

SYNTHESIS OF NOVEL RACEMIC CARBOCYCLIC NUCLEOSIDE ANALOGUES DERIVED FROM 4,8-DIOXATRICYCLO[4.2.1.0^{3,7}]NONANE-9-METHANOL AND 4-OXATRICYCLO[4.3.1.0^{3,7}]DECANE-10-METHANOL, COMPOUNDS WITH ACTIVITY AGAINST COXSACKIE VIRUSES

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(1*R**,2*R**,3*R**,4*S**)-7-Oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-ene-2,3-dimethanol (**10**) and (1*R**,2*R**,3*R**,4*S**)-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-5-ene-2,3-dimethanol (**14**), which were prepared by the Diels–Alder reaction and subsequent reduction with lithium aluminium hydride, were treated with benzyl azidoformate to give benzyl *N*-[(1*R**,2*R**,3*S**,6*S**,7*S**,9*S**)-9-(hydroxymethyl)-4,8-dioxatricyclo[4.2.1.0^{3,7}]nonan-2-yl]carbamate (**11**) and benzyl *N*-[(1*R**,2*R**,3*R**,6*R**,7*S**,10*S**)-10-(hydroxymethyl)-4-oxatricyclo[4.3.1.0^{3,7}]decan-2-yl]carbamate (**15**). Hydrogenolysis of carbamates **11** or **15** afforded (1*R**,2*R**,3*S**,6*S**,7*S**,9*S**)-2-amino-4,8-dioxatricyclo[4.2.1.0^{3,7}]nonane-9-methanol (**12**) or (1*R**,2*R**,3*R**,6*R**,7*S**,10*S**)-2-amino-4-oxatricyclo[4.3.1.0^{3,7}]decane-10-methanol (**16**). The amines **12** and **16** were transformed to thymine and purine nucleoside analogues. The target compounds were tested for the activity against *Coxsackie* virus.

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The search for new nucleoside analogues, in which the furan ring of natural nucleosides is replaced by a carbocycle, is a promising field of research. A number of synthetic carbocyclic nucleosides with important therapeutic properties were discovered. U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved abacavir (ZiagenTM; **1**)¹ for the treatment of HIV-1 infections and entecavir (Baraclude; **2**)² for the treatment of chronic hepatitis B virus (HBV) infections (Chart 1).

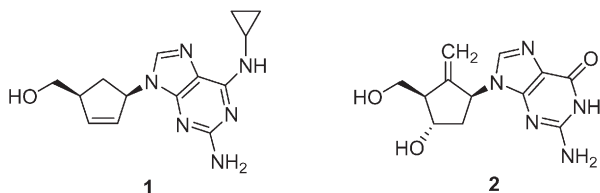


CHART 1

Also analogues containing bicyclic and tricyclic systems exhibit a biological activity. The recently described³ bisphosphate of the 2-iodo-(6-methylamino)purine analogue containing the oxabicyclo[2.2.1]heptane moiety displayed a potent binding affinity to the human P2Y₁ receptor⁴. We reported the synthesis of novel racemic conformationally-locked carbocyclic purine nucleoside analogues derived from 4-oxatricyclo[4.2.1.0^{3,7}]nonane-6-methanol⁵, 4-oxatricyclo[4.2.1.0^{3,7}]nonane-9-methanol and their Pro-Tides⁶, 5,5- and 6,6-bis(hydroxymethyl)bicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-ols⁷, 3-(hydroxymethyl)bicyclo[2.2.1]heptane-2,5-diol⁸, 5- and 6-(hydroxymethyl)bicyclo[2.2.1]heptane-2-methanols⁹, 5- and 6-(hydroxymethyl)bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-2-ols¹⁰, and analogues¹¹ with a bicyclo[2.2.1]heptene or -heptane ring-substituted with nucleobase at position 7. Nucleoside analogues **3–8** (Chart 2) exhibit a weak activity in tests for anti-HIV-1 and anti-HIV-2 activity in human T-lymphocyte (CEM) cells.

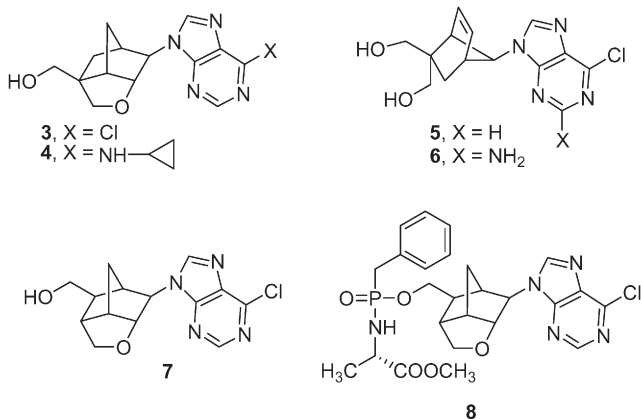


CHART 2

Recently, we discovered, that some 6-chloro- and 2,6-dichloropurines bearing in the position 9 substituted bicyclic hydrocarbons show activity against the *Coxsackie* virus (CVB3)^{9,10,12}. The virus is a cytolytic virus, be-

longing to the genus enterovirus within the family of *Picornaviridae*¹³. The enteroviruses (polioviruses, coxsackieviruses, echoviruses) are associated with several human and mammalian diseases. Enteroviruses are the second most common viral infectious agents in humans (after rhinoviruses). In most cases infection is asymptomatic or causes only mild symptoms, but can sometimes also lead to acute haemorrhagic conjunctivitis, herpangina, aseptic meningitis, infectious myocarditis, infectious pericarditis, and pleurodynia. Currently there is no approved therapy for the treatment of picornaviral infections¹⁴.

This study concerns synthesis and anti-coxsackievirus assay of novel racemic nucleoside analogues containing 4,8-dioxatricyclo[4.2.1.0^{3,7}]nonane-9-methanol and 4-oxatricyclo[4.3.1.0^{3,7}]decane-10-methanol. Chart 3 describes the target compounds.

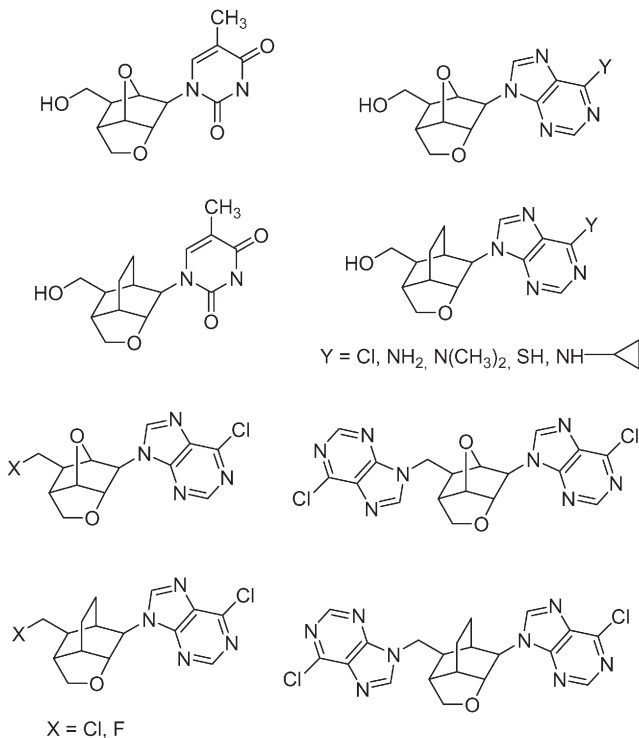
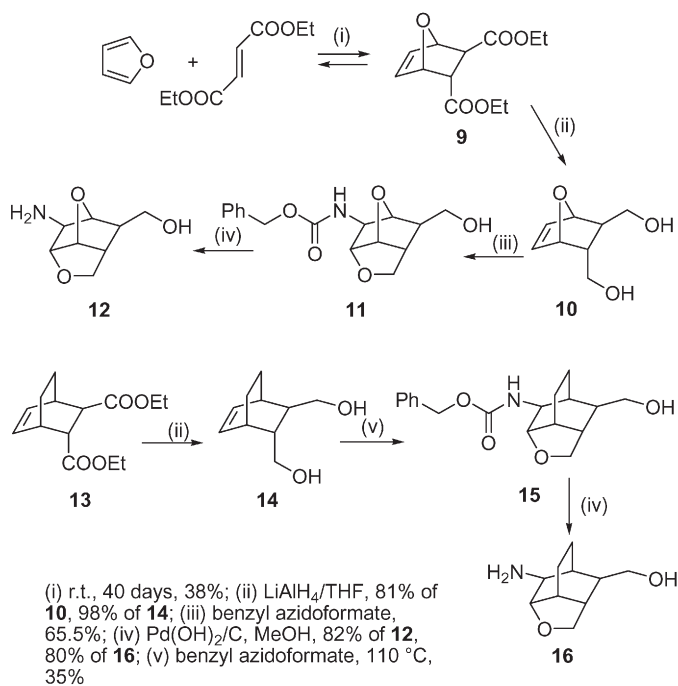


CHART 3

Diols **10** and **14** were used as the key starting materials. Diol **10** was prepared by the Diels–Alder reaction of furan and diethyl fumarate and subsequent reduction with lithium aluminium hydride (Scheme 1). A mixture of furan, fumarate, and a small amount of hydroquinone was left under argon at room temperature for 40 days. The product was, after chromatography on silica gel, immediately reduced without complete characterization to prevent decomposition of the adduct. Due to the aromatic character of furan and the strain of the bicyclo[2.2.1]heptane ring system¹⁵, the cycloadducts are rather sensitive to reverse decomposition to starting materials. Inokuma and co-workers¹⁶ used fumaryl dichloride as dienophile for reaction with furan; the reaction is finished within 48 h. The used dienophile, however, is a potent lachrymator. Diol **14** was obtained by lithium aluminium hydride reduction of diester **13**¹⁷.

