</sub>O disappears, C(4)-NH). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 20.1, 20.2, 20.3, 20.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 61.8 (C-6'), 66.1, 70.6, 72.3, 72.4 (C-2', C-3', C-4', C-5'), 76.6, (C-1'), 139.8 (C-5), 154.1 (C-4), 157.1 (C-2), 164.5 (C-6), 169.2, 169.3, 169.5, 170.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>CO). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>12</sub>·3H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 40.00; H, 5.22; N, 10.36. Found: C, 40.16; H, 5.32; N, 10.29.

2,6-dioxo-4- $\beta$ -D-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl)glucopyranosylamino-1-methyl-5-nitroso-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro pyrimidine, 8c. 0.90–0.97 g (76–82%).  
 m p: 190 °C (dec.).  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +67.0^\circ$  (c 1, DMSO). UV ( $4.57 \times 10^{-5}$  M, MeOH)  
 $\lambda_{\max}$  ( $\epsilon$ ): 323 (11800), 231 (5800) nm. Visible ( $4.3 \times 10^{-3}$  M, MeOH)  
 $\lambda_{\max}$  ( $\epsilon$ ): 511 (58) nm. IR  $\nu_{\max}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3650–3200 m broad, 1755 s,  
 1730 s, 1685 s, 1645 s, 1573 s, 1535 s, 1230 s, 1070 s, 1038 s.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$   
 (DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 1.7 (3H, s,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$ ), 2.0 (9H, s,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$ ), 3.2 (3H, s,  
 N- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 5.8 (1H, m, with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  to d,  $J_{1',2'} = 8.2$  Hz, H-1'), 12.2 (1H, d,  
 $J_{1',\text{NH}} = 8.9$  Hz with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  disappears, C(4)-NH).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$   
 (ppm): 20.1, 20.3, 20.4, 20.5 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$ ), 26.7 (N- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 61.8 (C-6'), 66.1,  
 70.6, 72.3, 72.4 (C-2', C-3', C-4', C-5'), 76.7 (C-1'), 140.1 (C-5),  
 152.3 (C-4), 156.7 (C-2), 164.1 (C-6), 169.2, 169.3, 169.5, 170.1  
 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$ ). Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_4\text{O}_{12} \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ : C, 38.64; H, 5.80; N, 9.49.  
 Found: C, 38.60; H, 5.75; N, 9.48.

General procedure for the synthesis of 5-amino uracils derivatives

9.

1 mmol of 8 was dissolved in 10 ml of water. A solution of 0.5 g  
 (2.88 mmol) of  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_4$  in 10 ml of water was then added. The mixture  
 was stirred at room temperature during some seconds and the reduction  
 happened at once. That was allowed to stand in the fridge appearing a  
 precipitate after some minutes. The solid was filtered and identified  
 as the corresponding 4,5-diamino uracil derivatives 9. The  
 recrystallization of them compounds were unable because the unstability  
 of their solutions.

5-amino-2,6-dioxo-4- $\beta$ -D-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl)glucopyranosylamino  
-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro pyrimidine, 9a. 0.23–0.28 g (46–56%). m p: 156 °C  
 (dec.). IR  $\nu_{\max}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3650–3300 m broad, 1760 s, 1695 s, 1655 s,  
 1630–1615 s broad, 1233 s, 1210 s, 1065 s, 1033 s.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$   
 (ppm): 2.0 (12H, s,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$ ), 4.0–6.0 (3H, m, C(5)- $\text{NH}_2$ , H-1'), 6.6 (1H,  
 d,  $J_{1',\text{NH}} = 8.2$  Hz, with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  disappears, C(4)-NH), 10.7 (1H, s broad,  
 with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  disappears, N(3)-H), 11.3 (1H, s broad, with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  disappears,  
 N(1)-H).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 2.0 (12H, s,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$ ), 4.5–6.0 (3H, m,  
 C(5)- $\text{NH}_2$  and H-1'), 5.3 (1H, d,  $J_{1',\text{NH}} = 9.0$  Hz, with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  disappears,  
 C(4)-NH), 10.7 (1H, s broad, with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  disappears, N(1)-H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$   
 (DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 20.2, 20.3, 20.36, 20.4 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$ ), 61.6 (C-6'), 67.8,  
 70.5, 71.6, 72.8 (C-2', C-3', C-4', C-5'), 79.7 (C-1'), 98.7 (C-5),  
 141.0 (C-4), 149.4 (C-2), 161.4 (C-6), 169.3, 169.4, 169.6, 169.9  
 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$ ).

