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Facile Syntheses of *Pseudo*- α -D-arabinofuranose, and Two *Pseudo*-D-arabinofuranosylnucleosides, (+)-Cyclaradine and (+)-1-*Pseudo*- β -D-arabinofuranosyluracil, from D-Arabinose¹

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Abstract: An optically active pseudo-sugar, pseudo- α -D-arabinofuranose, was efficiently synthesized from D-arabinose by using a stereoselective nitromethane addition reaction to form a branched nitropyranose (6) as a key step. Furthermore, two biologically active pseudo- β -D-arabinofuranosyluracleosides, (+)-cyclaradine and (+)-1-pseudo- β -D-arabinofuranosyluracil, were also synthesized from the nitrocyclopentene derivative (12), which was prepared from a synthetic intermediate of pseudo-arabinofuranose, via Michael-type reaction introducing nucleic acid base moieties.

INTRODUCTION

Since the pioneering syntheses of a racemic pseudo-sugar (carba-sugar), pseudo-α-DL-talopyranose². and the racemic pseudo-nucleoside (carba-nucleoside), the carbocyclic analogue of adenosine³, and subsequent isolation of pseudo-α-D-galactopyranose⁴ from Streptomyces sp. M-4145 and (-)-aristeromycin⁵ from Streptomyces citricolor nov. sp., the syntheses, biological activities, physiological properties, and metabolic pathways in this class of compounds have been an area of intense interest and investigation. After extensive modifications on sugar moieties in nucleosides, pseudo-nucleosides have displayed wide range of biological activities and have attracted particular attention as anti-tumor and anti-viral agents. (+)-Cyclaradine (16) has been known as a synthetic *pseudo*-nucleoside of a well known antiviral agent 9- β -Darabinofuranosyladenine (Ara-A).⁶ Since 16 is resistant to adenosine deaminase, a serum enzyme which limits the clinical utility of Ara-A, it shows more superior activity against Herpes simplex virus than Ara-A. Furthermore, (+)-cyclaradine (16) shows activity against trifluorothymidine- or acycloguanosine(acyclovir)resistant Herpes simplex virus mutants. On the other hand, the (-)-enantiomer of 16 was completely uneffective for inhibition of virus replication.⁷ Since recent studies on *pseudo*-nucleoside have revealed that biological activities of *pseudo*-nucleoside reside mostly in the "natural-type" enantiomer,⁸ many efforts have been made to synthesize enantiomerically pure pseudo-nucleosides.⁹ During the course of our chemical transformation studies starting from carbohydrates as optically pure starting materials, we successfully synthesized optically active pseudo-hexopyranoses, ¹⁰ pseudo-pentofuranoses, ¹¹ and pseudoaminosugars.¹² Furthermore, we have synthesized *pseudo*-nucleosides such as (-)-9-*pseudo*- β -Dglucopyranosyladenine,¹³ (-)-9-pseudo-β-L-idopyranosyladenine,¹³ (+)-9-pseudo-β-L-xylofuranosyladenine, ¹⁴ (+)-cyclaradine (16), ¹⁴ and (-)-aristeromycin¹⁵ utilizing the Michael-type addition of purine base to nitro-cyclohexenes and nitro-cyclopentenes which were readily prepared from the synthetic intermediates of those pseudo-sugars. However, in our previous syntheses of pseudo-α-D-arabinofuranose

(11) and (+)-cyclaradine (16), the overall yields were reduced because of no enantioselectivity in preparation of the nitrocyclitol. Furthermore, the Michael-type addition of pyrimidine bases to nitroolefins have never been accomplished. Therefore, we have engaged in constructing more facile synthetic routes of 11 and 16 and synthesis of a *pseudo*-nucleoside containing pyrimidine base residue as an extention of our synthetic studies for converting carbohydrates to *pseudo*-sugars and *pseudo*-nucleosides. In this paper, we describe a full account of the effective synthesis of *pseudo*- α -D-arabinofuranose (11) from D-arabinose (1) *via* a stereoselective formation of branched nitropyranose and also reported the syntheses of two *pseudo*- β -D-arabinofuranosylnucleosides, (+)-cyclaradine (16) and (+)-1-*pseudo*- β -D-arabinofuranosylnucleosides, (20), by use of a Michael-type addition reaction of nucleic acid base and a nitro-cyclopentene derivative prepared from the synthetic intermediate of *pseudo*-D-arabinofuranose (11).¹

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Synthesis of pseudo- α -D-arabinofuranose(11)

The starting material, methyl 3,4-O-isopropylidene $-\beta$ -D-arabinopyranoside (2),¹⁶ was prepared from D-arabinose (1) according to a literature procedure. Compound 2 was quantitatively benzylated with benzyl chloride in N,N-dimethylformamide(DMF) in the presence of NaH to provide 3. Removal of the isopropylidene group in 3 with 80 % aqueous acetic acid at 50 °C gave a diol which was treated with dibutyltin oxide(n-Bu₂SnO) followed by selective benzylation¹⁷ with benzyl bromide in DMF in the presence of cesium fluoride (CsF) to give methyl 2,3-di-O-benzyl-β-D-arabinopyranoside (4) quantitatively. The infrared (IR) spectrum of 4 showed hydroxyl absorption band, whereas the proton nuclear magnetic resonance (¹H-NMR) spectrum showed the signals due to two pairs of benzylmethyl groups and ten protons in aromatic rings. In the fast atom bombardment mass (FAB-MS) spectrum of 4, the quasimolecular ion peak was observed at m/z 367(M+Na)⁺. Swern oxidation¹⁸ of 4 gave an unstable ketone (5) which was immediately treated with nitromethane in DMF in the presence of KF and 18-crown-6 to provide a nitromethane adduct (6) in 72 % from 4. The IR spectrum of 6 showed absorption bands due to hydroxyl and nitro groups at 3470, 1560 and 1380 cm⁻¹, while nitromethyl proton signal appeared at 4.70 ppm (2H, br s) in its ¹H NMR. The absolute configuration on C-4 in 6 was corroborated by nuclear Overhauser effect spectrometry (NOESY) experiments. Namely, NOEs were observed between 3-H and 5B-H, 3-H and the nitromethyl proton (6-H2). This finding indicated that nitromethane addition reaction took place from the less sterically hindered equatorial side of the carbonyl group in 5. The alcohol (6) was acetylated and subsequently subjected to deacetoxyhydrogenation with NaBH4 in ethanol to furnish 7 involving inversion of the nitromethyl group. In the ¹H NMR study of 7, intense analysis of the coupling constants on 3-H (δ 4.01, dd, J=5.6, 9.5 Hz) and 5-H₂ (δ 3.51, dd, J=3.0, 12.2 Hz; δ 3.84, dd, J=2.3, 12.2 Hz) using detailed homo-nuclear decoupling experiments disclosed the configuration on C-4 position of 7. The stereochemical outcome from 6 to 7 could be rationalized by the following plausible reaction pathway. Namely, the acetate of 6 would be first lead to nitroolefine intermediates and subsequent nucleophilic attack of hydride from less hindered β -side of the pyranose ring resulted in exclusive formation of 7. Acidic hydrolysis of 7 with conc. HCl and acetic acid gave a branched nitropyranose (8). Aldol-type ring transformation catalyzed with CsF furnished an epimeric mixture of nitrocyclopentanes(9). Ethoxyethylation of 9 with ethyl vinyl ether in



