Nucleoside Peptides. 2. Synthesis of Certain 5-N-Aminoacyl and 5-N-Peptidyl Derivatives of 5-Aminouridine

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Several 5-N-aminoacyl- and 5-N-peptidyl-5-aminouridines have been synthesized which represent a new class of nucleoside peptides. 5-Aminouridine (1) and 2',3',5'-tri-O-acetyl-5-aminouridine (4c) were coupled to CBZ-blocked amino acids and peptides by the acid chloride and DCC methods. Removal of the protecting groups gave the title compounds which were examined for their effects in several biological systems.

Roberts and Visser¹ first prepared 5-aminouridine (1) and discovered it possessed a wide range of biological activity including inhibition of the growth of fungi,¹ viruses,² and tumors.³ This analog is incorporated into RNA of Ehrlich ascites cells and has been shown to be metabolized to 5-amino-UMP, 5-amino-UDP, 5-amino-UTP, and 5-amino-UDP-sugars.⁴ The metabolite 5-amino-UMP was found to be a potent inhibitor of orotidylic acid decarboxylase and probably exerts biological action by interference with the *de novo* pathway of pyrimidine nucleotide biosynthesis.⁴ It has also been observed that 1 inhibits incorporation of formate⁵ into purines and pyrimidines and reduces the incorporation of phosphate into the phospholipids and the ribonucleic acid nucleotides⁶ of rat livers.

Reasons for the study and synthesis of nucleoside peptides as possible medicinal agents have been outlined in a previous paper dealing with the syntheses of 5'-peptidyl derivatives submitted from these laboratories.⁷ The 5 position of uridine was selected for peptide attachment since 5-alanyluracil has recently been isolated⁸ from germinating pea seeds.

The active ester method of Bodanszky⁹ has been utilized to couple an amino group of a nucleoside to amino acids in the presence of free OH groups.⁷ When N-CBZ amino acid *p*-nitrophenyl esters¹⁰ were treated with 5aminouridine (1) in DMF there was no detectable product formation. On the other hand, activation of the 5-amino group of 1 using the phosphazo method^{11,12} was unsuccessful in that it provided low yields and was complicated by numerous side products caused by presence of unprotected OH groups¹³ of D-ribose. Similarly, the use of DCC¹⁴ as a coupling agent resulted in a variety of side products.

A modification of the classic acid chloride method¹⁵

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provided the procedure of choice for the coupling of amino acids to 1. When the N-CBZ derivative of L-Phe, was treated with the DMF-SOCl₂ adduct¹⁶ at -20° and the resulting amino acid chloride was treated with 1, 5-N-(N-CBZ-L-Phe)-5-aminouridine (**2a**) was isolated in 82% yield without major side products. Similarly **2b**, **2c**, and **2d** were produced in yields of 73, 67, and 87%, respectively (Scheme I). Attempts to remove the CBZ-blocking group with HBr-AcOH were accompanied by partial acetylation of the ribose moiety, therefore catalytic hydrogenolysis with Pd/C provided the desired aminoacyl-5-aminouridines (**3a**-**3d**) in excellent yield.

Treatment of N^{α}, N^{ϵ} -di-CBZ-L-Lys with SOCl₂-DMF however, resulted in quantitative conversion to L-Lys-N-carboxyanhydride.¹⁷ This limitation of the acid chloride method prompted a reinvestigation of the DCC coupling method via the appropriately blocked nucleoside 2',3',5'-tri-O-acetyl-5-aminouridine (4c). Synthesis of 4c was accomplished by selective reaction of the 5-amino group of 1 with benzyloxycarbonyl chloride in basic media to afford 5-N-CBZ-5aminouridine (4a). Subsequent acylation with a mixture of AcOH and pyridine provided 5-N-CBZ-2',3',5'-tri-O-acetyl-5-aminouridine (4b). Catalytic cleavage of the CBZ group gave the desired intermediate 4c in excellent yield.

