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(1R,2S,4R)-2-Cyano-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-2-yl (1S')-camphanate (5) has been converted into 2,5anhydro-3-deoxy-D-*ribo*-hexonic acid (8, eight steps, 38%) and 2,5-anhydro-3-deoxy-D-*xylo*-hexonic acid (9, seven steps, 40%). Similarly, (1S,4S)-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-3-one ((-)-6, derived from (1S,2R,4S)-2-cyano-7oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-2-yl (1R')-camphanate (7)) was converted into 2,5-anhydro-4-deoxy-D-*ribo*-hexonic acid (10, nine steps, 29%) and 2,5-anhydro-4-deoxy-D-*xylo*-hexonic acid (11, eight steps, 31%). The methods exploit the high regioselectivity of the electrophilic additions of the C=C double bonds in 7-oxabicyclo-[2.2.1]hept-5-en-2-yl derivatives 5 and 7 ("naked sugars") and the high exo-face preference for the hydride reduction of 5- and 6-chloro-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-2-ones (21, 35). 2'-Deoxyadenosine-C (12) and cordycepin-C (14) were derived from 8 and 10, respectively. Similarly, the corresponding 2'- and 3'-epimers 13 and 15 (C-nucleosides deriving from 2-deoxy- and 3-deoxy- β -D-threo-pentofuranose, respectively) were obtained in few steps and with high stereoselectivity from 9 and 11, respectively.

Under kinetically controlled conditions, the bicyclic homoconjugated ketones 1 add soft electrophiles, EX, to give the corresponding adducts 2 with high regioselectivity.^{3,4} The nucleophile's (X^{-}) preference for carbon center C(6) was attributed to the electron-releasing effect of the carbonyl function in positively charged intermediates due to the favorable $n(CO) \leftrightarrow \sigma C(2), C(1) \leftrightarrow pC(6)$ hyperconjugative interaction.⁵⁻⁷ In contrast, the synthetic precursors 3 of ketones 1 were found to add EX with opposite regioselectivity and to give the corresponding adducts 4 (Scheme I).^{3,4} This principle has now been applied to the optically pure 7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-2-yl derivatives 5, (+)-6, (-)-6, and 7 ("naked sugars"),^{8,9} which are obtained readily from furan and 1-cyanovinyl camphanates.^{10,11} It has allowed us to develop simple and highly stereoselective total syntheses of all four isomeric 2,5-anhydro-3-deoxyand -4-deoxy-D-hexonic acids 8-11. The latter were converted in two steps and without epimerization at the anomeric center of the pentose moiety into "deoxyadenosines-C" 12-15, C-nucleosides that derive formally from the corresponding 2-deoxy-D-erythro-, 2-deoxy-Dthreo-, 3-deoxy-D-erythro-, and 3-deoxy-D-threo-pentofuranoses.



Starting with 2-deoxy-D-*erythro*-pentose, Igolen and co-workers¹² prepared 2'-deoxyadenosine-C (12) in seven steps (3.9% overall yield) via the mixture of α - and β -furanoside cyanides 17 and the corresponding imidazoles 18 following an approach similar to that they had developed for the synthesis of adenosine-C (16).¹³ El Khadem and El Ashry¹⁴ transformed D-xylose (15 steps, 6.2% overall yield) into cordycepin-C (14) according to a method similar to that reported earlier by Bobek and Farkas¹⁵ for the synthesis of adenosine-C and which implies the pyrolysis at 220–225 °C of amide 19 obtained by condensation of

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10 with 4,5,6-triaminopyrimidine.¹⁶ In the case of the synthesis of 16, this latter technique led to epimerization at the "anomeric" center.¹⁵ C-Nucleosides 13 and 15 are unknown compounds.



Results

One-pot transformation of the "naked sugar" 5 into chloro enone 21 (Scheme II) was achieved in 94% yield via adduct 20, oxidative elimination of the benzeneselenyl moiety with H_2O_2 , and saponification of the camphanate. At this stage, (1S)-camphanic acid (chiral auxiliary) was recovered with a yield better than 85%.8 Reduction of ketone 21 with NaBH₄ in MeOH at -10 °C afforded the endo alcohol 22 (85%)¹⁷ contaminated with less than 3% of the exo isomer. Ozonolysis^{18,19} of the chloroalkene 22



in MeOH followed by a workup with NaBH₄¹⁸ led to the expected methyl 2,5-anhydro-D-hexonate (23) in mediocre yield (40–50%). The use of Me_2S in the workup of the ozonolysis product led to the formation of acetal-ester 24 in 88% yield. Under the same conditions, the benzyl ether 25 (derived from 22) gave the fully protected methyl 2,5anhydro-4-deoxy-L-xylo-hexuronate 26 in 90% yield. When the ozonolysis was carried out at a temperature above -65 °C, the benzyl ether was partially oxidized into the corresponding benzoate. Acidic hydrolysis (THF/ H_2O/H_2SO_4 , 70 °C) followed by treatment with NaBH₃CN (20 °C) afforded the partially protected 2,5-anhydro-4deoxy-D-xylo-hexonic acid (27) in 88% yield. Hydrogenolysis of the benzyl ether $(H_2/Pd/C, THF/H_2O)$ gave 9 (95%). Condensation with 4,5,6-triaminopyrimidine gave amide 28 (55%), which on heating in DMF (130 $^{\circ}$ C) in the presence of CsF¹⁶ afforded the new C-nucleoside 13 in 94% vield.

Mitsunobu²⁰ substitution of the endo alcohol 22 (PhCOOH, Ph₃P, diethyl azodicarboxylate) failed to give the corresponding exo-benzoate. However, treatment of 22 with $(CF_3SO_2)_2O$ and pyridine²¹ yielded triflate 29 (85%), which was displaced smoothly by BnOLi in THF/HMPT to give the exo benzylic ether 30 (74%). Ozonolysis of 30 in MeOH (-78 °C) followed by a workup with Me₂S afforded 31 (86%), which was hydrolyzed and reduced (as for $26 \rightarrow 27$) into 32 (94%). Hydrogenolysis of 32 furnished 2,5-anhydro-3-deoxy-D-ribo-hexonic acid (8) (96%). Condensation with 4,5,6-triaminopyrimidine gave amide 33, which, on heating with CsF/DMF (130 $^{\circ}$ C),^{16,23} was dehydrated into the known 2'-deoxyadenosine-C $(12)^{12}$ (Scheme II).

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The addition of PhSeCl to enone (-)-6 gave exclusively adduct 34. Treatment with *m*-chloroperoxybenzoic acid (mCPBA) afforded chloro enone 35,⁴ which was reduced (NaBH₄/MeOH, -10 °C) into endo alcohol 36 (88%)²² (less than 2% of the corresponding exo isomer was formed by 360-MHz ¹H NMR of the crude reaction mixture). When the same procedures were followed as those presented for the syntheses of 12 and 13 (Scheme II), the new C-nucleoside 15 and cordycepin-C (14)¹⁴ were obtained in good yields (Scheme III; see Experimental Section).

