# Convergent Synthesis and Unexpected Ca<sup>2+</sup>-Mobilizing Activity of 8-Substituted Analogues of Cyclic ADP-Carbocyclic-Ribose, a Stable Mimic of the Ca<sup>2+</sup>-Mobilizing Second Messenger Cyclic ADP-Ribose

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Cyclic ADP-carbocyclic-ribose (cADPcR, 2) is a biologically and chemically stable equivalent of cyclic ADP-ribose (cADPR, 1), a Ca<sup>2+</sup>-mobilizing second messenger. In this study, a series of 8-substituted analogues of cADPcR, namely the 8-chloro analogue 6 (8-Cl-cADPcR), the 8-azido analogue 7 (8-N<sub>3</sub>-cADPcR), the 8-amino analogue 8 (8-NH<sub>2</sub>-cADPcR), and the 8-phenylthio analogue 9 (8-SPh-cADPcR), were designed as effective pharmacological tools for studies on cADPR-modulated Ca<sup>2+</sup> signaling pathways. These target compounds were synthesized by a convergent route via 8-Cl-cADPcR bisacetonide (14) as the common intermediate, in which a method for forming the intramolecular pyrophosphate linkage by activation of the phenylthiophosphate type substrate 15 with AgNO<sub>3</sub> to produce 14 was used as the key step. The carbocyclic analogues were tested for activity in the sea urchin egg homogenate system. Compounds were assessed for their calcium-mobilizing effects and their ability to cross-desensitize with calcium release induced by a normally maximal concentration of cADPR, as well as cADPR antagonism of cADPR-evoked calcium release. While cADPcR was 3-4 times more potent than cADPR, the 8-substituted analogues were less efficacious, with 8-SPh-cADPcR largely acting as a competitive antagonist. Most surprisingly, given that 8-N<sub>3</sub>-cADPR and 8-NH<sub>2</sub>-cADPR are known as potent antagonists, 8-N<sub>3</sub>-cADPcR and 8-NH<sub>2</sub>-cADPcR were full agonists, but ca. 80 and 2 times less potent than cADPR, respectively. These data contribute to developing structureactivity relationships for the interaction of cADPR with its receptor.

## Introduction

Considerable attention has been focused on cyclic ADP-ribose (cADPR, **1**), an intracellular Ca<sup>2+</sup>-mobilizing adenine nucleotide.<sup>2</sup> cADPR has been shown to mobilize intracellular Ca<sup>2+</sup> in various cells, such as sea urchin eggs, pancreatic beta cells, smooth muscles, cardiac muscles, T-lymphocytes, and cerebella neurons, indicating that it is a general mediator involved in  $Ca^{2+}$ signaling.<sup>3</sup> The structure of cADPR has been investigated<sup>4</sup> and was confirmed by X-ray crystallographic analysis as shown in Figure 1.4c

In cells, cADPR is synthesized from NAD<sup>+</sup> by ADPribosyl cyclases and acts as a second messenger; it is hydrolyzed rapidly by cADPR hydrolases to give the non-Ca<sup>2+</sup> mobilizing metabolite ADP-ribose under physiological conditions.<sup>3</sup> cADPR is also known to be readily hydrolyzed nonenzymatically at the unstable N-1-glycosidic linkage of its adenine moiety to give ADP-ribose, even in neutral aqueous solution.<sup>5</sup> Consequently, the biological as well as chemical instability of cADPR limits, to some extent, further studies of its physiological role. Therefore, stable analogues of cADPR exhibiting a  $Ca^{2+}$ -mobilizing activity in cells similar to that of cADPR are very useful in biological studies.





We designed cyclic ADP-carbocyclic-ribose (cADPcR, **2**) as a stable mimic of cADPR,<sup>6</sup> in which the oxygen atom in the N-1-ribose ring of cADPR is replaced by a methylene group. We hypothesized that (1) the mimic should be resistant to both enzymatic and chemical hydrolysis, since it has a chemically and biologically stable N-alkyl linkage instead of the unstable N-1glycosidic linkage of cADPR, and that (2) the mimic, like cADPR, would effectively mobilize intracellular Ca<sup>2+</sup> since it preserves all of the functional groups of cADPR except for the ring oxygen of the N-1-linked ribose and should have a conformation similar to that of cADPR. We recently accomplished the total synthesis of the mimic 2, showing that it is actually chemically and biologically stable.<sup>6f</sup> The preliminary evaluation of 2 injected into sea urchin eggs suggested that it seems to

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have very potent  $Ca^{2+}$ -mobilizing activity.<sup>6f</sup> Therefore, studies on the mechanism of cADPR-modulated  $Ca^{2+}$  signaling pathways using the mimic **2** are now in progress.

cADPR and its analogues have been synthesized by enzymatic or chemoenzymatic methods using ADPribosyl cyclase from *Aplysia californica*, which mediates the intramolecular ribosylation of NAD<sup>+</sup> and some modified NAD<sup>+</sup> (prepared chemically or enzymatically) at the *N*-1-position of the purine moiety, to yield cADPR or the corresponding analogues.<sup>7</sup> These studies disclosed that some 8-substituted analogues of cADPR, such as 8-Br-cADPR (**3**), 8-N<sub>3</sub>-cADPR (**4**), or 8-NH<sub>2</sub>-cADPR (**5**), are antagonists of cADPR at its intracellular receptor,<sup>7a</sup> and these analogues have been effectively used as pharmacological tools for the studies on cADPR-modulated Ca<sup>2+</sup> signaling pathways.<sup>3</sup>

These findings prompted us to synthesize the 8-modified analogues of cADPcR, which were expected to possess the properties of both the carbocyclic analogue 2 and the 8-substituted cADPR analogues. For example, 8-NH<sub>2</sub>-cADPcR (8) was expected to be a chemically and biologically stable potent antagonist of cADPR, and 8-N<sub>3</sub>-cADPcR (7) might be used as an efficient photoaffinity labeling probe for cADPR-related proteins.

In this report, we describe the convergent synthesis of a series of 8-substituted analogues of cADPcR, namely the 8-chloro analogue **6** (8-Cl-cADPcR), the 8-azido analogue **7** (8-N<sub>3</sub>-cADPcR), the 8-amino analogue **8** (8-NH<sub>2</sub>-cADPcR), and the 8-phenylthio analogue **9** (8-SPh-cADPcR) (Figure 1), and their effects on Ca<sup>2+</sup>-mobilization in the sea urchin homogenate system. The detailed Ca<sup>2+</sup>-mobilizing activity of cADPcR is also described. The carbocyclic analogues were tested for activity in sea urchin egg homogenate, a robust assay for calcium mobilization, and the system in which the calcium mobilizing properties of cADPR were first discovered.<sup>4a</sup>

#### **Results and Discussion**

**Synthetic Plan.** Most of the previous cADPR analogues have been synthesized by enzymatic or chemoenzymatic methods with ADP-ribosyl cyclase from *A. californica* as described above.<sup>7</sup> Although the specificity of ADP-ribosyl cyclase is somewhat loose, the analogues obtained by this method are limited by the substrate specificity of the enzyme.<sup>7p</sup>

On the other hand, in the chemical synthesis of cADPR and its analogues, the key intramolecular condensation step to form the pyrophosphate linkage has proved difficult, preventing completion of the chemical synthesis of the target cADPR analogues.<sup>8</sup> However, in recent years, we have developed an efficient method for forming the intramolecular pyrophosphate linkage by activation of phenylthiophosphate type substrates, such as **10** or **11**, with I<sub>2</sub> or AgNO<sub>3</sub> in the presence of molecular sieves (MS) 3A in pyridine, where the cyclization products 12 and 13 were obtained in 93% and 81% yield, respectively (Scheme 1).<sup>6</sup> Using this method we have successfully synthesized cADPcR (2) and its inosine congener.<sup>6e,f</sup> This represents a general method for synthesizing these types of biologically important cyclic nucleotides and particularly those chemically modified in the N-1-linked ribose moiety, which are not expected to be accessible by the chemoenzymatic route.<sup>6g</sup>

