

dark-purple solution was then poured into a separatory funnel containing  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (20 mL) and 5%  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$  (20 mL). After partitioning, the aqueous layer was concentrated to ca. 10 mL, and the solution was applied onto a Dowex 50W-X2 column ( $2 \times 25$  cm,  $\text{H}^+$  form) which was eluted first with a large volume of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and then with 3%  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$ . Collected fractions were freeze-dried to a solid which was purified further on a DEAE-cellulose column ( $1.5 \times 25$  cm,  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  form) with 0.2 M  $\text{NH}_4\text{HCO}_3$  as the eluent. HPLC-pure fractions were pooled and promptly freeze-dried to obtain 5 as a light-yellow solid (92 mg, 61%); dec  $>300^\circ\text{C}$ ; HPLC 10% MeCN in 0.1 M  $\text{NH}_4\text{OAc}$ , pH 7.0, retention time 5.7 min; IR (KBr)  $\nu$  3450, 2990 sh, 1710 sh, 1645, 1620, 1570, 1525, 1465, 1395, 1370 sh, 1315, 1270  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; NMR ( $d_6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$  1.8-2.4 (m,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.20 (s,  $\text{N}^{10}\text{-Me}$ ), 4.90 (s,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ , overlapping another s,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), 6.78 (d,  $J = 9$  Hz, 3'- and 5'-H), 7.65 (d,  $J = 9$  Hz, 2'- and 6'-H), 7.8-8.2 (broad m,  $\text{NH}_2$ ), 8.47 (s, 2-H), 8.88 (s, 7-H); UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  (pH 7.4) 219 nm ( $\epsilon$  19700), 246 (19400), 303 (24000), 345 inf (6900),  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  (0.1 N HCl) 223 nm ( $\epsilon$  21200), 305 (23600), 343 inf (9000). Anal. ( $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_7\text{O}_5 \cdot 0.5\text{NH}_3 \cdot 1.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) C, H, N.

**N-[4-[(4-Amino-2-methylpteridin-6-yl)methyl]methylamino]benzoyl-L-glutamic Acid (6)** ("2-Desamino-2-methylMTX"). Diester 17 (195 mg, 0.345 mmol) was hydrolyzed exactly as in the preceding experiment to obtain 6 as a light-yellow solid (109 mg, 65%); dec  $>300^\circ\text{C}$ ; HPLC 10% MeCN in 0.1 M  $\text{NH}_4\text{OAc}$ , pH 7.0, retention time, 8.6 min; IR (KBr)  $\nu$  3420, 3220 sh, 2950 sh, 2600 br, 1910 br, 1700 br, 1635, 1610, 1570, 1560, 1520, 1455 sh, 1420 sh, 1395, 1345, 1305, 1255  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; NMR ( $d_6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$  1.8-2.4 (m,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.45 (s, 2-Me), 3.22 (s,  $\text{N}^{10}\text{-Me}$ ), 4.90 (s,  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ , overlapping another s,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), 6.80 (d,  $J = 8$  Hz, 3'- and 5'-H), 7.68 (d,  $J = 8$  Hz, 2'- and 6'-H), 7.7-8.1 (broad m,  $\text{NH}_2$ ), 8.87 (s, 7-H); UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  (pH 7.4) 218 nm ( $\epsilon$  20300), 247 (21300), 303 (24200), 345 inf (7100)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  (0.1 N HCl) 222 nm ( $\epsilon$  21300),

305 (23400), 345 inf (8900). Anal. ( $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_7\text{O}_5 \cdot 0.5\text{NH}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) C, H, N.

**Hydrolysis with Carboxypeptidase G<sub>1</sub>.** Small samples (1 mg) of compounds 3 and 4 were treated at room temperature in 1 M NaOAc (10 mL) containing  $\text{ZnCl}_2$  (10 mg) with freshly thawed enzyme solution (0.3  $\mu\text{L}$ , 4500 units/mL). In less than 15 min, glutamate hydrolysis was nearly complete according to HPLC analysis (20% MeCN in 0.1 M  $\text{NH}_4\text{OAc}$ , pH 7.5), which showed the disappearance of  $>95\%$  of the starting material (3, 2.5 min; 4, 2.89 min) and the appearance of new peaks (3.0 and 3.3 min) assumed to be the 2-desamino and 2-desamino-2-methyl derivatives of 4-amino-4-deoxypteroic acid, respectively. Under identical conditions, clinical grade MTX (mainly the L form, 3.0 min) was cleaved to 4-amino-4-deoxy- $\text{N}^{10}$ -methylpteroic acid (4.0 min), whereas D-MTX (3.0 min, preformed from clinical grade MTX by carboxypeptidase G<sub>1</sub> treatment)<sup>27</sup> was resistant to further treatment with the enzyme.

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## Nucleosides and Nucleotides. 94. Radical Deoxygenation of *tert*-Alcohols in 1-(2-*C*-Alkylpentofuranosyl)pyrimidines: Synthesis of (2'*S*)-2'-Deoxy-2'-*C*-methylcytidine, an Antileukemic Nucleoside<sup>1</sup>

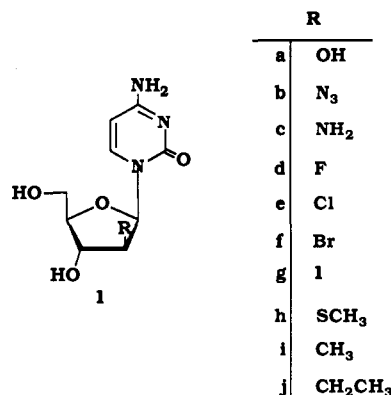
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(2'*S* and 2'*R*)-2'-Deoxy-2'-*C*-methylcytidine (1i and 15) and (2'*S*)-2'-deoxy-2'-*C*-ethylcytidine (1j) have been synthesized from the corresponding 2'-*C*-alkylarabinofuranosyl- or -ribofuranosylpyrimidine derivatives 3 and 4 by radical deoxygenation of the methyl oxalyl esters of the 2'-*tert*-alcohol, followed by sequential deblocking and amination at the 4-position. (2'*S*)-2'-Deoxy-2'-*C*-methyl-5-methyluridine (8) has also been synthesized in a similar manner. Among them, compound 1i exhibits the most potent cytotoxicity to L1210 cells with potency comparable to that of 1- $\beta$ -D-arabinofuranosylcytosine (1a). The size of the 2'-substituents and the configuration at the 2'-position are the most important for the cytotoxicity. Cytotoxicity in vitro of 1i against various human cancer cell lines was also examined and compared with that of 1a and 5-fluorouracil.

