5-Cyclopropylcarbonyloxy-5-(1-phenylethyl)barbituric Acid (8). Compound 8 was prepared from 3 (3.72 g, 0.015 mol) and cyclopropanecarboxylic acid (20 g, 0.23 mol) in the same way as described for the preparation of compound 4. Obtained was 8 (0.7 g, 14.7%), mp 114-115°. Anal. $(C_{16}H_{16}O_5N_2)C$, H, N.

5-n-Hexanoyloxy-5-(1-phenylethyl)barbituric Acid (9). To a solution of 3 (2.4 g, 0.01 mol) in pyridine (30 ml) was added hexanoyl chloride (6 g, 0.045 mol) and the mixture was stirred at 75° for 18 hr, then cooled, and poured into ice (150 g) containing HCl(30 ml). The mixture was extracted with EtOAc and the extract was evaporated to give an oil which was chromatographed on silica gel. Elution with C₆H₆-EtOAc (9:1) gave 9 (0.8 g, 23%), an oil. Anal. $(C_{18}H_{22}O_5N_2) C, H, N.$

5-(1-Adamantylcarbonyloxy)-5-(1-phenylethyl)barbituric Acid (10). To a mixture of 1-adamantanecarboxylic acid (3.0 g. 0.012 mol) and methanesulfonic acid (10 ml) was added 3 (2.0 g, 0.008 mol). The mixture was stirred at 85° for 0.5 hr, then cooled to 25°, and stirred for 16 hr. The solution was poured into ice-H₂O (300 ml) and the light brown precipitate was removed by filtration and chromatographed on silica gel. Elution with C₆H₆-EtOAc (9:1), followed by crystallization from acetone-hexane (1:1), gave 10 (0.15 g, 4.55%), mp 262-264°. Anal. ($C_{23}H_{28}O_5N_2$) C. H. N.

5-Trimethylsilyloxy-5-(1-phenylethyl)barbituric Acid (11). Procedure A. To a solution of 3 (2.5 g, 0.01 mol) in pyridine (25 ml) was added trimethylchlorosilane (1.1 g, 0.01 mol). The solution was stirred at 130° for 16 hr, then cooled, and poured into ice H₂O (200 ml) containing HCl (25 ml). The solution was extracted with EtOAc, the extract was evaporated, and the residue was chromatographed on silica gel. Elution with C₆H₆-EtOAc (4:1) provided pure 11 (1.8 (C₁₅H₂₀O₄N₂Si) C, H, N, Si. g, 56%), mp 156-159°. Anal.

Procedure B. Compound 3 (5.0 g, 0.02 mol) and N, O-bis(trimethylsilyl)acetamide (BSA, 6 g, 0.029 mol) were dissolved in pyridine (5 ml) and stirred 16 hr at 25° in a closed flask. Chromatography on silica gel using $C_6H_6\text{-EtOAc}$ (19:1) gave the product which was crystallized from C₆H₆ to give 11 (2.7 g, 42%), mp 156.5-158°

5-Triethylsilyloxy-5-(1-phenylethyl)barbituric Acid Compound 12 was prepared from 3 (7.5 g, 0.03 mol) and triethylchlorosilane (5 g, 0.033 mol) in the same way as described in procedure A for the preparation of compound 11. Obtained was 12 (2.6 g, 24%), mp 101-104°. Anal. (C₁₈H₂₆O₄N₂Si) C, H, N, Si.

5-Triphenylsilyloxy-5-(1-phenylethyl)barbituric Acid (13). Compound 13 was prepared from 3 (3.75 g, 0.015 mol) and triphenylchlorosilane (5.0 g, 0.017 mol) in the same way as described in procedure A for the preparation of compound 11. Obtained was 13 (3.7 g, 49%), mp 270-273.5°. Anal. (C₃₀H₂₆O₄N₂Si) C. H. N. Si.

5-Tosyloxy-5-(1-phenylethyl)barbituric Acid (14). Compound 14 was prepared from 3 (2.48 g, 0.01 mol) and tosyl chloride (1.9 g, 0.01 mol) in the same way as described for the preparation of compound 9. Obtained was 14 (1.98 g, 49%), mp 178-180°. Anal. $(C_{19}H_{18}O_6N_2S)C, H, N, S.$

Diethyl Ethoxymalonate (16). To a solution of sodium (4.6 g, 0.02 mol) in EtOH (300 ml) was added diethyl bromomalonate (47.8 g, 0.2 mol) and the mixture was heated at reflux for 4 hr and then cooled to 25°. NaBr (20 g, 0.196 mol) was removed by filtration and the filtrate was evaporated. The resulting liquid was distilled at 5 mm and the product 16 (28 g, 70%) was collected at 135-140°. Anal. (C₉H₁₆O₅) C, H.

Diethyl Ethoxy(1-phenylethyl)malonate (17). To a solution of sodium (2.3 g, 0.1 mol) in EtOH (100 ml) was added 16 (20.4 g, 0.1 mol). The mixture was stirred at 25° for 2 hr. 1-Bromoethylbenzene (18.5 g, 0.1 mol) was added and the mixture was stirred at reflux for 6 hr and then cooled to 25°. NaBr (9.1 g, 0.09 mol) was removed by filtration and the filtrate was evaporated. The resulting liquid was distilled at 5 mm and the product 17 (12.4 g, 40%) was collected at 175-180°

5-Ethoxy-5-(1-phenylethyl)barbituric Acid (15). To a solution of sodium (1.38 g, 0.06 mol) in EtOH (100 ml) was added urea (3.7 g, 0.06 mol). The mixture was stirred until a clear solution was obtained. Compound 17 (6.1 g, 0.02 mol) was added dropwise and the mixture was stirred at reflux for 16 hr and then cooled to 25°. Ice-H2O (100 ml) was added and the solution was acidified with HCl to pH 2. The precipitate was removed by filtration and washed with H₂O to give 15 (1.3 g, 24%), mp 230-233°. Anal. $(C_{14}H_{16}O_4N_2)$ C, H, N.

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Analogs of 5'-Deoxy-5'-(methylthio)adenosinet

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Twenty analogs of 5'-deoxy-5'-(methylthio)adenosine have been prepared in which the heterocyclic base, the sugar moiety, and the substituent on sulfur have all been varied. Two principal routes to these compounds were used: (1) displacement of the tosyloxy or chlorine function from C5 of the nucleoside or (2) preparation and reaction of the appropriate sugar with a chloropurine followed by nucleophilic displacement of the chloro group(s) from the resulting nucleosides. Only one of these nucleosides (51) showed a significant degree of cytotoxicity and none was active against leukemia L1210 in vivo.

S-Adenosyl-L-methionine (SAM), synthesized in vivo from adenosine triphosphate and L-methionine by ATP:Lmethionine adenosyltransferase, an enzyme that appears to be ubiquitous in both normal and malignant tissues, functions as a methyl group donor for transmethylations² and as a propylamine donor for polyamine synthesis.^{3,4} In carrying out these transformations, SAM is converted to S-adenosyl-L-homocysteine (SAH) and 5'-deoxy-5'-(methylthio)adenosine (MTA), both of which are known to inhibit the transmethylation reactions of SAM in vitro. 5-7 Analogs of these compounds could interfere with the biosynthesis of SAM, with methylation by SAM, with the decarboxylation of SAM, or with the propylamine transfer from "decarboxylated SAM" to putrescine to form spermidine; either one of the latter two events would interfere with polyamine synthesis. Transfer of aminoalkyl groups other than aminopropyl would produce unnatural polyamines. Any of these postulated events could have serious consequences for proliferating cells and result in cell death. In addition, metabolism of analogs by SAM-me-

Scheme I

tabolizing enzymes could release cytotoxic purines or purine nucleosides.

Until now, most of the analogs of MTA or SAH that have been synthesized are derivatives of adenosine, 5-12 although analogs of SAH containing 2-fluoroadenine, 6 guanine, 11 and hypoxanthine 5 have been prepared as well as a derivative of 2,8-dichloropurine. 8 Only one analog, 2',5'-dideoxy-5'-(methylthio)adenosine, containing a carbohydrate other than ribose has been prepared. 10 In the present work we undertook to study the effect of changes in all three parts of the molecule—the purine, the sugar, and the S substituent—on biologic activity.

Chemistry. Two complementary methods have been used for the preparation of 5'-(alkylthio)-5'-deoxyribonucleosides of purines: (1) displacement of a halo or tosyloxy group from the 5' position of the ribonucleoside; 6,9-12 (2) preparation of the appropriate 5-(alkylthio)-5-deoxyribofuranose and reaction of it with a purine or metal derivative thereof. At the onset it appeared that some of the nucleosides we desired to prepare could be made more expediently by method 1, others by 2, while still others with equal facility by either method. We decided to investigate

first the preparation of 2-chloro-5'-deoxy-5'-(methyl-thio)adenosine (10a) by both methods. Tosylation of 2-chloro-2',3'-O-isopropylideneadenosine (2a) was carried out at low temperature to give a good yield of pure product 5a. Displacement of the tosyloxy group by sodium methyl mercaptide to give 14a proceeded smoothly, and removal of the isopropylidene group under mild conditions gave the desired 10a (Scheme I).

An attempt to prepare methyl 5-deoxy-2,3-O-isopropylidene-5-(methylthio)ribofuranoside (25) by the displacement of the p-nitrobenzenesulfonyloxy group of methyl 2,3-O-isopropylidene-5-O-(p-nitrobenzenesulfonyl)ribofuranoside was unsuccessful because cleavage of the carbonsulfur bond occurred, rather than the carbon-oxygen bond, to give methyl-p-nitrophenyl sulfide. † 1,2,3-Tri-O-acetyl-5-deoxy-5-(methylthio)ribofuranose (29) was then prepared by a literature procedure⁸ and fused with 2,6-dichloropurine (35),14 in the absence of acid catalyst, to give an 80% yield of 9-[2,3-di-O-acetyl-5-deoxy-5-(methyl-p-methyl-p-nitrophen

‡Previously, the displacement of the p-nitrobenzenesulfonyloxy group of this sugar by cyanide was found to take place readily in the normal manner. 18

Scheme II

thio)-β-p-ribofuranosyl]-2,6-dichloropurine (37a). Treatment of 37a with methanolic ammonia¹⁴ gave a 57% yield of 10a containing some of the corresponding 6-methoxy compound that could be removed by chromatography. Having assessed the utility of both methods for the preparation of 10a, we proceeded to prepare a variety of analogs of 5'-deoxy-5'-(methylthio)adenosine by application of the more appropriate route to each particular case. The 5'chloro-5'-deoxy derivatives of 2-chloroadenosine, 8-azaad-4-amino-1-β-D-ribofuranosylpyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidine, and tubercidin (9a-d) were prepared for use in method 1 by the thionyl chloride-hexamethylphosphoramide method.¹² Also prepared for this work were 2-chloro-2',3'-O-anisylidene-5'-O-tosyladenosine (6a), 7-amino-3- $(2,3-O-isopropylidene-5-O-tosyl-\beta-p-ribofuranosyl)-v-tri$ azolo[4,5-d]pyrimidine (5b), 7-amino-3-(2,3-O-anisylidene-5-O-tosyl-\beta-p-ribofuranosyl)-v-triazolo[4,5-d]pyrimidine (6b), 7-amino-3-(2,3-O-methoxymethylidene-5-O $tosyl-\beta-D-ribofuranosyl)-v-triazolo[4,5-d]pyrimidine$ and the 2',3'-O-anisylidene and 2',3'-O-methoxymethylidene derivatives of 2,5'-dichloroadenosine. The 5'-chloro-5'-deoxy derivatives 9c and 9d proved to be excellent intermediates for the preparation of 4-amino-1-[5-deoxy-5-(ethylthio)- β -D-ribofuranosyl]pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidine (11c) and 4-amino-7-[5-(butylthio)-5-deoxy-β-D-ribofuranosyl]pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidine (12d). However, when an attempt was made to prepare 5'-(butylthio)-2-chloro-5'deoxyadenosine (12a) by the reaction of 9a with butyl mercaptan in dilute sodium hydroxide, both chlorines of 9a reacted to give in good yield 2,5'-bis(butylthio)-5'deoxyadenosine (20). The desired 12a could be prepared, however, by carrying out the reaction in dimethylacetamide with potassium carbonate.

