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Abstract

3-Deazapyrimidine nucleosides have been shown to exhibit great potential as pro drug for use in medicine especially as antagonists to cancer tumors and the HIVvirus. Recent research has focused on the design, synthesis and characterization of novel nucleoside analogues.

Fluoropyridinone and their corresponding nucleoside derivatives have been synthesized and characterized to induce the activity against tumors. 4,6-diaryl-3-cyano-2(*1H*)-pyridinones (82a-i) and their nucleosides were prepared. A trifluoromethyl group was introduced into the pyridinone ring system to study its effect on different tumor cells. The glycoside analogues (83a-e, 85a-e, 87a-e and 88a-d) have been synthesized in good yield *via* the reaction between pyridinone derivatives and an activated hexapyranosyl sugar to give *N*-nucleosides (83a-e, 85a-e, 87a-e, 87a-e and 88a-d) as the sole product. In our biological screening, it was found that the fluorine and trifluoromethyl derivatives of the pyridine ring enhance the biological activity Moreover, the novel non-nucleoside derivatives (89a-d) are found to be more active than the corresponding *N*-nucleosides. This enhancement in biological properties is due to the presence of the fluorine groups on the pyridine ring.

Computer aided Quantum Mechanics (QM) calculations using density functional theory (DFT) were used to study the reactivity of 3-deazapyrimidines with activated sugar molecules. Gaussian 98 was employed for the calculation of geometries and energies. Charge density gas phase calculations were performed at the B3LYP level with the 6-31G basis set. The data obtained from QM calculations supports our experimental results by showing higher charge density on the pyridine *N*-atom than on the oxygen atom at C-2. *HOMO-LUMO* charge density studies of the isolated compounds are fully consistent with the spectroscopic results.

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Structure-Activity Relationships (SAR) of nucleosides (83a-e, 85a-e, 87a-e and 88a-d) and other non-nucleosides (89a-d) showed an interesting biological activity. Structure-activity relationships studies of 3-deazapyrimidine derivatives were used to determine the parts of the structure that are responsible for its biological activity and its side effects according to the nature of the substituents. The results have shown that 2-thiophene at the 4-position has the highest activity among all analogues. In addition, the aryl group at the 6-position has shown similar activities. For example, 4-(thiophen-2-yl)-6-phenyl-3-cyano-2(1H)-pyridinones (82d) and 4-(thiophen-2-yl)-6-(p-chlorophenyl)-3-cyano-2(1H)-pyridinones (82e) have shown the same activity at lower and higher concentrations. This result indicates that aryl groups at the 6-position have the same effects, based on the results obtained from biological screening. Meanwhile, nucleosides containing the glucopyranosyl ring system showed higher activity than the galactose isomer. For example, compounds (83a-e) have shown better activity than the corresponding galactoside analogues (87ae). All free nucleosides showed higher activity due to the solubility factor, where the low soluble acetylated derivatives showed good activities.

2-Thiophene present at the 4-position showed promising biological activity in both nucleosides and non-nucleosides. Meanwhile, more interesting results were obtained from the non-nucleoside analogues (89a-d). SAR has explained these results as follows:

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

2-CdA	2-chlorodeoxyadenosine or Cladribine
3TC	Lamivudine
5-FdUMP	5-fluorodeoxyuridine 5'-monophosphate
5-FdUTP	5-fluorodeoxyuridine triphosphate
5-FU	5-Fluorouracil
5-FUTP	5-fluorouridine triphosphate
А	Adenine
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
Ara-A	Arabinosyladenosine
Ara-C	Arabinosylcytidine
AZT	3'-azido-3'-deoxythymidine
Bz	Benzoyl
Bcl-2	B-cell lymphoma 2
С	Cytosine
Calcd	Calculated
d4T	Stavudine
ddC	Zalcitabine
ddI	didanosine
DFT	Density Function Theory
DMA	N, N-Dimethylaniline
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
RNA	Ribonucleic acids
DMSO	Dimethyl sulfoxide
dUTP	Deoxyuridine triphosphate
FUDR	5-Fluoro-2'-deoxyuridine
G	Guanine
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HIV-RT	HIV-reverse transcriptase
HL-60	Human promyeloblastic leukemia cell line
HMDS	1,1,1,3,3,3 hexamethyldisilazane
NA	Nucleoside analogues
NMR	Nuclear magnetic resonance
NOESY	Two dimensional nuclear Overhauser spectroscopy
QM	Quantum mechanics
SAR	Structure Activity Relationships
Т	Thymine
TMSCI	Trimethylsilyl chloride
TMSOTf	Trimethylsilyl triflate
TMSClO₄	Trimethylsilyl perchlorate
(TMS) ₂ SO ₄	Trimethylsilylsulfate
TMSI	Trimethylsilyl iodide
TLC	Thin layer chromatography
TS	Thymidylate synthase
U	Uracil

PART ONE

CHEMICAL SYNTHESIS

INTRODUCTION

1. Introduction

The word "nucleoside" originally coined by Levene and Jacobs at 1909⁽¹⁾, for some time referred to compounds isolated from nucleic acids, contained a carbohydrate attached through a nitrogen to either a purine or pyrimidine base. Currently, a nucleoside is defined as a compound of natural or synthetic origin that has a carbohydrate attached to a nitrogen heterocycle through either a carbon-nitrogen bond, as is commonly found, or a carbon-carbon bond, as found in C-nucleosides.

There are two major bases found in natural nucleosides. Purines (Adenine A, and Guanine G) consist of a six-membered and a five-membered nitrogen-containing ring, fused together and Pyrimidines (Cytosine C, Thymine T and Uracil U) which have only a six-membered nitrogen-containing ring (Figure 1).



Figure 1: Structures of nucleic acid bases

The bases may be attached to different sugar residues such as hexapyranoside. The glycosidic bond is formed between the anomeric carbon atom of the carbohydrate moiety (C-1

of the sugar) and a ring of the heterocyclic base. The bases are attached to C-1 of the sugar unit, through N-9 of a purine or N-1 of a pyrimidine (Figure 2).



Figure 2: Structures of β -form of Cytidine and Deoxadenosine

The nucleosides may have two different configurations, the α - or β - configuration. In the α - form, the glycosidic bond and 2-OH adopt an axial-equatorial correlation, while in the β -form the glycosidic bond and 2-OH are in the equatorial-equatorial relationship (Figure 3).



 β -isomer

 α -isomer

Figure 3: Structures of an β - and α -isomers of Deoxycytosine

In the first approximation, the plane of the heterocyclic base in a nucleoside is almost perpendicular to the "folded" plane of the sugar. The sugar moiety itself in a nucleoside usually exists in one major thermodynamically stable conformation. The ${}^{4}C_{1}$ is thermodynamically a more stable isomer than the ${}^{1}C_{4}$ conformations of the hexapyranosides sugar (Figure 4). Similarly, the pentapyranoside and pentafuranoside ring structures exist in one preferred conformation.



Figure 4: Hexapyranosyl conformers ${}^{4}C_{1}$ and ${}^{1}C_{4}$

1.1 Synthesis of Nucleosides

The chemistry of nucleosides is rapidly becoming a very attractive area of research. This is due to the fact that the study of structures and biological applications require a large number of new synthetic nucleosides. It is reasonably expected that the nucleoside analogues will exhibit different activities through the interaction at many enzymatic pathways of synthesis and metabolism of nucleosides, nucleotides, DNA and RNA respectively.

There are two main approaches to the synthesis of pyrimidine nucleosides. The first one is based on the reaction between an activated pyridinone substrate or its derivatives and 1-halo-or 1-acetoxy-substituted sugar derivatives in which the hydroxyl groups are protected with acetyl or benzoyl groups. A less common approach involves construction of a pyridine ring system.^(2,3)

1.1.2 Condensation Methods Using Protected Sugar Derivatives

The following examples illustrate the application of this method:

1.1.2.1 Metal Salts Method

The first synthesis of nucleosides was accomplished by Ficher and Helferich⁽⁴⁾ in 1914 by the reaction of silver derivatives of naturally occurring pyrimidine with glycosyl halides. It was shown that, the monomercuri derivatives of N'-acetylcytosine (1) condensed with 2,3,4-tri-O-acetyl-D-ribofuranosyl chloride (2) gave the cytosine nucleoside (3). In a similar way, the treatment of the mercury salt of thymine (4) with (2) afforded a thymine nucleoside (5) (Equations 1 and 2).



On the other hand, treatment of the silver salt of uracil (6) with tetra-O-acetyl- α -D-glucopyranosyl bromide (7) gave a mixture of nucleosides 1-(2',3',4',6'-tetra-O-acetyl- β -D – glucopyranosyl) uracil (8) and 2,4-bis (2',3',4',6'-tetra-O- acetyl- β -D-glucapyranosyloxy) uracil⁽⁵⁾ (9) in yield 28 % and 52 % respectively (Scheme 1).