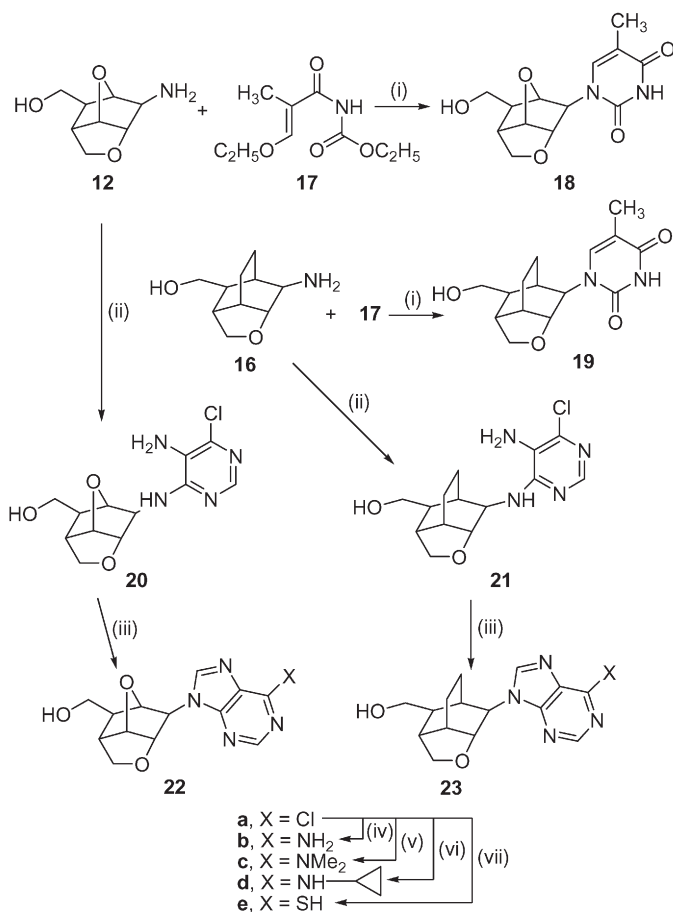


SCHEME 1

Treatment of diols **10** and **14** with benzyl azidoformate¹⁸ afforded carbamates **11** (81%) and **15** (35%), respectively. Recently, we prepared carbamate derived from 4-oxatricyclo[4.2.1.0^{3,7}]nonane-9-methanol⁶ using a similar reaction. Whereas the reaction of 4-oxatricyclo[4.2.1.0^{3,7}]nonane-

9-methanol or diol **10** with benzyl azidoformate is exothermic and proceeds readily, the reaction mixture of compound **14** and the azidoformate had to be heated at 110 °C for 5 h. Hydrogenolysis of the carbamates **11** and **15** led to amines **12** (82%) and **16** (80%), respectively.

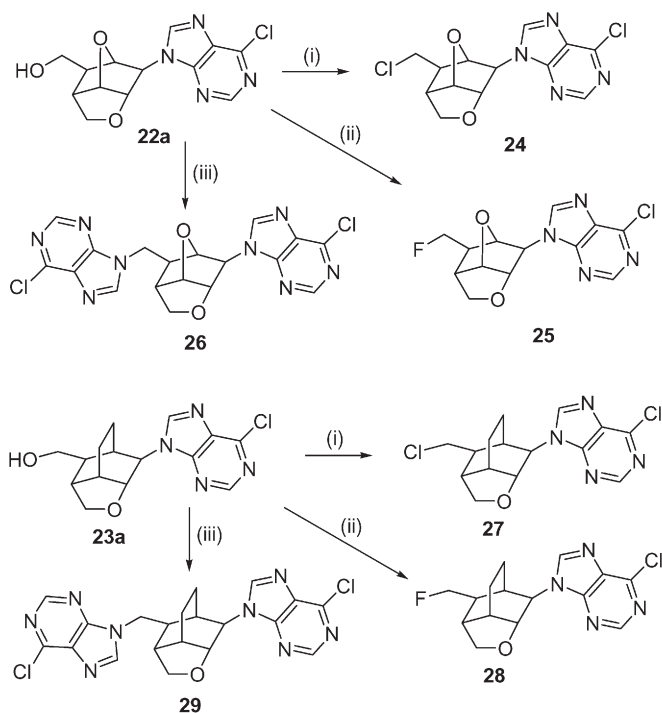
The reaction of amine **12** or **16** with ethyl [(2*E*)-3-ethoxy-2-methylprop-2-enyl]carbamate⁷ (Scheme 2) in 1,4-dioxane at 100 °C followed by treatment with Dowex 50 (H⁺) afforded thymine derivative **18** (48%) or **19** (26%).



(i) 1. 1,4-dioxane, 100 °C, 2. Dowex 50 (H⁺), 100 °C, 48% of **18**, 31% of **19**; (ii) 4,6-dichloropyrimidin-5-amine/TEA/EtOH, 100 °C, 68% of **20**, 85.5% of **21**; (iii) 1. CH(OEt)₃/HCl, 2. THF/H₂O/HCl, 98% of **22a**, 97% of **23a**; (iv) NH₃ (l), 70 °C, 81% of **22b**, 80% of **23b**; (v) Me₂NCOO·Me₂NH₂⁺, r.t., 78% of **22c**, 83% of **23c**; (vi) cyclopropylamine, r.t., 73% of **22d**, 79% of **23d**; (vii) thiourea/EtOH, reflux, 95% of **22e**, 82% of **23e**

SCHEME 2

Conversion of amines **12** and **16** to the 6-chloropurine derivatives **22a** and **23a**, respectively, was performed by previously described procedures^{5-8,11a,19,20}. Coupling of amine **12** or **16** with 4,6-dichloropyrimidin-5-amine in ethanol in the presence of triethylamine gave pyrimidinyl-amino derivative **20** (68%) or **21** (85.5%). Ring closure of **20** or **21** with triethyl orthoformate in the presence of concentrated hydrochloric acid afforded 6-chloropurine derivative **22a** (98%) or **23a** (97%). The chloropurine derivatives **22a** and **23a** were ammonolysed with liquid ammonia at 70 °C to give adenine derivatives **22b** (81%) and **23b** (80%), respectively. Treatment of **22a** or **23a** with dimethylammonium dimethylcarbamate afforded 6-(dimethylamino)purine derivative **22c** (78%) or **23c** (83%). Aminolysis of **22a** or **23a** with cyclopropylamine led to cyclopropylamino derivative **22d** (73%) or **23d** (79%). The purine-6-thiol derivatives **22e** and **23e** were prepared by reaction of **22a** and **23a**, respectively, with thiourea in refluxing ethanol.



(i) $\text{SOCl}_2/\text{HMPA}$, 80 °C, 77% of **24**, 75% of **27**; (ii) DAST/pyridine/ CH_2Cl_2 , 33% of **25**, 31% of **28**; (iii) 6-chloropurine, PPh_3 , DIAD, THF, 79% of **26**, 84% of **29**

SCHEME 3

Also compounds **24**–**29** with modified 9-(hydroxymethyl) group were prepared (Scheme 3) to determine the effect of the hydroxy group on anti-viral activity and find out whether the presence of an additional 6-chloropurine ring in molecule increases their antiviral activity. The chloro derivatives **24** and **27** were prepared by the treatment of **22a** or **23a** with thionyl chloride in hexamethylphosphoramide (HMPA) at 80 °C in 77 and 75% yields, respectively. Treatment of **22a** or **23a** with (diethylamino)-sulfur trifluoride (DAST) and pyridine in dichloromethane led to the fluoro derivative **25** (33%) or **28** (31%). Reaction of **22a** or **23a** with 6-chloropurine under Mitsunobu's conditions afforded bis(6-chloropurine) derivative **26** (79%) or **29** (84%).

The structures of the prepared compounds were confirmed by NMR spectroscopy. Complete assignment of all ^1H and ^{13}C resonances is based on combination of ^1H , ^{13}C APT, H,H-COSY, H,C-HSQC, and H,C-HMBC experiments.

In conclusion, novel racemic carbocyclic nucleoside analogues of thymine, 6-chloropurine, adenine, 6-(dimethylamino)purine, 6-(cyclopropylamino)purine, and 9*H*-purine-6-thiol derived from 4,8-dioxatricyclo[4.2.1.0^{3,7}]nonane-9-methanol and 4-oxatricyclo[4.3.1.0^{3,7}]decane-10-methanol. The target compounds were tested for the activity against *Coxsackie* virus (CVB3). Some of the analogues exhibit the activity (**22a**: EC₅₀ 1.86 μM and CC₅₀ 50 μM; **23a**: EC₅₀ 1.28 μM and CC₅₀ 50 μM; **24**: EC₅₀ 0.88 μM and CC₅₀ 50 μM; **25**: EC₅₀ 1.05 μM and CC₅₀ 50 μM; **27**: EC₅₀ 1.45 μM and CC₅₀ 50 μM; **28**: EC₅₀ 0.95 μM and CC₅₀ 50 μM). The antiviral activity will be discussed in detail in a separate paper.

EXPERIMENTAL

Melting points were determined on a Kofler block and are not corrected. NMR spectra (δ , ppm; *J*, Hz) were measured on a Varian Unity 500 or Bruker Avance-500 instruments (500 MHz for ^1H and 125.7 MHz for ^{13}C) in hexadeuterated dimethyl sulfoxide and the chemical shifts were referenced to the solvent signal (δ 2.50 and 39.70, respectively). Mass spectra were measured on a ZAB-EQ (VG Analytical) spectrometer using the FAB (ionization with Xe, accelerating voltage 8 kV, thioglycerol-glycerol 3:1 mixture or bis(2-hydroxyethyl) disulfide were used as a matrix) or LTQ Orbitrap XL (Thermo Fischer Scientific) using the ESI. Column chromatography was performed on Silica gel 60 (Fluka) and thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on Silufol Silica gel 60 F₂₅₄ foils (Merck). Solvents were evaporated at 2 kPa and bath temperature 30–60 °C; compounds were dried at 13 Pa and 50 °C.