7-Amino-3-[5-deoxy-5-(methylthio)-β-D-ribofuranosyl]v-triazolo[4,5-d]pyrimidine (10b) was prepared from 5b via 14b and directly from 9b. Oxidation of 10b with 30% hydrogen peroxide gave 7-amino-3-[5-deoxy-5-(methylsulfinyl)- β -p-ribofuranosyl]-v-triazolo[4,5-d]pyrimidine (23b). An attempt to prepare the sulfone 8b by prolonged oxidation with hydrogen peroxide resulted in extensive glycosyl cleavage. If the protected nucleoside 19b was used, glycosyl cleavage was minimal, although the anisylidene group was lost during the course of the reaction giving 8b. Later we found that 8b could be prepared in high yield directly from 10b by rapid oxidation with neutral potassium permanganate (Scheme II).

Preparation of the 2-aminoethylthio analogs 13a.b presented a more difficult problem because of the nature of the target nucleosides. Although 2,5'-dichloro-5'-deoxyadenosine (9a) will react with 2-aminoethanethiol, the reaction was relatively sluggish-a result of the lower reactivity of this thiol as compared to the alkylthiols and of the 5'-chloro group compared to the 5'-tosyloxy function. The main difficulty, however, lay in the purification of 13a. The solution to this problem was the use of 5a which gave a nucleoside (15a) that could be extracted into chloroform and freed of excess thiol and other impurities. Removal of the isopropylidene group from pure 15a then gave a nucleoside that could be isolated pure as its sulfate salt. This approach failed with the anisylidene derivative 16a because of the instability of the anisylidene blocking group to the extraction procedure using cold dilute sulfuric acid. In the case of the v-triazolo[4,5-d]pyrimidine derivatives, the situation was quite different. The isopropylidene derivative 15b could be obtained pure, but all attempts to remove the isopropylidene group resulted in extensive glycosyl cleavage. Apparently 2',3'-alkylidene blocking groups are more stable to acid when attached to the ribonucleoside of the v-triazolo[4,5-d]pyrimidine than when attached to ribonucleoside of 2-chloroadenine. In this case, the anisylidene group proved ideal since 16b was not deprotected by the cold acid extraction but was sufficiently acid sensitive to be removed without extensive glycosyl cleavage.

We next turned our attention to nucleosides best prepared by method 2. 1,2,3-Tri-O-acetyl-5-deoxy-5-(ethylthio)ribofuranose (30), prepared from 24 by the sequence shown, and 2,6-dichloropurine were fused without catalyst to give 9-[2-di-O-acetyl-5-deoxy-5-(ethylthio)-β-D-ribofuranosyl]-2,6-dichloropurine (39a). Reaction of 39a with 2-chloro-5'-deoxy-5-(ethylethanolic ammonia gave thio)adenosine (42a) contaminated with a small amount of a second nucleoside identified by its spectra and chromatographic travel as 2-chloro-5'-deoxy-5'-(ethylsufinyl)adenosine. Both 37a (see above) and 39a were converted to the diazido compounds 43 and 44. The catalytic reduction of 43 was slow and initially incomplete; after treatment with methanolic ammonia, 2-azido-5'-deoxy-5'-(methylthio)adenosine (46) was isolated and identified. Further reduction of 46 then gave 2-amino-5'-(methylthio)adenosine (49), which was also prepared via 47 by lengthy reduction of 43. In the same manner, 44 was converted to 48 and deacetylated to give 50. Compound 48 was also subjected to the modified Scheimann reaction¹⁵ producing 52 and 53. Treatment of these nucleosides with ethanolic ammonia gave 5'-deoxy-5'-(ethylthio)-2-fluoroadenosine (51) and a lesser amount of 5'-deoxy-5'-(ethylthio)isoguanosine (54). (Scheme III).

Reaction of 1,2-O-isopropylidene-5-O-tosyl-α-D-xylofuranoside (31)16 with sodium methyl mercaptide gave 5deoxy-1,2-O-isopropylidene-5-(methylthio)- α -D-xylofuranoside (32), but acetolysis of 32 failed to give a usable

Scheme III

sugar. Acid hydrolysis of 32 gave 33, which could be acetylated to 1,2,3-tri-O-acetyl-5-deoxy-5-(methylthio)-D-xylofuranose (34). Fusion of 34 with 2,6-dichloropurine (35) without acid catalyst gave a mixture of anomeric xylofuranosides (37b) that were difficult to separate. Consequently, they were treated with methanolic ammonia to convert them to the 2-chloroadenines (40b), which could be separated chromatographically and identified. An 18% yield of β -40b and a 6% yield of α -40b were obtained (3 β :1 α). Fusion of 34 with 6-chloropurine (36) gave essentially the same results—a 22% yield of β -41b and a 6.8% yield of α -41b.

The preparation of the arabino analog of 5'-deoxy-5'-(methylthio)adenosine presented another problem. The 5'-O-tosyl derivative of 9-β-D-arabinofuranosyladenine has been prepared, 17 and we were able to prepare 9-(5-chloro-5-deoxy- β -D-arabinofuranosyl) adenine by the thionyl chloride procedure. However, previous attempts to displace the 5'-O-tosyloxy group of 9-(5-O-tosyl-β-D-arabinofuranosyl)adenine resulted in formation of the 2,5-anhydro nucleoside, 17,18 and we found this to be the case with either the tosyl or the chloro derivatives. Further, a number of attempts to block the hydroxyls at C-2 and C-3 of these derivatives were unsuccessful. We then turned our attention to the preparation of a suitably blocked arabinofuranose to react with a purine. Tosylation of methyl 2,3-di-O-benzyl- α -D-arabinofuranoside (55)¹⁹ proceeded smoothly to give 56, which was converted to methyl 2,3-di-O-ben-

zyl-5-deoxy-5-(methylthio)- α -D-arabinofuranoside (57) by the action of sodium methyl mercaptide in methanol. Fusion of 57 with 6-chloropurine (36) and with N-nonanoyladenine using p-toluenesulfonic acid as catalyst failed to produce a significant yield of nucleoside but was successful with 2,6-dichloropurine (35). Unfortunately, a 20% yield of α -62 and only a 10% yield of β -62 were produced. Initial attempts to convert the methyl glycoside 57 to the chloro sugar 64 under a variety of conditions gave poor results; much decomposition occurred, but 57 could be hydrolyzed in aqueous trifluoroacetic acid to 58 which gave 64 on treatment with ethereal hydrogen chloride. Later it was found that 57 and 59 could be converted smoothly to the chloro sugars 64 and 60 directly by treatment with ethereal hydrogen chloride for 6-7 days at refrigerator temperature. Conversion of 57 to 64 was followed by tlc and by reaction of 64 with methanol which gave the β anomer of 57. A comparison of the pmr spectra of this anomeric pair (see Experimental Section) revealed the first observed exception to the empirical rule that the signal from the anomeric proton of cis glycoside occurs downfield from that of the corresponding trans glycoside.^{20,21} This rule, which has proven useful in establishing the identity of anomeric purine and pyrimidine nucleosides, must now be viewed with caution, although, hopefully, exceptions to it may be rare.

Reaction of 64 with N-nonanoyladenine in benzene at 55° for 4 days using Linde AW-500 molecular seive as the

Scheme IV

acid acceptor gave a 26% yield of nucleosidic material, which after treatment with sodium methoxide was shown to be a mixture of anomers $(1\beta:2\alpha)$ of 9-[2,3-di-O-benzyl-5-deoxy-5-(methylthio)-D-arabinofuranosylladenine When the reaction was carried out in ethylene chloride at 55° for 10 days using Linde 4A molecular seive, the anomeric mixture was more favorable— $3\beta:2\alpha$, but still not satisfactory for preparative work. Consequently, 55 was benzoylated to give 59, which was converted to the chloro sugar 60 by treatment first with hydrogen chloride in acetic acid and with ethereal hydrogen chloride (see above). Reaction of 60 with N-nonanoyladenine in refluxing benzene for 3 days using Linde AW-500 molecular seive gave a low yield of nucleosides, which were shown by pmr to be a $3\beta:1\alpha$ anomeric mixture of 9-(5-O-benzoyl-2,3-di-O-benzyl-p-arabinofuranosyl)-N-nonanoyladenine, but reaction of 60 with N-benzovladenine for 12 days at 60° in ethylene chloride using Linde 4A molecular seive gave a reasonable yield of anomerically pure 65, which was O-debenzoylated to 66 with sodium hydroxide in pyridine. Treatment of 66 with tosyl chloride in pyridine gave 67, which was allowed to react with sodium methyl mercaptide in methanol to give the methylthio compound 68. Catalytic hydrogenolysis of 68 was slow and resulted in the removal of the 3-O-benzyl group only giving 71, whereas initial attempts to remove the benzyl groups with sodium in liquid ammonia resulted in overreduction, yielding adenine and 9-[5deoxy-5-(methylthio)- β -D-arabinofuranosyl]purine (70) as by-products. If the reaction was stopped while a small amount of starting material remained (tlc), the production of these by-products could be minimized and a good yield of the desired 9-[5-deoxy-5-(methylthio)-β-D-arabinofuranosyl]adenine (69) obtained (Scheme IV).