Scheme 1: Synthesis of mono- and bis N-glucoside using silver salt

When the reaction was repeated with the silver salt of thymine (1) under similar conditions the products were N^1 - glucoside (10), 2,4-bis–O-glucoside (11) and N^1 , N^3 -isomer (12) (Scheme 2).



Scheme 2: Formation of mono- and bis N-glucoside as well as the bis O-glucosides

A successful attempt to synthesize purine nucleosides was reported by Davoll and Lowy.⁽⁶⁾ They obtained purine nucleosides by condensation of the mercury derivative of 6-benzoylpurine (13) with 2,3,5-tri-O-benzoyl-D-ribofuranosyl bromide (14). The product of this reaction was a mixture of α - and β -nucleosides (15) and (16) respectively (Equation 3).



1.1.2.2 The Hilbert-Johnson Method

In 1930 Hilbert and Johnson developed the first general method for the synthesis of nucleosides.⁽⁷⁾ 2,4-Dialkoxy pyrimidine (17) reacted with 2,3,5-tri-*O*-acetyl-D-ribofuranosyl bromide (18) to produce *via* ammonolysis the non isolated intermediate (19) cytidine⁽⁸⁾ (20). The advantage of this method is that the intermediate (19) contains a reactive group at C-4 which can be easily displaced by a nucleophile as in the synthesis of (20), or can be converted to the corresponding uracil nucleosides (21) (Scheme 3).



Scheme 3: Synthesis of cytosine and uracil from the same intermediate

When 2,4-diethoxypyrimidine (22) was treated with 2,3,5-tri-*O*-benzoyl -D-ribofuranosylchloride (2) in acetonitrile at 0-5 °C followed by alcoholic ammonia, 2,4diamino-1-(β -D-ribofuranosyl) pyrimidinum chloride (23) was obtained⁽⁹⁾ (Equation 4).



1.1.2.3 Fusion Method

On the major advances in nucleoside synthesis was the introduction of the fusion method by Shimadate and co-workers.⁽¹⁰⁻¹²⁾ In its original form the method consisted of heating the aglycon under vacuum with polyacetylated sugar in an acidic medium. Sato and co-workers ⁽¹³⁾ used this method to prepare 2-methylthioadenine nucleosides. Two isomeric nucleosides (26) and (27) were obtained by the fusion of 2,6-dichloropurine (24) with sugar

derivatives (25) in the presence of a catalytic amount of chloroacetic or dichloroacetic acid followed by the treatment with ammonia (Scheme 4).



Scheme 4: One-step synthesis of α - and β -isomers of deox yadenosine derivatives

A long number of catalysts have been successfully employed for the fusion reaction including zinc chloride, aluminum chloride, sulfur trioxide, sulfamic acid, iodine and polyphosphoric acid.⁽¹⁴⁻¹⁷⁾

By contrast, a similar reaction of 2,6-dibromopurine (28) with 1,2,3,5-tetra-*O*-acetylribofuranose (29) at 160-170 °C produced a protected nucleoside (30) in a good yield. The corresponding nucleoside (31) was obtained by treatment of (30) with ammonia^(13, 18) (Scheme 5)



Scheme 5: Synthesis of subsitituted adenosine via fusion

1.1.2.4 The Silvl Method

Use of trimethylsilyl derivatives of heterocyclic bases as reagents in nucleoside synthesis was reported by Brikhofer⁽¹⁹⁾ and by Nishimura and co-workers.⁽²⁰⁾ The synthesis of nucleosides involves two steps: the first is the formation of the silyl intermediate while the second is the condensation between the resultant silyl derivatives with an activated sugar. The major silylating agents are: chlorotrimethylsilane Me₃SiCl, (TMSCl), hexamethyl disilazane Me₃SiNHSiMe₃ (HMDS), silylated acylamides such as Me(OSiMe₃)C=NSiMe₃ and aminotriethyl silane Et₃SiNH₂. In the preparation of uridine (21), uracil (6) was treated with excess of HMDS and TMSCl; then the silyl intermediate (32) was allowed to react, without isolation, with 2,3,5-tri-*O*-benzoyl-D-ribofuranosyl chloride (2) followed by hydrolysis with base to produce the same product (21) (Scheme 6). An especially useful modification of the trimethylsilyl method is the use of silylated pyrimidines (32) with 1-*O*- acetyl-2,3,5-tri-O-benzoyl- β -D-ribofuranose (33) in the presence of a Friedel-Crafts catalyst, such as stannic chloride SnCl₄, to prepare 2',3',5'-tri-*O*-benzoyluridine (34) (Scheme 6).



Scheme 6: Synthesis of uracil by two different methods

In general, the silyl method is particularly useful for the synthesis of pyrimidine nucleosides, which can be used to complement the fusion synthesis which is generally more suitable for preparing purine nucleosides. The use of mercuric salts in the reaction holds a great potential to extend the method to purine nucleosides. Two isomeric nucleosides (37) and (38) were obtained by the reaction between the bistrimethylsilyl purine derivative (36) and 2,3,5-tri-*O*-bezoyl-D-ribofuranaosyl bromide (14) in benzene at room temperature in the presence of mercuric bromide (Scheme 7).

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Scheme 7: Synthesis of N^7 and N^9 nucleosides using HgBr₂

1.1.3 Construction of the Pyrimidine and Purine Ring System

The methods discussed above involve a reaction between a heterocyclic base and a sugar. This general method has been used to prepare both purine and pyrimidine nucleosides.

1.1.3.1 Construction of Pyrimidine Ring System

The first pyrimidine nucleoside synthesis using ring closure was reported in 1958 by Show ^(21, 22) Uridine (21) was obtained by the reaction between the ribosylamine derivative (39) and β -ethoxy-*N*-ethoxycarbonylacrylamide followed by hydrolysis. A thio nucleoside derivative (40) was obtained by using α -methoxy- β -methoxyacryloyl isothiocyanate.⁽²⁰⁾ β isomer was isolated in both cases even though the anomeric mixture of (39) was used (Scheme 8).



Scheme 8: Synthesis of pyrimidine nucleosides using ring closure

1.1.3.2 Construction of the Purine Ring System

A number of purine nucleosides have been prepared by the construction of the heterocyclic system after the C-N glycosidic linkage had been formed. The imidazol nucleoside (41) is a pivotal intermediate in the synthesis of the purine nucleoside by ring annulation. The preparation of nucleoside $(42)^{(21)}$ and $(43)^{(6)}$ are given as examples in scheme 9.



Scheme 9: Synthesis of purine nucleosides using ring construction

1.1.4 Effects of Catalyst and Solvent

Pyrimidine and purine nucleosides can be synthesized by the reaction of silyl heterocyclic bases with peracetylated sugars in the presence of Friedel-Crafts catalysts.⁽²³⁾ However, these procedures still demand the prior silylation of the heterocyclic bases to the highly moisture-sensitive silyl derivatives. Furthermore the perfluoroalkane sulfonic and perchloric acids or their corresponding salts have to be converted to trimethylsilyl triflate.⁽²⁴⁾

It is also found that, Lewis acid catalysts such as (CH₃)₃SiSO₃CF₃ or SnCl₄ and the peracylated sugars derivatives can be combined to effect nucleoside formation in one simple synthetic step in high yield (85%)⁽²⁵⁾. Under this one step condition, the solvation affects the reactivity of the nucleophilic centers even stronger than any other factors. Since Friedel-Crafts catalysts such as SnCl₄ or TiCl₄ had been used successfully for the Silyl-Hilbert-Johnson nucleoside synthesis⁽²⁵⁾ these new silylated Lewis acids TMSC1O₄ and TMSOTf were reacted with silylated uracil (28) and (33). It was found that catalytic amounts of TMSC1O₄ or TMSOTf in 1,2-dichloroethane or acetonitrile were adequate for generating the

reactive intermediate cation (44), although the use of 1.1 equivalents was more efficient. Reaction of (44) with silylated uracil (28) lead to the silylated intermediate (45) and regenerated TMSC1O₄ or TMSOT f.^(26,27) Hydrolysis of (45) in aqueous NaHCO₃ produced 2',3',5'-tri- *O*-benzoyluridine (34) in more than 80% yield (Scheme 10).