Chart 1





dichloromethane (CH₂Cl₂) in the presence of pyridinium *p*-toluenesulfonate (PPTS) as a catalyst followed by denitrohydrogenation with tributyltin hydride(*n*-Bu₃SnH) and 2,2'-azobisisobutyronitrile (AIBN) in toluene gave a completely protected *pseudo*-D-arabinopyranose (10). Finally, debenzylation of 10 with palladium black in EtOH-EtOAc under hydrogen atmosphere and successive acidic treatment with PPTS in 80 % acetone furnished *pseudo*- α -D-arabinofuranose (11) in 14 % overall yield from 1. Compound 11 was identified by detailed comparisons of the ¹H NMR and IR data with those for authentic sample prepared in our previous synthesis.¹¹ The present conversion method for *pseudo*-D-arabinose (11) seems to be significant due not only to the simplicity but also to an improved overall yield which is superior to the previously presented methods.^{12,19}

Syntheses of (+)-Cyclaradine (16) and (+)-1-Pseudo-\beta-D-arabinofuranosyluracil [(+)-C-Ara-U, 20]

In the course of our synthetic studies on *pseudo*-nucleosides, we have utilized nitroolefins readily obtained from nitrocyclitols as acceptors in the Michael type additions of various nitrogen nucleophiles and found the addition reactions toward nitrocyclopentenes to provide thermodynamically stabler adducts, in



Fig. 1. NOEs Observed in 13 and 18

which the introduced 1-amino group possessed the same orientation as the 4-acyloxymethyl group.¹⁵Treatment of the nitro-cyclitol (9) with acetic anhydride and p-TsOH•H2O provided a mixture of nitro-cyclopentene (12) and the 1,5-diacetate of 9. The mixture was fairly converted to the nitrocyclopentene by treatment with pyridine. Treatment of 12 with N⁶-benzoyladenine in DMF in the presence of CsF at 0 °C provided the 1', 4'-cis adduct (13) in 85 % yield. The absorption bands characteristic of the nitro group (1560 cm⁻¹) and the purine base residue (1610, 1590 cm⁻¹) were observed in the IR spectrum of 13, while the 1 H NMR spectrum newly showed the signals attributable to two methine protons bearing the nitro group (δ 5.46, dd, J=7.9, 10.2 Hz, 5'-H) and benzoyladenine residue (δ 5.93, dd, J=4.9, 10.2 Hz, 1'-H) respectively. Detailed comparison of spectral data for 13 with those for the homologs described previously^{14,15} assumed 13 to possess 1'-R configuration. Additionally, NOE enhancements appeared in the following pairs of protons (1'-H & 2'-H, 5'-H & 6'-H2, 5'-H & 2-H) in the NOESY spectrum. The enhancements was presumably attributed to the syn orientation between the purine base and acetoxymethyl group, and also E conformation of the cyclopentane ring as shown in Fig. 1. The stereostructure of 13 was, therefore, clarified as shown. Denitrohydrogenation of 13 as described above for the conversion from 9 to 10 gave 14, which was subjected to elimination of the acetyl and N-benzoyl groups to yield 15. The benzyl groups of 15 were finally removed to furnish (+)-cyclaradine (16). It was identified by comparison of its physical data with those of authentic sample.¹⁴

Next, treatment of 12 with a silvlated uracil²⁰ in DMF in the presence of CsF proceeded with the same predominance in diastereoselectivity to afford the 1', 4'-cis adduct (17). Reductive elimination of the nitro group of 17 gave 18 and the absolute stereochemistry was corroborated by the ¹H NMR examinations including differencial NOE experiments of 18 as described in Fig 1. Compound 18 was subjected to successive deprotection to furnish 1-(+)-pseudo- β -D-arabinofuranosyluracil (20). Consideration of the





spectral data including the detailed decoupling experiment in the ¹H NMR spectrum of **20** led us to determine the structure **20**. Thus, a facile and enantiospecific syntheses of *pseudo*- α -D-arabinofuranose (11), (+)-cyclaradine (16), and (+)-1-*pseudo*- β -D-arabinofuranosyluracil [(+)-C-Ara-U, **20**] from D-arabinose (1) have been accomplished. The synthetic method may be applied to the synthesis of other *pseudo*-nucleosides, and we are currently extending this approach for the syntheses of other optically active *pseudo*-nucleosides.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General