Diethyl (1*R**,2*S**,3*S**,4*S**)-7-Oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-ene-2,3-dicarboxylate (**9**)

A mixture of diethyl fumarate (50 ml, 305 mmol), furan (250 ml), and hydroquinone (1 g) was left standing under argon at room temperature for 40 days and then evaporated. Chro-

matography of the residue on a silica gel column (1.5 kg) in toluene–ethyl acetate (23:2) afforded 27.96 g (38%) of diester **9** as thick oil. HR MS (ESI): For $C_{12}H_{16}NaO_5$ [$M + Na$] calculated 263.0890, found 263.0891.

(1*R**,2*R**,3*R**,4*S**)-7-Oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-ene-2,3-dimethanol (**10**) and (1*R**,2*R**,3*R**,4*S**)-Bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-5-ene-2,3-dimethanol (**14**)

A solution of diester **9** or **13**¹⁷ (100 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (100 ml) was added dropwise to a stirred mixture of lithium aluminium hydride (6.07 g, 160 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (200 ml) at 0 °C under argon atmosphere. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h, the hydride excess was decomposed by slow addition of water. Then solid CO₂ was added to adjust pH of the mixture to ~8. The thick suspension was filtered with a Celite pad, the filter was washed with methanol (5 × 100 ml) and the combined filtrates were evaporated. The residue was chromatographed on a silica gel column (1 kg) in ethyl acetate–acetone–ethanol–water (100:15:6:4) for compound **10** and (50:15:6:2) for compound **14**.

Compound 10: Yield 12.51 g (81%) as a syrup. For $C_8H_{12}O_3$ (156.2) calculated: 61.52% C, 7.74% H; found: 61.23% C, 7.82% H. ESI MS, m/z (%): 178.9 (100) [$M + Na$], 110.9 (18). ¹H NMR: 1.07 ddd, 1 H, $J(3,CH_2) = 9.5$ and 5.7, $J(3,2) = 4.1$ (H-3); 1.65 ddt, 1 H, $J(2,CH_2) = 10.5$ and 6.3, $J(2,1) = J(2,3) = 4.2$ (H-2); 2.97 ddd, 1 H, $J_{gem} = 10.6$, $J(CH_2,2) = 9.5$, $J(CH_2,OH) = 5.2$ (2-CH^aH); 3.24–3.31 m, 2 H (2-CH^bH and 3-CH^aH); 3.47 m, 1 H (3-CH^bH); 4.55 t, 1 H, $J(OH,CH_2) = 5.1$ (2-CH₂-OH); 4.66 dd, 1 H, $J(4,5) = 1.8$, $J(4,1) = 0.9$ (H-4); 4.69 t, 1 H, $J(OH,CH_2) = 5.4$ (3-CH₂-OH); 4.79 ddd, 1 H, $J(1,2) = 4.4$, $J(1,6) = 1.6$, $J(1,4) = 0.9$ (H-1); 6.29 dd, 1 H, $J(6,5) = 5.9$, $J(6,1) = 1.6$ (H-6); 6.42 dd, 1 H, $J(5,6) = 5.9$, $J(5,4) = 1.8$ (H-5). ¹³C NMR: 45.01 (C-3); 45.67 (C-2); 63.38 (2-CH₂); 63.75 (3-CH₂); 79.25 (C-1); 79.38 (C-4); 135.58 (C-6); 136.46 (C-5).

Compound 14: Yield 16.48 g (98%). M.p. 72–73 °C (ethyl acetate). For $C_{10}H_{16}O_2$ (168.2) calculated: 71.39% C, 9.59% H; found: 71.59% C, 9.68% H. neg ESI MS, m/z (%): 168.1 (12) [M], 167.0 (100) [$M - H$]. ¹H NMR: 0.89 m, 1 H (H-2); 0.95 m, 1 H (H-7); 1.07 m, 1 H (H-3); 1.17 tt, 1 H, $J_{gem} = J(8a,7a) = 12.0$, $J(8a,7b) = J(8a,4) = 3.8$ (H-8a); 1.33 m, 1 H (H-8b); 1.63 m, 1 H (H-7b); 2.49 m, 1 H (H-1); 2.53 m, 1 H (H-4); 2.94 m, 1 H and 3.01 m, 1 H (3-CH₂); 3.26 m, 1 H and 3.44 m, 1 H (2-CH₂); 4.49 t, 1 H, $J(OH,CH_2) = 5.2$ (3-CH₂OH); 4.52 t, 1 H, $J(OH,CH_2) = 5.1$ (2-CH₂OH); 6.08 m, 1 H (H-5); 6.32 ddd, 1 H, $J(6,5) = 8.1$, $J(6,1) = 6.8$, $J(6,4) = 1.1$ (H-6). ¹³C NMR: 18.82 (C-7); 25.69 (C-8); 30.24 (C-1); 31.12 (C-4); 43.38 (C-2); 45.19 (C-3); 63.40 (2-CH₂); 65.81 (3-CH₂); 132.51 (C-5); 135.71 (C-6).

Benzyl [(1*R**,2*R**,3*S**,6*S**,7*S**,9*S**)-9-(Hydroxymethyl)-4,8-dioxatricyclo[4.2.1.0^{3,7}]nonan-2-yl]-carbamate (**11**)

A mixture of compound **10** (1.56 g, 10 mmol), benzyl azidoformate (1.77 g, 10 mmol), and toluene (2 ml) was stirred at 68 °C (bath temperature). The bath was removed when an exothermic reaction commenced. After termination of the reaction, the mixture was heated to 95 °C for 2 h. Chromatography of the mixture on a silica gel column (150 g) in ethyl acetate–acetone–ethanol–water (105:15:3:2) and following crystallization from ether afforded 2.00 g (65.5%) of compound **11**, m.p. 117–119 °C. For $C_{16}H_{19}NO_5$ (305.3) calculated: 62.94% C, 6.27% H, 4.59% N; found: 62.87% C, 6.34% H, 4.51% N. ESI MS, m/z (%): 328.2 (100) [$M + Na$], 306.0 (34), 288.4 (40). ¹H NMR: 1.72 m, 1 H (H-9); 1.94 m, 1 H (H-6); 3.22–3.26 m, 3 H (H-2 and CH₂O); 3.75 m, 2 H (H-5); 3.98 dd, 1 H, $J(3,7) = 4.8$, $J(3,2) = 1.3$

(H-3); 4.15 bs, 1 H (H-1); 4.76 t, 1 H, $J(\text{OH}, \text{CH}_2) = 5.3$ (OH); 4.86 bt, 1 H, $J(7,3) = J(7,6) = 4.8$ (H-7); 5.02 bs, 2 H (CH_2Ph); 7.29–7.39 m, 6 H (NH and Ph). ^{13}C NMR: 41.06 (C-6); 50.99 (C-9); 61.91 (CH_2O); 62.61 (C-2); 65.48 (CH_2Ph); 71.82 (C-5); 80.09 (C-1); 81.05 (C-7); 82.86 (C-3); 127.95 (C-2'); 128.01 (C-4'); 128.58 (C-3'); 137.33 (C-1'); 155.79 (C=O).

Benzyl [(1*R**,2*R**,3*R**,6*R**,7*S**,10*S**)-10-(Hydroxymethyl)-4-oxatricyclo[4.3.1.0^{3,7}]decan-2-yl]-carbamate (**15**)

A mixture of diol **14** (6.73 g, 40 mmol), benzyl azidoformate (7.79 g, 44 mmol), and toluene (10 ml) was stirred at 110 °C (bath temperature) for 5 h. The mixture was then diluted with ethyl acetate (200 ml) and washed with water (3 × 100 ml), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated. Chromatography of the residue on a silica gel column (1 kg) with ethyl acetate–toluene (22:3) afforded 4.49 g (35%) of carbamate **15** as a foam. For $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_4$ (317.4) calculated: 68.12% C, 7.30% H, 4.41% N; found: 67.87% C, 7.30% H, 4.28% N. ESI MS, m/z (%): 340.1 (100) [M + Na], 335.0 (35), 318.0 [M + H]. ^1H NMR: 1.26 m, 2 H (H-9); 1.41 m, 1 H (H-10); 1.52 m, 1 H (H-8a); 1.65 m, 1 H (H-8b); 1.65 td, 1 H, $J(6,10) = 2.0$, $J(6,5b) = J(6,7) = 3.9$ (H-6); 1.76 m, 1 H (H-1); 1.78 m, 1 H (H-7); 3.17 dd, 1 H, $J(2,\text{NH}) = 7.2$, $J(2,1) = 4.1$ (H-2); 3.32 d, 1 H, $J_{\text{gem}} = 7.3$ (H-5a); 3.35–3.47 m, 2 H (CH_2O); 3.59 dd, 1 H, $J_{\text{gem}} = 7.3$, $J(5b,6) = 3.8$ (H-5b); 3.67 d, 1 H, $J(3,7) = 5.2$ (H-3); 4.59 t, 1 H, $J(\text{OH}, \text{CH}_2) = 5.2$ (OH); 5.02 s, 2 H (CH_2Ph); 7.30–7.39 m, 5 H (Ph); 7.43 d, 1 H, $J(\text{NH}, 2) = 7.0$ (NH). ^{13}C NMR: 11.63 (C-9); 14.52 (C-8); 27.43 (C-1); 34.92 (C-7); 37.32 (C-6); 44.50 (C-10); 58.71 (C-2); 63.44 (CH_2OH); 65.48 (CH_2Ph); 75.35 (C-5); 79.35 (C-3); 128.07 (C-4'); 128.10 (C-2'); 128.63 (C-3'); 137.42 (C-1'); 155.79 (C=O).

(1*R**,2*R**,3*S**,6*S**,7*S**,9*S**)-2-Amino-4,8-dioxatricyclo[4.2.1.0^{3,7}]nonane-9-methanol (**12**) and (1*R**,2*R**,3*R**,6*R**,7*S**,10*S**)-2-Amino-4-oxatricyclo[4.3.1.0^{3,7}]decane-10-methanol (**16**)

Palladium(II) hydroxide on carbon (20% Pd, 300 mg) was added to a solution of protected amine **11** or **15** (30 mmol) in methanol (80 ml) and the mixture was stirred under hydrogen atmosphere at room temperature for 24 h. The catalyst was filtered off with a Celite pad, washed with methanol and the filtrate was evaporated. The residue was crystallized from propan-2-ol.

