

## Sulfur Extrusion with Tin Radical: Synthesis of 4',5'-Didehydro-5'-deoxy-5'-(tributylstannyl)adenosine, an Intermediate for Potential Inhibitors against S-Adenosyl Homocysteine Hydrolase

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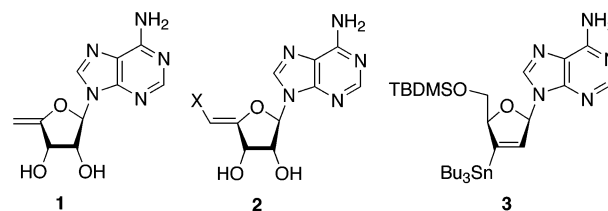
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A new approach has been developed for the synthesis of potential inhibitors of S-adenosyl-L-homocysteine (AdoHcy) hydrolase. The key intermediate 9-[2,3-bis-O-(tert-butyl)dimethylsilyl]-5-(Z)-(tributylstannyl)-5-deoxy-β-D-erythro-pent-4-enofuranosyladenine (**12**) was prepared by sulfur extrusion reaction of 4',5'-didehydro-5'-deoxy-5'-(phenylthio)adenosine (**11**) with tributyltin radical. It was found that this reaction proceeds stereoselectively, forming **12** irrespective of the geometry of **11**. Compound **12** readily underwent iodination, bromination, and chlorination with retention of configuration, whereas fluorination gave both (Z)- and (E)-isomers of vinyl fluoride. Because of the susceptibility of **12** to protodestannylation, the (Z)-vinyl iodide (**13**), prepared in quantitative yield from **12**, was used as a substrate for C–C bond formation. Various types of carbon substituents (phenyl, vinyl, trifluorovinyl, ethynyl, and cyano) were introduced to the 5'-position of the 5-deoxy-β-D-erythro-pent-4-enofuranosyl structure to open up a new route to potential inhibitors of AdoHcy hydrolase.

### Introduction

S-Adenosyl-L-homocysteine (AdoHcy) hydrolase is one of the target enzymes for antiviral chemotherapy,<sup>1</sup> since deactivation of this enzyme leads to accumulation of AdoHcy (**A**) that inhibits methylation of viral mRNA as a potent feedback inhibitor. Scheme 1 shows that hydrolysis with AdoHcy hydrolase begins with oxidation of the 3'-hydroxyl group of **A** to the 3'-keto derivative **B** with the enzyme-bound NAD<sup>+</sup>. Spontaneous elimination of Hcy (**D**) from **B** yields the 4',5'-didehydro intermediate **C**, which in turn is hydrated to form the 3'-keto adenosine **E** which finally is reduced to adenosine (**F**) with the enzyme-bound NADH. The finding<sup>2</sup> that this enzyme converts 4',5'-didehydro-5'-deoxyadenosine (**1**) to **A** and **F**, presumably through **C**, provides convincing support for this reaction sequence.

Synthetic endeavors have been devoted to the search for AdoHcy hydrolase inhibitors based on the above mechanism.<sup>3–5</sup> The designed inhibitors have the general structure **2** with X being the leaving group orientated in the Z-configuration so that, after oxidation of the 3'-hydroxyl group, a nucleophilic site of the enzyme can react through an addition–elimination pathway.



We recently reported that the 3'-benzenesulfonyl derivative of 2',3'-didehydro-2',3'-dideoxyadenosine (d4A) undergoes ipso-substitution with tributyltin radical to give the stannylated product **3** and exemplified the usefulness of this vinylstannane for the preparation of a various types of 3'-substituted d4A analogues.<sup>6</sup> Such tin radical-mediated extrusion of sulfur atoms (sulfides and sulfones) bound to sp<sup>2</sup>-carbon has been exploited on many occasions in synthetic chemistry<sup>7,8</sup> although the actual mechanism of these reactions is not clear.

In the present study, we planned to synthesize a vinylstannane **5** from **4** (Scheme 2) with the expectation that **5** would serve as a common precursor for a various types of potential AdoHcy hydrolase inhibitors.

**Synthesis of (Z)-4',5'-Didehydro-5'-deoxy-5'-(tributylstannyl)adenosine.** Since **5** is not a simple vinyl-

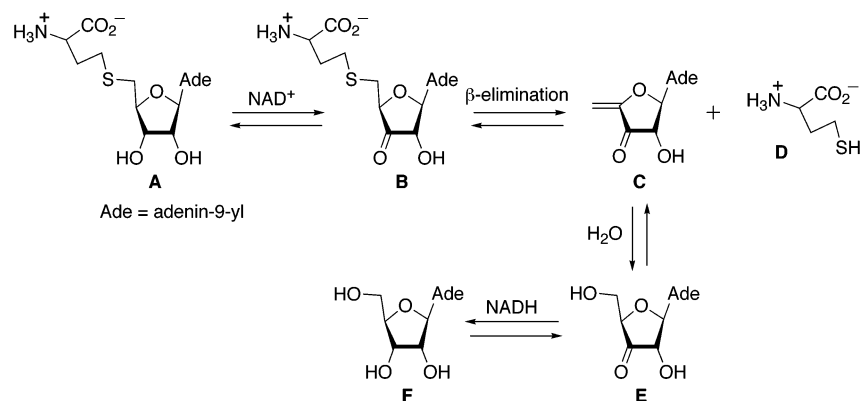
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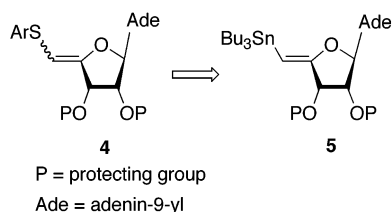
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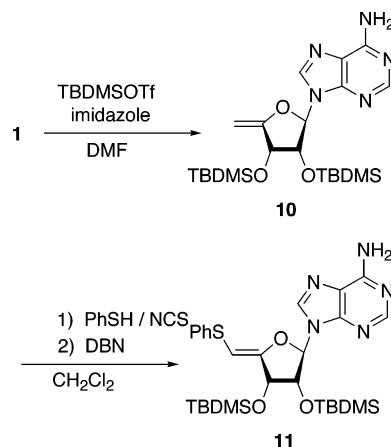
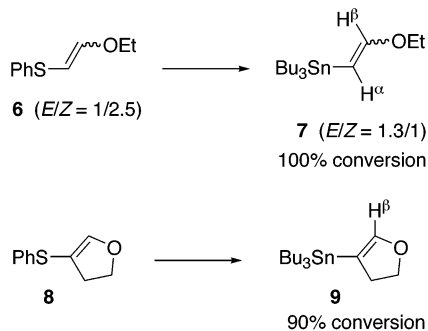
## SCHEME 1



