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## Nucleophilic Substitution at the 4'-Position of Nucleoside: New Access to a Promising Anti-HIV Agent 2',3'-Didehydro-3'-deoxy-

4'-ethynylthymidine (4'-Ed4T)

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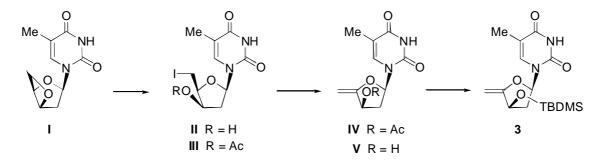
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#### **General Experimental Section**

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded either at 400 MHz or at 500 MHz. Chemical sifts are reported relative to Me<sub>4</sub>Si. Mass spectra (MS) were taken in FAB mode with *m*-nitrobenzyl alcohol as a matrix. Column chromatography was carried out on silica gel. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica gel. When necessary, analytical samples were purified by high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC). THF was distilled from benzophenone ketyl.

#### SCHEME A. Preparation of 3 from 1-(3,5-anhydro-2-deoxy-β-D-threo-pentofuranosyl)thymine (I)<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Horwitz, J. P.; Chua, J.; Da Rooge, M. A.; Noel, M.; Klundt, I. L. J. Org. Chem. 1966, 31, 205.

# 1-(2,5-Dideoxy-5-iodo-β-D-*threo*-pentofuranosyl)thymine (II). To a solution of I (4.0 g, 17.8 mmol) in AcOH (40 mL) was added NaI (13.4 g, 89.2 mmol). The mixture was stirred

at 90 °C for 0.5 h, evaporated, and partitioned between CHCl<sub>3</sub>/saturated aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. Evaporation of the organic layer gave crystalline **II** (5.35 g, 85%): mp 151-153 °C; UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  266 nm ( $\epsilon$  10100),  $\lambda_{min}$  234 nm ( $\epsilon$  2200); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ; 1.88 (3H, d, J =1.2 Hz), 2.05 (1H, dd, J = 15.1 and 8.0 Hz), 2.67 (1H, ddd, J = 15.1, 8.4, and 5.3 Hz), 3.37 (1H, dd, J = 9.7 and 6.4 Hz), 3.47 (1H, dd, J = 9.7 and 7.7 Hz), 4.15 (1H, ddd, J = 7.7, 6.4, and 3.3 Hz), 4.75 (1H, dd, J = 5.3 and 3.3 Hz), 6.19 (1H, dd, J = 8.4 and 2.2 Hz), 7.87 (1H, d, J = 1.2Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  : 1.4, 11.9, 68.1, 83.1, 83.4, 94.9, 108.5, 136.4, 149.9, 163.2. FAB-MS (m/z) 353 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. *Anal.* Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>13</sub>IN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 34.11; H, 3.72; N, 7.96. Found: C, 34.30; H, 3.51; N, 7.58.

**1-(3-O-Acetyl-2,5-dideoxy-5-iodo-β-D-***threo***-pentofuranosyl)thymine (III).** To a solution of **II** (5.3 g, 15.1 mmol) in pyridine (30 mL) was added Ac<sub>2</sub>O (4.3 mL, 45.2 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 13 h. Evaporation of the solvent gave crystalline **III** (5.53 g, 93%): mp 160-162 °C; UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  266 nm (ε 9900),  $\lambda_{min}$  234 nm (ε 2000); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.96 (3H, d, *J* = 0.7 Hz), 2.11 (3H, s), 2.11-2.16 (1H, m), 2.82 (1H, ddd, *J* = 15.8, 8.0, and 5.7 Hz), 3.32-3.39 (2H, m), 4.28 (1H, dt, *J* = 7.1 and 3.3 Hz), 5.48 (1H, dd, *J* = 5.7 and 3.3 Hz), 6.30 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.0 and 2.8 Hz), 7.38 (1H, d, *J* = 0.7 Hz), 8.59 (1H, br); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ : 12.8, 20.8, 39.8, 72.2, 82.4, 84.5, 110.8, 135.1, 150.1, 163.3, 169.2. FAB-MS (*m*/*z*) 395 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. Anal. Cald for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>IN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: C, 36.57; H, 3.84; N, 7.11. Found: C, 36.62; H, 3.51; N, 6.89.

