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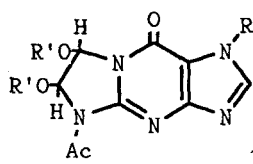
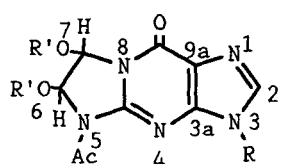
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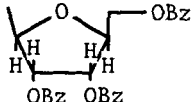
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Abstract : The application of INEPT pulse sequence for the structure considerations about regioisomeric pairs of glyoxal-guanine adducts I-VI revealed coupling constants $J_{\text{N,H}}$ through up to four bonds at natural isotopic abundance.

The use of glyoxal-guanine adducts (I, $\text{R}'=\text{acyl}$, $\text{R}=\text{H}$) with O-6/N-1 amide and N²-amino functions of guanine residue protected ¹⁻³ in the condensation reactions with glycosyl acetates and chlorides and their acyclic analogues gives N³ and N¹ substituted imidazo/1,2-a/purines like I-VI with the regio- and stereoselectivity strongly dependent on the reaction conditions.



				η_{tot}	N-3/1	β/α
I	$\text{R}' = \text{Ac}$	$\text{R} = -\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OAc}$	II	55% ^{4a}	1.50	
III	$\text{R}' = \text{Ac}$	$\text{R} = -\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2\text{Ph})_2$	IV	65% ^{4b}	1.17	
V	$\text{R}' = \text{iPrCO}$	$\text{R} =$ 	VI	68% ^{4c}	1.70	19.0

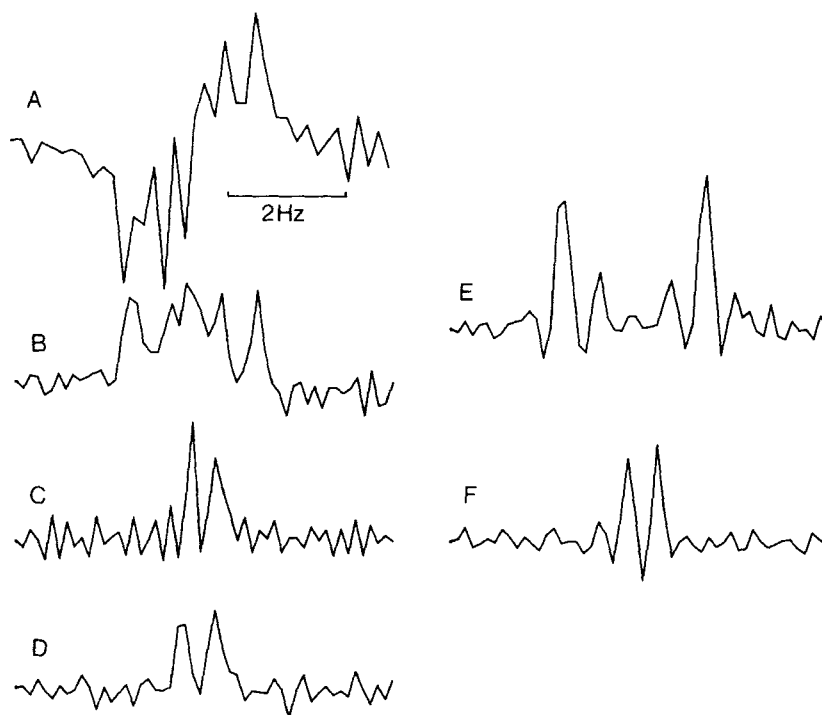


FIG.1 : ^{15}N INEPT spectra of compound I : A-unrefocused for atom N-4; B-(N-4) refocused; C-(N-4) selective irradiation of H-2 during acquisition ; D-(N-4) selective irradiation of H-6,7; E-refocused for atom N-5; F-(N-5) H-6,7 selectively irradiated

All ^{15}N NMR resonances were unequivocally assigned by the application of INEPT⁵ pulse sequence and by the observation of a characteristic negative NOE.

