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#### ACYCLIC NUCLEOSIDE AND NUCLEOTIDE ANALOGUES WITH AMIDE BOND

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ABSTRACT: A series of acyclic nucleosides and related  $\alpha$ -phosphonyl acyclic analogues of dNTP with an amide bond have been prepared. Their antiviral and substrate properties were investigated.

New acyclic nucleoside analogues with a rigid structural element, amide bond, have been synthesized in two stages. Alkylation of bis-trimethylsilylated thymine, ethyl cytosine and sodium salt of adenine by bromoacetate ethoxycarbonylmethyl derivatives 1a-c. Reaction of 1a-c with aminoalcohols afforded acyclic nucleosides 2-4 in good yields (Scheme 1). These analogues were found to be inactive against HIV-1 (CEM-SS cells) and HSV-1 , HSV-2, HCMV, VZV (HFF cells) at concentrations up to 100  $\mu$ g/ml and were nontoxic towards CEM and HFF cells. However, it was shown that triphosphate of 2c is incorporated into the DNA chain by DNA polymerase from HSV-11. The absence of antiviral activity and cytotoxicity is probably due to the fact that 2-4 are not recognized by cellular and viral kinases.

Scheme 1

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a: BzCl/Py; KOH/EtOH;  $\delta$ : NaN3; c: H2/Pd/C; d: CDI; e: Me3SiBr; NH3/MeOH; f: CDI, (Bu3NH)2H2P2O7

Scheme 2

A deH 
$$\xrightarrow{a,b,c}$$
 RN HC H<sub>2</sub>C H<sub>2</sub>A de  $\xrightarrow{0}$   $\xrightarrow{0}$   $\xrightarrow{0}$   $\xrightarrow{0}$  R<sub>1</sub>0  $\xrightarrow{0}$  P(C H<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>C N C H<sub>2</sub>C H<sub>2</sub>A de (EtO)<sub>2</sub>P(C H<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>C O<sub>2</sub>H  $\xrightarrow{0}$   $\xrightarrow{0}$ 

a: NaH, BrCH2CH2Br; b: NaN3; c: PPh3, NH3 for R = H or MeNH2 for R = Me; d: CDI; e: Me3SiBr; f: CDI, (Bu3NH)2H2P2O7

Scheme 3

To overcome this we decided to synthesize related phosphonyl acyclic derivatives 5, 7 and 8 (Scheme 2, 3). Their diphosphates 6 and 9, 10 were prepared by a standard procedure and were then investigated in DNA synthesis reactions catalyzed by DNA polymerases and reverse transcriptases in cell-free systems. These experiments showed that 6, 9 and 10 were incorporated into the 3'-end of the growing DNA chain by AMV RT and were not recognized by DNA polymerases  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  or by terminal deoxynucleotidyl transferase. The structures of all new compounds were confirmed by NMR and UV spectroscopy.

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