Biologic Evaluation. Only one of these 5'-deoxy-5'-(methylthio)adenosine analogs, 2-fluoro-5'-(ethylthio)adenosine (51), was highly toxic to H.Ep.-2 cells in culture.²² H.Ep.-2 cells lacking adenine phosphoribosyltransferase (H.Ep.-2/FA/FAR)²³ were resistant to this analog, indicating that its cytotoxicity to the wild strain of H.Ep.-2 cells is due to cleavage to the 2-fluoroadenine. The 5'-alkylthio derivatives of other cytotoxic nucleosides were less toxic, with one exception (54), than the parent nucleosides (see Tables I and II) and, in the case of the ribonucleosides of toxic bases (Table III), less toxic than the bases, with the same single exception. Cytotoxic nucleosides such as 2-fluoroadenosine and 8-azaadenosine can be converted to their active form, the nucleotides, by direct phosphorylation or by cleavage to the bases, which can then be converted to the nucleotides by the adenine phosphoribosyltransferase. The 5'-(alkylthio)nucleosides cannot be phosphorylated directly, but could be enzymatically converted to the parent nucleosides, cleaved to the bases, or could cause cell death by a mechanism different from that of the parent nucleosides. The low order of cytotoxicity demonstrated by almost all of these nucleosides indicates that in most cases none of these things occur to a significant extent.

The low order of cytotoxicity of the compounds is reflected in their inability to affect the course of leukemia L1210 in mice and their lack of whole animal toxicity. Even 51 was tolerated at 100 mg/kg (days 1, 5, and 9).

Experimental Section

Melting points were determined with a Mel-Temp apparatus and are not corrected. The pmr spectra were determined in the solvent indicated (Me₄Si) with a Varian SL-100-15 spectrometer, and the correct integrals were obtained for the assignments indicated; chemical shifts quoted for multiplets were measured from the approximate centers. The mass spectra were determined with a Hitachi Perkin-Elmer RMU-6D-3 spectrometer. Chromatographic analyses were carried out on tlc plates of silica gel H (Brinkmann or Analtech). The spots were detected by uv light after spraying with Ultraphor (WT, highly concentrated) and by

Compd no.	R_1	R_2	Sugar	ED ₅₀ , μΜ
	Cl	ОН	β -Rib o	10
10a	C1	MeS	eta-Ribo	170
11a	Cl	EtS	β -Ribo	90
12a	Cl	BuS	β -Ribo	90
13a	Cl	$H_2N(CH_2)_2$	eta-Ribo	>50
9a	Cl	Cl	β -Ribo	2 5
	F	OH	β-Ribo	0.02
51	\mathbf{F}	EtS	eta-Ribo	0.16^{b}
	NH_2	OH	eta-Ribo	40
49	NH_2	MeS	eta-Ribo	>60
50	NH_2^-	EtS	eta-Ribo	60
	OH	OH	β-Ribo	>70
54	OH	EtS	β -Ribo	30^{b}
20	BuS	BuS	eta-Ribo	20
	Н	OH	eta-Arabino	>150
69	H	MeS	eta-Arabino	>70
	H	OH	eta-Xylo	50
β- 41 b	H	MeS	eta-Xylo	160
β -40b	Cl	MeS	eta-Xylo	45
α -41b	H	MeS	lpha -Xylo	>70
lpha-40b	C1	MeS	α -Xylo	>120

^a The concentration required to inhibit the growth of treated cells to 50% of controls.22 b KB cells.

charring after spraying with aqueous ammonium sulfate. The 2aminoethylthio compounds were also detected with ninhydrin

2-Chloro-2',3'-O-isopropylideneadenosine (2a). A solution of 2-chloroadenosine (1.21 g, 4 mmol) in 480 ml of acetone containing 1.42 ml of 2,2-dimethoxypropane and 1.88 ml of 70% perchloric acid was stirred for 0.5 hr before it was neutralized with 2.08 ml of dry pyridine and evaporated to dryness in vacuo. An aqueous solution of the residue was extracted three times with CH2Cl2. Evaporation of the combined, dried (MgSO4) extracts gave a white solid, which was recrystallized from methanol: yield 1.05 g (77%); mp 290-291°; λ_{max} nm ($\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$) (pH 7) 211 (26.2), $264\ (15.5).\ Anal.\ (C_{12}H_{16}N_5O_4Cl)\ C,\ H,\ N.$

7-Amino-3-(2,3-O-isopropylidene- β -D-ribofuranosyl)-vtriazolo[4,5-d]pyrimidine (2b). In a similar manner as described for 2a, 8-azaadenosine (1.07 g, 4 mmol) was converted to 2b: yield 1.045 g (85%); mp 184–185°; $\lambda_{\rm max}$ nm ($\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$) (pH 7) 279 (11.7). Anal. (C₁₂H₁₆N₆O₄) C, H, N.

2',3'-O-Anisylidene-2-chloroadenosine (3a). In the manner described for 3b, 2-chloroadenosine (3.70 g) was converted to its anisylidene derivative 3a: yield 2.60 g (51%). The tlc homogenous 3a was used without further purification.

7-Amino-3-(2,3-O-anisylidene-β-D-ribofuranosyl)-v-triazolo[4,5-d]pyrimidine (3b). A solution of 8-azaadenosine (1.54 g) and anisaldehyde (1.5 ml) in a mixture of DMF (5 ml) and ethyl orthoformate (3 ml) containing 3.4 ml of 4 N HCl in dioxane was allowed to stand at room temperature for 4 days before it was poured into 2% Na₂CO₃ solution (100 ml). The resulting oil was extracted into CHCl₃ (700 ml). Evaporation of the dried (MgSO₄) CHCl₃ solution gave an oil, which was crystallized from 60 ml of EtOH: yield 947 mg (51%); mp 194-195°; λ_{max} nm ($\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$) (pH 7) 218 (20.9), 278 (12.6). Anal. (C₁₇H₁₈N₆O₅) C, H, N.

Table II. Cytotoxicity Data. Nucleosides of Purine Ring Analogs

Compd				
no.	X	Y	R	ED_{50} . μM^a
	N	N	ОН	20
9b	N	N	Cl	>70
10b	N	N	MeS	>130
23 b	\mathbf{N}	N	MeSO	>60
8b	N	N	${f MeSO}_2$	40
13b	N	N	$H_2N(CH_2)_2$	>90
	CH	N	OH	0.2
11c	CH	N	EtS	>60
	CH	CH	ОН	0.04
12d	СН	СН	BuS	120

^a The concentration required to inhibit the growth of treated cells to 50% of controls.22

Table III. Cytotoxicity Data. Purines and Ring Analogs

Compd	$\mathrm{ED}_{50},~\mu M^a$
2-Chloroadenine	10
2-Fluoroadenine	0.03
2-Aminoadenine	20
Isoguanine	600
8-Azaadenine	20
4-Aminopyrazolo[3,4- d pyrimidine	3.0

^a The concentration required to inhibit the growth of treated cells to 50% of controls.22

7-Amino-3-(2,3-O-methoxymethylidene- β -D-ribofuranosyl)v-triazolo[4,5-d]pyrimidine (4b). A suspension of 8-azaadenosine (2.68 g) in trimethyl orthoformate (10 ml) containing p-toluenesulfonic acid (2.28 g) was refluxed for 1 hr. The cooled mixture diluted with CHCl3 was washed with NaHCO3 solution, followed by water, and then dried over MgSO₄. Evaporation of the CHCl₃ gave a solid which was recrystallized from methanol: yield 886 mg (29%); mp 195–196°; $\lambda_{\rm max}$ nm ($\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$) (pH 7) 279 (11.5). Anal. $(C_{11}H_{14}N_6O_5)C, H, N.$

2-Chloro-2',3'-O-isopropylidene-5'-tosyladenosine solution of 2a (1.04 g, 3.04 mmol) and tosyl chloride (1.17 g, 608 mmol) in 100 ml of dry pyridine (molecular sieve) was allowed to stand at -20° for 3 days before more tosyl chloride (585 mg) was added. After 3 more days, another portion of tosyl chloride (588 mg) was added and the solution allowed to stand another day before CHCl₃ and cold NaHCO₃ solution (500 ml) were added. The CHCl₃ and water layers were separated and the water was extracted with CHCl₃. The combined CHCl₃ extracts were washed with 1 N H₂SO₄ until the water layer remained acidic. Evaporation of the dried (MgSO₄) CHCl₃ solution gave a white glass that was recrystallized from EtOH: yield 1.27 g (84%); mp 290-291°; λ_{max} nm (ϵ × 10⁻³) (pH 7) 211 (26.2), 264 (15.5). Anal. (C₁₃H₁₆N₅O₄Cl) C, H, N.

7-Amino-3-(2,3-O-isopropylidene-5-O-tosyl-β-D-ribofuranosyl)-v-triazolo[4,5-d]pyrimidine (5b). To a solution of 2b in 50 ml of pyridine at 0° was added tosyl chloride (614 mg) in 5 ml of CHCl₃. After standing overnight at room temperature, more tosyl chloride (614 mg) was added cold and the solution allowed to stand for 2 more days. Cold NaHCO3 solution (200 ml) was added and the CHCl3 layer separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CHCl₃ (2 × 100 ml) and the combined CHCl₃ extracts were washed with water and dried over MgSO4 before they were evaporated to dryness in vacuo. The residue was recrystallized from EtOH: yield 710 mg (53%); mp 171-173°; λ_{max} nm ($\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$) (pH 7) 281 (10.0). Anal. (C₁₀H₂₂N₆O₆S) C, H, N

7-Amino-3-(2,3-O-anisylidene-5-O-tosyl-β-D-ribofuranosyl)v-triazolo[4,5-d]pyrimidine (6b). Tosyl chloride (2.51 g, 13.14 mmol) was added to a solution of 3b (2.54 g, 6.57 mmol) in dry pyridine (60 ml) cooled in a Dry Ice-acetone bath. After the solution was allowed to stand for 4 days at 20°, it was poured in 55 ml of ice and saturated NaHCO3. The gummy solid that formed was triturated twice with H2O before it was dissolved in CHCl3 (40 ml). The washed (H₂O) and dried (MgSO₄) CHCl₃ solution was evaporated to dryness, and the residue was triturated with MeOH giving a crystalline solid: yield 2.15 g (65%). This intermediate was used without further purification.

7-Amino-3-[5-deoxy-5-(methylsulfonyl)- β -D-ribofuranosyl]v-triazolo[4,5-d]pyrimidine (8b). A solution of 17b (416 mg, 1.00 mmol) in a mixture of 10 ml of glacial acetic acid and 10 ml of 30% H₂O₂ was allowed to stand overnight at room temperature before it was evaporated to dryness in vacuo without heat. The residue was purified by chromatography on a thick silica gel plate developed with 3:1 CHCl₃-MeOH. The product was eluted with and recrystallized from MeOH: yield 124 mg (38%); mp 123-124° dec; λ_{max} nm ($\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$) (0.1 N HCl) 263 (12.4): λ_{max} (pH 7) 279 (11.3). Anal. (C₁₀H₁₄N₆O₅S) C, H, N.

