

stirred at room temperature for 48 h. MeOH (1 mL) was added to the reaction, and the mixture was filtered through a Celite pad. The filtrate was concentrated, and the residue was chromatographed (CHCl₃). The nucleoside fractions were collected and concentrated, and the residue was treated with 3% HCl/MeOH for 24 h. After the solvent was removed by evaporation, the residue was crystallized from water to give 107 mg (33%) of **8B**, mp 124–125 °C.

In a similar manner, the 2'-bromo analogue (**8C**), mp 134–136 °C, was obtained via condensation of bis(trimethylsilyl)thymine (**8**) with the bromo sugar (**C**). For the ¹H NMR data of **8B** and **8C**, see Table II.

1-(2-Deoxy-2-fluoro-β-D-ribofuranosyl)-5-iodocytosine Hydrochloride (9, 2'-Fluoro-2'-deoxy-5-iodocytidine),¹⁰ 2'-Fluoro-2'-deoxycytidine⁸ (390 mg, 1.6 mmol) was dissolved in 3% HCl/MeOH (10 mL), and the solution was concentrated to dryness. The residue was suspended in AcOH (10 mL), and AcCl (2 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred for 30 min at 90–95 °C and then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in water (2 mL), and to this solution were added I₂ (194 mg, 0.8 mmol), HIO₃ (56 mg), CCl₄ (2 mL), and AcOH (3 mL), and the mixture was stirred for 24 h at 50–55 °C. The mixture was concentrated in vacuo, and the residue triturated several times with CCl₄ and then crystallized from EtOH to give 150 mg of crude 3',5'-di-*O*-acetyl-2'-deoxy-2'-fluoro-5-iodocytidine hydrochloride which was dissolved in 10% HCl/MeOH and stirred for 24 h at room temperature. After concentration of the mixture in vacuo, the residue was triturated several times with Et₂O, the insoluble solid was dissolved in water and filtered, and the filtrate was lyophilized to give **9** as a fluffy solid (62 mg). The ¹H NMR spectral data are given in Table II.

Antiviral Activity. Antiviral activity was determined for HSV-1 (strain 2931) and HSV-2 (strain G) on monolayers of Vero cells by the plaque-reduction assay.² A dose that reduced the number of virus plaques by 50% (ED₅₀) was determined.

Cytotoxicity. In other experiments (data not presented), we have found that inhibition of lymphocytic proliferation in response to the mitogen PHA demonstrated levels of cytotoxicity similar to those obtained with the inhibition of Vero cell proliferation.² Lymphocyte proliferation was quantitated by [³H]thymidine incorporation after a 4-h pulse.¹¹

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Registry No. **1A**, 56632-83-8; **1B**, 58461-30-6; **1C**, 67036-66-2; **1C-HCl**, 83966-85-2; **2**, 83966-86-3; **2A**, 69123-93-9; **2B**, 80791-95-3; **2B-HCl**, 83966-87-4; **2B** diacetate, 83966-88-5; **2C**, 83966-89-6; **2C-HCl**, 83966-90-9; **2C** diacetate, 83966-91-0; **3**, 83966-92-1; **3A**, 69123-90-6; **3A** (α isomer), 83999-91-1; **3B**, 80791-94-2; **3C**, 83966-93-2; **3C-HCl**, 83966-94-3; **4A**, 89636-53-0; **4A 3-O-acetate 5-O-benzoate**, 83966-95-4; **4B**, 80791-96-4; **4C**, 83966-96-5; **4C-HCl**, 83966-97-6; **5A**, 69123-94-0; **6A**, 69123-97-3; **7A**, 69123-98-4; **8**, 7288-28-0; **8A**, 69256-17-3; **8B**, 80791-97-5; **8C**, 83966-98-7; **9**, 80791-93-1; **9** diacetate HCl, 83966-99-8; (Me₃Si)₂NH, 32713-31-8; cytosine, 71-30-7; 5-iodocytosine, 1122-44-7; 1,3-di-*O*-acetyl-5-*O*-benzoyl-2-deoxy-2-fluoro-D-arabinofuranose, 84025-00-3; 1-(3-*O*-acetyl-5-*O*-benzoyl-2-deoxy-fluoro-β-D-arabinofuranosyl)-5-iodocytosine, 83967-00-4; 5-methylcytosine, 554-01-8; 1,3,5-tri-*O*-acetyl-2-chloro-2-deoxy-α-D-arabinofuranose, 30589-74-3; 5-bromocytosine, 2240-25-7; 1,3,5-tri-*O*-acetyl-2-bromo-2-deoxy-α-D-arabinofuranose, 83967-01-5; 3,5-di-*O*-acetyl-2-chloro-2-deoxy-D-arabinofuranosyl bromide, 84025-01-4; 3,5-di-*O*-acetyl-2-bromo-2-deoxy-D-arabinofuranosyl bromide, 84025-02-5; 2-fluoro-2'-deoxycytidine, 10212-20-1.

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Carbocyclic Analogues of 5-Substituted Uracil Nucleosides: Synthesis and Antiviral Activity

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Carbocyclic analogues of 3'-deoxyuridines, 3'-deoxyuridines, and uridines with substituents at position 5 of the uracil moiety were prepared by direct halogenation (5-bromo and 5-iodo groups) and by displacement of the 5-bromo group by amino and substituted-amino groups. The analogue of 5-(hydroxymethyl)uridine was prepared via reaction of the isopropylidene derivative of the uridine analogue with paraformaldehyde. The carbocyclic analogues of thymidine and of 5-bromo-, 5-iodo-, and 5-(methylamino)-2'-deoxyuridine were highly active in vitro against herpes simplex virus, types 1 and 2. The corresponding analogues of 5-substituted 3'-deoxyuridines and of 5-substituted uridines were not active in this assay.