1- $\beta$ -D-Arabinofuranosylcytosine (*ara-C*, 1a, Chart I) is one of the most effective drugs for the treatment of human acute myeloblastic leukemia.<sup>2-4</sup> Its usefulness is, however, limited by several drawbacks: a short half-life time in plasma due in part to the deamination to inactive 1- $\beta$ -D-arabinofuranosyluracil by the action of cytidine deaminase, development of drug resistance, and ineffectiveness to solid tumors.<sup>5-7</sup> Consequently, with the objective of overcoming these problems, efforts have been made to develop a large number of prodrugs<sup>8</sup> of *ara-C* or introduce certain other substituents into the 2'-*arabino* position in place of the hydrogen atom of 2'-deoxycytidine. As a latter approach, 2'-azido- and 2'-amino-2'-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-arabinofuranosylcytosines (1b,c) were found to be resistant to cytidine deaminase and also potent inhibitors of mouse leukemic

Chart I



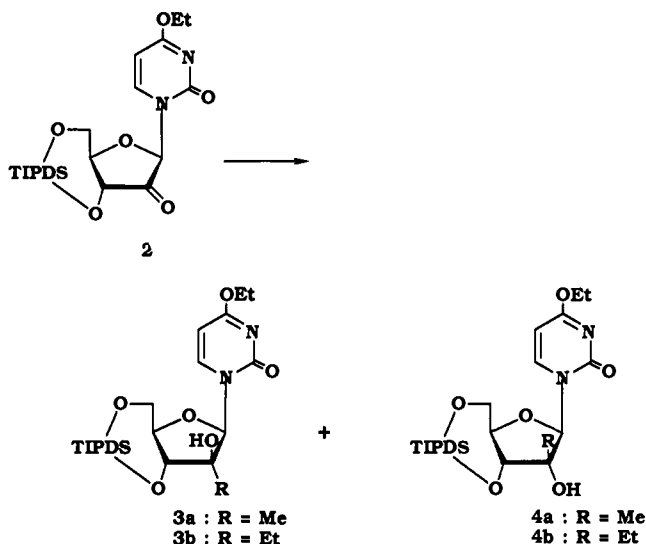
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cells L1210 in vitro as well as in vivo.<sup>9,10</sup> Among a series of 2'-deoxy-2'-halo- $\beta$ -D-arabinofuranosylcytosines (1d-

## Scheme I



g),<sup>11,12</sup> 2'-fluoro derivative **1d** showed a potent cell-growth inhibition of mouse leukemic cells L5178Y in vitro, although it was found to be susceptible to the deaminase.<sup>13</sup> On the other hand, 2'-deoxy-2'-(methylthio)- $\beta$ -D-arabinofuranosylcytosine (**1h**) did not show cytotoxicity against L5178Y cells in vitro.<sup>14</sup> When such a nucleoside exhibits biological activity, it must be phosphorylated at the 5'-position by deoxycytidine kinase. Therefore, the nature of the substituents being introduced at the 2'-arabino position of 2'-deoxycytidine, such as bulkiness, electronegativity, or hydrogen-bond-forming ability, seems to be critical for the enzyme recognition. In addition, these substituents would affect the overall shape of the nucleoside including sugar conformation, which should influence to the spatial position of the 5'-hydroxyl group as well as that of the 3'-hydroxyl group. Although the significance of the susceptibility of a substrate to cytidine deaminase is not fully understood in terms of antileukemic activity, this would cause a change in their half-life times and reflect the anabolic and/or catabolic process.

In order to investigate the most important factor of the substituents at the 2'-arabino position of 2'-deoxycytidine for exhibiting antileukemic activity, we have now synthesized 2'-C-alkyl derivatives of 2'-deoxycytidine, namely

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(2'S)-2'-deoxy-2'-C-methylcytidine (**1i**) and (2'S)-2'-deoxy-2'-C-ethylcytidine (**1j**).

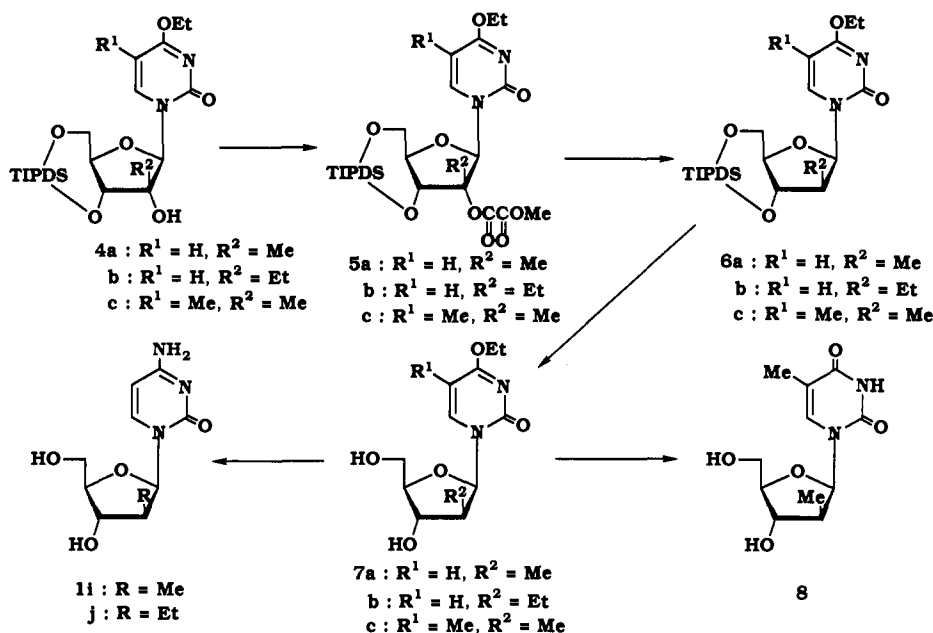
Recently, we have reported the alkyl addition reaction of various organometallics to 4-ethoxy-1-[3,5-O-(tetraisopropylidisiloxan-1,3-diyl)- $\beta$ -D-erythro-2-pentulofuranosyl]-2(1H)-pyrimidinone (**2**) producing 2'-branched-chain sugar nucleosides **3** and **4** in good yields (Scheme I).<sup>15-17</sup> We describe herein a radical deoxygenation of the *tert*-alcohol in 2'-branched-chain sugar pyrimidine nucleosides **3** and **4** to lead 2'-C-alkyl-2'-deoxy pyrimidine nucleosides. Their ability to inhibit tumor cell growth and comparison of the cytotoxicity of **1i** against various human tumor cells with *ara*-C and 5-fluorouracil (5-FU) are also described.

