# **Supporting Information**

7-Deaza-2'-deoxyguanosine: Selective Nucleobase Halogenation, Positional Impact of Space-Occupying Substituents and Stability of DNA with Parallel and Antiparallel Strand Orientation

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	$C2^b$	$C6^b$	C5 <sup>b</sup>	C7 <sup>b</sup>	$C8^b$	C4 <sup>b</sup>	CH/CH <sub>3</sub> /OCH <sub>3</sub> /C=O	Phenyl-C7	C1'	C2'	C3'	C4'	C5'
	$C2^{c}$	$C4^c$	C4a <sup>c</sup>	$C5^c$	$C6^{c}$	C7a <sup>c</sup>		Phenyl-C5					
<b>1</b> a <sup>19</sup>	151.9	157.2	103.7	112.9	71.5	151.3	-	-	86.9	37.5	71.3	87.4	62.3
6	152.0	157.2	103.7	73.1	112.8	151.3	-	-	92.0	$70.8^{d}$	70.4 <sup>d</sup>	85.1	62.3
2	151.8	158.1	100.8	102.2	133.0	151.2	-	132.0, 128.6, 128.2, 127.3	83.9	37.0	70.9	87.0	61.9
10	145.8	156.2	104.6	102.9	135.7	148.5	34.4/18.6/-/179.7	131.6, 129.0, 128.2, 127.9	83.2	36.4	70.4	86.6	61.4
11	145.9	156.5	105.0	103.0	135.9	148.6	34.6/18.8/54.9/179.8	131.8 <sup><i>d</i></sup> , 129.8 <sup><i>d</i></sup> , 129.6 <sup><i>d</i></sup> , 127.5 <sup><i>d</i></sup>	83.9	37.5	71.0	85.8	64.8
<b>8</b> <sup>6a</sup>	147.5	156.1	104.0	55.7	124.3	147.1	34.7/18.8/-/180.0	-	82.6	_e	70.8	87.3	61.7
9	146.3	154.8	107.6	89.6	74.2	148.9	34.7/18.9/-/180.1	-	87.2	37.3	70.9	87.2	62.0
<b>3</b> <sup>22</sup>	152.6	158.8	97.2	120.1	115.0	151.9	-	134.3, 127.8, 127.6, 125.6	82.1	_e	71.0	87.0	62.0
13	146.9	156.8	101.0	120.6	117.4	148.7	34.7/18.9/-/180.0	133.6, 128.0, 127.8, 126.1	82.4	_e	70.8	87.3	61.8
14	147.0	156.8	101.2	120.8	117.1	148.8	34.7/18.9/54.9/180.0	$133.3^{d}, 127.9^{d}, 127.7^{d}, 126.1^{d}$	82.5	<u>_</u> e	70.9	85.6	64.1
4	152.9	159.0	96.8	109.0	114.2	151.5	-	130.0, 128.5 120.3, 120.1	82.3	_e	71.1	87.1	62.0
19	147.3	157.1	101.0	109.8	116.4	148.4	34.8/18.9/54.9/180.1	$130.0^{d}, 128.7^{d}$ $120.6^{d}, 120.1^{d}$	82.6	_e	70.5	85.4	64.0
<sup>a</sup> Mea	<sup><i>a</i></sup> Measured in DMSO- <i>d</i> <sub>6</sub> at 298 K. <sup><i>b</i></sup> Purine numbering. <sup><i>c</i></sup> Systematic numbering. <sup><i>d</i></sup> Tentative. <sup><i>e</i></sup> Superimposed by DMSO.												

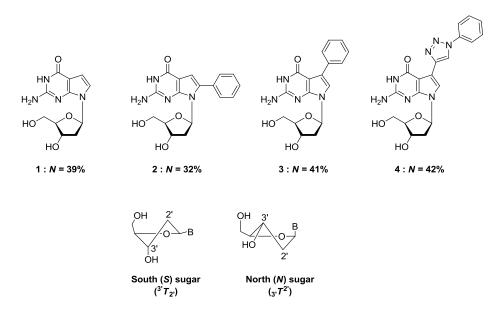
 Table S1. <sup>13</sup>C NMR Chemical Shifts of 7-Deazapurine Derivatives<sup>a</sup>

	<i>J</i> [Hz]									
	6	9	2	10	11	3	13	14	4	19
${}^{3}J(C7a, H-C5)$ or										
<sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> (C7a, H-C1')	5.4	4.5	5.9	6.6	6.6	-	-	-	-	-
$^{3}J(C7a, H-C6)$ or										
<sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> (C7a, H-C1')	-	-	-	-	-	8.9	6.0	7.9	5.8	8.3
<sup>2</sup> <i>J</i> (C4a, H-C5)										
<sup>2</sup> <i>J</i> (C4a, H-N1)	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.5	-	-	-	-	-
<sup>3</sup> <i>J</i> (C4a, H-C6)	-	_	_	-	-	6.5	5.9	7.3	-	6.1
$^{2}J(C5, H-C6)$	-	-	-	-	-	4.7	4.5	5.0	5.3	5.3
$^{1}J(C5, H-C5)$	179.8	-	175.0	176.8	176.7	-	-	-	-	-
$^{1}J(C6, H-C6)$		-	-	-	-	187.7	189.2	190.5	191.0	192.8
<sup>1</sup> <i>J</i> (C1', H-C1')	157.4	160.1	159.8	160.1	164.1	163.8	164.2	167.1	166.3	164.2
<sup>1</sup> <i>J</i> (C3', H-C3')	148.6	148.7	151.5	150.1	149.2	150.8	150.3	148.3	146.3	152.6
<sup>1</sup> <i>J</i> (C4', H-C4')	148.9	150.7	148.7	147.2	148.3	147.6	145.6	147.3	146.2	148.5
<sup>1</sup> <i>J</i> (C5', H-C5')	137.3	139.9	140.3	140.6	142.9	139.2	139.2	141.1	140.0	143.1

Table S2. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C Coupling Constants (Hz) of 7-Deaza-2'-deoxyguanosine Derivatives<sup>*a,b*</sup>

Signal	7-Deaza-dG	7-Iodo-7-deaza-d	<b>5</b> 7-Phenyl-7-deaza-dG	8-Iodo-7-deaza-dG	8-Phenyl-7-deaza-dG
	(1)	( <b>1b</b> )	(3)	( <b>1</b> a)	(2)
C1′	82.2	81.9	82.1	86.9	83.9
C2´	39.2		_ <i>c</i>	37.5	37.0
C3´	70.8	70.6	71.0	71.3	70.9
C4´	86.9	86.8	87.0	87.4	87.0
C5´	61.9	61.6	62.0	62.3	61.9
C7	102.1	54.7	120.1	112.9	102.2
C8	116.7	121.4	115.0	71.5	133.0
H1′	6.30	6.24	6.38	6.19	6.08
H2″	2.07	2.05	2.10	2.01	1.90
H2´	2.33	2.29	2.42	3.14	3.01
H3′	4.29	4.24	4.31	4.38	4.21
H4′	3.75	3.73	3.77	3.77	3.71
H5´	3.47	3.45	3.51	3.60	3.55
OH3′	5.18	5.18	5.21	5.22	5.05
OH5′	4.90	4.88	4.91	5.04	5.12
H7	6.25	-	-	6.56	6.27
H8	6.90	7.09	7.27	-	-
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	1	1b	3	1a 2	
<sup>a</sup> Measu	red in DMSO- $d_6$	at 298 K. <sup>b</sup> Purine m	umbering. <sup>c</sup> Superimposed l	by DMSO- $d_6$ .	

Table S3. Selected Chemical Shifts of 7-Deaza-2´-deoxyguanosine Derivatives.<sup>*a,b*</sup>



**Figure S1.** Conformer population of nucleosides **1-4** determined in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>. The conformational analysis of the sugar moiety in solution was performed using the program PSEUROT (version 6.3). The input used the following coupling constants:  ${}^{3}J(H1', H2')$ ,  ${}^{3}J(H1', H2'')$ ,  ${}^{3}J(H1', H2'')$ ,  ${}^{3}J(H2', H3')$ ,  ${}^{3}J(H2'', H3')$ ,  ${}^{3}J(H3', H4')$ . B = base.

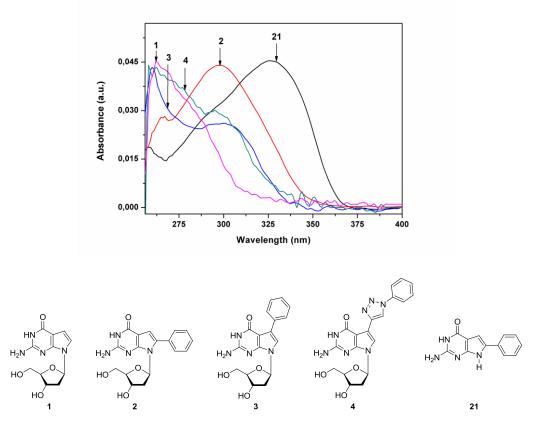


Figure S2. UV/vis spectrum of nucleosides 1-4 and nucleobase 21 (2  $\mu$ M) in DMSO.