Optical rotations were measured with a JASCO DIP-370 digital polarimeter and a Horiba SEPA-200 digital polarimeter. Low- and high-resolution EI mass spectra (MS) were taken on a Hitachi M-80 spectrometer. Low- and high-resolution FAB mass spectra were taken on a JEOL JMS-SX102 spectrometer. IR spectra were obtained by using Shimadzu FT-IR DR-8000 or Hitachi 260-30 grating spectrometer. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL EX-270 (270 MHz) or JEOL JNM GX-500 (500 MHz) spectrometers with (CH3)4Si as the internal standard. ¹³C NMR spectra were determined on JEOL EX-270 (67.5 MHz) or JEOL JNM GX-500 (125 MHz) spectrometers with (CH3)4Si (0 ppm) as the internal standard. UV spectra were determined with Shimadzu UV-1200 spectrometer. The following experimental conditions were used for chromatography : column chromatography, silica gel BW-200 (Fuji-Davidson Chemical); analytical and preparative thin-layer chromatography (TLC), precoated silica gel 60 F254 plates (Merck, 0.25 and 0.5 mm layer thickness).

Methyl 3,4-O-isopropylidene- β -D-arabinofuranoside (2)

A solution of D-arabinose (1,10.0 g, 66.6 mmol) in 9 % HCl-dry MeOH (10 ml) was heated under reflux for 15 h. The reaction mixture was neutralized with Amberlite IRA-400 (⁻OH form) and the resin was removed by filtration. Removal of the solvent from the filtrate under reduced pressure gave a product. The product was dissolved in DMF (87 ml) and the solution was treated with 2,2-dimethoxypropane (41.3 ml, 33.6 mmol) and *p*-TsOH•H₂O (62 mg, 0.33 mmol). After stirring at room temperature (25 °C) for 4 h, the reaction mixture was neutralized with Amberlite IRA-400 (⁻OH form) and the resin was removed by filtration. Removal of the solvent from the filtrate under reduced pressure furnished 2 (14.0 g, quant.) which was identified by comparing the IR, ¹H NMR and MS data with reported values. ¹⁶ 2, a colorless oil, $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ -197.0° (*c*=1.00, CHCl₃). High resolution FAB MS; Calcd for C9H17O5 (M+H)⁺: 205.1076. Found: 205.1073. IR (film): 3460, 2930, 1090, 1060 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 1.36, 1.53 (3H each, both s, isopropylidene), 3.44 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.78 (1H, m, 2-H), 3.93 (2H, br s, 5-H), 4.17 - 4.26 (2H, m, 3, 4-H), 4.72 (1H, d, *J*=4.0 Hz, 1-H). MS (m/z, %): 189 (M⁺-CH₃, 43.8), 59 (100). FAB MS (m/z, positive): 205 (M+H)⁺.

Benzylation of 2

A solution of 2 (9.4 g, 46.1 mmol) in DMF (27 ml) was treated with NaH (5.56 g, 232 mmol, defatted with dry ether prior to use) and benzyl chloride (16 ml, 139 mmol) in an ice-cooling bath. After stirring at room temperature (25 °C) for 1 h, the reaction mixture were poured into ice-water and the whole was extracted with AcOEt. The AcOEt was washed with brine, then dried over MgSO4 and the solvent was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography [SiO2 400 g, benzene-AcOEt (10:1)] to give 3 (14.3 g, quant.). 3, a colorless oil, $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ -109.1° (*c*=1.0, CHCl3). High resolution EI-MS; Calcd for C1₆H₂₂O₅ (M⁺): 294.1465. Found: 294.1436. IR (film): 2930, 1460, 1090, 740, 700 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl3, δ): 1.36, 1.41 (3H each, both s, isopropylidene), 3.39 (3H, s, OCH3), 3.52 (1H, dd, *J*=3.3, 7.9 Hz, 2-H), 3.91 (2H, br s, 5-H2), 4.21 (1H, m, 4-H), 4.33 (1H, dd, *J*=5.6, 7.9 Hz, 3-H), 4.64 (1H, d, *J*=3.3 Hz, 1-H), 4.71, 4.83 (2H, ABq, *J*=12.5 Hz, PhCH₂), 7.26 - 7.39 (5H, m, PhCH₂). MS (m/z, %): 294 (M⁺, 0.4), 91 (PhCH₂⁺, 100).

Treatment of 3 with 80 % aq. AcOH followed by benzylation

A solution of 3 (12.6 g, 42.9 mmol) in 80 % aq. AcOH (40 ml) was stirred at 50 °C for 8 h and then, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The product (930 mg) was dissolved in toluene (22 ml) and the solution was treated with *n*-Bu₂SnO (1.09 g, 4.39 mmol). The mixture was heated under reflux for 3 h. After a removal of solvent from the reaction mixture under reduced pressure, the residue, thus obtained, was mixed with CsF (778 mg, 5.12 mmol) and the mixture was dried at 40 °C under reduced pressure for 1.5 h. The suspension of them in DMF (22 ml) was treated with benzyl bromide (0.96 ml, 8.07 mmol) and stirred at room temperature (25 °C) for 2 h. The reaction mixture was poured into ice-water and the whole was extracted with AcOEt. The AcOEt extract was washed with brine, then dried over MgSO4. Removal of the solvent under reduced pressure gave a product which was purified by column chromatography [SiO2 20 g, benzene-AcOEt (3:1)] to furnish 4 (1.23 g, quant.). 4, a colorless oil, $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ -64.2°(*c*=1.0, CHCl3). High resolution FAB MS; Calcd for C₂₀H₂₄O₅Na (M+Na)⁺: 367.1521. Found: 367.1535. IR (film): 3480, 2930,

1100, 1070, 740, 700 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 3.37 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.71 (2H, m, 5-H), 3.87 (2H, m, 2, 3-H), 3.98 (1H, m, 4-H), 4.68 (1H, d, *J*=3.3 Hz, 1-H), 4.65 - 4.82 (4H, m, PhCH₂ x2), 7.25 - 7.37 (10H, m, <u>Ph</u>CH₂ x2). MS (m/z, %): 312 (M⁺-CH₃OH, 1.5), 253 (M⁺-PhCH₂, 14), 91 (PHCH₂⁺, 100). FAB MS (m/z, positive): 367 (M+Na)⁺.