Electrochemically induced oxidative decarboxylation²⁵ in MeOH of the deoxy-D-hexonic acids 8–11 furnished the corresponding methyl deoxy-D-pentofuranosides 45 (90%), 46 (93%), 47 (87%), and 48 (95%). Hydrolysis (0.25 M H_2SO_4/H_2O , 80 °C) afforded 2-deoxy-D-erythro-pentose (73%),²⁶ 2-deoxy-D-threo-pentose (90%),²⁷ 3-deoxy-Derythro-pentose (61%),²⁸ and 3-deoxy-D-threo-pentose

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Figure 1. CD spectra of C-nucleosides 12 (A, in H_2O), 13 (B, in H_2O), 14 (C, in MeOH) and 15 (D, in MeOH).

 $(86\,\%),^{29}$ respectively, whose characteristics were identical with those reported in the literature for these carbohydrates. 30

The structures of all the new compounds presented here were established by their elemental analysis, spectral data, mode of formation, and reactivity. The CD spectra of the new C-nucleosides 13 and 15 had the same signs and were similar (see Figure 1) to those measured for 12^{12} and 14, thus confirming the β relative configuration of the "anomeric centers". It is interesting to note that while the mass spectra of amides 19, 28, 33, and 41 displayed base peaks at m/e = 125 amu corresponding to the 4,5,6-tri-

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Discussion

C-Glycosides and C-nucleosides of D-ribose have already been prepared from 7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]heptene deriva-Apart from the synthesis of (\pm) -2-deoxytives.³¹ showdomycin proposed by Just and Lim,³² which implies the chromatographic separation of two isomeric 7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-exo-ols, and our first total synthesis of cordycepin-C $(14)^{16}$ based on the stereoselective LiAlH₄ reduction of (1R,4R,5R,6R)-5-exo,6-exo-epoxy-2,2-dimethoxy-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]heptane, no general method had been reported thus far for the total synthesis of 2,5anhydro-3-deoxy- and -4-deoxy-D-hexonic acids and of the corresponding deoxyadenosines-C. Our approach is simple and highly stereoselective. It uses inexpensive starting materials, and the chiral auxiliaries ((1S)- and (1R)-camphanic acids) are recovered at an earlier stage of the synthesis. The method can be applied to the total syntheses of 2,5-anhydro-3-deoxy- and -4-deoxy-L-hexonic acids and of the enantiomers of C-nucleosides 12–15. The use of CsF to induce water elimination from the amide precursors 19, 28, 33, and 41 avoids the extreme temperature conditions required normally to generate the purinyl heterocycles and thus limits the relative importance of concurrent epimerizations at the "anomeric centers" of the C-nucleosides. With the ready access to hexonic acid derivatives 8-11 and their partially protected derivatives 27, 32, 40, and 49, respectively, other heterocyclic moieties can be constructed around the carboxylic group, in principle,^{15,33} and thus make possible the preparation of a large variety of unusual C-nucleosides and C-glycosides.

Conclusion

The new C-nucleosides 13 and 15 deriving formally from 2-deoxy- and 3-deoxy- β -D-threo-pentofuranoses, respectively, have been prepared in nine steps (23% overall yield) and 11 steps (9.6%) from the optically pure (1R, 2S, 4R)-2-cyano-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-2-yl (1S)-camphanate

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Experimental Section

Melting points (uncorrected) were determined on a Tottoli (SMP-20) apparatus, and for bulb-to-bulb distillations (Büchi apparatus), the temperature reported refers to the oven temperature. UV-visible absorption spectra were recorded with a Hewlett-Packard 8450 A spectrometer; the IR, with Beckmann IR 4230 or Perkin-Elmer 1430 spectrometers. MS (mass spectra) were measured with Finnigan 1020 or Nermag R10-10C instruments in the electron-ionization mode (70 eV) or the chemicalionization mode (NH₃). Optical rotations were measured with a Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter. The dichroism spectra were recorded on Jobin-Yvon Mark III and Mark V dichrographs. Routine ¹H NMR spectra were obtained on Bruker WH-250 FT (250 MHz) or WH-360 FT (360 MHz) spectrometers (Aspect 2000 computer, 32K memory space). ¹³C NMR spectra were obtained on the same instruments (62.9 and 90.55 MHz). Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million downfield from tetramethylsilane (Me₄Si), using either Me₄Si ($\delta_{\rm H}$ 0.00, $\delta_{\rm C}$ 0.00) or the solvent's residual proton signal (CHCl₃, $\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.24, $\delta_{\rm C}$ 77.0; benzene- d_5 , $\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.15, $\delta_{\rm C}$ 128.5; CD₃COCHD₂, $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.95, $\delta_{\rm C}$ 29.8; CD₂HCN, $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.05, $\delta_{\rm C}$ 1.3; or CD₃SOCHD₂, $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.50, $\delta_{\rm C}$ 39.5) as internal reference. Also reported are the apparent multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad), number ofprotons (when appropriate), coupling constants (hertz), and tentative structural assignments. Other spectral data and elemental analysis are provided as supplementary material.

Solvents were either reagent or technical grade (Fluka, Aldrich, or Merck) and when necessary were purified and dried by distillation from an appropriate desiccant under an atmosphere of N_2 . Concentration of solution after reactions and extractions involved use of a rotatory evaporator operating at a reduced pressure of approximately 20 Torr. Liquid/solid flash chromatographies used columns of silica gel (0.040–0.63 μ m, Merck) or Lobar columns (Merck SiO_2 or RP-8).

(1R,2R,4R)-5-Chloro-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-2endo-ol (22). NaBH₄ (2.6 g, 6.89 mmol) was added portionwise to a stirred solution of 21⁸ (5 g, 34.64 mmol) in MeOH (50 mL) cooled to -10 °C. After stirring at -10 °C for 30 min, CH₃COOH (3 mL) was added dropwise. CH₂Cl₂ (80 mL) was added and the solution washed with H_2O (40 mL, twice) and brine (40 mL). After drying $(MgSO_4)$, the solvent was evaporated in vacuo (<20 °C), yielding 4.31 g (85%), white crystals, mp 35-38 °C: ¹H NMR (250 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 6.24 (d, J = 2.0, HC(6)), 5.68 (ddd, J = 4.5, 2.0, 1.0, HC(1)), 5.72 (d, J = 5.0, HC(4)), 5.6 (ddd, J = 8.0, 4.5, 2.5, HC(2), 2.36 (ddd, $J = 12.0, 8.0, 5.0, H_{exo}C(3)$), 1.22 (dd, J = 12.0, 2.5, $\mathbf{H}_{\text{endo}}\mathbf{C}(3)$; $[\alpha]^{25}_{365}$ +573°, $[\alpha]^{25}_{436}$ +327°, $[\alpha]^{25}_{546}$ +176°, $[\alpha]^{25}_{578}$ +153°, $[\alpha]^{25}_{589}$ +146° ($c = 11.1 \text{ g/dm}^3$, $\mathbf{CH}_2\mathbf{Cl}_2$).