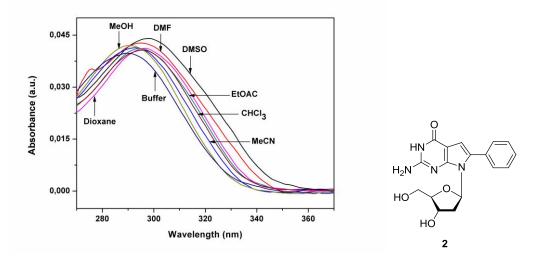
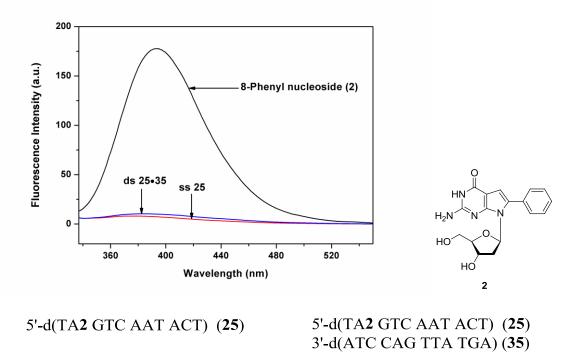


Figure S3. UV-Visible spectrum of nucleoside 2 ( $2 \mu M$ ) in various solvents.



**Figure S4.** Fluorescence emission spectra of 2  $\mu$ M of 8-phenyl nucleoside **2**, 2  $\mu$ M single stranded (ss) oligonucleotide (**25**) and corresponding double stranded (ds) oligonucleotide (**25·35**, 2  $\mu$ M of each strand) measured in 1 M NaCl, 100 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, and 60 mM Na-cacodylate buffer (pH 7.0).

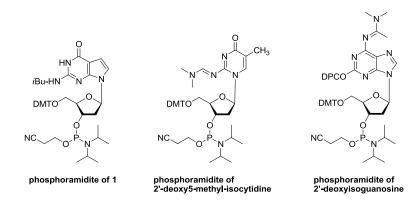
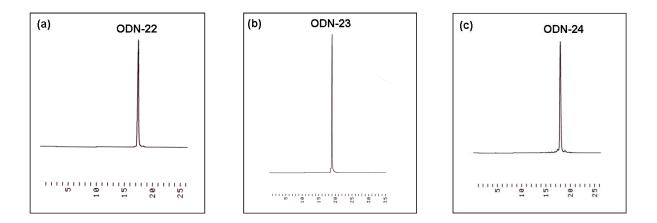
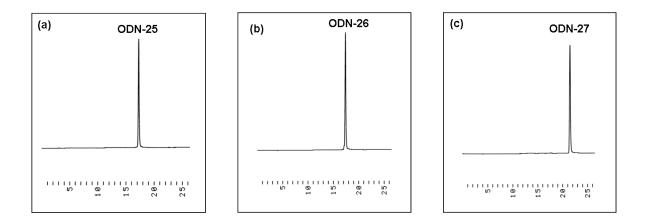


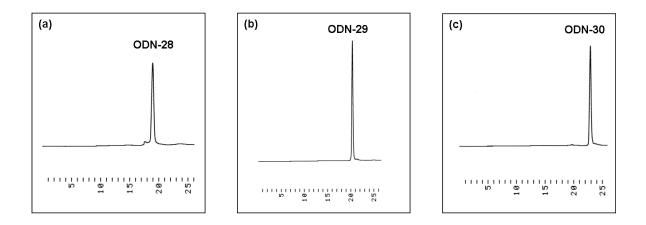
Figure S5. Structures of phosphoramidites.



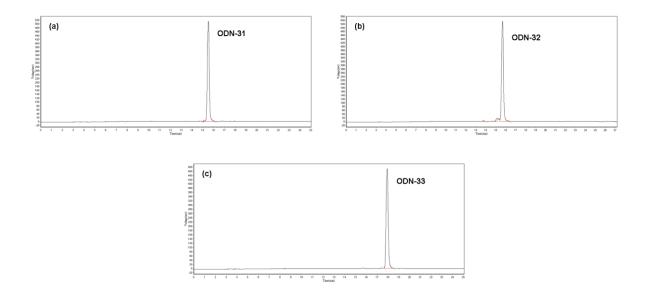
**Figure S6.** Reversed-phase HPLC profiles of purified single-stranded oligonucleotides containing 7-deaza-2'-deoxyguanosine determined at 260 nm, (a) ODN-22; (b) ODN-23; (c) ODN-24. For elution the following solvent system was used: (A) MeCN and (B) 0.1 M (Et<sub>3</sub>NH)OAc (pH 7.0): MeCN (95:5). Gradient II: 0-20 min 0-20% A in B, 20-25 min 20% A in B, flow rate 0.8 mL/min. X-axis corresponds to retention time [min] and y-axis corresponds to UV absorbance at 260 nm.



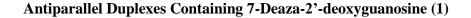
**Figure S7.** Reversed-phase HPLC profiles of purified single-stranded oligonucleotides containing 8-phenyl-7-deaza-2'-deoxyguanosine determined at 260 nm, (a) ODN-**25**; (b) ODN-**26**; (c) ODN-**27**. For elution the following solvent system was used: (A) MeCN and (B) 0.1 M (Et<sub>3</sub>NH)OAc (pH 7.0): MeCN (95:5). Gradient II: 0-20 min 0-20% A in B, 20-25 min 20% A in B, flow rate 0.8 mL/min. X-axis corresponds to retention time [min] and y-axis corresponds to UV absorbance at 260 nm.

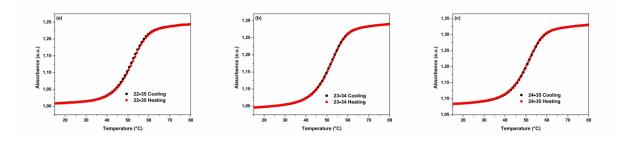


**Figure S8.** Reversed-phase HPLC profiles of purified single-stranded oligonucleotides containing 7-phenyl-7-deaza-2'-deoxyguanosine determined at 260 nm, (a) ODN-**28**; (b) ODN-**29**; (c) ODN-**30**. For elution the following solvent system was used: (A) MeCN and (B) 0.1 M (Et<sub>3</sub>NH)OAc (pH 7.0): MeCN (95:5). Gradient II: 0-20 min 0-20% A in B, 20-25 min 20% A in B, flow rate 0.8 mL/min. X-axis corresponds to retention time [min] and y-axis corresponds to UV absorbance at 260 nm.



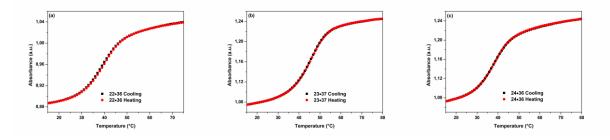
**Figure S9.** Reversed-phase HPLC profiles of purified single-stranded oligonucleotides containing 7-phenyltriazolyl-7-deaza-2'-deoxyguanosine determined at 260 nm, (a) ODN-**31**; (b) ODN-**32**; (c) ODN-**33**. For elution the following solvent system was used: (A) MeCN and (B) 0.1 M (Et<sub>3</sub>NH)OAc (pH 7.0): MeCN (95:5). Gradient II: 0-20 min 0-20% A in B, 20-25 min 20% A in B, flow rate 0.8 mL/min. X-axis corresponds to retention time [min] and y-axis corresponds to UV absorbance at 260 nm, measured in mV.





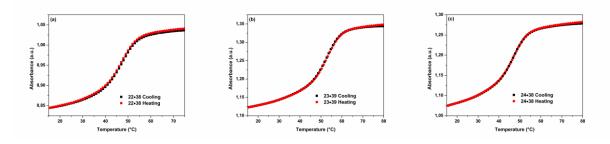
**Figure S10.** Thermal denaturation curves obtained from heating (red) and cooling (black) experiments monitored at 260 nm. (a) Duplex **22.35**; (b) duplex **23.34**; (c) duplex **24.35**. All the experiments were performed with 5  $\mu$ M duplex concentrations at a heating rate of 1.0 °C/min in 1 M NaCl, 100 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 60 mM Na-cacodylate (pH 7) buffer.

### Parallel Duplexes Containing 7-Deaza-2'-deoxyguanosine (1)



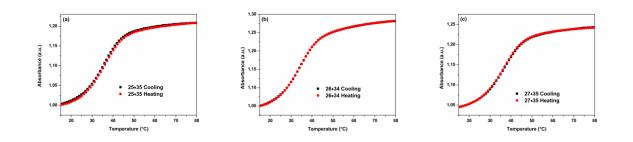
**Figure S11.** Thermal denaturation curves obtained from heating (red) and cooling (black) experiments monitored at 260 nm. (a) Duplex **22-36**; (b) duplex **23-37**; (c) duplex **24-36**.

#### DNA-RNA Hybrids Containing 7-Deaza-2'-deoxyguanosine (1)



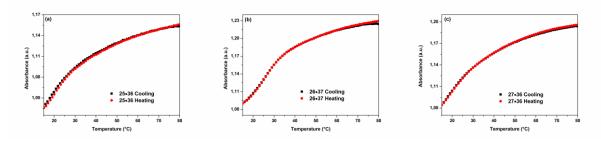
**Figure S12.** Thermal denaturation curves obtained from heating (red) and cooling (black) experiments monitored at 260 nm. (a) Duplex **22-38**; (b) duplex **23-39**; (c) duplex **24-38**.





