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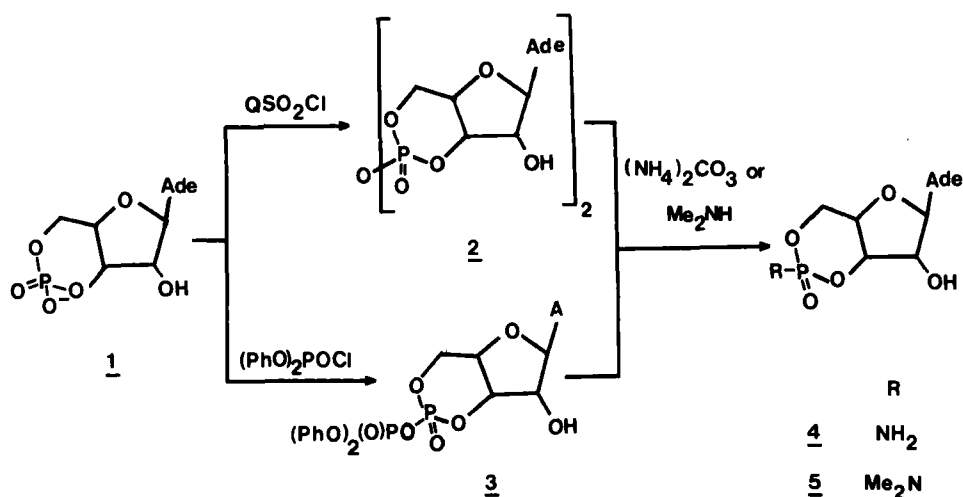
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Abstract The title compounds were synthesized by converting cyclic AMP with a sulfonyl chloride to the symmetrical anhydride or with diphenyl phosphorochloridate to the mixed anhydride, then aminolyzing the anhydrides without isolation. The synthesis preferentially gave S_P -amides. Characteristic differences were observed in the behavior of the unsubstituted amide and the dimethylamide under hydrolysis conditions.

In the course of the extensive studies on nucleoside phosphorodiamidates and phosphoramidates performed in our laboratory in the last decade, our attention has recently been focused on amide derivatives of adenosine cyclic 3',5'-monophosphate (1), the fundamental intracellular mediator and regulatory molecule of living systems. The synthesis of the individual diastereoisomers of adenosine cyclic 3',5'-phosphoramidate (R_P -4 and S_P -4)¹ and the elaboration of a new method for the preparation of adenosine cyclic 3',5'-N,N-di-

methylphosphoramidate diastereoisomers (R_P -5 and S_P -5)² were our first goals in this field.

The synthesis of 4 and 5 was based on the activation of 1 (tri-*n*-butylammonium salt) with a sulfonyl chloride or $(PhO)_2POCl$ (or $POCl_3$) followed by in situ treatment of the reactive intermediate with $(NH_4)_2CO_3$ or Me_2NH (Scheme 1).