Compound 12: Yield 4.21 g (82%). M.p. 113–115 °C. For $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_3$ (171.2) calculated: 56.13% C, 7.65% H, 8.18% N; found: 55.94% C, 7.73% H, 7.94% N. FAB MS, m/z (%): 172 (100) [M + H]. ^1H NMR: 1.60 ddd, 1 H, $J(9, \text{CH}_2) = 9.3$ and 6.8, $J(9,6) = 2.1$ (H-9); 1.89 m, 1 H (H-6); 2.53 s, 1 H (H-2); 3.21 dd, 1 H, $J(\text{CH}_2, 9) = 6.8$ and 3.25 dd, 1 H, $J_{\text{gem}} = 10.5$, $J(\text{CH}_2, 9) = 9.3$ (CH_2O); 3.69 m, 3 H (H-3 and H-5); 3.90 s, 1 H (H-1); 4.80 t, 1 H, $J(7,3) = J(7,6) = 4.8$ (H-7). ^{13}C NMR: 41.13 (C-6); 51.27 (C-9); 62.16 (CH_2O); 62.99 (C-2); 71.61 (C-5); 80.90 (C-7); 82.84 (C-1); 85.75 (C-3).

Compound 16: Yield 4.40 g (80%). M.p. 145–147 °C. For $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2$ (183.3) calculated: 65.54% C, 9.35% H, 7.64% N; found: 65.65% C, 9.46% H, 7.44% N. ^1H NMR: 1.16 m, 1 H (H-9a); 1.34 m, 1 H (H-10); 1.47–1.60 m, 4 H (H-1, 8a, 8b and H-9b); 1.61 m, 1 H (H-6); 1.75 m, 1 H (H-7); 2.50 m, 1 H (H-2); 3.25 d, 1 H, $J_{\text{gem}} = 7.1$ (H-5a); 3.40 d, 1 H, $J(3,7) = 5.3$ (H-3); 3.44 m, 2 H (CH_2O); 3.55 dd, 1 H, $J_{\text{gem}} = 7.1$, $J(5b,6) = 3.7$ (H-5b). ^{13}C NMR: 11.17 (C-9); 15.04 (C-8); 29.86 (C-1); 34.97 (C-7); 37.53 (C-6); 45.21 (C-10); 58.70 (C-2); 63.70 (CH_2OH); 75.39 (C-5); 82.01 (C-3).

1-[(1*R**,2*R**,3*S**,6*S**,7*S**,9*S**)-9-(Hydroxymethyl)-4,8-dioxatricyclo[4.2.1.0^{3,7}]nonan-2-yl]-5-methylpyrimidine-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-dione (**18**) and
1-[(1*R**,2*R**,3*R**,6*R**,7*S**,10*S**)-10-(Hydroxymethyl)-4-oxatricyclo[4.3.1.0^{3,7}]decan-2-yl]-5-methylpyrimidine-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-dione (**19**)

A solution of amine **12** or **16** (2 mmol) and ethyl *N*-[(2*E*)-3-ethoxy-2-methylprop-2-enoyl]-carbamate (402 mg, 2 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (15 ml) was heated at 100 °C for 3 h. Dowex 50 (H⁺; 6 ml) was washed with 1,4-dioxane and then added to the solution. The mixture was heated at 100 °C for 4 h, the resin was filtered off, washed with dioxane and the combined filtrates were evaporated. The residue was crystallized from methanol.

Compound 18: Yield 242 mg (43%). M.p. 243–244 °C. For C₁₃H₁₆N₂O₅ (280.3) calculated: 55.71% C, 5.75% H, 9.99% N; found: 55.56% C, 5.85% H, 9.92% N. FAB MS, *m/z* (%): 281 (100) [M + H], 127 (36). ¹H NMR: 1.74 d, 3 H, *J*(CH₃,6) = 1.2 (5-CH₃); 1.86 ddd, 1 H, *J*(9',6') = 2.0, *J*(9',CH₂) = 7.0 and 9.0 (H-9'); 2.07 m, 1 H (H-6'); 3.26 m, 2 H (CH₂O); 3.83 dd, 1 H, *J*_{gem} = 8.7, *J*(5'a,6') = 4.2 (H-5'a); 3.87 d, 1 H, *J*_{gem} = 8.6 (H-5'b); 4.27 s, 1 H (H-1'); 4.32 dd, 1 H, *J*(3',7') = 4.8, *J*(3',2') = 1.5 (H-3'); 4.38 t, 1 H, *J*(2',3') = *J*(2',1') = 1.3 (H-2'); 4.80 bt, 1 H, *J*(OH,CH₂) = 5.3 (OH); 5.03 td, 1 H, *J*(7',3') = *J*(7',6') = 4.9, *J*(7',1') = 0.8 (H-7'); 7.33 q, 1 H, *J*(6,CH₃) = 1.2 (H-6); 11.30 bs, 1 H (NH). ¹³C NMR: 12.44 (5-CH₃); 41.00 (C-6'); 51.76 (C-9'); 61.63 (CH₂O); 64.32 (C-2'); 72.06 (C-5'); 80.06 (C-1'); 81.28 (C-7'); 83.33 (C-3'); 108.76 (C-5); 137.96 (C-6); 151.18 (C-2); 163.89 (C-4).

Compound 19: Yield 181 mg (31%). M.p. 226–228.5 °C. For C₁₅H₂₀N₂O₄ (292.3) calculated: 61.63% C, 6.90% H, 9.58% N; found: 61.39% C, 6.97% H, 9.31% N. FAB MS, *m/z* (%): 293 (100) [M + H], 127 (100). ¹H NMR: 0.93 m, 1 H (H-9'a); 1.39 m, 1 H (H-9'b); 1.52 m, 1 H (H-10'); 1.61–1.84 m, 4 H (H-1', H-6' and H-8'); 1.80 d, 3 H, *J*(CH₃,6) = 1.1 (5-CH₃); 1.98 m, 1 H (H-7'); 3.38–3.50 m, 3 H (H-5'a and CH₂O); 3.67 dd, 1 H, *J*_{gem} = 7.5, *J*(5'b,6') = 4.0 (H-5'b); 3.99 bd, 1 H, *J*(2',1') = 3.8 (H-2'); 4.31 d, 1 H, *J*(3',7') = 5.1 (H-3'); 4.69 bt, 1 H, *J*(OH,CH₂) = 5.0 (OH); 7.28 d, 1 H, *J*(6,CH₃) = 0.8 (H-6); 11.31 bs, 1 H (H-3). ¹³C NMR: 11.30 (C-9'); 12.35 (5-CH₃); 15.13 (C-8'); 27.74 (C-1'); 35.10 (C-7'); 37.77 (C-6'); 44.69 (C-10'); 63.06 (CH₂O); 63.39 (C-2'); 74.93 (C-5'); 75.75 (C-3'); 108.57 (C-5); 139.07 (C-6); 151.15 (C-2); 163.99 (C-4).

(1*R**,2*R**,3*S**,6*S**,7*S**,9*S**)-2-[(5-Amino-6-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)amino]-4,8-dioxatricyclo[4.2.1.0^{3,7}]nonane-9-methanol (**20**) and
(1*R**,2*R**,3*R**,6*R**,7*S**,10*S**)-2-[(5-Amino-6-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)amino]-4-oxatricyclo[4.3.1.0^{3,7}]decane-10-methanol (**21**)

A solution of amine **12** or **16** (8 mmol), 4,6-dichloropyrimidin-5-amine (1.31 g, 8 mmol), and triethylamine (2.4 ml) in ethanol (24 ml) was heated in a pressure vessel at 100 °C for 144 h and, after cooling, was evaporated. The residue was crystallized from ethanol and the mother liquor was chromatographed on a silica gel column (25 g) in ethyl acetate–acetone–ethanol–water (50:7:3:2) for compound **20** or (100:15:6:4) for compound **21**.

Compound 20: Yield 1.63 g (68%). M.p. 260–262 °C. For C₁₂H₁₅ClN₄O₃ (298.7) calculated: 48.25% C, 5.06% H, 11.87% Cl, 18.76% N; found: 48.21% C, 5.07% H, 11.79% Cl, 18.67% N. FAB MS, *m/z* (%): 301/299 (35/100) [M + H], 265 (41). ¹H NMR: 1.82 ddd, 1 H, *J*(9,6) = 2.0, *J*(9,CH₂) = 7.0 and 9.1 (H-9); 2.01 dt, 1 H, *J*(6,7) = *J*(6,5a) = 4.6, *J*(6,9) = 1.9 (H-6); 3.24–3.32 m, 2 H (CH₂O); 3.78 d, 1 H, *J*(2,NH) = 6.5 (H-2'); 3.80 dd, 1 H, *J*_{gem} = 8.5, *J*(5a,6) = 4.1 (H-5a); 3.83 brd, 1 H, *J*_{gem} = 8.5 (H-5b); 4.02 dd, 1 H, *J*(3,7) = 4.8, *J*(3,2) = 1.3 (H-3); 4.24 brs, 1 H (H-1); 4.77 t, 1 H, *J*(OH,CH₂) = 5.4 (OH); 4.96 t, 1 H, *J*(7,3) = *J*(7,6) = 4.7 (H-7); 5.18 brs, 2 H

(NH₂); 6.76 d, 1 H (NH); 7.74 s, 1 H (H-2'). ¹³C NMR: 41.25 (C-6); 51.16 (C-9); 61.99 (CH₂O); 62.88 (C-2); 71.88 (C-5); 80.05 (C-1); 81.24 (C-7); 83.25 (C-3); 123.96 (C-5'); 136.93 (C-4'); 145.54 (C-2'); 150.98 (C-6').