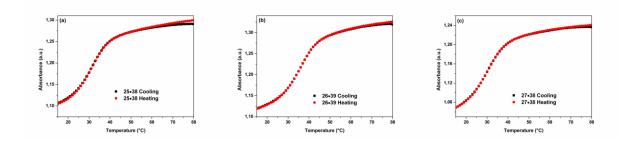
**Figure S13.** Thermal denaturation curves obtained from heating (red) and cooling (black) experiments monitored at 260 nm. (a) Duplex **25**•**35**; (b) duplex **26**•**34**; (c) duplex **27**•**35**. All the experiments were performed with 5  $\mu$ M duplex concentrations at a heating rate of 1.0 °C/min in 1 M NaCl, 100 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 60 mM Na-cacodylate (pH 7) buffer.



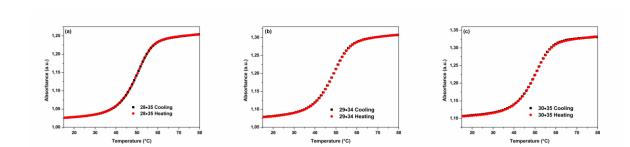


**Figure S14.** Thermal denaturation curves obtained from heating (red) and cooling (black) experiments monitored at 260 nm. (a) Duplex **25-36**; (b) duplex **26-37**; (c) duplex **27-36**.





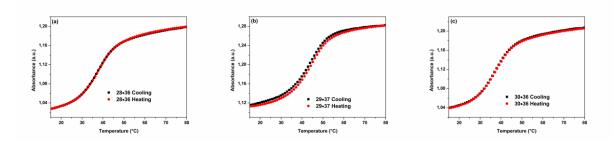
**Figure S15.** Thermal denaturation curves obtained from heating (red) and cooling (black) experiments monitored at 260 nm. (a) Duplex **25-38**; (b) duplex **26-39**; (c) duplex **27-38**.



#### Antiparallel Duplexes Containing 7-Phenyl-7-deaza-2'-deoxyguanosine (3)

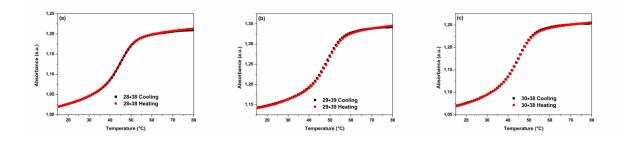
Figure S16. Thermal denaturation curves obtained from heating (red) and cooling (black) experiments monitored at 260 nm. (a) Duplex 28•35; (b) duplex 29•34; (c) duplex 30•35. All the experiments were performed with 5  $\mu$ M duplex concentrations at a heating rate of 1.0 °C/min in 1 M NaCl, 100 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 60 mM Na-cacodylate (pH 7) buffer.

# Parallel Duplexes Containing 7-Phenyl-7-deaza-2'-deoxyguanosine (3)

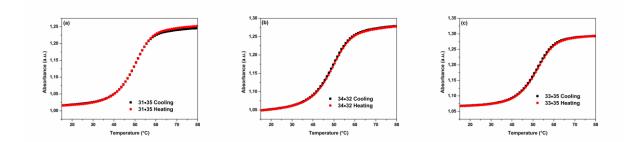


**Figure S17.** Thermal denaturation curves obtained from heating (red) and cooling (black) experiments monitored at 260 nm. (a) Duplex **28-36**; (b) duplex **29-37**; (c) duplex **30-36**.

#### DNA-RNA Hybrids Containing 7-Phenyl-7-deaza-2'-deoxyguanosine (3)



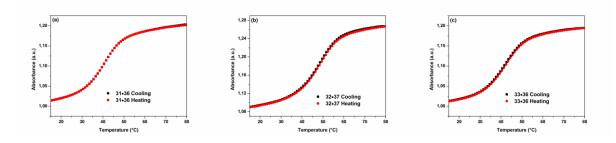
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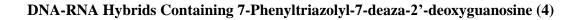
Antiparallel Duplexes Containing 7-Phenyltriazolyl-7-deaza-2'-deoxyguanosine (4)

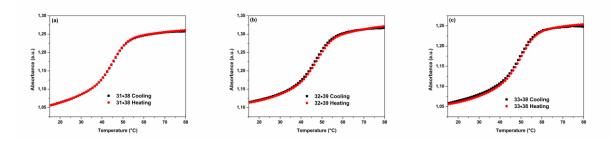
Figure S19. Thermal denaturation curves obtained from heating (red) and cooling (black) experiments monitored at 260 nm. (a) Duplex 31•35; (b) duplex 32•34; (c) duplex 33•35. All the experiments were performed with 5  $\mu$ M duplex concentrations at a heating rate of 1.0 °C/min in 1 M NaCl, 100 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 60 mM Na-cacodylate (pH 7) buffer.

# Parallel Duplexes Containing 7-Phenyltriazolyl-7-deaza-2'-deoxyguanosine (4)



**Figure S20.** Thermal denaturation curves obtained from heating (red) and cooling (black) experiments monitored at 260 nm. (a) Duplex **31-36**; (b) duplex **32-37**; (c) duplex **33-36**.





**Figure S21.** Thermal denaturation curves obtained from heating (red) and cooling (black) experiments monitored at 260 nm. (a) Duplex **31-38**; (b) duplex **32-39**; (c) duplex **33-38**.

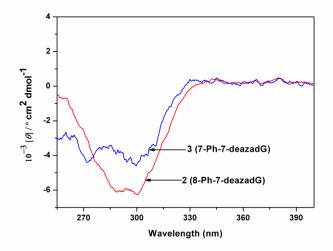


Figure S22. CD spectra of nucleosides 2-3. Measurements were performed in 1 M NaCl, 100 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, and 60 mM Na-cacodylate (pH 7.0) at 5  $^{\circ}$ C.

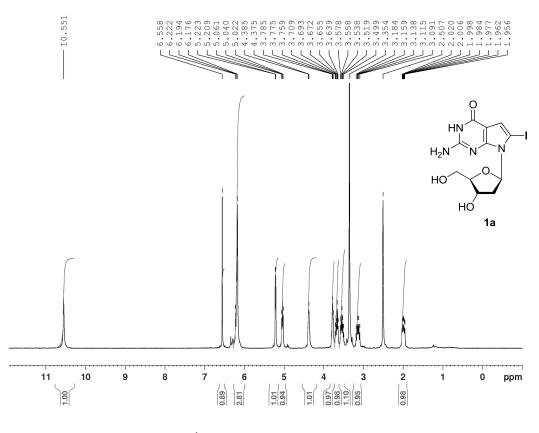


Figure 23. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 1a.

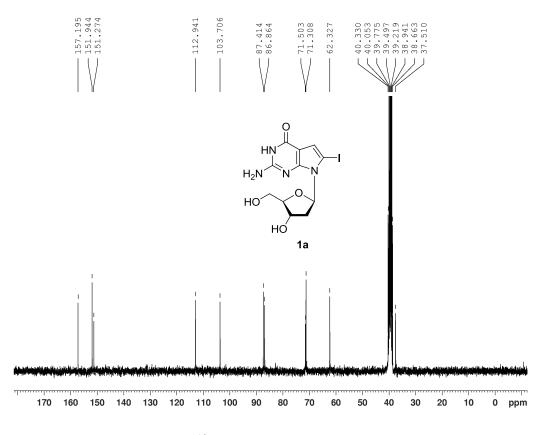


Figure 24. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 1a.

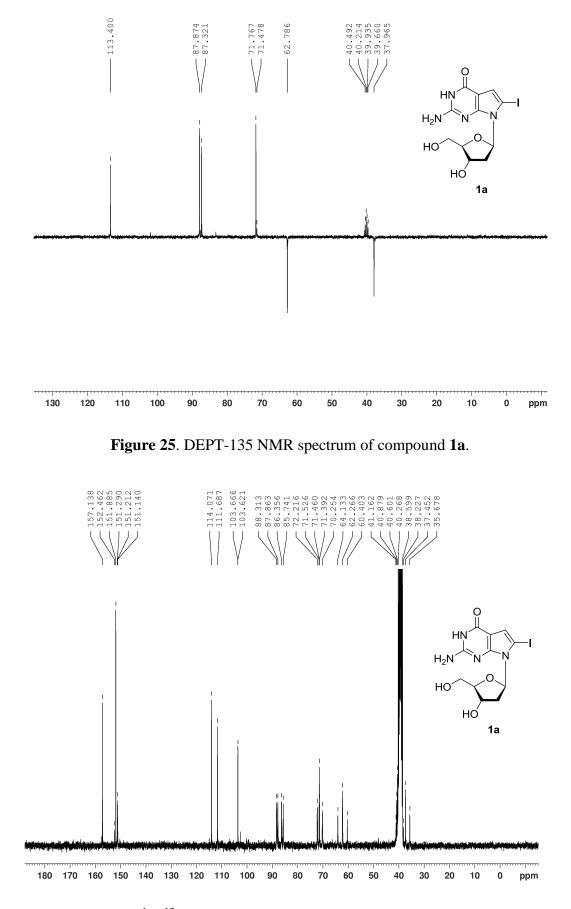


Figure 26. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C gated-decoupled NMR spectrum of compound 1a.