2,5'-Dichloro-5'-deoxyadenosine (9a). A solution of 2-chloroadenosine (1a, 1.0 g) and SOCl₂ (1.5 ml) in hexamethylphosphoramide (10 ml) was allowed to stand for 16 hr at room temperature before it was poured into 90 ml of ice water. The yellow solid that precipitated was washed with water until the filtrate was neutral and then recrystallized twice from water: yield 640 mg (62%); mp 207-209°; λ_{max} nm ($\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$) (pH 7) 264 (14.6). Anal. (C₁₀H₁₁N₅O₃Cl₂) C, H, N.

7-Amino-3-(5-chloro-5-deoxy-β-D-ribofuranosyl)-v-triazolo-[4,5-d]pyrimidine (9b). To a solution of thionyl chloride (1.5 g) in hexamethylphosphoramide (10 ml) was added 8-azaadenosine (1.00 g, 3.72 mmol). After being stirred overnight, the solution was poured in 90 ml of H₂O and this solution poured onto a column of Dowex 50-X4 (H+ form, 300 ml). The column was washed with water and then eluted with 1 N NH4OH. After eluting with 1 l., the product came off in the next 1.5 l. Lyophilization gave a white solid that was recrystallized from water: yield 618 mg (58%); mp 180-182°; λ_{max} nm ($\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$) (pH 7 and 13) 278 (11.4). Anal. (C₉H₁₁N₆O₃Cl) C, H, N.

4-Amino-1-(5-chloro-5-deoxy-β-D-ribofuranosyl)pyrazolo-[3,4-d]pyrimidine (9c). 4-Amino-1-β-D-ribofuranosylpyrazolo[3,4d]pyrimidine (1c, 1 g) was added with stirring to a mixture of thionyl chloride (1.5 ml) and hexamethylphosphoramide (10 ml). After stirring overnight at room temperature, the mixture was poured into 90 ml of water, and the solution was poured onto a Dowex 50 X-4 (H+ form, 300 ml). Elution of the column with 3 l. of 1 N NH4OH gave a solution of the product which was lyophilized to give a white solid. Recrystallization from methanol gave **9c**: yield 855 mg (81%); mp 187–188°; λ_{max} nm ($\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$) (0.1 N HCl) 257 (10.7); λ_{max} (pH 7, 0.1 N NaOH) 260 (9.1), 274 (11.2). Anal. (C₁₀H₁₂N₅O₃Cl) C, H, N.

2-Chloro-5'-deoxy-5'-(methylthio)adenosine (10a). A. A solution of 14a (65 mg) in 26 ml of EtOH and 13 ml of 1 N H₂SO₄ was allowed to stand at room temperature for 4 days before it was neutralized with Ba(OH)2 and filtered. Evaporation of the filtrate gave a white glass that gelled from hot water: yield 35 mg (62.5%); melting point indefinite; λ_{max} nm ($\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$) (pH 7) 209 (28.9), 264 (15.4). Anal. (C₁₁H₁₄N₅O₃ClS) C, H, N.

B. A solution of 37a (336 mg) in methanolic ammonia (100 ml, saturated at 0°) was allowed to stand at room temperature for 24 hr before it was evaporated to dryness in vacuo. The crude product was purified by chromatography on a thick silica gel plate using 15:1 CHCl₃-MeOH as the developer: yield 145 mg (57%). This material was identical with that prepared as described in A above.

7-Amino-3-[5-deoxy-5-(methylthio)-β-D-ribofuranosyl]-vtriazolo[4,5-d]pyrimidine (10b). A solution of 14b (128 mg, 0.38 mmol) in a mixture of 25 ml of 1 N H2SO4 and 50 ml of ethanol was allowed to stand at room temperature for 5 days before it was neutralized with saturated Ba(OH)2 solution. The BaSO4 was removed by filtration, and the filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified by chromatography on a thick silica gel plate developed with 4:1 CHCl3-MeOH. The product was eluted with MeOH: yield 58 mg (51%); λ_{max} nm ($\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$) (0.1 N HCl)

262 (11.9); λ_{max} (pH 7) 279 (11.0). Anal. (C10H14N6O3S-0.25MeOH) C, H, N.

4-Amino-1-[5-deoxy-5-(ethylthio)-β-D-ribofuranosyl]pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidine (11c). A solution of 9c (246 mg, 1 mmol) and ethyl mercaptan (1 ml, 13 mmol) in 0.17 N NaOH was refluxed for 3 hr. After the addition of 1 ml of ethyl mercaptan and 2 ml of 1 N NaOH, the solution was refluxed another hour. The precipitate that formed was removed by filtration and recrystallized from water: yield 108 mg (34%); mp 160-162°; λ_{max} nm (ϵ × $10^{-3})~(0.1~N~HCl)~217~(26.7),~257~(10.2);~\lambda_{\rm max}~(pH~7,~0.1~N~NaOH)~260~(9.5),~275~(11.0).~Anal.~(C_{12}H_{17}N_5O_3S\cdot0.5H_2O)~C,~H,$

5'-(Butylthio)-2-chloro-5'-deoxyadenosine (12a). A mixture of 9a (320 mg, 1.00 mmol), butyl mercaptan (90.2 mg, 1.00 mmol), and K₂CO₃ (1.38 mg, 1.00 mmol) in DMF (10 ml) was heated at 125° for 30 min and then another 90 mg of butyl mercaptan was added and heating continued for another 30 min. Evaporation in vacuo of the filtered reaction mixture gave an orange syrup that was dissolved in EtOH. The addition of 1 mmol of picric acid gave a solid that was recrystallized from EtOH: mp 116-119°. Anal. $(C_{20}H_{23}N_8O_{10}ClS)$ C, H, N $(\Delta N, 0.50)$.

Treatment of a solution of the picrate with Dowex 1-X8 (CO₃²⁻) gave a white glass which was precipitated from water: yield 181 mg (48%); $\lambda_{\rm max}$ nm ($\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$) (pH 7) 265 (14.7). Anal. (C₁₄H₂₀N₅O₃ClS) C, H, N (Δ C, 0.43).

4-Amino-7-[5-(butylthio)-5-deoxy- β -D-ribofuranosyl]pyrrolo-[2,3-d]pyrimidine (12d). After being stirred for 16 hr at room temperature, a solution of 4-amino-7-β-p-ribofuranosylpyrrolo[2,3d]pyrimidine (1d, 266 mg, 1 mmol) and thionyl chloride (0.41 ml) in hexamethylphosphoramide (2.7 ml) was evaporated to an oil (9d) in vacuo without heat, and the oil was poured into a mixture of 1 ml of butyl mercaptan and 20 ml of 2 N NaOH. After being heated at 90° for 1 hr, the solution was chilled overnight. The solid that precipitated was dissolved in CHCl₃ and the solution washed with water, dried over MgSO4, and evaporated to dryness in vacuo. The residue was recrystallized from water: yield 150 mg (41%); mp 130–132°; $\lambda_{\rm max}$ nm (ϵ × 10⁻³) (0.1 N HCl) 227 (23.0), 271 (11.0); λ_{max} (pH 7, 0.1 N NaOH) 270 (11.9). Anal. $(C_{15}H_{22}N_4O_3S)C, H, N.$

5'-(2-Aminoethylthio)-2-chloro-5'-deoxyadenosine (13a). A solution of 15a (205 mg) in a mixture of 1.5 ml of EtOH and 1.5 ml of 1 N H₂SO₄ was allowed to stand at room temperature for 6 days and then stored for 2 weeks at -15°. Upon the addition of 6 ml of EtOH, the gum that had formed solidified, and the solid (146 mg) was removed by filtration. It was dissolved in water (12 ml) and precipitated with EtOH (48 ml): yield 48 mg (22%); melting point indefinite; λ_{max} nm ($\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$) (pH 7) 264 (13.1); pmr (DMSO- d_6) δ 2.75 (m, $2H_{5'}$), 2.92 (m, $-CH_2CH_2-$), 4.1 (m, $H_{3'}$ and $H_{4'}$), 4.65 (m, $H_{2'}$), 5.85 (d, $J_{1'2'} = 5 Hz$, $H_{1'}$), 7.8 (br, NH_2), 8.4 (s, H_8). Anal. ($C_{12}H_{17}N_6O_3CIS \cdot 0.5H_2SO_4 \cdot 0.5H_2O \cdot 0.1-$ EtOH) C, H, N.

7-Amino-3-[5-(2-aminoethylthio)-5-deoxy-β-D-ribofuranosyl]-v-triazolo[4,5-d]pyrimidine (13b). A solution of 16b (190 mg) in 17 ml of 0.1 N H2SO4 was allowed to stand at room temperature overnight before it was carefully concentrated to 5 ml in vacuo without heat. EtOH (15 ml) was added and the solution chilled for 2 hr. The white precipitate was removed by filtration, washed with EtOH, and dried: yield 106 mg (60%); λ_{max} nm (ϵ × 10-3) (0.1 N HCl) 263 (12.2); $\lambda_{\rm max}$ (pH 7) 279 (11.3); pmr (DMSO- d_6) δ 2.75 (m, 2H₅·), 2.95 (m, -CH₂CH₂-), 4.2 (m, H₄·), 4.4 (t, $H_{3'}$), 4.9 (t, $H_{2'}$), 6.2 (d, $J_{1'2'} = 4 Hz$, $H_{1'}$), 7.7 (br, NH_2), 8.35 (s, H₂). Anal. (C₁₁H₁₇N₇O₃S·H₂SO₄·0.75H₂O) C, H, N.

2-Chloro-5'-deoxy-2',3'-O-isopropylidene-5'-(methylthio)adenosine (14a). To a 0.1 N sodium methoxide in methanol solution saturated with methyl mercaptan at 0° was added 5.84 g of 5a. The solution was allowed to stand at room temperature overnight before it was neutralized with HOAc and evaporated to dryness in vacuo. A solution of the residue in CHCl3 was washed with water, dried over MgSO₄, and evaporated to dryness in vacuo. The residue was crystallized from EtOH: yield 3.7 g (95%); mp 195-197°. Anal. (C₁₄H₁₈N₅O₃ClS·0.25EtOH) C, H, N

7-Amino-3-[5-deoxy-2,3-O-isopropylidene-5-(methylthio)- β -D-ribofuranosyl]-v-triazolo[4,5-d]pyrimidine (14b). A mixture of 5b (535 mg, 1.16 mmol) in 58 ml of 0.1 N sodium methoxide in methanol saturated with methyl mercaptan (at 0°) was refluxed for 2 hr before it was evaporated to dryness. The solution of the residue in CHCl3 was washed with water and dried over MgSO₄. Evaporation of the CHCl₃ gave a yellow glass that crystallized from ethanol: yield 156 mg (40%); mp 121–122°; $\lambda_{\rm max}$ nm ($\epsilon \times$ 10⁻³) (0.1 N HCl) 262 (12.2); $\lambda_{\rm max}$ (pH 7, 0.1 N NaOH) 280 (11.8). Anal. (C₁₃H₁₈N₆O₃S) C, H, N.