## SCHEME 2



## SCHEME 4

SCHEME 3. Reactions of **6** and **8** with  $\text{Bu}_3\text{SnH}/\text{AIBN}^a$ 

<sup>a</sup> Key: *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt/benzene/80 °C/4 h.

stannane but it has an enol ether structure, we needed to see if the sulfur extrusion with tin radical also works with vinyl sulfides having a  $\beta$ -alkoxy substituent, and if the resulting products are stable enough for further manipulations. The initial study was, therefore, carried out by using simple  $\beta$ -alkoxy-substituted vinyl sulfides **6**<sup>9</sup> and **8** as model compounds (Scheme 3).

A 0.1 M solution of **6** in benzene containing  $\text{Bu}_3\text{SnH}$  (2.0 equiv), AIBN (0.2 equiv), and *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (3.0 equiv) was heated at 80 °C for 4 h. Despite the disappearance of **6**, no distinct product by TLC analysis (hexane) of the reaction mixture was observed. However, after removal

of the solvent, <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the resulting mixture showed complete conversion to the desired vinylstannane **7** as evidenced by  $J_{\text{Sn,H}}$ : (*E*)-isomer,  $\delta$  4.63 ( $\text{H}^\alpha$ ,  $J(^{119}\text{Sn}-^1\text{H}) = J(^{117}\text{Sn}-^1\text{H}) = 36.0$  Hz), 6.22 ( $\text{H}^\beta$ ,  $J(^{119}\text{Sn}-^1\text{H}) = J(^{117}\text{Sn}-^1\text{H}) = 33.6$  Hz); (*Z*)-isomer,  $\delta$  4.50 ( $\text{H}^\alpha$ ,  $J(^{119}\text{Sn}-^1\text{H}) = J(^{117}\text{Sn}-^1\text{H}) = 47.6$  Hz), 6.78 ( $\text{H}^\beta$ ,  $J(^{119}\text{Sn}-^1\text{H}) = J(^{117}\text{Sn}-^1\text{H}) = 95.6$  Hz).<sup>10</sup> The observed shift in the *EZ* ratio from 1/2.5 of **6** to 1.3/1 of **7** suggests that partial inversion of the configuration occurred during this sulfur extrusion reaction. The instability to TLC of the stannylated product was also apparent for the reaction of 2,3-dihydro-4-phenylthiofuran (**8**), but again formation of **9** was confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture:  $\delta$  6.08 ( $\text{H}^\beta$ ,  $J(^{119}\text{Sn}-^1\text{H}) = J(^{117}\text{Sn}-^1\text{H}) = 14.0$  Hz).

The preparation of a nucleosidic vinyl sulfide to be used as a substrate for the tin radical reaction was next carried out (Scheme 4). The starting material **1** was prepared from adenosine according to the published method.<sup>11</sup> Silylation of its 2'- and 3'-hydroxyl groups with TBDMSOTf turned out to be unsatisfactory, resulting in a low yield of product with poor reproducibility. Use of TBDMSOTf gave **10** in 85% yield. Electrophilic addition of PhSCl was carried out by treating **11** with a mixture of PhSH (2.5

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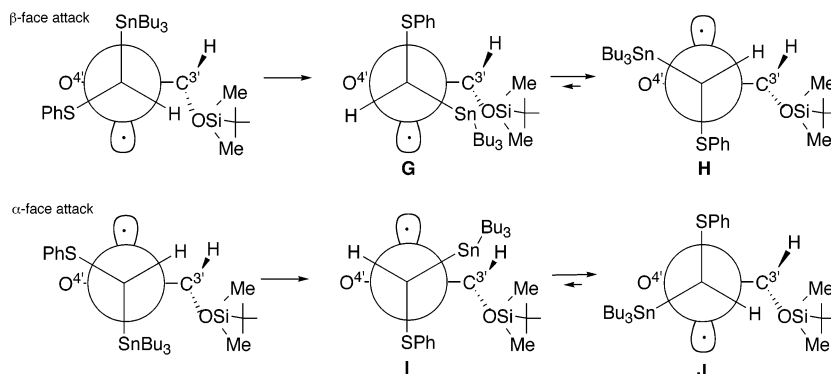


FIGURE 1. Possible stereochemical pathway for the selective formation of **12** from **11**.

#### SCHEME 5

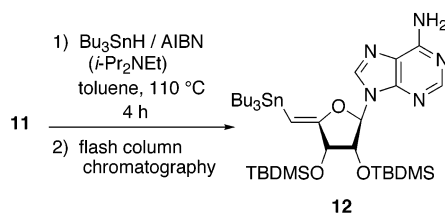


TABLE 1. Reaction of **11** with Tributyltin Radical

| entry | <i>i</i> -Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt (equiv) | purification | product (isolated yield, %)    |
|-------|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| 1     |                                       | silica gel   | <b>12</b> (47), <b>10</b> (45) |
| 2     |                                       | Florisil     | <b>12</b> (84), <b>10</b> (9)  |
| 3     | 3.0                                   | Florisil     | <b>12</b> (94)                 |

equiv) and NCS (2.5 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at 0 °C. Subsequent elimination proceeded simply by adding DBN (2.0 equiv.) and then refluxing the reaction mixture. The product (*Z*)-4',5'-didehydro-5'-deoxy-5'-(phenylthio)adenosine (**11**)<sup>12</sup> was isolated upon short column chromatography followed by crystallization in 68% yield (contaminated with succinimide, the yield was calculated by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy).