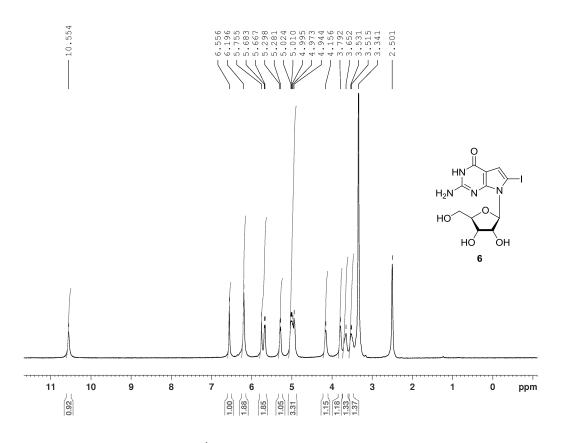


Figure 27. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 6.

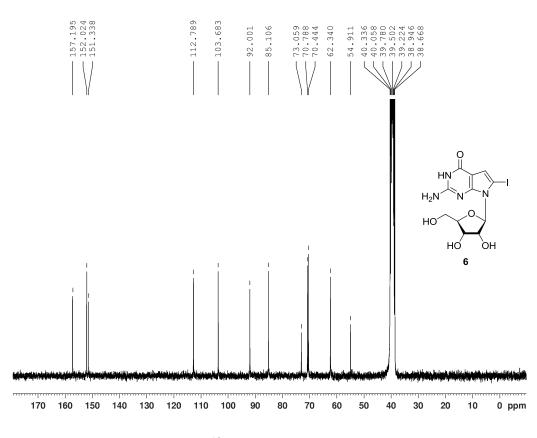


Figure 28. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 6.

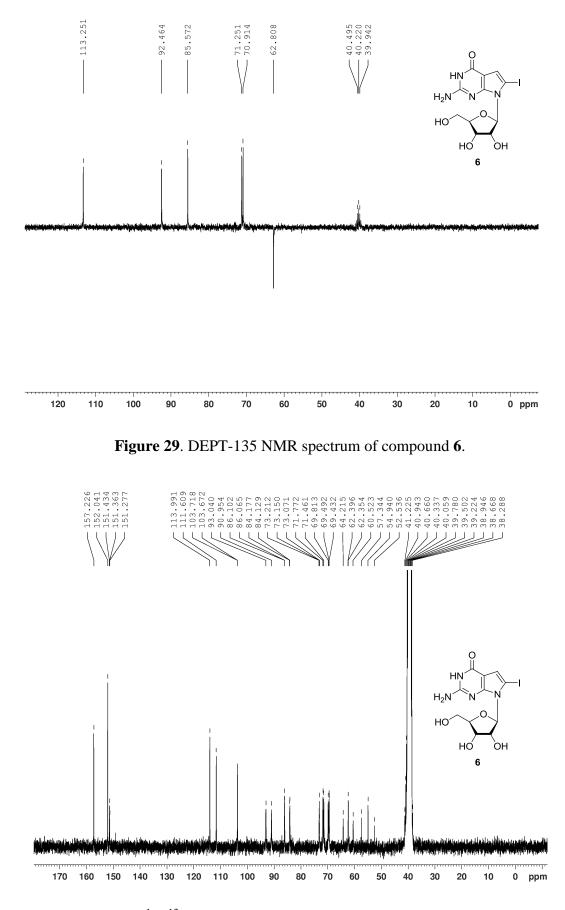


Figure 30. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C gated-decoupled NMR spectrum of compound 6.

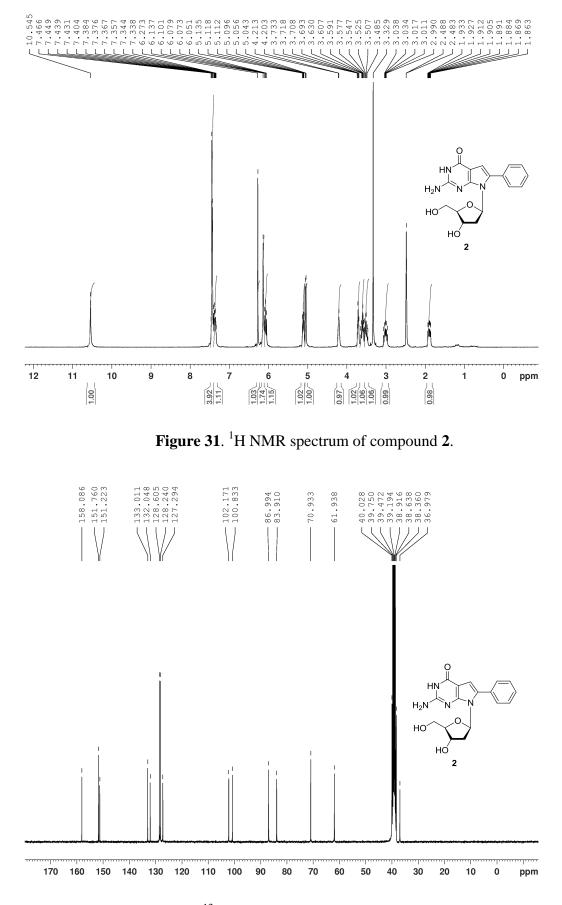


Figure 32. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 2.

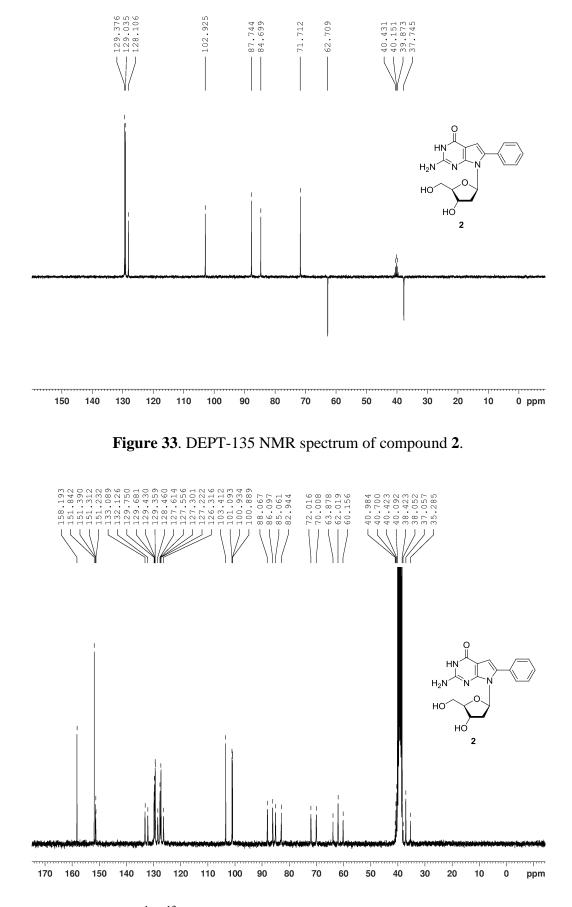
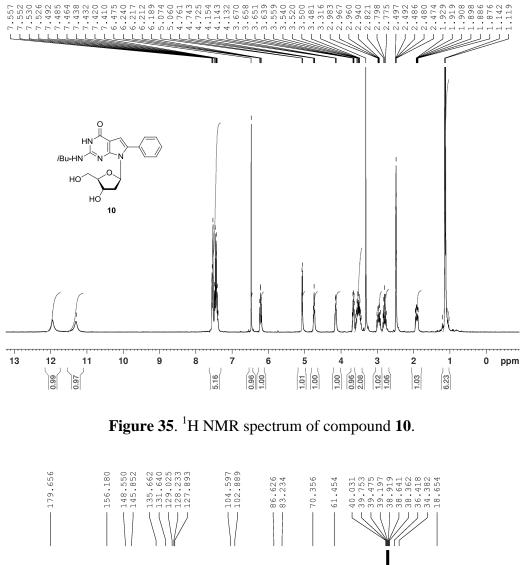


Figure 34. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C gated-decoupled NMR spectrum of compound 2.



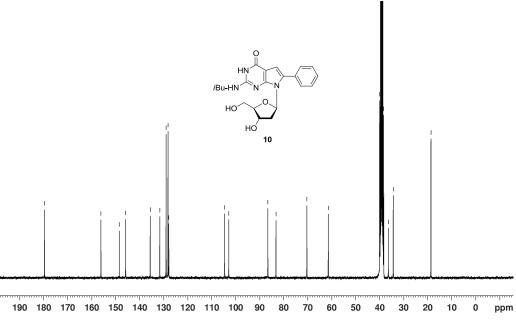


Figure 36. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 10.