## Chemistry

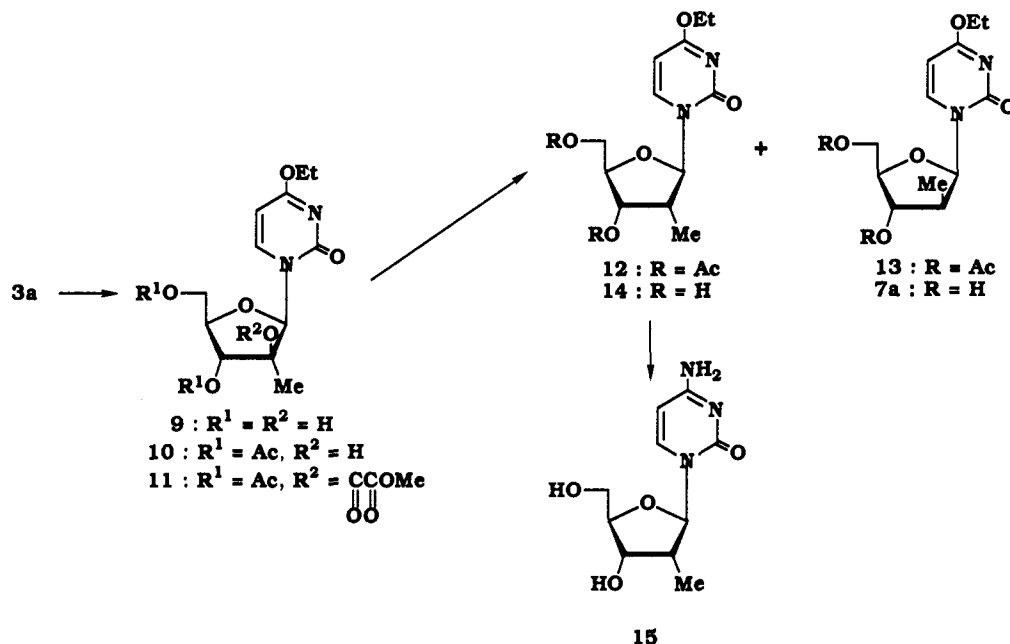
Deoxygenation of the sugar hydroxyl groups of nucleosides is generally performed by the Barton method, radical deoxygenation of the imidazolylthiocarbonyl esters or phenoxythiocarbonyl esters using tributyltin hydride ( $Bu_3SnH$ ) in the presence of radical initiators.<sup>18-21</sup> However, application of this methodology to *tert*-alcohols would often result in the Chugaev type elimination. Recently, Dolan and MacMillan reported a new method for deoxygenation of *tert*-alcohols via a methyl oxalyl ester with  $Bu_3SnH$  in the presence of 2,2'-azobis(isobutyronitrile) (AIBN) as a radical initiator.<sup>22</sup> We applied this method to our system (Scheme II). When 4-ethoxy-1-[2-C-methyl-3,5-O-(tetraisopropylidisiloxan-1,3-diyl)- $\beta$ -D-ribo-pentofuranosyl]-2(1H)-pyrimidinone (**4a**)<sup>15,16</sup> was treated with methoxalyl chloride in the presence of 2 equiv of 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (DMAP) in dry acetonitrile, the desired methyl oxalyl ester **5a** was obtained in almost quantitative yield based on a thin-layer chromatography (TLC). However, this material (**5a**) is unstable and a considerable amount of **4a** was recovered along with **5a** during purification by silica gel column chromatography. Therefore, the crude **5a** was submitted to radical deoxygenation with  $Bu_3SnH$  in the presence of AIBN in toluene at 100 °C. Purification of the reaction mixture with silica gel column chromatography afforded a nucleosidic product (**6a**) whose mass spectral data showed a molecular ion peak at  $m/z$  512. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of this compound exhibited the 1'-proton at 6.38 ppm as a doublet while the 1'-proton of **5a** appeared at 6.36 ppm as a singlet. This result showed that the deoxygenation occurred exclusively to produce a 2'-deoxy-2'-C-methyl derivative. The configuration of this nucleoside at the 2'-position could not be determined at this stage because the 2'-C-methyl proton signals were overlapped with those of isopropyl protons of the protecting group. Deblocking of the nucleoside **6a** with tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF) in tetrahydrofuran (THF) gave a crystalline 4-ethoxy-1-(2-deoxy-2-C-methyl- $\beta$ -D-arabinofuranosyl)-2(1H)-pyrimidinone (**7a**). The 1'-proton signal of **7a** appeared at 6.15 ppm

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Scheme II



Scheme III



as a doublet ( $J_{1,2} = 7.6$  Hz) and the 2'-C-methyl proton signals were observed at 0.74 ppm as a doublet in its <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum. A nuclear Overhauser effect (NOE) between 2'-C-methyl protons and the 6-H proton at the base moiety was observed (5.4%). Therefore the configuration at the 2'-position was determined as *S*. Thus, the radical deoxygenation of 5a proceeded in a stereospecific manner from  $\alpha$ -side of the sugar ring.

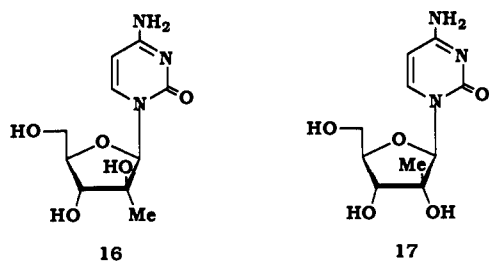
4-Ethoxy-1-[2-C-ethyl-3,5-*O*-(tetraisopropylidisiloxan-1,3-diyl)- $\beta$ -D-ribo-pentofuranosyl]-2(1*H*)-pyrimidinone (4b) and 4-ethoxy-5-methyl-1-[2-C-methyl-3,5-*O*-(tetraisopropylidisiloxan-1,3-diyl)- $\beta$ -D-ribo-pentofuranosyl]-2(1*H*)-pyrimidinone (4c)<sup>1</sup> were likewise converted to the corresponding 2'-*O*-methyl oxalyl esters 5b,c and deoxygenated in a similar manner. The desired (2'*S*)-2'-deoxy-2'-C-ethyl derivative 6b and (2'*S*)-2'-deoxy-2'-C-methyl derivative 6c were obtained stereospecifically in 75% and 67% yields, respectively. These nucleosides were con-

verted into the corresponding free nucleosides 7b,c, in good yields.