5'-(2-Aminoethylthio)-2-chloro-5'-deoxy-2',3'-O-isopropylideneadenosine (15a). A mixture of 5a (991 mg, 2 mmol), 2-aminoethanethiol hydrochloride (228 mg, 2 mmol), K₂CO₃ (552 mg, 4 mmol), and DMA (25 ml) was heated with stirring at 125° for 25 min and then more 2-aminoethanethiol hydrochloride (228 mg) and K2CO3 (552 mg) were added, and the mixture was heated for another 25 min. Evaporation in vacuo of the filtered reaction mixture gave a gum that partially dissolved in CHCl3. Evaporation of the filtered CHCl3 solution gave a yellow syrup that was purified by chromatography on thick silica gel plates using 3:1 CHCl3-MeOH as developer. Elution of the bands from the plates gave 5a (126 mg, 13% recovery) and the product 14a (205 mg, 26% based on unrecovered 5a). This tle homogeneous material was used in the next step without further purification.

7-Amino-3-[5-(2-aminoethylthio)-2,3-O-anisylidene-5deoxy- β -D-ribofuranosyl]-v-triazolo[4,5-d]pyrimidine Small pieces of sodium were added to a solution of 2-aminoethanethiol hydrochloride (208 mg, 1.83 mmol) in liquid ammonia (ca. 40 ml) until the blue color persisted for 10 min. Compound 6b (465 mg, 0.915 mmol) was then added slowly with stirring and ammonia solution allowed to evaporate slowly. The residue was dried in vacuo before it was shaken with equal volumes (20 ml) of CHCl₃ and ice-cold 1 N H₂SO₄. The CHCl₃ layer was extracted twice with cold 1 N $\rm H_2SO_4$ (10 ml). The total acid solution was chilled and neutralized with 50% NaOH. The resulting precipitate was extracted in CHCl3, which was washed with water and dried over MgSO₄. Evaporation of the CHCl₃ gave an orange syrup which was purified by chromatography on thick silica gel plates developed with MeOH. The product was eluted with MeOH which was evaporated to give a residue that was dissolved in CHCl₃. After filtration through Celite, the CHCl₃ solution was evaporated to dryness to give a white glass. An attempt to crystallize this glass from EtOH failed: yield 76 mg (19%); λ_{max} nm $(\epsilon \times 10^{-3})$ (0.1 N HCl) 265 (15.8); $\lambda_{\rm max}$ (pH 7) 278 (12.7). Anal. $(C_{19}H_{23}N_7O_4S\cdot 0.6C_2H_5OH) C, H, N.$

7-Amino-3- $\{2,3-O$ -anisylidene-5-deoxy-5-(methylthio)- β -Dribofuranosyl]-v-triazolo[4,5-d]pyrimidine (17b). A mixture of 6b (2.03 g, 4.0 mmol) in 40 ml of 1 N methanolic sodium methoxide saturated with methyl mercaptan was refluxed with stirring for 40 min before it was evaporated to dryness in vacuo. A solution of the residue in CHCl3 was washed with 0.1 N acetic acid several times and then with water before it was dried over MgSO₄. Evaporation of the CHCl₃ gave a solid that crystallized from MeOH: yield 985 mg (59%); melting point indefinite; λ_{max} nm ($\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$) (0.1 N HCl) 264 (16.1); $\bar{\lambda}_{max}$ (pH 7) 278 (12.6). Anal. (C₁₈H₂₀N₆O₄S) C, H, N.

2,5'-Di(butylthio)-5'-deoxyadenosine (20). A solution of 9a (320 mg, 1.00 mmol) and butyl mercaptan (2 ml) in 30 ml of 2 NNaOH was heated at 80° for 2 hr. The solid that precipitated from the cold solution was dissolved in CHCl₃, and the solution was washed with water and dried over MgSO₄. Evaporation of the CHCl3 gave a white solid that was recrystallized from benzene: yield 273 mg (64%); mp 150-152°; $\lambda_{\rm max}$ nm ($\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$) (pH 7) 236 (19.5), 275 (13.1). Anal. (C₁₈H₂₉N₅O₃S₂) C, H, N.

7-Amino-3-[5-deoxy-5-(methylsulfinyl)- β -D-ribofuranosyl]v-triazolo[4,5-d]pyrimidine (23b). A solution of 10b (475 mg, 1.6 mmol) in 15 ml of 50% acetic acid containing 0.16 ml of 30% H₂O₂ was allowed to stand 4 hr at room temperature before it was evaporated to dryness in vacuo without heat. The residue was twice dissolved in water and the solution evaporated to dryness. The resultant white glass was crystallized from MeOH. Recrystallization from MeOH gave 345 mg of 22b (69%); mp 227-229°; $\lambda_{\rm max}$ nm ($\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$) (0.1 N HCl) 262 (12.7); $\lambda_{\rm max}$ (pH 7) 279 (11.5), Anal. (C₁₀H₁₄N₆O₄S) C, H, N

 $1,2,3\text{-Tri-}{\it O}\text{-acetyl-5-deoxy-5-(ethylthio)-d-ribofuranose} \quad (30).$ A solution of 24 (19.3 g, 53.8 mmol) and ethyl mercaptan (40 ml, 538 mmol) in 270 ml of 1 N sodium methoxide in EtOH was refluxed for 2 hr. The chilled solution was neutralized with HOAc before evaporation to dryness in vacuo. A CHCl3 solution of the residue was washed with NaHCO3 solution, followed by water, and then dried over MgSO₄. Evaporation of the CHCl₃ gave about 14 g of 26, which was dissolved in a mixture of 74 ml of dioxane and 184 ml of 0.1 N H₂SO₄. After the solution was refluxed for 2 hr, it was neutralized with Ba(OH)2. The filtered solution was evaporated in vacuo and the residue dissolved in dry pyridine which was evaporated to dryness. The process was repeated giving about 11 g of 28, which was dissolved in 97 ml of dry pyridine. Acetic anhydride (24.4 ml) was added dropwise with stirring to the chilled solution. After 1 hr the solution was allowed to warm to room temperature and stand overnight before it was

poured into a mixture of 715 ml of ice and 860 ml of CHCl₃. The CHCl₃ solution was washed with four portions (340 ml) of ice-cold 1 N H₂SO₄, followed by water and NaHCO₃ solution. Evaporation of the dried CHCl₃ solution gave 16.8 g of 30 as an oil characterized by tlc and mass spectrum. It was used in the fusion reaction without further purification.

5-Deoxy-1,2-O-isopropylidine-5-(methylthio)-α-D-xylofura**nose** (32). A solution of 1,2- θ -isopropylidene-5- θ -tosyl- α -p-xylofuranose¹⁶ (31, 3.44 g, 10 mmol) in 50 ml of 1 N sodium methoxide saturated with methyl mercaptan was refluxed for 4 hr before it was evaporated to dryness. The CHCl3 solution of the residue was washed twice with H₂O and then dried over MgSO₄ before it was evaporated to dryness. The residue was recrystallized from ether: yield 1.10 g (50%); mp 88-91°. Anal. (C₉H₁₆O₄S) C, H, N.

1,2,3-Tri-O-acetyl-5-deoxy-5-(methylthio)-D-xylofuranose (34). A solution of 32 (3.25 g, 14.8 mmol) in a mixture of 21 ml of dioxane and 51 ml of 0.1 N H₂SO₄ was heated at 100° for 2 hr before neutralization with barium hydroxide. The BaSO₄ was removed by filtration, and the filtrate was evaporated to dryness to give 33 as an orange oil which was dissolved in dry pyridine (25) ml). Acetic anhydride (6.8 g, 67 mmol) was added slowly to the chilled solution. The solution was allowed to stand overnight at room temperature before it was poured on ice (450 ml) and CHCl₃ added. The water was extracted twice with CHCl3 and the combined CHCl₃ solution was washed with cold 1 N H₂SO₄ until the aqueous layer remained acidic, then with H2O, then with saturated NaHCO3 solution, and finally with water. Evaporation of the dried $(MgSO_4)$ CHCl3 solution gave 34 as a light orange syrup that was used in the fusion reaction without further purification: vield 4 g (89%).

9-[2,3-Di-O-acetyl-5-deoxy-5-(methylthio)- β -D-ribofuranosyl]-2,6-dichloropurine (37a). A mixture of 2,6-dichloropurine (35) and 1,2,3-tri-O-acetyl-5-deoxy-5-(methylthio)ribofuranose (29)11 was fused at 130° with vigorous stirring for 45 min under a 25-mm vacuum. The brown melt was purified by chromatography on a silica gel column using 99:1 CHCl3-MeOH as the eluent: yield of colorless glass, 2.03 g (80%); pmr (CDCl₃) δ 2.08, 2.18, $2.20 \ (3 \ s, \ Me), \ 3.0 \ (d, \ CH_2), \ 4.47 \ (q, \ H_{4'}), \ 5.55 \ (q, \ H_{3'}), \ 5.86 \ (t, \ H_{4'}), \ (q, \ H_{4'}), \ (q, \ H_{3'}), \ (q, \$ $H_{2'}$), 6.21 (d, $J_{1'2'} = 5 \text{ Hz}$, $H_{1'}$), 8.4 (H_8). This material was used in subsequent reactions without further purification.

2,6-Dichloro-9-[2,3-di-O-acetyl-5-deoxy-5-(ethylthio)-β-Dribofuranosyl]purine (39a). In the manner described for 37a, 35 (9.9 g) and 30 (16.8 g) gave 16.7 g (71%) of 39a.