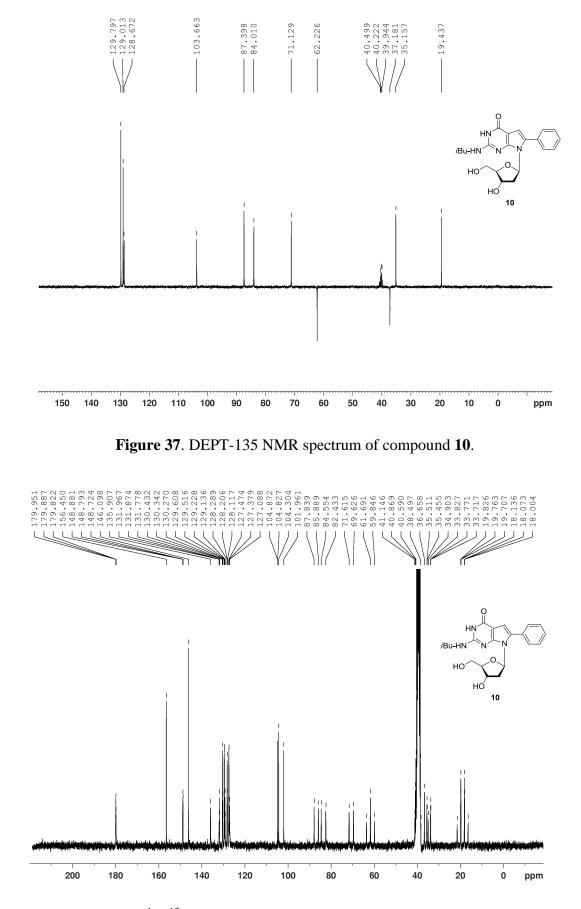


Figure 38. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C gated-decoupled NMR spectrum of compound 10.

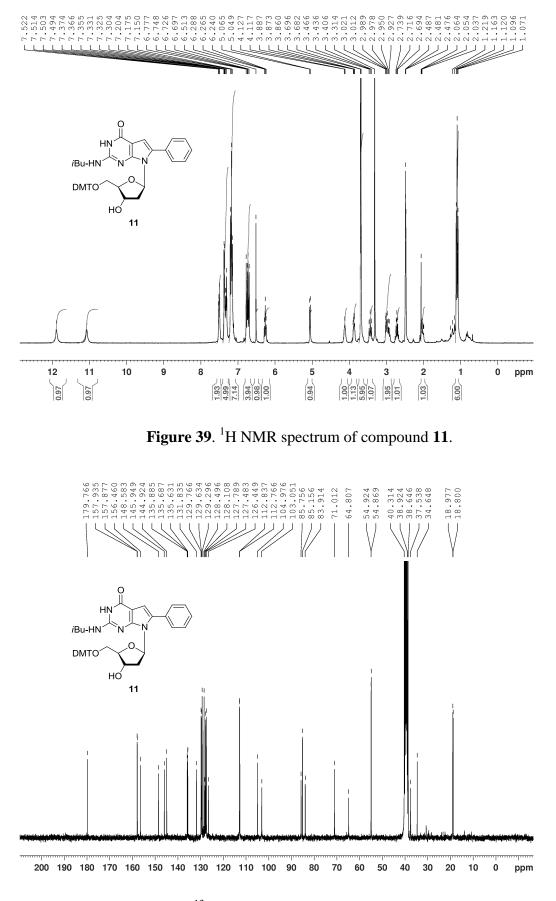
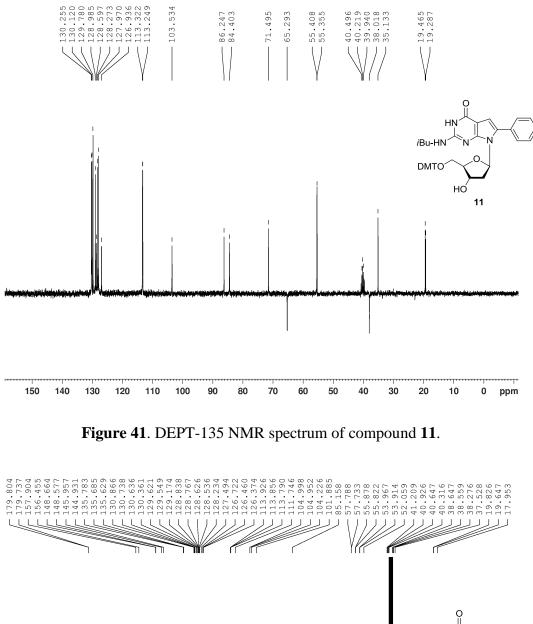


Figure 40. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 11.



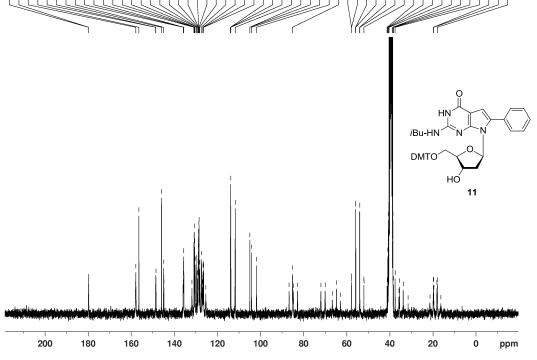


Figure 42. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C gated-decoupled NMR spectrum of compound 11.

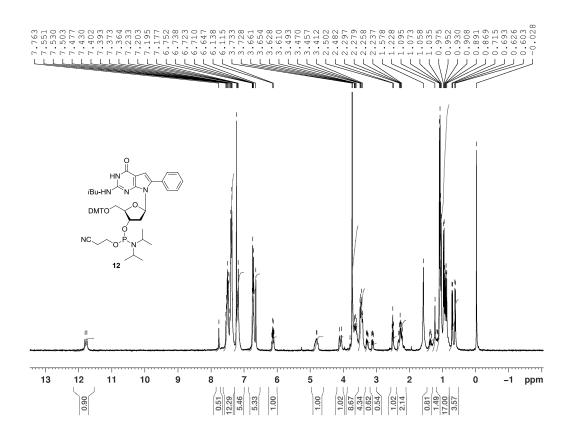


Figure 43. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 12.

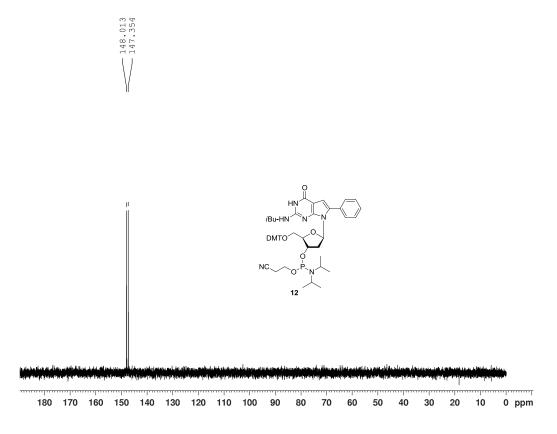


Figure 44. <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of compound 12.

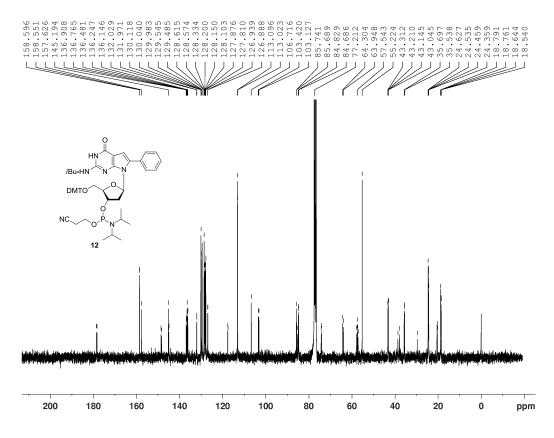


Figure 45. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 12.

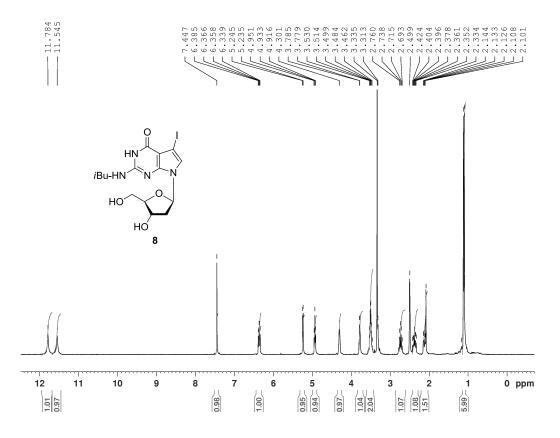
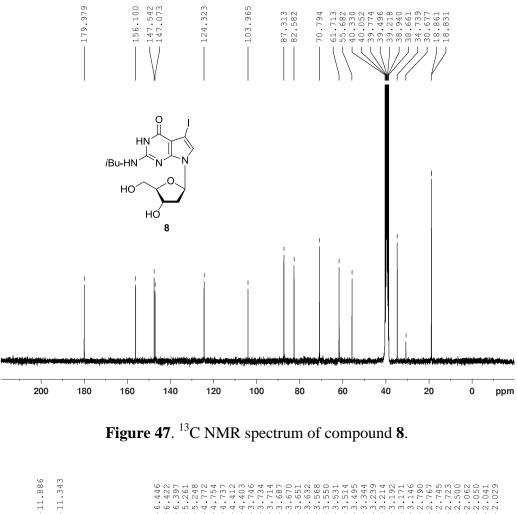
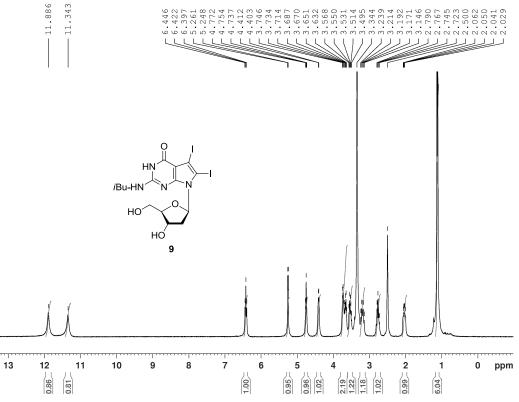
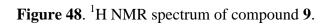


Figure 46. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 8.