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Scheme 1



Encouraged by these results, we decided to synthesize the target 8-substituted cADPcR analogues 6-9 by a convergent route, as summarized in Scheme 2, using 8-Cl-cADPcR bis-acetonide (14) as the common intermediate. Acidic deprotection of 14 would readily provide 8-Cl-cADPcR (6). The other three targets 7, 8, and 9 would be obtained by nucleophilic addition-elimination reaction at the 8-position of 14 followed by deprotection. The intramolecular pyrophosphate linkage could be constructed according to the method described above: treatment of 8-chloro-5'-phenylthiophosphate substrate 15 with AgNO<sub>3</sub>/MS 3A as a promoter<sup>6c,e,f</sup> was expected to give the cyclized 14. The substrate 15 would be provided from the 2-chloroimidazole nucleoside derivative 16 and the optically active carbocyclic amine 17, which could be prepared from 5-aminoimidazole-4carboxamide riboside (AICAR, 18) and commercially available (1*R*)-(-)-2-azabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-3-one  $(19).^{8c}$ 

Construction of the N-1-Carbocyclic-Ribosyladenosine Structure. An efficient method for constructing the N-1-carbocyclic-ribosyladenosine structure was essential for completing the synthesis of the targets. We previously found that treatment of the imidazole nucleoside 22 and the chiral carbocyclic amine 17 under mild basic conditions with K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> provided the N-1carbocyclic-ribosyladenosine derivative 23 in high yield (Scheme 3).<sup>6f</sup> Thus, construction of the 8-chloro-N-1carbocyclic-ribosyl derivative 24 was investigated according to a similar procedure. A chloro group was introduced at the imidazole 2-position of the known imidazole nucleoside **20**<sup>8c</sup> by treatment with N-chlorosuccinimide (NCS) in THF to give 21. The 2-chloroimidazole nucleoside 21 was heated in HC(OMe)<sub>3</sub> under reflux in the presence of a catalytic amount of TFA to give the methoxymethylene derivative **16**, which was next subjected to the pyrimidine ring-closure reaction. When a mixture of 16 and 17 (1.4 equiv) was treated with K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> in DMF at room temperature, the ringclosure reaction proceeded to give the desired product 24 in 89% yield. The N-1-carbocyclic-ribosyladenine structure of **24** was confirmed by an NOE experiment; a correlation (19.6%) between the H-2 of the adenine and the C-1" of the cyclopentane ring was observed.

**Synthesis of 8-Cl-cADPcR.** 8-Cl-cADPcR (6) was successfully synthesized from the *N*-1-carbocyclic-ribosyl-adenosine derivative **24**, as shown in Scheme 4. After protection of the 5"-hydroxyl of **24** with a monomethoxytrityl (MMTr) group, the 5'-*O*-TBS group of the product **25** was removed with TBAF to give **26**. Treatment of **26** with an *S*,*S*'-diphenylphosphorodithioate (PSS)/2,4,6-triisopropylbenzenesulfonyl chloride (TPSCl)/pyridine system<sup>9</sup> gave the 5'-bis(phenylthio)-phosphate **27** in 67% yield. After removal of the 5"-*O*-

#### Scheme 2



MMTr group of **27**, a phosphoryl group was introduced at the resulting 5"-primary hydroxyl of **28** using Yoshikawa's method with POCl<sub>3</sub>/(EtO)<sub>3</sub>PO,<sup>10</sup> followed by treatment of the product with H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>2</sub> and Et<sub>3</sub>N<sup>11</sup> in the presence of *N*-methylmaleimide (NMM) in pyridine,<sup>12</sup> affording 5'-phenylthiophosphate **15** in 47% yield as the triethylammonium salt. When a solution of **15** in pyridine was added slowly to a mixture of a large excess of AgNO<sub>3</sub> and Et<sub>3</sub>N in the presence of MS 3A in pyridine at room temperature,<sup>6c,e,f</sup> the desired cyclization product **14** was obtained in 88% yield. Finally, removal of the isopropylidene groups of **14** was carried out with aqueous HCO<sub>2</sub>H to furnish 8-Cl-cADPcR **(6)**.

Synthesis of the 8-Azido-, 8-Amino-, and 8-Phenylthio-cADPcR Analogues. The other three 8-substituted cADPcR analogues, 7, 8, and 9, were synthesized from the isopropylidene-protected 8-Cl-cADPcR 14 via a nucleophilic addition-elimination reaction at the 8-position. Thus, treatment of 14 with LiN<sub>3</sub> or PhSH in pyridine at room temperature produced the corresponding 8-azido and 8-phenylthio derivatives 29 and 31 in excellent yields (Scheme 5). The azido group of 29 was readily reduced under usual catalytic hydrogenation conditions with Pd-C to give the 8-amino derivative 30. The isopropylidene groups of 29, 30, and 31 were removed with aqueous HCO<sub>2</sub>H to provide the target compounds, 8-N<sub>3</sub>-cADPcR (7), 8-NH<sub>2</sub>-cADPcR (8), and 8-SPh-cADPcR (9), respectively.

The results of this study as well as the previous syntheses of cADPcR (2)<sup>7f</sup> and its inosine congener<sup>7c,e</sup> clearly demonstrate that the strategy using a phenyl-thiophosphate-type substrate in the key intramolecular condensation reaction forming the pyrophosphate linkage is very efficient for the total syntheses of cADPR-related compounds.<sup>13</sup>

**Biology.** In the sea urchin egg homogenate, cADPR (1) mobilizes sequestered  $Ca^{2+}$  from microsomal vesicles in a concentration-dependent fashion (Figure 2a).<sup>14</sup> Such  $Ca^{2+}$  release exhibits the property of self-induced desensitization,<sup>15</sup> in that a subsequent challenge by a normally maximum concentration of cADPR (250 nM) is reduced depending on the initial concentration of the first cADPR challenge. We demonstrated the biological properties of cADPcR (2) by showing that it was a potent  $Ca^{2+}$ -mobilizing molecule and that after sequestration of mobilized calcium it cross-desensitized with calcium release by the subsequent addition of a normally maximal concentration of cADPR (250 nM) in a concentration-dependent manner as for cADPR (Figure 2b).

Scheme 3<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Reagents and conditions: (a) NCS, THF, rt, 84%; (b) HC(OMe)<sub>3</sub>, cat.  $CF_3CO_2H$ , reflux, 95% (16), quant % (22); (c)17,  $K_2CO_3$ , MeOH or DMF, rt, 83% (23), 89% (24).

Interestingly, cADPcR, with an  $EC_{50}$  value of 14.6 nM, was ca. 3-4 times more potent than cADPR ( $EC_{50} = 50$  nM). These qualitative data, showing that cADPcR is an even more potent Ca<sup>2+</sup>-mobilizing agent than cAD-PR, are in accord with the preliminary results by the injection of the compounds into sea urchin eggs.<sup>6f</sup>

Next, the effects of a series of 8-substituted carbocyclic analogues of cADPR were examined. Surprisingly, both 8-N<sub>3</sub>-cADPcR (**7**) and 8-NH<sub>2</sub>-cADPcR (**8**) were full agonists, with EC<sub>50</sub> values of 3.9  $\mu$ M (Figure 2c) and 80 nM, respectively (Figure 2d), and were therefore ca. 80 and 2 times less potent than cADPR in mobilizing intracellular Ca<sup>2+</sup>. This is in contrast to the effects of the corresponding non-carbocyclic analogues, 8-N<sub>3</sub>cADPR and 8-NH<sub>2</sub>-cADPR, which are both antagonists.<sup>7a</sup> In addition, the 8-substituted carbocyclic analogues **7** and **8** also exhibited the property of cross-desensitization with cADPR-induced Ca<sup>2+</sup> release.

Further 8-substituted analogues were assessed. 8-ClcADPcR (**6**) mobilized Ca<sup>2+</sup> with a steep concentrationdependence (Figure 2e) with an EC<sub>50</sub> of 19  $\mu$ M, i.e., ca. 400-fold less potent than cADPR. This compound, however, did not fully cross-desensitize with cADPR for reasons that are not immediately apparent. Increasing the size and hydrophobicity of the 8-substituted group in 8-SPh-cADPcR (**9**) dramatically altered its pharmacological properties. This compound had minimal Ca<sup>2+</sup> mobilizing efficacy, while at high concentrations it behaved as a competitive cADPR antagonist (Figure 2f).

Scheme 4<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Reagents and conditions: (a) MMTrCl, pyridine, rt, 79%; (b) TBAF, THF, AcOH, rt, 88%; (c) PSS, TPSCl, py, rt, 67%; (d) aq 80% AcOH, rt, 85%; (e) 1) POCl<sub>3</sub>, (EtO)<sub>3</sub>PO,0 °C, (2) H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>2</sub>, Et<sub>3</sub>N, NMM, pyridine, rt, 47%; (g) AgNO<sub>3</sub>, MS 3A, Et<sub>3</sub>N, py, rt, 88%; (h) aq 60%  $HCO_2H$ , rt, 98%.