Scheme 10: Schematic mechanism of tribenzoyluracil formation

In contrast to TMSCIO₄ and TMSOTf, the weaker Lewis acids ⁽²⁸⁾ (TMS)₂SO₄ and TMSCI do not promote nucleoside formation, since they do not convert (33) into the sugar cation (44). However, the even weaker Lewis acid TMSI, which can be prepared in situ from TMSC1 and Nal in acetonitrile, does catalyze the formation of nucleosides.^(29,30) The use of TMSOTf as a catalyst dramatically increases the yields of the 5-methoxy- or 5-morpholino-2',3',5'-uridine tri-O-benzoates (47b) and (48c) from the silvlated uracils (46b,c) and (33). This is even significant in 1,2-dichloroethane; 89% of (47b) (compared to 53% using SnC1₄) and 95% of (47c) (compared to 39% using SnC1₄) are obtained. Analogously, use of catalytic TMSOTf with the rather basic silylated 4-trimethylsilyloxypyridine (50a)and 4trimethylsilylaminopyridine (50b) gave the corresponding nucleosides (51a) and (51b) in 87%
and 80% yields,⁽²⁷⁾ whereas (51a) is obtained only in 63% yield with $SnC1_4^{(31)}$ (Equations 7 and 8)



Under carefully controlled conditions using TMSOTf in purified acetonitrile, silylated 6-methyluracil (52) produced the desired protected 6-methyluridine (53) in 71% yield compared to 41% with SnC1₄ (Scheme 11).



Scheme 11: Synthesis of 6-methylpyrimidine-2,4-dione nucleosides

Furthermore, the undesired N^3 -nucleoside (54) rearranges by heating with TMSOTf to give a 53% yield of the protected N^1 -nucleoside (56) and a 33% yield of the N^1 , N^3 -bis(riboside) (55). The sterically hindered (55) reacts on heating with silylated 6-methyluracil (52) and TMSOTf to give the corresponding N^1 -nucleoside (53)⁽²⁷⁾ (Scheme 12).



Scheme 12: Synthesis of 6-methylpyrimidine-2,4-dione nucleosides

1.1.5 Transglycosylation

Transglycosylation was first investigated by Lichtenthaler and co-workers⁽³²⁾ by treating peracylated cytidine (57) with N^6 -benzoyladenine (35) in the presence of HgBr₂ and DMA in xylene to afford after saponification (58) and it's α -isomer (59)⁽³²⁾ (Scheme 13).



Scheme 13: Pyrimidine-purine transglycosylation

Heating of (60) in toluene in the presence of HgBr₂ resulted in an $O \rightarrow N$ transglycosidation to give a mixture of α - and β - isomers⁽³³⁾ (61) and (62) (Scheme 14).





Scheme 14: Synthesis of an α - and β - isomers ($O \rightarrow N$ transglycosidation)

1.1.6 Synthesis of Deazanucleosides

There are several methods to synthesize deazanucleoside. The basic 4-pyridone (63) reacts *via* a silyl intermediate with 1-*O*-acetyl-2,3,5-tri-*O*-benzoyl-D-ribofuranose (33), followed by saponification to yield the free pyridine nucleoside (64) in 50 % yield (Equation 9)



The bis(trimethylsilyl) derivative of 2,4-dihydroxypyridine (65) is condensed with 2,3,5-tri-O-acetyl-D-ribofuranosyl bromide (18) to afford a protected nucleoside (66) in a 78% yield The corresponding free nucleoside (67) is obtained by treatment of (66) with ammonia⁽³⁴⁾ (Scheme 15).



Scheme 15: Synthesis of 4-hydroxy-2-pyridinone nucleoside

Niedballa and Vorbruggen ⁽³¹⁾ reported that the reaction of 2-trimethyl silyloxy pyridine (68) with 1-O- acetyl-2,3,5-tri-O-benzoyl- β -D-ribofuranose (33) in the presence of SnCl₄ gave the corresponding pyridinone nucleoside (69). Subsequent treatment of (69) with methanolic ammonia yielded the free nucleoside (70) (Scheme 16).



Scheme 16: Synthesis of 2-pyridinone nucleoside

The preparation of 4-amino-3-fluoro-1-(2',3',5'-tri-*O*-bezoyl- β -D-ribofuranosyl)-2pyridinone (72) by the reaction of the bis(trisilylmethyl) derivative of 4-amino-3fluoropyridine (71) with a ribose derivative (33) has been reported⁽³⁵⁾ (Equation 10)



5- Fluoro-3-deazauridine⁽³⁶⁾ (74) was obtained by the reaction between the trimethylsilyl derivative of (73) and a ribose derivative (18), followed by the treatment with ammonia in methanol to produce (74) (Equation 11).



A comparative study that involved two silyl pyridines (75a,b) differing in the C-2 substituent and a bulky sugar derivative (76) has attracted a lot of interest (Equation 12). The reaction of 2-pyridinone (74) gave the pyridinone nucleoside (78). Similary, the 2-thiono isomer (75) resulted in the formation of the thionopyridine nucleoside (79).



In addition, it was found that for preparation of deazapyrimidine nucleosides reported by Elqemeie and co-workers,^(37,38) 3-deazapyrimidine glycosides (81) were obtained by the reaction of the K-salt of (80) with an activated sugar derivative (7) in 70-85% yield (Equation 13).



AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1.2 Aims and Objectives

The aims of the present study are:

- To synthesize some novel 3-deazapyrimidines and their nucleosides using an easy direct method
- 2. To test the purity and to study the mechanisms of the obtained products.
- 3 To confirm the obtained structures using different techniques such as FT-IR spectroscopy, 1D- and 2D-NMR, ¹³C-NMR, elemental analysis as well as quantium mechanics calculations..
- 4. To study the biological activity of the obtained products.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

2. Materials and Methods

General: All air sensitive materials were handled under a nitrogen atmosphere. Mp's (Pyrex capillary) are not corrected. Infrared spectra were recorded with a Thermo Nicolet Nexus 470 FT-IR spectrometer in the range 4000-400 cm⁻¹ on samples in potassium bromide disks ¹H-NMR spectra (200 MHz) and ¹³C-NMR spectra (75.0 MHz) were obtained on a Varian 200 MHz instrument; chemical shifts were recorded in δ (ppm) units, relative to Me₄Si as an internal standard at 0.0 ppm. The spin multiplicities are indicated by the symbols s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), m (multiplet) and b (broad). Optical rotations were measured with a Perkin-Elmer digital polarimeter at 589 nm (sodium D line) in a 1dm cell. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out on precoated Merck silica gel F₂₅₄ plates and UV light was used for visualization. Column chromatography was performed on a Merck silica gel. Microanalytical data (C, H, N, S) were performed on a Flash–EA-1112 series analyzer and were within ± 0.5 % for (C, H, N) and ± 0.8 % for S of the theoretical values. All other reagents were purchased from Aldrich and used without further purification

2.1 General Procedure for the Synthesis of 2(1H)-Pyridinones

4,6-Disubistituted-3-cyano-2(1H)-pyridinones (82a-i): A mixture of an aromatic aldehyde (10 mmol), ethyl cyanoacetate (10 mmol), or 2-cyanoacetamide, (0.01 mol, acetophenone derivatives (10 mmol) and ammonium acetate (0.1 mol) in ethanol (50 mL) was heated under reflux for 6 h. The mixture was cooled, and the resultant precipitate was filtered off and washed with cold H_2O (3 x 50 mL) to give a solid mass. The solid was crystallized from appropriate solvent (ethanol or DMSO) and dried to give the desired 2-pyridinone (82a-i).

4,6-Diphenyl-3-cyano-2(1H)-pyridinones (82a): Pale yellow crystals; yield 85% from DMSO, mp 333°C; $R_f = 0.533$ (6:4 hexane / ethylacetate), IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 1600 (CO), 2220 (CN), 3440 (NH), ¹H-NMR [DMSO-*d6*, 200 MHz]: (δ, ppm) 6.82 (s, 1H, H-5), 7.54-7.89 (m,10H, aromatic), 12.81 (bs, 1H, NH); ¹³C-NMR [DMSO-*d6*, 200 MHz]: (δ, ppm) 106.3 (C-5), 116.5 (CN), 116.0 (C-3), 127.8-136.0 (Aromatic carbons), 151.5 (C-6), 159.8 (CO of pyridine), 162.0 (C-4); Anal Calcd for C₁₈H₁₂N₂O (272.30): C, 79.39; H, 4.44; N, 10.29 %, found: C, 79.0; H, 4.46; N, 10.20 %

4-(*o*-*Tolyl*)-6-*phenyl*-3-*cyano*-2(1*H*)-*pyridinones (82b*): Pale yellow crystals; yield 67% from DMSO, mp 284°C; $R_f = 0.38$ (6:4 hexane / ethylacetate), IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 1641 (CO), 2350 (CN), 3420 (NH); ¹H-NMR [DMSO-*d6*, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 2.36 (s, 3H, CH₃), 6.71 (s, 1H, H-5), 7.31-7.89 (m, 12H, aromatic), 12.81 (bs, 1H, NH); ¹³C-NMR [DMSO-*d*₆, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 107.5 (C-5), 116.6 (CN),116.0 (C-3),126.7-137.1 (aromatic carbons), 151.9 (C-6), 161.8 (C-2), 162.4 (C-4); Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₁₄N₂O (286.33): C, 79.70; H, 4.93; N, 9.78; found: C, 79.90; H, 5 06; N, 9.87%