By contrast, esterification of the 2'-hydroxy group of 4-ethoxy-1-[2-C-methyl-3,5-*O*-(tetraisopropylidisiloxan-1,3-diyl)- $\beta$ -D-*arabino*-pentofuranosyl]-2(1*H*)-pyrimidinone (3a) with methoxalyl chloride under similar conditions described above or even under forced conditions proceeded in low yield, perhaps due to steric hindrance around the hydroxyl group. The TIPDS group of 3a was then removed by TBAF in THF, giving 9, and the 3'- and 5'-hydroxyl groups of 9 were subsequently acetylated to afford 10 (Scheme III). Treatment of 10 with methoxalyl chloride in the presence of DMAP gave the desired 2'-*O*-methyl oxalate 11. The crude ester 11 was directly reacted with Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH in the presence of AIBN in toluene. The reaction mixture was purified by a silica gel column chromatography, giving nucleosidic products. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the products showed a set of 3'-protons

**Table I.** IC<sub>50</sub> Values of 2'-Branched-Chain Sugar Pyrimidine Nucleosides on L1210 Cell Growth in Vitro<sup>a</sup>

compd	IC <sub>50</sub> <sup>b</sup> μg/mL	compd	IC <sub>50</sub> <sup>b</sup> μg/mL
1i	0.26	8	32
1j	>100	16	>100
15	40	17	12

<sup>a,b</sup> See Table II.**Chart II**

at 5.20 ppm (as double doublet) and 4.90 ppm (as triplet) in a ratio of 1/3. At this stage, these nucleosides could not be separated. After removal of the acetyl groups of the mixture by treatment with sodium ethoxide in ethanol, the products showed two spots with very close *R<sub>f</sub>* values in TLC (chloroform/ethanol 10/1). The mixture was finally separated by high-performance liquid chromatography using a C<sub>18</sub> reverse-phase column. Retention times of these nucleosides were 3.6 and 5.2 min (in a ratio of 3/1), respectively, with 30% ethanol in H<sub>2</sub>O as an eluting solvent at a flow rate of 3 mL/min. The compound having a 3.6 min retention time (*t<sub>R</sub>*) was obtained in 55% yield and its spectral data were identical with those of 7a described above. From the latter fractions, compound 14 was obtained in 18% yield. The mass spectrum of 14 showed a molecular ion peak at *m/z* 270 and its <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum showed a doublet at 1.14 ppm for the 2'-C-methyl protons and a doublet at 5.78 ppm for the 1'-proton (*J*<sub>1',2'</sub> = 6.8 Hz). As expected, when the 2'-C-methyl protons were irradiated, an NOE was observed at the 1'-proton (11.2%) but not at the 6-proton. From these results, the configuration of 14 at the 2'-position was assigned as *R*. It follows, therefore, that the 2'-*tert*-radical initially generated from 11 was not easily hydrogenated from the β-side by Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH to give 12 because of the steric hindrance by the base moiety and, hence, the hydrogenation occurred predominantly from the α-side to give 13. This result is consistent with that observed in the stereochemistry of reduction of (2'*R* or 2'*S*)-2'-chloro-2'-deoxyadenosines by Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH.<sup>23,24</sup>

Treatment of these 4-ethoxy derivatives 7a, 7b, and 14 with methanolic ammonia in a sealed steel tube furnished the corresponding cytosine derivatives 1i, 1j, and 15 in good yields, respectively. Compound 7c was converted into (2'*S*)-2'-deoxy-2'-C-methylthymidine (8) by mild acid treatment.

### Biological Activities

Cytotoxicities of the nucleosides 1i, 1j, 8, and 15 toward mouse leukemic cells L1210 are summarized in Table I. For comparison, the results with compounds 16<sup>16</sup> and 17<sup>16</sup>

**Table II.** Inhibitory Effects of (2'*S*)-2'-Deoxy-2'-C-methylcytidine (1i), *ara-C*, and 5-FU on the Growth of Various Mammalian Tumor Cell Line in Vitro<sup>a</sup>

cell lines	IC <sub>50</sub> <sup>b</sup> μg/mL		
	1i	<i>ara-C</i>	5-FU
leukemic			
L1210 <sup>c</sup>	0.26	0.097	0.32
CCRF CEM <sup>d</sup>	0.15	0.065	40
MOLT4 <sup>e</sup>	0.032	0.056	3.8
HL60 <sup>f</sup>	0.65	>0.1	
K562 <sup>g</sup>	2.2	3.2	38
U937 <sup>h</sup>	0.38	0.31	3.5
solid			
PC10 <sup>i</sup>	81.8	>100	>100
PC14 <sup>j</sup>	>100	>100	10
KATO III <sup>k</sup>	>100	>100	3.7
SW480 <sup>l</sup>	>100	>100	3.3
TE2 <sup>m</sup>	>100	>100	3.9
T24 <sup>n</sup>	1.1	>100	6.1

<sup>a</sup> Antineoplastic activity in vitro was performed according to the method of Carmichael et al.<sup>26</sup> Each tumor cell line (1 × 10<sup>4</sup>/well) was incubated in the presence or absence of test compound for 72 h. Then, 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide was added and OD(570 nm) was measured. Percent inhibition was determined as follows: % inhibition = [1-OD(570 nm) of sample well/OD(570 nm) of control well] × 100. <sup>b</sup> IC<sub>50</sub> was given as the concentration in μg/mL required for 50% inhibition of cell growth. <sup>c</sup> Mouse leukemia. <sup>d</sup> Human T-cell acute lymphoblastoid leukemia. <sup>e</sup> Human T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia. <sup>f</sup> Human promyelocytic leukemia. <sup>g</sup> Human chronic myelogenous leukemia. <sup>h</sup> Human histiocytic lymphoma. <sup>i</sup> Human lung squamous cell carcinoma. <sup>j</sup> Human lung adenocarcinoma. <sup>k</sup> Human gastric carcinoma. <sup>l</sup> Human colon adenocarcinoma. <sup>m</sup> Human esophagus adenocarcinoma. <sup>n</sup> Human bladder transitional-cell carcinoma.