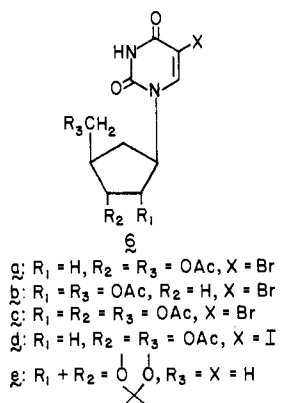
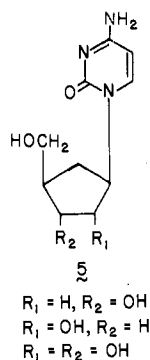
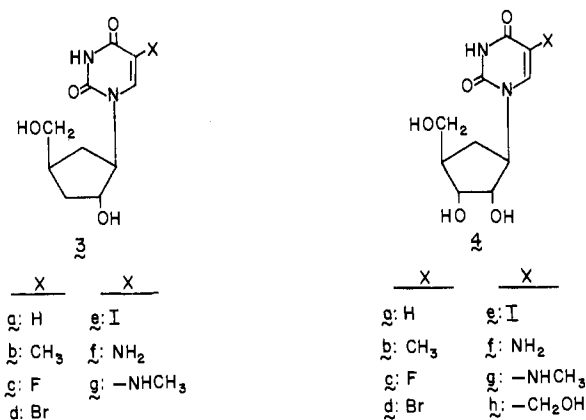
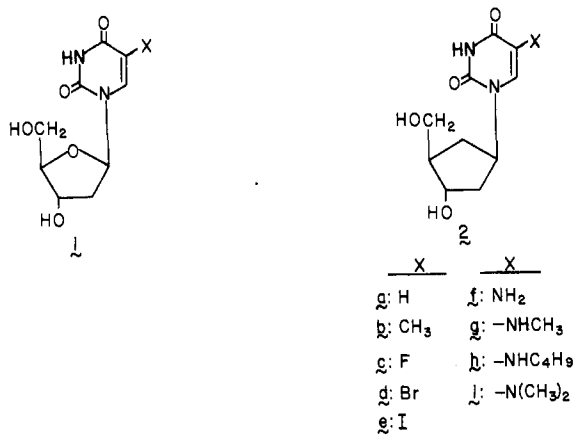
Several pyrimidine nucleosides, notably 1-β-D-arabinofuranosylcytosine (*ara-C*)¹² and 5-fluoro-2'-deoxyuridine,^{3,4} have useful anticancer activity. Many pyrimidine nucleosides have antiviral activity;⁵⁻¹⁰ among the antiviral

pyrimidine nucleosides, a great variety of 5-substituted 2'-deoxyuridines (**1**) inhibit the replication of herpes viruses. Because of the anticancer, antiviral, and other types of biological activity found among pyrimidine nucleosides, there is a continuing interest in this type of structure.

Previously, we have reported the synthesis of carbocyclic analogues of uracil nucleosides¹¹ (**2a**, **3a**, and **4a**), thymidine nucleosides^{12,13} (**2b**, **3b**, and **4b**), 5-fluorouracil nu-

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cleosides¹⁴ (2c, 3c, and 4c), and cytosine nucleosides (5).^{15,16} In tests against leukemia L1210 in mice, the carbocyclic analogues of thymidine, cytidine, and 1- β -D-arabino-furanosylcytosine caused increases in life span of 32,¹⁸ 82,¹⁷ and 104%,¹⁸ respectively. The carbocyclic analogue of cytidine is highly active against human influenza virus in vitro, and the *ara*-C and 2,2'-anhydro-*ara*-C carbocyclic analogues are modestly active against influenza virus.¹⁹

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Table I. Evaluation of Carbocyclic Analogues of 5-Substituted Uracil Nucleosides against Herpes Simplex Virus^a

compd	X	type 1, strain 377		type 2, strain MS	
		VR ^b	MIC ₅₀ , mcg/mL	VR ^b	MIC ₅₀ , mcg/mL
2a	H	0			
2b	CH ₃	5.4	0.8	3.2	7.0
2c	F	0		0	
2d	Br	6.2	0.3	1.5	32
2e	I	6.5	0.4	2.9	32
		7.1	0.3	3.4	20
		7.9	0.1		
		7.4	0.4		
2f	NH ₂	0.1			
2g	NHCH ₃	4.2	10	1.2	229
		3.9	15		
		4.5	25		
2h	NHC ₄ H ₉	2.0	290	0.7	1000
2i	N(CH ₃) ₂	0			
3a	H	0			
3b	CH ₃	0.4		0	
3c-3g		0			
4a-4g		0			
4h	CH ₂ OH	0.3		0	
6a	Br	1.3	92		
		0.9	100		
6b	Br	0			
6d	I	2.4	10		
		1.6	25		
IdUrd		7.4	0.3	5.0	1.0
<i>ara</i> -A		2.7	9.8	2.3	20.1

^a Antiviral assays were performed with HSV-1 and HSV-2 replicating in primary rabbit kidney cell cultures.
^b VR = virus rating. See text and Experimental Section.

Because of these observations of activity by carbocyclic analogues of pyrimidine nucleosides and because of the selective antiviral activity of 5-substituted uracil nucleosides, we extended our studies to include carbocyclic analogues of various 5-substituted uracil nucleosides (2-4).

(\pm)-5-Bromo-(1 α ,3 β ,4 α)-1-[3-hydroxy-4-(hydroxymethyl)cyclopentyl]-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-pyrimidinedione (2d) was prepared, by procedures similar to those of Visser²⁰ for the preparation of 5-bromo-2'-deoxyuridine (BrdUrd), by bromination of 2a diacetate in acetic acid and deacylation of 6a. The carbocyclic analogues (3d and 4d) of 5-bromo-3'-deoxyuridine and of 5-bromouridine were prepared similarly. The carbocyclic analogue (2e) of 5-iodo-2'-deoxyuridine (IdUrd) and 5-iodouracil derivatives 3e and 4e were prepared from the parent uracil derivatives (2a, 3a, and 4a) by iodination in nitric acid according to the procedure of Prusoff²¹ for IdUrd. The carbocyclic analogue (2f) of 5-amino-2'-deoxyuridine was isolated by ion-exchange chromatography after reaction of the 5-bromo diacetate derivative 6a with methanolic ammonia at 100 °C, and the 5-(methylamino)-2'-deoxyuridine analogue (2g) was obtained similarly after treatment of bromo derivative 2d with methylamine. Likewise, other 5-amino derivatives (2h, i, 3f, g, and 4f, g) were obtained from 5-bromouracil (2d, 3d, and 4d) or 5-bromouracil *O*-acetyl (6a-c) derivatives. The 5-(hydroxymethyl)uridine analogue (4h) was synthesized by preparing the 2',3'-isopropylidene analogue (6e), hydroxymethylating 6e with paraformaldehyde in basic solution,^{22,23} and deblocking as usual.