Reaction of **11** with tributyltin radical was investigated (Scheme 5). The procedure employed is very simple, simply refluxing a mixture of **11** (0.1 M in toluene), Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH (3.0 equiv), and AIBN (0.5 equiv) for 4 h either in the presence or absence of *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (3.0 equiv). The stannylated product **12** was sufficiently stable<sup>13</sup> to permit its isolation by flash column chromatography (Table 1). As shown in entry 1, even by flash chromatography, silica gel caused a significant extent of protodestannylation leading to **10**. Use of Florisil as an absorbent greatly improved the isolated yield of **12** (entry 2), but a small amount of **10** was still isolated. The best result was obtained by conducting the reaction in the presence of *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (entry 3). The vinylstannane structure of **12** was readily elucidated from a characteristic splitting of H-5' ( $\delta$  4.81) due to tin isotopes ( $J(^{119}\text{Sn}-^1\text{H}) = J(^{117}\text{Sn}-^1\text{H}) = 37.6$  Hz). Its (*Z*)-stereochemistry was determined based on NOE experiment: H-5'/H-3' (6.1%).

(12) The *Z*-configuration of **11** was determined on the basis of NOE experiments: H-5'/3'-O-SiMe (4.1%), H-5'/H-3' (5.8%).

(13) For complete conversion of the isolated **12** to **10**, it took 57 h in 3 M AcOH in THF at room temperature.

The observed sole formation of the stannylated (*Z*)-isomer (**12**) from **11** would be explicable based on the conformational preference of the intermediate C4'-radical as depicted in Figure 1. In the case of  $\beta$ -face attack of tributyltin radical, two conformers **G** and **H** are possible upon departure of thiyl radical. Since **G** is considered to be less favored because of the sterically constrained accommodation of the 3'-*O*-TBDMS group, surrounded by two bulky substituents SnBu<sub>3</sub> and SPh, elimination of the thiyl radical would take place from **H**. The same applies to conformers **I** and **J** which result from  $\alpha$ -face attack of tributyltin radical. Overall, irrespective of the face-selectivity of tin radical attack, only the (*Z*)-isomer (**12**) is formed in this sulfur extrusion reaction. In support of the above proposed mechanism is the fact that a mixture of **11** and its (*E*)-isomer (*E/Z* = 1.0/1.4),<sup>14</sup> when subjected to the tin radical reaction, gave **12** as the sole product in 86% yield.

**Synthesis of Potential Inhibitors against *S*-Adenosyl Homocysteine Hydrolase.** Stannyl groups bound to sp<sup>2</sup>-carbon atom can be manipulated in various ways.<sup>15</sup> Simple vinylstannanes are known to undergo halogenation with retention of configuration.<sup>16</sup> Halogenation was first examined by using (*Z*)-4',5'-didehydro-5'-deoxy-5'-(tributylstannyl)adenosine (**12**). Iodination carried out with iodine in THF gave the (*Z*)-vinyl iodide **13**<sup>17</sup> in quantitative yield within 1 h at room temperature. Under similar conditions, NBS also works effectively to give **14** in 97% yield. The depicted *Z*-configuration of these compounds was confirmed based on NOE experiment: **13**, H-5'/H-3' (7.5%); **14**, H-5'/H-3' (8.7%). Chlorination of **12** with NCS, on the other hand, proceeded rather sluggishly, and required heating at 60 °C for 12 h. The product **15** (76% yield) was desilylated with TBAF (tetrabutylammonium fluoride) in THF to give the free nucleoside **16**, which gave an identical <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum

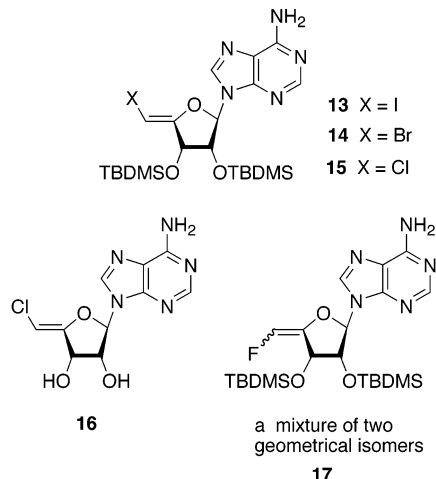
(14) This mixture was obtained by HPLC purification (hexane/EtOAc = 2/3, *t*<sub>R</sub> 17.4–18.2 min) of the filtrate resulting from crystallization of **11**.

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(measured in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) to the reported (*Z*)-isomer.<sup>4</sup>



Fluorination with XeF<sub>2</sub> according to the reported method<sup>18</sup> gave an intractable mixture of products. Fluorination was more successful using 1-chloromethyl-4-fluoro-1,4-diazoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane bis(tetrafluoroborate) (Selectfluor)<sup>19</sup> as an electrophilic fluorinating agent (in CH<sub>3</sub>CN at room temperature for 15 min). However, there was obtained an inseparable mixture of the vinyl fluoride **17** [two geometrical isomers, <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (relative to CFCl<sub>3</sub>): -66.7 (d, *J* = 78.8 Hz) and -61.8 (d, *J* = 75.2 Hz), combined yield of 43% and diastereomeric ratio of ca. 3:1 calculated by <sup>1</sup>H NMR] and the destannylated byproduct **10** (53% by <sup>1</sup>H NMR). From the reported chemical shift of H-5',<sup>4,20</sup> we assume that the (*E*)-isomer is dominant over the (*Z*)-isomer in this mixture.

Introduction of carbon substituents was next investigated. Although ample precedents of the Stille reaction<sup>21</sup> are available, vinylstannanes having an alkoxy group at the β-position have scarcely been used as substrates.<sup>22</sup> When the Stille coupling between **12** and PhI/(Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>/DMF) was carried out at room temperature, no reaction occurred irrespective of the presence or absence of CuI. At an elevated temperature of 80 °C, in the presence of CuI, protodestannylation to yield **10** was the sole observable event. These results led us to use the vinyl iodide **13** for C–C bond-forming reactions.