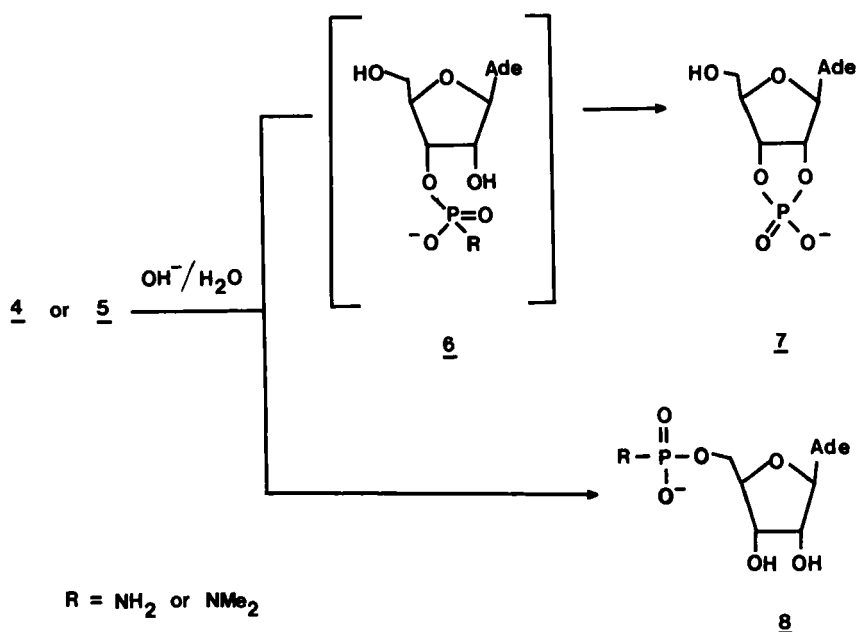
SCHEME 1

³¹P NMR studies showed that the structure of the reactive intermediate differed according to the nature of the activating reagent: it was the symmetrical anhydride of 1 (2) for sulfonyl chlorides³ and the diphenyl phosphoric mixed anhydride of 1 (3) for $(PhO)_2POCl$.⁴ All the theoretically possible phosphorus diastereoisomers, i.e. $R_P R_P$ -2, $R_P S_P$ ($S_P R_P$)-2 and $S_P S_P$ -2 as well as R_P -3 and S_P -3 were formed, but $S_P S_P$ -2 and S_P -3 in unimportant quantities (<10%).

The syntheses preferentially gave the S_P amide diastereoisomers. For example, in the synthesis of 5 via 2,

more than 90% of S_P -5 was formed.² Taking into consideration the relative distribution of diastereoisomers 2 $\{R_P R_P + R_P S_P (S_P R_P) > 90\%$ }, preferential attack by Me_2NH at R_P atoms with the inversion of configuration may be concluded. Similarly the reaction of 3 with Me_2NH afforded 5 as the main product (75-80%) with the inversion of configuration at phosphorus: an R_P -3/ S_P -3 ($\sim 98:2$) mixture yielded an S_P -5/ R_P -5 ($\sim 91:9$) mixture.⁴ In addition to 5, $(PhO)_2P(O)NMe_2$ (20-25%) was also formed, though the liberation of $(PhO)_2P(O)O^-$ anion would have been expected to play the decisive role in this reaction.⁵

Comparative studies on the S_P diastereoisomers indicate characteristic differences in the behavior of 4 and 5 under hydrolysis conditions.^{1,4} The very fast alkaline hydrolysis of 4 (completed within 1 min in 0.1 N NaOH at 37°C) resulted in the formation of a mixture of adenosine cyclic 2',3'-monophosphate (7) and adenosine 5'-phosphoramidate (8, $R=NH_2$) ($\sim 6:4$). The same compounds were formed in neutral solution. Compound 7 and adenosine 5'-N,N-dimethylphosphoramidate (8, $R=NMe_2$) ($\sim 9:1$) were the products of the much slower alkaline hydrolysis of 5 ($\sim 90\%$ conversion in 30 h). Compound 7 was probably formed via 3'-phosphoramidate 6 as demonstrated in the hydrolysis of adenylyl-(3'-5')-thymidine (P \rightarrow N) amide.⁶ On the basis of the differences between the hydrolysis rates of 4 and 5, an elimination-addition type mechanism⁷ was proposed for the alkaline hydrolysis of 4. The preferential formation of 7 might be a consequence of the better leaving group property of the $CH_2O^-(CH_2OH)$ group (Scheme 2). Acid hydrolysis of 4 ($\sim 50\%$ conversion during 0.5 h in 0.1 N HCl at 37°C) gave a mixture of 7,



SCHEME 2

8 ($\text{R}=\text{NH}_2$) and 1 ($\sim 86:11:3$). Considering the sensitivity of P-N bonds towards acid, the insignificant quantity of 1 is surprising. More than 99% of compound 1 was formed in the acid hydrolysis of 5 ($\sim 50\%$ conversion in 2.5 h). Differences in acid hydrolysis of 4 and 5 may be interpreted on the basis of stereoelectronic effects.

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