(Chart II) were also included. Among the branched-chain sugar nucleosides, (2'*S*)-2'-deoxy-2'-C-methylcytidine (1i) exhibited the most potent cytotoxicity to L1210 cells. Its potency was 46 times greater than that of the corresponding ribonucleoside 17. It is obvious that deletion of the 2'-*tert*-hydroxyl group is important for the cytotoxicity. However, (2'*R*)-2'-deoxy-2'-C-methyl derivative 15, having a 2'-"down" methyl substituent, was 150 times less cytotoxic than 1i. These results are consistent with the accumulated results that almost all 2'-modified nucleosides having a "down" substituent are less active than the corresponding nucleosides bearing an "up" substituent. Furthermore, the size of the substituent is a critical factor for determining the cytotoxicity since the 2'-ethyl derivative 1j did not show any cytotoxicity up to 100 μg/mL. Thymidine derivative 8 was much less cytotoxic than the 2'-deoxycytidine derivative 1i. This might be correlated to the different requirements of substrate specificities of cellular nucleoside kinases, deoxycytidine kinase, and thymidine kinase, for phosphorylation of the 5'-hydroxyl group.

We next compared the inhibitory activity spectrum of 1i with *ara-C* and 5-FU on the growth of various human tumor cell lines in vitro (Table II).<sup>25</sup> *ara-C* showed inhibitory activity toward mouse leukemic, human T-cell acute leukemic, and chronic leukemic cell lines, but not against human carcinoma and adenocarcinoma cell lines. 5-FU exhibited a broad spectrum of cytotoxicity to this range of cells. Compound 1i showed a quite similar inhibitory activity spectrum to that of *ara-C* except for T24 human bladder transition cell line.

In summary, it can therefore be concluded, that the analogue of 2'-deoxycytidine having a 2'-"up" substituent can be a potent antileukemic agent, and the size of the substituent is the most important for the cytotoxicity, the smaller the better. In addition, it is now evident that the

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hydrogen-bond-forming ability of the 2'-"up" substituent has no direct relation to order of the cytotoxicity because the 2'-methyl and the azide groups could not serve as a hydrogen-bonding acceptor or donor while the 2'-hydroxyl group could act as a donor and the 2'-fluoro group as an acceptor. Among the compounds listed in Chart I, the nucleosides having the 2'-substituents such as hydroxyl, fluoro, azide, amino, and methyl are almost equally cytotoxic to L1210 cells, in which the electronegativity of the 2'-substituent does not correlate the cytotoxicity. These factors may reflect the anabolic or catabolic process of these nucleosides.

### Experimental Section

Melting points were determined on a Yanagimoto MP-3 micro melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL FT100FT or FX-270FT spectrometer with tetramethylsilane as an internal standard. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million ( $\delta$ ), and signals are expressed as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), or br (broad). All exchangeable protons were detected by addition of  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ . UV absorption spectra were recorded with a Shimadzu UV-240 spectrophotometer. Mass spectra (MS) were measured on a JEOL JMX-DX303 spectrometer. TLC was performed on Merck Kieselgel F254 precoated plates. Silica gel used for column chromatography was YMC gel 60A (70–230 mesh). HPLC analyses were performed on a JASCO TRI ROTAR-V system.

**4-Ethoxy-1-(2-deoxy-2-C-methyl- $\beta$ -D-arabinofuranosyl)-2(1H)-pyrimidinone (7a).** Methoxalyl chloride (138  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.5 mmol) was added to a solution of **4a**<sup>16</sup> (550 mg, 1.05 mmol) and 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (DMAP; 244 mg, 2 mmol) in dry  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (10 mL). The mixture was stirred for 5 min under an Ar atmosphere at room temperature then diluted with EtOAc (50 mL). The mixture was washed successively with a saturated aqueous  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  solution (10 mL) and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (10 mL), the separated organic phase was dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ), and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was coevaporated twice with toluene to afford 4-ethoxy-1-[2-C-methyl-2-O-(methoxyoxalyl)-3,5'-O-(tetraisopropylidisiloxan-1,3-diyl)- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl]-2(1H)-pyrimidinone (**5a**).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 1.00–1.10 (m, 31 H, isopropyl and 2'- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.37 (t, 3 H, 4- $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $J = 7.1$  Hz), 3.89 (s, 3 H,  $\text{COCO}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 4.07–4.20 (m, 4 H, 3',4',5',5''-H), 4.44 (q, 2 H, 4- $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $J = 7.1$  Hz), 5.88 (d, 1 H, 5-H,  $J_{5,6} = 7.6$  Hz), 6.36 (s, 1 H, 1'-H), 7.98 (d, 1 H, 6-H,  $J_{5,6} = 7.6$  Hz). This compound is unstable during purification by silica gel column chromatography. Without further purification, **5a** was used for the next step. A mixture of  $\text{Bu}_3\text{SnH}$  (0.42 mL, 1.58 mmol) and 2,2'-azobis(isobutyronitrile) (AIBN; 10 mg) in dry toluene (5 mL) was added to a solution of **5a** obtained above under an Ar atmosphere. The mixture was heated at 100  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 1 h and the solvent was removed by evaporation under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by a silica gel column (2.4  $\times$  28 cm), eluted with 10% EtOAc-hexane to yield 4-ethoxy-1-[2-deoxy-2-C-methyl-3,5-O-(tetraisopropylidisiloxan-1,3-diyl)- $\beta$ -D-arabinofuranosyl]-2(1H)-pyrimidinone (**6a**, 292 mg, 56%) as a foam, which was subjected to further reaction without purification. MS  $m/z$ : 512 ( $\text{M}^+$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 0.95–1.10 (m, 31 H, isopropyl and 2'- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.36 (t, 3 H, 4- $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $J = 7.1$  Hz), 2.64 (m, 1 H, 2'-H), 3.80–4.25 (m, 4 H, 3',4',5',5''-H), 4.43 (q, 2 H, 4- $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $J = 7.1$  Hz), 5.84 (d, 1 H, 5-H,  $J_{5,6} = 7.6$  Hz), 6.38 (d, 1 H, 1'-H,  $J_{1,2} = 7.3$  Hz), 8.02 (d, 1 H, 6-H,  $J_{5,6} = 7.6$  Hz). From the later fractions, the starting material (**4a**; 105 mg) was recovered. A THF solution of TBAF (1 M, 1.2 mL, 1.2 mmol) was added to a solution of **6a** (280 mg, 0.55 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL). The mixture was stirred for 10 min at room temperature and neutralized with AcOH. The residue obtained on evaporation of the solvent was purified by a silica gel column (2.4  $\times$  13 cm) eluted with 5% EtOH/ $\text{CHCl}_3$ . The UV-absorbing fractions were combined and concentrated to dryness and the residue was crystallized from  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  to afford **7a** (130 mg, 88%). Mp: 148–149  $^\circ\text{C}$ . MS  $m/z$ : 270 ( $\text{M}^+$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ): 0.74 (d, 3 H, 2'- $\text{CH}_3$ ,  $J = 7.1$  Hz), 1.28 (t, 3 H, 4- $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $J = 7.1$  Hz), 3.67 (m, 5 H, 2',3',4',5',5''-H), 4.29 (q, 2 H, 4- $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $J = 7.1$  Hz), 5.17 (br t, 1 H, 5'-OH), 5.36 (d, 1 H, 3'-OH), 6.02 (d, 1 H, 5-H,  $J_{5,6} = 7.6$

