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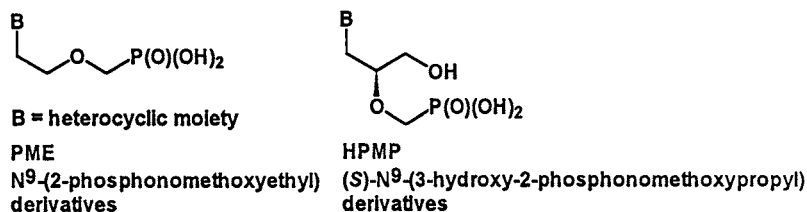
ABSTRACT

Two synthetic approaches were used for preparation of 8-amino-, 8-methyl-amino-, and 8-dimethylaminoadenine and -guanine analogs of PME and HPMP series: (a) direct modification of 8-bromopurine acyclic nucleotide analogs at the 8-position of the base, (b) alkylation of 8-modified purine bases with alkylation agents.

8-Substituted purine derivatives occupy significant position in N&N chemistry. The importance of these compounds as potential antiviral and anticancer agents is obvious. Among them, 8-hydroxy derivatives (e.g. 8-hydroxyguanine (1)), 8-mercapto derivatives (8-mercaptoguanosine (2)), and 8-amino derivatives (e.g. 8-aminoguanine (1) or 8-amino-9-benzylguanine (3,4)) should be particularly mentioned.

This work is a continuation of the structure-activity relationship study in the series of N-(2-phosphonmethoxyethyl) (PME) and (S)-N-(3-hydroxy-2-phosphonmethoxy-propyl) (HPMP) derivatives (5-7) of purine bases which concerns the effect of the substitution at the 8-position on the antiviral and/or cytostatic activity in these series.

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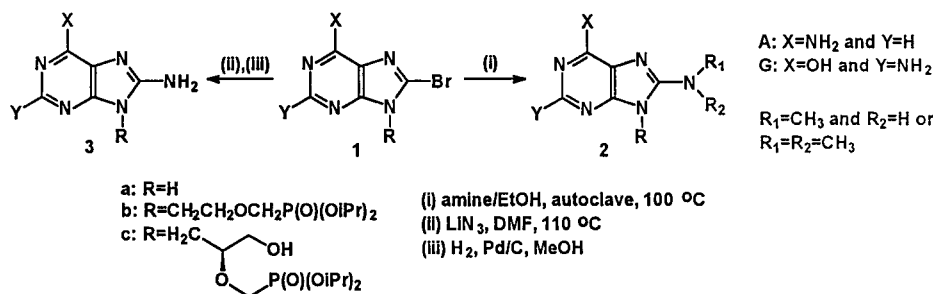


There are two principal approaches for preparation of 8-substituted purine acyclic nucleoside and nucleotide analogs, either modification of the corresponding derivative at the 8-position of purine moiety or, preparation of the appropriate 8-substituted purine base and its subsequent alkylation.

In our previous work (8–10), syntheses of 8-hydroxy-, 8-mercapto-, and 8-methylthio-purine derivatives of PME and HPMP type were performed by these two approaches.

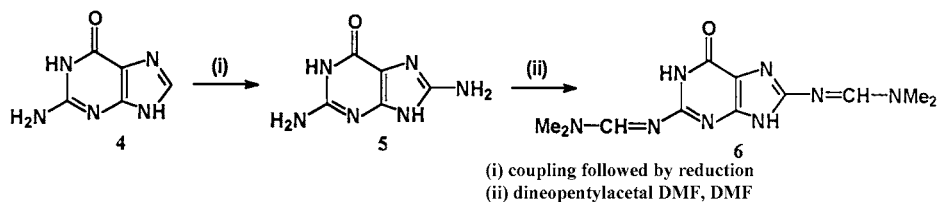
Acyclic nucleotide analogs **2** containing methylamino and dimethylamino group at the 8-position of purine moiety were prepared by the reaction of the appropriate 8-bromo derivatives **1** with the solution of methylamine or dimethylamine in ethanol (33%) in an autoclave at 100°C for 15 h (Scheme 1). The reaction of 8-bromo derivatives **1** with LiN₃ in DMF at 110°C followed by catalytic hydrogenation on Pd/C in methanol afforded the corresponding 8-amino derivatives **3** only in adenine series. Conversion of 8-bromo-guanine analogs to the 8-aminoguanine derivatives was unsuccessful. The phosphonate diesters were cleaved by the standard procedure using TMSBr in acetonitrile followed by hydrolysis and standard isolation of the free phosphonates.