1-(3-O-Acetyl-2,5-dideoxy-β-L-glycero-pent-4-enofuranosyl)thymine (IV). A mixture of

III (5.5 g, 14.0 mmol) and DBN (6.9 mL, 55.8 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (40 mL) was stirred at rt for 17 h under Ar atmosphere. After being neutralized with AcOH, the reaction mixture was evaporated and partitioned between CHCl<sub>3</sub>/saturated aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. Column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 1/1) of the organic layer gave **IV** (3.34 g, 90%) as a foam: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.96 (3H, d, *J* = 1.3 Hz), 2.06 (3H, s), 2.21 (1H, dt, *J* = 15.2 and 2.7 Hz), 2.83 (1H, dt, *J* = 15.2 and 7.1 Hz), 4.51 (1H, dd, *J* = 2.7 and 0.8 Hz), 4.73 (1H, dd, *J* = 2.7 and 0.7 Hz), 5.70-5.73 (1H, m), 6.44 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.1 and 2.7 Hz), 7.25 (1H, d, *J* = 1.3 Hz), 8.54 (1H, br); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  : 12.7, 21.0, 37.4, 70.2, 85.5, 89.0, 110.8, 134.8, 150.2, 159.2, 163.6, 169.5. FAB-MS (*m*/*z*) 267 (M<sup>+</sup>+H); High resolution FAB-MS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 267.0981, found: 267.0926 (M<sup>+</sup>+H).

#### 1-[3-O-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)-2,5-dideoxy-β-L-glycero-pent-4-enofuranosyl]-

**thymine (3).** Compound **IV** (5.2 g, 19.5 mmol) was dissolved in NH<sub>3</sub>/MeOH (150 mL). The solution was kept standing at rt for 9 h. The solvent was evaporated. The resulting syrupy **V** was dried under reduced pressure, and then dissolved in DMF (60 mL). To this were added imidazole (5.32 g, 78.1 mmol) and TBDMSCl (8.83 g, 58.6 mmol). After being stirred at rt for 11 h, the mixture was partitioned between EtOAc/H<sub>2</sub>O. Column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 10/1) of the organic layer gave **3** (6.43 g, 97%) as a foam: UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  266 nm (ε 11600),  $\lambda_{min}$  236 nm (ε 5700); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.11 and 0.14 (6H, each as s), 0.88 (9H, s), 1.92 (3H, d, *J* = 1.2 Hz), 2.03 (1H, dt, *J* = 10.8 and 3.2 Hz), 2.61-2.68 (1H, m), 4.25 (1H, dd, *J* = 2.2 and 0.7 Hz), 4.57 (1H, dd, *J* = 2.2 and 0.7 Hz), 4.68 (1H, dd, *J* = 6.8

and 3.2 Hz), 6.46 (1H, dd, J = 7.2 and 3.2 Hz), 7.44 (1H, d, J = 1.2 Hz), 9.12 (1H, br); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  : -5.1, -4.9, 12.5, 17.8, 25.4, 40.1, 79.8, 84.9, 85.2, 110.7, 135.6, 150.6, 163.0, 164.1. FAB-MS (m/z) 339 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Si: C, 56.78; H, 7.74; N, 8.28. Found: C, 56.61; H, 7.87; N, 8.17.

#### Reaction of Pb(OAc)<sub>4</sub> with 2-methylene-5-(*R*)-(thymin-1-yl)-2,5-dihydro-furan (9).

To a toluene (3.0 mL) solution of **9** (33 mg, 0.16 mmol) was added Pb(OAc)<sub>4</sub> (106.4 mg, 0.24 mmol) at 0 °C under Ar atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred for 5 h at rt, diluted with EtOAc, and filtered through a celite pad. The filtrate was partitioned between EtOAc and saturated aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. Column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc= 3/1) of the organic layer gave **10** (solid, 18.2 mg, 35%, containing a small amount of **11** formed during evaporation of the solvents) and **11** (solid, 21.2 mg, 50%). Physical data for the major isomer of **10**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  2.02 (3H, s), 2.04 (3H, s), 3.25 (3H, s), 4.34 and 4.49 (2H, each as d, *J* = 11.5 Hz), 6.40 (1H, dd, *J* = 5.9 and 1.5 Hz), 6.61 (1H, dd, *J* = 1.7 and 5.9 Hz), 6.83 (1H, d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 7.15 (1H, d, *J* = 1.3 Hz), 11.43 (1H, br); FAB-MS (*m*/*z*) 324 (M<sup>+</sup>+H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.0, 12.1, 14.1, 20.4, 21.4, 21.6, 59.7, 63.3, 63.8, 87.9, 90.0, 95.4, 110.1, 111.4, 111.8, 131.0, 131.1, 132.0, 135.7, 150.6, 150.6, 163.9, 168.4, 168.6, 169.7. High resolution FAB-MS (*m*/*z*) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>: 325.1036. Found: 325.1075.

Physical data for **11**: m.p. 156-157 °C; UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  259 nm ( $\epsilon$  8600),  $\lambda_{min}$  236 nm ( $\epsilon$  7400); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.00 (3H, d, J= 1.2 Hz), 2.10 (3H, s), 5.04 (2H, s), 6.47

(1H, d, J = 3.2 Hz), 6.50 (1H, d, J = 3.2 Hz), 7.41 (1H, d, J = 1.2 Hz), 8.88 (1H, br); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.3, 20.8, 57.67, 103.3, 111.8, 112.8, 137.2, 143.1, 146.5, 163.0, 170.5. FAB-MS (m/z) 265 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: C, 54.55; H, 4.58; N, 10.60. Found: C, 54.65; H, 4.46; N, 10.39.

