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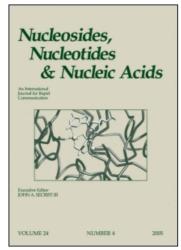
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STEREOCONTROLLED SYNTHESIS OF PYRIDAZINE, PYRAZINE, AND TRIAZINE 2'-DEOXY-β-NUCLEOSIDES BY MEANS OF INTRAMOLECULAR GLYCOSYLATION

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Abstract: The stereocontrolled synthesis of 2'-deoxynucleoside analogs was explored by intramolecular glycosylation of pyridazine, pyrazines and triazines. These heterocycles were temporarily connected to the 5-O position in 1-thioglycoside via ethereal linkage.

The synthesis of base-modified thymidine and 2'-deoxycytidine analogs, in which the pyrimidine base is substituted by other heterocycles such as pyridazines, pyrazines and triazines, is of much interest due to their potential antitumor and antiviral activity. Although a number of approaches to these derivatives have appeared, the stereoselective construction using the coupling reaction of a 2-deoxy sugar residue with a heterocyclic base remains a considerable synthetic challenge. We have recently reported the stereocontrolled synthesis of pyrimidine 2'-deoxy- and 2',3'-dideoxy-β-nucleosides by intramolecular glycosylation. In this paper, we extended this method to the stereoselective synthesis of pyridazine, pyrazine and triazine 2'-deoxynucleosides.

Our strategy is outlined in SCHEME 1. Treatment of the sodium salt of 1 with pyridazine, pyrazine and triazine derivatives, 2a-e, affords 3a-e in satisfactory yields. The activation of these thioglycosides with Me₂S(SMe)BF₄ leads to oxonium intermediates, which are then converted to quaternary onium salts. Subsequent basic hydrolysis affords the desired β-N-glycosides 4. The results obtained are summarized in TABLE 1. The reaction of pyridazine derivative 3a proceeds smoothly to give the desired nucleoside 4a as the sole product. However, similar glycosylation using pyrazine derivatives 3b and 3c results in poor yields probably due to the lability of the oxonium and the quaternary onium intermediates. Unfortunately, the reaction of 1,3,5-triazine derivative 3d fails to yield the nucleoside product 4d, instead affording 5d which can be assumed to result from direct hydrolysis of the oxonium salt. Low nucleophilicity of the triazine seems to be the reason for the production of 5d. On the other hand, the reaction of 1,2,4-triazine derivative 3e at -20 °C is complicated by the formation of side-products.

SCHEME 1

TABLE 1.

Heterocyclic compound	Yield of 3 (%)	Reaction time for glycosylation	Yield(: 4 (%)	s) of 5 (%)
2a	62	10 min	85	
2 b	85	1.5 h	18	31
2c	85	5 h	12	16
2d	69	5 h		88 ^a
2e	58	5 h ^b	59 ^c	18

^a Small amounts of unidentified compounds were contained. ^b The reaction was carried out at -78 °C using C_2H_5CN as the solvent. ^c The starting material was recovered in 10% yield.

However, by performing the reaction at -78 °C in propionitrile, the desired 6-azathymidine 4e is obtained in 59% yield.

EXPERIMENTAL

Heterocyclic compounds 2a, 2b and 2d were purchased and $2c^{3a}$ and $2e^6$ were prepared according to the literature.

General Procedure for the Intramolecular Glycosylation. The Preparation of 3a-e. To a solution of thioglycoside 1 (1 mmol) in 6 mL of DMF was added NaH (2

mmol) under Ar. The mixture was then stirred at room temperature for 1 h. After the reaction mixture was cooled at -50 °C (for 2a) or 0 °C (for 2b-e), a heterocyclic compound (2 mmol) was added and the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight. After water was added, the mixture was extracted with ether. The organic layer was dried over MgSO4 and evaporated *in vacuo*. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel to give 3.

The Intramolecular Glycosylation. To a solution of 3 (0.2 mmol) in 50 mL of CH₃CN (C₂H₅CN for 3e) was added powdered molecular sieves 4A under Ar. After 30 min, the solution was cooled to -20 °C (-78° C for 3e) and Me₂S(SMe)BF₄ (0.22 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for an appropriate period (see TABLE 1). 1 M NaOH aq. was added and then the mixture warmed to 0 °C. After 2 h, saturated NH₄Cl aq. was added. The aqueous layer was extracted with CHCl₃ and the combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel. The following nucleosides were prepared according to this procedure.