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The carbocyclic analogues (2-4) of 5-substituted uracil nucleosides were tested for selective inhibition of herpes simplex virus (HSV) replication in secondary rabbit kidney cells in culture. A standard assay for inhibition of virus-induced cytopathogenic effects (CPE), which has been described previously,^{19,24} was used to evaluate these analogues against herpes simplex virus type 1 (HSV-1), strain 377; compounds that were active against HSV-1 were subsequently tested for activity against herpes simplex virus type 2 (HSV-2) in the same manner. Certain compounds active against strain 377 of HSV-1 were also evaluated against strain HF/TK⁻, a mutant strain of HSV-1 deficient in its ability to induce a virus-specific thymidine kinase in infected cells.

The antiviral activity of each compound was expressed in terms of a virus rating (VR), and the potency was measured as a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC₅₀). The VR, determined by a modification of the method of Ehrlich et al.,²⁵ is a weighted measurement of antiviral activity that takes into account the degree of inhibition of virus-specific CPE and the degree of cytotoxicity produced by the test compound. A VR ≥ 1.0 indicates definite antiviral activity, a VR = 0.5-0.9 indicates marginal to moderate antiviral activity, and a VR < 0.5 usually indicates no significant antiviral activity. The MIC₅₀ is the concentration of test compound required to inhibit virus-induced CPE by 50%.

The carbocyclic analogue (2e) of IdUrd was the most active compound against HSV-1 with a VR in the range of 6.5 to 7.9 and an MIC₅₀ in the range of 0.1 to 0.4 μg/mL (Table I). Other carbocyclic analogues of 5-substituted 2'-deoxyuridines that displayed high antiherpes activity were the analogue (2d) of BrdUrd with a VR of 6.2 and MIC₅₀ of 0.3 μg/mL, the analogue (2b) of thymidine^{12,13} with a VR of 5.4 and MIC₅₀ of 0.8 μg/mL, and the analogue (2g) of 5-(methylamino)-2'-deoxyuridine with a VR of 3.9 to 4.5 and MIC₅₀ of 10 to 25 μg/mL (Table I). The 5-(butylamino) analogue (2h) was quite active (VR = 2.0) but was much less potent (MIC₅₀ = 290 μg/mL). These same analogues demonstrated highly significant antiviral effects against HSV-2 (strain MS) in vitro but were uniformly inactive against the TK⁻ variant of HSV-1 (strain HF). This finding indicates that these antiviral carbocyclic analogues are activated by the virus-induced thymidine kinase in infected cells,²⁶⁻²⁹ just as the true nucleoside analogues of this type are known to be. This virus-specific mechanism of drug activation is known to result in a high degree of antiviral selectivity. The diacetates (6a and 6d) of 2d and 2e also showed significant activity against HSV-1 (strain 377), but they were less active than 2d and 2e.

The parent deoxyuridine analogue¹¹ (2a) and the carbocyclic analogues of 5-fluoro-,¹⁴ 5-amino-, and 5-(dimethylamino)-2'-deoxyuridine were not active. Also, the carbocyclic analogues (3 and 4) of 3'-deoxyuridines and uridines were devoid of significant activity in this assay. During evaluations of these carbocyclic analogues (2-4),

two well-known antiviral drugs, IdUrd and 1-β-D-arabinofuranosyladenine (*ara-A*), were included as positive controls. Typical values of VR and MIC₅₀ for IdUrd and *ara-A* are also listed in Table I.

Experimental Section

General Methods. Melting points were determined in capillary tubes heated in a Mel-Temp apparatus. Ultraviolet spectra (UV) were recorded with a Cary Model 17 spectrophotometer, and maxima are reported in nanometers. Solutions for ultraviolet determinations were prepared by diluting an aliquot of an ethanol solution with 0.1 N hydrochloric acid, phosphate buffer (pH 7), or 0.1 N sodium hydroxide; absorption maxima of these solutions are reported as being determined in 0.1 N HCl, at pH 7, or in 0.1 N NaOH, respectively. Mass spectral data (MS) were taken from low-resolution spectra determined at 70 eV with a Varian/MAT Model 311A spectrometer equipped with a combination electron-impact, field-ionization, and field-desorption ion source. The peaks listed are those due to the molecular ion (M), those attributable to the loss of certain fragments from the molecular ion (M - fragment), and some other prominent peaks. Unless indicated otherwise, infrared spectra were recorded with a Perkin-Elmer Model 521 or 621 spectrophotometer from samples in potassium bromide disks; w = weak, sh = shoulder. Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were determined with a Varian Model XL-100-15 spectrometer operating at 100.1 MHz for proton (¹H NMR) and at 25.2 MHz for carbon-13 (¹³C NMR) spectra. The internal standard was (CH₃)₄Si; s = singlet, d = doublet, m = multiplet. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on plates of silica gel,³⁰ and developed plates were examined by UV light (254 nm). Other pertinent information (amount applied, developing solvent) are given parenthetically at the appropriate places in the experimental procedures.

(±)-5-Bromo-1-[(1α,3β,4α)-3-hydroxy-4-(hydroxymethyl)cyclopentyl]-2,4(1H,3H)-pyrimidinedione (2d). A solution of 540 mg of diacetate 6a in 25 mL of ammonia-methanol (10% ammonia) was stirred at room temperature for 72 h and then concentrated to dryness under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in hot water (10 mL), the solution was treated with activated charcoal and filtered, and the filtrate (plus washings) was concentrated to about one-half of the original volume. After the concentrated solution had been stored at low temperature (about 5 °C), the white crystalline product was collected by filtration, washed sparingly with water, and dried in vacuo at 78 °C: yield 251 mg (52%); mp 188-193 °C. After the filtrate had been concentrated and refrigerated, an additional quantity (60 mg, total yield 73.7%) of 2d was obtained in the same manner: mp 189-194 °C; UV max 284 (ε 10 000) and 212 nm (ε 9400) at pH 1, 284 (ε 10 000) and 212 nm (ε 9600) at pH 7, 280 nm (ε 7400) at pH 13; MS, m/e 304 (M), 286 (M - H₂O), 274, 255 (M - H₂O - CH₂OH), 247, 217 (5-bromouracil group + C₂H₄), 191 (5-bromouracil group + 2H), 190 (5-bromouracil group + H); IR (1800-1300 cm⁻¹ region) 1695, 1685, 1645, 1630 (sh), 1610, 1505 (w), 1460, 1445, 1425, 1415 (sh), 1375, 1345, 1310 cm⁻¹. Anal. (C₁₀H₁₃BrN₂O₄) C, H, N.