#### Reaction of Pb(OAc)<sub>4</sub> with

**1-[3-***O*-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-2,5-dideoxy-β-L-*glycero*-pent-4-enofuranosyl]thymi ne (3). To a toluene (5.0 mL) solution of 3 (100 mg, 0.3 mmol), was added Pb(OAc)<sub>4</sub> (196 mg, 0.44 mmol) at 0 °C under Ar atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 16 h, filtered through a celite pad, and then partitioned between CHCl<sub>3</sub>/saturated aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. Column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 3/1) of the organic layer gave **12a** (foam, 62.8 mg, 28%) and **13a** (syrup, 52 mg, 60%).

Physical data for **12a**: UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  265 nm ( $\epsilon$  9100),  $\lambda_{min}$  233 nm ( $\epsilon$  1700); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.11 and 0.16 (6H, each as s), 0.91 (9H, s), 1.92 (3H, d, J = 1.3 Hz), 2.07 and 2.10 (6H, each as s), 2.16-2.17 (1H, m), 2.82-2.89 (1H, m), 4.64-4.69 (2H, m), 4.89 (1H, d, J = 11.9 Hz), 6.50 (1H, dd, J = 8.2 and 2.8 Hz), 7.53 (1H, d, J = 1.3 Hz), 8.03 (1H, br); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –5.2, –5.0, 12.5, 17.9, 20.7, 21.7, 25.5, 29.7, 39.6, 61.1, 73.9, 85.2, 111.1, 111.3, 135.8, 150.1, 163.3, 169.1, 169.9. FAB-MS (m/z) 457 [M +H]<sup>+</sup>. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Si: C, 52.61; H, 7.06; N, 6.14. Found: C, 52.69; H, 7.10; N, 5.94.

Physical data for **13a**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.11 and 0.16 (6H, each as s), 0.91 (9H, s),

2.17 (3H, s), 2.86 (1H, ddd, J = 17.1, 5.1, and 1.3 Hz), 2.95 (1H, ddd, J = 17.1, 5.1, and 1.3 Hz), 4.60 (1H, t, J = 5.1 Hz), 4.99 (1H, d, J = 17.6 Hz), 5.11 (1H, d, J = 17.6 Hz), 9.71 (1H, t, J = 1.3 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta : -5.18$ , -5.15, -0.02, 17.9, 20.5, 25.6, 25.6, 29.9, 48.5, 66.7, 72.8, 170.3, 198.0; FAB-MS (m/z) 289 (M<sup>+</sup>+H). High resolution FAB-MS (m/z) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Si : 289.1464 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. Found: 289.1471.

Reaction of Pb(OAc)<sub>4</sub> with 3 in the presence of *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt. To a toluene (10.0 mL) solution of 3 (500 mg, 1.48 mmol) was added *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.48 mL, 2.7 mmol) and Pb(OAc)<sub>4</sub> (980 mg, 2.22 mmol) at 0 °C under Ar atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 21 h, filtered through a celite pad, and partitioned between CHCl<sub>3</sub>/saturated aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. Column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 2/1) of the organic layer gave a mixture of **12a** and **12b** (216 mg, 32%, **12a/12b** = 1/0.4). Compounds **12a** (foam,  $t_R$  27.6 min) and **12b** (foam,  $t_R$  30.0 min) were separated by HPLC (hexane/AcOEt = 3/2).

Physical data for **12b** : UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  265 nm ( $\epsilon$  9000),  $\lambda_{min}$  233 nm ( $\epsilon$  1600); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.07 and 0.08 (6H, each as s), 0.85 (9H, s), 1.94 (3H, d, J = 1.0 Hz), 2.12 and 2.15 (6H, each as s), 2.25-2.28 (1H, m), 2.63-2.69 (1H, m), 4.48-4.54 (3H, m), 4.89 (1H, d, J = 11.9 Hz), 6.19 (1H, t, J = 6.1 Hz), 7.65 (1H, d, J = 1.0 Hz), 8.57 (1H, br); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -5.3, -4.9, 12.8, 17.8, 20.7, 21.7, 25.4, 39.3, 63.5, 71.8, 84.0, 108.8, 110.7, 136.0, 150.3, 163.7, 168.0, 169.9. FAB-MS (m/z) 457 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Si: C, 52.61; H, 7.06; N, 6.14. Found: C, 52.90; H, 7.10; N, 5.97. Reaction of 14 with Me<sub>3</sub>Al: formation of the spiro derivatives (15a and 15b) and 1-[5-*O*-benzoyl-3-*O*-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-2-deoxy-4-*C*-methyl- $\beta$ -D-*threo*-pentofu ranosyl]thymine (16a). To a CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4 mL) solution of 14 (50 mg, 0.086 mmol) was added Me<sub>3</sub>Al (1 M hexane solution, 0.34 mL, 0.34 mmol) at 0 °C under Ar atmosphere. The mixture was stirred at rt for 13 h, quenched with saturated aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, and filtered through a celite pad. The filtrate was partitioned between CHCl<sub>3</sub>/saturated aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. Preparative TLC (hexane/EtOAc = 1/1) of the organic layer gave 16a (foam, 6 mg, 15%) and a mixture of 15a and 15b (31 mg, 76%, 15a/15b = 1:1). Compounds 15a (foam, *t*<sub>R</sub> 8.6 min) and 15b (foam, *t*<sub>R</sub> 9.4 min) were separated by HPLC (hexane/EtOAc = 2/1).