Compound 21: Yield 2.13 g (85.5%). M.p. 253–254 °C. For C₁₄H₁₉ClN₄O₂ (310.8) calculated: 54.11% C, 6.16% H, 11.41% Cl, 18.03% N; found: 53.96% C, 6.15% H, 11.43% Cl, 17.83% N. FAB MS, *m/z* (%): 313/311 (55/100) [M + H]. ¹H NMR: 1.26 m, 2 H (H-9); 1.50 m, 1 H (H-10); 1.63 m, 1 H (H-8a); 1.71 m, 1 H (H-6); 1.74 m, 1 H (H-8b); 1.88 m, 1 H (H-7); 2.00 m, 1 H (H-1); 3.38 d, 1 H, *J*_{gem} = 7.2 (H-5a); 3.43 ddd, 1 H, *J*_{gem} = 10.7, *J*(CH₂,10) = 8.6, *J*(CH₂,OH) = 5.3 (CH^aH-O); 3.48 ddd, 1 H, *J*_{gem} = 10.7, *J*(CH₂,10) = 7.4, *J*(CH₂,OH) = 5.3 (CH^bH-O); 3.65 dd, 1 H, *J*_{gem} = 7.4, *J*(5b,6) = 3.8 (H-5b); 3.70 dd, 1 H, *J*(2,NH) = 6.6, *J*(2,1) = 4.0 (H-2); 3.85 d, 1 H, *J*(3,7) = 5.2 (H-3); 4.59 t, 1 H, *J*(OH,CH₂) = 5.3 (OH); 5.21 bs, 2 H (NH₂); 6.49 bd, 1 H, *J*(NH,2) = 6.6 (NH); 7.71 s, 1 H (H-2'). ¹³C NMR: 11.80 (C-9); 14.78 (C-8); 26.45 (C-1); 35.06 (C-7); 37.50 (C-6); 44.56 (C-10); 58.96 (C-2); 63.54 (CH₂O); 75.32 (C-5); 79.47 (C-3); 123.83 (C-5'); 136.95 (C-6'); 145.66 (C-2'); 151.27 (C-4').

(1*R**,2*R**,3*S**,6*S**,7*S**,9*S*')-2-(6-Chloro-9*H*-purin-9-yl)-4,8-dioxatricyclo[4.2.1.0^{3,7}]nonane-9-methanol (**22a**) and

(1*R**,2*R**,3*R**,6*R**,7*S**,10'*S*')-2-(6-Chloro-9*H*-purin-9-yl)-4-oxatricyclo[4.3.1.0^{3,7}]decane-10-methanol (**23a**)

Concentrated hydrochloric acid (1.8 ml) was added to a stirred mixture of compound **20** or **21** (2.5 mmol) and triethyl orthoformate (39 ml), the resulting solution was left aside at room temperature for 3 days and then evaporated. The residue was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (23 ml). To the stirred solution, 0.5 M hydrochloric acid (23 ml) was added, the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h and then neutralized with solid sodium hydrogencarbonate. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with tetrahydrofuran (4 × 20 ml). The combined organic layers were evaporated and the residue was crystallized from water.

Compound 22a: Yield 756 mg (98%). M.p. 205.5–206.5 °C. For C₁₃H₁₃ClN₄O₃ (308.7) calculated: 50.58% C, 4.24% H, 11.48% Cl, 18.15% N; found: 50.43% C, 4.29% H, 11.66% Cl, 18.01% N. FAB MS, *m/z* (%): 311/309 (37/100) [M + H]. ¹H NMR: 2.05 ddd, 1 H, *J*(9,6) = 2.0, *J*(9,CH₂) = 7.3 and 8.8 (H-9); 2.16 dt, 1 H, *J*(6,7) = *J*(6,5a) = 4.5, *J*(6,9) = 2.0 (H-6); 3.33 m, 2 H (CH₂O); 3.88 dd, 1 H, *J*_{gem} = 8.6, *J*(5a,6) = 4.2 (H-5a); 3.96 d, 1 H, *J*_{gem} = 8.5 (H-5b); 4.51 dd, 1 H, *J*(3,7) = 4.8, *J*(3,2) = 1.5 (H-3); 4.59 m, 2 H (H-1 and H-2); 4.86 t, 1 H, *J*(OH,CH₂) = 5.3 (OH); 5.18 t, 1 H, *J*(7,3) = *J*(7,6) = 4.8 (H-7); 8.54 s, 1 H (H-8'); 8.80 s, 1 H (H-2'). ¹³C NMR: 41.06 (C-6); 50.92 (C-9); 61.66 (CH₂O); 64.53 (C-2); 72.29 (C-5); 80.06 (C-1); 81.86 (C-7); 83.25 (C-3); 130.76 (C-5'); 145.24 (C-8'); 149.16 (C-6'); 151.69 (C-2'); 151.85 (C-4').

Compound 23a: Yield 778 mg (97%). M.p. 183.5–184.5 °C. For C₁₅H₁₇ClN₄O₂ (320.8) calculated: 56.16% C, 5.34% H, 11.05% Cl, 17.47% N; found: 55.88% C, 5.35% H, 11.03% Cl, 17.24% N. FAB MS, *m/z* (%): 323/321 (39/100) [M + H], 157/155 (35/73). ¹H NMR: 0.62 m, 1 H (H-9a); 1.35 m, 1 H (H-9b); 1.69–1.78 m, 2 H (H-8a and H-10); 1.82 m, 1 H (H-6); 1.99 m, 1 H (H-8b); 2.08 m, 1 H (H-1); 2.10 m, 1 H (H-7); 3.45 m, 1 H (CH^aH-O); 3.51 d, 1 H, *J*_{gem} = 7.5 (H-5a); 3.53 m, 1 H (CH^bH-O); 3.74 dd, 1 H, *J*_{gem} = 7.5, *J*(5b,6) = 3.9 (H-5b); 4.38 bd, 1 H, *J*(2,1) = 4.0 (H-2); 4.69 bd, 1 H, *J*(3,7) = 5.0 (H-3); 4.72 t, 1 H, *J*(OH,CH₂) = 4.9 (OH); 8.77 s, 1 H (H-2'); 8.78 s, 1 H (H-8'). ¹³C NMR: 11.65 (C-9); 14.45 (C-8); 28.91 (C-1);

35.12 (C-7); 37.52 (C-6); 44.25 (C-10); 63.08 (CH₂O); 63.49 (C-2); 75.28 (C-5); 76.23 (C-3); 130.99 (C-5'); 146.29 (C-8'); 149.44 (C-6'); 151.67 (C-2'); 152.19 (C-4').

(1*R**,2*R**,3*S**,6*S**,7*S**,9*S**)-2-(6-Amino-9*H*-purin-9-yl)-4,8-dioxatricyclo[4.2.1.0^{3,7}]nonane-9-methanol (**22b**) and

(1*R**,2*R**,3*R**,6*R**,7*S**,10*S**)-2-(6-Amino-9*H*-purin-9-yl)-4-oxatricyclo[4.3.1.0^{3,7}]decane-10-methanol (**23b**)

A solution of chloropurine derivative **22a** or **23a** (0.5 mmol) in liquid ammonia (15 ml) was heated in an autoclave at 70 °C for 48 h and then ammonia was evaporated. The residue was crystallized from water.

Compound 22b: Yield 117 mg (81%). M.p. 257–258.5 °C. For C₁₃H₁₅N₅O₃ (289.3) calculated: 53.97% C, 5.23% H, 24.21% N; found: 53.69% C, 5.09% H, 23.96% N. FAB MS, *m/z* (%): 290 (100) [M + H], 136 (100) [adenine + H]. ¹H NMR: 2.00 ddd, 1 H, *J*(9,6) = 2.0, *J*(9,CH₂) = 7.1 and 9.1 (H-9); 2.14 dt, 1 H, *J*(6,7) = *J*(6,5a) = 4.6, *J*(6,9) = 2.0 (H-6); 3.30–3.34 m, 2 H (CH₂O); 3.88 dd, 1 H, *J*_{gem} = 8.6, *J*(5a,6) = 4.1 (H-5a); 3.94 d, 1 H, *J*_{gem} = 8.6 (H-5b); 4.41 dd, 1 H, *J*(3,7) = 4.7, *J*(3,2) = 1.2 (H-3); 4.43 m, 1 H (H-1); 4.44 bs, 1 H (H-2); 4.86 bs, 1 H (OH); 5.15 t, 1 H, *J*(7,3) = *J*(7,6) = 4.9 (H-7); 7.26 bs, 2 H (NH₂); 7.99 s, 1 H (H-8'); 8.15 s, 1 H (H-2'). ¹³C NMR: 41.09 (C-6); 51.13 (C-9); 61.76 (CH₂O); 63.73 (C-2); 72.29 (C-5); 80.51 (C-1); 81.73 (C-7); 83.66 (C-3); 118.45 (C-5'); 138.56 (C-8'); 149.38 (C-4'); 152.72 (C-2'); 156.22 (C-6').

Compound 23b: Yield 121 mg (80%). M.p. 282–285 °C. For C₁₅H₁₉N₅O₂ (301.4) calculated: 59.79% C, 6.36% H, 23.24% N; found: 59.53% C, 6.45% H, 22.98% N. EI MS, *m/z* (%): 301 (71) [M], 136 (100) [adenine + H]. ¹H NMR: 0.62 m, 1 H (H-9a); 1.33 m, 1 H (H-9b); 1.68 m, 1 H (H-10); 1.72 m, 1 H (H-8a); 1.80 dt, 1 H, *J*(6,5b) = *J*(6,7) = 3.9, *J*(6,10) = 1.6 (H-6); 1.94 m, 1 H (H-8b); 2.01 m, 1 H (H-1); 2.07 m, 1 H (H-7); 3.44 m, 1 H (CH^aH-O); 3.49 d, 1 H, *J*_{gem} = 7.5 (H-5a); 3.52 m, 1 H (CH^bH-O); 3.73 dd, 1 H, *J*_{gem} = 7.5, *J*(5b,6) = 3.9 (H-5b); 4.23 dd, 1 H, *J*(2,1) = 4.2, *J*(2,9b) = 1.2 (H-2); 4.60 bd, 1 H, *J*(3,7) = 5.1 (H-3); 4.71 t, 1 H, *J*(OH,CH₂) = 4.9 (OH); 7.25 bs, 2 H (NH₂); 8.12 s, 1 H (H-2'); 8.21 s, 1 H (H-8'). ¹³C NMR: 11.60 (C-9); 14.64 (C-8); 28.87 (C-1); 35.18 (C-7); 37.58 (C-6); 44.41 (C-10); 62.41 (C-2); 63.22 (CH₂O); 75.30 (C-5); 76.64 (C-3); 118.82 (C-5'); 139.60 (C-8'); 149.79 (C-4'); 152.68 (C-2'); 156.29 (C-6').