Facile coupling between N^{α} , N^{ϵ} -di-CBZ-L-Lys and 4c was achieved with DCC and afforded the blocked aminoacyl nucleoside **5a**. Catalytic removal of the CBZ group followed by treatment with methanolic NH₃ gave 5- N^{α} -(L-Lys)-5-aminouridine (**3e**) in 54% overall yield. Similarly N-CBZ-L-Asp- β -methyl ester was coupled to **4c** and yielded the blocked compound **5b**. Catalytic cleavage of the CBZ group gave the acetylated methyl ester **5c** which could be converted either to 5-N-(L-Asp)-5-aminouridine (**3f**) or 5-N-(L-Asn)-5-aminouridine (**3g**) by the action of aqueous base or methanolic NH₃, respectively.

The synthesis of 5-N-dipeptidyl derivatives of 1 was accomplished by coupling of the appropriately blocked amino acid with the intermediates 5-N-(L-Phe)-2',3',5'tri-O-acetyl-5-aminouridine (**5e**) or 5-N-L-Leu-5-aminouridine (**3c**). Coupling of **5e** with N-CBZ-L-Asp- β methyl ester was accomplished in good yield by the DCC method. The CBZ group of the product **6a** was removed with HBr-AcOH and the intermediate $5-N-[L-(\beta-O-methyl)Asp-L-Phe]-2',3',5'-tri-O-acetyl-5-$

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aminouridine \cdot HBr (**6b**) was converted to 5-N-(L-Asn-L-Phe)-5-aminouridine (**6c**) with methanolic NH₃.

 N^{α} -CBZ- N^{ω} -nitro-L-Arg was coupled to free nucleoside amino acid **3c** by the action of DCC and N-hydroxysuccinimide in good yield. After removal of the CBZ- and NO₂-blocking groups by catalytic hydrogenolysis, the elemental analysis of the product isolated did not correspond to an arginine derivative but to 5-N-(L-ornithyl-L-Leu)-5-aminouridine (**6d**). This product was predicted since arginine is known to decompose to ornithine under basic conditions¹⁸ similar to those used in the isolation of **6d**. Confirmation was obtained when **6d** was hydrolyzed by dil HCl to give L-Leu- and L-ornithine.

These compounds were tested for inhibition of herpes simplex, parainfluenza, rhino, and adeno virus (Table I). Different amino acid moieties attached to the 5-amino group of 5-aminouridine were found to influence the rate of multiplication of these viruses. L-Lys-5-aminouridine inhibited all of these virus strains at conces of 320 μ g/ml, whereas L-Asp-5-aminouridine (**3f**) gave no inhibition of growth at conces as high as 1000 μ g/ml. The L-Phe-(**3g**), L-Ala-(**3c**), Gly-(**3d**), and L-Asn-(**3g**) derivatives were intermediate in their antiviral properties. It is interesting to note that the dipeptide 5-N-(L-Asn-L-Phe)-5-aminouridine (**6c**) showed greater inhibition of rhino virus than 5-aminouridine (**1**) at conces of 100 μ g/ml.

Experimental Section¹⁹

5-N-(N-CBZ-Aminoacyl)-5-aminouridines (Table II). Method A.—The appropriate N-CBZ-amino acid (1.0 mmole) was treated with 119 mg of SOCl₂ in 4 ml of DMF at -20° . The reaction mixt was protected from moisture during 1 hr at $-5 \text{ to } -8^{\circ}$, then added to a mixt of 284 mg (1.1 mmoles) of 5-aminouridine²⁰ (1) and 222 mg (2 mmoles) of Et₃N in 5 ml of DMF at -20° . The Et₃NHCl which pptd was removed by filtration. The filtrate was evapd to a syrup *in vacuo*. The syrup was triturated with a 1:1 mixt of EtOAc-Et₄O then with H₂O. The resulting solid was collected and recrystd from the appropriate solvent.

Method B.—Removal of CBZ group by catalytic hydrogenolysis. The calcd wt of CBZ-protected compd dissolved in the appropriate solvent (Table II) was hydrogenated with 50 mg of 10% Pd/C at atm pressure and room temp. After 2 hr the catalyst was removed by filtration and washed with H₂O (3 × 5 ml), and the combined filtrates were evapd to dryness *in vacuo* and recrystd.