Swern oxidation of 4

A stirred solution of (COCl)₂ (10.8 ml, 124 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (100 ml) was cooled to -40 °C and treated with DMSO (14.6 ml, 206 mmol). A solution of 4 (14.2 g, 41.3 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (6.6 ml) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture and the whole mixture was stirred at -40 °C for 6 h. The reaction solution was then treated with Et₃N (72 ml, 517 mmol) and stirred at room temperature (25 °C) for 30 min.. The reaction mixture was poured into ice-water and the whole was extracted with AcOEt. The AcOEt extract was washed with brine, then dried over MgSO4 and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude ketone 5. Due to its unstability, the product was used in next reaction without purification. A part of the crude product of 5 was purified by preparative TLC [benzene-AcOEt (3:1)] for obtaining its physical data. 5, a colorless oil, $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ -78.2°(*c*=2.0, CHCl₃). High MS; Calcd for C₂₀H₂₂O₅ (M⁺): 342.1465. Found: 342.1456. IR (film): 3030, 1730, 740, 700 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 3.48 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.80 (1H, dd, *J*=3.0, 1L, 0, Hz, 2-H), 3.90, 4.14 (2H, ABq, *J*=15.0 Hz, 5-H₂), 4.44 (1H, d, *J*=10.0 Hz, 3-H), 4.76 (1H, d, *J*=3.0 Hz, 1-H), 4.68, 4.87 (2H, ABq, *J*=12.0 Hz, PhCH₂), 4.72, 5.00 (2H, ABq, *J*=11.0 Hz, PhCH₂), 7.28 - 7.46 (10H, m, PhCH₂ x₂). MS (m/z, %): 342 (M⁺, 0.1), 251 (M⁺-PhCH₂, 4.8), 91 (PhCH₂⁺, 100).

Nitromethane treatment of 5

A solution of crude 5 (11.1 g, 32.5 mmol) in DMF (61 ml) was treated with KF (2.8 g, 48.2 mmol) and 18-crown-6 (8.55 g, 32.3 mmol) and stirred at room temperature (25 °C) for 30 min. The reaction mixture was poured into ice-water and the whole was extracted with AcOEt. The AcOEt extract was washed with brine, then dried over MgSO4. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to give a product which was purified by column chromatography [SiO2 700 g, *n*-hexane-AcOEt (3:1)] to furnish **6** (9.36 g, 72 % from **3**). **6**, a colorless oil, $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ -20.8°(*c*=1.0, CHCl₃). High resolution FAB MS; Calcd for C21H25NO7Na (M+Na)⁺: 426.1529. Found: 426.1536. IR (film): 3470, 1560, 1380, 1080, 740, 700 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 3.47 (1H, dd, *J*=3.0, 7.9 Hz, 2-H), 3.49 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.60, 3.70 (2H, ABq, *J*=11.6 Hz, 5-H₂), 3.89 (1H, d, *J*=7.9 Hz, 3-H), 4.51, 4.69 (2H, ABq, *J*=11.9 Hz, PhCH₂), 4.60 (1H, d, *J*=3.0 Hz, 1-H), 4.68, 4.78 (2H, ABq, *J*=11.2 Hz, PhCH₂), 4.70 (2H, br s, CH₂NO₂), 7.27 - 7.39 (10H, m, PhCH₂ x₂). MS (m/z, %): 342 (M⁺-CH₃NO₂, 0.1), 312 (M⁺-PhCH₂, 2.9), 251 (M⁺-CH₃NO₂-PhCH₂, 2.9), 91 (PhCH₂⁺, 100). FAB MS (m/z, positive): 426 (M+Na)⁺.

Conversion from 6 to 7

A solution of 6 (1.02 g, 2.53 mmol) in Ac₂O (18 ml) was treated with *p*-TsOH+H₂O (430 mg, 2.26 mmol) and stirred at room temperature (25 °C) for overnight. The reaction mixture was poured into icewater and the whole was extracted with AcOEt. The AcOEt extract was successively washed with sat. aq. NaHCO3 and brine, then dried over MgSO4 and the solution was evaporated to dryness under reduced

pressure. A solution of the residue (1.48 g) in EtOH (25 ml) was treated with NaBH4 (126 mg, 3.33 mmol) and stirred at room temperature (25 °C) for 1 h. The reaction mixture was poured into ice-water followed by salting out with NaCl and the whole was extracted with AcOEt. The AcOEt extract was washed with brine, then dried over MgSO4. Removal of the solvent under reduced pressure gave a product which was purified by column chromatography [SiO₂ 50 g, benzene-AcOEt (50:1)] to furnish 7 (840 mg, 85 %). 7, a colorless oil, $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ -54.0° (*c*=1.0, CHCl₃). High resolution FAB MS; Calcd for C₂₁H₂₅NO₆Na (M+Na)⁺: 410.1580. Found: 410.1562. IR (film): 1560, 1380, 1110, 740, 700 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 2.91(1H, m, 4-H), 3.36 (1H, dd, *J*=3.6, 9.5 Hz, 2-H), 3.40 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.51 (1H, dd, *J*=3.0, 12.2 Hz, 5-H), 3.84 (1H, dd, *J*=2.3, 12.2 Hz, 5-H), 4.01 (1H, dd, *J*=5.6, 9.5 Hz, 3-H), 4.52 (1H, dd, *J*=9.8, 13.1 Hz, CH₂NO₂), 4.61 (1H, d, *J*=3.6 Hz, 1-H), 4.63, 4.77 (2H, ABq, *J*=11.9 Hz, PhCH₂), 4.69 (1H, dd, *J*=5.0, 13.1 Hz, CH₂NO₂), 4.69 (2H, br s, PhCH₂), 7.26 - 7.38 (10H, m, <u>Ph</u>CH₂ x2). MS (m/z, %): 355 (M⁺-CH₃OH, 0.1), 296 (M⁺-PhCH₂, 4.3), 91 (PhCH₂⁺, 100). FAB MS (m/z, positive): 410 (M+Na)⁺.