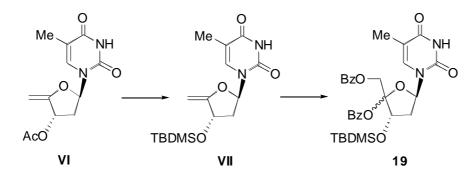
Physical data for **16a**: UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  269 nm (£8800),  $\lambda_{min}$  247 nm (£4800); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.05 and 0.09 (6H, each as s), 0.87 (9H, s), 1.36 (3H, s), 1.88 (3H, d, *J* = 1.2 Hz), 2.01-2.04 (1H, m), 2.88 (1H, ddd, *J* = 7.7, 5.5, and 14.7 Hz), 4.24 (1H, dd, *J* = 2.0 and 5.5 Hz), 4.49 (1H, d, *J* = 11.5 Hz), 4.62 (1H, d, *J* = 11.5 Hz), 6.25 (1H, dd, *J* = 3.3 and 7.7 Hz), 7.45-7.47 (2H, m), 7.57-7.61 (1H, m), 7.65 (1H, d, *J* = 1.2 Hz), 8.04-8.07 (2H, m), 8.41 (1H, br); ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –5.3, –4.8, 12.5, 17.9, 21.8, 25.5, 41.6, 66.6, 75.9, 84.1, 86.8, 110.5, 129.8, 133.3, 136.3, 150.2, 163.56, 166.2. FAB-MS (*m*/*z*) 475 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Si·1/3 EtOAc: C, 60.73; H, 7.22; N, 5.90. Found: C, 60.49; H, 7.64; N, 5.24.

Physical data for **15a**: UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  266 nm (  $\epsilon$  9300),  $\lambda_{\text{min}}$  233 nm (  $\epsilon$  1700);

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.10 and 0.18 (6H, each as s), 0.90 (9H, s), 1.63 (3H, s), 1.83 (3H, d, J = 1.0 Hz), 1.91 (1H, dd, J = 14.6 and 2.0 Hz), 2.94 (1H, ddd, J = 14.6, 8.0, and 5.0 Hz), 3.95 (1H, d, J = 9.8 Hz), 4.24 (1H, d, J = 5.0 Hz), 4.41 (1H, d, J = 9.8 Hz), 6.30 (1H, dd, J = 8.0 and 2.0 Hz), 7.27-7.36 (4H, m), 7.46 (2H, dt, J = 6.6 and 1.5 Hz), 8.50 (1H, br); HMBC: CH<sub>3</sub>/Ph(CH<sub>3</sub>)C(O)O; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –5.1, –4.8, 12.5, 17.9, 25.6, 28.7, 67.7, 74.7, 83.5, 110.2, 112.0, 115.2, 125.2, 128.1, 136.3, 142.6, 150.2, 163.5. FAB-MS (m/z) 475 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Si: C, 60.73; H, 7.22; N, 5.90. Found: C, 60.74; H, 7.36; N, 5.79.

Physical data for **15b**: UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  266 nm ( $\varepsilon$  9700),  $\lambda_{min}$  234 nm ( $\varepsilon$  1900); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –0.19 and –0.12 (6H, each as s), 0.79 (9H, s), 1.74 (3H, s), 1.90 (3H, d, J = 1.0 Hz), 1.93 (1H, dd, J = 14.9 and 2.0 Hz), 2.89 (1H, ddd, J = 14.9, 8.0, and 5.1 Hz), 4.02 (1H, d, J = 7.6 Hz), 4.02 (1H, d, J = 5.1 Hz), 4.26 (1H, d, J = 7.6 Hz), 6.46 (1H, dd, J = 8.0 and 2.0 Hz), 7.30-7.39 (3H, m), 7.43-7.47 (3H, m), 8.64 (1H, br); ); HMBC: C<u>H<sub>3</sub></u>/Ph(CH<sub>3</sub>)<u>C</u>(O)O; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –5.5, –5.1, 12.6, 17.8, 25.5, 28.5, 40.0, 69.3, 74.8, 84.0, 110.5, 112.0, 114.9, 124.9, 128.2, 128.3, 136.3, 142.4, 150.3, 163.6. FAB-MS (*m*/*z*) 475 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Si: C, 60.73; H, 7.22; N, 5.90. Found: C, 60.52; H, 7.42; N, 6.01.