Scheme 5<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Reagents and conditions: (a) PhSH, py, rt, 86% (**29**); (b) LiN<sub>3</sub>, py, 50 °C, 81%; (c)  $H_2$ , Pd-C,  $H_2$ O, rt, 67%; (d) aq 60% HCO<sub>2</sub>H, rt, 97% (7), 83% (**8**), 88% (**9**).

cADPcR is a highly potent agonist in sea urchin homogenates and indeed even more potent than cADPR itself. This is due either to lack of hydrolysis during the assay, or perhaps to a more favorable interaction of the modified *N*-1-attached "northern ribose"<sup>6g</sup> with the receptor, which would be rather surprising given that a potential H-bond acceptor has been deleted.

The simple expectation for the activity of the 8-substituted analogues reported here was that they would retain significantly the activity of their parent 8-substituted cADPR analogues, perhaps with some modulation of  $Ca^{2+}$ -mobilizing potency, but that the nature of the activity agonist vs antagonist would not be affected. If we leave aside the activity of the 8-phenylthio analogue **9**, which only begins to be apparent at high concentrations, it is very striking that all three of the other analogues **6**, **7**, and **8** that possess the 8-substitutions, previously shown to confer antagonist behavior to various degrees in the cADPR series, become agonists as their cADPcR counterparts. Nowhere is this more apparent than with 8-NH<sub>2</sub>-cADPcR (**8**), which has a potency very close to cADPR itself. It is only possible to speculate at this time as to the reasons behind this, but clearly deletion of the "northern" ribofuranosyl oxygen atom removes a structural motif in an extremely sensitive area that determines the fundamental activity. Interestingly, when cADPcR (2) and its 8-amino derivative 8 were examined for  $Ca^{2+}$ -mobilizing activity in another well characterized biological system, Jurkat T-lymphocytes, both compounds were found to exhibit weak agonism, being about 5-10-fold less potent than cADPR.<sup>6g</sup> Thus, in a mammalian cell system, cADPcR behaves, in terms of potency, differently to in the invertebrate sea urchin system. However, 8-NH<sub>2</sub>-cAD-PcR, while weak, does also exhibit agonist rather than antagonist properties, which is in qualitative agreement with the data reported here. No further interpretation on these relative aspects can be entered into at the present time, except insofar as it is known that these two receptors exhibit different recognition characteristics toward some cADPR analogues,<sup>3h</sup> pointing to not surprising potentially wider differences in protein structure and function.<sup>3</sup> It is worth also noting that recently diverse analogues have been synthesized with more radical changes in the adenine ring and also in the "northern" ribose than those reported here.<sup>13</sup> Interestingly, some of these compounds, although substituted at the 8-position, like most of the compounds reported here, also appear in intact HeLa cells and rat brain microsomes to exhibit agonist rather than antagonist properties.13b,c

Although the factors that control agonist/antagonist behavior in cADPR are not well understood, the present work provides new insight into them in analogues particularly close in structure to cADPR itself. It seems unlikely however that one unique motif is all pervading in this respect and more so that a global conformation is adopted in either mode, that may be perturbed by point changes in the molecule, for example by disruption of hydrogen bonds or changes in the conformation of the



**Figure 2.**  $Ca^{2+}$  release by cADPR (1) and its carbocyclic analogues in the sea urchin egg homogenate: (a) cADPcR (1), (b) cADPcR (2), (c) 8-N<sub>3</sub>-cADPcR (7), (d) 3-NH<sub>2</sub>-cADPcR (8), (e) 8-Cl-cADPcR (6), and (f) 8-SPh-cADPcR (9).

ribose groups. The previous preliminary <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis suggested that an overall change in the conformation of cADPcR compared with natural cADPR is unlikely.<sup>6f</sup> Further detailed studies to clarify the precise conformation of the molecules are required, particularly in relation to the biological activity. There is no doubt that this antagonist/agonist switch induced by a rather conservative carbocycle introduction is a novel effect that will stimulate further work toward this goal.

**Conclusion.** A series of 8-substituted analogues of cADPcR was synthesized by a convergent route via 8-Cl-cADPcR bis-acetonide as the common intermediate, in which a method for forming the intramolecular pyrophosphate linkage by activation of the phenylthiophosphate moiety with AgNO<sub>3</sub> was used as the key step. We have characterized quantitatively the more potent Ca<sup>2+</sup>-mobilizing activity of cADPcR than the natural second messenger cADPR. Additionally, to contribute toward the emerging SAR of cADPR, we have evaluated the 8-substituted analogues, most of which possess nonadditive and unexpected biological activity as agonists rather than antagonists. One, in particular, by means of a single substitution illustrates a dramatic switch from a highly potent antagonist to an almost equipotent

agonist. Elucidation of the structural basis for this effect will be of significant future interest.

### **Experimental Section**

Chemical shifts are reported in ppm downfield from tetramethylsilane (<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C) or  $H_3PO_4$  (<sup>31</sup>P). All of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR assignments described were in agreement with COSY spectra. Thin-layer chromatography was done on Merck coated plate  $60F_{254}$ . Silica gel chromatography was done on Merck silica gel 5715. Reactions were carried out under an argon atmosphere.

2-Chloro-5-amino-1-[5-O-(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)-2,3-O-(isopropylidene)- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl]imidazole-4-nitrile (21). A mixture of 20 (5.9 g, 15.0 mmol) and NCS (2.4 g, 18.0 mmol) in THF (150 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 10.5 h. After addition of saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (10 mL), the resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 10 min and then evaporated. The residue was partitioned between EtOAc and H<sub>2</sub>O, and the organic layer was washed with brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 20% AcOEt in hexane) to give 21 (5.4 g, 84%) as a yellow solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  5.84 (d, 1 H, H-1',  $J_{1',2'}$  = 4.0 Hz), 5.04 (s, 2 H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 4.97 (dd, 1 H, H-2',  $J_{2',1'} = 4.0$ ,  $J_{2',3'} = 6.8$  Hz), 4.89 (dd, 1 H, H-3',  $J_{3',2'} = 6.8$ ,  $J_{3',4'} = 4.3$  Hz), 4.14 (ddd, 1 H, H-4',  $J_{4',3'} = 4.3, J_{4',5'a} = 1.7, J_{4',5'b} = 0.9$  Hz), 4.02 (dd, 1 H, H-5'a,  $J_{5'a,4'} = 1.7, J_{5'a,5'b} = 11.7$  Hz), 3.90 (dd, 1 H, H-5'b,  $J_{5'b,4'} = 0.9$ ,  $J_{5'b,5'a} = 11.7$  Hz), 1.59, 1.36 (each s, each 3 H, isopropyl CH<sub>3</sub>),

0.93 (s, 9H, *tert*-butyl), 0.14, 0.13 (each s, each 3H, dimethyl);  $^{13}$ C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  147.3, 125.6, 115.6, 114.6, 93.5, 93.5, 90.6, 84.5, 82.1, 78.8, 62.4, 27.3, 26.0, 25.4, 18.7, -5.4; HRMS (FAB, positive) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>30</sub>ClN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Si 429.1725 (MH<sup>+</sup>), found 429.1683; UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  250 nm. Anal. (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>29</sub>-ClN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Si) C, H, Cl, N.