Demethylation of 7

A solution of 7 (230 mg, 0.594 mmol) in acetic acid (6.4 ml) was treated with conc. HCl (3.2 ml) and stirred at room temperature (30 °C) for overnight. The reaction mixture was poured into ice-water and the whole was extracted with AcOEt. The AcOEt extract was washed with sat. aq. NaHCO3, brine and dried over MgSO4. Removal of the solvent under reduced pressure gave a product which was purified by column chromatography [SiO₂ 10 g, *n*-hexane-acetone (4:1)] to furnish 8 (133 mg, 57 %). 8, a colorless oil, $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ -7.4° (*c*=1.0, CHCl3). High resolution FAB MS; Calcd for C₂₀H₂₃NO₆Na (M+Na)⁺: 396.1423. Found: 396.1436. IR (film): 3400, 3030, 1560, 1380, 1090, 740, 700 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl3, δ): 2.93 - 2.98 (1H, m, 4-H), 3.39 - 3.91(4H, 2, 3-H, 5-H₂), 4.27 - 4.75 (7H, 1-H, CH₂NO₂, PhCH₂), 7.25 - 7.39 (10H, m, PhCH₂ x2). MS (m/z, %): 282 (M⁺-PhCH₂, 2.8), 91 (PHCH₂⁺, 100). FAB MS (m/z, positive): 396 (M+Na)⁺.

Nitromethane cyclization of 8

A solution of 8 (3.0 g, 8.0 mmol) in DMF (30 ml) was treated with CsF (2.43 g, 16.0 mmol) and stirred at room temperature (25 °C) for 3 h. The reaction mixture was poured into ice-water followed by salting out with NaCl and the whole was extracted with AcOEt. Work-up of the AcOEt extract in the usual manner and removal of the AcOEt under reduced pressure yielded a product (3.2 g). The product (1.0 g) was purified by column chromatography [SiO₂ 50 g, CHCl₃-acetone (10:1)] to furnish 9 (807 mg, 86 %). 9, a colorless oil, $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ -8.4° (*c*=1.0, CHCl₃). High resolution FAB MS; Calcd for C₂₀H₂₃NO₆Na (M+Na)⁺: 396.1423. Found: 396.1434. IR (KBr): 3400, 3030, 1560, 1380, 1070, 740, 700 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 2.70 - 3.11 (1H, m, 4-H), 3.57 - 4.05 (4H, m, 2, 3-H, 6-H₂), 4.47 - 4.95 (6H, m, 1-H, 5-H, PhCH₂ x₂), 7.26 - 7.39 (10H, m, <u>Ph</u>CH₂ x₂). MS (m/z, %): 355 (M⁺-H₂O, 0.1), 282 (M⁺-PhCH₂, 6.2), 91 (PHCH₂⁺, 100). FAB MS (m/z, positive): 396 (M+Na)⁺.

Ethoxyethylation of 9 followed by denitrohydrogenation

A solution of 9 (20 mg, 0.054 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2.5 ml) was treated with ethyl vinyl ether (0.05 ml, 0.52 mmol) and PPTS (50 mg, 0.20 mmol), and stirred at room temperature (25 °C) for 2h. The reaction

mixture was poured into ice-water and the whole was extracted with AcOEt. Work-up of the AcOEt extract as described above for the preparation of 8 gave the product (34.2 mg). A solution of the product (30.5 mg) in toluene (6.0 ml) was treated with *n*-Bu₃SnH (0.16 ml, 0.60 mmol) and AIBN (15 mg, 0.091 mmol), and heated under reflux for 15 min. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature (25 °C) and added CHCl₃. Removal of the solvent from the whole mixture under reduced pressure gave the residue which was purified by column chromatography [SiO₂ 10 g, *n*-hexane-acetone (15:1)] to furnish 10 (14.5 mg, 52 %). 10, a colorless oil, IR (film): 2980, 1130, 1060, 740, 700 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 1.15 - 1.36 (12H, m, CH₃ x4), 1.78 - 2.40 (4H, m, 3, 4-H, 5-H₂), 3.35 - 4.16 (5H, m, 1, 2, 3-H, 6-H₂), 4.58 - 4.80 (4H, m, PhCH₂ x2), 7.24 - 7.40 (10H, m, PhCH₂ x2). MS (m/z, %): 399 (M⁺-CH₃CHOEt, 1.1), 73 (CH₃CHOEt⁺, 100).

Conversion from 10 to pseudo- α -D-arabinofuranose (11)

A solution of 10 (6.5 mg, 0.014 mmol) in AcOEt (3.5 ml) was hydrogenated in the presence of Pdblack (65 mg, 0.61 mmol) at ordinary temperature and pressure for 1 h. The catalyst was filtered off, and the solvent of the filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure to gave a product (3.8 mg). A solution of the product (3.1 mg) in 80 % aq. acetone (0.5 ml) was treated with PPTS (22.5 mg, 0.0895 mmol) and stirred at 40 °C for 30 min. The reaction mixture was neutralized with IRA-400 (°OH form) and the resin was removed by filtration. Removal of the solvent from the filtrate under reduced pressure gave *pseudo*- α -Darabinofuranose (11, 1.8 mg, 90 %) which was confirmed to be identical with an authentic sample¹¹ by IR (KBr) and ¹H NMR (d5-pyridine - D₂O).

