

SYNTHESIS OF SOME 6-METHYLIDENE, 9-PURINE ACYCLIC NUCLEOSIDES WITH EXPECTED ANTI-HIV ACTIVITY

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ABSTRACT

Reaction of 6 chloro, 9- (2- acetoxyethoxymethyl) purine 1 with ethyl cyanoacetat, malononitrile and diethyl malonate in presence of NaH and DMF gave the corresponding 6- methylidene derivatives 2a-c, which were deprotected by treatment with methanolic ammonia to give 3a-c. During the reaction of 1 with cyanoacetamide deacetylation took place spontaneously to give the deprotected acyclic nucleoside 4. Treatment of 2a with methyl iodide in presence of NaH and DMF yielded the N- methyl derivative 5. NMR and mass spectra of the synthesized compounds were discussed.

INTRODUCTION

There is a need for compounds that may be effective in the therapy of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). Some compounds have been identified as having an inhibitory effect against retroviruses particularly HIV. It is important to find compounds

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which are not expensive to prepare and with less prominent side effects. Therefore, I thought that acyclic nucleosides could realize these characters.

It has been recently reported¹ that some acyclic nucleosides showed a significant anti-HIV activity.

Although 6-alkylated purine nucleosides have attracted much attention with respect to their physiological activity²⁻⁴, very few reports have appeared on the direct introduction of an alkyl group into a purine nucleoside⁵⁻⁷. Therefore, I aimed to prepare some 6-methylidene-9-purine acyclic nucleosides through direct alkylation method. I had also the interest to prepare the N-methyl derivative not only to compare its spectra with the other synthesized compounds but also because of the expected antiviral activity similar to N-methylated compound reported by Chu et al⁸ and Finalander et al⁹.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Few numbers of 6-methylidene-9-purine nucleosides were reported^{7,10} and they were prepared by the nucleophilic substitution of 6-chloropurine ribonucleosides with the sodium salts of active methylene compounds. I have applied the same route to prepare the 6-methylidene-9-purine acyclic nucleosides 2a-c and 4. Ethyl cyanoacetate, malononitrile, α -cyanoacetamide and diethyl malonate were used as active methylene compounds. The first step of the re-

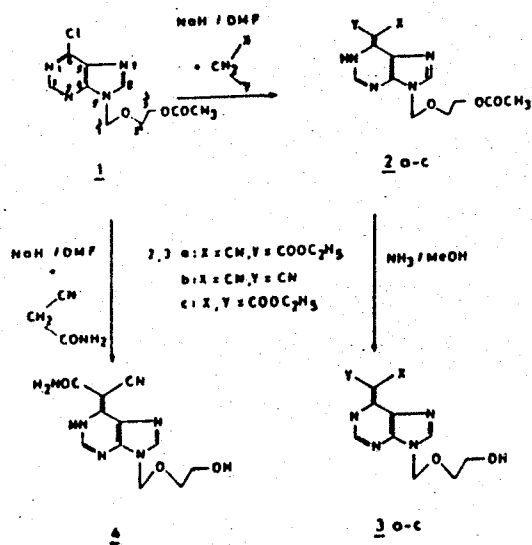


chart 1

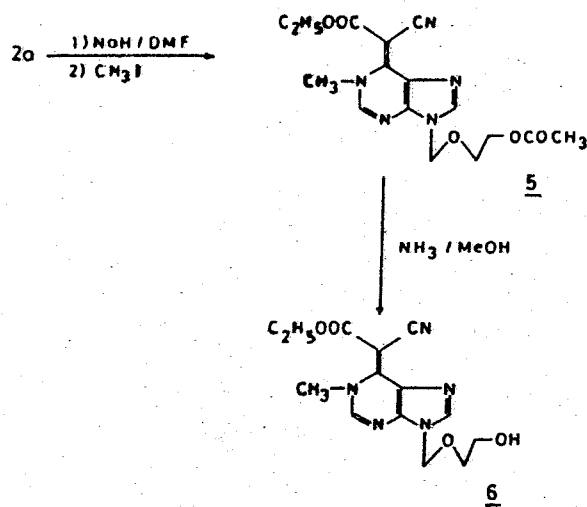
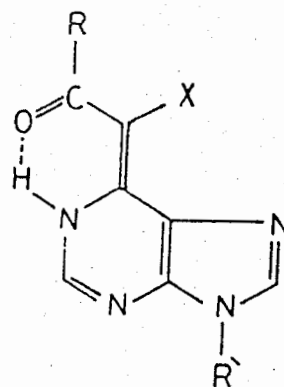