2-Chloro-5-(methoxymethyleneamino)-1-[5-O-(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)-2,3-O-(isopropylidene)-β-D-ribofuranosyl]imidazole-4-nitrile (16). A mixture of 21 (4.7 g, 11 mmol) and TFA (43  $\mu$ L, 550  $\mu$ mol) in (MeO)<sub>3</sub>CH (23.5 mL, 220 mmol) was stirred at 50 °C for 10 min. The mixture was evaporated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 20% AcOEt in hexane) to give 16 (4.9 g, 95%) as a yellow solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) & 8.34 (s, 1 H, N=CH), 5.94 (d, 1 H, H-1',  $J_{1',2'} = 3.2$  Hz), 5.23 (dd, 1 H, H-2',  $J_{2',1'} = 3.2$ ,  $J_{2',3'} = 6.8$  Hz), 4.79 (dd, 1 H, H-3',  $J_{3',2'} = 6.8$ ,  $J_{3',4'} = 5.1$  Hz), 4.05 (m, 1 H, H-4'), 3.98 (s, 3 H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.83-3.76 (m, 2 H, H-5'), 1.58, 1.36 (each s, each 3 H, isopropyl CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.89 (s, 9 H, tert-butyl), 0.06, 0.05 (each s, each 3 H, dimethyl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $(CDCl_3, 67.8 \text{ MHz}) \delta 160.9, 145.7, 130.5, 115.3, 114.4, 98.9,$ 89.0, 85.7, 82.4, 80.3, 62.8, 55.2, 27.3, 25.9, 25.5, 18.4, -5.4; HRMS (FAB, positive) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>32</sub>ClN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Si 471.1830 (MH<sup>+</sup>), found 471.1805; UV (MeOH) λ<sub>max</sub> 277 nm. Anal.(C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>31</sub>-ClN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Si C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>29</sub>ClN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Si) C, H, Cl, N.

8-Chloro-N-1-[(1R,2S,3R,4R)-2,3-(isopropylidenedioxy)-4-(hydroxymethyl)cyclopentyl]-5'-O-(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)-2',3'-O-isopropylideneadenosine (24). A mixture of 16 (4.7 g, 10 mmol), 17 (2.7 g, 14 mmol), and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (20 mg, 0.15 mmol) in DMF (65 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 20 h and then evaporated. The residue was partitioned between EtOAc and H<sub>2</sub>O, and the organic layer was washed with brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO2, 90% AcOEt in hexane) to give 24 (5.6 g, 89%) as a white foam: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.61 (s, 1 H, H-2), 7.17 (br s, 1 H, NH), 6.07 (d, 1 H, H-1',  $J_{1',2'} = 2.0$  Hz), 5.48 (dd, 1 H, H-2',  $J_{2',1'} =$ 0.07 (d, 1 H, H-1,  $J_{1',2'} = 2.0$  Hz), 5.48 (dd, 1 H, H-2,  $J_{2',1'} = 2.0$ ,  $J_{2',3'} = 6.3$  Hz), 5.32 (dd, 1 H, H-2'',  $J_{2'',1''} = 5.2$ ,  $J_{2'',3''} = 5.8$  Hz), 4.99 (dd, 1 H, H-3',  $J_{3',2'} = 6.3$ ,  $J_{3',4'} = 3.8$  Hz), 4.74 (dd, 1 H, H-3'',  $J_{3'',2''} = 5.8$ ,  $J_{3'',4''} = 2.8$  Hz), 4.59 (br s, 1 H, 5'-OH), 4.52 (ddd, 1 H, H-1'',  $J_{1'',2''} = 5.2$ ,  $J_{1'',6''a} = 9.8$ ,  $J_{1'',6''b} = 9.7$  Hz), 4.20 (ddd, 1 H, H-4',  $J_{4',3'} = 3.8$ ,  $J_{4',5'a} = 6.1$ ,  $J_{4',5'b} = 6.1$  Hz), 2.74 3.80 (dd, 1 H, H-5"a,  $J_{5"a,4"} = 3.8$ ,  $J_{5"a,5"b} = 10.8$  Hz), 3.74– 3.68 (m, 3 H, H-5', H-5"b), 2.63 (m, 1 H, H-6"a), 2.54 (m, 1 H, H-4"), 2.45 (m, 1 H, H-6"b), 1.59, 1.56, 1.37, 1.31 (each s, each 3 H, isopropyl CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.85 (s, 9 H, tert-butyl), 0.00, -0.02 (each s, each 3 H, dimethyl); NOE (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) irradiated H-2, observed H-1" (19.6%);  $^{13}\mathrm{C}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 67.8 MHz)  $\delta$  152.5, 147.4, 141.5, 135.6, 122.8, 114.3, 111.9, 90.0, 87.6, 83.5, 83.2, 82.0, 81.5, 71.0, 64.7, 63.0, 44.9, 30.2, 28.1, 27.2, 25.9, 25.4, 25.3, 18.4, -5.3, -5.4; HRMS (FAB, positive) calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>45</sub>-ClN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Si 626.2777 (MH<sup>+</sup>), found 626.2747; UV (MeOH) λ<sub>max</sub> 263 nm, sh 300 nm ( $\epsilon$  = 14860 at  $\lambda_{max}$  = 263 nm (pH 2.0)); Anal. (C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>44</sub>ClN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Si) C, H, Cl, N.

8-Chloro-N-1-[(1R,2S,3R,4R)-2,3-(isopropylidenedioxy)-4-[(5-monomethoxytrityl)oxymethyl]cyclopentyl]-5'-O-(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)-2',3'-O-isopropylideneadenosine (25). A mixture of 24 (5.5 g, 8.8 mmol) and MMTrCl (5.4 g, 17.6 mmol) in pyridine (50 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 h and then evaporated. The residue was partitioned between EtOAc and  $H_2O$ , and the organic layer was washed with brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 30% AcOEt in hexane) to give 25 (6.2 g, 79%) as a yellow foam: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.63 (s, 1 H, H-2), 7.45–6.82 (m, 15 H, NH, Ar-H), 6.08 (d, 1 H, H-1',  $J_{1',2'} = 2.0$  Hz), 5.52 (dd, 1 H, H-2',  $J_{2',1'} = 2.0$ ,  $J_{2',3'} = 6.3$  Hz), 5.13 (dd, 1 H, H-2'',  $J_{2',1'} = 4.8$ ,  $J_{2'',3''} = 6.8$  Hz), 5.01 (dd, 1 H, H-3',  $J_{3',2'} = 6.3$ ,  $J_{3',4'} = 3.6$  Hz), 4.89 (m, 1 H, H-1''), 4.56 (dd, 1 H, H-3'',  $J_{3',2''} = 6.8$ ,  $J_{3'',4''} = 6.8$ ,  $J_{3'',4'''} = 6.8$ ,  $J_{3'',4''} =$ = 6.8 Hz), 4.22 (ddd, 1 H, H-4',  $J_{4',3'}$  = 3.6,  $J_{4',5'a}$  = 6.5,  $J_{4',5'b}$  = 6.1 Hz), 3.79 (s, 3 H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.73 (dd, 1 H, H-5'a,  $J_{5'a,4'} = 6.5$ ,  $J_{5'a,5'b} = 10.7$  Hz), 3.70 (dd, 1 H, H-5'b,  $J_{5'b,4'} = 6.1$ ,  $J_{5'b,5'a} = -6.1$ 10.7 Hz), 3.34 (dd, 1 H, H-5"a,  $J_{5"a,4"} = 4.5$ ,  $J_{5"a,5"b} = 9.0$  Hz), 3.19 (dd, 1 H, H-5"b,  $J_{5"b,4"} = 6.5$ ,  $J_{5"b,5"a} = 9.0$  Hz), 2.52 (m, 1 H, H-6"a), 2.42–2.38 (m, 2 H, H-4", H-6"b), 1.60, 1.53, 1.39, 1.28 (each s, each 3 H, isopropyl CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.88 (s, 9 H, *tert*-butyl), 0.02, 0.01 (each s, each 3 H, dimethyl);  $^{13}$ C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 67.8 MHz)  $\delta$  158.5, 152.8, 146.4, 144.6, 144.5, 141.1, 135.7, 135.0, 130.4, 128.4, 127.7, 126.8, 122.8, 114.2, 113.1, 113.0, 90.0, 87.6, 86.2, 83.1, 82.4, 81.7, 64.8, 64.2, 63.0, 55.2, 44.9, 33.2, 27.7, 27.2, 25.9, 25.4, 25.3, 18.4, -5.3, -5.4; HRMS (FAB, positive) calcd for C<sub>48</sub>H<sub>61</sub>ClN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Si 898.3978 (MH<sup>+</sup>), found 898.3979; UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  263 nm, sh 301 nm. Anal. (C<sub>48</sub>H<sub>60</sub>ClN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Si) C, H, Cl, N.