4-(m-Tolyl)-6-phenyl-3-cyano-2(1H)-pyridinones (82c): Yellow crystals; yield 76% from DMSO, mp 263°C, $R_f = 0.26$ (6:4 hexane / ethylacetate), IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 1650 (CO), 2229 (CN), 3442 (NH), ¹H-NMR [DMSO-*d6*, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 2.36 (s, 3H, CH₃), 6.77 (s, 1H), 7.34-7.89 (m, 12H, aromatic), 12.81 (bs, 1H, NH); ¹³C-NMR [DMSO-*d6*, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 98.4(C-3), 106.3 (C-5), 116.6 (CN), 125.4-138.3 (aromatic carbons), 151.4 (C-6), 159.9 (C-2), 162.2 (C-4); Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₁₄N₂O (286.33): C, 79.70; H, 4.93; N, 9.78 %, found:C, 79.70; H, 5.04; N, 9.77 %

4-(Thiophen-2-yl)-6-phenyl-3-cyano-2(1H)-pyridinones (82d): Yellow crystals; yield 73% from DMSO, mp 315°C; $R_f = 0.62$ (6:4 hexane / ethylacetate), IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 1643 (CO),

2220 (CN), 3425 (NH), ¹H-NMR [DMSO-*d*₆, 200 MHz]: (δ, ppm) 6.9 (s,1H), 7.30-7.88 (m, 5H, aromatic), 7.90 (d, 1H, J = 8.6 Hz, CH aromatic), 8.05-8.06 (m, 2H), 12.70 (bs, 1H, NH); ¹³C-NMR [DMSO-*d*₆, 200 MHz]: (δ, ppm) 95.5 (C3),104.5 (C5), 117.0 (CN), 127.8-136.7 (Ar-C),150.8 (C6),151.2 (CO of pyridine),162.2 (C4); Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₀N₂OS (278.33): C, 69.04; H, 3.62; N, 10.06; S, 11.52 %, found: C, 68.70; H, 3.63; N, 10.0; S, 11.50 %

4-(*Thiophen-2-yl*)-6-(*p-chlorophenyl*)-3-*cyano*-2(1*H*)-*pyridinones* (82*e*): Pale yellow crystals; yield 82% from DMSO, mp 342-343°C; $R_f = 0.32$ (6:4 hexane / ethylacetate), IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 1660 (CO), 2220 (CN), 3430 (NH); ¹H-NMR [DMSO-*d*₆, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 6 98 (s, 1H, C-5), 7.29-7.34 (m, 1H, aromatic), 7.57-7.62 (d, 2H, J = 8.6 Hz), 7.88-7.93 (d, 2H, J = 8.6 Hz), 7.98-8.07 (m, 2H, 2-thienyl), 12.74 (bs, 1H, NH); ¹³C-NMR [(DMSO-*d*6), 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 104.8 (C-5), 116.9 (CN), 116.0 (C-3), 128.7-136.7 (aromatic carbons), 150.2 (C-6), 150.7 (C-2), 162.3 (C-4). Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₉N₂OCIS (312.77): C, 61.44; H, 2.90; N, 8.96; S, 10.25 %. found: C, 61.40; H, 2.90; N, 8.94; S, 10.30 %

4-(2-*Trifluoromethylphenyl*)-6-*phenyl*-3-*cyano*-2(1*H*)-*pyridinones (82f*): Yellow crystals; yield 80% from DMSO, mp 306-307°C; $R_f = 0.34$ (6:4 hexane / ethylacetate), IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 1637 (CO), 2349 (CN), 3446 (NH); ¹H-NMR [DMSO-*d*₆, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 3.82 (s, 3H, *p*-OCH₃), 6.84 (s, 1H, C-5), 7.02-7.10 (d, 2H, J = 9.0 Hz), 7.67-7.70 (d, 2H, J = 4.4 Hz), 8.75-8.78 (d, 2H, J = 4.4 Hz), 12.81 (bs, 1H, NH); ¹³C-NMR [DMSO-*d*6, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 55.6 (OCH₃), 104.8 (C-5), 116.1 (CN), 114.4, 124.1, 129.6, and 157.1(aromatic carbons at C-6), 122.6, 150.2, and 152.0 (aromatic carbons at C-4),143.6 (C-6), 161.8 (C-4), 161.9 (C-2). Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₁₁N₂OF₃ (340.30): C, 67.06; H, 3.26; N, 8.23 %, found: C, 67.4; H, 3.30; N, 8.30 %

4-(Pyridin-4'-yl)-6-(p-methoxyphenyl)-3-cyano-2(1H)-pyridinones (82g): Yellow crystals; yield 60% from DMSO, mp 329-330°C; $R_f = 0.236$ (6:4 hexane / ethylacetate); IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 1640 (CO), 2222 (CN), 3448 (NH); ¹H-NMR [DMSO-*d*₆, 200 MHz]: (δ, ppm) 6.87 (s, 1H, H-5), 7 45-8.00 (m, 9H, aromatic), 12.91 (bs, 1H, NH); ¹³C-NMR [DMSO-*d*₆, 200 MHz] (δ, ppm) 106.3 (C-5), 116.2 (CN),122.0 (CF₃), 125.7-132.3 (aromatic carbons), 140.1 (C-6), 158.4 (C-4'), 161.3(C-2). Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₁₃N₃O₂ (303.31): C, 71.28; H, 4.32; N, 13.85 %, Found C, 71.4; H, 4.18; N, 13.8 %.

4-(p-Tolyl)-6-(p-chlorophenyl)-3-cyano-2(1H)-pyridinones (82h): Yellow crystals, yield 80% from DMSO, mp 312-313°C; R_f = 0.180 (6:4 hexane / ethylacetate); IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 2349 (CN), 1636 (CO), 3433 (NH), ¹H-NMR [DMSO-*d*₆, 200 MHz]: (δ, ppm) 2.37 (s, 3H, CH₃), 6.83 (s, 1H, H-5), 7.33-7.92 (m, 12H, aromatic), 12.81 (bs, 1H, NH);¹³C-NMR [DMSO-*d*6, 200 MHz]: (δ, ppm) 107.2 (C-5), 117.2 (CN),117.0 (C-3),128.9-136.6 (aromatic carbons), 141.2 (C-6), 160.2 (C-2), 162.8 (C-4); Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₁₃ClN₂O (320.77): C, 71.14; H, 4.08; N, 8.73 % found: C, 71.20; H, 4.03; N, 8.67 %

4-Phenyl-6-(p-chlorophenyl)-3-cyano-2(1H)-pyridinones (82i): yellow crystals; yield 80% from ethanol, mp 305-306°C; $R_f = 0.22$ (6:4 hexane / ethylacetate); IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 2216 (CN), 1635 (CO), 3446 (NH); ¹H-NMR [DMSO-*d*₆, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 6.87 (s,1H, H-5), 7.52-7.95 (m, 10H, aromatic), 12.81 (bs, 1H, NH); ¹³C-NMR [DMSO-*d*₆, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 107.4 (C-5), 117.1(CN), 117.0 (C-3), 128.9-136.7 (Aromatic carbons), 151.2 (C-6), 160.3 (CO of pyridine), 162.8 (C-4); Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₁₁ClN₂O (306.75): C, 70.48; H, 3.61; N, 9.13 %; found: C, 70 80; H, 3.62; N, 9.13 %.

2.2 General Procedure for Nucleoside Synthesis

2.2.1 Method A (The Potassium Salt Method)

1-(2",3",4",6"-Tetra-O-acetyl-\$B-D-glycopyranosyl)-3-cyano-4,6-subistituted-2-

pyridinones (83a-e) and (87a-e): To a solution of 4,6-disubstituted-3-cyano-2(1*H*)pyridinones (0 01 mol) in aqueous KOH [0.56 g (0.01 mol)] in 6 ml distilled water, a solution of 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl- α -D-hexapyranosyl bromide (0.011 mol, 4.12 g) in acetone 30 ml was added The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature until the reaction was judged completed by TLC (4--6h); 30 ml of CH₂Cl₂ was then added. The organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and the organic solvent was removed under reduced pressure at room temperature to afford the crude nucleoside products. The residue was recrystallized from ethanol to give the nucleosides (83a-e) (Scheme 18) and (87a-e) (Scheme 21)