(±)-1-[(1α,3β,4α)-3-Hydroxy-4-(hydroxymethyl)cyclopentyl]-5-iodo-2,4(1H,3H)-pyrimidinedione (2e). A solution of iodine (2.49 g) in chloroform (13 mL) was added to a solution of 2.175 g of the carbocyclic analogue (2a) of 2'-deoxyuridine in 1 N nitric acid (22 mL), and the resulting mixture was heated under reflux for 2 h and then stored overnight at about 5 °C. The chloroform layer was separated, and the water layer, which then contained a white solid, was again refrigerated. The white crystalline solid was collected by filtration, washed with cold water, and dried in vacuo at room temperature. The crude product (2.914 g) was dissolved in hot water (75 mL); the solution was filtered and then refrigerated; and the recrystallized product was collected

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by filtration, washed with cold water, and dried in vacuo at 78 °C: yield 2.58 g (76%); mp 197–199 °C; UV max 292 (ϵ 8900) and 217 nm (ϵ 10 900) at pH 1, 293 (ϵ 8700) and 217 nm (ϵ 11 000) at pH 7, 283 nm (ϵ 6400) at pH 13; MS, m/e 352 (M), 334 (M - H₂O), 322, 303 (M - H₂O - CH₂OH), 295, 293, 265 (5-iodouracil group + C₂H₄), 260, 239 (5-iodouracil group + 2 H), 238 (5-iodouracil group + H), 225 (M - I); IR (1800–1300 cm⁻¹ region) 1690, 1640, 1600, 1505, 1460, 1420, 1400 (sh), 1345, 1330 (sh), 1305 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (Me₂SO-*d*₆) δ 1.2–1.7 and 1.7–2.3 (overlapping multiplets 2 CH₂ and CHCH₂OH), 3.48 (m, CH₂OH), 4.0 (m, CHOH), 4.6 (m, CH₂OH), 4.7 (m, CHOH), 4.9 (m, CH at position 1 of cyclopentane ring), 8.13 (s, CH at position 6 of pyrimidine ring), 11.58 (s, NH). Anal. (C₁₀H₁₃I₂N₂O₄) C, H, N.

(±)-5-Amino-1-[(1 α ,3 β ,4 α)-3-hydroxy-4-(hydroxymethyl)cyclopentyl]-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-pyrimidinedione (2f) Sulfate. A solution of 500 mg of 6a in 30 mL of an ammonia-methanol solution (20% ammonia) was heated at 100 °C for 20 h in a sealed stainless-steel bomb. The reaction solution was removed from the chilled bomb, concentrated with a current of nitrogen to remove ammonia, and concentrated in vacuo to a yellow syrup. A water (50 mL) solution of the syrup was subjected to ion-exchange chromatography on a column of a cation-exchange resin (Amberlite CG-120, H⁺ form). The resin column was washed thoroughly with water, and the 5-amino-2'-deoxyuridine analogue (2f) was then eluted with 1 N aqueous ammonia. The basic eluate was concentrated to remove ammonia and then lyophilized. Sulfuric acid (2 N, 0.25 mL) was added to an ethanol (3 mL) solution of the lyophilization residue. Addition of acetonitrile to the acidic solution and refrigeration of the mixture caused the formation of a precipitate (weight, 109 mg), and addition of acetonitrile to the filtrate and refrigeration of the mixture furnished a second crop of solid (206 mg). Acetonitrile was added to a hot, heterogeneous mixture of ethanol and the two crops of solid, and the resulting mixture was stored in a freezer (about -15 °C) and filtered to collect a precipitate, which was washed with acetonitrile and dried in vacuo at 78 °C: yield 136 mg. Concentration of the filtrate produced a second crop: yield 63 mg. The two crops were combined (total yield of the hemisulfate dihydrate = 56%): UV max 270 nm (ϵ 9300) at pH 1, 298 (ϵ 7500) and 226 nm (ϵ 7000) at pH 7, 291 (ϵ 6400) and 230–235 nm (slight shoulder) at pH 13; MS, m/e 241 (M), 223 (M - H₂O), 127 (5-aminouracil group + H); IR (1800–1300 cm⁻¹ region) broad bands centered at 1700, 1535, 1520, 1480, 1435, 1400, 1375, 1275 cm⁻¹. Anal. (C₁₀H₁₅N₃O₄·0.5H₂SO₄·2H₂O) C, H, N.

(±)-1-[(1 α ,3 β ,4 α)-3-Hydroxy-4-(hydroxymethyl)cyclopentyl]-5-(methylamino)-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-pyrimidinedione (2g). A solution of 175 mg of 2d in a 50% solution (30 mL) of methylamine in methanol was heated at 90–100 °C for 20 h in a sealed, stainless-steel bomb. The reaction solution was removed from the chilled bomb, concentrated with a current of nitrogen, and then concentrated in vacuo to a foam. A water (25 mL) solution of the residue was chromatographed on a column of a cation-exchange resin (Amberlite CG-120, H⁺ form). The resin column was washed thoroughly with water, and the 5-(methylamino)-2'-deoxyuridine analogue (2g) was eluted from the column with 1 N aqueous ammonia. The basic eluate was concentrated to dryness in vacuo, ethanol (3 mL) was added to the residue, the cloudy solution was filtered, and the clear filtrate was diluted carefully with ether (10 mL). A white solid was collected by filtration, washed with ether, and dried in vacuo at 78 °C: yield 37 mg. The filtrate was diluted with ether, and a second crop of white solid was then obtained in the same way: yield 73 mg (total yield as 2g hemihydrate = 65.8%). The two crops of product were combined in hot ethanol, the solution was filtered, and the hot filtrate was diluted with ether. The white precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with ether, and dried in vacuo at 78 °C: recovery 73%; UV max 270 nm (ϵ 9400) at pH 1, 303 (ϵ 6400) and 236 nm (ϵ 6800) at pH 7, 294 (ϵ 5800) and 230–240 nm (slight shoulder) at pH 13; MS, m/e 256 (M + 1), 255 (M), 237 (M - H₂O), 224 (M - CH₂OH), 206 (M - H₂O - CH₂OH), 167, 141 [5-(methylamino)uracil group + H]; IR (1800–1300 cm⁻¹ region) 1700, 1660, 1635, 1595, 1585 (sh), 1510, 1500, 1475, 1465, 1455, 1440, 1425, 1395, 1370, and 1320 cm⁻¹. Anal. (C₁₁H₁₇N₃O₄·0.5H₂O) C, H, N.