(1*R**,2*R**,3*S**,6*S**,7*S**,9*S**)-2-[6-(Dimethylamino)-9*H*-purin-9-yl]-4,8-dioxatricyclo[4.2.1.0^{3,7}]nonane-9-methanol (**22c**) and

(1*R**,2*R**,3*R**,6*R**,7*S**,10*S**)-2-[6-(Dimethylamino)-9*H*-purin-9-yl]-4-oxatricyclo[4.3.1.0^{3,7}]decane-10-methanol (**23c**)

A solution of chloropurine derivative **22a** and **23a** (0.5 mmol) in dimethylammonium dimethylcarbamate (2.5 ml) was left standing at room temperature overnight and then evaporated. The residue was crystallized from water (**22c**) or chromatographed on a silica gel column (20 g) in ethyl acetate–acetone–ethanol–water (95:15:8:7) and then crystallized from ethyl acetate (**23c**).

Compound 22c: Yield 124 mg (78%). M.p. 209–210 °C. For C₁₅H₁₉N₅O₃ (317.4) calculated: 56.77% C, 6.03% H, 22.07% N; found: 56.71% C, 6.18% H, 21.88% N. FAB MS, *m/z*: 318 [M + H]. ¹H NMR: 2.01 ddd, 1 H, *J*(9,6) = 2.1, *J*(9,CH₂) = 7.0 and 9.1 (H-9); 2.14 dt, 1 H, *J*(6,7) = *J*(6,5a) = 4.5, *J*(6,9) = 2.0 (H-6); 3.32 m, 2 H (CH₂O); 3.44 bs, 6 H (N-CH₃); 3.88 dd,

1 H, $J_{\text{gem}} = 8.6$, $J(5a,6) = 4.2$ (H-5a); 3.94 d, 1 H, $J_{\text{gem}} = 8.6$ (H-5b); 4.38 dd, 1 H, $J(3,7) = 4.8$, $J(3,2) = 1.5$ (H-3); 4.44 m, 1 H (H-1); 4.47 bs, 1 H (H-2); 4.84 t, 1 H, $J(\text{OH},\text{CH}_2) = 5.4$ (OH); 5.15 t, 1 H, $J(7,3) = J(7,6) = 4.9$ (H-7); 8.00 s, 1 H (H-8'); 8.22 s, 1 H (H-2'). ^{13}C NMR: 41.07 (C-6); 51.13 (C-9); 61.71 (CH₂O); 63.68 (C-2); 72.26 (C-5); 80.39 (C-1); 81.69 (C-7); 83.67 (C-3); 118.96 (C-5'); 137.35 (C-8'); 150.10 (C-4'); 152.00 (C-2'); 154.42 (C-6').

Compound 23c: Yield 137 mg (83%). M.p. 180–181 °C. For C₁₇H₂₃N₅O₂ (329.4) calculated: 61.99% C, 7.04% H, 21.26% N; found: 61.72% C, 6.91% H, 21.23% N. FAB MS, m/z (%): 330 (100) [M + H], 164 (19). ^1H NMR: 0.60 m, 1 H (H-9a); 1.32 m, 1 H (H-9b); 1.68 m, 1 H (H-10); 1.74 m, 1 H (H-8a); 1.80 dt, 1 H, $J(6,5b) = J(6,7) = 3.9$, $J(6,10) = 1.8$ (H-6); 1.92 m, 1 H (H-8b); 2.02 m, 1 H (H-1); 2.07 m, 1 H (H-7); 3.44 ddd, 1 H, $J(\text{CH}^a\text{H},10) = 9.0$, $J(\text{CH}^a\text{H},\text{OH}) = 5.3$, $J_{\text{gem}} = 10.7$ (CH^aH-O); 3.49 d, 1 H, $J_{\text{gem}} = 7.4$ (H-5a); 3.5 vbs, 6 H (N-CH₂); 3.52 ddd, 1 H, 1 H, $J(\text{CH}^b\text{H},10) = 7.2$, $J(\text{CH}^b\text{H},\text{OH}) = 5.1$, $J_{\text{gem}} = 10.7$ (CH^bH-O); 3.73 dd, 1 H, $J_{\text{gem}} = 7.5$, $J(5b,6) = 3.9$ (H-5b); 4.26 bd, 1 H, $J(2,1) = 4.1$ (H-2); 4.59 bd, 1 H, $J(3,7) = 5.0$ (H-3); 4.68 t, 1 H, $J(\text{OH},\text{CH}_2) = 5.2$ (OH); 8.20 s, 1 H (H-2'); 8.22 s, 1 H (H-8'). ^{13}C NMR: 11.51 (C-9); 14.58 (C-8); 28.61 (C-1); 35.13 (C-7); 37.55 (C-6); 44.36 (C-10); 62.25 (C-2); 63.17 (CH₂O); 75.26 (C-5); 76.63 (C-3); 119.31 (C-5'); 138.31 (C-8'); 150.48 (C-4'); 151.95 (C-2'); 154.49 (C-6').

(1*R**,2*R**,3*S**,6*S**,7*S**,9*S**)-2-[6-(Cyclopropylamino)-9*H*-purin-9-yl]-4,8-dioxatricyclo-[4.2.1.0^{3,7}]nonane-9-methanol (**22d**) and
(1*R**,2*R**,3*R**,6*R**,7*S**,10*S**)-2-[6-(Cyclopropylamino)-9*H*-purin-9-yl]-4-oxatricyclo-[4.3.1.0^{3,7}]decane-10-methanol (**23d**)

A solution of chloropurine derivative **22a** or **23a** (0.5 mmol) in cyclopropylamine (2 ml) was left standing at room temperature overnight and then evaporated. The residue was crystallized from water (**22d**) or chromatographed on a silica gel column (20 g) in ethyl acetate–acetone–ethanol–water (95:15:8:7) (**23d**).

Compound 22d: Yield 120 mg (73%). M.p. 209–210 °C. For C₁₆H₁₉N₅O₃ (329.4) calculated: 58.35% C, 5.81% H, 21.26% N; found: 58.37% C, 5.74% H, 21.09% N. FAB MS, m/z : 330 [M + H]. ^1H NMR: 0.60 m, 2 H and 0.71 m, 2 H and 3.00 bs, 1 H (cyclopropane); 2.01 ddd, 1 H, $J(9,6) = 2.0$, $J(9,\text{CH}_2) = 7.0$ and 9.1 (H-9); 2.14 dt, 1 H, $J(6,7) = J(6,5a) = 4.5$, $J(6,9) = 2.0$ (H-6); 3.31 m, 2 H (CH₂O); 3.87 dd, 1 H, $J_{\text{gem}} = 8.6$, $J(5a,6) = 4.2$ (H-5a); 3.94 d, 1 H, $J_{\text{gem}} = 8.6$ (H-5b); 4.41 dd, 1 H, $J(3,7) = 4.8$, $J(3,2) = 1.4$ (H-3); 4.44 m, 1 H (H-1); 4.46 bs, 1 H (H-2); 4.84 t, 1 H, $J(\text{OH},\text{CH}_2) = 5.4$ (OH); 5.15 t, 1 H, $J(7,3) = J(7,6) = 4.8$ (H-7); 7.95 bs, 1 H (NH); 8.00 s, 1 H (H-8'); 8.25 bs, 1 H (H-2'). ^{13}C NMR: 6.53, 2 C (CH₂ of cyclopropane); 23.85 (CH of cyclopropane); 41.07 (C-6); 51.11 (C-9); 61.73 (CH₂O); 63.66 (C-2); 72.27 (C-5); 80.47 (C-1); 81.71 (C-7); 83.66 (C-3); 118.84 (C-5'); 138.36 (C-8'); 148.68 (C-4'); 152.61 (C-2'); 155.72 (C-6').

Compound 23d: Yield 135 mg (79%) as a foam. For C₁₈H₂₃N₅O₂ (341.4) calculated: 63.32% C, 6.79% H, 20.51% N; found: 63.22% C, 6.90% H, 20.32% N. FAB MS, m/z (%): 342 (100) [M + H], 176 (37). ^1H NMR: 0.61 m, 3 H (CH₂ of cyclopropane and H-9a); 0.72 m, 2 H (CH₂ of cyclopropane); 1.33 m, 1 H (H-9b); 1.69 m, 1 H (H-10); 1.74 m, 1 H (H-8a); 1.80 m, 1 H (H-6); 1.94 m, 1 H (H-8b); 2.02 m, 1 H (H-1); 2.07 m, 1 H (H-7); 3.02 bs, 1 H (CH of cyclopropane); 3.47 m, 2 H (CH₂O); 3.49 d, 1 H, $J_{\text{gem}} = 7.4$ (H-5a); 3.73 dd, 1 H, $J_{\text{gem}} = 7.5$, $J(5b,6) = 3.9$ (H-5b); 4.25 d, 1 H, $J(2,1) = 4.0$ (H-2); 4.61 d, 1 H, $J(3,7) = 5.1$ (H-3); 4.68 t, 1 H, $J(\text{OH},\text{CH}_2) = 5.2$ (OH); 7.90 bs, 1 H (NH); 8.21 s, 1 H (H-8'); 8.23 bs, 1 H (H-2'). ^{13}C NMR: 6.57 (CH₂ of cyclopropane); 11.56 (C-9); 14.61 (C-8); 28.85 (C-1); 35.15 (C-7);

37.56 (C-6); 44.39 (C-10); 62.38 (C-2); 63.19 (CH₂O); 75.25 (C-5); 76.61 (C-3); 119.16 (C-5'); 139.38 (C-8'); 149.20 (C-4'); 152.51 (C-2'); 155.79 (C-6').