1.2.2.2 Method B (The Silyl Method)

1-(2", 3", 4", 6"-Tetra-O-acetyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl)-3-cyano-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-6-(4'chlorophenyl)-2-pyridinone (83d): A mixture of 2-pyridinone (82d) (0 01 mol), 1,1,1,3,3,3 hexamethyldisilazane (HMDS, 60 mL), ammonium sulfate (0.125 g) and drops of chlorotrimethylsilane was heated under nitrogen for 4-8 h. Excess HMDS was removed by distillation, and the residue was dried under a reduced pressure for 6 h. The resulting intermediate bis-silyl derivative (84) was dissolved in anhydrous MeCN (20 mL) and a solution of a 1,2,3,4,6-penta-O-acetyl-α-D-glycopyranose (0.01 mol, 3.91 g) in 20 mL of MeCN was added with stirring. The mixture was cooled to 5 °C during the subsequent addition of TMSOTf (2.17 ml, 0.015 mol). The stirring at room temperature was continued for 16-18h until the reaction was completed as observed by TLC analysis (1:1 chloroform; acetone) The mixture was diluted with CHCl₃ (150 mL), and the organic solution was washed with a saturated NaHCO₃ solution (50 mL) and then H₂O (2x50 mL). The organic layer was dried (anhydrous Na₂SO₄). The solvent was removed under a reduced pressure and a crude product thus obtained was purified by column chromatography on a silica gel column using 5% MeOH in CHCl₃ as an eluent to give the pure product (83d) in a yield of 61% (Scheme 19)

1-(2",3",4",6"-Tetra-O-acetyl-B-D-glucopyranosyl)-3-cyano-4,6-diphenyl-2-pyridinone (83a)

White crystals; yield 66% (method A); mp 193°C, from ethanol; $R_f = 0.48$ (6:4 hexane / ethylacetate), IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 1600 (C-2), 1752 (acetyl carbonyl CO), 2220 (CN); $[\alpha]^{25} = 25.4^{\circ}$ (c = 4.92 mg/mL, chloroform); ¹H-NMR [CDCl₃, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 1.91-2.07 (4s, 12H, 4CH₃CO), 4.03-4.25(m, 3H, H-5", H-6"a,H-6"b), 5.22 (t, 1H, H-4"), 5.41-5.47 (m, 3H, H-2",H-3"), 6.33 (d, 1H, H-1", J = 7.8 Hz), 7.49-8.00 (m, 10H, aromatic); ¹³C-NMR [CDCl₃, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 20.3-20.5 (4CH₃), 62.0 (C-6'), 68.3 (C-4'), 70.3 (C-2'), 72.6 (C-3'), 72.8(C-5'), 94.3 (C-1"), 94.3(C-5), 113.9 (C-3), 115.5 (CN), 127.2-136.8 (aromatic carbons), 157.3 (C-6), 157.8 (C-2), 162.3 (C-4), 168.9-170.6 (four acetoxy carbonyl carbon). Anal. Calcd for C₃₂H₃₀N₂O₁₀ (602.59): C, 63.78; H, 5.02; N, 4.65 %, found: C, 64.00; H, 5.14; N, 4.61 %.

1-(2",3",4",6"-Tetra-O-acetyl-\$B-D-glucopyranosyl)-3-cyano-4-(o-tolyl)-6-phenyl-2-

pyridinone (83b): White crystals; yield 65%, (method A); mp 189-190°C, from ethanol; $R_f = 0.381$ (6:4 hexane / ethylacetate), IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 1659 (C-2), 1765 (acetoxy carbonyl), 2352 (CN); $[\alpha]^{25} = 26.1^{\circ}$ (c = 3.84 mg/ml, chloroform); ¹H-NMR [CDCl₃, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 1.93-2 08 (4s, 12H, 4CH₃), 2.28 (s, 3H, *o*-CH₃), 4.00 (m, 1H, H-5'), 4.25-4.27 (m, 2H, H-6"a, H-6"b), 5.23-5.47 (m, 3H, H-2", H-3", H-4"), 6.32-6.36 (d, 1H, H-1", J = 7.8 Hz), 7.25-8.05 (m, 10H, aromatic); ¹³C-NMR [CDCl₃, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 20.1 (*ortho*-CH₃), 20.8 (4 CH₃), 62.3 (C-6"), 68.6 (C-4"), 70.6 (C-2"), 72.9 (C-3"), 73.0 (C-5"), 94.7 (C-1"), 96.1 (C-5), 114.0 (C-3), 116.5 (CN), 126.4-136.9 (aromatic carbons), 157.8 (C-6), 158.5 (C-2), 162.0 (C-4), 170.9 (four

acetoxy carbonyl carbon); Anal.Calcd for C₃₃H₃₂N₂O₁₀ (616.61): C, 64.28; H, 5.23; N, 4.54 %, found: C, 64 50, H, 5.23; N, 4.70 %.

1-(2",3 ",4",6"-Tetra-O-acetyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl)-3-cyano-4-(thiophen-2'-yl)-6-phenylpyridinone (83c): White crystals; yield 72%, (method A); mp 188-189°C, from ethanol; $R_f = 0.921$ (6:4 hexane / ethylacetate), IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 1680 (CO), 1752 (acetoxy carbonyl), 2354 (CN); $[\alpha]^{25} = 7.1^{\circ}$ (c = 4.28 mg/ml, chloroform), ¹H-NMR [CDCl₃, 200 MHz]: (δ, ppm) 1.92-

2.07 (4s, 12H, 4CH₃), 4.06 (m, 1H, H-5"), 4.21-4.22 (m, 2H, H-6"a, H-6"b) 5.18-5.50 (m, 3H, H-2",H-3", H-4"), 6.29 (d, 1H, H-1", J = 9.0 Hz), 7.20-7.56 (m, 5H, aromatic), 7.69 (s, 1H, H-5), 7 98-8.06 (m, 2H, thienyl H-2, 3); ¹³C-NMR [CDCl₃, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 20.6-20.7 (4CH₃), 62.0 (C-6"), 68.4 (C-5"), 70.3 (C-4"), 72.98(C-3"), 73.0 (C-2"), 91.8 (C5), 94.4 (C-1"), 114.2 (C-3), 114.5 (CN), 127.3-137.2 (aromatic carbons), 148.6 (thienyl C-2), 158.0 (C-6), 162.9 (C-2), 168.9, 170.9, 170.4, and 170.6 (four acetoxy carbonyl carbon); Anal.Calcd for C₃₀H₂₈N₂O₁₀S (608.62): C, 59.20; H, 4.64; N, 4.60; S, 5.27 %, found: C, 60.20; H, 4.70; N, 4.60; S, 5.20 %.

1-(2",3",4",6"-Tetra-O-acetyl-\$B-D-glucopyranosyl)-3-cyano-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-6-(4-

chlorophenyl)-2-pyridinone (83d): White crystals; yield 48% (method A), 61% (method B); mp 155-156°C, from ethanol, $R_f = 0.625$ (6:4 hexane / ethylacetate), IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 1641 (C-2), 1752 (acetoxy carbonyl), 2330 (CN); $[\alpha]^{25} = 17.9^{\circ}$ (c = 9.2 mg/ml, chloroform), ¹H-NMR [CDCl₃, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 1.93-2.07 (4s, 12H, 4CH₃), 4.00 (m, 1H, H-5"), 4.19-4.25 (m, 2H, H-6"a, H-6"b), 5.20-5.25 (m, 1H, H-4"), 5.39-5.45 (m, 2H, H-2", H-3"), 6.25-6.30 (d, 1H, H-1", J = 8.2 Hz), 7.19-7.22 (d, 2H, J = 3.8 Hz), 7.45-7.51 (m, 1H, thienyl H-5), 7.56-7.59 (d, 2H, CH , J = 4.2 Hz), 7.63 (s, 1H, H-5), 7.94-7.99 (m, 2H, thienyl H-2, H-3); ¹³C-NMR [CDCl₃, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 20.6-20.7 (4CH₃), 61.7 (C-6"), 67.1 (C-5"), 67.8 (C-4"), 70.9(C-3"), 71.7 (C-2"), 95.0 (C-1"), 91.9 (C-5), 113.9 (C-3), 114.5 (CN), 128.5-137.2 (aromatic carbons), 148 7 (C-6), 156 7 (C-2), 163.1 (C-4), 168.9, 170.2, 170.3 and 170.4 (four acetoxy carbonyl carbon) Anal Calcd for C₃₀H₂₇ClN₂O₁₀S (643.06): C, 56.03; H, 4.23; N, 4.36; S, 4.99 %, found: C, 56.00; H, 4.20; N, 4.21; S, 4.99 %

1-(2",3",4",6"-Tetra-O-acetyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl)-3-cyano-4-[2-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]-6phenyl-2-pyridinone (83e): White crystals; yield 30% (method A); mp 167-168°C, from ethanol, $R_f = 0.86$ (6:4 hexane / ethylacetate), IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 1660 (C-2), 1760 (acetoxy carbonyl), 2400 (CN); $[\alpha]^{25} = 9.5^{\circ}$ (c = 8.4 mg/mL, chloroform); ¹H-NMR [CDCl₃, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 1.91, 2.05, 2.06, 2.08 (4s, 12H, 4CH₃), 4.05-4.11 (m, 1H, H-5″), 4.22-4.25 (m, 2H, H-6″a,H-6″b), 5.18-5.27 (m, 1H, H-4″), 5.42-5.47 (m, 2H, H-2″, H-3″), 6.33-6.37 (d, 1H, H-1″, J = 8 Hz), 7.26-8.01 (m, 9H, aromatic); ¹³C-NMR [CDCl₃, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 20.5-20.6 (4s, 4CH₃), 62.0 (C-6″), 68.3 (C-5″), 70.3 (C-4″), 72.7 (C-3″), 94.2 (C-2″), 94.4 (C-1″), 113.6 (C-5), 115.3 (C-3), 116.5 (CN), 126.1 (CF₃), 127.3-139.3 (aromatic carbons), 162.3 (C-6), 155.7 (C-2), 158.4 (C-4), 168.9-170.6 (four acetoxy carbonyl carbon); Anal.Calcd for C₃₃H₂₉F₃N₂O₁₀ (670.59): C, 59.11; H, 4.36; N, 4.18 %, found: C, 59.8; H, 4.30; N, 4.12 %.