chart 2

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action was the formation of the sodium salt of the active methylene compounds by using sodium hydride. Dimethylsulfoxide, N,N-dimethyl formamide and tetrahydrofuran were tested as solvents, but I found that dimethylformamide is the best one. It could be easily removed and had a good dissolution strength for the sodium salt of active methylene compounds. Treatment of 6-chloro-9-(2-acetoxythoxymethyl) purine (11 1) with the sodium salts of active methylene compounds at room temperature led to the formation of 2 and 4. Elevated temperatures (50 and 75 °C) have also been tested but they diminished the yields. During the reaction of 1 with α -cyanoacetamide, the acetyl group was removed and the deprotected nucleoside 4 was obtained. This could be indicated by absence of the absorption of the ester carbonyl group at 1734 cm^{-1} in IR spectrum, absence of the singlet of COCH_3 at $\sim 1.9\text{ ppm}$ in ^1H NMR spectrum and absence of the peaks of ^{13}C NMR at δ - 20.3 and 168 ppm of CH_3 and CO of the acetyl group, respectively.

The acetyl group in compounds 2a-c could be easily removed by treatment with methanolic ammonia solution. Compounds 2-4 were assigned the 1H purinylidene structure due to the presence of singlets at 12.8-15 for NH in their ^1H NMR spectra. All these compounds except the malononitrile derivatives 2_b and 3_b showed shifts at 13.5-15 ppm. These last peaks occur in the region of strongly hydrogen bonded protons and this confirmed the following structure:



These results are in agreement with the reported results for 2(1H) quinolyridene compound ¹² indicated by UV IR and ¹H NMR spectra.

In my trials to introduce an alkyl group at N¹ of 6-methylidene purine derivatives, I have succeeded to prepare the N¹ methyl derivative 5 by using methyl iodide in presence of sodium hydride. The ¹H NMR spectrum of 5 is similar to that of the other derivatives except the absence of the peak of NH.

Acetyl group was split off from 5 again by treatment with methanolic ammonia to give 6.

Mass spectra of compounds 2a-c showed similar fragmentations of the acyclic parts of the compounds. Splitting of the frag-

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ments COCH , $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O COCH}_3$, $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCOCH}_3$ and $\text{CH}_2\text{-COCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCOCH}_3$ were recorded in each case.

EXPERIMENTAL

^{13}C NMR and ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AC 250 spectrometer. Mass spectra were recorded on varian MAT 211 A Spectrometer. IR spectra were recorded on perkin-Elmer 1720 FTIR spectrophotometer. Microanalyses were carried out by microanalytical center at Cairo university.

6-Chloro, 9-(2-acetoxyethoxy methyl) purine **1** was prepared according to the methods of Robins et al¹¹

Preparation of the 6-methylidene -9-purine acyclic nucleosides **2a-c,4**.

General procedure :

To an ice-cold solution of the appropriate active methylene compound (25 mmol) in 15 ml of N,N-dimethyl formamide were added portionwise 60 % oil-immersed sodium hydride (0.64g, 16 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1h. 6-Chloro-9-(2-acetoxyethoxy methyl) purine **1**¹¹ (1.08g, 5 mmol) was added and stirring was continued for 40 h at room temperature. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure at 1 Torr. The residue was mixed with 100 ml of water. In case of malononitrile derivative, it was necessary to adjust the pH of the aqueous work-up to 7

with concentrated hydrochloric acid to effect precipitation. The crude products were crystallized from dioxane to give 2_{a-c} and 4 in 40-60 % yield.