In a typical experiment, the assumed J value introduced into the INEPT multipulse sequence was used by standard Varian software to calculate excitation transfer delay ($D_3=1/2J$) and refocusing delay ($D_2=1/3J$) enabling the observation of proton coupling through up to four bonds for all nitrogen atoms. There was no peak missing in INEPT spectra in comparison to decoupled ^{15}N NMR spectra as reported for 8,9-dihydro-imidazo/1,2-a/purines⁶. The signal of N-4 in I consists of 7 resolved lines (FIG.1A) which suggests coupling with protons H-2, 6 and 7. The complicated

TABLE 1 : ^{15}N NMR chemical shifts and coupling constants $J_{\text{N,H}}$ of compounds I, II, III, IV, V and VI

compound	N-1 (^2J)	N-4 (^4J)	N-3 (^2J)	N-8 ($^2\text{J}, ^3\text{J}$)	N-5 ($^2\text{J}, ^3\text{J}$)
I	-130.5 (11.7)	-202.2 (0.3;0.6;1.3)	-207.1 (8.7)	-216.3 (0.3;1.9)	-229.5 (0.5;2.3)
II	-208.4 (7.6)	-183.2 (0.2;0.5;1.0)	-127.6 (11.5)	-216.0 (0.2;2.0)	-229.4 (0.6;1.7)
III	-131.5 (11.6)	-201.1 (0.5;1.0;2.0)	-204.7 (8.6)	-216.3 (0.4;2.0)	-229.4 (0.5;1.3)
IV	-207.9 (0.2;7.9)	-184.4 (0.2;0.5;1.0)	-130.4 (11.7)	-217.9 (0.2;2.0)	-230.8 (2.2)
V	-131.6 -130.6 (11.1) (12.4)	-204.5 (0.5;0.8;1.4)	-210.4 -210.7 (1.5;8.9) (1.4;8.5)	-217.71 -217.76 (0.5;0.8) (0.3;0.5)	-231.0 -231.2 (0.3;0.7;1.6) (0.2;0.5;1.2)
VI	-212.1 -212.5 (8.1) (8.2)	-187.25 (0.3;0.7;1.2)	-130.99 -131.3 (11.5) (11.6)	-219.5 (0.9;1.7)	-232.5 -232.6 (0.6;2.2) (0.6;2.0)

Notes : Measurements were carried out at room temperature using 0.38 M CDCl_3 solution of I, 0.6 M of II, 0.65 M of III, 0.6 M of IV, 0.6 M of V and 0.51 M of VI. The chemical shifts are reported in ppm with respect to $\text{CH}_3^{15}\text{NO}_2$, coupling constants $J_{\text{N,H}}$ are in Hz.

coupling pattern was simplified by selective irradiation of protons⁷ H-2 (FIG.1C) and H-6,7 (FIG.1D). The signals of N-1 in I, III and V are d with $^2J_{\text{N-1,H-2}} = 11.1\text{--}12.4$ Hz and so are the signals of N-3 in II, IV and VI. The N-3 atoms in N³ isomers and N-1 atoms in N¹ isomers exhibit $^2J_{\text{N,H-2}} = 7.6\text{--}8.9$ Hz and $^2J_{\text{N,H-1}} = 0.2$ Hz in IV and 1.4 and 1.5 Hz in V. The observation of two sets of resonance lines for V and VI is due to the presence of two diastereoisomers (of four possible) with H-6 and H-7 in trans relation. The signals of N-8 in all compounds are dd with small ^2J and ^3J values anticipating H-6,7 in transoid form with respect to the lone

pair of N-8. The coupling patterns of N-5 atoms look like dd at a glance (FIG.1E), but after selective irradiation of both H-6 and H-7 residual coupling of N-5 to protons of ACN group was observed (FIG.1F).

Structural and functional studies of nucleic acids employing glyoxal as modifying reagent^{8,9} in connection with the observation of $J_{N,H}$ long range coupling constants and impressive dispersion of ^{15}N NMR chemical shifts offer a versatile method for the structure determination of oligomeric fragments of nucleic acids.

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