5-N-CBZ-Aminouridine (4a).—A rapidly stirred soln of 1^{20} (2.58 g, 10 mmoles) and Na₂CO₃ (0.74 g, 7 mmoles) in 30 ml of H₂O was treated with a soln of benzyl chloroformate (1.87 g, 11 mmoles) in 10 ml of Et₂O at 0°. After the addn was complete the cooling bath was removed and the stirring was contd at room temp for 3 hr. The white product which was collected by filtration was triturated with Et₂O (50 ml) and H₂O (50 ml) and then recrystd from MeOH to yield 3.06 g of 4a (77%): mp 192–193°; $[\alpha]^{25}D - 33.3^{\circ}$ (c 1, DMSO). Anal. (C₁₁H₁₉N₃O₅) C, H, N.

5-N-CBZ-(2',3',5'-Tri-O-Ac)-5-aminouridine (4b).—Compd 4a (1.65 g, 3.09 mmoles) was treated with a mixt of Ac₂O (15 ml)

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	Adeno		Herpes	~	Parainfluenza	0	Rhino	~
Compd	virus, % inhibn	Concn, µg∕ml	virus, % inhibn	Concn, µg/ml	virus, % inhibn	Concn, μg/ml	virus, % inhibn	Conen, μg/ml
3a			0	100	67	32	0	100ª
			50	320 ^b	67	100^{a}	50	1000
3b			0	100	0	100	0	100
			25	320ª	0	320ª	25	320^{a}
3c			0	100	0	100	0	100
			25	320^{b}	50	320	0	320%
3d			0	32	0	32		
			25	100ª	0	100		
3e	0	100	0	100	0	100	67	320
	75	320^{b}	67	320^{b}	50	320 ^b	100	1000^{b}
3f	0	320	0	320	0	320	0	320
	0	1000	0	1000^{a}	0	1000	0	1000ª
3g	0	320	0	320	0	320	0	320
0	0	1000	0	1000	0	1000	75	1000
6c			0	100	0	32	43	100
			0	320ª	0	100ª	65	320ª
6d			0	32	0	32	0	320
			0	100°	0	100ª	67	1000ª
1	0	32	0	32	0	32	0	32
	75	100ª	0	100^{b}	0	100^{a}	25	100

TABLE I

^a Microscopic examination revealed a slight difference in shape of KB cells but monolayer not effected. ^b Partial slight destruction of monolayer.

TABLE II

	Recrystallization						Yield,
Compd	solvent	\mathbf{Method}	Mp, °C	[α] ²⁸ D	Formula	Anal.	%
2a	MeOH	Α	182 - 184	-22.8 (c 1, DMSO)	$C_{26}H_{28}N_4O_9$	С, Н, N	82
2b	$95\%~{ m EtOH}$	Α	194 - 196	-56.8 (c 1, DMSO)	$\mathrm{C}_{20}\mathrm{H}_{24}\mathrm{N}_4\mathrm{O}_9\cdot\mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O}$	C, H, N	73
2c	EtOAc	Α	71 - 73	-15.5 (c 1, DMSO)	$C_{23}H_{30}N_4O_9$	C, H, N	67
2d	MeOH	Α	211 - 221	-34.4 (c 1, DMSO)	$C_{19}H_{21}N_4O_9$	C, H, N	87
3a	H_2O	\mathbf{B}^{a}	191-193	52.3 (c 1, 1 N HCl)	$\mathrm{C_{18}H_{22}N_4O_7}$	C, H, N	86
3b	95% EtOH	\mathbf{B}^{b}	88-90		$C_{12}H_{18}N_4O_7$	С, Н, N	72
3c	EtOH	\mathbf{B}^{c}	103.5 - 105.5	16.0 (c 1, 1 N HCl)	$C_{15}H_{24}N_4O_7$	С, Н, N	82
3d	EtOH-H ₂ O	\mathbf{B}^{d}	71-73	-8.0 (c 1, 1 N HCl)	$C_{11}H_{16}N_4O_7$	С, Н, N	93
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a (1 mmole) in 8 ml of 85% EtOH. b **2b** (0.443 mmole) in 10 ml of 90% EtOH. c **2c** (0.39 mmole) on 6 ml of 95% EtOH. d **2d** (0.445 mmole) in 10 ml of 60% dioxane.