8-Aminoadenine (**3a A**) and 8-dimethyladenine (**2a A**) as starting compounds for subsequent alkylations were prepared by the same procedure as in the case of acyclic nucleotide analogs (Scheme 1). Synthesis of 8-aminoguanine (**5**) was performed by the coupling of diazotized 4-chloroaniline with guanine, followed by reduction with sodium hydrosulfite (11). To improve its solubility and reactivity, 8-aminoguanine (**5**) was converted to the bis(N-dimethylaminomethylene) derivative **6** (Scheme 2).



Scheme 1.

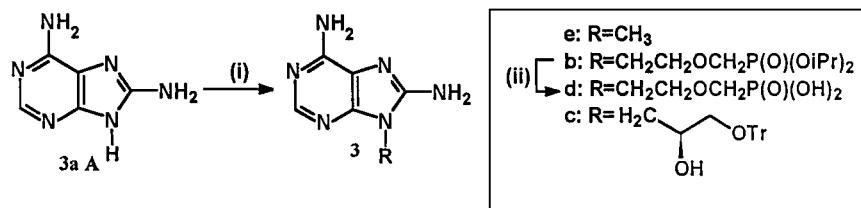




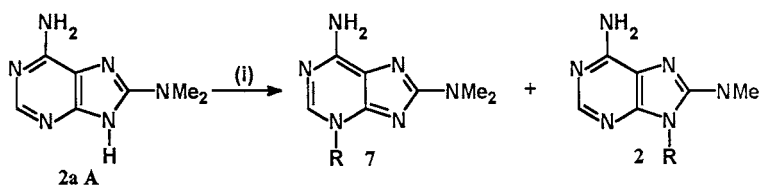
Scheme 2.

Alkylations of 8-aminoadenine (**3a A**), 8-dimethylaminoadenine (**2a A**), and protected 8-aminoguanine **6** were performed with diverse alkylation agents: methyl tosylate, diisopropyl [(2-chloroethoxy)methyl]phosphonate, (*S*)-tritylglycidol.

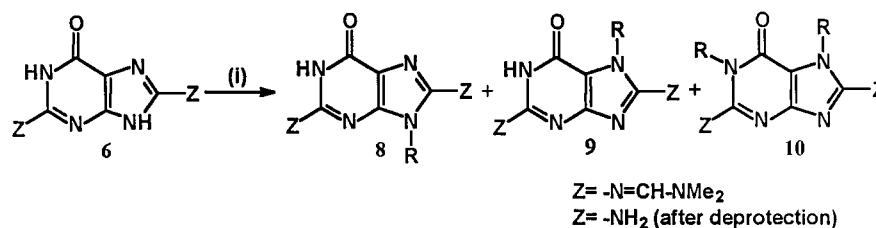
Alkylation of 8-aminoadenine (**3a A**) afforded largely its N⁹-substituted derivatives **3** (Scheme 3a), alkylation of 8-dimethylaminoadenine (**2a A**) a mixture of N³- and N⁹-regioisomers **7** and **2** (Scheme 3b), and alkylation of 8-amino-2,



Scheme 3a.



Scheme 3b.



(ie) MeOTs, DMF, NaH; (ib) ClCH₂CH₂OP(O)(OiPr)₂, DMF, NaH;
(ic) (*S*)-Tr-glycidol, DMF, Cs₂CO₃; (ii) TMSBr, CH₃CN

Scheme 3c.



8-bis(N-dimethylaminomethylene)guanine (**6**) gives a rich mixture of products, from which N⁹- and N⁷-monosubstituted derivatives **8** and **9** and N (1,7)-disubstituted derivatives **10** were isolated as main components (Scheme 3c).

Different independent methods for preparation of acyclic nucleoside and nucleotide analogs derived from 8-amino and 8-substituted aminopurine bases were used. These are: (a) modification of 8-bromoadenine at 8-position of the base, (b) alkylation of 8-modified bases with diverse alkylation agents. The first method is direct and most convenient one, and good yields of products can be achieved. The second method, the base alkylation, can make accessible other regioisomers.

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