 $\hbox{2--Chloro-9-[5-deoxy-5-(methylthio)-$D-xylofuranosyl]} a denine$ (40b). A mixture of 35 (1.24 g, 6.54 mmol) and 34 (2.00 g, 6.54 mmol) was heated in a 135° oil bath at 25 mm of pressure for 15 min before it was cooled and p-toluenesulfonic acid (33 mg) added. The mixture was again heated in the 135° oil bath at 25mm of pressure for 40 min. A CHCl3 solution of the dark glass was washed with saturated NaHCO3 solution and then with H2O before it was dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated to dryness: pmr (CDCl₃) δ 1.90 (s, CH₃ of Ac of α anomer), 2.2 (several s, SCH₃). $2.85 \text{ (m, } 2H_{5'}), 4.6, 4.9, 5.2, 5.5 \text{ (m's, } H_{2'}, H_{3'}, H_{4'}), 6.18 \text{ (d. } J_{1/2'}$ = 2 Hz, $H_{1'}$ of β anomer), 6.65 (d. $J_{1'2'}$ = 5 Hz, $H_{1'}$ of α anomer), 8.2 (s. H_8 of α anomer), 8.35 (s. H_8 of β anomer). The dark syrup 37b (2.31 g) was dissolved in ethanolic ammonia (saturated at 0°) and the solution allowed to stand at room temperature overnight before it was evaporated to dryness. The residue was chromatographed on a silica gel column. The column was eluted with $CHCl_3\ (600\ ml),\ 99:1\ CHCl_3-MeOH\ (600\ ml),\ and\ then\ 17:1$ CHCl3-MeOH. After 1425 ml of the 19:1 mixture, the 3 anomer was eluted in the next 510 ml. After an additional 450 ml. the a anomer was eluted in the next 600 ml. Evaporation of the fractions containing the β anomer gave 402 mg (18%) of this compound (b-40b) as a glass: $\lambda_{\rm max}$ nm (e \times 10⁻³) (pH I and 7) 264 (14.9); pmr (DMSO- d_6) δ 2.12 (s. CH₃), 2.85 (m. 2H₅), 4.1 and 4.35 (2 m, H₂, H₃, H₄), 5.57 and 5.59 (2 d, OH), 5.82 (d, $J_{1/2}$ <2 Hz, H_{1'}), 7.75 (s, NH₂), 8.22 (H₈), Anal. (C₁₁H₁₄ClN₅O₃S) C. H.N.

Evaporation of the column fractions containing a-40b gave a solid that was recrystallized from H₂O: vield 120 mg (6%); mp 190–192°; λ_{max} nm $(\varepsilon\times 10^{-3})$ (pH 1 and 7) 264 (17.6); pmr δ 2.14 (s, CH₃), 2.75 (m, 2H₅·), 4.15 (m, H₂·, H₃·), 4.5 (m, H₄·), 5.5–5.9 (OH), 6.26 (d, $J_{1'2} = 4$ Hz, H₁·), 7.7 (br s, NH₂), 8.12 (H₈). Anal. $(C_{11}H_{14}ClN_5O_3S\cdot0.4H_2O)$ C, H, N.

9-[5-Deoxy-5-(methylthio)-D-xylofuranosyl]adenine (41b). A mixture of 34 (1.72 g, 5.62 mmol) and 6-chloropurine (36, 868 mg, 5.62 mmol) was heated in a 135° oil bath at 25 mm for 15 min. To the cooled melt was added 30 mg of p-toluenesulfonic acid, and the mixture was heated at 135° again for about 1 hr. A CHCl₃ solution of the cooled reaction mixture was washed with saturated NaHCO₃ solution, then H₂O, and dried over MgSO₄. Evaporation of the CHCl3 gave a dark solid (1.53 g) that was dissolved in 200 ml of ethanolic ammonia (saturated at 0°). This solution was heated at 80° for 16 hr before it was evaporated to dryness in vacuo. The dark residue (1.2 g) was purified by chromatography on thick silica gel plates developed twice in 9:1 CHCl₃-MeOH. The two major bands were eluted with methanol giving two nucleosides (586 mg of the faster moving compound and 236 mg of the slower moving). These nucleosides were converted to their picrates in H₂O. The larger sample gave 450 mg (22%) of a picrate: mp 199-201°. Recrystallization from H₂O did not change the melting point. Anal. $(C_{11}H_{15}N_5O_3S\cdot C_6H_3N_3O_7)$ C, H, N.

Treatment of a solution of the picrate in 9:1 MeOH-H₂O with Dowex 1-X8 (CO₃²⁻ form) gave a colorless solution which was combined with water washes of the resin and evaporated to dryness to give \(\beta-41\)b as a white glass: yield 188 mg (90\% from picrate); λ_{max} nm ($\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$) (pH 7 and 13) 259 (14.2); pmr (DMSO $d_{6}) \ \delta \ 2.14 \ (s, \ CH_{3}), \ 2.8 \ (m, \ 2H_{5'}), \ 4.04 \ (m, \ H_{3'}), \ 4.3 \ (m, \ H_{2'}, \ M_{3'}), \ 4.3 \ (m, \ H_{3'}, \ M_{3'}), \ 4.3 \ (m, \ H_{3'}, \ M_{3'}, \ M_{3'}), \ 4.3 \ (m, \ H_{3'}, \ M_{3'}, \ M_{3$ $H_{4'}$), 5.9 and 6.05 (2 d, OH), 5.9 (d, $J_{1'2'} = \langle 2 \text{ Hz}, H_{1'} \rangle$, 7.3 (br s, NH_2), 8.16 and 8.25 (H_2 , H_8).

The picrate of the smaller sample was converted to the free nucleoside in the same manner: yield of essentially pure material, 77 mg (6.8%). This material crystallized from water: mp 172-173°; $\lambda_{\rm max}$ nm ($\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$) (pH 7 and 13) 259 (14.9); pmr (DMSO- d_6) δ 2.15 (s, CH₃), 2.7 (m, 2H₅), 3.3-3.8 (OH), 4.18 (m, H₂, H₃), 4.55 (m, $H_{4'}$), 6.35 (d, $J_{1'2'} = 4$ Hz, $H_{1'}$), 7.18 (br s, NH₂), 8.14 $(s, H_2, H_8). \, \textit{Anal.} \, (C_{11}H_{15}N_5O_3S \cdot 0.5H_2O) \, C, \, H, \, N.$

2-Chloro-5'-deoxy-5'-(ethylthio)adenosine (42a). A solution of 39a (3.3 g) in 250 ml of ethanolic ammonia (saturated at 0°) was allowed to stand at room temperature for 2 days before it was evaporated to dryness in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in water and treated with 1 equiv of picric acid in water. Treatment of the picrate with Dowex 1-X8 (CO32-) gave a cream-colored glass that was chromatographed on a silica gel column using 9:1 CHCl₃-MeOH as the eluent. The product obtained from this column finally crystallized from water on long standing: yield 561 mg. An additional amount of pure material (292 mg) was obtained from the filtrate by chromatography on a thick plate using 9:1 CHCl3-MeOH as developer: total yield 853 mg (36%); melting point indefinite; $\lambda_{\rm max}$ nm ($\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$) (pH 7) 264 (15.3); pmr (DMSO- d_6) δ 1.15 (t, CH₃), 2.5 (m, CH₂ + DMSO- d_5), 2.9 (m, $2H_{5'}$), 4.1 (m, $H_{3'}$, $H_{4'}$), 4.7 (t, $H_{2'}$), 5.85 (d, $J_{1'2'} = 5 Hz$, $H_{1'}$), $7.7~(br,\,NH_2),\,8.38~(s,\,H_8).\,\textit{Anal.}~(C_{12}H_{16}N_5O_3ClS)~C,\,H,\,N.$

Elution of a second band on the thick plate gave 56 mg of another nucleoside identified by its uv, mass, and pmr spectra as 2-chloro-5'-deoxy-5'-(ethylsulfinyl)adenosine: λ_{max} nm ($\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$) (pH 7) 264 (12.5); mass spectrum (70 eV) m/e 332 (M⁺ - Et), $316 (M^+ - OEt)$, $284 (M^+ - EtSO)$; $198 (B^+ + CH_2O)$, $169 (B^+ + CH_2O)$ + H); pmr (DMSO- d_6) δ 1.2 (sextet, CH₃), 2.8 (m, CH₂ of Et), 3.3 (m, $2H_{5'}$), 4.3 (m, $H_{3'}$, $H_{4'}$), 4.75 (m, $H_{2'}$), 5.9 (3, $J_{1'2'} = 6$ $Hz, H_{1'}), 7.8 (br, NH_2), 8.38 (s, H_8).$

9-[2,3-Di-O-acetyl-5-deoxy-5-(methylthio)- β -D-ribofuranosyl]-2,6-diazidopurine (43). A solution of 37a (921 mg, 2.12 mmol) and sodium azide (277 mg, 4.24 mmol) in a mixture of 15 ml of EtOH and 1 ml of H2O was refluxed for 1 hr, filtered, and evaporated to dryness in vacuo. A CHCl3 solution of the residue was washed with H₂O, dried over MgSO₄, and then evaporated to dryness in vacuo: yield 981 mg.

2-Azido-5'-deoxy-5'-(methylthio)adenosine (46). A solution of 43 (890 mg) in 50 ml of absolute EtOH containing 5% Pd/C (184 mg) was hydrogenated at room temperature and atmospheric pressure. The hydrogen atmosphere was changed at 0.5, 1, and 2 hr. Evaporation of the filtered solution in vacuo gave a cream-colored glass (45) that was dissolved in methanolic ammonia (saturated at 0°). After standing overnight at room temperature, the solution was evaporated in vacuo giving an orange syrup (655 mg), which was converted to its picrate in water. The picrate was converted back to 46 by treatment with Dowex 1-X8 (CO32-). After much difficulty, a crystalline solid was finally obtained: yield 89 mg (17%); melting point indefinite; λ_{max} nm (ϵ × 10⁻³) (pH 7) 231 (5.18), 272 (14.1), 310 (sh), 323 (sh); ir strong band at 2230 cm⁻¹ (azide); pmr (DMSO- d_6) δ 2.1 (s, CH₃), 2.85 (m, $2H_{5'}),\ 4.1\ (m,\ H_{3'},\ H_{4'}),\ 4.7\ (t,\ H_{2'}),\ 5.25\ and\ 5.45\ (2\ d,\ OH),\ 5.82$ (d, $J_{1'2'} = 6 \text{ Hz}$, $H_{1'}$), 7.55 (br s, NH₂), 8.28 (H₈). Anal. $(C_{11}H_{14}N_8O_3S)C, H, N.$

2-Amino-5'-deoxy-5'-(methylthio)adenosine (49) Picrate. A solution of 43 (981 mg) in 50 ml of absolute EtOH containing 200 mg of 5% Pd/C was hydrogenated at room temperature and atmospheric pressure. The hydrogen atmosphere was changed at 0.5, 1, and 2 hr. The procedure had to be repeated with fresh catalyst to obtain complete reduction of 43. After filtration, the solution was evaporated to a cream-colored glass (47): yield 516 mg

A solution of 47 in 28 ml of 0.28 N sodium methoxide in methanol was refluxed for 45 min and then neutralized with acetic acid. The residue from evaporation of the solution was dissolved in water and treated with 1 equiv of picric acid. The resulting solid was recrystallized from water: yield 227 mg (32%); mp 198° dec. $\textit{Anal.} \; (C_{11}H_{16}N_6O_3S \cdot C_6H_3N_3O_7 \cdot 0.2H_2O) \; C, \; H, \; N.$

Treatment of the picrate (175 mg) with Dowex 1-X8 (CO₃²⁻) gave 76 mg of 49 as a white glass: λ_{max} nm ($\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$) (pH 1) 253 (11.3), 293 (9.82); λ_{max} (pH 7) 256 <math>(9.15), 280 (9.75).