Acetylation of 9 followed by deacetoxyhydrogenation

A solution of 9 (200 mg, 0.0536 mmol) and p-TsOH+H2O (1.70 g, 8.94 mmol) in Ac2O (3.0 ml) was stirred at room temperature (25 °C) for 30 min. The reaction mixture was poured into ice-water and the whole was extracted with AcOEt. Work-up of the AcOEt extract as described above for the preparation of 8 gave a product (226 mg). The product was dissolved in pyridine (3.0 ml), and the whole mixture was stirred at room temperature (25 °C) for 1 h. The reaction mixture was poured into ice-water and the whole was extracted with AcOEt. Work-up of the AcOEt extract as described above for the preparation of 8 gave a product (226 mg). The product was dissolved in pyridine (3.0 ml), and the whole mixture was stirred at room temperature (25 °C) for 1 h. The reaction mixture was poured into ice-water and the whole was extracted with AcOEt. Work-up of the AcOEt extract as described for the preparation of 8 gave a product which was purified by column chromatography [SiO2 10 g, *n*-hexane-benzene-AcOEt (10:1:1 - 5:1:1)] to furnish 12 (174 mg, 82 %). 12, a colorless oil, $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ -82.5° (*c*=1.0, CHCl3). High MS; Calcd for C20H23NO6 (M)⁺: 397.1524. Found: 397.1527. IR (film): 3030, 1740, 1530, 1350, 1230, 740, 700 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl3, δ): 1.96 (3H, s, CH3CO), 3.38 (1H, m, 4-H), 4.12 (1H, m, 3-H), 4.38 (2H, d, *J*=4.6 Hz, 6-H2), 4.57 (1H, m, 2-H), 4.59 (4H, br s, PhCH2 x2), 6.45 (1H, br s, 1-H), 7.32 - 7.42 (10H, m, PhCH2 x2). MS (m/z, %): 397 (M⁺, 8.6), 91 (PHCH2⁺, 100).

Michael-type addition reaction of 12 with N^6 -benzoyladenine to give 13

A solution of 12 (500 mg, 1.26 mmol) in DMF (12.5 ml) was treated with N^6 -benzoyladenine (361 mg, 1.51 mmol) and CsF (230 mg, 1.51 mmol), and the whole mixture was stirred in an ice-cooling bath for 1 h. The reaction mixture was poured into ice-water followed by salting out with NaCl, and the whole was extracted with AcOEt. Work-up of the AcOEt extract in the usual manner gave a product which was purified

by column chromatography [SiO₂ 13 g, *n*-hexane-acetone (2:1)] to furnish 13 (679 mg, 85 %). 13, a white powder, $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ +65.7° (*c*=1.0, CHCl₃). High resolution FAB MS; Calcd for C₃₄H₃₂N₆O₇ (M+H)⁺: 637.2411. Found: 637.2412. IR (KBr): 1740, 1700, 1610, 1590, 1560, 1370, 700 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 2.02 (3H, s, CH₃CO), 3.20 (1H, m, 4'-H), 3.89 (1H, dd, *J*=1.3, 3.3 Hz, 3'-H), 4.15 (1H, d, *J*=4.9 Hz, 2'-H), 4.33 (2H, d, *J*=6.9 Hz, 6'-H), 4.25, 4.39 (2H, ABq, *J*=11.6 Hz, PhCH₂), 4.59 (2H, br s, PhCH₂), 5.46 (1H, dd, *J*=7.9, 10.2 Hz, 5'-H), 5.93 (1H, dd, *J*=4.9, 10.2 Hz, 1'-H), 6.91 - 8.08 (15H, m, <u>Ph</u>CH₂ x2, PhCO), 8.24 (1H, s, 8-H), 8.77 (1H, s, 2-H), 9.10 (1H, br s, NH). ¹³C NMR (67.5 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 20.3 (CH₃CO), 47.6 (4'-C), 58.6 (1'-C), 63.0 (6'-C), 71.7 (PhCH₂), 72.3 (PhCH₂), 79.4 (3'-C), 80.5 (2'-C), 87.1 (5'-C), 122.4 (5-C), 127.6 - 136.5 (17C, PhCH₂ x2, PhCO), 141.9 (8-C), 149.5 (6-C), 152.1 (2-C), 152.4 (4-C), 164.9 (PhCO), 170.4 (CH₃CO). MS (m/z, %): 398 (M⁺-N⁶-benzoyladenine, 0.2), 91 (PHCH₂⁺, 100). FAB MS (m/z, positive): 637 (M+H)⁺.

Denitrohydrogenation of 13

A solution of 13 (200 mg, 0.31 mmol) in toluene (40 ml) was treated with *n*-Bu3SnH (0.8 ml, 3.0 mmol) and AIBN (76 mg, 0.46 mmol), and heated under reflux for 1 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature (25 °C) and added CHCl3. Removal of the solvent from the reaction mixture under reduced pressure gave a product which was purified by column chromatography [SiO₂ 60 g, benzene-acetone (5:1)] to furnish 14 (38 mg, 21 %). 14, a white powder, $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ +47.7° (*c*=1.0, CHCl3). High MS; Calcd for C34H33N5O5 (M⁺): 591.2479. Found: 591.2508. IR (KBr): 1740, 1700, 1610, 1580, 1250, 740 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl3, δ): 2.05 (3H, s, CH3CO), 2.13 (1H, m, 5'-H), 2.48 (2H, m, 4', 5'-H), 3.85 (1H, br s, 3'-H), 4.08 (1H, d, *J*=4.6 Hz, 2'-H), 4.19 (2H, d, *J*=6.6 Hz, 6'-H), 4.20, 4.38 (2H, ABq, *J*=11.4 Hz, PhCH₂), 4.53, 4.59 (2H, ABq, *J*=12.2 Hz, PhCH₂), 5.30 (1H, m, 1'-H), 6.95 - 8.02 (15H, m, PhCH₂ x2, PhCO), 8.25 (1H, s, 8-H), 8.77 (1H, s, 2-H), 9.12 (1H, br s, NH). ¹³C NMR (67.5MHz, CDCl3, δ): 20.8 (CH₃CO), 31.3 (5'-C), 42.2 (4'-C), 54.8 (1'-C), 65.8 (6'-C), 71.7 (PhCH₂), 71.9 (PhCH₂), 81.4 (2'-C), 82.6 (3'-C), 122.4 (5-C), 123.0 - 137.6 (18C, PhCH₂ x2, PhCO), 142.9 (8-C), 149.2 (6-C), 152.4 (2-C), 152.5 (4-C), 164.6 (PhCO), 170.9 (CH₃CO). MS (m/z, %): 591 (M⁺, 1.9), 500 (M⁺-PhCH₂, 21), 91 (PHCH₂⁺, 100).