Dimethyl Acetal of Methyl 2,5-Anhydro-4-deoxy-D,Lxylo-hexuronate ((\pm)-24). O₃ (3%) in O₂ was bubbled through a solution of (\pm) -22¹⁷ (0.43 g, 2.9 mmol) in anhydrous MeOH (8 mL) cooled to -78 °C until persistence of the blue color. $N_2\,was$ bubbled through the solution to eliminate the excess of O_3 . After the addition of Me_2S (1.61 mL, 14.7 mmol) and of methyl orthoformate, the mixture was allowed to warm up to 20 °C and to stand for 4 h. Solid $NaHCO_3$ was added until pH = 7 and the solvent evaporated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) and the solution washed with H_2O (5 mL, twice). The aqueous phases were combined and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL, twice). The organic phases were combined and washed with brine (5 mL). After drying $(MgSO_4)$, the solvent was evaporated in vacuo, yielding 548 mg (85%), colorless oil: ¹H NMR (360 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 4.72 (d, J = 7.0, HC(1)), 4.6 (dd, J = 9.5, 2.2, HC(5)), 4.4 (m, HC(3)), 3.9 (dd, J = 7.0, 3.2, HC(2)), 3.8 (s, COOMe), 3.5 (s, 2 MeO), 2.44 (ddd, J = 14.0, 9.5, 4.5, HC(4)), 2.3 (ddd, J =14.0, 2.2, 1.0, HC(4)).

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[2.2.1]hept-2-ene (25). A solution of alcohol 22 (1.544 g, 10.53 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (12 mL) was added dropwise under an Ar atmosphere to a stirred suspension of NaH (347 mg, 11.6 mmol, 80% in oil) in anhydrous DMF (4 mL) cooled to -12 °C. The mixture was allowed to reach 20 °C with stirring. After the end of the H_2 evolution, the mixture was cooled to -12 °C and a solution of benzyl bromide (1.37 g, 11.5 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (3 mL) was added dropwise with stirring. The temperature was allowed to reach 20 °C, and the mixture was stirred overnight. The mixture was poured into ether (80 mL) and the solution washed with H_2O (30 mL, twice) and then with brine (30 mL, twice). After drying (MgSO₄), the solvent was evaporated in vacuo below 20 °C. The residue was filtered through a column of silica gel (l = 40 cm, i.d. = 2 cm); AcOEt/petroleum ether, 1:4 v/v), yielding 2.1 g (84%), colorless oil: ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37-7.20 (m, C₆H₅), 6.06 (d, J = 2.0, HC(3)), 4.8 (ddd, J = 4.0, 2.0, 1.0, HC(4)), 4.62 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.0, HC(1)), 4.51 and 4.41 (2) d, J = 12.0, CH_2Ph), 4.25 (ddd, J = 8.0, 4.0, 2.5, HC(5)), 2.12 (ddd, $J = 12.0, 8.0, 4.8, H_{exo}C(6)), 1.3 (dd, J = 12.0, 2.5, H_{endo}C(6));$ $\begin{array}{l} [\alpha]^{25}_{365} + 521.7^{\circ}, \ [\alpha]^{25}_{436} + 305.6^{\circ}, \ [\alpha]^{25}_{546} + 169.4^{\circ}, \ [\alpha]^{25}_{578} + 147.1^{\circ}, \\ [\alpha]^{25}_{589} + 140.6^{\circ}, \ [c = 1.125 \text{ g/dm}^3; \ \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2). \end{array}$

(±)-5-endo-(Benzyloxy)-2-chloro-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-ene ((±)-25). The same procedure was followed as for 25, starting with (±)-22:¹⁷ mp 35-36 °C.

Dimethyl Acetal of Methyl 2,5-Anhydro-3-O-benzyl-4deoxy-L-xylo-hexuronate (26). O_3 (3%) in O_2 was bubbled through a solution of 25 (290 mg, 1.22 mmol) in anhydrous MeOH (10 mL) cooled to -78 °C until persistence of the blue color. The excess of O₃ was removed by bubbling of N₂, and Me₂S (0.88 mL, 12 mmol) and then methyl orthoformate (0.66 mL, 6 mmol) were added. The solution was allowed to warm up to 20 °C and stirred for 4 h. The solution was neutralized by addition of solid NaHCO₃ with vigorous stirring. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the residue dissolved in ether (40 mL). The solution was washed with H_2O (10 mL) and then with brine (10 mL). After drying $(MgSO_4)$, the solvent was evaporated in vacuo, yielding 360 mg (95%), colorless oil that could be crystallized from ether/petroleum ether, mp 59–61 °C: ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38–7.22 (m, C_6H_5), 4.71 (d, J = 7.8, HC(1)), 4.66 (dd, J = 9.0, 2.0, HC(5)), 4.53 and 4.37 (2 d, J = 11.5, CH_2Ph), 4.12 (t, J = 4.0, HC(3)), 3.97 (dd, J = 7.8, 4.0, HC(2)), 2.66 (dd, J = 13.0, 2.0, HC(4)), 2.21 (ddd, J = 13.0, A(4)), 2.21 (ddd, J $\begin{array}{l} J = 13.0, 9.0, 4.0, \text{HC}(4)); \ [\alpha]^{25}_{365} - 201.2^{\circ}, \ [\alpha]^{25}_{436} - 127.1^{\circ}, \ [\alpha]^{25}_{546} \\ -74.2^{\circ}, \ [\alpha]^{25}_{578} - 64.9^{\circ}, \ [\alpha]^{25}_{589} - 62.5^{\circ} \ (c = 1.46 \text{ g/dm}^3, \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2). \end{array}$

2,5-Anhydro-4-*O*-benzyl-3-deoxy-D-xylo-hexonic Acid (27). A mixture of **26** (0.99 g, 3.19 mmol), THF (50 mL), H₂O (9 mL), and 15% aqueous H₂SO₄ (5 mL) was heated to 70 °C for 20 h. After cooling to -5 °C, NaBH₃CN (473 mg, 6.4 mmol, 85%) was added and the mixture stirred at 20 °C for 1 h. The mixture was poured into AcOEt (70 mL) and the solution washed with brine (30 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with AcOEt (10 mL). The organic phases were combined and dried (MgSO₄), and the solvent was evaporated in vacuo, yielding 750 mg (94%), colorless oil: ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.43–7.26 (m, C₆H₅), 5.0 (s, OH), 4.64 and 4.44 (2 d, J = 11.5, CH₂Ph), 4.58 (dd, J = 9.0, 3.5, HC(2)), 4.24 (ddd, J = 4.5, 4.5, 2.0, HC(4)), 3.85 (dd, J = 11.5, 5.5, HC(6)), 2.6 (ddd, J = 13.5, 3.5, 2.0, HC(3)), 2.43 (ddd, J = 13.5, 9.0, 4.5, HC(3)); [α]²⁵₃₆₅ -146.5°, [α]²⁵₄₉₆ -92.1°, [α]²⁵₅₄₆ -52.6°, [α]²⁵₅₇₈ -46.5°, [α]²⁵₅₈₉ -44.7° (c = 1.14 g/dm³, EtOH).

(\pm)-2,5-Anhydro-4-O-benzyl-3-deoxy-D,L-xylo-hexonic Acid ((\pm)-27). The same procedure was followed as for 27, starting with (\pm)-25: colorless crystals, mp 46-48 °C.