SCHEME B. Preparation of 19 from 1-(3-*O*-acetyl-2,5-dideoxy- $\beta$ -D-*glycero*-pent-4-enofuranosyl)thymine (VI)<sup>a</sup>



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thymine (VII). Compound VI (6.90 g, 25.9 mmol) was dissolved in NH<sub>3</sub>/MeOH (350 mL) and kept standing in refrigerator for 19 h. The solvent was evaporated and the residual syrup was dried under reduced pressure. To a solution of this syrup in DMF (60 mL) were added imidazole (5.29 g, 77.8 mmol) and TBDMSCl (7.81 g, 51.8 mmol). After being stirred at rt for 15 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between EtOAc/H<sub>2</sub>O. Column chromatography hexane/EtOAc = 3/1) of the organic layer gave VII (7.87 g, 90%) as a foam: UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  264 nm (ε 11100),  $\lambda_{min}$  234 nm (ε 4900); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.13 (6H, s), 0.91 (9H, s), 1.94 (3H, d, *J* = 1.2 Hz), 2.13-2.20 (1H, m), 2.40 (1H, ddd, *J* = 13.6, 6.2, and 3.4 Hz), 4.24 (1H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 4.54 (1H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 4.75 (1H, dd, *J* = 6.0 and 3.4 Hz), 6.49 (1H, t, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 6.98 (1H, d, *J* = 1.2 Hz), 8.47 (1H, br); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ : -4.8, -4.7, 12.6, 18.0, 25.6, 25.7, 40.7, 70.7, 85.1, 86.1, 111.7, 134.5, 150.0, 162.7, 163.5. FAB-MS (*m*/*z*) 339 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>1a</sub>H<sub>2a</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>b</sub>Si: C, 56.78; H, 7.74; N, 8.28. Found: C, 57.04; H,

#### 7.99; N, 8.14.

### 1-[5-*O*-Benzoyl-4-benzoyloxy-3-*O*-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-2-deoxy-β-D*erythro*-pentofuranosyl]thymine (19a) and 1-[5-*O*-Benzoyl-4-benzoyloxy-3-*O*-(*tert*butyldimethylsilyl)-2-deoxy-α-L-*threo*-pentofuranosyl]thymine (19b).

To a toluene (8 mL) solution of **VII** (338.5 mg, 1.0 mmol) were added *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.61 mL, 3.5 mmol) and Pb(OBz)<sub>4</sub> (2.42 g, 3.5 mmol) at 0 °C under Ar atmosphere. After being stirred at rt for 24 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and filtered through a celite pad. The filtrate was partitioned between CHCl<sub>3</sub>/saturated aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. Column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 2/1) gave a mixture of **VII**, **19a**, and **19b**. To decompose **VII**, the mixture was treated with 80% aq AcOH (10 mL) in THF (16 mL) at rt for 5 days. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was partitioned between CHCl<sub>3</sub>/saturated aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. Column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 2/1) gave a mixture of **VII**, **19a**, and **19b**. To decompose **VII**, the mixture of **VII** (238.8 mg, 41%, **19a/19b** = 1.3/1.0). Compounds **19a** (foam,  $t_R$  10.0 min) and **19b** (foam,  $t_R$  11.6 min) were isolated by HPLC (hexane/EtOAc = 1/1) separation.

Physical data for **19a**: UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  265 nm ( $\epsilon$  11900) and 230 nm ( $\epsilon$  28000),  $\lambda_{min}$  250 nm ( $\epsilon$  9500); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.02 and 0.07 (6H, each as s), 0.71 (9H, s), 1.77 (3H, s), 2.63-2.69 (1H, m), 2.75-2.79 (1H, m), 4.78 (1H, d, J = 11.5 Hz), 4.99-5.00 (1H, m), 5.03 (1H, d, J = 11.5 Hz), 6.26 (1H, dd, J = 8.3 and 3.7 Hz), 7.15 (1H, s), 7.42-7.47 (5H, m), 7.51-7.64 (3H, m), 8.03-8.09 (5H, m), 9.86 (1H, br); NOE

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experiment: H-6/H-5'a (0.3%), H-3'/H-5'a (3.9%) and H-3'/H-5'b (1.2%); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ –5.2, –4.7, 12.2, 17.6, 25.3, 40.2, 64.7, 73.2, 89.9, 108.7, 110.9, 118.3, 128.6, 129.7, 129.8, 133.2, 133.4, 149.7, 163.7, 164.5, 165.9. FAB-MS (m/z) 581 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Si: C, 62.05; H, 6.25; N, 4.82. Found: C, 61.90; H, 6.26; N, 4.78.

