

Experimental Section

All commercially obtained chemicals were used as received. Tris(dibenzylideneacetone)dipalladium [Pd₂(dba)₃], *rac*-2, 2'-Bis(diphenyl-phosphino)-1, 1'-binaphthyl [(±)-BINAP], potassium phosphate, sodium *tert*-butoxide, lithium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide (1.0 M solution in THF) were purchased from Aldrich. 2-Dicyclohexylphosphino-2'-(N, N-dimethylamino)biphenyl was purchased from Strem Chemicals. 8-Bromo-2'-deoxyguanosine was purchased from ChemGenes. Toluene was freshly distilled from sodium and degassed with argon. THF was distilled from a sodium/benzophenone ketyl. Pyridine was freshly distilled from calcium hydride. Anhydrous 1,4-dioxane and 1, 2-dimethoxyethane (DME) were purchased from Aldrich in Sure-seal bottles and used as received. All reactions were performed in oven dried glassware and under an argon atmosphere. Melting points are uncorrected. Proton and carbon-13 NMR data were recorded at 300 or 400 and 75 or 100 MHz, respectively in CDCl₃ unless otherwise noted. High resolution FAB mass spectra were obtained from the University of Notre Dame Mass Spectrometry Center using nitrobenzyl alcohol as the matrix.

8-Bromo-N⁹-[3', 5'-O-(1, 1, 3, 3-tetrakis(isopropyl)-1, 3-disiloxanediyl)-β-D-2'-deoxyribofuranosyl]guanine. A stirred suspension of 8-bromo-2'-deoxyguanosine (2.9 g, 8.37 mmol) in dry pyridine (50 mL) was cooled 0 °C then 1, 3-dichloro-1, 1, 3, 3-tetraisopropylidisiloxane (2.9 g, 9.18 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred overnight. The pyridine was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue poured into water and extracted with chloroform. The combined organic extracts were successively washed with 10% HCl, saturated sodium bicarbonate, and brine then dried over sodium sulfate and evaporated. Purification by flash chromatography on silica, eluting with 1-2% methanol in chloroform gave the product (4.5 g, 91% yield) as a white solid, mp 194-196 °C; [α]_D²³ +5.7 ° (c 2.3, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) 12.00 (br s, 1H), 6.46 (br s, 2H), 6.15 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 3.0, 1H), 5.17 (m, 1H), 4.03 (dd, *J* = 11, 2.3, 1H), 3.93-3.84 (m, 2H), 3.28-3.22 (m, 1H), 2.54-2.45 (m, 1H), 1.14-0.93 (m, 28H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) 157.8, 153.5, 152.0, 121.6, 117.9, 85.2, 83.8, 72.9, 63.6, 38.0, 17.6, 17.5, 17.7, 17.3, 17.2, 17.0, 13.4, 13.2, 13.0, 12.6; HRMS (FAB, NBA) *m/z* calcd for C₂₂H₃₉O₅N₅BrSi₂ (M+H) 588.1673, found 588.1657.

***O*⁶-Benzyl-8-Bromo-*N*9-[3', 5'-*O*-(1, 1, 3, 3-tetrakis(isopropyl)-1, 3-disiloxanediyl)-β-D-2'-deoxyribofuranosyl]guanine (15).** Triphenylphosphine (285 mg, 1.08 mmol) and 8-bromo-*N*9-[3', 5'-*O*-(1, 1, 3, 3-tetraisopropyl-1, 3-disiloxanediyl)-β-D-2'-deoxyribofuranosyl]guanine (0.58 g, 0.98 mmol) were placed in a dry flask and the flask was evacuated for 10 min, then refilled with argon. Anhydrous 1,4-dioxane (10 mL) and benzyl alcohol (117 mg, 1.08 mmol) were added and the resulting suspension cooled to 0 °C. Diethylazodicarboxylate (190 mg, 1.08 mmol) was added dropwise via syringe. After the addition was complete, the reaction was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1 h, after which time it was concentrated *in vacuo* to give a yellow oil. Purification by flash chromatography on silica, eluting with 10% ethyl acetate in hexanes, gave **15** (0.51 g, 76% yield) as a white solid. mp 127-129 °C; [α]_D²³ -11 ° (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.5, 2H), 7.36-7.29 (m, 3H), 6.21 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 3.4, 1H), 5.51 (s, 2H), 5.23 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 6.0, 1H), 4.75 (s, 2H), 4.03-3.97 (m, 1H), 3.90-3.83 (m, 2H), 3.31-3.24 (m, 1H), 2.54-2.46 (m, 1H), 1.15-0.97 (m, 28H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) 159.79, 158.6, 154.0, 136.0, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 125.3, 116.2, 85.0, 83.7, 72.9, 68.0, 63.6, 37.8, 17.5, 17.4, 17.3, 17.3, 17.2, 17.1, 17.0, 16.9, 13.3, 13.1, 12.9, 12.5; HRMS (FAB, NBA) *m/z* calcd for C₂₉H₄₅O₅N₅BrSi₂ (M+H) 678.2143, found 678.2156.