2,5-Anhydro-3-deoxy-D-**xy***lo*-hexonic Acid (9). A mixture of **27** (790 mg, 3.13 mmol), THF (16 mL), H₂O (4 mL), and 10% Pd/C (1.6 g) was pressured (1 bar) with H₂ and stirred for 4 h (control by TLC on reverse phase, MeOH/H₂O, 3:1 v/v, R_f (27) = 0.8, R_f (9) = 0.95). The catalyst was removed by filtration and the solvent evaporated in vacuo, yielding 431 mg (85%), colorless oil that solidifies at -20 °C. Recrystallization from EtOH/ether gave colorless crystals, mp 130–132 °C: ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 5.0 (s, OH), 4.53 (dd, J = 9.5, 4.5, HC(2)), 4.41 (ddd, J = 5.5, 4.0, 2.5, HC(4)), 4.0 (ddd, J = 5.0, 5.0, 4.0, HC(5)), 3.85 (dd, J = 13.5, 9.5, 5.5, HC(3)), 2.23 (ddd, J = 13.5, 4.5, 2.5, HC(3)); $[\alpha]_{586}^{25}$ -146.5°, $[\alpha]_{589}^{25}$ -44.7° (c = 1.14 g/dm³, EtOH).

(\pm)-2,5-Anhydro-3-deoxy-D,L-*xylo*-hexonic Acid ((\pm)-9). The same procedure was followed as for 9, starting with (\pm)-27: colorless crystals, mp 131–133 °C.

2,5-Anhydro-3-deoxy-N-(4',6'-diaminopyrimidin-5'-yl)-Dxvlo-hexonamide (28). A mixture of 9 (180 mg, 1.1 mmol), 1 N HCl (5 mL), and (4,5,6-triaminopyrimidine sulfate) H₂O (265 mg, 1.1 mmol) was heated to 100 °C for 16 h. After treatment with charcoal, the solvent was evaporated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in H₂O (2 mL) and filtered through a Dowex column (50 W \times 8); elution with H₂O was continued until pH \sim 6. The acidic eluate was eliminated and the elution continued with 3% aqueous NH_3 (50 mL). The alkaline eluate was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography (Lobar B, RP-8, two columns in series, $MeOH/H_2O$, 3:1 v/v), yielding 180 mg 55%), colorless crystals, mp 231–234 °C dec: ¹H NMR (250 MHz, D_2O) δ 8.3 (s, HC(2')), 5.17 (dd, J = 9.5, 2.0,HC(2), 4.91 (dd, J = 4.0, 3.0, HC(4)), 4.8 (s, NH_2 , OH), 4.58 (ddd, $J = 6.5, 5.0, 3.0, HC(5)), 4.37 (m, H_2C(6)), 3.04 (ddd, J = 14.0, J)$ 9.5, 4.0, HC(3)), 2.78 (ddd, J = 14.0, 2.0, 1.0, HC(3)); MS (70 eV) m/z (relative intensity) 269 (M^{•+}, 29), 191 (4), 180 (8), 176 (5), 164 (5), 153 (7), 152 (64), 135 (12), 126 (11), 125 (100); $[\alpha]^{25}_{365}$ +148.1°, $[\alpha]^{25}_{436}$ +93.0°, $[\alpha]^{25}_{546}$ +54.8°, $[\alpha]^{25}_{578}$ +47.4°, $[\alpha]^{25}_{589}$ +45.2° (c = 0.27 g/dm³, H₂O).

(±)-2,5-Anhydro-3-deoxy-N-(4',6'-diaminopyrimidin-5'yl)-D,L-xylo-hexonamide ((±)-28). The same procedure was followed as for 28, starting with (±)-9: mp 220-225 °C dec.

(1R)-1-C-(6'-Amino-7'H-purin-8'-yl)-1,4-anhydro-2deoxy-D-threo-pentitol (13). A mixture of 28 (145 mg, 0.54 mmol, dried over P_4O_{10} , 10^{-2} Torr), anhydrous DMF (5 mL), and anhydrous CsF (330 mg, 2.1 mmol) was heated to 135-140 °C for 12 h. After cooling to 20 °C, the mixture was filtered through silica gel (MeOH) and the solvent was evaporated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography (Lobar B, Merck SiO_2 , MeOH/CH₂Cl₂, 1:2 v/v) yielding 128 mg (94%), colorless crystals, mp 258-260 °C dec: UV (MeOH) 211 (19800), 264 (12 700); CD (see Figure 1) $\Delta \epsilon_{256} = +174$ ($c = 0.36 \text{ g/dm}^3$, \dot{H}_2O); IR (KBr) 3300 (br), 1665, 1610, 1590, 1500, 1450, 1370; ¹H NMR $(250 \text{ MHz}, D_2 \text{O}) \delta 8.5 \text{ (s, HC}(2')), 5.5 \text{ (dd, } J = 9.0, 5.0, \text{HC}(1)),$ 4.98 (ddd, J = 6.0, 4.0, 2.5, HC(3)), 4.8 (s, NH₂, OH), 4.5 (ddd, J = 7.0, 4.5, 4.0, HC(4), 4.36 (dd, J = 12.0, 4.5, HC(5)), 4.28 (dd, J = 12.0, 7.0, HC(5)), 3.23 (ddd, J = 14.0, 9.0, 6.0, HC(2)), 2.66 $(ddd, J = 14.0, 5.0, 2.5, HC(2)); {}^{13}C NMR (62.9 MHz, D_2O) \delta 155.3,$ $154.2, 152.4 (3 s), 152.4 (d), {}^{1}J(C,H) = 200), 116.3 (s), 84.4, 73.7,$ and 71.6 (3 d, ${}^{1}J(C,H) = 150$), 60.7 (t, ${}^{1}J(C,H) = 145$), 40.5 (t, ${}^{1}J(C,H) = 135$; MS (70 eV) m/z (relative intensity) 251 (M^{•+} 11.5), 208 (2), 204 (1), 203 (2), 164 (6), 163 (11), 162 (100), 161 (11); $[\alpha]^{25}_{436}$ +79.2°, $[\alpha]^{25}_{546}$ +44.1°, $[\alpha]^{25}_{578}$ +39.0°, $[\alpha]^{25}_{589}$ +37.0° (c = 0.265 g/dm³, H₂O); HR-MS (C₁₀H₁₃N₅O₃) calcd 251.10199, found $251.100\,200$ (ref I_2).

(\pm)-(1*RS*)-1-*C*-(6'-Amino-7'*H*-purin-8'-yl)-1,4-anhydro-2deoxy-D,L-*threo*-pentitol ((\pm)-13). The same procedure was followed as for 13, starting with (\pm)-28: mp 243-245 °C dec.

(1R,2S,4S)-6-Chloro-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-2-endo-ol (36). NaBH₄ (8.2 g, 216 mmol) was added portionwise to a stirred solution of 35⁴ (15.7 g, 108.6 mmol) in MeOH (150 mL) cooled to -10 °C. After stirring at -10 °C for 30 min, CH₃COOH (6 mL) was added dropwise. CH₂Cl₂ (300 mL) was added and the solution washed with a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (160 mL), H₂O (160 mL), and then brine (160 mL). After drying (MgSO₄), the solvent was evaporated in vacuo (<20 °C), yielding 14 g (88%), colorless oil: ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.4 (d, J = 2.0, HC(6)), 4.94 (ddd, J = 4.5, 2.0, 1.0, HC(2)), 2.34 (ddd, J = 12.0, 8.0, 4.5, (ddd, J = 8.0, 4.5, 2.0, HC(2)), 2.34 (ddd, J = 12.0, 8.0, 4.5, H_{exo}C(3)), 1.17 (dd, J = 12.0, 2.0, H_{endo}C(3)); $[\alpha]^{25}_{365}$ -423°, $[\alpha]^{25}_{436}$ -240°, $[\alpha]^{25}_{546}$ -128°, $[\alpha]^{25}_{578}$ -111°, $[\alpha]^{25}_{589}$ 106° (c = 18.7 g/dm³, CH₂Cl₂).

