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THIO NUCLEOSIDE DERIVATIVES AS INTERMEDIATES OR TARGET COMPOUNDS IN THE ATTEMPT OF FINDING NEW AGENTS AGAINST HIV

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<u>Abstract</u> 3'-Alkylthio-2',3'-dideoxy nucleosides and D4T are synthesized. An attempt of synthesizing a hybrid between AZT and HEPT is presented.

In our laboratory we have been very successful in using a convergent strategy for the synthesis of 2,3-dideoxy nucleosides by condensing appropriately substituted methyl glycosides with nucleobases.

Direct condensation of 2-deoxy-D-ribose 1 with mercaptans using the $P_4O_{10}/H_2O/Bu_3N$ reagent in chloroform resulted in coupling at C-3 to give the anomeric mixtures of the corresponding pentopyranoses 2 and pentofuranoses 3 after acetylation with acetic anhydride in dry pyridine. The latter was used in the synthesis of the nucleoside 4.

The methyl glycoside 5 was synthesized from 2-deoxy-D-ribose by successive methyl glycosidation, silylation and tosylation and subsequently used for the synthesis of the nucleoside 6 which was isolated in 48% yield by precipitation. From this product D4T could be synthesized by refluxing with Bu₄NF in THF for 24 h in 20% overall yield from 2-deoxy-D-ribose. Using shorter reaction time and lower reaction temperature one can produce 2,3-anhydrothymidine which is an important intermediate in the synthesis of AZT.

OSiMe₃ [Si]O OCH₃ TMS triflate
$$\frac{Bu_4NF}{MeCN}$$
 HO ON $\frac{1}{N_3}$ $\frac{1}{$

It was attempted to synthesize a hybrid between AZT and HEPT by reaction the 6-arylthiopyrimidine derivative 7 with the sugar 8 using TMS triflate as the catalyst. Due to sterical hindrance from sulfur alkylation occurred at N-3 and not as expected at N-1.