5-amino-2,6-dioxo-4-β-D-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl)glucopyranosylamino-1-methyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro pyrimidine, 9c. 0.16 g (34%). m p: 155-160 °C (dec). IR  $\nu_{\max}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3650-3200 m broad, 1745 s, 1700 s, 1665 s, 1638 s, 1600 s, 1250 s, 1233 s, 1220 s, 1100 s, 1035 s.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 2.0 (12H, s,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$ ), 3.1 (3H, s,  $\text{N-CH}_3$ ), 4.5-6.0 (3H, m, C(5)- $\text{NH}_2$  and H-1'), 5.3 (1H, d,  $J_{1',\text{NH}} = 9.0$  Hz, with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  disappears, C(4)-NH).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 20.1, 20.2, 20.3, 20.4 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$ ), 26.7 ( $\text{N-CH}_3$ ), 61.6 (C-6'), 67.8, 70.5, 71.5, 72.8 (C-2', C-3', C-4', C-5'), 79.7 (C-1'), 98.6 (C-5), 139.5 (C-4), 149.4 (C-2), 160.6 (C-6), 169.2, 169.3, 169.5, 169.9 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$ ).

Procedure for the synthesis of 8-azapurines 10.

1 mmol of 9 was dissolved in 6 ml of acetic acid, then 0.14 g (2 mmol) of  $\text{NaNO}_2$  were added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature to complete solution, when no more starting product was detected by TLC (eluent  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ -MeOH, 9:1), acetic acid was eliminated by adding methanol and evaporating several times. Finally a mixture formed by the residue, 1 g of silica gel and hexane was evaporated under reduced pressure, poured into a short chromatographic column and eluted using  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ -MeOH 0-5%. The compounds obtained were purified in hot ethanol and adding hexane.

5,7-dioxo-3-β-D-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl)glucopyranosyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-vic-triazolo[4,5-d]pyrimidine, 10a. 0.29 g (60%). m p: 210-215 °C (dec).  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -18.2^\circ$  (c 1, DMSO). UV ( $7.03 \times 10^{-5}$  M, MeOH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  ( $\epsilon$ ): 271 (3500), 231 (7300), 221 (8600) nm. IR  $\nu_{\max}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3700-3200 m broad, 1745 s, 1700 s, 1665 s, 1638 s, 1600 s, 1250 s, 1233 s, 1100 s, 1035 s.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 1.75 (3H, s,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$ ), 2.0 (9H, s,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$ ), 5.9 (1H, d,  $J_{1',2'} = 9$  Hz, H-1'), 9.7 (2H, s broad, disappears with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , N(1)-H, N(3)-H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 19.9, 20.2, 20.3, 20.4 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$ ), 61.6 (C-6'), 67.6, 68.9, 72.8, 72.9 (C-2', C-3', C-4', C-5'), 79.6 (C-1'), 122.9 (C-7a), 155.0 (C-3a), 158.3 (C-5), 159.0 (C-7), 168.2, 169.2, 169.5, 169.9 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$ ). Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_5\text{O}_{11}$ : C, 44.72; H, 4.38; N, 14.49. Found: C, 44.81; H, 4.25; N, 14.45.

In vivo antitumor activity of 2a, 4a, 4b, 5b, 6a, 10c, 11 and 12 against the L1210 Leukemia.

The tests have been done by the NCI according to the protocol described in the instruction 14. The L1210 Leukemia has been implanted

into CDF<sub>1</sub> mice and each mouse was inoculated one with different doses and observed for 20 d. The tests evaluation is : %T/C= media survival time (MST) treated/MST control x100 and the survival systems indicate a degree of success when %T/C exceed 125.

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