Although **13** remained unchanged upon reacting with SnPh<sub>4</sub> in the presence of Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> and CuI (in DMF, 80 °C, for 24 h), replacement of the catalyst with (PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-PdCl<sub>2</sub> gave the desired product **18** in 12% yield.

Due to the poor solubility of SnPh<sub>4</sub>, the reaction was reexamined by employing Bu<sub>3</sub>SnPh. This gave a higher yield of **18** as shown in entry 1 of Table 2. In Table 2 are also included the results of other C–C bond-forming

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**TABLE 2. Carbon–Carbon Bond-Forming Reactions Using **13**<sup>a</sup>**

18 R = Ph  
19 R = CH=CH<sub>2</sub>  
20 R = CF=CF<sub>2</sub>  
21 R = C≡CSiMe<sub>3</sub>

| entry | reagent (equiv)                            | <i>T</i> (°C) | reaction time | product (isolated yield, %) |
|-------|--|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 1     | Bu <sub>3</sub> SnPh (3.0)                 | 60            | 15 h          | <b>18</b> (48)              |
| 2     | Bu <sub>3</sub> SnCH=CH <sub>2</sub> (4.0) | 60            | 24 h          | <b>19</b> (76)              |
| 3     | Bu <sub>3</sub> SnCF=CF <sub>2</sub> (5.0) | 60            | 40 min        | <b>20</b> (71)              |
| 4     | Me <sub>3</sub> SiC≡CH (3.0) <sup>b</sup>  | 70            | 45 min        | <b>21</b> (67)              |

<sup>a</sup> All reactions were carried out in DMF in the presence of CuI (0.2 equiv) and (PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>PdCl<sub>2</sub> (0.2 equiv). <sup>b</sup> Triethylamine (3.0 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture.

**TABLE 3. Transformation of **13** to the Vinylnitrile **22**<sup>a</sup>**

| entry | (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> PdCl <sub>2</sub> (equiv) | CuI (equiv) | yield (%) of <b>22</b> |
|-------|--|-------------|------------------------|
| 1     | 0.2  | -           | 2                      |
| 2     | 0.2  | 0.2         | 9                      |
| 3     | 0.5  | 0.5         | 69                     |
| 4     | 0.2  | 1.0         | 80                     |
| 5     | -  | 1.0         | 64                     |

<sup>a</sup> All reactions were carried out in DMF by using Bu<sub>3</sub>SnCN (4.0 equiv) at 120 °C for 24 h.

reactions. The reaction with Bu<sub>3</sub>SnCH=CH<sub>2</sub> under similar conditions gave the conjugated diene **19** in good yield (entry 2). Use of Bu<sub>3</sub>SnCF=CF<sub>2</sub><sup>23</sup> considerably shortened the reaction time to give **20** (entry 3), as can be expected from the highly electron-withdrawing nature of the trifluorovinyl group.<sup>24</sup> In entry 4 is exemplified a coupling reaction with a terminal alkyne by the formation of **21**.<sup>25</sup>

Finally, introduction of a cyano group was carried out. Nair et al. reported the first example of a Pd-catalyzed coupling between Bu<sub>3</sub>SnCN and an aryl iodide, 2-iodoadenosine.<sup>26</sup> Compound **13** remained unchanged (recovery 90%) when reacted with Bu<sub>3</sub>SnCN (3.0 equiv.) under Nair's conditions, Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>/DMF/120 °C/20 h. By changing the catalyst to (PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>PdCl<sub>2</sub>, however, a small amount of the vinylnitrile **22** was formed as shown in entry 1 in Table 3. It was observed that addition of CuI to the reaction medium increased the yield of **22** (entries 2–4), although not exactly proportional. Quite unexpectedly,

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a significant yield was seen even in the absence of the catalyst (entry 5).<sup>27</sup>

One might speculate that CuCN formed in this reaction could be the actual reactive species for this transformation, since there is a precedent that CuCN effects such reaction of a vinyl iodide.<sup>28</sup> This, however, still remains questionable, because no reaction was observed when **13** was treated with CuCN (3.0 equiv) in DMF at 120 °C for 24 h.

## Conclusion

To develop a new approach to potential inhibitors to S-adenosyl-L-homocysteine (AdoHcy) hydrolase, sulfur extrusion reaction of 4',5'-didehydro-5'-deoxy-5'-(phenylthio)adenosine was examined with tributyltin radical. As a result, exclusive formation of 9-[2,3-bis-*O*-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-5-(*Z*)-(tributylstannyl)-5-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-erythro-pent-4-enofuranosyl]adenine (**12**) was observed, irrespective of the geometry of the substrate. Although **12** was stable enough to be isolated by flash column chromatography, its further manipulation was possible only for halogenation. Carbon-carbon bond-forming reactions at the 5'-position of the 5-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-erythro-pent-4-enofuranosyl structure were, therefore, carried out by using the vinyl iodide (**13**) which was readily prepared from **12** in quantitative yield. Various types of carbon-substituents (phenyl, vinyl, trifluorovinyl, and ethynyl) were introduced based on palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction. It was found that, in the case of introducing a cyano group, the presence of the Pd-catalyst was not necessarily required, although the actual reactive species involved in this reaction still remains to be identified.

## Experimental Section

Melting points are uncorrected. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded at 500 MHz. Chemical shifts are reported relative to Me<sub>4</sub>Si. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were measured at 400 MHz with CFCl<sub>3</sub> as an internal standard. Mass spectra (MS) were taken in FAB mode with *m*-nitrobenzyl alcohol as a matrix. Column chromatography was carried out on silica gel (silica gel 60, Merck) unless otherwise noted. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica gel (precoated silica gel plate F<sub>254</sub>, Merck). HPLC was carried out on a Shimadzu LC-6AD with a Shim-pack PREP-SIL (H)-KIT column (2 × 25 cm).