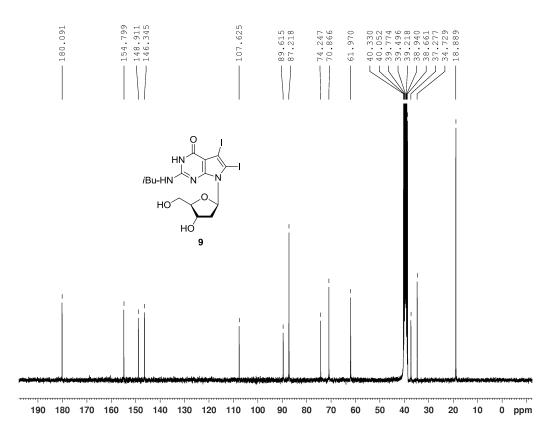


Figure 49. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 9.

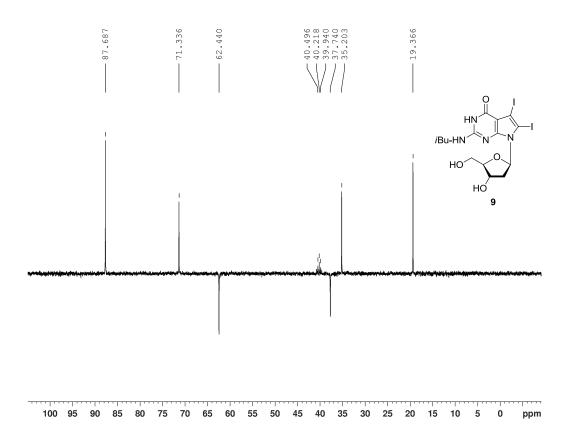


Figure 50. DEPT-135 NMR spectrum of compound 9.

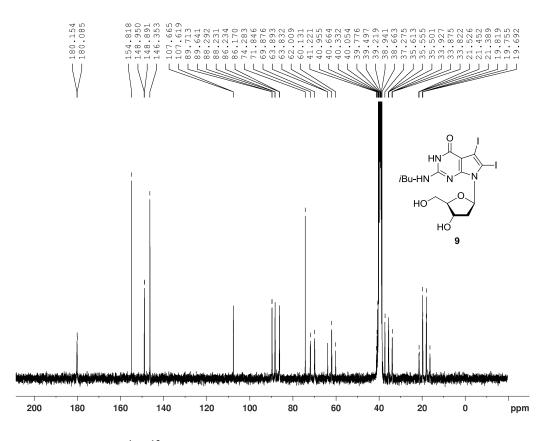


Figure 51. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C gated-decoupled NMR spectrum of compound 9.

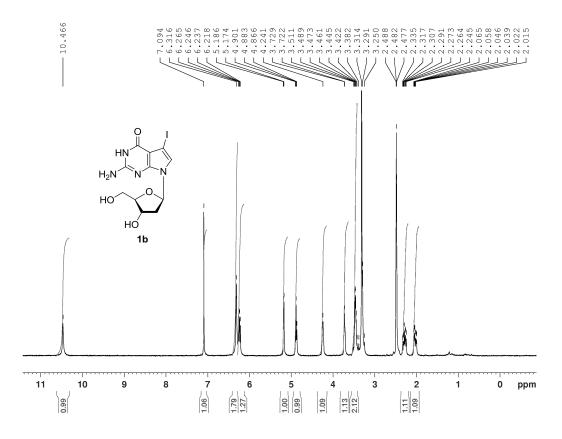


Figure 52. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 1b.

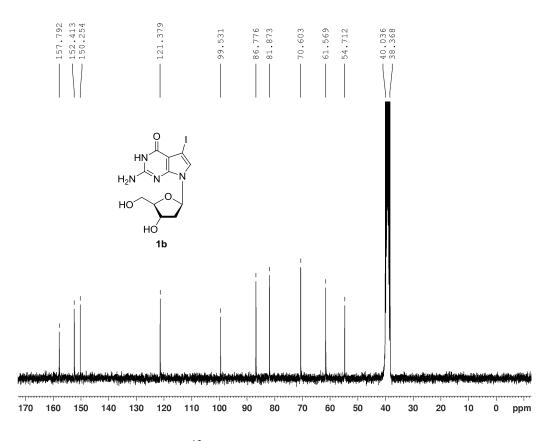


Figure 53. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 1b.

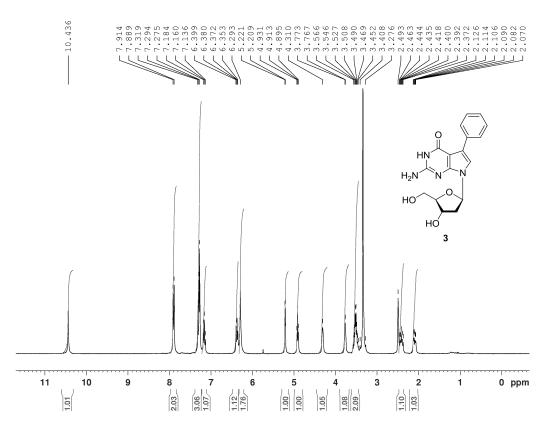


Figure 54. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 3.

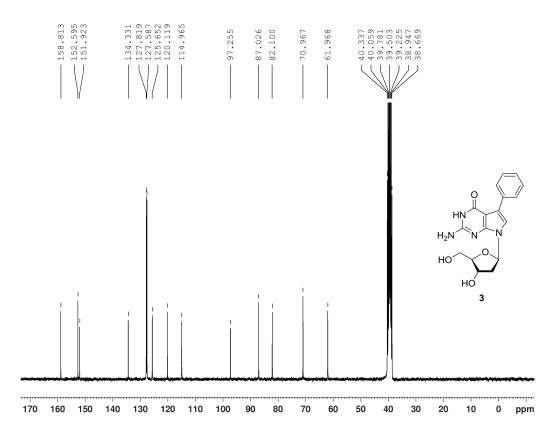


Figure 55. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 3.

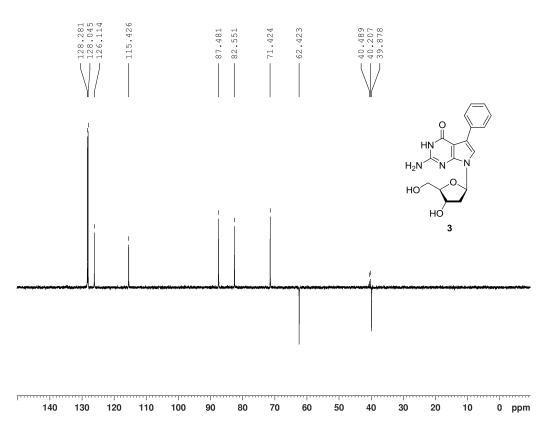
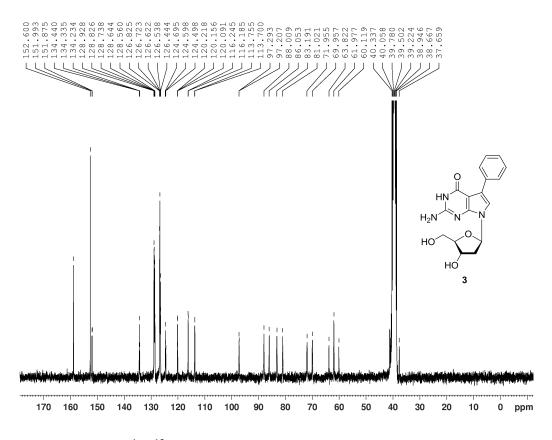


Figure 56. DEPT-135 NMR spectrum of compound 3.



**Figure 57**. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C gated-decoupled NMR spectrum of compound **3**.

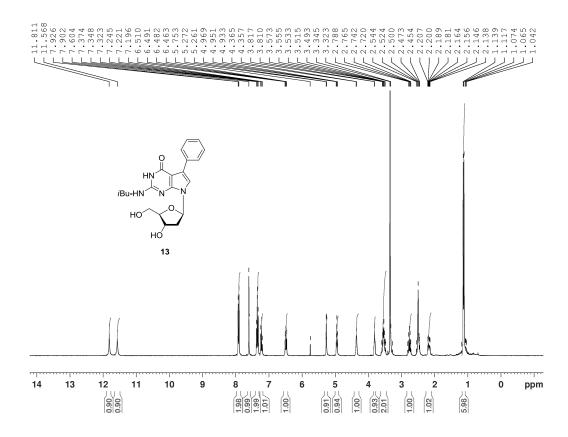


Figure 58. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 13.