Dimethyl Acetal of Methyl 2,5-Anhydro-3-deoxy-D,Lxylo-hexuronate ((\pm)-37). The same procedure was followed as for (\pm)-24, starting with (\pm)-36: yield 65%, colorless oil; ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 4.59 (m, HC(5)), 4.56 (d, J = 6.0, HC(1)), 4.53 (d, J = 5.0, HC(5)), 4.14 (ddd, J = 8.5, 6.0, 5.0, HC(2)), 3.8 (s, COOMe), 3.56, 3.53 (2 s, 2 MeO), 2.36 (ddd, J = 14.0, 8.5, 6.0, HC(3)), 2.05 (dd, J = 14.0, 5.0, 3.0, HC(3)).

(1R,4S,6S)-6-endo-(Benzyloxy)-2-chloro-7-oxabicyclo-[2.2.1]hept-2-ene (38). The same procedure was followed as for 25, starting with 36: mp 46-48 °C; ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41–7.27 (m, C₆H₅), 6.37 (d, J = 1.8, HC(3)), 4.96 (dd, J = 4.5, 1.8, HC(4)), 4.87 (d, J = 4.0, HC(1)), 4.65 and 4.52 (2 d, J = 11.5, CH₂Ph), 4.34 (ddd, J = 8.0, 4.0, 2.2, HC(6)), 2.28 (ddd, J = 12.0, 8.0, 5.0, H_{exo}C(5)), 1.31 (dd, J = 12.0, 2.2, H_{endo}C(5)); [α]²⁵₃₆₅ -467.9°, [α]²⁶₄₃₆ -276.6°, [α]²⁵₅₄₆ -153.9°, [α]²⁵₅₇₈ -133.6°, [α]²⁵₅₈₉ -128.2° (c = 1.465 g/dm³, CH₂Cl₂).

Dimethyl Acetal of Methyl 2,5-Anhydro-4-O-benzyl-3deoxy-L-xylo-hexuronate (39). The same procedure was followed as for 26, starting with 38: yield 90%, colorless oil; ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.4–7.27 (m, C₆H₅), 4.64 (d, J = 6.0, HC(1)), 4.61 and 4.53 (d, J = 12.0, CH₂Ph), 4.57 (d, J = 7.0, HC(5)), 4.41 (q, J = 5.5, HC(2)), 4.12 (q, J = 7.0, HC(4)), 3.76 (s, COOMe), 3.55 and 3.42 (2 s, 2 MeO), 2.27–2.14 (m, H₂C(3)); [α]²⁵₄₃₆ +3.9°, [α]²⁵₅₄₆ +3.95°, [α]²⁵₅₇₈ +3.9°, [α]²⁵₅₈₉ +3.6° (c = 1.52 g/dm³, CH₂Cl₂).

2,5-Anhydro-3-*O*-benzyl-4-deoxy-D-xylo-hexonic Acid (40). The same procedure was followed as for **27**, starting with **39**: yield 88%, colorless oil; ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.42–7.26 (m, C₆H₅), 5.1 (s, OH), 4.64 and 4.55 (2 d, *J* = 13.0, CH₂Ph), 4.6 (d, *J* = 3.5, HC(2)), 4.48 (ddd, *J* = 6.0, 6.0, 3.5, HC(3)), 4.24 (m, HC(5)), 3.74 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 5.5 HC(6)), 3.7 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 4.0, HC(6)), 2.25 (ddd, *J* = 14.0, 8.0, 6.0, HC(4)), 2.08 (ddd, *J* = 14.0, 6.0, 3.5, HC(4)); [α]²⁵₃₆₅ +28.7°, [α]²⁵₄₆ +21.1°, [α]²⁵₅₇₈ +12.5°, [α]²⁵₅₈₉ +12.2° (*c* = 1.22 g/dm³, EtOH).

2,5-Anhydro-4-deoxy-D-**x***ylo*-hexonic Acid (11). The same procedure was followed as for 9, starting with 40: yield 95%, colorless oil that can be crystallized from EtOH/ether, mp 123–125 °C; ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 5.0 (s, OH), 4.59 (ddd, J = 5.0, 4.5, 3.0, HC(3)), 4.47 (d, J = 4.5, HC(2)), 4.25 (ddd, J = 8.5, 5.0, 4.5, 3.0, HC(5)), 3.77 (dd, J = 11.5, 3.0, HC(6)), 3.67 (dd, J = 11.5, 4.5, HC(6)), 2.41 (ddd, J = 13.5, 8.5, 5.0, HC(4)), 1.91 (ddd, J = 13.5, 5.0, 3.0, HC(4)); $[\alpha]^{25}_{366}$ +114.1°, $[\alpha]^{25}_{436}$ +74.9°, $[\alpha]^{25}_{546}$ +45.4°, $[\alpha]^{25}_{578}$ +40.2°, $[\alpha]^{25}_{589}$ +38° (c = 1.02 g/dm³, EtOH).

(\pm)-2,5-Anhydro-4-deoxy-D,L-xylo-hexonic Acid ((\pm)-11). The same procedure was followed as for 11, starting with (\pm)-40: mp 150-151 °C.

2,5-Anhydro-4-deoxy-N-(4',6'-diaminopyrimidin-5'-yl)-Dxylo-hexonamide (41). A mixture of 11 (450 mg, 2.77 mmol), 1 N HCl (12 mL), and (4,5,6-triaminopyrimidine sulfate) H₂O (670 mg, 2.77 mmol) was heated to 90 °C for 16 h. After treatment with charcoal and filtration, the solvent was evaporated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in H₂O (3 mL) and filtered through a column of Dowex 50 W \times 8. Elution was started with H₂O, until pH ~ 6 . The acidic eluate was discarded. Elution with 3% aqueous NH₃ (120 mL) gave, after solvent evaporation in vacuo, 513 mg of a residue, which was purified by chromatography on a column (Lobar B, RP-8, two columns in series, $MeOH/H_2O$, 3:1 v/v), yielding 300 mg (37%) of 41·H₂O, colorless crystals, mp 80-85 °C (loss of H_2O , then dec): ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 7.89 (s, HC(2')), 4.9 (s, NH₂, OH), 4.65 (ddd, J = 5.5, 4.0, 2.0, HC(3), 4.52 (d, J = 4.0, HC(2)), 4.37 (dq, J = 9.0, 4.5, HC(5)), $3.79 (d, J = 4.5, H_2C(6)), 2.46 (ddd, J = 14.0, 9.0, 5.5, HC(4)),$ 1.95 (ddd, J = 14.0, 4.5, 2.0, HC(4)); MS (70 eV) m/z (relative intensity) 269 (M⁺, 49), 196 (9), 193 (5), 182 (15), 165 (5), 154 (5), 152 (63), 126 (16), 125 (100); $[\alpha]^{25}_{365} + 89.9^{\circ}$, $[\alpha]^{25}_{436} + 74.5^{\circ}$, $[\alpha]^{25}_{456} + 51.9^{\circ}$, $[\alpha]^{25}_{578} + 47.2^{\circ}$, $[\alpha]^{25}_{589} + 44.9^{\circ}$ (c = 0.345 g/dm³, MeOH).