**Reaction of 6 with Tributyltin Radical: Formation of Tributyl(2-ethoxyvinyl)tin (7).** A mixture of **6** (297 mg, 1.65 mmol), Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH (890  $\mu$ L, 3.3 mmol), AIBN (54 mg, 0.33 mmol), and *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (862  $\mu$ L, 4.95 mmol) in benzene (16.5 mL) was heated at 80 °C for 4 h under positive pressure of dry Ar. Evaporation of the reaction mixture was followed by drying under reduced pressure. The resulting oily residue was analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy to confirm quantitative conversion to **7**. For **7E**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.89–0.95 (9H, m, SnBu), 1.15–1.24 (9H, m, SnBu and CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.28–1.35 (6H, m, SnBu), 1.49–1.66 (6H, m, SnBu), 3.79 (2H, q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.63 (1H, d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, *J*<sub>Sn,H</sub> = 36.0 Hz, SnCH=CH), 6.22 (1H, d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, *J*<sub>Sn,H</sub> = 33.6 Hz, SnCH=

CH). For **7Z**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.89–0.95 (9H, m, SnBu), 1.15–1.24 (9H, m, SnBu and CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.28–1.35 (6H, m, SnBu), 1.49–1.66 (6H, m, SnBu), 3.76 (2H, q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.50 (1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz, *J*<sub>Sn,H</sub> = 47.6 Hz, SnCH=CH), 6.78 (1H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, *J*<sub>Sn,H</sub> = 98.0, 95.6 Hz, SnCH=CH).

**2,3-Dihydro-4-phenylthiofuran (8).** To a THF (15 mL) solution of 2,3-dihydrofuran (500  $\mu$ L, 6.6 mmol) was added dropwise freshly prepared PhSCl<sub>2</sub><sup>29</sup> (950  $\mu$ L) at –70 °C under positive pressure of dry Ar. After being stirred for 15 min, the mixture was further treated with KOBu-*t* (1.11 g, 9.9 mmol), and allowed to warm to room temperature over 1 h. The resulting mixture was partitioned between hexane and saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The organic layer was dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), evaporated, and purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 50/1). This gave **8** (830 mg, 71%) as an oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.70 (2H, dt, *J* = 9.6, 2.0 Hz, H-3), 4.53 (2H, t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, H-2), 6.70 (1H, t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, H-5), 7.14–7.18 (1H, m, Ph), 7.27–7.29 (4H, m, Ph); FAB-MS *m/z* 178 (M<sup>+</sup> + H).

**2,3-Dihydro-4-(tributylstannyl)furan (9).** This compound was prepared from **8** by the procedure used for the preparation of **7** from **6**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.87–0.97 (9H, m, SnBu), 1.05–1.16 (6H, m, SnBu), 1.26–1.36 (6H, m, SnBu), 1.47–1.62 (6H, m, SnBu), 2.59–2.68 (2H, m, H-3), 4.20 (2H, t, *J* = 9.2 Hz, H-2), 6.08 (1H, t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, *J*<sub>Sn,H</sub> = 14.0 Hz, H-5).

**9-[2,3-Bis-*O*-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-5-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-erythro-pent-4-enofuranosyl]adenine (10).** To a mixture of **1** (4.84 g, 19.2 mmol) and imidazole (6.61 g, 97.1 mmol) in DMF (150 mL) was added TBDMSOTf (16.0 mL, 68 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 48 h and then was partitioned between EtOAc and saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. Column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 1/1) of the organic layer gave **10** (7.9 g, 85%) as a foam. For physical data of **10**, see the supporting information of ref 30.

**9-[2,3-Bis-*O*-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-5-deoxy-5-(*Z*)-(phenylthio)- $\beta$ -D-erythro-pent-4-enofuranosyl]adenine (11).** To a CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15 mL) solution of NCS (349 mg, 2.61 mmol) was added PhSH (270  $\mu$ L, 2.31 mmol) at 0 °C. After the mixture was stirred for 0.5 h, **10** (500 mg, 1.05 mmol) was added and stirring was continued further 0.5 h at 0 °C. After addition of DBN (260  $\mu$ L, 2.1 mmol), the mixture was refluxed for 15 h. The reaction mixture was partitioned between CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. Column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 1/1) of the organic layer gave a crude mixture of products, which was crystallized from ether-hexane to give **11** (441 mg). This material was contaminated with succinimide (ca. 5%) and the actual yield of **11** was 68% based on <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy. An analytical sample of **11** was obtained by HPLC (hexane/EtOAc = 1/2, *t*<sub>R</sub> = 17.6 min) purification: mp 210–213 °C; UV (MeOH)  $\lambda$ <sub>max</sub> 258 nm ( $\epsilon$  26 700),  $\lambda$ <sub>min</sub> 232 nm ( $\epsilon$  12 600); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –0.29, –0.04, 0.16 and 0.17 (12H, each as s, SiMe), 0.78 and 0.96 (18H, each as s, Bu-*t*), 4.79 (1H, d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, H-3'), 5.20 (1H, dd, *J* = 6.0, 4.0 Hz, H-2'), 5.44 (1H, s, H-5'), 5.63 (2H, br, NH<sub>2</sub>), 6.19 (1H, d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, H-1'), 7.14–7.18 (1H, m, Ph), 7.24–7.28 (2H, m, Ph), 7.34–7.36 (2H, m, Ph), 7.87 and 8.35 (2H, each as s, H-2 and H-8); FAB-MS *m/z* 586 (M<sup>+</sup> + H). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>43</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-Si<sub>2</sub>: C, 57.40; H, 7.40; N, 11.95. Found: C, 57.38; H, 7.48; N, 12.11.

**9-[2,3-Bis-*O*-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-5-(*Z*)-(tributylstannyl)-5-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-erythro-pent-4-enofuranosyl]adenine (12).** A mixture of **11** (1.0 g, 1.7 mmol), Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH (1.38 mL, 5.12 mmol), AIBN (140 mg, 0.85 mmol), and *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (890  $\mu$ L, 5.12 mmol) in toluene (17 mL) was refluxed for 4 h under positive pressure of dry Ar. The reaction mixture was evaporated, and the residue was purified by flash Florisil column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). This gave **12** (1.23 g, 94%) as an oil: UV (MeOH)  $\lambda$ <sub>max</sub> 259 nm ( $\epsilon$  17 200)  $\lambda$ <sub>min</sub> 240

(27) The NOE correlations (measured in CDCl<sub>3</sub>) between H-5' and H-3' of **18–20** and **22** are as follows: **18** 8.6%; **19** 6.6%; **20** 7.2%; **22** 5.9%. The *Z*-stereochemistry of **21** was confirmed after converting to the corresponding free nucleoside (H-5'/H-3', 1.8% in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>).