and pyridine (10 ml) at room temp. After 2 hr the soln was evapd to dryness in vacuo, and the residue was crystd from abs EtOH to yield 1.92 g (96%) of **4b**: mp 149–150°, $[\alpha]^{25}D - 28.3°$ (c 1, DMSO). Anal. (C₂₃H₂₅N₃O₁₁) C, H, N. **2',3',5'-Tri-O-Ac-5-aminouridine** (**4c**).—Compd **4b** (1.6 g,

3.08 mmoles) was dissolved in 50 ml of 95% EtOH and hydrogenated with 200 mg of 10% Pd/C at room temp and atm pressure. After 2.5 hr the catalyst was removed by filtration and washed with 95% EtOH (3 \times 20 ml), and the combined filtrates were evapd to dryness. The product was recrystd from MeOH-H₂O to yield 1.030 g (87%): mp 66-68°; $[\alpha]^{25}D$ 30.8° (c 1, DMSO). Anal. (C₁₅H₁₉N₃O₉) C, H, N.

 $5-N \cdot (N^{\alpha}, N^{\epsilon}-\text{Di-CBZ-L-Lys}) \cdot 2', 3', 5'-\text{tri-}O-\text{Ac-}5-\text{aminouridine}$ (5a).—A cold soln of 4c (1.34 g, 3.5 mmoles) and N_{6} , N_{6} -dicarbobenzoxy-L-Lys (1.23 g, 3 mmoles) in 10 ml of EtOAc was treated with DCC (0.72 g, 3.5 mmoles). After 48 hr at 4° the pptd dicyclohexylurea was removed by filtration and the filtrate was washed with 5% citric acid, 5% NaHCO₃, and then H_2O . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residual glass was purified by chromatog on a column $(2.4 \times 30 \text{ cm})$ packed with silica gel "Baker," in CHCl3. The column was washed with CHCl₃ (300 ml) and the product was eluted with CHCl₃-EtOAc 1:1. The combined uv-absorbing fractions were evapd to dryness to yield an amorphous, white material: 1.78 g (76%); $[\alpha]^{25}D - 41.5^{\circ}$ (c 1, DMSO). Anal. (C₃₇H₄₃N₅O₁₄) C, H, N

5-N-(L-Lys)-5-aminouridine (3e).-Compd 5a (570 mg, 0.73 mmole) was dissolved in 20 ml of abs EtOH contg 1 ml of HOAc and hydrogenated with 10% of Pd/C (80 mg) at 45° and atm pressure. After 2 hr the catalyst was removed by filtration, washed with EtOH, and evapd to dryness in vacuo. The residual glass was treated with 50 ml of satd methanolic NH_3 at 0° and then the soln was kept at room temp for 16 hr. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in a small amt of H₂O and applied to a column of Dowex 50 [H+]-(50-100 mesh, 1.5×25 cm). After washing the column with $H_{2}O$ (300 ml) the product was eluted with 1 N NH₄OH. The uv-absorbing fraction was collected and evapd to a small vol. EtOH was added to the residue until incipient turbidity, then this mixt was allowed to cool to -4° for several hr and white crystals deposited to yield 282 mg (54%): mp 138-140°, $[\alpha]^{25}$ D -58.5° $(c 1, H_2O)$. Anal. $(C_{15}H_{25}N_5O_7)C, H, N.$