Physical data for **19b**: UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}} 26 \text{ nm}$  ( $\varepsilon 10600$ ) and 230 nm ( $\varepsilon 26400$ ),  $\lambda_{\text{min}} 251 \text{ nm}$  ( $\varepsilon 8400$ ); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta 0.17$  and 0.18 (6H, each as s), 0.94 (9H, s), 1.72 (3H, d, J = 1.2 Hz), 2.32 (1H, ddd, J = 13.7, 8.7, and 4.3 Hz), 2.48 (1H, dd, J =13.7 and 6.0 Hz), 5.01 (1H, d, J = 4.3 Hz), 5.05 (1H, d, J = 12.0 Hz), 5.11 (1H, d, J =12.0 Hz), 6.74 (1H, dd, J = 8.7 and 6.0 Hz), 7.32-7.37, 7.47-7.52, 7.62-7.66, 7.90-7.92 and 8.03-8.06 (11H, each as m), 8.47 (1H, br); NOE experiment: CH<sub>3</sub>-Si/H-5'a (1.4%) and *t*-Bu-Si/H-5'a (0.8%); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta -5.1$ , -4.7, 12.4, 17.9, 25.6, 62.0, 75.5, 86.9, 111.8, 112.0, 128.3, 128.6, 129.5, 129.6, 129.6, 133.1, 133.9, 134.9, 150.1, 163.2, 164.3, 165.5. FAB-MS (m/z) 581 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Si: C, 62.05; H, 6.25; N, 4.82. Found: C, 61.96; H, 6.37; N, 4.81.

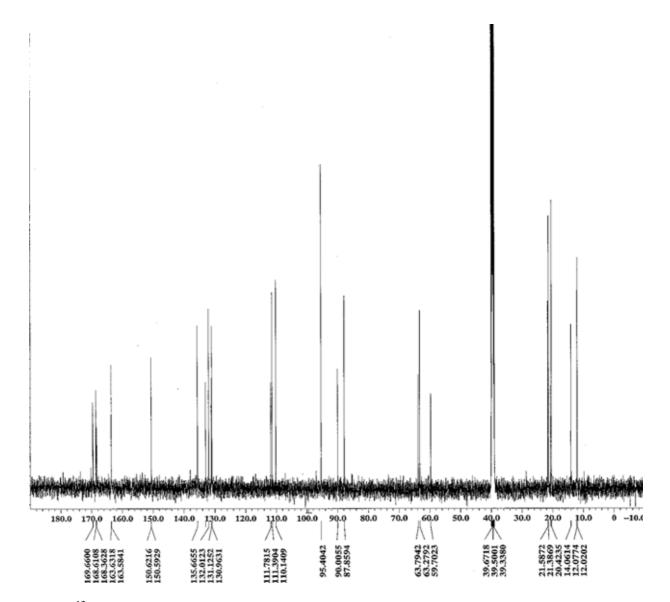


Fig. 1: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **10** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>

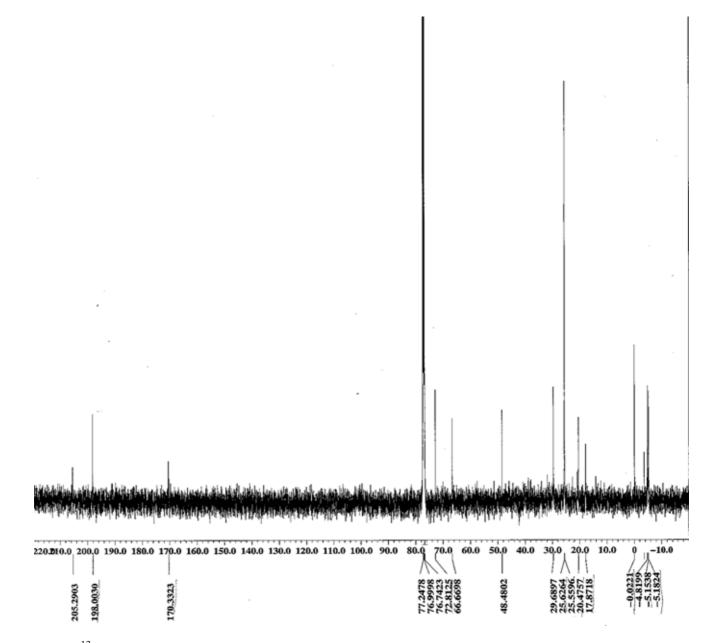


Fig. 2: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **13** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