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nm ( $\epsilon$  11 000);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -0.31, -0.07, 0.13 and 0.15 (12H, each as s, SiMe), 0.75 and 0.93 (18H, each as s, Bu- $\eta$ ), 0.78–0.82 (15H, m, SnBu), 1.14–1.26 (6H, m, SnBu), 1.34–1.44 (6H, m, SnBu), 4.49 (1H, d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, H-3'), 4.81 (1H,  $J(^{119}\text{Sn}-^1\text{H}) = J(^{117}\text{Sn}-^1\text{H}) = 37.6$  Hz, H-5'), 5.03 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 6.0, 4.4 Hz, H-2'), 5.64 (2H, br,  $\text{NH}_2$ ), 6.09 (1H, d,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, H-1'), 7.86 and 8.35 (2H, each as s, H-2 and H-8); FAB-MS  $m/z$  769 ( $\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$ ). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{66}\text{N}_5\text{O}_3\text{Si}_2\text{Sn}$ : C, 53.19; H, 8.66; N, 9.12. Found: C, 53.27; H, 8.36; N, 9.09.

**9-[2,3-Bis-*O*(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-5-deoxy-5-(*Z*)-*ido*- $\beta$ -*D*-erythro-pent-4-enofuranosyl]adenine (13).** A mixture of **12** (722 mg, 0.94 mmol) and iodine (359 mg, 1.41 mmol as  $\text{I}_2$ ) in THF (10 mL) was stirred for 1 h at rt. The reaction mixture was partitioned between  $\text{CHCl}_3$  and saturated aqueous  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ . Column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 1/1) of the organic layer gave **13** (565 mg, 100%) as a solid: mp 251–254 °C; UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  259 nm ( $\epsilon$  17 500),  $\lambda_{\text{min}}$  238 nm ( $\epsilon$  9500);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -0.31, -0.07, 0.14 and 0.15 (12H, each as s, SiMe), 0.75 and 0.94 (18H, each as s, Bu- $\eta$ ), 4.74 (1H, d,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, H-3'), 5.15 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 6.4, 4.0 Hz, H-2'), 5.23 (1H, s, H-5'), 5.61 (2H, br,  $\text{NH}_2$ ), 6.21 (1H, d,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, H-1'), 7.90 and 8.36 (2H, each as s, H-2 and H-8); FAB-MS  $m/z$  604 ( $\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$ ). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{38}\text{IN}_5\text{O}_3\text{Si}_2$ : C, 43.77; H, 6.35; N, 11.60. Found: C, 44.05; H, 6.34; N, 11.59.

**9-[5-(*Z*)-Bromo-2,3-bis-*O*(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-5-deoxy- $\beta$ -*D*-erythro-pent-4-enofuranosyl]adenine (14).** A mixture of **12** (785 mg, 1.02 mmol) and NBS (273 mg, 1.54 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was stirred for 1 h at rt. The reaction mixture was partitioned between  $\text{CHCl}_3$  and saturated aqueous  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ . Column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 1/1) of the organic layer gave **14** (533 mg, 94%) as a solid: mp 249–251 °C; UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  259 nm ( $\epsilon$  17 600),  $\lambda_{\text{min}}$  231 nm ( $\epsilon$  8000);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -0.31, -0.07, 0.45 and 0.16 (12H, each as s, SiMe), 0.75 and 0.95 (18H, each as s, Bu- $\eta$ ), 4.69 (1H, d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, H-3'), 5.16 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 6.8, 4.4 Hz, H-2'), 5.39 (1H, s, H-5'), 5.87 (2H, br,  $\text{NH}_2$ ), 6.21 (1H, d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, H-1'), 7.92 and 8.34 (2H, each as s, H-2 and H-8); FAB-MS  $m/z$  556 and 558 ( $\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$ ). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{38}\text{BrN}_5\text{O}_3\text{Si}_2$ : C, 47.47; H, 6.88; N, 12.58. Found: C, 47.76; H, 6.95; N, 12.44.

**9-[2,3-Bis-*O*(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-5-(*Z*)-chloro-5-deoxy- $\beta$ -*D*-erythro-pent-4-enofuranosyl]adenine (15).** A mixture of **12** (148 mg, 0.19 mmol) and NCS (40 mg, 0.29 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was heated at 60 °C for 12 h. The reaction mixture was partitioned between  $\text{CHCl}_3$  and saturated aqueous  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ . Column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 1/1) of the organic layer gave **15** (74 mg, 76%) as a solid: mp 243–245 °C; UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  259 nm ( $\epsilon$  16 200),  $\lambda_{\text{min}}$  232 nm ( $\epsilon$  5400);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -0.32, -0.07, 0.14 and 0.15 (12H, each as s, SiMe), 0.75 and 0.95 (18H, each as s, Bu- $\eta$ ), 4.68 (1H, d,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, H-3'), 5.20 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 6.8, 4.0 Hz, H-2'), 5.40 (1H, s, H-5'), 5.68 (2H, br,  $\text{NH}_2$ ), 6.20 (1H, d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, H-1'), 7.90 and 8.36 (2H, each as s, H-2 and H-8); FAB-MS  $m/z$  513 ( $\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$ ). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{38}\text{ClN}_5\text{O}_3\text{Si}_2$ : C, 51.59; H, 7.48; N, 13.67. Found: C, 51.83; H, 7.71; N, 13.65.