2-Amino-5'-deoxy-5'-(ethylthio)adenosine (50). Reaction of 39 (12.6 g) with sodium azide as described for 37 gave 44: yield 12.09 g (93%). Reduction of 44 (12.0 g) as described for 43 gave 48: yield 9.9 g (92%). Treatment of 48 (1.25 g) with sodium methoxide as described for 47 gave 50: yield 531 mg (53%); mp 183-185°; λ_{max} nm ($\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$) (pH 7) 257 (9.75), 280 (10.4). Anal. (C₁₂H₁₈N₆O₃S) C, H, N.

5'-Deoxy-5'-(ethylthio)-2-fluoroadenosine (51). A solution of 52 (220 mg) in ethanolic ammonia (25 ml, saturated at 0°) was allowed to stand at 5° overnight before it was evaporated to dryness. The residue was recrystallized from ethanol: yield 100 mg (57%); mp 189-190°; λ_{max} nm ($\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$) (0.1 N HCl, 0.1 N NaOH) 262 (14.6), 267 (sh). Anal. (C₁₂H₁₆N₅O₃FS) C, H, N.

5'-Deoxy-5'-(ethylthio)-2-fluoroadenosine 2',3'-Diacetate (52) and 5'-Deoxy-5'-(ethylthio)isoguanosine 2',3'-Diacetate (53). To a suspension of 48 (1.11 g, 2.7 mmol) in fluoboric acid (14.5 ml) was added NaNO₂ (338 mg, 4.9 mmol) in H₂O (0.7 ml) with vigorous stirring at -20°. After 40 min, 50 ml of CHCl₃ was added and the mixture neutralized at -20° with ca. 5 ml of 5% NaOH. Evaporation of the dried CHCl₃ layer gave a cream-colored glass; yield 910 mg. A solution of this material in benzene was poured onto a silica gel column (300 g, Davidson, 140-200 mesh). It was eluted with a linear gradient of 2 l. of ethyl acetate into 2 l. of benzene at a flow rate of 10 ml/min. From the column was obtained 405 mg of 52 (37%) and 170 mg of 53 (15%). Identification was based on their uv spectra.

5'-Deoxy-5'-(ethylthio)isoguanosine (54). Compound 53 (170 mg) was deacetylated as described above for 52: yield 40 mg (30%); mp 205° dec; $\lambda_{\rm max}$ nm (ϵ × 10⁻³) (0.1 N HCl) 236 (5.66), 282 (8.82); $\lambda_{\rm max}$ (0.1 N NaOH) 254 (6.57), 284 (7.55). Anal. $(C_{12}H_{17}N_5O_4S{\cdot}1.25H_2O)\;C,\,H,\,N.$

2,3-Di-O-benzyl-5-O-tosyl-α-D-arabinofuranoside (56). A solution of methyl 2,3-di-O-benzyl-α-D-arabinofuranoside¹⁹ (55, 4.5 g, 13.1 mmol) and tosyl chloride (3.7 g, 19 mmol) was allowed to stand at -20° for 4 days before 1.35 ml of H2O was added, and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 45 min. It was then poured into 200 ml of saturated NaHCO3 solution containing ice, which was then extracted with three 50-ml portions of $CHCl_3$. The $CHCl_3$ solution was washed with $H_2O,\,0.1$ N H₂SO₄, and then water and dried over MgSO₄ before evaporation to dryness: yield of syrup 6.3 g; mass spectrum (70 eV) m/e 498 (M⁺), 467 (M⁺ – OMe), 439 (M⁺ – MeO₂CH), 407 (M⁺ – C₆H₅CH₂), 375 (M⁺ – C₆H₆CH₂ – CH₃OH); pmr (DMSO- d_6) δ 2.4 (s, CH₃ on phenyl), 3.24 (s, OCH₃), 3.9 and 4.15 (m's, H_{2'}, $H_{3'}$, $H_{4'}$, $2H_{5'}$), 4.5 (m, 2CH₂ of benzyl), 4.9 (s, $H_{1'}$), 7.3 and 7.8 (m's, phenyl).

2,3-Di-O-benzyl-5-deoxy-5-(methylthio)- α -D-arabi-Methyl nofuranoside (57). A solution of 56 (6.3 g, 12.5 mmol) in 62 ml of 1 N NaOMe in MeOH (saturated with MeSH at 0°) was refluxed for 5 hr before it was evaporated to dryness. A CHCl₃ (200 ml) suspension of the residue was washed with saturated NaHCO3 solution and then with water before it was dried over MgSO₄. Evaporation of the CHCl₃ gave a yellow oil: yield 4.0 g; mass spectrum (70 eV) m/e 343 (M⁺ - OCH₃), 283 (M⁺ - C₆H₅CH₂); pmr (DMSO- d_6) δ 2.1 (s, SCH₃), 2.75 (d, $J_{4'5'} = 6$ Hz, 2H_{5'}), 3.3 (s, OCH₃), 3.85 (q, H_{3'}), 3.95 (m, H_{2'}), 4.1 (q, H_{4'}), 4.58 (m, $2CH_2$ of benzyl), 4.97 (s, $H_{1'}$), 7.4 (m, phenyl).

2,3-Di-O-benzyl-5-deoxy-5-(methylthio)-D-arabinose (58). A solution of 57 in 9:1 trifluoroacetic acid-water (40 ml) was allowed to stand at room temperature for 2 hr before it was poured onto 400 ml of ice. The aqueous solution was extracted with methylene chloride which was washed twice with saturated NaHCO3 and then twice with H2O before it was dried over MgSO4 and evaporated to dryness. The dark residue was purified by chromatography on a silica gel column: yield 1.24 g (51%).

Methyl 2,3-Di-O-benzyl-5-O-benzoyl- α -D-arabinofuranoside (59). A mixture of 55 (12.8 g, 37.2 mmol) and benzoyl chloride (6.3 g. 45 mmol) in dry pyridine (165 ml) was allowed to stir overnight at room temperature before it was poured into 420 ml of ice water. The water was extracted with three 250-ml portions of CHCl₃, which were combined and washed with saturated NaHCO₃ solution (250 ml), three 300-ml portions of 3 N H₂SO₄, and four 250-ml portions of H2O before being dried over MgSO4 and evaporated to dryness: yield of syrup 16.1 g; pmr (CDCl₃) δ 3.4 (s, CH₃), 4 (m, 2H₅), 4.5 (m, H₂, H₃, H₄, CH₂ of benzyl), 4.99 (s, H₁), 7.3 and 8.0 (2 m, phenyl). The material was converted, without further purification, to the chloro sugar 60.

9-[2,3-Di-O-benzyl-5-deoxy-5-(methylthio)-p-arabinofuranosyl]adenine (63). A. A mixture of N-benzoyladenine (84 mg, 0.35 mmol), 64 [prepared from 100 mg (0.28 mmol) of 58], and Linde 4A molecular seive (1 g) in ethylene chloride (20 ml) was stirred at 55° for 11 days before it was filtered and the solids were washed with hot benzene. The residue from evaporation of the benzene (filtrate and wash) was purified by chromatography on thick silica gel plates developed twice in 99:1 CHCl₃-MeOH. Elution gave 40 mg of N-benzoyladenine and 45 mg of nucleosides that were refluxed for 0.5 hr in 10 ml of 0.1 N sodium methoxide in methanol. The solution was neutralized with acetic acid and evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified by chromatography on a thick silica gel plate developed in 19:1 CHCl₃-MeOH. Elution with MeOH gave an orange semisolid (35 mg): pmr (DMSO- d_6) δ 2.10 (s, CH₃ of β), 2.16 (s, CH₃ of α), 2.85 (d, $J_{4'5'}$ = 6 Hz, $2H_{5'}$ of α), 2.55 (d, $J_{4'5'}$ = 6 Hz, $2H_{5'}$ of β), 4.2 and 4.4 (2 m, H₂·, H₃·, H₄·), 4.4 (s, CH₂ of 2'-O-benzyl of β), 4.65 (s, CH₂ of 2'- and 3'-O-benzyl of α), 2.7 (s, CH₂ of 3'-O-benzyl of β), 4.8 (t, H₂· of α), 6.3 (d, J_{1·2}· = 3 Hz, H₁· of α), 6.47 (d, J_{1·2}· = 4 Hz, $H_{1'}$ of β), 7 and 7.4 (m's, phenyl and NH_2), 8.19 and 8.20 (2 s, H_2 and H_8 of β), 8.22 and 8.27 (2 s, H_2 and H_8 of α). The ratio of β to α was about 3:2.

B. A mixture of N-benzoyladenine (480 mg, 2 mmol), 64 [prepared from 384 mg (1.07 mmol) of 58], and Linde AW-500 molecular seive (1 g) in benzene (100 ml) was heated with stirring at 55° for 4 days before it was filtered and the solids were washed with benzene. The benzene (filtrate and wash) was evaporated to an orange syrup (300 mg) which was refluxed for 0.5 hr in 22 ml of $0.1\ N\ \mathrm{NaOMe}$ in methanol. This solution was neutralized with acetic acid before it was evaporated to an orange syrup that was purified by chromatography on thick silica gel plates developed in 19:1 CHCl₃-MeOH. Elution of the major band with MeOH gave the product as a syrup (50 mg). The pmr spectrum was very similar to that of the products obtained as described in A above, except that it showed the anomer ratio to be about $1\beta:2\alpha$.

2,3-Di-O-benzyl-5-deoxy-5-(methylthio)- α -D-arabinofuranosyl Chloride (64). A solution of 58 (36 mg) in 5 ml of ethereal HCl (saturated at 0°) was allowed to stand at 5° for 3 days before it was evaporated to dryness. The residue was twice dissolved in benzene and the solution evaporated to dryness, giving a syrup whose identity was established by its reaction with methanol to give methyl 2,3-di-O-benzyl-5-deoxy-5-(methylthio)-β-p-arabinofuranoside: pmr (DMSO-d₆) δ 2.1 (s, SCH₃), 2.7 (m, 2H₅), 3.32 (s, OCH₃), 4.0 (m, H₂, H₃, H₄), 4.55 and 4.65 (2 m, 2CH₂ of benzyl), 4.92 (d, $J_{12} = 4$ Hz, H_1), 7.34 (m, phenyl).