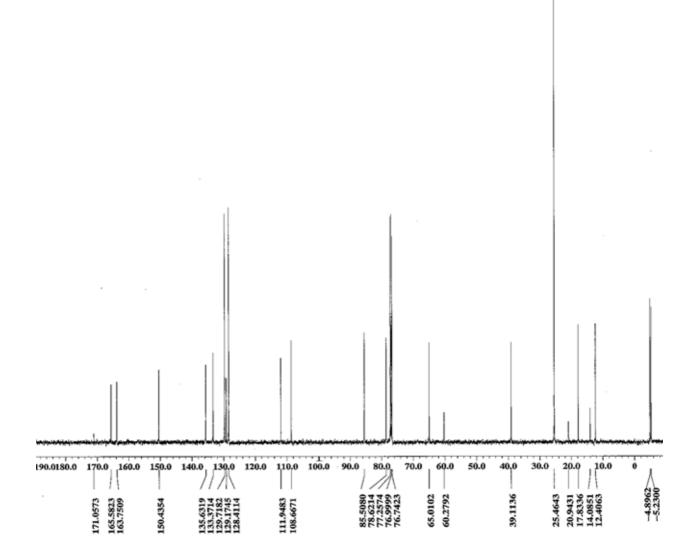


Fig. 3: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **17a** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

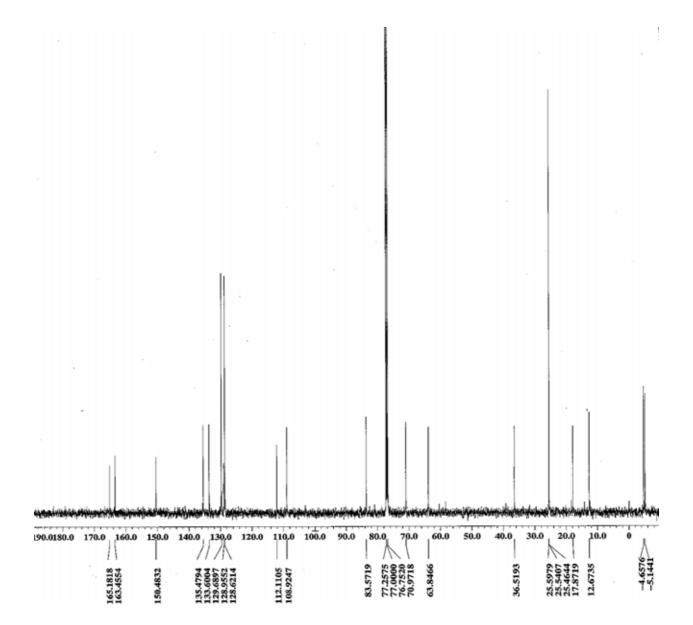


Fig. 4: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **17b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

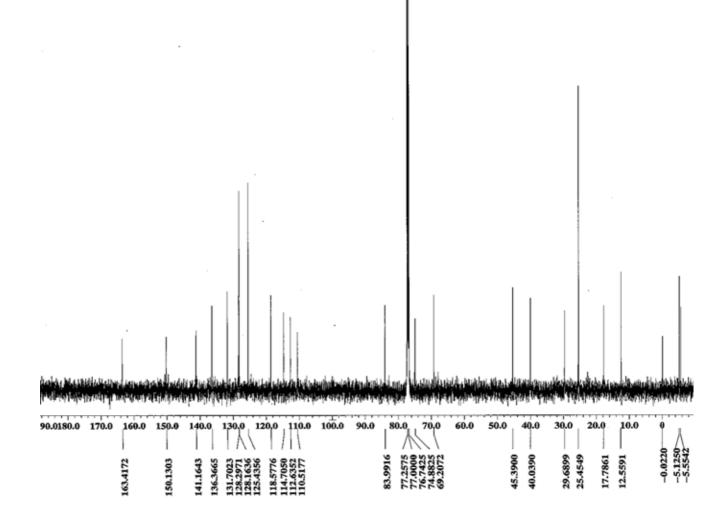


Fig. 5: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **23** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

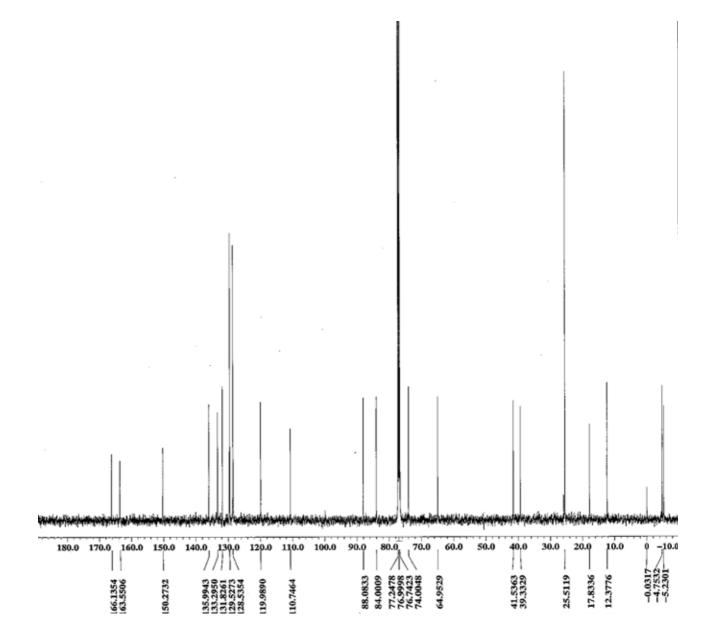


Fig. 6: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **24a** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