6- (Carboethoxy, cyano methylidene), 1H, 9- (2-acetoxyethoxymethyl) purine 2a.

M.p. 215-217 °C, yield 0.8 g (60 %), ¹H NMR (DMSO / TMS) α 1.92 (t, 3H J = 7.1 Hz, CH₃), 1.95 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 3.74 (m, 2H, 2'-H), 3.74 (m, 2H, 3'-H), 4.09 (t, 2H, J = 4.5 Hz, 2'-H), 4.09 (t, 2H, J = 4.5 Hz, 3'-H), 4.24 (q, 2H, J = 7.1 Hz, CH₂), 5.65 (s, 2H, 1'-H), 8.53 (s, 2H, 2-H, 8-H), 13.95 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (DMSO / TMS) δ 14.20 (CH₃), 20.35 (COCH₃), 95.92 (CH₂), 61.95 (= C<), 62.54, 66.97 (C-2', C-3'), 72.24 (C-1'), 117.33 (CN), 122.25 (C-5), 142.64 (C-8), 144.77 (C-2), 146.29 (C-4), 194.22 (C-6), 168.06 (COCH₃), 170.03 (COO). Ms (EI): m / z (%) = 347 (M+, 11.5), 304 (0.77), 287 (1), 260 (1.8), 244 (3.8), 231 (6.9). IR (cm⁻¹), 1738, 2206

C₁₅H₁₇N₅O₅ Calcd. C, 51.9, H, 4.9; N, 20.2

Found C, 51.5; H, 5.1; N, 20.0 %.

6- (Dicyanomethylidene), 1H, 9-(2-acetoxy ethoxymethyl) purine 2b.

M.p. 220-221 °C, Yield 0.7 g (58%) ¹H NMR a 1.96 (s, 2H COCH₃), 3.50-3.74 (m, 4H, 2'H, 3'-H), 5.63 (s, 2H, 1'-H), 8.28, 8.51 (2 x s, 2H, 2-, 8-H), 12.88 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (DMSO/ TMS) δ

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20.37 (COCH₃), 59.69 (=C), 62.52, 66.96 (C'-2', C'-3), 72.51(C-1'), 116.3 (CN), 122.25 (C-25), 142.89 (C-8), 145.52 (C-2), 145.88 (C-4), 150.34 (C-6) 168.90 (CO CH₃). MS (EI): m/z (%) = 300 (M⁺, 15.4), 240 (1), 213 (7.7), 197 (23), 184 (32.3). IR (Cm⁻¹), 1734, 2212.

C₁₃H₁₂N₆O₃ Calcd. c, 52.0; H,4.0; N, 28.0

Found C,51.7; H, 4.2; N,27.8%

.6- (Dicarboethoxyt methylidene) 1H, 9- (2 acetoxymethyl) purine 2c.

M.P. 108-111 °C yield 0.6g (40%) ¹H NMR (DMSO/ TMS) δ 1.29 (t,6H, J= 7.0 Hz, 2 x CH₃),1.91 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 3.75 (t, 2H, J, = 4.5 Hz, 2'H), 4.09 (t, 2H, J= 4.5, 3'-H), 4.16-4.29 (m,4H, 2 x CH₂), 5.73 (s, 2H, 1'-H), 8.73, 8.92(2 x s 2H, 2,-8-H). 14.80 (s,1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (DMSO/ TMS) α 13.66 (CH₃), 20.34 (OCN₃), 61.49 (CH₂), 62.85 (C-2'), 67.19 (C.3'), 72.39 (C-1'), 81.84 (=C), 130.94 (C-5), 146.85 (C-8), 151.02 (C-2), 151.99 (C-4), 156.20 (C-6), 167.99 (COCH₃), 170,50 (COO). MS (EI) m/z (%) =394 (M⁺,1,2),322 (11) 307 (305), 291 (1.5) 277 (5). IR (Cm⁻¹), 1734.

C₁₇H₂₂N₄O₇ Calcd C,51.8; H, 5.6; N, 14.2.