1-(2",3",4",6"-Tetra-O-acetyl- β -D-galactopyranosyl)-3-cyano-4,6-diphenyl -2-pyridinone (87a): White crystals; yield 49%, mp 174-175°C, from ethanol, $R_f = 0.391$ (6:4 hexane / ethylacetate), IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 1642 (C-2), 1748 (acetoxy carbonyl), 2225 (CN);

[α]²⁵ = 21.8° (*c* = 3.2 mg/mL, chloroform); ¹H-NMR [CDCl₃, 200 MHz]: (δ, ppm) 1.88-2.22 (4s, 12H, 4CH₃), 4.17-4.28 (m, 3H, H-5", H-6"a, H-6"b), 5.21-5.28 (m, 1H, H-4"), 5.51-5.74 (m, 2H, H-2", H-3"), 6.27-6.31 (d, 1H, H-1", J = 8 Hz), 7.50-7.70 (m, 8H, aromatic), 7.66 (s, 1H, H-5), 8.04-8.09 (m, 2H, aromatic); ¹³C-NMR [CDCl₃, 200 MHz]: (δ, ppm) 20.5, 20.6, 20.6 and 20.7 (4CH₃), 61.8 (C-6"), 67.2 (C-5"), 67.9 (C-3"), 70.9 (C-4"), 71.8(C-2"), 94.0(C-5),

94.9 (C-1"), 114.0 (C-3), 115.4 (CN), 127.3-136.8 (aromatic carbons), 157.2 (C-6), 157.8 (C-2), 162.4 (C-4), 168.9, 170.2, 170.3, and 170.4 (four acetoxy carbonyl carbon) Anal.Calcd for C₃₂H₃₀N₂O₁₀ (602.59): C, 63.78; H, 5.02; N, 4.65 %, found: C, 64.20; H, 5.20; N, 4.70 %

1-(2",3",4",6"-Tetra-O-acetyl-\$-D-galactopyranosyl)-3-cyano-4-(m-tolyl)-6-phenyl-2-

pyridinone (87b): White crystals; yield 74%, mp 196-197°C, from ethanol; $R_f = 0.43$ (6 4 hexane / ethylacetate), IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 1652 (C-2), 1748 (acetoxy carbonyl), 2235 (CN); [α]²⁵ = 7 5° (c = 4.0 mg ml, chloroform); ¹H-NMR [CDCl₃, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 1.93-2.08 (4s, 12H, 4CH₃), 2.28 (s, 3H, *ortho*-CH₃), 4.17-4.28 (m, 3H, H-5″, H-6″a, H-6″b), 5.21-5.28 (m, 1H, H-4″, J = 3.4), 5 51-5.53 (d, 1H, H-3″, J = 3.8 Hz), 5.64-5.74 (dd, 1H, H-2″, J = 8.2 Hz), 6 27-6 31 (d, 1H, H-1″, J = 8.2 Hz), 7.26 (s, 1H, H-2′), 7.32-7.90 (m, 7H, aromatic), 8 07-8 09 (m, 2H, aromatic); ¹³C-NMR [CDCl₃, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 20.5-20 7 (4CH₃), 21.4 (*O*-CH₃), 61.8 (C-6″), 67.2 (C-5″), 67.9 (C-3″), 70.9 (C-4″), 71.7 (C-2″), 94.0 (C-1″), 94.9 (C-5), 114.0 (C-3), 116.5 (CN), 125.2-138.8 (aromatic carbons), 157.8 (C-6), 158.5 (C-2), 162.0 (C-4), 170.9 (four acetoxy carbonyl carbon); Anal.Calcd for C₃₃H₃₂N₂O₁₀ (616.61): C, 64.28; H, 5.23; N, 4.54 %, found: C, 64.20; H, 5.14; N, 4.61 %

1-(2 ",3 ",4 ",6 "-Tetra-O-acetyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl)-3-cyano-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-6-phenylpyridinone (87c): white crystals; yield 68%, mp 216-217°C, from ethanol; $R_f = 0.33$ (6:4 hexane / ethylacetate), IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 1650 (C-2), 1753 (acetoxy carbonyl), 2241 (CN); [α]²⁵ = 8.8° (c = 4.0 mg/ml, chloroform); ¹H NMR [CDCl₃, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 1.88, 2.03, 2.04 and 2.22 (4s, 12H, 4CH₃), 4.16-4.23 (m, 3H, H-5", H-6"a,H-6"b), 5.19-5.26 (dd, 1H, H-4", J = 3.6 Hz), 5.49-5.52 (d, 1H, H-3", J = 3.6 Hz), 5.63-5.73 (dd, 1H, H-2", J = 8.2 Hz), 6.24-6.28 (d, 1H, H-1", J = 8.2 Hz), 7.51-7.56 (m, 3H, aromatic), 7.58-7.59 (m, 1H, thienyl H-4), 7.69 (s, 1H, H-5), 7.96-7.98 (m, 1H, thienyl H-3), 8.02-8.07 (m, 2H, aromatic); ¹³C-NMR [CDCl₃, 200 MHz]: (δ, ppm) 20 5-20 7 (4CH₃), 61.8 (C-6"), 67.2 (C-5"), 67.8 (C-3"), 70.9(C-4"), 71.7 (C-2"), 91.6 (C-1"), 94.9 (C5), 114.1 (C-3), 114.5 (CN), 127.2-137.2 (aromatic carbons), 148.5 (thienyl C-2), 157.9 (C-6), 162.9 (C-2), 168.9, 170.2, 170.3, and 170.4 (four acetoxy carbonyl carbon); Anal Calcd for C₃₀H₂₈N₂O₁₀S (608.62): C, 59.20; H, 4.64; N, 4.60; S, 5.27 %, found C, 60.6; H, 4.7; N, 4.6; S, 5.3 %

1-(2",3",4",6"-Tetra-O-acetyl-B-D-galactopyranosyl)-3-cyano-4-(thiophen-2'-yl)-6-(p-

chlorophenyl)-2-*pyridinone (87d)*: white crystals; yield 48%, mp 155-156°C, from ethanol, $R_f = 0.63$ (6:4 hexane / ethylacetate), IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 1590 (C-2), 1760 (acetoxy carbonyl), 2230 (CN); $[\alpha]^{25} = 8.7^{\circ}$ (c = 4.0 mg/ml, chloroform); ¹H NMR [CDCl₃, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 1.92, 2 04, 2.06 and 2.23 (4s, 12H, 4CH₃), 4.17-4.26 (m, 3H, H-5", H-6"a,H-6"b), 5.20-5.27 (dd, 1H, H-4", J = 3.2 Hz), 5.51-5.52 (d, 1H, H-3", J = 3.4 Hz), 5.64-5.73 (dd, 1H, H-2", J = 8.2 Hz), 6 20-6.25 (d, 1H, H-1", J = 8.2 Hz), 7.49-7.53 (m, 2H, aromatic), 7.56-7.61 (dd, 1H, J = 3.4 Hz, aromatic), 7.65 (s, 1H, H-5), 7.98-8.02 (m, 3H, aromatic); ¹³C-NMR [CDCl₃, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 20.6-20.7 (4CH₃), 61.7 (C-6"), 67.1 (C-5"), 67.8 (C-3"), 70.9 (C-4"), 71.7 (C-2"), 91.9 (C-5), 95.0 (C-1"), 113.9 (C-3), 114.5 (CN), 128.5-137.1 (aromatic carbons), 156.7 (C-6), 163.1 (C-2), 168.9 (C-4),170.4 (four acetoxy carbonyl carbon). Anal. Calcd for C₃₀H₂₇ClN₂O₁₀S (643.06): C, 56.03; H, 4.23; N, 4.36; S, 4.99 %; found: 56.10, H, 4.22; N, 4.35; S, 4.90 %.