8-Chloro-N-1-[(1R,2S,3R,4R)-2,3-(isopropylidenedioxy)-4-[(5-monomethoxytrityl)oxymethyl]cyclopentyl]-2',3'-Oisopropylideneadenosine (26). A mixture of 25 (6.1 g, 6.8 mmol), TBAF (1.0 M in THF, 15 mL, 15 mmol), and AcOH (440  $\mu$ L, 6.9 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 1 h and then evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 60% AcOEt in hexane) to give 26 (4.7 g, 88%) as a yellow foam: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.69 (s, 1 H, H-2), 7.44–6.81 (m, 15 H, NH, Ar-H), 6.00 (d, 1 H, H-1',  $J_{1',2'} = 5.0$  Hz), 5.28 (m, 1 H, 5'-OH), 5.11-5.09 (m, 2 H, H-2', H-2"), 5.02 (dd, 1 H, H-3',  $J_{3',2'} = 5.8, J_{3',4'} = 1.0$  Hz), 4.91 (m, 1 H, H-1"), 4.53 (m, 1 H, H-3"), 4.45 (m, 1 H, H-4'), 3.91 (m, 1 H, H-5'a), 3.79 (s, 3 H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.75 (m, 1 H, H-5'b), 3.34 (dd, 1 H, H-5"a, J<sub>5"a,4"</sub> = 3.5,  $J_{5''a.5''b} = 8.8$  Hz), 3.18 (dd, 1 H, H-5''b,  $J_{5''b.4''} = 5.6$ ,  $J_{5''b.5''a} =$ 8.8 Hz), 2.45-2.38 (m, 3 H, H-4", H-6"), 1.64, 1.52, 1.38, 1.27 (each s, each 3 H, isopropyl CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 67.8 MHz) δ 158.5, 152.5, 146.7, 144.5, 144.5, 140.3, 135.7, 134.5, 130.3, 128.4, 127.7, 126.8, 123.4, 114.2, 113.3, 113.0, 92.2, 86.1, 85.5, 83.1, 82.2, 81.5, 81.2, 64.8, 64.2, 63.1, 55.2, 44.7, 33.4, 27.7, 27.5, 25.3, 25.3; HRMS (FAB, positive) calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>47</sub>ClN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>8</sub> 784.3113 (MH<sup>+</sup>), found 784.3090; UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  264 nm, sh 307 nm. Anal. (C42H46ClN5O8) C, H, Cl, N.

8-Chloro-N-1-[(1R,2S,3R,4R)-2,3-(isopropylidenedioxy)-4-[(5-monomethoxytrityl)oxymethyl]cyclopentyl]-5'-O-[bis(phenylthio)phosphoryl]-2',3'-Ö-isopropylideneadenosine (27). After stirring a mixture of PSS (7.6 g, 20 mmol) and TPSCl (6.1 g, 20 mmol) in pyridine (40 mL) at room temperature for 2 h, 26 (4.7 g, 5.9 mmol) was added, and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for further 2 h. The mixture was evaporated, and the residue was partitioned between CHCl<sub>3</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and evaporated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 60% AcOEt in hexane) to give 27 (4.1 g, 67%) as a yellow foam: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.66 (s, 1 H, H-2), 7.48–6.81 (m, 25 H, NH, Ar–H), 6.13 (d, 1 H, H-1',  $J_{1',2'} = 1.3$  Hz), 5.44 (dd, 1 H, H-2',  $J_{2',1'} = 1.3$ ,  $J_{2',3'} = 6.3$  Hz), 5.09 (m, 1 H, H-2"), 5.08 (dd, 1 H, H-3',  $J_{3',2'} = 6.3$ ,  $J_{3,4'} = 3.4$  Hz), 4.92 (m, 1 H, H-1"), 4.50 (m, 1 H, H-3"), 4.42-4.33 (m, 3 H, H-4', H-5'), 3.78 (s, 3 H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.33 (m, 1 H, H-5"a), 3.16 (dd, 1 H, H-5"b,  $J_{5"b,4"} =$ 4.0,  $J_{5''b,5''a} = 8.6$  Hz), 2.40 (m, 3 H, H-4", H-6"), 1.61, 1.52 1.38, 1.22 (each s, each 3 H, isopropyl CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 67.8 MHz)  $\delta$  158.5, 152.6, 146.7, 144.5, 144.5, 135.6, 135.3, 135.3, 135.1, 135.0, 130.3, 129.5, 129.3, 128.4, 127.7, 126.8, 125.9, 114.6, 113.2, 113.0, 90.1, 86.2, 85.7, 85.6, 83.7, 82.5, 81.6, 81.3, 66.2, 66.1, 64.8, 64.2, 55.2, 44.8, 33.4, 27.7, 27.1, 25.3; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 202 MHz, decoupled with <sup>1</sup>H)  $\delta$  50.9; HRMS (FAB, positive) calcd for  $C_{54}H_{56}ClN_5O_9PS_2$  1048.2945 (MH<sup>+</sup>), found 1048.2950; UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  254 nm, sh 305 nm. Anal. (C<sub>54</sub>H<sub>55</sub>-ClN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>9</sub>PS<sub>2</sub>) C, H, Cl, N.

**8-Chloro-***N***-1-**[(1*R*,2*S*,3*R*,4*R*)-2,3-(isopropylidenedioxy)-**4-**(hydroxymethyl)cyclopentyl]-5'-*O*-[bis(phenylthio)phosphoryl]-2',3'-*O*-isopropylideneadenosine (28). A solution of **27** (3.9 g, 3.7 mmol) in 80% aqueous AcOH (40 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 6 h and then evaporated. The residue was partitioned between EtOAc and aqueous saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, and the organic layer was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O and then with brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 3% MeOH in CHCl<sub>3</sub>) to give **28** (2.4 g, 85%) as a white foam: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.66 (br s, 1 H, H-2), 7.49–7.27 (m, 11 H, NH, Ar–H), 6.13 (d, 1 H, H-1', J<sub>1',2'</sub> = 1.0 Hz), 5.43 (dd, 1 H, H-2', J<sub>2',1'</sub> = 1.0, J<sub>2',3'</sub> = 6.2 Hz), 5.25 (dd, 1 H, H-2'', J<sub>2'',1''</sub> = 5.4, J<sub>2'',3''</sub> = 5.5 Hz), 5.07 (dd, 1 H, H-3', J<sub>3',2'</sub> = 6.2, J<sub>3',4'</sub> = 3.0 Hz), 4.68 (dd, 1 H, H-3",  $J_{3",2"} = 5.5$ ,  $J_{3",4"} = 1.7$  Hz), 4.54 (m, 1 H, H-1"), 4.41–4.31 (m, 3 H, H-4', H-5'), 3.73 (dd, 1 H, H-5"a,  $J_{5"a,4"} = 3.7$ ,  $J_{5"a,5"b} = 10.8$  Hz), 3.69 (dd, 1 H, H-5"b,  $J_{5"b,4"} = 2.6$ ,  $J_{5"b,5"a} = 10.8$  Hz), 2.53 (m, 2 H, H-4", H-6"a), 2.40 (m, 1 H, H-6"b), 1.61, 1.55 1.38, 1.30 (each s, each 3 H, isopropyl CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 67.8 MHz)  $\delta$  152.5, 147.7, 141.3, 135.3, 135.3, 135.2, 135.0, 135.0, 130.2, 129.6, 129.6, 129.5, 129.5, 129.3, 128.0, 126.0, 125.9, 125.7, 122.7, 114.5, 111.8, 90.2, 86.8, 85.7, 83.8, 83.3, 82.3, 81.4, 70.4, 66.2, 66.1, 64.5, 44.8, 30.1, 28.0, 27.1, 25.2; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 202 MHz, decoupled with <sup>1</sup>H)  $\delta$  51.1; HRMS (FAB, positive) calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>40</sub>ClN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>8</sub>PS<sub>2</sub> 776.1744 (MH<sup>+</sup>), found 776.1733; UV (MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  256 nm, sh 304 nm. Anal. (C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>39</sub>ClN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>8</sub>PS<sub>2</sub>) C, H, Cl, N.