Found C, 51.7, H, 5.6; N, 14.1 % .

6- (Carboxamido, cyanomethylidene) IH, 9- (2-hydroxyethoxymethyl) purine 4.

M.p 225-227° C yield 0.62g (60 %), ^1H NMR (DMSO / TMS) δ 3.48-3.53 (m, 4H, 2'-H,3'-H), 4.65 (s, 1H, OH), 5.61 (s, 2H, 1'-H), 7.03 (broad s, 2H, NH_2), 8.43, 8.84 (2xs, 2H, 2-H,8-H), 14.97 (s, 1H, NH), ^{13}C NMR (DMSO / TMS) δ 59.75 70.84 (C-2', C-3'), 62.26 (=C \leq) 72.56 (C-1'), 119.06 (CN), 121.96 (C-5), 141.95 (C-8), 144.35 (C-2), 145.66 (C-2), 149.22 (C-6), 170.40 (CO), MS: m/z = 276 (M^+), IR (cm^{-1}), 1631, 2196, 3250-3350.

$\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_6\text{O}_3$ Calcd. C,47.8, H, 4.4; N, 30.4

Found C,47.4; H, 4.3; N,30.2 % .

preparation of 6- (Carboethoxy, cyano methylidene) 1-methyl, 9- (2-acetoxyethoxy methyl) purine 5.

To a stirred ice-cold solution of 2a (1.24 g, 5 mmol) in 20 ml N,N-dimethylformamide were added portionwise 60 % oil immersed sodium hydride (0.2 g, 5 mmol). The reaction mixture was then stirred for 1h at room temperature. Methyl iodide (0.7g, 5 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture and stirring was continued for overnight at the same temperature. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure at 1 Torr. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel (50 g 0.04 - 0.063 mm) with $\text{CH}_3\text{OH} / \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (1-3 %) to give 5, m.p 155-158 °C. yield 0.2g (17 %) ^1H NMR ($\text{CDCl}_3 /$

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TMS) & 1.30 (t, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz, CH₃), 1.97 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 3.65-3.81 (m, 4H, 2'-H, 3'-H), 3.91 (s, 3H, NCH₃), 4.20 (q, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz, CH₂) 5.65 (s, 2H, 1'-H), 8.48, 8.59 (2xs, 2H, 2-H, 8-H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃ / TMS) & 13.90 (CH₃), 20.37 (COCH₃), 43.40 (NCH₃), 59.90 (CH₂), 61.93 (= C), 62.54, 66.77 (C-2', C-3') 72.69 (C-1'), 116.99 (CN), 121.93 (C-5), 142.61 (C-8), 144.50 (C-2), 146.99(C-4), 149.35 (C-6), 176.92 (CO CH₃), 170.21 (COO) MS: m/z = 361 (M⁺).

C₁₆H₁₉N₅O₅ Calcd, C, 53.2; H, 5.3; N, 19.4

Found C, 53.6; H, 5.0; N, 19.7 % .

Deprotection of the compounds 2_{a-c} and 5 to give 3_{a-c} and 6.

In 20 ml of saturated solution of ammonia gas in methanol were suspended 1 mmol of the protected compound 2_{a-c} or 5. The reaction mixture was stirred for overnight. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was chromatographed on silica gel (50 g 0.04 - 0.063 mm) with CH₃OH / CHCl₃ (10-15 %) to give the deprotected compounds 2_{a-c} and 6 in 54-75 % yield.

6- (Carboethoxy, cyano methylidene) 1H, 9- (2-hydroxy ethoxy methyl) purine 3_a.