1-(2",3",4",6"-Tetra-O-acetyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl)-3-cyano-4-(p-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-6-phenyl-2-pyridinone (87e): white crystals; yield 48%, mp 155-156°C,from ethanol; R_f = 0 63 (6:4 hexane / ethylacetate), IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 1635 (C-2), 1743 (acetoxy carbonyl), 2353 (CN); $[\alpha]^{25} = 14.4^{\circ}$ (c = 8.0 mg/ml, chloroform); ¹H-NMR [CDCl₃, 200 MHz]: (δ, ppm) 2.20 (m, 12H, 4CH₃), 4.17-4.25 (m, 3H, H-5", H-6"a, H-6"b), 5.26-5.27 (dd, 1H, H-3", J = 3.4 Hz), 5 51-5.53 (d, 1H, H-4", J = 2 6 Hz), 5.64-5.73 (dd, 1H, H-2", J = 8.2 Hz), 6.27-6 31 (d, 1H, H-1", J = 8 2 Hz), 7.52-7.55 (m, 3H, aromatic), 7.60 (s, 1H, H-5), 7.78-7 80 (m, 4H, aromatic), 8 04-8 08 (m, 2H, aromatic), ¹³C-NMR [CDCl₃, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 20.5-20.7 (4CH₃), 61.8 (C-6"), 67.2 (C-5"), 67.8 (C-3"), 70.9 (C-4"), 71.8 (C-2"), 94.0 (C-1"), 95.0(C-5), 115.0 (C-3), 115.2 (CN), 126.1 (CF3), 127.3-136.5 (aromatic carbons), 155.6 (C-6), 158.4 (C-2), 162.0 (C-4), 168.9-170.4 (four acetoxy carbonyl); Anal.Calcd for C₃₃H₂₉F₃N₂O₁₀ (670.59): C, 59.11; H, 4 36;N,4.18%,found:C,60.1;H,4.38;N,4.12%.

2.3 General Procedure for Nucleoside Deacylation

2.3.1 <u>Method A (Transesterification-Saponification Using Saturated Methanolic Ammonia)</u>

Dry gaseous ammonia was passed through a solution of acetylated nucleoside (83a-e)(0.5 g)in dry methanol (10 mL) at 0°C for about 0.5 h. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C until complete as shown by TLC; the residue was purified by flash chromatography eluting with 2% EtOH in CH₂Cl₂ to give a white crystalline product (85a-e).

2.3.2 Method B (Transesterification-Saponification Using Triethylamine)

Acetylated nucleoside (87a-e) was dissolved in a mixture of (MeOH/H₂O/Et₃N) in ratio of (1:1:1) and the mixture was stirred over night at room temperature. The reaction mixture was monitored by TLC (2% methanol and 98% CH_2Cl_2) and stirring was continuous until the reaction completed. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure at room temperature and the residue was purified by column chromatography eluting with 2% EtOH in CH_2Cl_2 to give a white crystalline product of the deacetylated nucleosides (88a-d).

I-(β-D-glucopyranosyl)-3-cyano-4,6-diphenyl-2-pyridinone (85a): White crystals; yield 52% (method A); mp 182°C, from methanol; $R_f = 0.35$ (CH₂Cl₂), IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 1590 (CO), 2230 (CN), 3430 sugar-OH; $[\alpha]^{25} = 116.8^{\circ}$ (c = 10.4 mg/ml, methanol); ¹H-NMR [DMSO-d₆, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 3.26-3.67 (m, 6H, H-2", H-3", H-4", H-5", H-6"a,H-6"b), 4.57-5.43 (4 OH, exchagable with D₂O), 6.13-6.16 (d, 1H, H-1", J = 7.4 Hz), 7.51-7.60 (m, 6H, aromatic), 7.73-7.76 (m, 2H, aromatic), 7.88 (s, 1H, H-5), 8.22-8.27 (m, 2H, aromatic); ¹³C-NMR [DMSO-d₆, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 60.6 (C-6'), 69.7 (C-5'), 72.9 (C-4'), 77 (C-3'), 78.0(C-2'), 96.6 (C-1"), 92.8 (C-5), 114.9 (C-3), 115.0 (CN), 127.6-136.5 (aromatic carbons), 156.8 (C-6), 157.4 (C-2), 162.9(C-4). Anal. Calcd for C₂₄H₂₂N₂O₆ (434.44): C, 66.35; H, 5.10; N, 6.45, found: C, 65.99; H, 4.98; N, 6.41%.

1-(β-D-glucopyranosyl)-3-cyano-4-(m-tolyl)-6-phenyl-2-pyridinone (85b): White crystals; yield 63% (method A); mp 163°C, from methanol; $R_f = 0.51$ (CH₂Cl₂), IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 1585 (CO), 2450 (CN), 3400 sugar-OH; $[\alpha]^{25} = 88°$ (c = 6.52 mg/ml, methanol), ¹H-NMR [DMSO*d*₆, 200 MHz] (δ, ppm) 2.52 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.36-3.66 (m, 6H, H-2" H-3", H-4", H-5", H-6"a, H-6"b), 4.65-5.27(4 OH, exchagable with D₂O), 6.12-6.15 (d, 1H, H-1", J = 7.8 Hz), 7.39-7.57 (m, 7H, aromatic), 7.87 (s, 1H, H-5), 8.24-8.28 (m, 2H, aromatic); ¹³C-NMR [DMSO-*d*₆, 200 MHz] (δ, ppm) 21.7 (s, CH3), 61.0 (C-6"), 68.8 (C-5"), 70.6 (C-4"), 74.2 (C-3"), 77.1 (C-2"), 93.4 (C-1"), 97.8 (C-5), 115.4 (C-3), 115.7 (CN), 126.4-139.0 (aromatic carbons), 157.5 (C-6), 157.9 (C-2), 163.7 (C-4). Anal. Calcd for C₂₅H₂₄N₂O₆ (448.47): C, 66.95; H, 5.39; N, 6.25 %, found⁻C, 66.89; H, 5.37; N, 6.31 %.

1-(β-D-glucopyranosyl)-3-cyano-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-6-phenyl-2-pyridinone (85c): White crystals; yield 74% (method A); mp 219°C from methanol; $R_f = 0.34$ (CH₂Cl₂), IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 1595 (CO), 2300 (CN), 3445 sugar-OH; $[\alpha]^{25} = 202°$ (c = 8.4 mg/ml, methanol); ¹H NMR [DMSO- d_6 , 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 3.25-3.68 (m, 6H, H-2", H-3", H-4", H-5", H-6"a, H-6"b), 4.59-5 45 (4 OH, exchagable with D₂O), 6.11-6.15 (d, 1H, H-1", J = 7.8Hz), 7.32-7.37 (dd, 1H, thienyl H-5, J = 3.4 Hz), 7.54-7.56 (m, 3H, aromatic), 7.97 (s, 1H, H-5), 7.98-7.99 (dd, 1H, thienyl H-3, J = 1.2 Hz), 8.03-8.06 (dd, 1H, thienyl H-2, J = 1.2Hz), 8.22-8.27 (m, 2H, aromatic); ¹³C-NMR [DMSO- d_6 , 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 60.5 (C-6"), 69.6 (C-5"), 72.7 (C-4"), 76.9(C-3"), 78.0 (C-2"), 90.4 (C-3), 96.7(C-1"), 113.4 (C-5), 115.3 (CN), 127.6-136.5 (aromatic carbons), 148.3 (C-6), 157.4 (C-2), 163.5 (C-4). Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₂₀N₂O₆S (440.47): C, 59.99; H, 4.58, N, 6.36; S, 7.28 %, found: C, 60.10; H, 4.59; N, 6.20; S, 7.32 %. *1-(β-D-glucopyranosyl)-3-cyano-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-6-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-pyridinone (85d):* White crystals; yield 60% (method A); mp 250°C, from methanol; R_f = 0.38 (CH₂Cl₂), R

(KBr, cm⁻¹) 1645 (CO), 2240 (CN), 3440 sugar-OH; $[\alpha]^{25} = 331.2^{\circ}$ (*c* = 8.8 mg/ml, methanol); ¹H-NMR [DMSO-*d*₆, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 3.24-3.68 (m, 6H, H-2" H-3", H-4", H-5", H-6"a,H-6"b), 4 59-5.46 (4 OH, exchagable with D₂O), 6.08-6.12 (d, 1H, H-1", J = 7.4 Hz), 7.32-7.37 (dd, 1H, thienyl H-5, J = 3.6 Hz), 7.59-7.63 (d, 2H, J = 8.6 Hz), 7.98-8.31 (m, 3H), 8.26-8 31 (d, 2H, J = 8.6 Hz); ¹³C-NMR [DMSO-*d*₆, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 60.6 (C-6"), 69.6 (C-5"), 72.8 (C-4"), 76.9(C-3"), 78.0 (C-2"), 90.7 (C-5), 96.8 (C-1"), 113.3(C-3), 115.2 (CN), 128.6-136.4 (aromatic carbons), 148.5 (C-6), 156.1 (C-2), 163.5 (C-4). Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₁₉ClN₂O₆S (474.91): C, 55.64; H, 4.03; N, 5.90; S, 6.75 %, found: C, 55.59; H, 3.99; N, 6.01; S, 6.74 %.