(1*R**,2*R**,3*S**,6*S**,7*S**,9*S**)-2-(6-Sulfanyl-9*H*-purin-9-yl)-4,8-dioxatricyclo[4.2.1.0^{3,7}]nonane-9-methanol (**22e**) and

(1*R**,2*R**,3*R**,6*R**,7*S**,10*S**)-2-(6-Sulfanyl-9*H*-purin-9-yl)-4-oxatricyclo[4.3.1.0^{3,7}]decane-10-methanol (**23e**)

A solution of chloropurine derivative **22a** or **23a** (0.5 mmol) and thiourea (42 mg, 0.55 mmol) in ethanol (5 ml) was refluxed for 2.5 h. The precipitated product was filtered off and washed with ethanol and ether.

Compound 22e: Yield 145 mg (95%). M.p. 321–324 °C. For C₁₃H₁₄N₄O₃S (306.4) calculated: 50.97% C, 4.61% H, 18.29% N, 10.47% S; found: 50.72% C, 4.40% H, 18.08% N, 10.51% S. FAB MS, *m/z* (%): 307 (100) [M + H], 153 (84) [9*H*-purine-6-thiol + H]. ¹H NMR: 2.00 ddd, 1 H, *J*(9,6) = 2.1, *J*(9,CH₂) = 7.1 and 9.1 (H-9); 2.14 dt, 1 H, *J*(6,7) = *J*(6,5a) = 4.5, *J*(6,9) = 1.9 (H-6); 3.28–3.35 m, 2 H (CH₂O); 3.87 dd, 1 H, *J*_{gem} = 8.7, *J*(5a,6) = 4.1 (H-5a); 3.93 d, 1 H, *J*_{gem} = 8.6 (H-5b); 4.42 dd, 1 H, *J*(3,7) = 4.8, *J*(3,2) = 1.4 (H-3); 4.43 bs, 1 H (H-2); 4.50 m, 1 H (H-1); 5.16 bt, 1 H, *J*(7,3) = *J*(7,6) = 4.8 (H-7); 8.12 s, 1 H (H-8'); 8.21 s, 1 H (H-2'); 13.74 bs, 1 H (SH). ¹³C NMR: 41.05 (C-6); 51.06 (C-9); 61.69 (CH₂O); 64.22 (C-2); 72.33 (C-5); 80.28 (C-1); 81.81 (C-7); 83.53 (C-3); 134.81 (C-5'); 140.78 (C-8'); 143.96 (C-4'); 145.23 (C-2'); 176.08 (C-6').

Compound 23e: Yield 131 mg (82%). M.p. 323–326 °C. For C₁₅H₁₈N₄O₂S (318.4) calculated: 56.58% C, 5.70% H, 17.60% N, 10.07% S; found: 56.29% C, 5.45% H, 17.33% N, 10.18% S. FAB MS, *m/z* (%): 319 (40) [M + H], 153 (89) [9*H*-purine-6-thiol + H]. ¹H NMR: 0.62 m, 1 H (H-9a); 1.36 m, 1 H (H-9b); 1.67 m, 1 H (H-10); 1.73 m, 1 H (H-8a); 1.80 m, 1 H (H-6); 1.93 m, 1 H (H-8b); 2.00 m, 1 H (H-1); 2.07 m, 1 H (H-7); 3.44 m, 1 H (CH^aH-O); 3.49 d, 1 H, *J*_{gem} = 7.5 (H-5a); 3.52 dd, 1 H, *J*_{gem} = 10.8, *J*(CH^bH,10) = 7.1, *J*_{gem} = 10.8 (CH^bH-O); 3.72 dd, 1 H, *J*_{gem} = 7.5, *J*(5b,6) = 3.8 (H-5b); 4.43 bd, 1 H, *J*(2,1) = 4.2 (H-2); 4.58 bd, 1 H, *J*(3,7) = 5.1 (H-3); 8.19 d, 1 H, *J*(2',SH) = 3.8 (H-2'); 8.37 s, 1 H (H-8'); 13.73 bs, 1 H (SH). ¹³C NMR: 11.52 (C-9); 14.48 (C-8); 29.09 (C-1); 35.10 (C-7); 37.49 (C-6); 44.32 (C-10); 62.98 (C-2); 63.08 (CH₂O); 75.30 (C-5); 76.40 (C-3); 135.09 (C-5'); 141.83 (C-8'); 144.32 (C-4'); 145.14 (C-2'); 176.17 (C-6').

6-Chloro-9-[(1*R**,2*R**,3*R**,6*S**,7*S**,9*S**)-9-(chloromethyl)-4-oxatricyclo[4.2.1.0^{3,7}]nonan-2-yl]-9*H*-purine (**24**) and

6-Chloro-9-[(1*R**,2*R**,3*R**,6*S**,7*S**,10*S**)-10-(chloromethyl)-4-oxatricyclo[4.3.1.0^{3,7}]decan-2-yl]-9*H*-purine (**27**)

Thionyl chloride (0.15 ml) was added to a stirred solution of chloropurine derivative **22a** or **23a** (0.5 mmol) in hexamethylphosphoramide (1 ml), the mixture was heated to 80 °C for 2 h and then poured into saturated aqueous solution of sodium hydrogencarbonate (10 ml). The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (10 ml) and the extract was washed with water (2 × 5 ml), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated. The residue was crystallized from methanol (**24**) or chromatographed on silica gel (15 g) in ethyl acetate–toluene (22:3) and crystallized from acetone–ether (**27**).

Compound 24: Yield 126 mg (77%). M.p. 176–177 °C. For C₁₃H₁₂Cl₂N₄O₂ (327.2) calculated: 47.72% C, 3.70% H, 21.67% Cl, 17.12% N; found: 47.67% C, 3.85% H, 21.85% Cl, 16.95% N. FAB MS, *m/z* (%): 329/327 (64/100) [M + H], 157/155 (5/15) [6-chloropurine + H].

^1H NMR: 2.34 dt, 1 H, $J(6',7') = J(6',5'a) = 4.7$, $J(6',9') = 2.0$ (H-6'); 2.41 dt, 1 H, $J(9',6') = 2.1$, $J(9',\text{CH}_2) = 8.1$ (H-9'); 3.61 d, 2 H, $J(\text{CH}_2,9') = 8.1$ (CH_2Cl); 3.92 dd, 1 H, $J_{\text{gem}} = 8.8$, $J(5'a,6') = 4.4$ (H-5'a); 4.01 d, 1 H, $J_{\text{gem}} = 8.7$ (H-5'b); 4.53 dd, 1 H, $J(3',7') = 4.7$, $J(3',1') = 1.4$ (H-3'); 4.67 m, 2 H (H-1' and H-2'); 5.25 t, 1 H, $J(7',3') = J(7',6') = 4.7$ (H-7'); 8.55 s, 1 H (H-8); 8.80 s, 1 H (H-2). ^{13}C NMR: 43.43 (C-6'); 45.81 (CH_2Cl); 50.80 (C-9'); 64.10 (C-2'); 71.96 (C-5'); 80.70 (C-1'); 82.17 (C-7'); 83.07 (C-3'); 130.77 (C-5); 145.25 (C-8); 149.18 (C-6); 151.72 (C-2); 151.89 (C-4).

Compound 27: Yield 127 mg (75%). M.p. 192–193.5 °C. For $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_4\text{O}$ (339.2) calculated: 53.11% C, 4.75% H, 20.90% Cl, 16.52% N; found: 53.32% C, 4.82% H, 21.05% Cl, 16.25% N. FAB MS, m/z (%): 337/339 (59/100) [M + H], 157/155 (15/55) [6-chloropurine + H]. ^1H NMR: 0.67 m, 1 H (H-9'a); 1.33 m, 1 H (H-9'b); 1.83 m, 1 H (H-8'a); 1.95–2.03 m, 3 H (H-6', 8'b and H-10'); 2.14–2.18 m, 2 H (H-1' and H-7'); 3.58 d, 1 H, $J_{\text{gem}} = 7.7$ (H-5'a); 3.74–3.78 m, 2 H ($\text{CH}^{\text{a}}\text{H-Cl}$ and H-5'b); 3.88 dd, 1 H, $J_{\text{gem}} = 10.9$, $J(\text{CH},10) = 7.3$ ($\text{CH}^{\text{b}}\text{H-Cl}$); 4.53 dd, 1 H, $J(2',1') = 4.1$, $J(2',9'b) = 1.5$ (H-2'); 4.73 d, 1 H, $J(3',7') = 5.2$ (H-3'); 8.79 s, 1 H (H-2); 8.80 s, 1 H (H-8). ^{13}C NMR: 11.19 (C-9'); 14.01 (C-8'); 29.76 (C-1'); 35.15 (C-7'); 39.25 (C-6'); 44.16 (C-10'); 47.44 (CH_2Cl); 62.92 (C-2'); 74.86 (C-5'); 75.91 (C-3'); 131.01 (C-5); 146.30 (C-8); 149.47 (C-6); 151.72 (C-2); 152.19 (C-4).