 $5-N-(N-CBZ-\beta-O-Methyl-L-Asp)-2',3',5-tri-O-Ac-5-amino$ uridine (5b).—A soln of N-CBZ-L-Asp-β-methyl ester²¹ (1.405 g, 5 mmoles), and 4c (2.304 g, 6 mmoles) in EtOAc (25 ml) was treated with DCC (1.44 g, 1 mmole) at 0°. After 4 hr at room temp and 16 hr at 4° the N,N'-dicyclohexylurea was removed by filtration and the filtrate was washed with 5% citric acid, 5% NaHCO₃, and then H₂O. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in a small amt of CHCl₃ and applied to a column of silica gel "Baker," 2.5×30 cm, packed in CHCl₂. The column was washed first with CHCl₃ (1000 ml) and then the product was eluted with CHCl₃-EtOAc 2:1. The uv-absorbing fractions were collected and evapd to a small vol. Petr ether was carefully added to these fractions and a colorless cryst material deposited to yield 2.760 g (85%) of **5b**: mp 67-69°; $[\alpha]^{26}D$ -61.7° (c 1, DMSO). Anal. (C₂₈H₃₂N₄O₁₄) C, H, N.

5-N-(L-Asn)-5-aminouridine (3g).—A soln of 5b (1.296 g, 2 mmoles) in 95% EtOH (50 ml) was hydrogenated with 100 mg of 10% Pd/C at 40° and atm pressure. After 2 hr the catalyst was removed by filtration and the filtrate was evapd to dryness

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in vacuo. Half of the residue was preserved for an alternative work-up (see **3f**). The other half was treated with satd methanolic NH₃ (40 ml) at 0°. After 16 hr at 4° the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was crystd from EtOH-H₂O to yield 258 mg (66%) of **3g**: mp 135-137°; [α]²⁵D 9.0° (c 1, 1 N HCl). Anal. (C₁₃H₁₉N₄O₈·H₂O) C, H, N.

5-N-(L-Asp)-5-aminouridine (3f).—The amt of crude 5-N-(β -O-methyl-L-Asp)-2',3',5'-tri-O-Ac-5-aminouridine which was prepared in the previous procedure (see 3g) was treated with anhyd MeOH (30 ml) contg 80 mg of NaOMe. After the soln was refluxed for 15 min, then kept at room temp for 4 hr, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. H₂O (8 ml) was added and the soln was kept at 4° for an additional 16 hr, percolated through a column of Amberlite IR 50 [H⁺] 100-200 mesh, and then evapd to a small vol. The residue was kept at 4° for 16 hr, and colorless crystals deposited to yield 221 mg (58%) of product: mp 203-206°; [α]²⁵D -8.3° (c 1, 1 N HCl). Anal. (C₁₃H₁₃N₄O₅·1.5 H₂O) C, H, N.

5-N-(N-CBZ-L-Phe)-2',3',5'-tri-O-Ac-5-aminouridine (5d).— Compd 4c (1.21 g; 31 mmoles) and N-CBZ-L-Phe (1.036 g; 34 mmoles) were dissolved in EtOAc (10 ml). The soln was treated with DCC (0.707 g; 34 mmoles) at 0°, then stirred at room temp for 18 hr. The dicyclohexylurea was removed by filtration, and the filtrate was washed, resp, with 5% citric acid, 5% HCl, H₂O, 5% NaHCO₃, and H₂O and then dried (Na₂SO₄). The solvent was evapd under reduced pressure and the residue was crystd from Et₂O-heptane to yield 1.26 g (61%): mp 71-73°; [α]²⁵D 34.7° (c 1, DMSO).

5-N-(L-Phe)-2',3',5'-tri-O-acetyl-5-aminouridine \cdot HBr (5e).— Compd 5d (665 mg; 1 mmole) was dissolved in EtOAc (1.5 ml) and the soln was treated with 35% HBr in HOAc (0.6 g; 2.6 mmoles) at room temp. After 1 hr Et₂O (3.5 ml) was added and colorless cryst product sepd to yield 573 mg (94%) of 5c, mp 112-114°.