(\pm)-2,5-Anhydro-4-deoxy-N-(4',6'-diaminopyrimidin-5'yl)-D,L-xylo-hexonamide ((\pm)-41). The same procedure was followed as for 41, starting with (\pm)-11: colorless crystals, mp 220-225 °C dec.

(1S)-1-C-(6'-Amino-7'H-purin-8'-yl)-1,4-anhydro-3deoxy-D-threo-pentitol (15). A mixture of 41 (250 mg, 0.93 mmol, dried over P₄O₁₀, 10⁻² Torr), anhydrous DMF (10 mL), and anhydrous CsF (423 mg, 2.8 mmol) was heated to 135-140 °C for 48 h. After cooling to 20 °C, the mixture was filtered through SiO_2 (MeOH) and the solvent evaporated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography (Lobar B, RP-8, $MeOH/H_2O$, 3:1 v/v), yielding 210 mg (84%) of 15·H₂O: colorless crystals, mp 130-133 °C (loss of H₂O, then dec; UV (MeOH) 210 (16 000), 265 (11 350); CD (see Figure 1) $\Delta \epsilon_{254} = +2.17$, $\Delta \epsilon_{274} =$ $+1.01 (c = 0.48 \text{ g/dm}^3, \text{H}_2\text{O}); \text{IR} (\text{KBr}) 3400 (br), 1650, 1610, 1590,$ 1490, 1450, 1420, 1370; ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.22 (s, HC(2'), 5.11 (d, J = 4.0, HC(1)), 4.8 (br s, NH_2 , OH), 4.65 (ddd, J = 5.5, 4.0, 2.5, HC(2), 4.37 (dddd, J = 8.5, 5.0, 4.5, 3.0, HC(4)), 3.91 (dd, J = 11.5, 3.0, HC(5)), 3.79 (dd, J = 11.5, 4.5, HC(5)),2.53 (ddd, J = 13.5, 8.5, 5.5, HC(3)), 2.06 (ddd, J = 13.5, 5.5, 2.5, 2.5)

HC(3)); MS (70 eV) m/z (relative intensity) 251 (M⁺, 10), 204 (4), 203 (9), 192 (4), 178 (22), 176 (13), 165 (17), 164 (100), 163 (8), 162 (5), 149 (13); $[\alpha]^{25}_{436}$ +123.3°, $[\alpha]^{25}_{546}$ +72.6°, $[\alpha]^{25}_{578}$ +63.9°, $[\alpha]^{25}_{589}$ +60.6° (c = 0.31 g/dm³, MeOH); HR-MS (C₁₀-H₁₃N₅O₃) calcd 251.101 99, found 251.103 678 (ref I₂).

(\pm)-(1*RS*)-1-*C*-(6'-Amino-7'*H*-purin-8'-yl)-1,4-anhydro-3deoxy-D,L-*threo*-pentitol ((\pm)-15). The same procedure was followed as for 15, starting with (\pm)-41: mp 227-230 °C dec.

(1R,2R,4R)-5-Chloro-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-2endo-yl Trifluoromethanesulfonate (29). A solution of (C- $F_3SO_2_2O$ (2.9 mL, 17.6 mmol) in anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 (25 mL) was added dropwise to a vigorously stirred solution of pyridine (1.67 mL, 20.74 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) cooled to -10 °C. A white precipitate was formed, and the mixture was stirred at -10 °C for an additional 10 min. A solution of 22 (1.52 g, 10.37 mmol) in anhydrous CH2Cl2 (25 mL) was then added dropwise, and the mixture was stirred at -10 °C for 90 min. The mixture was poured into ice-cold H₂O (200 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL). The organic phases were combined and washed with 5% aqueous cold NaHCO₃ (50 mL), then with ice-cold H₂O (50 mL), and with brine (50 mL). After drying $(MgSO_4)$, the solvent was evaporated in vacuo (<20 °C). The residue was filtered through basic alumina (Merck, activity I; CH_2Cl_2). The solvent was evaporated in vacuo, yielding 2.45 g (85%), colorless, unstable oil that solidifies at -20 °C: ¹H NMR $(360 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 6.2 \text{ (d, } J = 2.0, \text{HC}(6)), 5.45 \text{ (ddd, } J = 8.0,$ 4.0, 2.5, HC(2)), 5.15 (ddd, J = 4.0, 2.0, 0.8, HC(1)), 4.8 (dd, J= 4.5, 0.8, HC(4)), 2.52 (ddd, $J = 13.0, 8.0, 4.5, H_{exo}C(3)$), 1.64 $(dd, J = 13.9, 2.5, H_{endo}C(3)).$

(1R,4R,5S)-5-exo-(Benzyloxy)-2-chloro-7-oxabicyclo-[2.2.1]hept-2-ene (30). A solution of 1.6 M BuLi in hexane (13 mL, 20.8 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of benzylic alcohol (2.16 mL, 20.8 mmol) in THF (14 mL) cooled to -78 °C. After the end of the addition, the temperature was allowed to reach 0 °C and the mixture stirred for 10 min under an Ar atmosphere. The solution was then cooled to -78 °C, and a solution of 29 (2.9 g, 10.4 mmol) in anhydrous THF (6 mL) was added dropwise. The mixture was allowed to reach 20 °C, HMPA (6 mL) was added dropwise, and the mixture was stirred overnight. After the addition of ether (100 mL), the solution was washed with H₂O (30 mL, twice) and then with brine (30 mL) and dried $(MgSO_4)$. The solvent was eliminated by distillation under reflux at atmospheric pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on a column of silica gel (AcOEt/petroleum ether, 1:4 v/v), yielding 1.83 g (74%), colorless oil: ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.4–7.3 (m, C₆H₅), 6.01 (d, J = 2.0, HC(3)), 4.97 (dd, J= 2.0, 1.0, HC(4)), 4.76 (dd, J = 4.5, 1.0, HC(1)), 4.59 (s, CH₂Ph), 2.6, 16, 176 (12), 176 (dd, 9 16, 176, 176 (dd, 9 178, 176) (16, 6), 172 17, 176 (dd, J = 6.5, 2.0, HC(5)), 1.93 (dd, $J = 12.0, 6.5, \text{H}_{\text{endo}}\text{C}(6)$), 1.75 (ddd, $J = 12.0, 4.5, 2.0, \text{H}_{\text{exo}}\text{C}(6)$); $[\alpha]^{25}_{436} + 41.2^{\circ}, [\alpha]^{25}_{546} + 22.2^{\circ}, [\alpha]^{25}_{578} + 19.2^{\circ}, [\alpha]^{25}_{599} + 18.2^{\circ}$ ($c = 1.55 \text{ g/dm}^3, \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$). (±)-5-exo-(Benzyloxy)-2-chloro-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept

(\pm)-5-exo-(Benzyloxy)-2-chloro-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-ene ((\pm)-30). The same procedure was followed as for 30, starting with (\pm)-22: mp 48-50 °C.