(±)-5-(Butylamino)-1-[(1 α ,3 β ,4 α)-3-hydroxy-4-(hydroxymethyl)cyclopentyl]-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-pyrimidinedione (2h)

Sulfate. A solution of 400 mg of 6a in butylamine (25 mL) was heated under reflux for 20 h and then concentrated in vacuo to a gummy residue. Water (20 mL) was added to the residue, and the aqueous mixture was extracted three times with 20-mL portions of ether and then concentrated in vacuo to a colorless syrup (yield 280 mg). A water (50 mL) solution of the residual syrup was chromatographed on a column of a cation-exchange resin as described for 2g, and the basic eluate was concentrated in vacuo to a syrup that was dissolved in ethanol. The ethanol solution was filtered and concentrated to a colorless syrup: yield 248 mg (81% yield calculated as 2h free base). The free base was converted to a sulfate salt as follows: 1 N sulfuric acid (1 mL) was added to an ethanol (20 mL) solution of the free base, the solution was concentrated to a low volume, the addition of ethanol and the concentration of the resulting solution were repeated several times to remove water, and ether was then added to the concentrated solution. A white, hygroscopic solid, collected in two crops, was separated by filtration, washed with ether, and dried in vacuo at 78 °C: yield 170 mg (44% calculated as a sulfate 1.25-hydrate); MS, m/e 297 (M), 279 (M - H₂O), 254 (M - C₃H₇), 236 (M - C₃H₇ - H₂O), 183 [5-(butylamino)uracil group + H]; IR (1800–1000 cm⁻¹ region) broad bands centered at 1690, 1585, 1495, 1465, 1440, 1395, 1380 (sh), 1310 (sh), 1280, 1210, 1165, 1115, 1040 cm⁻¹. Anal. (C₁₄H₂₃N₃O₄·0.5H₂SO₄·1.25H₂O) C, H, N: calcd, 11.40; found, 11.85.

(±)-5-(Dimethylamino)-1-[(1 α ,3 β ,4 α)-3-hydroxy-4-(hydroxymethyl)cyclopentyl]-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-pyrimidinedione (2i). A solution of 160 mg of 6a in 15 mL of a solution of dimethylamine in methanol (20% dimethylamine) was heated in a sealed, stainless-steel bomb at 100 °C for 24 h. The reaction product was isolated by the procedure described for 2g; the basic eluate from the resin column was concentrated in vacuo to remove dimethylamine and then lyophilized. An ethanol (10 mL) solution of the residue was filtered, concentrated to a low volume, diluted with a small amount of ether, and stored at about 5 °C. The precipitated 5-(dimethylamino)uracil derivative (2i) was collected by filtration, washed with an ethanol-ether mixture (1:1), and dried in vacuo: yield 90 mg (76%). This compound may be reprecipitated by the addition of ether to an ethanol solution: mp 137–142 °C dec; UV max 270 nm (ϵ 9500) at pH 1, 294 (ϵ 6600) and 230 nm (ϵ 7600) at pH 7, 284 (ϵ 5800) and 230–235 nm (slight shoulder) at pH 13; MS, m/e 270 (M + 1), 269 (M), 251 (M - H₂O), 181, 155 [5-(dimethylamino)uracil group + H]; IR (1800–1300 cm⁻¹ region) 1700 (sh), 1685, 1640, 1615 (sh), 1600 (sh), 1515, 1475, 1460, 1455, 1430, 1395, 1365, 1315 cm⁻¹. Anal. (C₁₂H₁₉N₃O₄·0.75H₂O) C, H, N.

(±)-5-Bromo-1-[(1 α ,2 β ,4 α)-2-hydroxy-4-(hydroxymethyl)cyclopentyl]-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-pyrimidinedione (3d). Diacetate 6b (270 mg) was treated with 10% methanolic ammonia (15 mL) according to the procedure described for the preparation of 2d. The crude product was recrystallized from a small amount of water. Two crops of crystals (3d) were collected: total yield 160 mg (75.8%); mp 199–202 °C; UV max 284 (ϵ 10 000) and 211 nm (ϵ 9700) at pH 1, 284 (ϵ 9900) and 210 nm (ϵ 9800) at pH 7, 280 nm (ϵ 7600) at pH 13; MS, m/e 304 (M), 286 (M - H₂O), 276 (M - CO), 255 (M - H₂O - CH₂OH), 217 (5-bromouracil group + C₂H₄), 191 (5-bromouracil group + 2H), 190 (5-bromouracil group + H); IR (1800–1300 cm⁻¹ region) 1700, 1670, 1610, 1500 (w), 1455, 1410, 1390, 1375, 1350, 1335 (sh), 1310 (sh), 1300 cm⁻¹. Anal. (C₁₆H₁₃BrN₂O₄·0.5H₂O) C, H, N.

(±)-1-[(1 α ,2 β ,4 α)-2-Hydroxy-4-(hydroxymethyl)cyclopentyl]-5-iodo-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-pyrimidinedione (3e). A solution of 500 mg of the carbocyclic analogue (3a) of 3'-deoxyuridine in 5 mL of 1 N nitric acid was added to a solution of 500 mg of iodine in chloroform (3 mL), and the resulting mixture was heated under reflux for about 20 h. A crystalline precipitate that had formed in the reaction mixture was collected by filtration, washed with cold water and with ether, and dried in vacuo at 78 °C: yield 565 mg (73%); mp 208–210 °C. Recrystallization of this material from water (10 mL) furnished white crystals: yield 418 mg; mp 210–212 °C; UV max 293 (ϵ 8700) and 217 nm (ϵ 10 900) at pH 1, 294 (ϵ 8700) and 217 nm (ϵ 11 000) at pH 7, 284 nm (ϵ 6400) at pH 13; MS, m/e 352 (M), 334 (M - H₂O), 324 (M - CO), 303 (M - H₂O - CH₂OH), 265 (5-iodouracil group + C₂H₄), 239 (5-iodouracil group + 2H), 238 (5-iodouracil group + H); IR (1800–1300 cm⁻¹ region) 1695, 1665, 1605, 1490 (w), 1445, 1410, 1400, 1385, 1340,

1305 (sh), 1295. Anal. (C₁₀H₁₃IN₂O₄·0.25H₂O) C, H, N.