Hz), 6.15 (d, 1 H, 1'-H,  $J_{1,2} = 7.6$  Hz), 8.30 (d, 1 H, 6-H,  $J_{5,6} = 7.6$  Hz). Anal. ( $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ ) C, H, N.

**(2'S)-2'-Deoxy-2'-C-methylcytidine Hydrochloride (1i).** A solution of **7a** (100 mg, 0.37 mmol) in methanolic ammonia (saturated at 0  $^\circ\text{C}$ , 20 mL) was heated in a sealed tube for 2 days at 100  $^\circ\text{C}$ . The cooled tube was degassed and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue, dissolved in EtOH containing 0.25 mL of 2 N HCl, was evaporated and coevaporated several times with EtOH until crystalline materials appeared which was collected to give **1i** (78 mg, 76%). Mp: 167–169  $^\circ\text{C}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ): 0.95 (d, 3 H, 2'- $\text{CH}_3$ ,  $J = 7.1$  Hz), 2.74 (m, 1 H, 2'-H), 3.89–4.06 (m, 4 H, 3',4',5',5''-H), 6.24 (d, 1 H, 5-H,  $J_{5,6} = 7.8$  Hz), 6.29 (d, 1 H, 1'-H,  $J_{1,2} = 7.6$  Hz), 8.13 (d, 1 H, 6-H,  $J_{5,6} = 7.8$  Hz). Anal. ( $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\cdot\text{HCl}$ ) C, H, N.

**(2'S)-2'-Deoxy-2'-C-ethylcytidine Hydrochloride (1j).** Methoxalyl chloride (70  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.6 mmol) was added to a solution of **4b**<sup>16</sup> (273 mg, 0.5 mmol), DMAP (73 mg, 0.6 mmol), and triethylamine (60  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.6 mmol) in dry  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (5 mL) under an Ar atmosphere at 0  $^\circ\text{C}$ . The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min at 0  $^\circ\text{C}$  and then for 1 h at room temperature. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (30 mL) and was washed twice with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (10 mL). The separated organic phase was dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) and the solvent was removed by evaporation to dryness and coevaporation twice with toluene to afford 4-ethoxy-1-[2-C-ethyl-3,5-O-(tetraisopropylidisiloxan-1,3-diyl)-2-O-(methoxyoxalyl)- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl]-2(1H)-pyrimidinone (**5b**). A mixture of  $\text{Bu}_3\text{SnH}$  (0.2 mL, 0.75 mmol) and AIBN (5 mg) in dry toluene (5 mL) was added to a solution of the crude **5b** obtained above in dry toluene (5 mL) under an Ar atmosphere. The mixture was heated at 100  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 1 h and the solvent was concentrated to dryness in vacuo. The residue was purified by a silica gel column (2.4  $\times$  16 cm) eluted with 20% EtOAc/hexane to yield 4-ethoxy-1-[2-C-ethyl-2-deoxy-3,5-O-(tetraisopropylidisiloxan-1,3-diyl)- $\beta$ -D-arabinofuranosyl]-2(1H)-pyrimidinone (**6b**, 197 mg, 75%) as a foam, which was subjected to further reaction without purification. MS  $m/z$ : 525 ( $\text{M}^+$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 0.92–1.62 (m, 36 H, isopropyl, 2'- $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ , and 4- $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.35 (m, 1 H, 2'-H), 3.71 (dt, 1 H, 4'-H), 4.09–4.23 (m, 3 H, 3',5',5''-H), 4.43 (q, 2 H, 4- $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $J = 7.1$  Hz), 5.84 (d, 1 H, 5-H,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 6.48 (d, 1 H, 1'-H,  $J_{1,2} = 7.3$  Hz), 7.92 (d, 1 H, 6-H,  $J_{5,6} = 7.6$  Hz). A THF solution of TBAF (1 M, 1 mL, 1 mmol) was added to a solution of **6b** (190 mg, 0.36 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL). The mixture was stirred for 10 min at room temperature and neutralized with AcOH. The residue obtained on evaporation of solvent was purified by a silica gel column (2.4  $\times$  12 cm) eluted with 5% EtOH/ $\text{CHCl}_3$  to yield 4-ethoxy-1-(2-C-ethyl-2-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-arabinofuranosyl)-2(1H)-pyrimidinone (**7b**, 89 mg, 87%) as a foam. MS  $m/z$ : 284 ( $\text{M}^+$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ): 0.87–1.43 (m, 8 H, 2'-Et, 4- $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.35 (m, 1 H, 2'-H), 3.71–4.12 (m, 6 H, 3',4',5',5''-H, 3',5'-H), 4.39 (q, 2 H, 4- $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $J = 7.1$  Hz), 6.04 (d, 1 H, 5-H,  $J_{5,6} = 7.6$  Hz), 6.19 (d, 1 H, 1'-H,  $J_{1,2} = 7.3$  Hz), 8.24 (d, 1 H, 6-H,  $J_{5,6} = 7.6$  Hz). A solution of **7b** (85 mg, 0.3 mmol) in methanolic ammonia (saturated at 0  $^\circ\text{C}$ , 20 mL) was heated in a sealed tube for 2 days at 100  $^\circ\text{C}$ . The cooled tube was degassed and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue, dissolved in EtOH containing 0.25 mL of 2 N HCl, was concentrated and coevaporated several times with EtOH until crystalline materials appeared, which was separated to give **1j** (62 mg, 71%); mp 167–169  $^\circ\text{C}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ): 0.92 (d, 3 H, 2'- $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $J = 7.7$  Hz), 1.27–1.35 (m, 2 H, 2'- $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.54 (m, 1 H, 2'-H), 3.88–4.08 (m, 4 H, 3',4',5',5''-H), 6.22 (d, 1 H, 5-H,  $J_{5,6} = 7.9$  Hz), 6.35 (d, 1 H, 1'-H,  $J_{1,2} = 7.5$  Hz), 8.00 (d, 1 H, 6-H,  $J_{5,6} = 7.9$  Hz). Anal. ( $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\cdot\text{HCl}$ ) C, H, N.