5-N-[N-CBZ-L-(β -O-methyl-L-Asp)-L-Phe]-2',3',5'-tri-O-Ac-5-aminouridine (6a).—N-CBZ-L-Asp- β -methyl ester (436 mg; 1.55 mmoles) was treated with excess Et₂NH (3.0 mmoles) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 ml). The solvents were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (12 ml). Compd 5e (1.468 g; 2.4 mmoles) and DCC (618 mg; 3 mmoles) were added to the soln and it was kept at room temp for 18 hr. The dicyclohexylurea was removed by filtration, and a filtrate was washed with 5% HCl, 5% NaHCO₃, and H₂O and dried (Na₂SO₄). The soln was coned to a small vol and applied to a column of silica gel "Baker" (2.5 × 25 cm), packed in CHCl₃. The column was washed first with CHCl₃ (200 ml) then with CHCl₃-Me₂CO 10:1. The uv-absorbing fractions which were chromotog homogeneous were combined and evapd to dryness to yield 820 mg (66%) of 6a as a colorless glass.

5-N-[L-β-O-Methyl)Asp-L-Phe]-2',3',5'-tri-O-Ac-5-amino-

uridine HBr (6b).—Compd 6a (800 mg; 1 mmole) was dissolved in EtOAc (6 ml) and was treated with 35% HBr in AcOH (0.8 ml). After 2 hr an addl 0.5 ml of AcOH-HBr was added and the soln was kept at room temp for 30 min. Then Et₂O (3 ml) was added slowly and colorless cryst material deposited to yield 610 mg (82%) of product: mp 118-120°; $[\alpha]^{25}D$ 14.5 (c 1, DMSO).

5-N-(L-Asn-L-Phe)-5-aminouridine (6c).—Compd 6b (200 mg; 0.27 mmole) was treated with satd MeOH-NH₃ (10 ml) at room temp for 18 hr then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in a small amt of H₂O and applied to a column of Dowex 50 ([H⁺] form, 100-200 mesh, 1×15 cm). The column was washed with H₂O, then the product was eluted by gradient elution (150 ml of 0.5 N NH₄OH, reservoir; 150 ml of H₂O) mixing chamber. The uv-absorbing fractions which were chromatog homogenous were combined and lyophilized, then dried (P₂O₃ in vacuo) at 60° to yield 87 mg (62%) of 6c: mp 122-123° (174-175° dec); [α]²⁵D 4.0° (c 1, 1 N HCl). Anal. (C₂₂H₂₃N₆O₉.0.5 H₂O) C, H, N.

5-N-(L-Ornithyl-L-Leu)-5-aminouridine (6d).-5-N-L-Leu-7,5amiuouridine (3c) (254 mg; 0.685 mmole), N^{α} -CBZ- N^{ω} -nitro-L-Arg²² (353 mg, 1.0 mmole), N-hydroxysuccinimide (115 mg, 1.0 mmole), and DCC (206 mg; 1.0 mmole) were dissolved in dry DMF (3 ml) and kept at room temp for 2 hr. After the reaction mixt was allowed to stand at 14° for 16 hr, the dicyclohexylurea was removed by filtration, and the filtrate was evapd to dryness under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in 5 ml of MeOH-NH₄OH (concd) (8:2), kept at room temp for 4 hr, applied to prep silica gel tl plates, and developed with solvent system MeOH-CH₂Cl₂-NH₄OH (concd), 2:2:1. The major uv-absorbing band was eluted with 80% MeOH (30 ml). The eluant was treated with 100 mg of Pd/C, then with $\rm H_2$ at room temp and pressure. After 3 hr the catalyst was removed by filtration, the filtrate was evapd to dryness, and the residue was taken up with a small amt of H₂O and lyophilized to yield 102 mg (26%) of 6d: mp 81-83°; [a]²⁵D 17.0° (c 1, 1 N HCl). Anal. $(C_{20}H_{34}N_6O_8 \cdot 4H_2O) C, H, N.$

Compd 6d was hydrolyzed with 6 N HCl for 8 hr at 100° in a sealed tube. The hydrolysate was chromatogd against L-ornithine and L-Leu on silica gel [CH₂Cl₂-MeOH-NH₄OH (concd) (2;2:1)] and cellulose plates [*n*-BuOH-AcOH-H₂O (3:1:1)]. The ninhydrin-positive spots from the hydrolysate were found to be identical with L-ornithine and L-Leu.

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