9-(5-O-Benzoyl-2,3-di-O-benzyl- β -D-arabinofuranosyl)-Nbenzoyladenine (65). A solution of 59 (16.1 g, 36 mmol) in 225 ml of glacial acetic acid saturated with dry HCl at 10° was allowed to stand for 3 hr before evaporation to dryness in vacuo. Toluene was added and the solution again evaporated to dryness in vacuo. A solution of the residue in 500 ml of ether saturated with HCl at 0° was allowed to stand 3 days at 4° before it was evaporated to dryness in vacuo. Three times the residue was dissolved in toluene and the toluene removed in vacuo: pmr (CDCl₃) δ 4.03 and 4.5 (2 m, H₂, H₃, H₄, 2H₅), 6.17 (s, H₁), 7.3 and 8.0 (2 m, phenyl). A solution of the residue 60 and N-benzoyladenine (8.6 g, 36 mmol) in dichloroethane (600 ml) containing Linde 4A molecular seive (72 g) was heated with stirring at 60° for 3 days. More seive (36 g) was added and the heating continued for 9 more days before the mixture was filtered and the filtrate taken to dryness in vacuo. A solution of the residue in ethanol was treated, charcoal filtered through a Celite pad, and evaporated to dryness: yield 19.5 g of beige foam that was used in the next step without further purification; pmr (CDCl₃) δ 4.2-4.8 (m's, $\hat{H}_{2'}$, $H_{3'}$, $H_{4'}$, $2H_{5'}$), 6.58 (d, $J_{1'2'} = 4$ Hz, $H_{1'}$), 6.9-7.6 and 8 (m's, phenyl). 8.32 and 8.75 (2 s, H₂, H₈), 9.2 (br s, NH).

N-Benzoyl-9-(2,3-di-O-benzyl-5-O-tosyl- β -D-arabinofuranosyl)adenine (67). A two-phase mixture of 65 (10 g, 15.2 mmol), pyridine (154 ml), and 2 N NaOH (154 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 hr before it was neutralized with Ag $50W\ \mathrm{X4}$ resin to pH 7. The resin was removed by filtration and washed with CHCl3, and the CHCl3 was combined with the CHCl3 used to extract the filtrate (three 300-ml portions). The CHCl₃ solution was washed with H2O and dried over MgSO4 before concentration to a small volume: pmr (CDCl₃) δ 3.9 (m, 2H_{5'}), 4.15 (m, $H_{4'}$), 4.3 and 4.4 (2 m, H_2 , H_3 , CH_2 of 2'-O-benzyl), 4.7 (s, CH_2 of 3'-O-benzyl), 6.4 (d, $J_{1'2'}$ = 4 Hz, $H_{1'}$), 6.9, 7.2, and 7.4 (3 m. phenyl), 8.03, 8.27 (H₂, H₈). A solution of this material (66) and tosyl chloride (4.5 g, 23.6 mmol) in 200 ml of pyridine was allowed to stand at -20° for 6 days before H₂O (2 ml) was added and 45 min later the mixture poured into 350 ml of saturated NaHCO3 solution containing ice. This solution was extracted with three 200-ml portions of CHCl₃, which were combined and washed with water (250 ml), four 250-ml portions of ice-cold 1 N H₂SO₄, and then three 250-ml portions of H₂O before drying over MgSO₄. Evaporation of the CHCl3 gave a pale yellow foam (10.9 g) which was used in the next step without further purification: pmr (CDCl₃) δ 2.44 (s, CH₃), 4.2-4.7 (m's, H₂, H₃, H₄, 2H₅), 6.4 (d, $J_{1'2'} = 4 \text{ Hz}, H_{1'}, 6.8-8.1 \text{ (m's, phenyl)}, 8.13 \text{ and } 8.62 \text{ (C}_2, C_8).$ 9.1 (br s, NH).

9- $\{2,3\text{-Di-}O\text{-benzyl-5-deoxy-5-(methylthio}\}$ -p-arabinofuranosyl]adenine (68). A solution of 67 (10.7 g, 15.2 mmol) in 25 ml of 1 N sodium methoxide in methanol (saturated at 0° with methyl mercaptan) was allowed to stand at room temperature overnight before it was neutralized with glacial acetic acid and then evaporated to dryness in vacuo. A suspension of the residue in H₂O was boiled to remove methyl benzoate by steam distillation. The cooled water suspension was then extracted with CHCl3, which was dried over MgSO4 before evaporation to dryness. The residue crystallized from MeOH (charcoal): yield 2.55 g (39%). Part of this material (718 mg) was recrystallized from MeOH: yield 641 mg; mp 126-127°; λ_{max} nm ($\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$) (pH 7 and 13) 260 (14.0); pmr (DMSO- d_6) δ 2.51 (s, CH₃), 2.91 (d, J=6Hz, $2H_{5'}$), 4.2 and 4.4 (2 m, $H_{2'}$, $H_{3'}$, $H_{4'}$, CH_2 of 2'-O-benzyl), 4.72 (s, CH₂ of 3'-O-benzyl), 6.46 (d. $J_{1'2'} = 4$ Hz, $H_{1'}$), 7.0 and 7.35 (2 m, phenyl), 8.18 and 8.21 (2 s, C_2 , C_8). The difference in the positions of the signals from the benzyl methylene groups results from the upfield shift of the benzyloxy group cis to and thus shielded by the purine ring.²⁴ Anal. (C₁₁H₁₅N₅O₃S) C, H, N

 $9\hbox{-}[5\hbox{-}Deoxy\hbox{-}5\hbox{-}(methylthio)\hbox{-}\beta\hbox{-}D\hbox{-}arabinofuranosyl] adenine}\\$ (69). To a suspension of 68 (635 mg, 1.33 mmol) in liquid ammonia (25 ml) was added slowly with stirring tiny pieces of sodium (213 mg). After the ammonia had evaporated, the residue was purified by chromatography on thick silica gel plates developed in 3:1 CHCl3-MeOH. Elution of the principal band with hot MeOH gave a white solid that was recrystallized from water: yield 256 mg (65%); mp 202-204°; $\lambda_{\rm max}$ nm ($\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$) (pH 7 and 13) 259 (15.3); pmr (DMSO- d_6) δ 2.1 (s. Me), 2.88 (d. $J_{4'5'} = 6$ Hz. $2H_{5'}$). 3.9 (m, $H_{4^{+}}$), 4.14 (m, $H_{2^{+}}$ and $H_{3^{+}}$), 5.6 and 5.7 (2 d, OH), 6.3 (d, $J_{1^{+}2^{+}} = 4$ Hz, $H_{1^{+}}$), 7.2 (s, NH₂), 8.13 and 8.15 (2 s, H_{2} and H_{8}). Anal. (C₁₁H₁₅N₅O₃S) C, H, N.

Material from the minor band was rechromatographed giving an additional 10 mg of 69 and 26 mg of another nucleoside (70): λ_{max} nm ($\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$) (pH 7 and 13) 259 (15.4); pmr (DMSO- d_6) δ 3.95 (d, $J_{4'5'} = 6$ Hz, $2H_{5'}$), 4.0 (m, $H_{4'}$), 4.25 (m, $H_{2'}$, $H_{3'}$), 6.5 $(d, J_{1'2'} = 4 Hz, H_{1'}), 8.6 (H_8), 8.95 (H_2), 9.18 (H_6)$

9-[2-O-Benzyl-5-deoxy-5-(methylthio)-β-D-arabinofuranosyladenine (71). To a suspension of palladium (from the reduction of 40 mg of PdCl₂) in MeOH (15 ml) was added 68 (27 mg). Reduction was carried out at 50 psi at room temperature in a Parr shaker. Two 20-mg portions of PdCl₂ were added during the course of 2 hr. After removal of the catalyst, the solution was evaporated to dryness, and the residue was purified by chromatography on a thick plate developed in 9:1 CHCl₃-MeOH. 68 (10) mg) was recovered, and 6 mg of 71 was obtained by elution: pmr (DMSO- d_6) δ 2.1 (s, CH₃), 2.9 (d, $J_{4'5'} = 6$ Hz, 2H_{5'}), 3.95 and 4.3 (m's, H_2 , H_3 , H_4 , CH_2 of benzyl), 6.48 (d, $J_{1/2} = 4.5$ Hz, H_1), 6.8 and 7.3 (2 m. phenyl), 8.18 and 8.21 (2 s. H_2 . H_4). The lower field signal from the CH₂ group, the 3-O-benzyl group of 68, is missing from this spectrum, and the higher field signal from the CH2 of the benzyl group appears as an AB pair, indicating nonequivalence of the two protons. These facts are only compatible with the O-benzyl group at C-2 cis to the purine ring

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Nucleoside Peptides. 6. Synthesis of Certain

N-[5-Amino-1-(β -D-ribofuranosyl)imidazole-4-carbonyl]amino Acids Related to Naturally Occurring Intermediates in the Purine Biosynthetic Pathway

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Alkaline hydrolysis of AICA ribonucleoside has provided a new synthesis of sodium 5-amino-1-(\$\beta\$-p-ribofuranosyl)imidazole-4-carboxylate in good yield. Selective acetylation of this product afforded 5-amino-1-(2,3,5-tri-O-acetyl- β -D-ribofuranosyl)imidazole-4-carboxylic acid. Various appropriately blocked amino acids have been coupled to the 4-carboxy group of this compound via the N-hydroxysuccinimidyl ester. Subsequent deblocking procedures have provided good yields of the title compounds.

AICAR [5-amino-1-(β-D-ribofuranosyl)imidazole-4-carboxamide 5'-phosphatel,1 an intermediate in the de novo purine biosynthetic pathway, has been synthesized enzymatically from 5-amino-1-(β-D-ribofuranosyl)imidazole-4carboxylic acid 5'-phosphate via the amino acid nucleo-N-[5-amino-1-(β -D-ribofuranosyl)imidazole-4-carbonyl]-L-aspartic acid 5'-phosphate.2 These nucleotides, as well as the corresponding nucleosides, have been synthesized chemically, but in such small yields that the physical characteristics of these compounds for the most part have not yet been studied.† It was of interest to investigate the laboratory scale synthesis of the nucleoside analogs of these interesting imidazole intermediates, as well as a number of their amino acid and peptide derivatives. It seemed reasonable that these nucleoside peptides might well possess special biological properties which would provide useful medicinal agents as discussed in the first paper of this series.4,5 The recent commercial availability of 5-amino-1-(β-D-ribofuranosyl)imidazole-4-carboxamidet (1, AICA ribonucleoside) provided the necessary source of starting material to initiate this study (Scheme I).

It is well known that conversion of carboxamides to carboxylic acids can be effected either by alkaline or acid

Scheme I

conditions.6 The use of acidic media was precluded because the glycosyl linkage of 1 (Scheme I) is acid labile.

[†]For a recent review of the subject of imidazole nucleosides and nucleotides, see ref 3.

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