(±)-5-Amino-1-[(1 α ,2 β ,4 α)-2-hydroxy-4-(hydroxymethyl)cyclopentyl]-2,4(1H,3H)-pyrimidinedione (3f). Compound 3f was prepared from 3d by the procedure described for the preparation of 2f, but it was isolated as the free base rather than as a sulfate salt. After the base eluate from the resin column had been lyophilized, the residue was slurried with ethanol (30 mL/g), ether (60 mL/g) was added, and the mixture was stored at about 5 °C. A precipitate was collected, washed with ether, and dissolved in hot ethanol (100 mL/g). The ethanol solution was filtered to remove a slight turbidity, diluted with ether (160 mL/g), and stored again at about 5 °C. The solid product was collected by filtration, washed with ether, and dried in vacuo at 78 °C: UV max 271 nm (ϵ 8400) at pH 1, 297 (ϵ 6600) and 225 nm (shoulder, ϵ 6400) at pH 7, and 292 (ϵ 5800) and 230–235 nm (slight shoulder) at pH 13; MS, *m/e* 242 (M + 1), 241 (M), 223 (M - H₂O), 192 (M - H₂O - CH₂OH), 154 (5-aminouracil group + C₂H₄), 140, 128, and 127 (5-aminouracil group + 2H and H, respectively); IR (1800–1300 cm⁻¹ region) broad bands centered at 1680, 1640, 1600, 1580 (sh), 1500, 1380, 1350 (sh), 1305 (sh) cm⁻¹. Anal. (C₁₀H₁₅N₃O₄·H₂O) C, H, N.

(±)-1-[(1 α ,2 β ,4 α)-2-Hydroxy-4-(hydroxymethyl)cyclopentyl]-5-(methylamino)-2,4(1H,3H)-pyrimidinedione (3g). By the procedure described for the preparation of 2g, compound 3g was prepared from 550 mg of 6b and a solution (15 mL) of methanolic methylamine (25% methylamine). The basic eluate from the resin column was concentrated in vacuo and then lyophilized, and an ethanol solution of the residue (288 mg) was filtered, concentrated to a low volume, diluted with a small amount of ether, and stored at about 5 °C. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with an ethanol-ether mixture (5:1), and dried in vacuo at 78 °C: yield 198 mg (55% calculated as 0.25H₂O: mp 200–205 °C; UV max 272 nm (ϵ 10000) at pH 1, 302 (ϵ 7200) and 234 nm (ϵ 7500) at pH 7, 294 (ϵ 6200) and 230–240 nm (slight shoulder) at pH 13; MS, *m/e* 256 (M + 1), 255 (M), 237 (M - H₂O), 206 (M - H₂O - CH₂OH), 167, 141 [5-(methylamino)uracil group + H]; IR (1800–1300 cm⁻¹ region) 1675, 1660, 1640, 1525, 1475, 1445, 1420, 1385, 1340 (sh), 1295 cm⁻¹. Anal. (C₁₁H₁₇N₃O₄·0.25H₂O) C, H, N.

(±)-5-Bromo-1-[(1 α ,2 β ,3 β ,4 α)-2,3-dihydroxy-4-(hydroxymethyl)cyclopentyl]-2,4(1H,3H)-pyrimidinedione (4d). Triacetate 6c (471 mg) was treated with 10% methanolic ammonia (25 mL) according to the procedure described for the preparation of 2d. Recrystallization of the crude product from water gave white crystals that were dried at 78 °C: yield 251 mg (74%); mp 229–232 °C; UV max 284 (ϵ 10200) and 212 nm (ϵ 9600) at pH 1, 283 (ϵ 9900) and 211 nm (ϵ 9500) at pH 7, and 280 nm (ϵ 7800) at pH 13; MS, *m/e* 320 (M), 302 (M - H₂O), 271, 217 (5-bromouracil group + C₂H₄), 191 (5-bromouracil group + 2H); IR (1800–1300 cm⁻¹ region) 1710 (sh), 1690, 1620, 1505, 1455, 1420, 1395, 1360, 1315, 1305 cm⁻¹. Anal. (C₁₀H₁₃BrN₂O₅) C, H, N.

(±)-1-[(1 α ,2 β ,3 β ,4 α)-2,3-Dihydroxy-4-(hydroxymethyl)cyclopentyl]-5-iodo-2,4(1H,3H)-pyrimidinedione (4e). Iodine (284 mg) was added to a well-stirred mixture of chloroform (1.42 mL), 304 mg of the carbocyclic analogue (4a) of uridine, and 1 N nitric acid (3 mL). The mixture was heated under gentle reflux for 2 h and then stirred at room temperature for 1 h. Additional iodine (142 mg) was added, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (during which time a white precipitate formed) and was chilled. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with cold water and then with chloroform, and dried at 78 °C: yield 270 mg (59%); mp 210–212 °C. The filtrate was neutralized (pH 7) with 6 N NaOH and then extracted with ethyl acetate in a continuous liquid-liquid extractor. From the ethyl acetate extract, 90 mg (mp 209–212 °C) of additional 4e was obtained (total yield 78%). The two portions were combined and dissolved in hot water (6 mL), and the solution was cooled slowly to room temperature and then chilled. The white crystalline precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with cold water, and dried in vacuo at 78 °C: yield 282 mg (61%); mp 210–213 °C; UV max 293 (ϵ 8700) and 217 nm (ϵ 10800) at pH 1, 292 (ϵ 8600) and 217 nm (ϵ 10800) at pH 7, 284 nm (ϵ 6300) at pH 13; MS, *m/e* 368 (M), 350 (M - H₂O), 321, 319 (M - H₂O - CH₂OH), 265 (5-iodouracil group + C₂H₄), 239 and 238 (5-iodouracil group + 2H and H, respectively), 222 (M - H₂O - HI); IR (1800–1300 cm⁻¹ region) 1700, 1680, 1615, 1500 (w), 1450, 1425

(sh), 1415, 1390, 1365 (sh), 1355, 1315 (sh), 1305 cm⁻¹. Anal. (C₁₀H₁₃IN₂O₅) C, H, N.