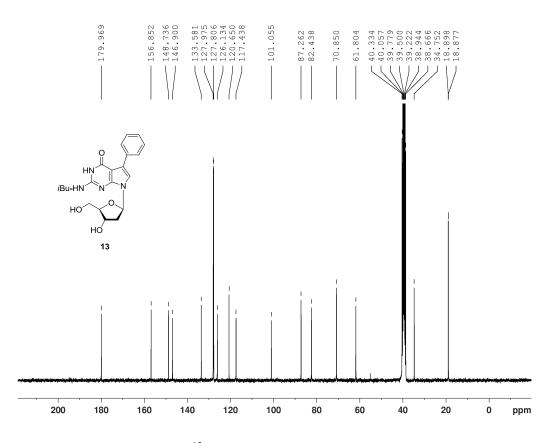


Figure 59. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 13.

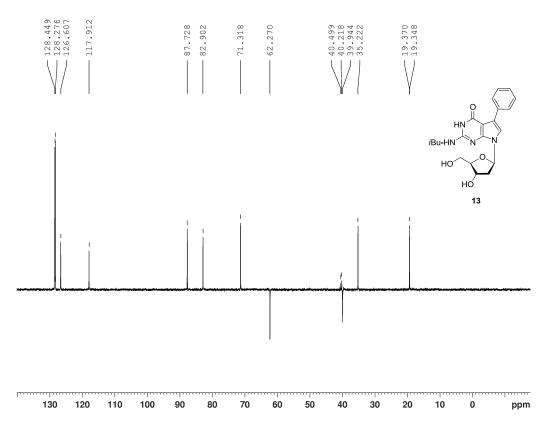


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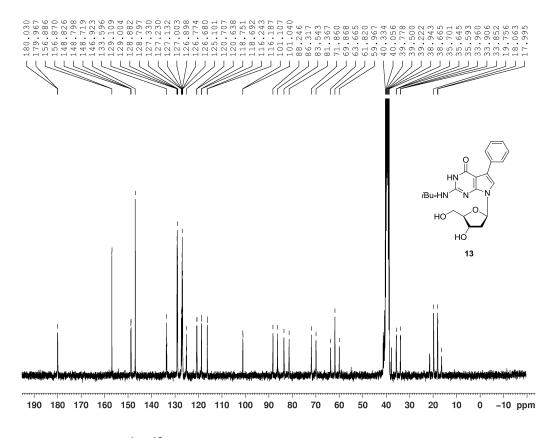


Figure 61. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C gated-decoupled NMR spectrum of compound 13.

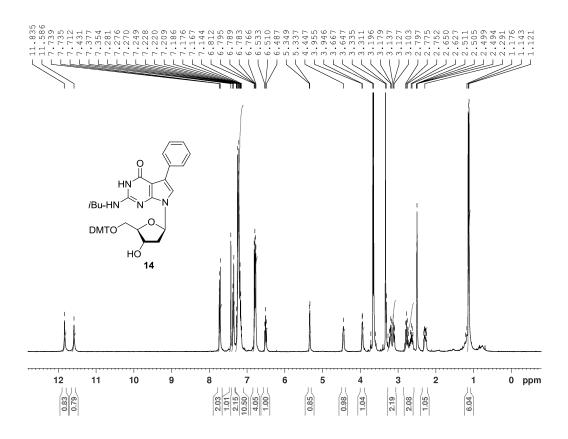


Figure 62. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 14.

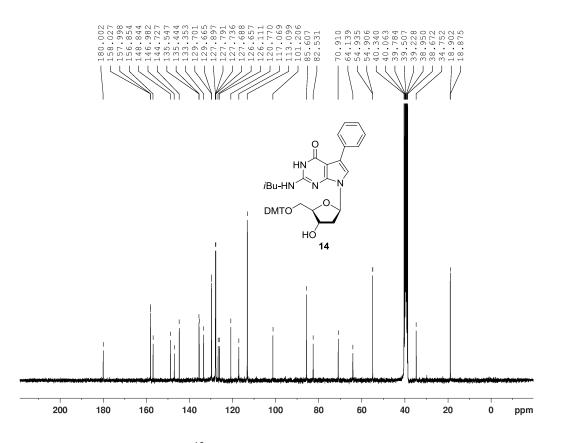


Figure 63. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 14.

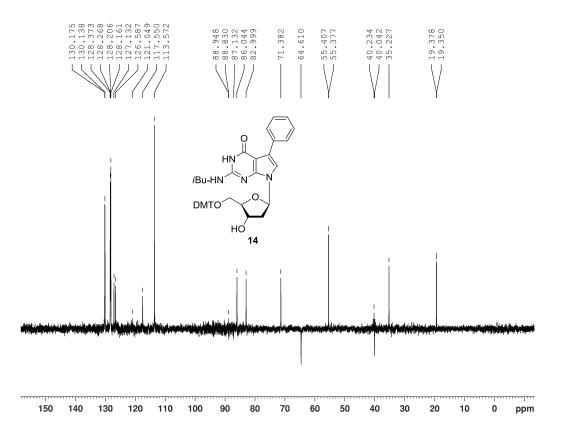


Figure 64. DEPT-135 NMR spectrum of compound 14.

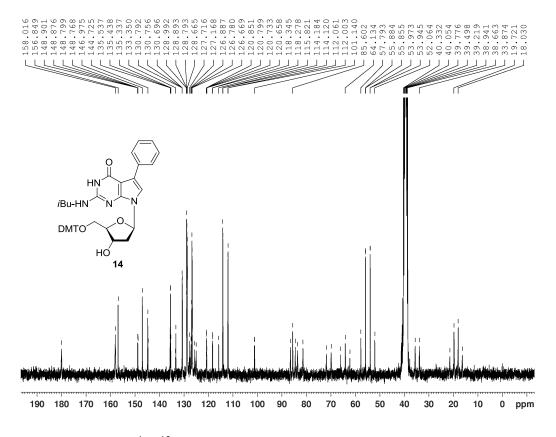


Figure 65. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C gated-decoupled NMR spectrum of compound 14.

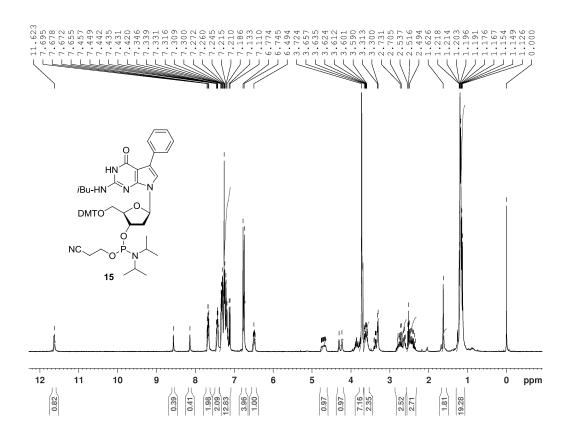


Figure 66. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 15.

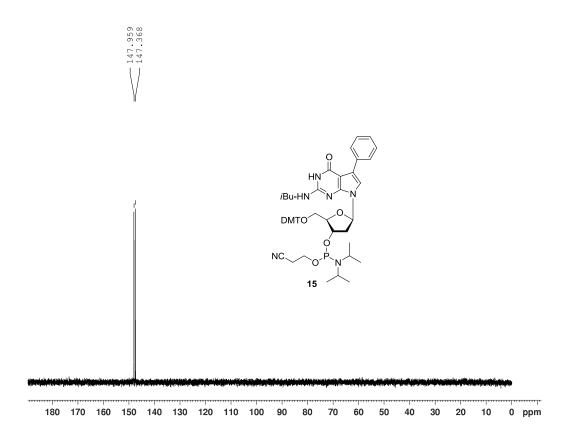


Figure 67. <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of compound 15.

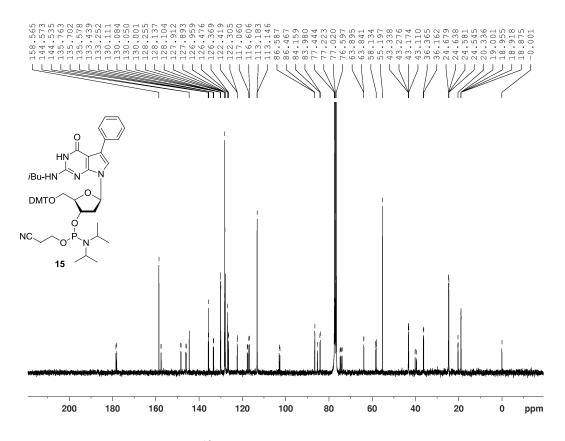


Figure 68. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 15.

