

Abstract

A new synthetic pathway to novel conformationally locked carbocyclic nucleosides containing 2-(hydroxymethyl)bicyclo [2.2.1]heptane was elaborated.

(1*R**,2*R**,4*R**,6*R**)-6- and (1*R**,2*R**,4*R**,5*S**)-5-

(Hydroxymethyl)bicyklo[2.2.1]heptan-2-ol was synthesised as a key intermediate from commercially available dicyclopentadiene and methylacrylate.

Racemic carbocyclic nucleosides (1*R**,2*R**,4*S**,6*S**)-6- and [(1*R**,2*S**,4*R**,5*S**)-5-(6-chloro-9*H*-purin-9-yl)bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl]methanol were synthesised by Mitsunobu reaction of (1*R**,2*R**,4*R**,6*R**)-6- or (1*R**,2*R**,4*R**,5*S**)-5-(hydroxymethyl)bicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-ol with 6-chloropurine. Racemic carbocyclic nucleosides bearing adenine ring, 6-cyclopropylaminopurine ring, 6-dimethylaminopurine ring or 6-thiopurine ring were synthesised by substitution of chlorine of 6-chloropurine ring.

Racemic carbocyclic nucleosides bearing thymine ring (1-[(1*R**,2*S**,4*S**,6*R**)-6- and 1-[(1*R**,2*S**,4*R**,5*S**)-5-(hydroxymethyl)bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl]-5-methylpyrimidine-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-dione) were synthesised by reaction of 5- or 6-aminobicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl methanol with ethyl [(2*E*)-3-ethoxy-2-methylprop-2-enoyl]carbamate. The 5- or 6-aminobicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl methanol was prepared in three simple steps from the key intermediate 5- or 6-(hydroxymethyl)bicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-ol.

All synthesised compounds are tested for antiviral and cytostatic activity.

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