***N*²-(1, 1, 4, 4-Tetramethyldisilylazacyclopentanyl)-*O*⁶-benzyl-8-Bromo-*N*9-[3', 5'-*O*-(1, 1, 3, 3-tetrakis(isopropyl)-1, 3-disiloxanediyl)-β-D-2'-deoxyribofuranosyl]guanine (17).** A solution of **15** (220 mg, 0.33 mmol) in anhydrous THF (20 mL) was cooled to -78 °C, then lithium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide (1.0 M in THF, 0.65 mL, 0.65 mmol) was added over 5 min. The solution was stirred for 15 min, then 1, 2-bis(chlorodimethylsilyl)ethane (72 mg, 0.33 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction was warmed to room temperature and stirred for an additional 20 min. The reaction was quenched by the addition of saturated sodium bicarbonate (10 mL). The layers were separated and the aqueous phase extracted with ether. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and evaporated. Purification by flash chromatography on silica, eluting with 3% ethyl acetate in hexanes, gave **17** (226 mg, 85% yield) as white solid. mp 94-96 °C; [α]_D²³ -13 ° (*c* 1.1, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) 7.43 (d, *J* = 6.9, 2H), 7.37-7.29 (m, 3H), 6.28 (t *J* = 7.6, 1H), 5.52 (s, 2H), 4.77-4.71 (m, 1H), 4.15-4.06 (m, 1H), 3.97-3.89 (m, 2H), 3.75-3.64 (m, 1H), 2.28 (ddd, *J* = 13.5,

6.9, 3.0, 1H), 1.12-0.98 (m, 28H), 0.83 (s, 4H), 0.33 (s, 6H), 0.31 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) 160.9, 159.0, 154.7, 136.1, 128.4, 128.0, 127.7, 124.6, 116.1, 85.5, 83.8, 73.7, 68.0, 64.4, 37.4, 17.5, 17.4, 17.3, 17.2, 17.1, 17.0, 16.9, 13.4, 13.2, 13.0, 12.6, 8.2, -0.5, -0.7; HRMS (FAB, NBA) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{59}\text{O}_5\text{N}_5\text{BrSi}_4$ (M+H) 820.2777, found 820.2771.

***N*²-(1, 1, 4, 4-Tetramethyldisilylazacyclopentanyl)-*O*⁶-benzyl-8-(IQ)-*N*9-[3', 5'-*O*-(1, 1, 3, 3-tetrakis(isopropyl)-1, 3-disiloxanediyl)- β -D-2'-deoxyribofuranosyl]guanine (19).** To a stirred suspension of **17** (220 mg, 0.268 mmol), 2-amino-3-methylimidazo[4,5-*f*]-quinoline (IQ, 106 mg, 0.536 mmol), $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$ (25 mg, 0.0268 mmol), and BINAP (50 mg, 0.0804 mmol) in anhydrous, degassed toluene (2 mL) under an argon atmosphere, was added lithium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide (1.0 M in THF, 0.54 mL, 0.54 mmol). The reaction was heated to 100 °C and stirred for 25 min, then cooled to room temperature and quenched with saturated sodium bicarbonate (1 mL). The layers were separated and the aqueous phase extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and evaporated. Purification by flash chromatography on silica, eluting with 20 % ethyl acetate in hexanes, gave **19** (170 mg, 68 %) as a yellowish solid. mp 233-235 °C; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} -12^\circ$ (c 0.55, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) 9.50-8.00 (br, s 1H), 8.85 (d, $J = 4.1$, 1H), 8.60 (d, $J = 8.3$, 1H), 7.92 (d, $J = 8.9$, 1H), 7.63 (d, $J = 8.9$, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J = 7.4$, 2H), 7.46-7.36 (m, 4H), 6.66 (t, $J = 7.7$, 1H), 5.60 (s, 2H), 4.83-4.80 (m, 1H), 4.15 (dd, $J = 10.5$, 3.1, 1H), 4.07-4.02 (m, 1H), 3.99-3.88 (m, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.32-2.24 (m, 1H), 1.15-1.05 (m, 28H), 0.85 (s, 4H), 0.37 (s, 6H), 0.35 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) 159.6, 154.7, 154.0, 152.6, 151.5, 148.1, 145.1, 136.9, 129.8, 129.5, 128.5, 128.4, 127.9, 127.2, 122.8, 120.6, 118.0, 112.3, 105.7, 85.5, 81.4, 74.7, 67.5, 65.1, 36.6, 28.7, 17.5, 17.4, 17.3, 17.2, 17.1, 17.0, 13.5, 13.3, 13.0, 12.7, 8.7, -0.4, -0.6; HRMS (FAB, NBA) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{46}\text{H}_{68}\text{O}_5\text{N}_9\text{Si}_4$ (M+H) 938.4421, found 938.4456.