1-(3-*O*-Benzyl-2-deoxy-β-D-*erythro*-pentofuranosyl)-3-methoxypyridazin-6-one (4a). mp 94–95 °C (EtOH); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.38 (ddd, 1H, J=3.9, 6.8, 13.7 Hz, H-2'), 2.58 (ddd, 1H, J=6.5, 6.5, 13.7 Hz, H-2'), 3.12 (br, 1H, OH), 3.68 (d, 1H, J=11.7 Hz, H-5'), 3.76 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.87 (dd, 1H, J=2.9, 11.7 Hz, H-5'), 4.22 (dd, 1H, J=2.9, 6.3 Hz, H-4'), 4.39-4.42 (m, 1H, H-3'), 4.55 (d, 1H, J=12.2 Hz, PhCH₂), 4.61 (d, 1H, J=11.7 Hz, PhCH₂), 6.80(t, 1H, J=6.6 Hz, H-1'), 6.86 (d, 1H, J=9.8 Hz), 6.90 (d, 1H, J=9.8 Hz), 7.28-7.36 (m, 5H, aromatic); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 36.2, 54.5, 63.3, 71.6, 79.2, 85.4, 86.3, 127.2, 127.7, 127.9, 128.5, 133.6, 137.7, 153.5, 159.0; IR (KBr) 3360, 2930, 2860, 1670, 1590, 1290, 1110, 1020 cm⁻¹; Anal Calcd for C₁₇H₂₀N₂O₅: C, 61.44; H, 6.07%. Found: C, 61.45; H, 6.39%.

1-(3-*O***-Benzyl-2-deoxy-β-D-***erythro***-pentofuranosyl)pyrazin-2-one (4b).** ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.34 (ddd, 1H, J=3.3, 6.7, 13.7 Hz, H-2'), 2.55 (br, 1H, OH), 2.65 (ddd, 1H, J=3.4, 6.3, 13.7 Hz, H-2'), 3.79 (dd, 1H, J=2.9, 11.7 Hz, H-5'), 3.97 (dd, 1H, J=2.9, 11.7 Hz, H-5'), 4.26 (t, 1H, J=2.9 Hz, H-4'), 4.25-4.32 (m, 2H, H-3', 4'), 4.52 (d, 1H, J=11.7 Hz, PhCH₂), 4.60 (d, 1H, J=11.7 Hz, PhCH₂), 6.19 (t, 1H, J=6.6 Hz, H-1'), 7.31-7.39 (m, 6H, H-5, aromatic), 7.56 (d, 1H, J=3.9 Hz, H-6), 8.11 (d, 1H, J=1.5 Hz, H-3); 13C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 37.8, 62.6, 71.7, 78.3, 86.0, 88.4, 124.1, 124.4, 127.7, 128.1, 128.6, 137.4, 149.6, 155.6.

1-(3-*O***-Benzyl-2-deoxy-β-D-***erythro***-pentofuranosyl)pyrazin-2-one 4-Oxide (4c).** ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.23 (ddd, 1H, J=6.8, 6.8, 13.7 Hz, H-2'), 2.44 (br, 1H, OH), 2.67 (ddd, 1H, J=3.9, 6.4, 13.7 Hz, H-2'), 3.80 (d, 1H, J=11.7 Hz, H-5'), 3.99 (d, 1H, J=11.7 Hz, H-5'), 4.22–4.31 (m, 2H, H-3', 4'), 4.52 (d, 1H, J=11.7Hz, PhCH₂), 4.60 (d, 1H, J=11.7 Hz, H-5'), 4.22–4.31 (m, 2H, H-3', 4'), 4.52 (d, 1H, J=11.7 Hz, PhCH₂), 4.60 (d, 1H, J=11

J=11.7 Hz, PhCH₂), 6.28 (t, 1H, *J*=6.4 Hz, H-1'), 7.07 (dd, 1H, *J*=2.0, 6.3 Hz), 7.28–7.40 (m, 5H, aromatic), 7.54 (d, 1H, *J*=2.0 Hz), 7.90 (d, 1H, *J*=6.4 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 38.6, 62.2, 71.7, 77.9, 85.7, 86.9, 121.4, 127.7, 128.1, 128.6, 129.1, 137.3, 157.0.

3'-O-Benzyl-3-benzyloxymethyl-6-azathymidine (**4e**). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.91 (s, 3H, Me), 2.23 (ddd, 1H, *J*=2.4, 6.8, 13.7 Hz, H-2'), 2.76 (ddd, 1H, *J*=7.3, 7.3, 13.7 Hz, H-2'), 3.59 (dd, 1H, *J*=1.4, 12.2 Hz, H-5'), 3.70 (ddd, 1H, *J*=2.4, 12.2, 12.2 Hz, OH), 3.89 (d, 1H, *J*=12.2Hz, H-5'), 4.18 (d, 1H, *J*=2.9 Hz, H-4'), 4.48 (ddd, 1H, *J*=2.4, 2.9, 6.8 Hz, H-3'), 4.55 (s, 2H, PhCH₂), 4.70 (s, 2H, PhCH₂), 5.32 (d, 1H, *J*=10.3Hz), 5.36 (d, 1H, *J*=10.3 Hz), 6.67 (t, 1H, *J*=7.3 Hz, H-1'), 7.25–7.40 (m, 10H, aromatic); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 16.8, 34.6, 63.0, 71.8, 72.1, 79.4, 80.0, 83.5, 86.2, 127.6, 127.7, 127.9, 128.4, 128.5, 137.4, 137.7, 143.7, 148.8, 156.0.

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