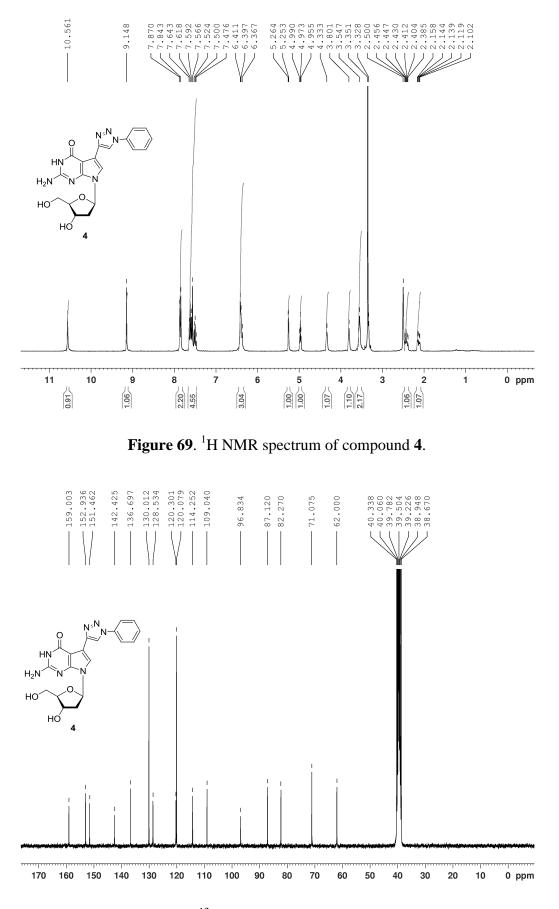


Figure 70. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 4.

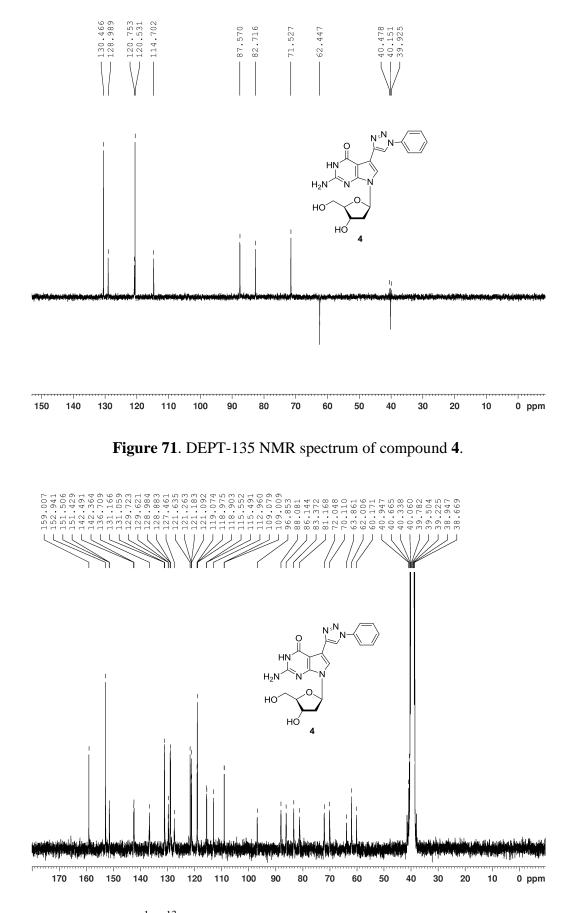
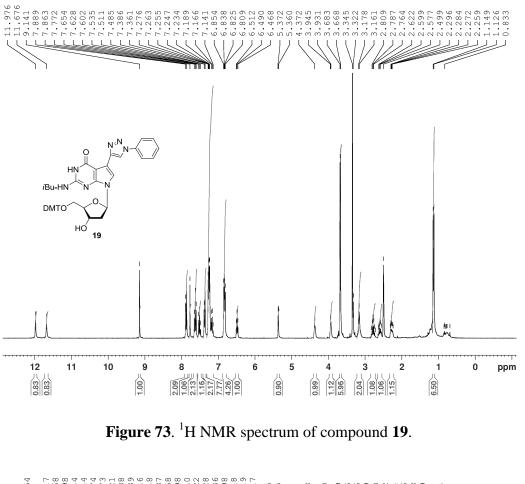


Figure 72. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C gated-decoupled NMR spectrum of compound 4.



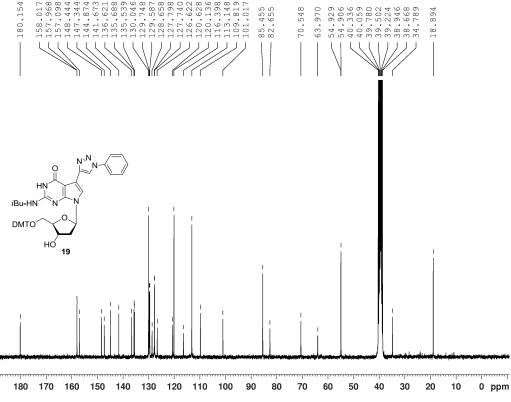


Figure 74. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 19.

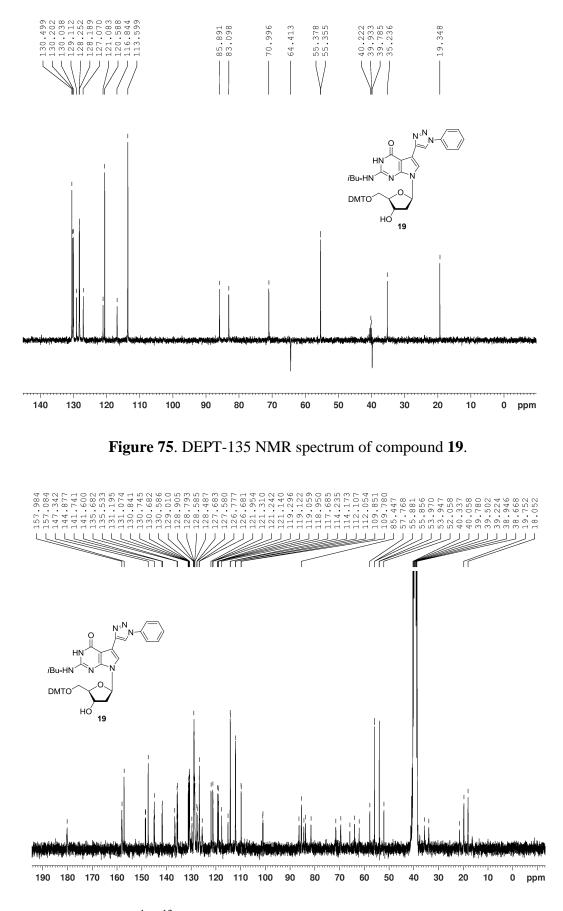


Figure 76. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C gated-decoupled NMR spectrum of compound 19.

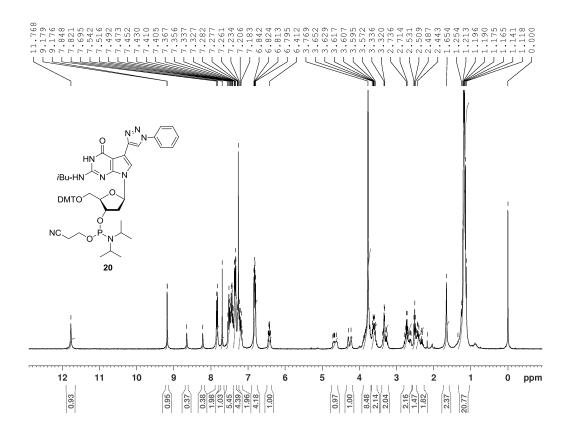


Figure 77. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 20.

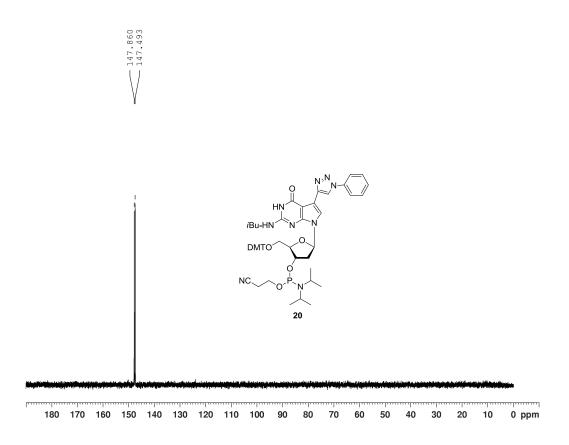


Figure 78. <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of compound 20.

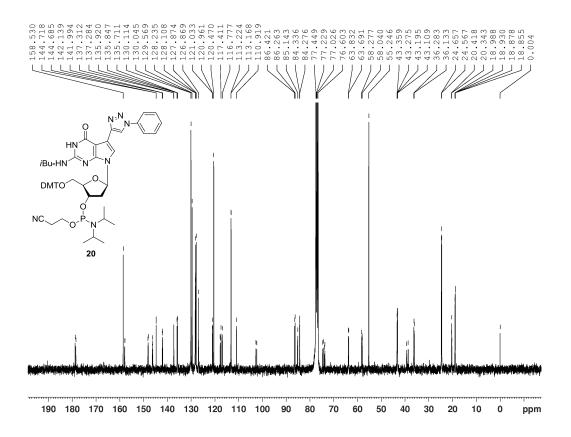


Figure 79. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 20.