6-Chloro-9-[(1*R**,2*R**,3*S**,6*S**,7*S**,9*R**)-9-(fluoromethyl)-4,8-dioxatricyclo[4.2.1.0^{3,7}]-nonan-2-yl]-9*H*-purine (**25**) and

6-Chloro-9-[(1*R**,2*R**,3*R**,6*S**,7*S**,10*S**)-10-(fluoromethyl)-4-oxatricyclo[4.3.1.0^{3,7}]-decan-2-yl]-9*H*-purine (**28**)

(Diethylamino)sulfur trifluoride (DAST) (0.7 ml, 5 mmol) was added under argon to a stirred solution of chloropurine derivative **22a** or **23a** (1 mmol) and pyridine (1.3 ml) in dichloromethane (12 ml). The mixture was refluxed for 4 h and then it was poured under stirring into an aqueous saturated solution of potassium hydrogencarbonate (60 ml). The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 × 25 ml) and the combined extracts were washed with 10% aqueous solution of potassium hydrogencarbonate (20 ml), 5% hydrochloric acid (10 ml), and 10% aqueous potassium hydrogencarbonate (10 ml), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated. The residue was crystallized from ethyl acetate–ether (**25**) or chromatographed on silica gel (30 g) with ethyl acetate–toluene (22:3) (**28**) and subsequently crystallized from methanol.

Compound 25: Yield 102 mg (33%). M.p. 176–179 °C. For $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClFN}_4\text{O}_2$ (310.7) calculated: 50.25% C, 3.89% H, 11.41% Cl, 18.03% N; found: 50.01% C, 4.00% H, 11.51% Cl, 17.89% N. ESI MS, m/z (%): 313.1/311.0 (33/100) [M + H]. ^1H NMR: 2.24 dt, 1 H, $J(6',7') = J(6',5'a) = 4.6$, $J(6',9') = 2.1$ (H-6'); 2.47 m, 1 H (H-9'); 3.90 ddd, 1 H, $J_{\text{gem}} = 8.7$, $J(5'a,6') = 4.3$, $J(5'a,\text{F}) = 1.5$ (H-5'a); 4.02 d, 1 H, $J_{\text{gem}} = 8.7$ (H-5'b); 4.32 dt, 1 H, $J_{\text{gem}} = J(\text{CH},9') = 9.3$, $J(\text{CH},\text{F}) = 47.7$ ($\text{CH}^{\text{a}}\text{H-F}$); 4.38 ddd, 1 H, $J_{\text{gem}} = 9.1$, $J(\text{CH},9') = 6.5$, $J(\text{CH},\text{F}) = 46.8$ ($\text{CH}^{\text{b}}\text{H-F}$); 4.53 dd, 1 H, $J(3',7') = 4.8$, $J(3',1') = 1.5$ (H-3'); 4.67 s, 1 H (H-2'); 4.70 m, 1 H (H-1'); 5.23 m, 1 H (H-7'); 8.55 s, 1 H (H-8); 8.79 s, 1 H (H-2). ^{13}C NMR: 40.06 d, $J(6',\text{F}) = 7.2$ (C-6'); 48.06 d, $J(9',\text{F}) = 19.1$ (C-9'); 64.31 (C-2'); 71.85 (C-5'); 79.31 d, $J(1',\text{F}) = 4.8$ (C-1'); 81.97 (C-7'); 82.87 d, $J(\text{CH}_2,\text{F}) = 167.8$; 83.19 (C-3'); 130.79 (C-5); 145.30 (C-8); 149.16 (C-6); 151.71 (C-2); 151.91 (C-4).

Compound 28: Yield 101 mg (31%). M.p. 169–170 °C. For $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClFN}_4\text{O}$ (322.8) calculated: 55.82% C, 5.00% H, 10.98% Cl, 17.36% N; found: 55.76% C, 5.11% H, 11.14% Cl, 17.21% N. FAB MS, m/z (%): 325/323 (37/100) [M + H], 157/155 (5/15) [6-chloropurine + H].

^1H NMR: 0.69 m, 1 H (H-9'a); 1.36 m, 1 H (H-9'b); 1.80 m, 1 H (H-8'a); 1.92 dt, 1 H, $J(6',5'b) = J(6',7') = 3.9$, $J(6',3') = 1.8$ (H-6'); 2.00 m, 1 H (H-8'b); 2.03–2.10 m, 2 H (H-1' and H-10'); 2.15 m, 1 H (H-7'); 3.58 d, 1 H, $J_{\text{gem}} = 7.7$ (H-5'a); 3.75 ddd, 1 H, $J_{\text{gem}} = 7.7$, $J(5'b,6') = 3.9$, $J(5'b,F) = 0.8$ (H-5'b); 4.44 dd, 1 H, $J(2',1') = 4.0$, $J(2',9'b) = 1.5$ (H-2'); 4.48–4.65 m, 2 H (CH_2F); 4.75 d, 1 H, $J(3',7') = 5.2$ (H-3'); 8.78 s, 1 H (H-2); 8.81 s, 1 H (H-8). ^{13}C NMR: 11.82 (C-9); 14.19 (C-8); 28.53 d, $J(1',F) = 5.0$ (C-1); 34.95 (C-7); 36.09 d, $J(6',F) = 7.4$ (C-6); 41.75 d, $J(10',F) = 17.8$ (C-10'); 63.04 (C-2'); 74.81 (C-5'); 75.99 (C-3'); 84.50 d, $J(\text{CH}_2\text{F}) = 166.9$ (CH_2F); 131.02 (C-5); 146.33 (C-8); 149.46 (C-6); 151.70 (C-2); 152.22 (C-4).

6-Chloro-9-[[$(1R^*,2R^*,3S^*,6S^*,7S^*,9S^*)$ -2-(6-chloro-9H-purin-9-yl)-4,8-dioxatricyclo-[4.2.1.0 3,7]nonan-9-yl)methyl]-9H-purine (**26**) and

6-Chloro-9-[[$(1R^*,2R^*,3S^*,6S^*,7S^*,9S^*)$ -2-(6-chloro-9H-purin-9-yl)-4-oxatricyclo-[4.3.1.0 3,7]decan-10-yl)methyl]-9H-purine (**29**)

A solution of diisopropyl azodicarboxylate (0.2 ml) in tetrahydrofuran (1 ml) was added dropwise to a stirred suspension of chloropurine derivative **22a** or **23a** (0.5 mmol), 6-chloropurine (116 mg, 0.75 mmol), and triphenylphosphine (197 mg, 0.75 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (5 ml). The resulting solution was left standing at room temperature overnight. The precipitated crystalline product was separated by filtration and washed with methanol and ether.

Compound 26: Yield 176 mg (79%). M.p. 291 °C (decomp.). For $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_8\text{O}_2$ (445.3) calculated: 48.55% C, 3.17% H, 15.92% Cl, 25.17% N; found: 48.35% C, 3.15% H, 16.02% Cl, 24.94% N. FAB MS, m/z (%): 447/445 (43/61) [M + H], 157/155 (18/40) [6-chloropurine + H]. ^1H NMR: 2.45 m, 1 H (H-6); 2.76 ddd, 1 H, $J(9,6) = 2.1$, $J(9,\text{CH}_2) = 8.7$ and 6.8 (H-9); 3.87 dd, 1 H, $J_{\text{gem}} = 8.9$, $J(5a,6) = 4.3$ (H-5a); 3.94 d, 1 H, $J_{\text{gem}} = 8.8$ (H-5b); 4.29 dd, 1 H, $J_{\text{gem}} = 14.1$, $J(\text{CH}_2,9) = 6.7$ and 4.37 dd, 1 H, $J(\text{CH}_2,9) = 8.7$ (CH_2N); 4.49 dd, 1 H, $J(3,7) = 4.8$, $J(3,1) = 1.3$ (H-3); 4.28 s, 1 H (H-2); 4.64 bs, 1 H (H-1); 5.28 t, 1 H, $J(7,3) = J(7,6) = 4.8$ (H-7); 8.49 s, 1 H and 8.80 s, 1 H (H-8', H-8''); 8.76 s, 1 H and 8.79 s, 1 H (H-2', H-2''). ^{13}C NMR: 42.50 (C-6); 45.44 (CH_2N); 48.05 (C-9); 64.21 (C-2); 71.97 (C-5); 80.58 (C-1); 82.23 (C-7); 83.11 (C-3); 130.67 and 131.00 (C-5', C-5''); 145.17 and 147.87 (C-8', C-8''); 149.09 and 149.14 (C-6', C-6''); 151.66 and 151.76 (C-2', C-2''); 151.82 and 152.55 (C-4', C-4'').

Compound 29: Yield 127 mg (84%). M.p. 360 °C (decomp.). For $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_8\text{O}$ (457.3) calculated: 52.53% C, 3.97% H, 15.50% Cl, 24.50% N; found: 52.27% C, 3.89% H, 15.75% Cl, 24.32% N. FAB MS, m/z (%): 501/459/457 (2/8/13) [M + H], 157/155 (25/100) [6-chloropurine + H]. ^1H NMR: 0.75 m, 1 H (H-9a); 1.28 m, 1 H (H-1); 1.66 m, 1 H (H-9b); 1.98 m, 1 H (H-8a); 2.06–2.13 m, 2 H (H-6 and H-8b); 2.20 m, 1 H (H-7); 2.46 m, 1 H (H-10); 3.38 m, 1 H (H-5a); 3.65 dd, 1 H, $J_{\text{gem}} = 7.9$, $J(5b,6) = 3.9$ (H-5b); 4.40 bd, 1 H, $J(2,1) = 3.9$ (H-2); 4.47 dd, 1 H, $J_{\text{gem}} = 14.0$, $J(\text{CH},10) = 8.0$ and 4.52 dd, 1 H, $J(\text{CH},10) = 8.5$ (CH_2N); 4.73 d, 1 H, $J(3,7) = 5.1$ (H-3); 8.74 s, 1 H and 8.81 s, 1 H (H-2', H-2''); 8.76 s, 1 H and 8.86 s, 1 H (H-8', H-8''). ^{13}C NMR: 9.72 (C-9); 14.14 (C-8); 29.67 (C-1); 35.21 (C-7); 38.07 (C-6); 41.60 (C-10); 46.82 (CH_2N); 63.10 (C-2); 74.75 (C-5); 75.95 (C-3); 130.97 and 131.03 (C-5', C-5''); 146.43 and 147.85 (C-8', C-8''); 149.32 and 149.43 (C-6', C-6''); 151.66 and 151.83 (C-2', C-2''); 152.21 and 152.34 (C-4', C-4'').

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