8-Chloro-N-1-[(1R,2S,3R,4R)-2,3-(isopropylidenedioxy)-4-(phosphonoxymethyl)cyclopentyl]-5'-O-[(phenylthio)phosphoryl]-2',3'-O-isopropylideneadenosine (15). A mixture of POCl<sub>3</sub> (93  $\mu$ L, 1.0 mmol) and **28** (78 mg, 0.10 mmol) in PO(OMe)<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mL) was stirred at 0 °C for 2 h. After addition of aqueous saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (3.0 mL), the resulting mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 10 min. To the mixture was added triethylammonium acetate (TEAA, 2.0 M, pH 7.0, 1.0 mL) buffer and  $H_2O$  (4.0 mL), and the resulting solution was applied to a  $C_{18}$  reversed phase column (1.1  $\times$  11 cm). The column was developed using a linear gradient of 0-65% MeCN in TEAA buffer (0.1 M, pH 7.0, 400 mL). Appropriate fractions were evaporated, and excess TEAA was removed by C<sub>18</sub> reversed phase column chromatography ( $1.1 \times 11$  cm, eluted with 60% aqueous MeCN). Appropriate fractions were evaporated, and the residue was coevaporated with pyridine (1.0 mL x 3). A mixture of the residue, NMM (68 mg, 0.6 mmol),  $H_3PO_2$  (62  $\mu$ L, 1.2 mmol), and Et<sub>3</sub>N (85  $\mu$ L, 0.60 mmol) was stirred at room temperature for 3.5 h. After addition of TEAA buffer (2.0 M, pH 7.0, 0.5 mL), the resulting mixture was evaporated. The residue was partitioned between EtOAc and  $H_2O$ , and the aqueous layer diluted with TEAA buffer (2.0 M, pH 7.0, 0.5 mL) was evaporated. A solution of the residue in  $H_2O$  (5.0 mL) was applied to a  $C_{18}$  reversed phase column (1.1 imes 11 cm), and the column was developed using a linear gradient of 0-40% MeCN in TEAA buffer (0.1 M, pH 7.0, 400 mL). Appropriate fractions were evaporated, and excess TEAA was removed by C<sub>18</sub> reversed phase column chromatography  $(1.1 \times 18 \text{ cm}, \text{ eluted with } 40\% \text{ aqueous MeCN})$  to give 15 (41 mg, 47%) as a triethylammonium salt: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  8.67 (s, 1 H, H-2), 7.19–7.10 (m, 5 H, Ar–H), 6.37 (s, 1 H, H-1'), 5.78 (d, 1 H, H-2',  $J_{2',3'} = 6.1$  Hz), 5.23 (dd, 1 H, H-3',  $J_{3',2'} = 6.1$ ,  $J_{3',4'} = 2.5$  Hz), 4.91–4.82 (m, 3 H, H-1", H-2") H-3"), 4.65 (m, 1 H, H-4'), 4.21 (m, 1 H, H-5'a), 4.06 (m, 1 H, H-5'b), 4.00 (m, 2 H, H-5''), 3.14 (q, 6 H,  $-CH_2N$ , J = 7.3 Hz), 2.59–2.54 (m, 2 H, H-4", H-6"a), 2.39 (m, 1 H, H-6"b), 1.62, 1.61, 1.40, 1.40 (each s, each 3 H, isopropyl CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.23 (t, 9 H,  $CH_3CH_2N$ , J = 7.3 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  152.7, 149.1, 147.4, 144.8, 133.7, 133.7, 132.7, 131.7, 130.1, 120.8, 118.5, 117.7, 93.9, 89.9, 89.8, 86.4, 86.0, 83.9, 83.2, 68.1, 67.9, 49.4, 46.2, 46.2, 35.5, 28.7, 38.6, 26.9, 26.8, 11.0; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 202 MHz, decoupled with <sup>1</sup>H)  $\delta$  1.08 (s), 17.2 (s); HRMS (FAB, negative) calcd for  $C_{28}H_{35}ClN_5O_{12}P_2S$  762.1167 [(M - H)<sup>-</sup>], found 762.1165; UV (H<sub>2</sub>O)  $\lambda_{max} = 263$  nm.

8-Chloro-cyclic ADP-carbocyclic-ribose Diacetonide (14). To a mixture of AgNO<sub>3</sub> (34 mg, 200  $\mu$ mol), Et<sub>3</sub>N (27  $\mu$ L, 200  $\mu$ mol), and MS 3A (820 mg) in pyridine (7 mL) was added a solution of 14 (8.1 mg, 9.4 µmol) in pyridine (7 mL) slowly over 15 h, using a syringe-pump, at room temperature in the dark. The MS 3A was filtered off with Celite and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O. To the combined filtrate and washings was added TEAA buffer (2.0 M, pH 7.0, 1 mL), and the resulting solution was evaporated. The residue was partitioned between EtOAc and H<sub>2</sub>O, and the aqueous layer was evaporated. A solution of the residue in TEAA buffer (0.1 M, pH 7.0, 5 mL) was applied to a  $C_{18}$  reverse phase column (1.1  $\times$  11 cm), and the column was developed using a linear gradient of 0-40% MeCN in TEAA buffer (0.1 M, pH 7.0, 200 mL). Appropriate fractions were evaporated, and excess TEAA was removed by  $C_{18}$  reverse phase column chromatography ( $1.1 \times 11$  cm, eluted with 20%) aqueous MeCN) to give 14 [123.5 OD<sub>263</sub> units ( $\epsilon = 14860$ ), 88%, calculated using  $\epsilon = 14860$  at  $\lambda_{max} = 263$  nm of **24** (pH 2.0)] as a triethylammonium salt: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  8.75 (s, 1 H, H-2), 6.39 (br s, 1 H, H-1'), 5.86 (d, 1 H, H-2',  $J_{2',3'} = 5.6$ Hz), 5.47 (dd, 1 H, H-3',  $J_{3',2'} = 5.6$ ,  $J_{3',4'} = 2.3$  Hz), 4.83–4.81 (m, 3 H, H-1", H-2", H-3"), 4.55 (m, 1 H, H-4'), 4.15 (m, 1 H, H-5"a), 4.04 (m, 2 H, H-5'a, H-5"b), 3.87 (m, 1 H, H-5'b), 3.16 (q, 6 H,  $-CH_2N$ , J = 7.3 Hz), 3.12 (m, 1 H, H-6"a), 2.87 (m, 1 H, H-4"), 2.75 (m, 1 H, H-6"b), 1.60, 1.59, 1.42, 1.38 (each s, each 3 H, isopropyl CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.23 (t, 9 H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N, *J* = 7.3 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 125 MHz) δ 152.8, 150.0, 146.6, 144.8, 121.1, 117.3, 115.2, 113.0, 93.7, 89.9, 89.8, 89.6, 87.5, 86.1, 84.2, 72.6, 69.3, 67.1, 49.5, 46.7, 46.6, 30.9, 28.9, 28.8, 27.2, 26.9, 11.0;  $^{31}$ P NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 202 MHz, decoupled with  $^{1}$ H)  $\delta$  –10.56 (d, J= 16.5 Hz), -10.71 (d, J = 16.5 Hz); HRMS (FAB, negative) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>29</sub>ClN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>12</sub>P<sub>2</sub> 652.0976 [(M - H)<sup>-</sup>], found 652.0963; UV (H<sub>2</sub>O)  $\lambda_{max} = 263$  nm.

8-Chloro-cyclic ADP-carbocyclic-ribose (6). A solution of 14 (98.3  $OD_{263}$  units) in 60% aqueous  $HCO_2H$  (1 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 3.5 h and then evaporated. After the residue was coevaporation with  $H_2O$  (2 mL  $\times$  3), the resulting residue was dissolved in TEAB buffer (0.1 M, pH 7.0, 30  $\mu$ L) and H<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL), and the solution was lyophilized to give **6** (96.8 OD<sub>263</sub> units, 98%) as a triethylammonium salt: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 500 MHz) δ 9.13 (s, 1 H, H-2), 6.13 (d, 1 H, H-1',  $J_{1',2'} = 6.3$  Hz), 5.16 (dd, 1 H, H-2',  $J_{2',1'} = 6.3$ ,  $J_{2',3'} = 4.8$ Hz), 4.94 (m, 1 H, H-1"), 4.62 (dd, 1 H, H-3',  $J_{3',2'} = 4.8$ ,  $J_{3',4'}$ = 2.4 Hz), 4.51 (m, 1 H, H-5'a), 4.38–4.35 (m, 2 H, H-2", H-4'), 4.21 (dd, 1 H, H-3",  $J_{3",2"} = 4.4$ ,  $J_{3",4"} = 4.4$  Hz), 4.17 (m, 2 H, H-5"), 4.07 (m, 1 H, H-5'b), 3.16 (q, 6 H,  $-CH_2N$ , J = 7.3 Hz), 3.02 (m, 1 H, H-6"a), 2.51 (m, 1 H, H-4"), 2.37 (m, 1 H, H-6"b), 1.23 (t, 9 H,  $CH_3CH_2N$ , J = 7.3 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (potassium salt, D<sub>2</sub>O, 125 MHz) δ 151.8, 147.6, 145.8, 142.5, 119.7, 91.0, 86.1, 79.6, 74.7, 74.2, 71.5, 66.3, 65.7, 64.7, 43.7, 29.0; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 202 MHz, decoupled with <sup>1</sup>H)  $\delta$  -9.29 (d, J = 11.4 Hz), -10.31(d, J = 11.4 Hz); HRMS (FAB, negative) calcd for  $C_{16}H_{21}$ - $CIN_5O_{12}P_2$  572.0350 [(M – H)<sup>-</sup>], found 572.0359; UV (H<sub>2</sub>O)  $\lambda_{max}$ = 263 nm. The absolute amount of **6** was calculated using  $\epsilon$  = 14860 at  $\lambda_{max} = 263 \text{ nm of } 24 \text{ (pH 2.0)}$ 