Dimethyl Acetal of Methyl 2,5-Anhydro-3-*O*-benzyl-4deoxy-L-*ribo*-hexuronate (31). The same procedure was followed as for the preparation of 26, starting with 30: yield 86%, colorless oil; ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38–7.27 (m, C₆H₅), 4.7 (dd, J = 10, 6.5, HC(5)), 4.56 and 4.50 (2 d, $J = 12.0, \text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$), 4.34 (d, J = 4.5, HC(1)), 4.24 (ddd, J = 6.0, 1.5, 1.5, HC(3)), 4.19 (dd, J = 4.5, 1.5, HC(2)), 3.76 (s, COOMe), 3.49 and 3.47 (2 s, 2 MeO), 2.38 (ddd, J = 13.0, 6.5, 1.5, HC(4)), 2.14 (ddd, J = 13.0, 10.0, 6.0, HC(4)); $[\alpha]_{365}^{25} + 31.4^{\circ}, [\alpha]_{436}^{25} + 22^{\circ}, [\alpha]_{546}^{25} + 14^{\circ}, [\alpha]_{578}^{25} + 12.7^{\circ}, [\alpha]_{589}^{25} + 12.3$ ($c = 1.6 \text{ g/dm}^3, \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$).

2,5-Anhydro-4-*O*-benzyl-3-deoxy-D-*ribo*-hexonic Acid (32). The same procedure was followed as for **27**, starting with **31**: yield 94%, colorless oil; ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.43–7.28 (m, C₆H₅), 5.0 (s, OH), 4.64 (dd, J = 9.5, 7.0, HC(2)), 4.61 and 4.56 (2 d, J = 11.5, CH₂Ph), 4.17 (m, HC(4), HC(5)), 3.64 (d, J = 5.5, H₂C(6)), 2.46 (ddd, J = 13.0, 7.0, 2.0, HC(3)), 2.14 (ddd, J = 13.0, 9.5, 5.5, HC(3)); $[\alpha]_{25}^{25}_{365}$ +57.2°, $[\alpha]_{436}^{25}$ +37.6°, $[\alpha]_{5546}^{25}$ +22.7°, $[\alpha]_{578}^{25}$ +20.4°, $[\alpha]_{25}^{25}_{569}$ +18.4° (c = 1.275 g/dm³, EtOH).

2,5-Anhydro-3-deoxy-D-*ribo*-hexonic Acid (8). The same procedure was followed as for 9, starting with 32: yield 96%, colorless crystals, mp 109–111 °C; ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 5.1 (s, OH), 4.66 (t, J = 8.0, HC(2)), 4.32 (ddd, J = 6.0, 3.5, 3.0, HC(4)), 3.97 (ddd, J = 4.5, 4.5, 3.0, HC(5)), 3.68 (dd, J = 12.0,

4.5, HC(6)), 3.61 (dd, J = 12.0, 4.5, HC(6)), 2.3 (ddd, J = 13.5, 7.0, 3.5, HC(3)), 2.19 (ddd, J = 13.5, 8.5, 6.0, HC(3)); $[\alpha]_{365}^{25} + 90.3^{\circ}$, $[\alpha]_{436}^{25} + 59.2^{\circ}$, $[\alpha]_{546}^{25} + 35.9^{\circ}$, $[\alpha]_{578}^{25} + 31.7^{\circ}$, $[\alpha]_{589}^{25} + 30.3^{\circ}$ ($c = 1.325 \text{ g/dm}^3$, MeOH).

2,5-Anhydro-3-deoxy-*N*-(4',6'-diaminopyrimidin-5'-yl)-D *ribo*-hexonamide (33). The same procedure was followed as for 41, starting with 32, with heating to 95 °C for 16 h: yield 70% 33-H₂O, colorless crystals, mp 178–180 °C: ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.89 (s, HC(2')), 4.9 (s, NH₂, OH), 4.84 (t, *J* = 8.0, HC(2)), 4.41 (dt, *J* = 6.0, 3.0, HC(4)), 4.07 (q, *J* = 3.0, HC(5)), 3.89 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 3.0, HC(6)), 3.77 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 3.0, HC(6)), 2.46 (ddd, *J* = 13.0, 8.0, 6.0, HC(3)), 2.35 (ddd, *J* = 13.0, 8.0, 3.0, HC(3)); [α]²⁵₃₆₅ +373.8°, [α]²⁵₄₃₆ +216.3°, [α]²⁵₅₄₆ +121.8°, [α]²⁵₅₇₈ +106.1°, [α]²⁵₅₈₉ +101.5° (*c* = 0.325 g/dm³, MeOH).

(±)-2,5-Anhydro-3-deoxy-N-(4',6'-diaminopyrimidin-5'yl)-D,L-*ribo*-hexonamide ((±)-33). The same procedure was followed as for 33, starting with (±)-32: mp 150-155 °C dec.

(1R)-1-C-(6'-Amino-7'H-purin-8'-yl)-1,4-anhydro-2deoxy-D-erythro-pentitol (12). A 5:1 mixture of 33 and 4,5,6triaminopyrimidine (220 mg, 0.75 mmol), anhydrous DMF (7 mL), and anhydrous CsF (621 mg, 4.08 mmol) was heated to 120 °C for 48 h. After cooling to 20 °C, the precipitate was filtered off (rinsing with MeOH) and the solvent evaporated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Lobar B, $MeOH/CH_2Cl_2$, 1:2 v/v), yielding 130 mg (70%), colorless crystals, mp 242-245 °C dec. Recrystallization from EtOH/H₂O gave 12·H₂O, mp 194–197 °C (lit.¹² mp 192 °C): UV (MeOH) 264 (15090), 211 (18320); CD (see Figure 1) $\Delta \epsilon_{257} = +1.3$ $(c = 0.32 \text{ g/dm}^3, \text{MeOH}); \text{IR} (\text{KBr}) 3300 (\text{br}), 1660, 1600, 1500,$ 1420, 1370, 1330, 1220, 1170, 1090; ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.22 (s, HC(2')), 5.4 (dd, J = 9.0, 6.5, HC(1)), 4.47 (ddd, J = 5.5, 3.0, 2.5, HC(3)), 4.08 (ddd, J = 4.0, 3.0, HC(4)), 3.83 (dd, J= 12.0, 4.0, HC(5)), 3.76 (dd, J = 12.0, 4.5, HC(5)), 2.44 (ddd, J= 13.0, 6.5, 2.5, HC(2)), 2.35 (ddd, J = 13.0, 9.0, 5.5, HC(2)); MS (70 eV) m/z (relative intensity) 251 (M⁺, 10), 220 (2), 208 (2), 195 (1), 178 (7), 164 (17), 162 (100), 149 (5), 135 (7); HR-MS (C₁₀-H₁₃N₅O₃) calcd 251.101 99, found 251.101 939 and 251.102 436 (ref I₂).