Conversion from 14 to 15

A solution of 14 (38 mg, 0.064 mmol) in 10 % NaOMe-MeOH (2.0 ml) was stirred at room temperature (25 °C) for 6 h. The reaction mixture was poured into ice-water and the whole was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The CH₂Cl₂ extract was washed with brine then dried over MgSO₄. Removal of the solvent from the extract under reduced pressure gave a product which was purified by column chromatography [SiO₂ 3 g, CHCl₃-MeOH (20:1)] to furnish 15 (25 mg, 88 %). 15, a white powder, $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ +60.2° (*c*=1.00, CHCl₃). High MS; Calcd for C₂₅H₂₇N₅O₃ (M⁺): 445.2112. Found: 445.2121. IR (KBr): 3300, 1650, 1600, 1070, 740, 700 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 2.20 (1H, m, 5'-H), 2.40 (2H, m, 4', 5'-H), 3.72 (1H, dd, *J*=5.6, 10.9 Hz, 6'-H), 3.79 (1H, dd, *J*=4.6, 10.9 Hz, 6'-H), 3.93 (1H, br s, 3'-H), 4.08 (1H, dd, *J*=1.3, 4.6 Hz, 2'-H), 4.18, 4.34 (2H, ABq, *J*=11.5 Hz, PhCH₂), 4.53, 4.61 (2H, ABq, *J*=11.9 Hz, PhCH₂), 5.21 (1H, m, 1'-H), 5.65 (2H, br s, NH₂), 6.95 - 7.40 (10H, m, PhCH₂ x2), 8.04 (1H, s, 8-H), 8.33 (1H, s, 2-H). MS (m/z, %): 445 (M⁺, 0.7), 354 (M⁺-PhCH₂, 33), 232 (100), 91 (PHCH₂⁺, 80).

Conversion from 15 to (+)-cyclaradine (16)

A solution of 15 (11 mg, 0.025 mmol) in 10 % AcOH-EtOH (v/v) (11ml) was hydrogenated in the presence of Pd-black (110 mg, 1.0 mmol) at room temperature (25 °C) at a hydrogen pressure of 6 atmospheres for 1 h. The catalyst was filtered off and the solvent was removed from the filtrate under reduced pressure to gave a product which was purified by column chromatography [SiO₂ 2 g, CHCl₃-MeOH-H₂O (7:3:1, lower phase)] to furnish (+)-cyclaradine (16, 25 mg, 94 %). 16, a white powder, $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ +50.9° (*c*=1.0, MeOH). High MS (m/z); Calcd for C₁₁H₁₅N₅O₃ (M⁺): 265.1173. Found: 265.1190. IR (KBr): 3350, 1660, 1610 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CD₃OD, δ): 2.16 (1H, m, 4'-H), 2.19 (1H, ddd, *J*=2.6, 10.7, 11.9 Hz, 5'-H), 2.48 (1H, ddd, *J*=4.3, 7.6, 11.9 Hz, 5'-H), 3.72 (1H, dd, *J*=5.9, 10.6 Hz, 6'-H), 3.79 (1H, dd, *J*=5.3, 10.6 Hz, 6'-H), 3.96 (1H, dd, *J*=3.0, 4.6 Hz, 3'-H), 4.08 (1H, dd, *J*=3.0, 5.0 Hz, 2'-H), 5.18 (1H, ddd, *J*=2.6, 5.0, 7.8 Hz, 1'-H), 8.39 (1H, s, 8-H), 8.50 (1H, s, 2-H). EI-MS (m/z, %): 265 (M⁺, 3.8), 234 (M⁺-CH₂OH, 6.0), 135 (adenine, 100). The ¹H NMR spectrum was previously taken in d₆-DMSO. The physicochemical properties other than the NMR data have never been described.

Michael-type addition reaction of 12 with silylated uracil

A solution of 12 (250 mg, 0.630 mmol) in DMF (7.5 ml) was treated with silylated uracil (230 mg, 0.898 mmol) and CsF (124 mg, 0.816 mmol), and the whole mixture was stirred at room temperature (25 °C) for 1 h. The reaction mixture was poured into ice-water and the whole solution was subjected to salting out with NaCl, and then the whole was extracted with AcOEt. Work-up of the AcOEt extract in the usual manner gave a product which was purified by column chromatography [SiO₂ 15 g, benzene-acetone (5:1)] to furnish 17 (160 mg, 50 %). 17, a white powder, $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ +91.3° (*c*=1.0, CHCl₃). High MS; Calcd for C₂₆H₂₈N₃O₈ (M+H)⁺: 510.1876. Found: 510.1891. IR (KBr): 3030, 1740, 1690, 1560, 1370, 1240 cm⁻¹. UV λ [nm (ϵ), CHCl₃] : 263 (14000). ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 1.93 (3H, s, CH₃CO), 2.99 (1H, m, 4'-H), 3.69 (1H, dd, *J*=1.7, 4.0 Hz, 3'-H), 4.00 (1H, d, *J*=5.3 Hz, 2'-H), 4.18 (2H, d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 6'-H₂), 4.26, 4.40 (2H, ABq, *J*=11.6 Hz, PhCH₂), 4.46, 4.51 (2H, ABq, *J*=11.9 Hz, PhCH₂), 5.01 (1H, dd, *J*=8.1, 10.9 Hz, 5'-H), 5.59 (1H, dd, *J*=5.3, 10.9 Hz, 1'-H), 5.63 (1H, d, *J*=8.3 Hz, 5-H), 7.12 - 7.33 (10H, m, PhCH₂ x₂), 7.35 (1H, d, *J*=8.3 Hz, 6-H), 8.36 (1H, br s, NH). FAB MS (m/z, positive): 510 (M+H)⁺.