8-Azido-cyclic ADP-carbocyclic-ribose Diacetonide (29). A mixture of **14** (9.0 mg, 12  $\mu$ mol) and LiN<sub>3</sub> (23 mg, 48  $\mu$ mol) in pyridine (5.0 mL) was stirred at 50 °C for 4 days. After addition of TEAA buffer (2.0 M, pH 7.0, 0.5 mL), the resulting solution was evaporated, and the residue was partitioned between AcOEt and H<sub>2</sub>O. The aqueous layer was evaporated, and a solution of the residue in H<sub>2</sub>O (5.0 mL) was applied to a  $C_{18}$  reverse phase column (1.1  $\times$  12 cm). The column was developed using a linear gradient of 0-40% MeCN in TEAA buffer (0.1 M, pH 7.0, 300 mL). Appropriate fractions were evaporated, and excess TEAA was removed by C<sub>18</sub> reverse phase column chromatography ( $1.1 \times 11$  cm, eluted with 30% aqueous Me<sub>3</sub>CN) to give 29 (7.4 mg, 81%) as a triethylammonium salt: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  8.71 (s, 1 H, H-2), 6.16 (d, 1 H, H-1',  $J_{1',2'} = 1.2$  Hz), 5.81 (dd, 1 H, H-2',  $J_{2',1'} = 1.2$ ,  $J_{2',3'} = 5.9$  Hz), 5.45 (dd, 1 H, H-3',  $J_{3',2'} = 5.9$ ,  $J_{3',4'} = 2.2$  Hz), 4.89–4.85 (m, 3 H, H-1", H-2", H-3"), 4.58 (m, 1 H, H-4'), 4.17 (m, 1 H, H-5"a), 4.08 (m, 2 H, H-5'a, H-5"b), 3.94 (m, 1 H, H-5'b), 3.20 (q, 6 H, CH<sub>2</sub>N, J = 7.3 Hz), 3.14 (m, 1 H, H-6"a), 2.91 (m, 1 H, H-4"), 2.76 (m, 1 H, H-6"b), 1.63, 1.63, 1.45, 1.43 (each s, each 3 H, isopropyl CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.28 (t, 9 H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N, J =7.3 Hz);  ${}^{13}$ C NMR (D2O, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  152.1, 151.8, 149.6, 145.6, 120.6, 117.2, 115.2, 92.4, 89.6, 89.4, 87.4, 86.0, 84.2, 72.4, 69.2, 67.2, 49.5, 46.8, 31.1, 28.9, 28.8, 27.1, 26.9, 11.0; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 202 MHz, decoupled with 1H)  $\delta$  -10.57 (d, J = 15.3 Hz), -10.69 (d, J = 15.3 Hz); HRMS (FAB, negative) calcd for  $C_{22}H_{29}N_8O_{12}P_2$  659.1380 [(M - H)<sup>-</sup>], found 659.1345; UV (H<sub>2</sub>O)  $\lambda_{\rm max} = 284$  nm.

**8-Amino-cyclic ADP-carbocyclic-ribose Diacetonide** (**30**). A mixture of **29** (181 OD<sub>284</sub> units, 9.9  $\mu$ mol) and 10% Pd-C (1.1 mg) in H<sub>2</sub>O (1.0 mL) was stirred under atmospheric pressure of H<sub>2</sub> at 50 °C for 30 min. The Pd-C was filtered off with Celite and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, and the combined filtrate and washing was evaporated to give **30** (139 OD<sub>277</sub> units, 87%) as a triethylammonium salt: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  8.60 (s, 1 H, H-2), 6.16 (s, 1 H, H-1'), 5.93 (d, 1 H, H-2',  $J_{2',3'} = 5.7$  Hz), 5.48 (d, 1 H, H-3',  $J_{3',2'} = 5.7$  Hz), 4.83 (m, 3 H, H-1", H-2", H-3"), 4.55 (m, 1 H, H-4'), 4.18 (m, 1 H, H-5"a), 4.04 (m, 2 H, H-5'a, H-5"b), 3.88 (m, 1 H, H-5"b), 3.20 (q, 6 H,  $-CH_2N$ , J = 7.3 Hz), 3.13 (m, 1 H, H-6"a), 2.91 (m, 1 H, H-4"), 2.79 (m, 1 H, H-6"b), 1.64, 1.63, 1.47, 1.42 (each s, each 3 H, isopropyl CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.28 (t, 9 H,  $CH_3CH_2N$ , J = 7.3 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  157.9, 149.6, 117.1, 115.2, 91.9, 89.8, 89.3, 87.3, 85.9, 84.3, 72.2, 69.0, 67.1, 49.5, 46.5, 30.8, 28.9, 28.7, 27.1, 26.9, 11.0; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 202 MHz, decupled with <sup>1</sup>H)  $\delta$  -10.38 (d, J = 15.3 Hz), -10.64 (d, J = 15.3 Hz); HRMS (FAB, negative) calcd for  $C_{22}H_{31}N_6O_{12}P_2$  633.1475 [(M – H)<sup>-</sup>], found 633.1480; UV (H<sub>2</sub>O)  $\lambda_{max} = 277$  nm.

8-Phenylthio-cyclic ADP-carbocyclic-ribose Diacetonide (31). A mixture of 14 (9.0 mg, 12  $\mu$ mol) and PhSH (49  $\mu L,$  48  $\mu mol)$  in pyridine (1.0 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 h. After addition of TEAA buffer (2.0 M, pH 7.0, 0.5 mL), the resulting solution was evaporated. The residue was partitioned between AcOEt and  $H_2O$ , and the aqueous layer was evaporated. A solution of the residue in H<sub>2</sub>O (5.0 mL) was applied to a  $C_{18}$  reverse phase column (1.1  $\times$  11 cm), and the column was developed using a linear gradient of 0-50% MeCN in TEAA buffer (0.1 M, pH 7.0, 200 mL). Appropriate fractions were evaporated, and excess TEAA was removed by C\_{18} reverse phase column chromatography (1.1  $\times$ 11 cm, eluted with 30% aqueous MeCN) to give 31 (8.5 mg, 119 OD<sub>286</sub> units, 86%) as a triethylammonium salt: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  8.73 (s, 1 H, H-2), 7.66–7.51 (m, 5 H, Ar– H), 6.41 (d, 1 H, H-1',  $J_{1',2'} = 1.2$  Hz), 5.91 (dd, 1 H, H-2',  $J_{2',1'}$ = 1.2,  $J_{2',3'}$  = 5.9 Hz), 5.48 (dd, 1 H, H-3',  $J_{3',2'}$  = 5.9,  $J_{3',4'}$  = 2.6 Hz), 4.83-4.78 (m, 3 H, H-1", H-2", H-3"), 4.57 (m, 1 H, H-4'), 4.19 (m, 1 H, H-5"a), 4.12-4.08 (m, 2 H, H-5'a, H-5"b), 3.91 (m, 1 H, H-5'b), 3.20 (q, 6 H,  $CH_2N$ , J = 7.3 Hz), 3.13 (m, 1 H, H-6"a), 2.91 (m, 1 H, H-4"), 2.78 (m, 1 H, H-6"b), 1.64, 1.61, 1.46, 1.41 (each s, each 3 H, isopropyl CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.28 (t, 9 H,  $CH_3CH_2N$ , J = 7.3 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  156.7, 152.2, 151.0, 145.9, 136.8, 133.1, 133.0, 129.9, 122.3, 117.3, 115.2, 113.0, 93.4, 89.7, 89.5, 89.5, 87.5, 85.9, 84.1, 72.5, 69.3, 67.2, 49.5, 46.6, 46.6, 30.9, 28.9, 27.2, 26.9, 11.0;  $^{31}\mathrm{P}$  NMR (D\_2O, 202 MHz, decoupled with <sup>1</sup>H)  $\delta$  -10.78 (d, J = 15.3 Hz), -10.94 (d, J = 15.3 Hz); HRMS (FAB, negative) calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>5</sub>- $O_{12}P_2S$  726.1400[(M - H)<sup>-</sup>], found 724.1427; UV (H<sub>2</sub>O)  $\lambda_{max} =$ 286 nm.