M.p. 240-242 °C; yield 230 mg (80 %) ¹H NMR (DMSO/TMS) δ 1.29 (t, 3H, J = 6.9 Hz, CH₃), 3.74-3.95 (m, 4H 2'-H,3'-H),

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4.24 (q, 2H, $J = 7.0$ Hz, CH₂), 4.56 (s, 1H, OH), 5.65 (s, 2H, 1'-H), 8.50-8.62 (2 x s, 2H, 2-H, 8-H), 13.92 (s, 1H, NH), ¹³C NMR (DMSO/TMS) & 14.15 (CH₃) 59.92 (CH₃), 61.80 (= C), 62.50, 70.98 (C-2', C-3'), 72.68 (C-1'), 117.02 (CN), 121.93 (C-5), 142.46 (C-8) 144.71 (C-2, C-3), 146.92 (C-4), 149.35 (C-6), 170.13 (COO).

C₁₃ H₁₅ N₅ O₄ Calcd. C, 51.1; H, 5.0; N, 23.0.

Found C, 50.7; H, 5.3; N, 22.8 %.

6- (Dicyanomthylidene) 1H, 9- (2-hydroxy ethoxymthyl) purine **3 b.**

M.p. > 270 °C yield 155 mg (60 %) ¹H NMR (DMSO / TMS) & 3.52-3.69 (m, 4H, 2'-H, 3,-H), 4.59 (s, 1H, OH), 5.63 (s, 2H, 1,-H), 8.30, 8.61 (2 x s, 2H, 2-H, 8-H), 12.50 (s, 1H, NH) ¹³C NMR (DMSO / TMS) & 59.43 (= C), 62.52, 66.83 (C-2', C-3'), 72.24 (C-1'), 116.50 (CN) 121.90 (C-5), 142.56 (C-8), 145.30 (C-2), 145.85 (C-4), 150.43 (C-6).

C₁₁ H₁₀ N₆ O₂ Calcd. C, 51.2; H, 3.9; N, 32.5.

Found C, 50.7; H, 3.8; N, 32.1. %.

6- (Dicarboethoxy methylidene) 1H, 9- (2-hydroxy ethoxymethyl) purine **3 c.**

M.p. 150-154 °C, yield 158 mg (45 %). ¹H NMR (DMSO /

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TMS)& 1.72 (t, 6H, J = 6.9 Hz, 2 x CH₃), 3.75-3.95 (m, 4H, 2'-H, 3'-H), 4.05-4.18 (m, 4H, 2 x CH₂), 4.62 (s, 1H OH), 5.70 (s, 2H, 1'-H), 8.70-8.88 (2 x s, 2H; x-2 - H, 8 -H), 14.90 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (DMS / TMS) & 14.01 (CH₃) δ 1.00 (CH₂), 62.10, 66.98 (C-2' C-3'), 72.28 (C-1'), 81.50 (= C), 129.85 (C-5), 146.20 (C-8), 150.56 (C-2), 152.00 (C-4), 155.78 (C-6), 170.23 (COO).

C₁₅H₂₀N₄O₆ Calcd C,51.1; H; 5.7 N; 15.9.

Found C, 51.4; H; 5.5; N; 15.8 %.

6- (Carbethoxy, cyano methylidene) 1-methyl, 9- (2-hydroxy ethoxymethyl) purine 6.

M.p. 175 -177 °C yield, 159 mg (50 %), ¹H NMR (CDCl₃ / TMS) δ 1.28 (t, 3H, J = 7.1 Hz, CH₃), 3.61-3.79 (m, 4H, 2'-H, 3'-H), 3.92 (s, 3H, NCH₃) 4.23 (q, 2H; J = 7.0 Hz, CH₂) 4.59 (s, 1H, OH), 5.65 (s, 2H, 1'H), 8.45, (8.60 (2 x s, 2H, 2-H, 8-H), ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃ / TMS) α 14.01 (CH₃), 43.35 (NCH₃), 59.95 (CH₂), 61.80 (= C), 62.54, 66.86 (C-2', C-3'), 72.20 (C-1'), 116.54 (CN), 122.02 (C-5), 142.52 (C-8), 144.95 (C-2), 146.83 (C-4), 149.75 (C-6), 170.73 (COO).

C₁₄H₁₇N₅O₄ Calcd C,52.7; H; 5.4; N, 21.9.

Found C, 52.2; H; 5.7; N; 21.7 %.

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