Denitrohydrogenation of 17

A solution of 17 (130 mg, 0.255 mmol) in toluene (27 ml) was treated with *n*-Bu3SnH (0.74 ml, 2.8 mmol) and AIBN (68 mg, 0.41 mmol), and the whole mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature (25 °C) and added CHCl3. Removal of the solvent from the whole mixture under reduced pressure gave a product which was purified by column chromatography [SiO2 25 g, benzene-acetone (5:1)] and subsequent preparative TLC [benzene-acetone (3:1)] to furnish 18 (35.5 mg, 30 %). 18, a white powder, $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ +120.5° (*c*=1.0, CHCl3). High resolution FAB MS; Calcd for C26H29N2O6 (M+H)⁺: 465.2025. Found: 465.2008. IR (KBr): 3460, 3220, 1740, 1690, 1250, 740, 700 cm⁻¹. UV λ [nm (ϵ), CHCl3] : 266 (8500). ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl3, δ): 1.84 (1H, dd, *J*=10.2, 12.5 Hz, 5'-H), 2.02 (3H, s, CH3CO), 2.39 (1H, m, 4'-H), 3.70 (1H, dd, *J*=1.0, 4.3 Hz, 3'-H), 3.99 (1H, d, *J*=5.1 Hz, 2'-H), 4.14 (2H, d, *J*=6.9 Hz, 6'-H2), 4.31, 4.46 (2H, ABq, *J*=11.6 Hz, PhCH2), 4.47, 4.55 (2H, ABq, *J*=12.0

Hz, PhCH₂), 5.10 (1H, ddd, J=5.1, 7.3, 12.5 Hz, 1'-H), 5.65 (1H, dd, J=2.1, 8.2 Hz, 5-H), 7.12 - 7.38 (10H, m, PhCH₂ x2), 7.46 (1H, d, J=8.2 Hz, 6-H), 8.53 (1H, br s, NH). MS (m/z, %): 373 (M⁺-PHCH₂, 9), 91 (PHCH₂⁺, 100). FAB MS (m/z, positive): 465 (M+H)⁺.

Conversion of 18 to 19

A solution of **18** (30 mg, 0.065 mmol) in 1 % NaOMe-MeOH (2.0 ml) was stirred at room temperature (25 °C) for 30 min. The reaction mixture was poured into ice-water followed by salting out with NaCl, and the whole was extracted by CH₂Cl₂. The CH₂Cl₂ extract was washed with brine and dried over MgSO₄, then removal of the solvent from the extract under reduced pressure yielded **19** (28 mg, quant.). **19**, a white powder, $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ +115.6° (*c*=1.0, CHCl₃). High MS; Calcd for C₂4H₂6N₂O₅ (M)⁺: 422.1839. Found: 422.1832. IR (KBr): 3420, 3030, 1680, 1070, 740, 700 cm⁻¹. UV λ [nm (ϵ), CHCl₃] : 268 (10800). ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 1.89 (1H, m, 5'-H), 2.14 (1H, m, 5'-H), 2.26 (1H, m, 4'-H), 3.70 (2H, br s, 6'-H), 3.77 (1H, d, *J*=4.3 Hz, 3'-H), 4.00 (1H, d, *J*=5.3 Hz, 2'-H), 4.32, 4.46 (2H, ABq, *J*=11.2 Hz, PhCH₂), 4.49, 4.58 (2H, ABq, *J*=11.9 Hz, PhCH₂), 5.12 (1H, ddd, *J*=5.3, 6.6, 12.4 Hz, 1'-H), 5.64 (1H, d, *J*=7.9 Hz, 5-H), 7.15 - 7.35 (10H, m, <u>Ph</u>CH₂ x2), 7.48 (1H, d, *J*=7.9 Hz, 6-H), 8.85 (1H, br s, NH). MS (m/z, %): 422 (M⁺, 1.9), 91 (PHCH₂⁺, 100).

Conversion of 19 to (+)-pseudo- β -D-arabinofuranosyluracil (20)

A solution of **19** (7 mg, 0.017 mmol) in 10 % AcOH-EtOH (7 ml) was hydrogenated in the presence of Pd-black (70 mg, 0.66 mmol) at ordinary temperature and pressure. After 1 h, the catalyst was filtered off and removal of the solvent from the filtrate under reduced pressure gave a product which was purified by column chromatography [SiO₂ 2 g, CHCl₃-MeOH-H₂O (7:3:1, lower phase)] to furnish (+)-*pseudo*- β -Darabinofuranosyluracil (**20**, 3.5 mg, 98 %). **20**, a white powder, [α]_D²² +112.3° (*c*=0.2, MeOH). High resolution FAB MS; Calcd for C₁₀H₁₅N₂O₆ (M+H)⁺: 243.0981. Found: 243.0995. IR (KBr): 3350, 1690 cm⁻¹. UV λ [nm (ϵ), MeOH] : 268 (10000). ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CD₃OD, δ): 1.88 (1H, m, 5'-H), 1.99 (1H, m, 4'-H), 2.12 (1H, m, 5'-H), 3.63 (1H, dd, *J*=6.5, 10.7 Hz, 6'-H), 3.74 (1H, dd, *J*=4.9, 10.7 Hz, 6'-H), 3.77 (1H, dd, *J*=2.8, 5.0 Hz, 3'-H), 3.99 (1H, dd, *J*=2.8, 5.6 Hz, 2'-H), 4.96 (1H, ddd, *J*=5.6, 6.9, 12.2 Hz, 1'-H), 5.62 (1H, d, *J*=8.1 Hz, 5-H), 7.72 (1H, d, *J*=8.1 Hz, 6-H). MS (m/z, %): 242 (M⁺, 5), 113 ([uracil+H]⁺, 100). FAB MS (m/z, positive): 243 (M+H)⁺.

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