***O*⁶-benzyl-8-(IQ)-*N*9- β -D-2'-deoxyribofuranosyl]guanine.** To a stirred solution of **19** (150 mg, 0.16 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added tetrabutylammonium fluoride (0.64mmol, 1.0 M in THF). The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 h after which time the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography on silica, eluting with 5% methanol in chloroform, gave the product (84 mg, 95% yield) as a yellowish solid. mp 220 °C (dec); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} +22^\circ$ (c 0.43, CHCl_3 :MeOH=3:1); ^1H NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$) 8.77 (dd, $J = 4.2$, 1.6,

1H), 8.50 (d, $J = 8.3$, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 8.9$, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J = 8.9$, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 7.0$, 2H), 7.51-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.2-5.7 (br, 3H), 6.59 (t, $J = 7.4$, 1H), 6.29 (s, 2H), 5.56 (s, 2H), 4.54-4.51 (m, 1H), 3.89-3.84 (m, 1H), 3.78-3.70 (m, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.56 (dd, $J = 11.6$, 5.1, 1H), 3.37-3.28 (m, 1H), 2.14-2.06 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6) 158.3, 155.9, 153.0, 152.89, 152.5, 150.7, 147.9, 144.5, 137.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 122.3, 120.7, 117.0, 113.2, 104.2, 87.5, 82.3, 71.5, 66.7, 62.5, 36.0, 28.5; HRMS (FAB, NBA) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_4\text{N}_9$ (M+H) 554.2264, found 554.2262.

C8-IQ adduct of dG (1). Hydrogen gas was bubbled through a solution of O^6 -benzyl-8-(IQ)- N^9 - β -D-2'-deoxyribofuranosyl]guanine (55 mg, 0.099 mmol) and 5% Pd/C (42 mg, 0.02 mmol) in 1:1 THF/methanol (20 mL) for 2 h. The mixture was then stirred at room temperature overnight under 1 atm of hydrogen. The catalyst was removed by filtration and the filtrate evaporated. Purification by flash chromatography on silica, eluting with 10% methanol in chloroform containing 1% NH_3 , gave **1** (33 mg, 71% yield) as a yellowish solid. mp 250 °C (dec); $[\alpha]_D^{23} +16^\circ$ (c 0.55, MeOH: CHCl_3 =1:1); ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6) 11.05 (br s, 1H), 8.77 (dd, $J = 4.2$, 1.7, 1H), 8.66 (d, $J = 8.3$, 1H), 7.88 (d, $J = 8.9$, 1H), 7.77 (d, $J = 8.9$, 1H), 7.57 (dd, $J = 8.4$, 4.2, 1H), 6.53-6.49 (m, 3H), 4.52-4.49 (m, 1H), 3.83-3.79 (m, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.69 (dd, $J = 11.5$, 5.2, 1H), 3.54 (dd, $J = 11.5$, 5.6, 1H), 3.37-3.30 (m, 1H), 2.10-2.04 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6) 154.11, 153.38, 152.81, 149.19, 148.60, 147.78, 144.55, 130.68, 129.11, 128.46, 121.75, 120.80, 117.73, 113.17, 104.05, 87.40, 81.94, 71.32, 62.34, 35.86, 28.58; HRMS (FAB, NBA) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_4\text{N}_9$ (M+H) 464.1795, found 464.1806.



























