**4-Ethoxy-5-methyl-1-[2-deoxy-2-C-methyl-3,5-O-(tetraisopropylidisiloxan-1,3-diyl)- $\beta$ -D-arabinofuranosyl]-2(1H)-pyrimidinone (6c).** Methoxalyl chloride (170  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.76 mmol) was added to a solution of **4c**<sup>1</sup> (340 mg, 0.63 mmol) and DMAP (100 mg, 0.81 mmol) under an Ar atmosphere. The mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature and was diluted with EtOAc (50 mL). The mixture was washed twice with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (15 mL) and the separated organic phase was dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) and concentrated to dryness, giving 4-ethoxy-5-methyl-1-[2-C-methyl-2-O-(methoxyoxalyl)-3,5-O-(tetraisopropylidisiloxan-1,3-diyl)- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl]-2(1H)-pyrimidinone (**5c**);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 1.00–1.10 (m, 28 H, isopropyl), 1.38 (t, 3 H, 4- $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $J = 7.1$  Hz), 1.75 (s, 3 H, 2'- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.94 (d, 3 H, 5- $\text{CH}_3$ ,  $J_{5,\text{Me},6} = 1$  Hz), 3.89 (s, 3

H, 2'-OCOCOC<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, 4.19 (m, 4 H, 3',4',5',5''-H), 4.46 (q, 2 H, 4-OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 6.33 (s, 1 H, 1'-H), 7.62 (d, 1 H, 6-H, *J*<sub>5,Me,6</sub> = 1 Hz). The crude **5c** was used for the next step without further purifications. A mixture of Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH (0.25 mL, 0.94 mmol) and AIBN (10 mg) in dry toluene (5 mL) was added to a solution of **5c** in dry toluene (15 mL) under an Ar atmosphere. The mixture was heated at 100 °C for 3 h. Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH (84 μL, 0.3 mmol) was further added to the reaction mixture, the mixture was heated at 100 °C for 1 h further, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by a silica gel column (2.5 × 16 cm) eluted with 20% EtOAc/hexane. The UV-absorbing fractions were combined and concentrated to leave an oil which was crystallized from EtOAc/hexane, giving **6c** (226 mg, 67%). Mp: 109–111 °C. MS *m/z*: 526 (M<sup>+</sup>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 0.99–1.10 (m, 31 H, 2'-Me and isopropyl), 1.36 (t, 3 H, 4-OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 1.94 (d, 3 H, 5-CH<sub>3</sub>, *J*<sub>5,Me,6</sub> = 1.0 Hz), 2.54–2.78 (m, 1 H, 2'-H), 3.70 (m, 1 H, 4'-H), 3.94–4.26 (m, 3 H, 3',5',5''-H), 4.44 (q, 2 H, 4-OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 6.36 (d, 1 H, 1'-H, *J*<sub>1,2'</sub> = 7.8 Hz), 7.67 (d, 1 H, 6-H, *J*<sub>5,Me,6</sub> = 1.0 Hz). Anal. (C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>46</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>) C, H, N.

**4-Ethoxy-5-methyl-1-(2-deoxy-2-C-methyl-β-D-arabino-furanosyl)-2(1H)-pyrimidinone (7c)**. A THF solution of TBAF (1 mL, 1 mmol) was added to a solution of **6c** (200 mg, 0.38 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL). The mixture was stirred for 20 min at room temperature and neutralized with AcOH. The residue obtained on evaporation of solvent was applied to a silica gel column (2.4 × 14 cm), which was eluted with 9% EtOH/CHCl<sub>3</sub>. The UV-absorbing fractions were combined and concentrated to dryness. The residue was crystallized from EtOH/Et<sub>2</sub>O to give **7c** (105 mg, 97%). Mp: 183–185 °C. MS *m/z*: 284 (M<sup>+</sup>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 0.73 (d, 3 H, 2'-CH<sub>3</sub>, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 1.30 (t, 3 H, 4-OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 1.87 (s, 3 H, 5-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.42–2.59 (m, 1 H, 2'-H), 3.62–3.80 (m, 4 H, 3',4',5',5''-H), 4.31 (q, 2 H, 4-OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 5.22 (t, 1 H, 5'-OH), 5.32 (d, 1 H, 3'-OH), 6.13 (d, 1 H, 1'-H, *J*<sub>1,2'</sub> = 7.3 Hz), 8.18 (s, 1 H, 6-H). Anal. (C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) C, H, N.

**(2'S)-2'-Deoxy-2'-C-methylthymidine (8)**. Dowex 50 (H<sup>+</sup> form; 1 g) was added to a solution of **7c** (95 mg, 0.33 mmol) in a mixture of EtOH (1 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL). The mixture was stirred for 4 h at room temperature. The resin was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated to dryness. The residue was crystallized from EtOH/hexane to afford **8** (63 mg, 74%). Mp: 179–180 °C. MS *m/z*: 256 (M<sup>+</sup>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 0.81 (d, 3 H, 2'-CH<sub>3</sub>, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 1.75 (d, 3 H, 5-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.38–2.56 (m, 1 H, 2'-H), 3.57–3.80 (m, 4 H, 3',4',5',5''-H), 5.20 (t, 1 H, 5'-OH), 5.33 (d, 1 H, 3'-OH), 6.07 (d, 1 H, 1'-H, *J*<sub>1,2'</sub> = 7.7 Hz), 7.91 (d, 1 H, 6-H, *J*<sub>5,Me,6</sub> = 1.1 Hz), 11.26 (br s, 1 H, NH). Anal. (C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) C, H, N.