(±)-5-Amino-1-[(1 α ,2 β ,3 β ,4 α)-2,3-dihydroxy-4-(hydroxymethyl)cyclopentyl]-2,4(1H,3H)-pyrimidinedione (4f). The carbocyclic analogue (6c; 530 mg) of 5-bromouridine triacetate was treated with methanolic ammonia (30 mL of 50% methanol-ammonia) according to the procedure for the preparation of 2f. After the basic eluate from the resin column had been lyophilized, the residual white solid was dissolved in hot ethanol (20 mL) with the aid of a small amount of water (2 mL). The solution was treated with activated charcoal and filtered, and the filtrate was diluted with ether (25 mL) and concentrated to about one-half of the original volume. The concentrated solution was diluted again with ether (25 mL) and concentrated again, and this process was repeated. The resulting mixture, containing a white solid, was placed in a refrigerator. The white precipitate was then collected by filtration, washed with ether, and dried in vacuo at 78 °C: yield 93 mg. By concentrating the filtrate and adding more ether, we obtained a second crop of product in the same way: yield 133 mg (total yield as a hydrate 69%). The two portions of hygroscopic product were blended and dried again at 78 °C: UV max 269 nm (ϵ 9200) at pH 1, 297 (ϵ 7400) and 225 nm (shoulder, ϵ 6900) at pH 7, 291 (ϵ 6300) and 230–235 nm (slight shoulder) at pH 13; MS, *m/e* 257 (M), 239 (M - H₂O), 128 and 127 (5-aminouracil group + 2H and H, respectively); IR (1800–1270 cm⁻¹ region) broad bands centered at 1685, 1645, 1595, 1495, 1400, 1335 (w), 1300 (sh), 1270 cm⁻¹. Anal. (C₁₀H₁₅N₃O₅·H₂O) C, H, N.

(±)-1-[(1 α ,2 β ,3 β ,4 α)-2,3-Dihydroxy-4-(hydroxymethyl)cyclopentyl]-5-(methylamino)-2,4(1H,3H)-pyrimidinedione (4g). A solution of 6c (530 mg) in a 50% solution (30 mL) of methylamine in methanol was heated at 100 °C for 18 h in a sealed, stainless-steel bomb, and 4g was isolated by the method described for 2g. It was recrystallized from ethanol-water-ether (8:1:15), washed with ethyl acetate, and dried in vacuo at 78 °C: yield 182 mg (53% as the monohydrate); mp indefinite (>105 °C); UV max 271 nm (ϵ 9100) at pH 1, 303 (ϵ 6300) and 235 nm (ϵ 6600) at pH 7, 294 (ϵ 6000) and 230–240 nm (slight shoulder) at pH 13; MS, *m/e* 271 (M), 253 (M - H₂O), 167, 141 [5-(methylamino)uracil group + H]; IR (1800–1300 cm⁻¹ region) 1675 (broad), 1640, 1575 (sh), 1515, 1475, 1470 (sh), 1435, 1425, 1410 (sh), 1400, 1375, 1345, 1335, 1320, 1305 cm⁻¹. Anal. (C₁₁H₁₇N₃O₅·H₂O) C, N; H: calcd, 6.58; found, 6.17.

(±)-1-[(1 α ,2 β ,3 β ,4 α)-2,3-Dihydroxy-4-(hydroxymethyl)cyclopentyl]-5-(hydroxymethyl)-2,4(1H,3H)-pyrimidinedione (4h). A solution of 190 mg of isopropylidene derivative 6e, 50 mg of paraformaldehyde, and 2 mL of 0.5 N KOH was heated at 60–65 °C for 24 h and diluted at room temperature with 20 mL of water. A cation-exchange resin (Rexyn 101, H⁺ form) was added in portions until the pH of the stirred mixture stabilized at about 3.5–4, the resin was separated by filtration and washed thoroughly with methanol, and the filtrate (including the washings) was concentrated to an amorphous residue (202 mg). Field-desorption and electron-impact mass spectra showed that the residue was the isopropylidene derivative of 4h [*m/e* 312 (M), 297 (M - CH₃)] containing small amounts of 4h, 4a, and 6e. A solution of the crude product in 20 mL of 50% acetic acid was boiled under reflux for 2 h to remove the isopropylidene group and concentrated to dryness in vacuo. A solution of the residue in 5 mL of 0.5 N KOH was heated at 46–48 °C for 3 h (to deacetylate the product) and treated with a cation-ion exchange resin (Rexyn 101, H⁺ form) in portions to lower the pH to ca. 4. The resin was separated by filtration and washed thoroughly with methanol, and the water-methanol solution was concentrated in vacuo to a colorless syrup (162 mg). A methanol solution of the residue was applied to a preparative TLC plate of silica gel, the plate was developed with 3:1 CHCl₃-CH₃OH, the product band was removed and extracted in a Soxhlet extractor with methanol, the filtered extract was concentrated in vacuo to a colorless gum, and a warm ethanol solution of the residue was diluted with ether. A white, curdy solid was filtered from the chilled mixture, washed with ether, and dried in vacuo at 56 °C: yield 26 mg (hygroscopic); TLC, 1 spot (20 mcg on silica gel, developing solvent 3:1 CHCl₃-CH₃OH); HPLC, 98.9% (μ -Bondapak C₁₈ column; 95:5 H₂O-acetonitrile, isocratic; monitored at 280 nm); MS (direct-probe temperature 250 °C), *m/e* 272 (M), 271 (M - H), 255 (M - OH), 242 (M -

CH₂OH + H), 143 [5-(hydroxymethyl)uracilyl + 2H], 125, 113. Anal. (C₁₁H₁₆N₂O₆·0.75H₂O) C, H, N.