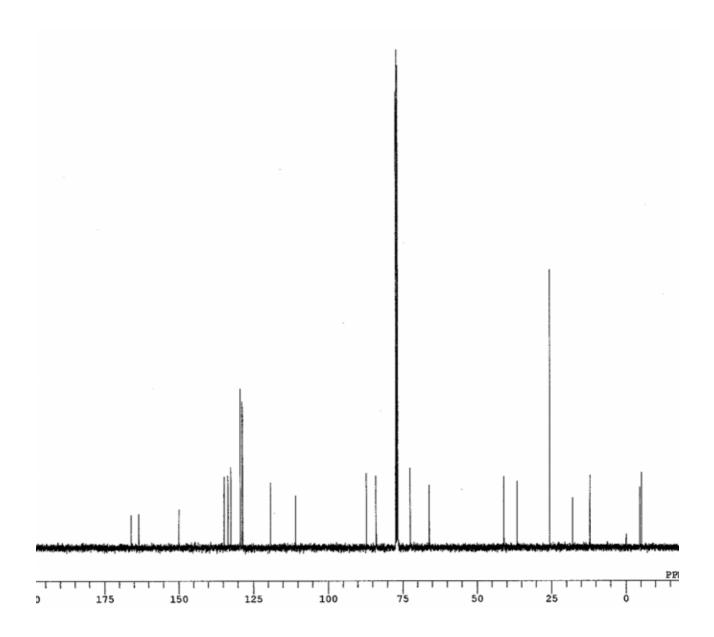


Fig. 7: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **24b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

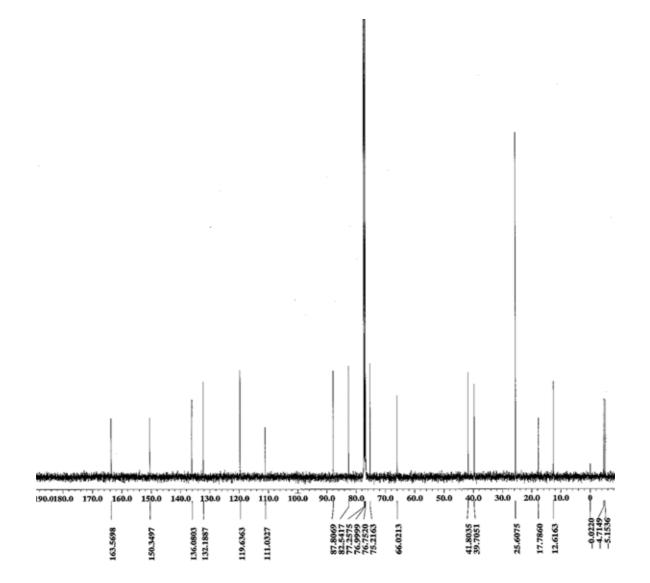


Fig. 8: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **25** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

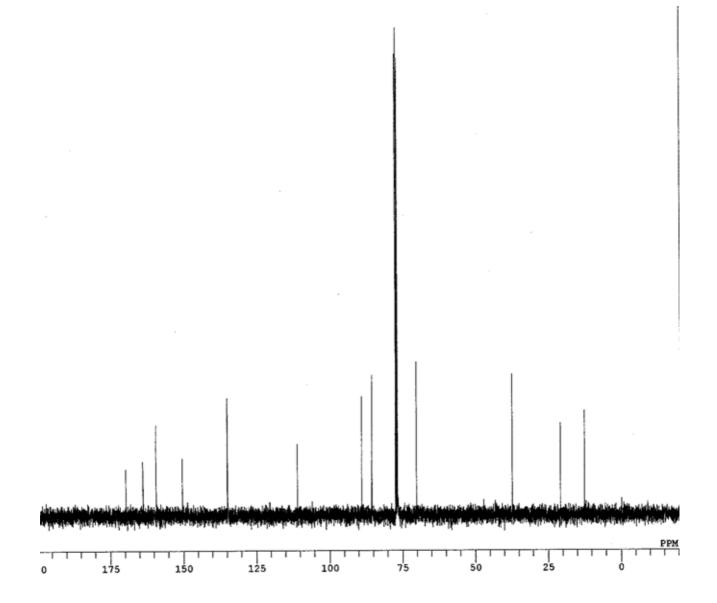


Fig. 9: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **IV** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>