8-Azido-cyclic ADP-carbocyclic-ribose (7). Compound 7 (63.3 OD<sub>283</sub> units, 97%) was obtained from **29** (65.0 OD<sub>282</sub> units) as described for the synthesis of 6 as a triethylammonium salt: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 500 MHz) δ 9.13 (s, 1 H, H-2), 5.93 (d, 1 H, H-1',  $J_{1',2'} = 6.2$  Hz), 5.17 (dd, 1 H, H-2',  $J_{2',1'} = 6.2$ ,  $J_{2',3'} = 5.7$  Hz), 4.99 (m, 1 H, H-1"), 4.66 (m, 1 H, H-3'), 4.55 (m, 1 H, H-5'a), 4.41 (m, 2 H, H-2", H-4'), 4.27 (m, 1 H, H-3"), 4.22 (m, 2 H, H-5"), 4.12 (m, 1 H, H-5'b), 3.22 (m, 6 H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.09 (m, 1 H, H-6"a), 2.58 (m, 1 H, H-4"), 2.46 (m, 1 H, H-6"b), 1.30 (m, 9 H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 125 MHz) δ 152.4, 149.6, 146.4, 139.6, 120.7, 91.2, 87.6, 81.5, 74.6, 75.8, 73.4, 68.1, 67.6, 67.1, 49.5, 45.7, 30.9, 11.0; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 202 MHz, decoupled with <sup>1</sup>H)  $\delta$  -9.30 (d, J = 11.4 Hz), -10.26 (d, J =11.4 Hz); HRMS (FAB, negative) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>12</sub>P<sub>2</sub> 579.0754 [(M – H)<sup>–</sup>], found 579.0792; UV (H<sub>2</sub>O)  $\lambda_{max} = 283$ nm. The absolute amount of 7 was calculated using  $\epsilon=18215$ at  $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 281$  nm of 8-azido-cADPR (4).<sup>7a</sup>

**8-Amino-cyclic ADP-carbocyclic-ribose (8).** Compound **8** (19.8 OD<sub>277</sub> units, 83%) was obtained from **30** (23.9 OD<sub>277</sub> units) as described for the synthesis of **6** as a triethylammonium salt: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  8.96 (s, 1 H, H-2), 5.90 (d, 1 H, H-1', J<sub>1',2'</sub> = 6.3 Hz), 5.24 (dd, 1 H, H-2', J<sub>2',1'</sub> = 6.3, J<sub>2',3'</sub> = 5.7 Hz), 4.92 (m, 1 H, H-1'), 4.63 (m, 1 H, H-3'), 4.52 (m, 1 H, H-5'a), 4.36 (m, 2 H, H-2'', H-4'), 4.23-4.19 (m, 3 H, H-3'', H-5''), 4.09 (m, 1 H, H-5'b), 3.19 (q, 6 H, CH<sub>2</sub>N, J = 7.3 Hz), 3.03 (m, 1 H, H-6''a), 2.54 (m, 1 H, H-4''), 2.43 (m, 1 H, H-6'b), 1.27 (t, 9 H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N, J = 7.3 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  158.3, 150.4, 149.6, 144.3, 120.6, 90.8, 87.4, 81.5, 76.5, 75.4, 73.4, 68.1, 67.6, 66.8, 49.5, 45.6, 30.8, 11.0; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 202 MHz, decoupled with <sup>1</sup>H)  $\delta$  -9.32 (d, J = 11.4 Hz), -10.19 (d, J = 11.4 Hz); HRMS (FAB, negative) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>12</sub>P<sub>2</sub> 553.0849 [(M – H)<sup>-</sup>], found 553.0839; UV (H<sub>2</sub>O)

 $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 277 \text{ nm}$  (pH 7.0). The absolute amount of **6** was calculated using  $\epsilon = 16000$  at  $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 274$  nm of 8-amino-cADPR (5).<sup>7a</sup>

8-Phenylthio-cyclic ADP-carbocyclic-ribose (9). A solution of **31** (117 OD<sub>286</sub> units) in aqueous 60% HCO<sub>2</sub>H (1.0 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 h and then evaporated. A solution of the residue in TEAA buffer (0.1 M, pH 7.0, 5.0 mL) was applied to a C<sub>18</sub> reverse phase column (1.1  $\times$  15 cm), and the column was developed using a linear gradient of  $0{-}35\%$  MeCN in TEAA buffer (0.1 M, pH 7.0, 200 mL). Appropriate fractions were evaporated under the reduced pressure, and excess TEAA was removed by C<sub>18</sub> reverse phase column chromatography (1.1  $\times$  11 cm, eluted with 30% aqueous MeCN) to give  $\boldsymbol{9}$  (104  $OD_{286}$  units, 89%) as a triethylammonium salt:  $^{1}$ H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  9.11 (s, 1 H, H-2), 7.67–7.40 (m, 5 H, Ar–H), 6.21 (d, 1 H, H-1',  $J_{1',2'}$  = 6.4 Hz), 5.20 (dd, 1 H, H-2',  $J_{2',1'} = 6.4$ ,  $J_{2',3'} = 5.9$  Hz), 4.92 (m, 1 H, H-1"), 4.64 (m, 1 H, H-3'), 4.56 (m, 1 H, H-5'a), 4.41 (m, 1 H, H-4'), 4.36 (m, 1 H, H-2"), 4.22 (m, 1 H, H-3"), 4.19 (m, 2 H, H-5"), 4.11 (m, 1 H, H-5'b), 3.20 (q, 6 H, CH<sub>2</sub>N, J =7.3 Hz), 3.04 (m, 1 H, H-6"a), 2.55 (m, 1 H, H-4"), 2.40 (m, 1 H, H-6"b), 1.27 (t, 9 H,  $CH_3CH_2N$ , J = 7.3 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  157.1, 152.5, 150.8, 146.7, 136.9, 133.1, 133.0, 130.0, 122.5, 92.7, 87.8, 81.6, 76.7, 76.0, 73.4, 68.2, 67.5, 66.9, 49.5, 45.7, 31.0, 11.0; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 202 MHz, decoupled with <sup>1</sup>H)  $\delta$  -9.27 (d, J = 11.4 Hz), -10.24 (d, J = 11.4 Hz); HRMS (FAB, negative) calcd for  $C_{22}H_{26}N_5O_{12}P_2S$  646.0774 [(M - H)<sup>-</sup>], found 646.0762; UV (H<sub>2</sub>O)  $\lambda_{max} = 285$  nm. The absolute amount of **9** was calculated using  $\epsilon = 15265$  at  $\lambda_{max} = 285$  nm based on the total phosphate analysis using KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> as a standard.

Biological Assay. Sea urchin eggs from Lytechinus pictus (Marinus, Long Beach, CA) were obtained by intracoelomic injection of 0.5 M KCl, shed into artificial seawater (in mM, NaCl 435, MgCl<sub>2</sub> 40, MgSO<sub>4</sub> 15, CaCl<sub>2</sub> 11, KCl 10, NaHCO<sub>3</sub> 2.5, EDTA 1, and [pH 8]), dejellied by passing through 90 µm nylon mesh, and then washed twice by centrifugation. Homogenates of sea urchin eggs were prepared as described previously.<sup>2</sup> Briefly, eggs were disrupted in an intracellular-like medium consisting of 250 mM potassium gluconate, 250 mM N-methylglucamine, 20 mM HEPES, and 1 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, [pH 7.2] supplemented with 1 mM ATP, 10 U/mL creatine kinase, and 10 mM phosphocreatine and protease inhibitors. Ca<sup>2+</sup> concentrations were measured with fluo-3 (3  $\mu$ M) at 17 °C, using 500  $\mu$ L of continuously stirred homogenate in a fluorimeter (Perkin-Elmer LS-50B) at 506 nm excitation and 526 nm emission.

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