(±)-5-Bromo-1-[(1 α ,3 β ,4 α)-3-hydroxy-4-(hydroxymethyl)cyclopentyl]-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-pyrimidinedione Diacetate (6a). A mixture of acetic anhydride (11 mL) and 1.0 g of the carbocyclic analogue (2a) of 2'-deoxyuridine was boiled under reflux until the mixture became a homogeneous solution. The solution was cooled to room temperature and was stirred and maintained at 25 °C while a solution of bromine (826 mg) in 1.1 mL of acetic acid was added dropwise. The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 3 h and then stored overnight at low temperature (about 5 °C) after additional reagent (206 mg of bromine in 0.3 mL of acetic acid) had been added. Volatile components were evaporated from the reaction solution under reduced pressure, and the crystalline residue was triturated with an ethanol-ether (1:1) mixture. The white solid was collected by filtration and dried under reduced pressure at 78 °C: yield 1.605 g (93%). Ultraviolet absorption data indicated that this material was comparable to an analytically pure specimen. This compound may be purified, if desired, by recrystallizing it from ethanol: recovery 84%; mp 164–167 °C; UV max 284 (ϵ 10 400) and 212 nm (ϵ 10 000) at pH 1, 282 (ϵ 9900) and 211 nm (ϵ 9600) at pH 7, and 280 nm (ϵ 7600) at pH 13; MS, *m/e* 388 (M), 328 (M - CH₃COOH), 285 (M - CH₃CO - CH₃COOH), 268 (M - 2CH₃COOH), 190 (5-bromouracilyl group + H); IR (1800–1400 cm⁻¹ region) 1740, 1720, 1700, 1680, 1620, 1500 (w), 1460 (sh), 1450, 1430, 1380, 1360, 1320 cm⁻¹. Anal. (C₁₄H₁₇BrN₂O₆) C, H, N.

(±)-5-Bromo-1-[(1 α ,2 β ,4 α)-2-hydroxy-4-(hydroxymethyl)cyclopentyl]-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-pyrimidinedione Diacetate (6b). The carbocyclic analogue (3a) of 3'-deoxyuridine was treated with acetic anhydride and with bromine in acetic acid according to the procedure described for 2a. The crystalline product was recrystallized from ethanol: yield of 6b from 0.5 g of 3a, 820 mg (95%); mp 184–186 °C; UV max 283 (ϵ 10 100) and 211 nm (ϵ 9400) at pH 1, 283 (ϵ 10 000) and 212 nm (ϵ 9900) at pH 7, 280 nm (ϵ 7300) at pH 13; MS, *m/e* 388 (M), 328 (M - CH₃COOH), 285 (M - CH₃CO - CH₃COOH), 268 (M - 2CH₃COOH), 249 (M - CH₃COOH - Br), 191 (5-bromouracilyl group + 2H), 190 (5-bromouracilyl group + H); IR (1800–1300 cm⁻¹ region, Fourier transform spectrum determined with Nicolet Model MX-1 spectrometer) 1740, 1725, 1715, 1675, 1620, 1515 (w), 1465 (sh), 1460, 1450, 1425, 1405, 1390, 1370, 1360, 1345, 1320, 1300 cm⁻¹. Anal. (C₁₄H₁₇BrN₂O₆·0.25H₂O) C, H, N.

(±)-5-Bromo-1-[(1 α ,2 β ,3 β ,4 α)-2,3-dihydroxy-4-(hydroxymethyl)cyclopentyl]-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-pyrimidinedione Triacetate (6c). The carbocyclic analogue (4a) of uridine was treated with acetic anhydride and with bromine in acetic acid according to the procedure described for 2a. The crystalline residue remaining after volatile components had been evaporated from the reaction solution under reduced pressure was triturated with ether, collected by filtration, washed thoroughly with ether, and dried in vacuo at 78 °C: yield of 6c from 1.91 g of the uridine analogue, 3.28 g (93%); mp 172–175 °C; MS, *m/e* 446 (M), 386 (M - CH₃COOH), 343 (M - CH₃COOH - CH₃CO), 307 (M - CH₃COOH - Br), 301, 284, 266, 191 (5-bromouracilyl group + 2H). Anal. (C₁₆H₁₉BrN₂O₈) C, H, N.

(±)-1-[(1 α ,3 β ,4 α)-3-Hydroxy-4-(hydroxymethyl)cyclopentyl]-5-iodo-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-pyrimidinedione Diacetate (6d).

A solution prepared from 450 mg of 2e, pyridine (20 mL), and acetic anhydride (1 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 3 days and then concentrated to a low volume. Cold water was added dropwise to the concentrated solution, and the resulting mixture, containing a gummy precipitate, was placed in a refrigerator to allow crystallization to occur. The crystalline precipitate was collected by filtration, washed well with cold water, and dried in vacuo at 78 °C: yield 550 mg (99%); mp 183–186 °C; UV max 293 (ϵ 8100) and 218 nm (ϵ 10 200) at pH 1, 292 (ϵ 8000) and 217 nm (ϵ 10 200) at pH 7, and 284 nm (ϵ 5800) at pH 13; MS, *m/e* 436 (M), 376 (M - CH₃COOH), 316 (M - 2CH₃COOH), 303 (M - CH₃COOH - CH₂OCOCH₃), 265 (5-iodouracilyl group + C₂H₄), 239 (5-iodouracilyl group + 2H), 238 (5-iodouracilyl group + H); IR (1800–1300 cm⁻¹ region) 1725, 1690, 1665, 1610, 1590, 1515 (w), 1445, 1435, 1420, 1375, 1355, 1345, 1320, 1305 cm⁻¹. Anal. (C₁₄H₁₇IN₂O₆) C, H, N.

Isopropylidene Derivative (6e) of the Carbocyclic Analogue (4a) of Uridine. Perchloric acid (60%, 1.22 mL) was added to a mixture of 28.5 mL of anhydrous acetone and 0.78 mL of 2,2-dimethoxypropane, the solution was stirred at room temperature for 5 min, and the uridine analogue (4a; 484 mg) was added in one portion. The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 20 min, anhydrous pyridine (2.34 mL) was added, and the solution was concentrated to dryness in vacuo. A water (15 mL) solution of the residual syrup was extracted with CHCl₃ (3 × 30 mL), and the CHCl₃ extract was dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated to a gummy solid (245 mg). Recrystallization of the residue from ethyl acetate-ether furnished white crystals, which were washed with ether and dried in vacuo at 56 °C: yield 140 mg; mp 182–185 °C; TLC, 1 spot (silica gel, 9:1 CHCl₃-CH₃OH); MS, *m/e* 283 (M + 1), 267 (M - CH₃); IR 1700 and 1655 cm⁻¹. Anal. (C₁₃H₁₈N₂O₅·0.25H₂O) C, H, N.

Antiviral Evaluations in Vitro. Compounds 2–4 were evaluated for antiviral activity in vitro exactly as described by Shannon et al.¹⁹ except that strain 377 of HSV-1, strain HF/TK⁻ of HSV-1, and strain MS of HSV-2 replicating in primary rabbit kidney cell cultures were employed as the challenge viruses.

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