**4-Ethoxy-1-(3,5-di-O-acetyl-2-C-methyl-β-D-arabino-furanosyl)-2(1H)-pyrimidinone (10)**. Acetic anhydride (90 μL, 0.95 mmol) was added to a suspension of **9** (130 mg, 0.45 mmol), triethylamine (133 μL, 0.95 mmol), and DMAP (10 mg) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (5 mL). The mixture was stirred for 20 min at room temperature. EtOH (0.5 mL) was added to the mixture and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by a silica gel column (2.4 × 13 cm) eluted with 50% EtOAc/hexane. The UV-absorbing fractions were combined and concentrated to dryness to give **10** (161 mg, 96%, hexane/EtOAc). Mp: 145–147 °C. MS *m/z*: 370 (M<sup>+</sup>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.33 (t, 3 H, 4-OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 1.41 (s, 3 H, 2'-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.10 (s, 3 H, OAc), 2.13 (s, 3 H, OAc), 3.36 (br s, 1 H, 2'-OH), 4.08–4.59 (m, 5 H, 4',5',5''-H and 4-OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.94 (d, 1 H, 3'-H, *J*<sub>2,3'</sub> = 3.4 Hz), 5.87 (d, 1 H, 5-H, *J*<sub>5,6</sub> = 7.6 Hz), 6.12 (s, 1 H, 1'-H), 7.84 (d, 1 H,

6-H, *J*<sub>5,6</sub> = 7.6 Hz). Anal. (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>) C, H, N.

**(2'R)-2'-Deoxy-2'-C-methylcytidine Hydrochloride (15)**. Methoxalyl chloride (146 μL, 0.5 mmol) was added to a solution of **10** (155 mg, 0.42 mmol) and DMAP (61 mg, 0.5 mmol) in dry CH<sub>3</sub>CN (5 mL). The mixture was stirred for 10 min under an Ar atmosphere at room temperature and was diluted with EtOAc (30 mL). The mixture was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL × 2), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated to dryness, and the residue was coevaporated with toluene (10 mL × 2) to leave an oily **11**. Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH (184 μL, 0.63 mmol) and AIBN (10 mg) were added to the above mixture in toluene (5 mL) which was heated at 100 °C under an Ar atmosphere for 1 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by a silica gel column (2 × 12 cm) eluted with 20% EtOAc/hexane. The UV-absorbing fractions were combined and concentrated to dryness in vacuo to give 135 mg (89%) of a mixture of **12** and **13** [MS *m/z*: 354 (M<sup>+</sup>), the ratio being 1/3 based on <sup>1</sup>H NMR signals at 4.90 and 5.20 ppm due to the corresponding 3'-protons]. NaOEt (1 M solution; 50 μL) was added to a solution of the mixture **12** and **13** (170 mg, 0.48 mmol) in absolute EtOH (10 mL). The mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature and then neutralized with AcOH. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by a silica gel column (3 × 16 cm) eluted with 6% EtOH/CHCl<sub>3</sub> to give a mixture of **14** and **7a** (118 mg, 91%). This mixture was separated by a preparative reverse-phase column (Gasukuro Kogyo, 4.6 × 250 mm) with 30% MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O at a flow rate of 3 mL/min; 70.8 mg of **7a** was obtained (55%; *t*<sub>R</sub> = 3.6 min) whose spectral data were identical with those of **7a** previously described. Compound **14** (23.6 mg, 18%; *t*<sub>R</sub> = 5.2 min) was assigned as 4-ethoxy-1-(2-deoxy-2-C-methyl-β-D-ribofuranosyl)-2(1H)-pyrimidinone. MS *m/z*: 270 (M<sup>+</sup>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.14 (d, 3 H, 2'-CH<sub>3</sub>, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 1.35 (t, 3 H, 4-OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 2.49–2.70 (m, 1 H, 2'-H), 3.89 (br s, 2 H, 5',5''-H), 4.09 (dd, 1 H, 4'-H), 4.29–4.48 (m, 1 H, 3'-H), 4.43 (q, 2 H, 4-OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 5.78 (d, 1 H, 1'-H, *J*<sub>1,2'</sub> = 6.8 Hz), 5.92 (d, 1 H, 5-H, *J*<sub>5,6</sub> = 7.3 Hz), 7.96 (d, 1 H, 6-H, *J*<sub>5,6</sub> = 7.3 Hz). A solution of **14** (30 mg, 0.11 mmol) in methanolic ammonia (saturated at 0 °C; 10 mL) was heated in a sealed tube for 2 days at 100 °C. The cooled tube was degassed and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue dissolved in EtOH containing 0.2 mL of 1 N HCl was evaporated and coevaporated several times with EtOH. The residue was crystallized from MeOH/acetone, giving **15** (27 mg, 88%). Mp: 182–185 °C dec. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O): 1.08 (d, 3 H, 2'-CH<sub>3</sub>, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 2.47 (m, 1 H, 2'-H), 3.77 (dd, 1 H, 5'-H, *J*<sub>4,5'</sub> = 4.8 Hz, *J*<sub>5,5''</sub> = 12.5 Hz), 3.83 (dd, 1 H, 5''-H, *J*<sub>4,5''</sub> = 4.0 Hz, *J*<sub>5,5''</sub> = 12.5 Hz), 4.12 (m, 1 H, 4'-H), 4.28 (dd, 1 H, 3'-H, *J* = 2.6 Hz, *J* = 5.9 Hz), 5.94 (d, 1 H, 1'-H, *J*<sub>1,2'</sub> = 8.1 Hz), 6.25 (d, 1 H, 5-H, *J*<sub>5,6</sub> = 8.1 Hz), 8.08 (d, 1 H, 6-H, *J*<sub>5,6</sub> = 8.1 Hz). Anal. (C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>·HCl) C, H, N.

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