**9-[2,3-Bis-*O*(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-5-deoxy-5-fluoro- $\beta$ -*D*-erythro-pent-4-enofuranosyl]adenine (17).** A mixture of **12** (139 mg, 0.18 mmol) and Selectfluor (96 mg, 0.27 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (5 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 15 min under positive pressure of dry Ar. The reaction mixture was partitioned between  $\text{CHCl}_3$  and saturated aqueous  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ . Column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 1/1) of the organic layer gave a mixture of **17Z**, **17E**, and **10** (84 mg, **17Z/17E/10** = 1/3/5). Yields of the products were calculated by  $^1\text{H NMR}$  spectroscopy by integrating H-5': **17**, 43%; **10**, 53%;  $^{19}\text{F NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -66.7 (d,  $J$  = 78.8 Hz), -61.8 (d,  $J$  = 75.2 Hz). Partial  $^1\text{H NMR}$  data for **17E**:  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -0.37, -0.15, and 0.04 (12H, each as s, SiMe), 0.59 and 0.80 (18H, each as s, Bu- $\eta$ ), 4.93 (1H, q,  $J$  = 4.4, 2.0 Hz, H-3'), 5.23 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 4.4 Hz, H-2'), 6.10 (1H, d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, H-1'), 6.85 (1H, d,  $J$  = 78.8 Hz, H-5'), 7.87 and 8.37 (2H, each as s, H-2 and H-8). Partial  $^1\text{H NMR}$  data for **17Z**:  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$

5.23 (1H, m, H-2'), 5.15 (1H, d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, H-1'), 6.39 (1H, d,  $J$  = 75.2 Hz, H-5'), 7.89 and 8.36 (2H, each as s, H-2 and H-8); FAB-MS for **17**  $m/z$  497 ( $\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$ ).

**9-[2,3-Bis-*O*(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-5-deoxy-5-(*Z*)-phenyl- $\beta$ -*D*-erythro-pent-4-enofuranosyl]adenine (18).** A mixture of **13** (200 mg, 0.33 mmol),  $\text{PhSnBu}_3$  (323  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.99 mmol),  $(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{PdCl}_2$  (49 mg, 0.07 mmol), and  $\text{CuI}$  (13 mg, 0.07 mmol) in DMF (1.5 mL) was heated at 60 °C for 15 h under positive pressure of dry Ar. The reaction mixture was partitioned between EtOAc and saturated aqueous  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ . Column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 1/1) of the organic layer gave **18** (88 mg, 48%) as a solid: mp 222–224 °C; UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  263 nm ( $\epsilon$  38 700),  $\lambda_{\text{min}}$  229 nm ( $\epsilon$  9900);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -0.30, -0.06, 0.17 and 0.20 (12H, each as s, SiMe), 0.76 and 0.96 (18H, each as s, Bu- $\eta$ ), 4.68 (1H, d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, H-3'), 5.10 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 6.8, 4.4 Hz, H-2'), 5.55 (1H, s, H-5'), 5.62 (2H, br,  $\text{NH}_2$ ), 6.34 (1H, d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, H-1'), 7.11–7.15 (1H, m, Ph), 7.22–7.26 (2H, m, Ph), 7.45–7.47 (2H, m, Ph), 7.95 and 8.36 (2H, each as s, H-2 and H-8); FAB-MS  $m/z$  554 ( $\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$ ). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{43}\text{N}_5\text{O}_3\text{Si}_2$ : C, 60.72; H, 7.83; N, 12.65. Found: C, 60.52; H, 8.06; N, 12.54.

**9-[2,3-Bis-*O*(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-5-deoxy-5-(*Z*)-vinyl- $\beta$ -*D*-erythro-pent-4-enofuranosyl]adenine (19).** A mixture of **13** (400 mg, 0.66 mmol), tributylvinyltin (775  $\mu\text{L}$ , 2.65 mmol),  $(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{PdCl}_2$  (98 mg, 0.13 mmol), and  $\text{CuI}$  (26 mg, 0.13 mmol) in DMF (3 mL) was heated at 60 °C for 24 h under positive pressure of dry Ar. The reaction mixture was partitioned between EtOAc and saturated aqueous  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ . Column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 1/1) of the organic layer gave **19** (252 mg, 76%) as a solid: mp 211–215 °C; UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  248 nm ( $\epsilon$  35 500),  $\lambda_{\text{min}}$  222 nm ( $\epsilon$  11 500), 260 nm (shoulder);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -0.31, -0.08, 0.13 and 0.15 (12H, each as s, SiMe), 0.75 and 0.92 (18H, each as s, Bu- $\eta$ ), 4.56 (1H, d,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, H-3'), 4.96 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 10.8, 2.0 Hz,  $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$ ), 5.05 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 6.4, 4.0 Hz, H-2'), 5.13 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 17.2, 2.0 Hz,  $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$ ), 5.32 (1H, d,  $J$  = 10.8 Hz, H-5'), 5.74 (2H, br,  $\text{NH}_2$ ), 6.19 (1H, d,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, H-1'), 6.50 (1H, dt,  $J$  = 17.2, 10.8 Hz,  $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.92 and 8.37 (2H, each as s, H-2 and H-8); FAB-MS  $m/z$  504 ( $\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$ ). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{41}\text{N}_5\text{O}_3\text{Si}_2$ : C, 57.22; H, 8.20; N, 13.90. Found: C, 57.30; H, 8.44; N, 13.78.