 (\pm) -(1RS)-1-C-(6'-Amino-7'H-purin-8'-yl)-1,4-anhydro-2deoxy-D,L-erythro-pentitol ((\pm)-12). The same procedure was followed as for 12, starting with (\pm)-33: mp 242-245 °C dec.

(1R,2S,4S)-6-Chloro-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-2-*endo*-yl Trifluoromethanesulfonate (42). The same procedure was followed as for the preparation of 29, starting with 36: yield 85%, colorless oil that solidifies at -20 °C; ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.5 (d, J = 2.0, HC(5)), 5.47 (ddd, J = 8.0, 4.0, 2.0, HC(2)), 5.08 (ddd, J = 4.5, 2.0, 1.0, HC(4)), 4.96 (d, J = 4.0, HC(1)), 2.57 (ddd, J = 13.0, 8.0, 4.5, $H_{exo}C(3)$), 1.64 (dd, J = 13.0, 2.0, $H_{endo}C(3)$).

(1*R*,4*S*,6*R*)-6-*exo*-(Benzyloxy)-2-chloro-7-oxabicyclo-[2.2.1]hept-2-ene (43). The same procedure was followed as for 30, starting with 42: yield 88%, colorless oil; ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42–7.28 (m, C₆H₅), 6.21 (d, *J* = 1.5, HC(3)), 5.06 (dd, *J* = 4.5, 1.5, HC(4)), 4.73 (s, HC(1)), 4.65 and 4.6 (2), *J* = 12.0, CH₂Ph), 3.97 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 2.5, HC(6)), 1.94 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 6.5, H_{endo}C(5)), 1.81 (ddd, *J* = 12.0, 4.5, 2.5, H_{exo}C(5)); [α]²⁵₃₆₅ –202°, [α]²⁵₄₃₆ –116.8°, [α]²⁵₅₄₆ –63.8°, [α]²⁵₅₇₈ –55.1°, [α]²⁵₅₈₉ –52.9° (*c* = 1.68 g/dm³, CH₂Cl₃).

Dimethyl Acetal of Methyl 2,5-Anhydro-4-O-benzyl-3deoxy-L-*ribo*-hexuronate (44). The same procedure was followed as for 26, starting with 43: yield 82%, colorless oil; ¹H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38–7.26 (m, C₆H₅), 4.63 (s, HC(5)), 4.61 and 4.55 (2 d, J = 12.0, CH₂Ph), 4.44 (d, J = 6.5, HC(1)), 4.38 (m, HC(2)), 4.26 (d, J = 5.5, HC(4)), 3.78 (s, COOMe), 3.46 and 3.40 (2 s, 2 MeO), 2.18 (dd, J = 13.0, 5.5, HC(3)), 1.91 (ddd, J = 13.0, 9.5, 5.5, HC(3)); [α]²⁵₃₈₅ -144.2°, [α]²⁵₄₃₆ -88°, [α]²⁵₅₄₆ -50.2°, [α]²⁵₅₇₈ -43.9°, [α]²⁵₅₈₉ -42.2° (c = 1.475 g/dm³, CH₂Cl₂).

2,5-Anhydro-3-*O***-benzyl-4-deoxy**-D-*ribo*-hexonic Acid (49). The same procedure was followed as for **27**, starting with 44: yield 90%, colorless oil.¹⁶

2-Deoxy-D-*erythro*-pentose. MeONa (0.3 mL, 5.4 M) in anhydrous MeOH was added to a solution of 8 (290 mg, 1.79 mmol) in MeOH (15 mL). Two graphite electrodes were introduced, and 8.95 mF (200 mA, 133 mA/cm²) of electricity was passed through the solution. After neutralization with Dowex 50 W \times 8, the mixture was filtered and the solvent evaporated in vacuo, yielding 240 mg (90%) of methyl furanosides 45, colorless oil. This product (210 mg, 1.42 mmol) was dissolved in 0.25 M aqueous H_2SO_4 (8 mL) and heated to 90 °C for 30 min. After cooling to 20 °C, the solution was neutralized with Amberlite IRA 93. After filtration, the solvent was evaporated in vacuo, yielding 160 mg (73%), yellowish oil: $[\alpha]^{25}_{365}-158^{\circ}, [\alpha]^{25}_{436}-103.9^{\circ}, [\alpha]^{25}_{546}-60.8^{\circ}, [\alpha]^{25}_{578}-52.8^{\circ}, [\alpha]^{25}_{589}-52.0^{\circ}$ ($c = 1.05 \text{ g/dm}^3, \text{H}_2\text{O}$, after 24 h at 25 °C) (lit.^{26b} $[\alpha]^{25}_{589}-55.2^{\circ}$ ($c = 1, \text{H}_2\text{O}$)). (p-Toluyl-sulfonyl)hydrazone: mp 162–163 °C (lit.³⁴ mp 163–163.5 °C). Benzylphenylhydrazone: mp 126–127 °C (lit.^{27a} mp 128 °C). **2-Deoxy-D-threo-pentose.** The same procedure was followed

2-Decxy-D-**threo-pentose.** The same procedure was followed as above, starting with **9**: yield 84%, colorless oil that can be crystallized from MeOH/ether, mp 84–88 °C; $[\alpha]^{25}_{365}$ -4.8°, $[\alpha]^{25}_{498}$ -3.2°, $[\alpha]^{25}_{546}$ -2.5°, $[\alpha]^{25}_{578}$ -2.1°, $[\alpha]^{25}_{599}$ -1.9° (c = 0.525 g/dm³, H₂O). Benzylphenylhydrazone: mp 115–116 °C (lit.³⁵ mp 115–116 °C, lit.^{27a} mp 114–115 °C).

3-Deoxy-D-*erythro*-pentose. The same procedure was followed as above, starting with 10. The crude sugar was purified by column chromatography (Lobar B, RP-8, MeOH/H₂O, 3:1 v/v): yield 61%, colorless oil; $[\alpha]^{25}_{365} - 18.8^{\circ}$, $[\alpha]^{25}_{436} - 12.9^{\circ}$, $[\alpha]^{25}_{578} - 6.8^{\circ}$, $[\alpha]^{25}_{578} - 6.8^{\circ}$, $[\alpha]^{25}_{589} - 6.5^{\circ}$ ($c = 1.54 \text{ g/dm}^3$, H₂O) (lit.^{28a} $[\alpha]^{25}_{589} - 6.3^{\circ}$ ($c = 1.3 \text{ g/dm}^3$, H₂O)). (*p*-Toluylsulfonyl)hydrazone: mp 144-145 °C (lit.²⁸ⁱ mp 143-144 °C).

3-Deoxy-D-*threo*-pentose. The same procedure was followed as above, starting with 11: yield 82%, colorless oil; $[\alpha]^{25}_{365}$ -15.0°, $[\alpha]^{25}_{436}$ -8.5°, $[\alpha]^{25}_{546}$ -3.8°, $[\alpha]^{25}_{578}$ -2.8°, $[\alpha]^{25}_{589}$ -3.3° (c = 1 g/dm³, H₂O). Benzylphenylhydrazone: mp 85-86 °C (two recrystallizations from ether) (lit.³⁵ mp 86-86.5 C).

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