**9-[2,3-Bis-*O*(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-5-deoxy-5-(*Z*)-(tri-fluorovinyl)- $\beta$ -*D*-erythro-pent-4-enofuranosyl]adenine (20).** A mixture of **13** (400 mg, 0.66 mmol), tributyl(trifluorovinyl)tin (1.23 g, 3.31 mmol),  $(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{PdCl}_2$  (98 mg, 0.13 mmol), and  $\text{CuI}$  (26 mg, 0.13 mmol) in DMF (3 mL) was heated at 60 °C for 40 min under positive pressure of dry Ar. The reaction mixture was partitioned between EtOAc and saturated aqueous  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ . Florisil column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 2/1) of the organic layer gave **20** (263 mg, 71%) as a solid: mp 152–154 °C; UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  249 nm ( $\epsilon$  23 400),  $\lambda_{\text{min}}$  225 nm ( $\epsilon$  17 000);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -0.21, -0.04, 0.15 and 0.16 (12H, each as s, SiMe), 0.79 and 0.96 (18H, each as s, Bu- $\eta$ ), 4.80 (1H, d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, H-3'), 5.03 (1H, dd,  $J_{\text{H,F}}$  = 22.8, 3.6 Hz, H-5'), 5.10 (dd,  $J$  = 5.2, 4.4 Hz, H-2'), 5.60 (2H, br,  $\text{NH}_2$ ), 6.17 (1H, d,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz, H-1'), 7.87 and 8.35 (2H, each as s, H-2 and H-8);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -5.2, -4.7, -4.5 and -4.4 (SiMe), 17.9 and 18.0 ( $\text{CMe}_3$ ), 25.6 and 25.8 ( $\text{CMe}_3$ ), 73.0 (C-3'), 73.6 (C-2'), 87.4 (dd,  $J_{\text{C,F}}$  = 20.7, 5.2 Hz, C-5'), 90.6 (C-1'), 120.5 (C-5), 125.6 (ddd,  $J_{\text{C,F}}$  = 231.7, 50.7, 20.7 Hz, C-6'), 140.0 (C-8), 149.8 (C-4), 152.3 (ddd,  $J_{\text{C,F}}$  = 290.7, 281.4, and 47.6 Hz, C-7'), 153.2 (C-2), 155.6 (C-6), 156.5 (dd,  $J_{\text{C,F}}$  = 9.3, 4.1 Hz, C-4');  $^{19}\text{F NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -175.5 (ddd,  $J_{\text{F,F}}$  = 110.9, 30.2 Hz,  $J_{\text{H,F}}$  = 22.8 Hz), -117.3 (ddd,  $J_{\text{F,F}}$  = 110.9, 69.2 Hz,  $J_{\text{H,F}}$  = 3.6 Hz), -103.7 (dd,  $J_{\text{F,F}}$  = 69.2 and 30.2 Hz). FAB-MS  $m/z$  558 ( $\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$ ). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{38}\text{F}_3\text{N}_5\text{O}_3\text{Si}_2$ : C, 51.68; H, 6.87; N, 12.56. Found: C, 51.88; H, 6.95; N, 12.63.

**9-[2,3-Bis-*O*(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-5-deoxy-5-(*Z*)-(trimethylsilylethynyl)- $\beta$ -*D*-erythro-pent-4-enofuranosyl]adenine (21).** A mixture of **13** (700 mg, 1.16 mmol), trimethylsilylacetylene (491  $\mu\text{L}$ , 3.48 mmol),  $(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{PdCl}_2$  (161 mg, 0.23 mmol),  $\text{CuI}$  (44 mg, 0.23 mmol), and *i*- $\text{Pr}_2\text{NEt}$  (606  $\mu\text{L}$ , 3.48

mmol) in DMF (10 mL) was heated at 70 °C for 45 min under positive pressure of dry Ar. The reaction mixture was partitioned between EtOAc and saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. Column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 1/1) of the organic layer gave **21** (446 mg, 67%) as a solid: mp 150–154 °C; UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  254 nm ( $\epsilon$  35 900),  $\lambda_{\min}$  224 nm ( $\epsilon$  12 500); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -0.21, -0.03, 0.14 and 0.15 (12H, each as s, SiMe), 0.14 (9H, s, TMS), 0.79 and 0.65 (18H, each as s, Bu-*t*), 4.82 (1H, s, H-5'), 4.83 (1H, d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, H-3'), 4.96 (1H, dd, *J* = 5.2, 4.4 Hz, H-2'), 5.63 (2H, br, NH<sub>2</sub>), 6.23 (1H, d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, H-1'), 7.91 and 8.36 (2H, each as s, H-2 and H-8); FAB-MS *m/z* 574 (M<sup>+</sup> + H). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>47</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>3</sub>: C, 56.50; H, 8.25; N, 12.20. Found: C, 56.73; H, 8.50; N, 12.14.

**9-[2,3-Bis-*O*-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-5-(*Z*)-cyano-5-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-erythro-pent-4-enofuranosyl]adenine (**22**). A mixture of **13** (200 mg, 0.33 mmol), tributyltin cyanide (420 mg, 1.33 mmol), (PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>PdCl<sub>2</sub> (55 mg, 0.07 mmol), and CuI (63 mg, 0.33 mmol) in DMF (1.5 mL) was heated at 120 °C for 24 h under positive pressure of dry Ar. The reaction mixture was partitioned between EtOAc and saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. Column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 1/3) of the organic layer gave **22** (132 mg, 80%) as a solid, which was**

crystallized from Et<sub>2</sub>O–hexane: mp 249–251 °C; UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{\max}$  257 nm ( $\epsilon$  15 700) and 233 nm ( $\epsilon$  18 500),  $\lambda_{\min}$  248 nm ( $\epsilon$  15 600) and 223 nm ( $\epsilon$  17 000); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -0.09, 0.03, 0.17, and 0.18 (12H, each as s, SiMe), 0.84 and 0.96 (18H, each as s, Bu-*t*), 4.59 (1H, d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, H-5'), 5.15 (1H, dd, *J* = 4.8, 3.2 Hz, H-2'), 5.39 (1H, dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.2 Hz, H-3'), 5.95 (2H, br, NH<sub>2</sub>), 6.16 (1H, d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, H-1'), 7.88 and 8.31 (2H, each as s, H-2 and H-8); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -5.0, -4.7, -4.6 and -4.5 (SiMe), 17.9 and 18.1 (CMe<sub>3</sub>), 25.6 and 25.7 (CMe<sub>3</sub>), 70.5 (C-5'), 72.5 (C-3'), 73.0 (C-2'), 92.3 (C-1'), 114.9 (CN), 120.5 (C-5), 140.3 (C-8), 149.3 (C-4), 153.3 (C-2), 155.9 (C-6), 173.7 (C-4'); FAB-MS *m/z* 503 (M<sup>+</sup> + H). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>38</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>: C, 54.95; H, 7.62; N, 16.72. Found: C, 54.93; H, 7.76; N, 16.66.

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