1-(β-D-glucopyranosyl)-3-cyano-4-[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-6-phenyl-2-pyridinone (85e): White crystals; yield 32% (method A); mp 168°C, from methanol; $R_f = 0.87$ (CH₂Cl₂), IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 1650 (CO), 2220 (CN), 3445 sugar-OH; $[\alpha]^{25} = 100.6^{\circ}$ (c = 8 mg/ml, methanol); ¹H-NMR [DMSO- d_6 , 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 3.24-3.69 (m, 6H, H-2" H-3", H-4", H-5", H-6"a, H-6"b), 4.58-5.45 (4 OH, exchagable with D₂O), 6.15-6.18 (d, 1H, H-1", J = 7.4 Hz), 7.54-7.57 (m, 3H, aromatic), 7.97-7.99 (m, 5H, aromatic), 8.28-8.29 (m, 2H, aromatic); ¹³C-NMR [DMSO- d_6 , 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 60.5 (C-6"), 69.6 (C-5"), 72.7 (C-4"), 76.9 (C-3"), 78.0(C-2"), 92.9 (C-3), 96.7(C-1"), 114.7(C-5), 115.0 (CN), 125.7-139.8 (aromatic carbons), 155.3 (C-6'), 157.7 (C-2), 162.8 (C-4). Anal. Calcd for C₂₅H₂₁F₃N₂O₆ (502.44): C, 59.76; H, 4.21; N, 5.58 %, found: C, 59.65; H, 4.30; N, 5.59 %

1-(β-D-galactopyranosyl)-3-cyano-4,6-diphenyl-2-pyridinone (88*a*): White crystals; yield 43% (method B); mp 219°C, from methanol; $R_f = 0.16$ (CH₂Cl₂), IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 1652 (CO) 2241 (CN), 3430 sugar-OH; $[\alpha]^{25} = 61^\circ$ (c = 7.36 mg/ml, methanol); ¹H-NMR [DMSO- d_6 , 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 3.24-3.67 (m, 6H, H-2" H-3", H-4", H-5", H-6"a, H-6"b), 4.59-5.45 (4 OH, exchagable with D₂O), 6.13-6.17 (d, 1H, H-1", J = 8 Hz), 7.51-7.59 (m, 6H, aromatic), 7.73-

7.77 (m, 2H, aromatic), 7.88 (s, 1H, H-5), 8.22-8.27 (m, 2H, aromatic); ¹³C-NMR [DMSO-*d*₆, 200 MHz]: (δ, ppm) 60 4 (C-6"), 68.2 (C-5"), 69.9 (C-3"), 73.5 (C-4"), 76.4(C-2"), 90.5 (C-1"), 97 3(C-5), 113.2 (C-3), 115.4 (CN), 127.6-136.5 (aromatic carbons), 148.3 (C-6), 157.5 (C-2), 163.7(C-4). Anal. Calcd for C₂₄H₂₂N₂O₆ (434.44): C, 66.35; H, 5.10; N, 6.45 %, found: C, 66.29; H, 5 03; N, 6.47 %.

1-(β-D-galactopyranosyl)-3-cyano-4-(m-tolyl)-6-phenyl-2-pyridinone (88b): White crystals; yield 57% (method B); mp 192°C, from methanol; $R_f = 0.21$ (CH₂Cl₂), IR (KBr, cm⁻¹)1640 (CO), 2354 (CN), 3439 sugar-OH; $[\alpha]^{25} = 223.8^{\circ}$ (c = 8.4 mg/ml, methanol); ¹H-NMR [DMSO- d_6 , 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 3.26-3.75 (m, 6H, H-2" H-3", H-4", H-5", H-6"a, H-6"b), 2.41 (s, 3H, CH₃), 4.65-5.28 (4 OH, exchagable with D₂O), 6.11-6.15 (d, 1H, H-1", J = 7.8 Hz), 7.39-7.57 (m, 7H, aromatic), 7.86 (s, 1H, H-5), 8.26-8.28 (m, 2H, aromatic); ¹³C-NMR [DMSO- d_6 , 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 61.0 (C-6"), 68.8 (C-5"), 70.6 (C-3"), 74.2 (C-4"), 77.1 (C-2"), 93.4 (C-1"), 97.8 (C-5), 115.4 (C-3), 115.7 (CN), 126.4-139.0(aromatic carbons), 157.5 (C-6), 157.9 (C-2), 163.7 (C-4). Anal. Calcd for C₂₅H₂₄N₂O₆ (448.47): C, 66.95; H, 5.39; N, 6.25 %, found. C, 66.88; H, 5.41; N, 6.19 ‰.

1-(β-D-galactopyranosyl)-3-cyano-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-6-phenyl-2-pyridinone (88c): White crystals; yield 47% (method B); mp 195°C, from methanol; $R_f = 0.29$ (CH₂Cl₂), IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 1680 (CO), 2234 (CN), 3438 sugar-OH; $[\alpha]^{25} = 104.4^\circ$ (c = 8 mg/ml, methanol); ¹H NMR [DMSO- d_6 , 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 3.25-3.68 (m, 6H, H-2" H-3", H-4", H-5", H-6"a,H-6"b), 4 59-5.45 (4 OH, exchagable with D₂O), 6.11-6.14 (d, 1H, H-1", J = 7.8 Hz), 7.33-7.37 (m, 1H, thienyl-H3), 7.55-7.59 (m, 3H, aromatic), 7.97-8.01 (m, 3H, aromatic), 8.23-8.27 (m, 2H, aromatic); ¹³C-NMR [DMSO- d_6 , 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 60.5 (C-6"), 69.6 (C-5"), 72.8 (C-3"), 76.9(C-4"), 78.0 (C-2"), 96.8 (C-1"), 90.4 (C-5), 113.2 (C-3), 115.3 (CN), 127.6-

136.5(aromatic carbons), 148.3(C-6), 157.4 (C-2), 163.5 (C-4). Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₂₀N₂O₆S: C, 59 99, H, 4.58, N, 6.36; S, 7.28 %; found: C, 60.01; H, 4.61; N, 6.29; S, 7.29 %.

1-(B-D-galactopyranosyl)-3-cyano-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-6-(4'-chlorophenyl)-2-pyridinone (88d):

White crystals, yield 77% (method B); mp 280°C, from methanol; $R_f = 0.51(CH_2CI_2)$, IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 1645 (CO), 2230 (CN), 3443 sugar-OH; $[\alpha]^{25} = 300^{\circ}$ (c = 8.4 mg/ml, methanol); ¹H NMR [DMSO- d_6 , 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 3.49-3.73 (m, 6H, H-2" H-3", H-4", H-5", H-6"a, H-6"b), 4 65-5.30 (4 OH, exchagable with D₂O), 6.02-9.06 (d, 1H, H-1", J = 8.2 Hz), 7.29-7.34 (dd, 1H, J = 4.0 Hz), 7.54-7.59 (d, 2H, J = 8.6 Hz), 7.91-7.97 (m, 2H, thienyl H-2, 3), 7.99 (s, 1H, H-5), 8.21-8.25 (d, 2H, J = 8.8 Hz); ¹³C-NMR [DMSO- d_6 , 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 60.4 (C-6"), 68.2 (C-5"), 69.9 (C-3"), 73.5(C-4"), 76.5 (C-2"), 90.7 (C-1"), 97.4 (C5), 113.3(C-3), 115.4 (CN), 128.7-136.4 (aromatic carbons), 148.5 (C-6), 156.1 (C-2), 163.6 (C-4). Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₁₉CIN₂O₆S: C, 55.64; H, 4.03; N, 5.90; S, 6.75 %, found: C, 55.63; H, 3.98; N, 5.87; S, 6.72 %.

2.4 <u>General Procedure for the Synthesis of 4,6-Diaryl-1-(p-Fluorobenzoyl)-3-Cyano-2-</u> Pyridinone (89a-d)

To a solution of 3-Deazopyramidine (5 mmol) in 50 ml acetonitrile and 2 ml of pyridine, a solution of 10 mmol of p-fluorobenzoyl chloride in acetonitile was added gradually with stirring at room temperature until the reaction was completely judged by TLC (30 min.). The reaction mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure to yield a solid. The solid was washed with water (2×20ml), and crystallized in DMSO to give the desired compound (89a-d) (Scheme 23).

1-(p-Fluorobenzoyl)-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-6-(p-chlorophenyl)-3-cyano-2-pyridinones (89a): White crystals; yield 62%; mp 180°C, from DMSO; $R_f = 0.85$ (6:4 Hexane:ethyl acetate), IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 1580 (CO), 1770 (CO at pyridine N), 2230 (CN); ¹H-NMR [DMSO-*d*₆, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 7.36-7.38 (t, 1H), 7.46-7.62 (m, 5H), 8.12-8.13 (d, 1H, J = 4.0 Hz), 8.14-8 22 (d, 1H, J = 3.8 Hz), 8.24-8.33 (m, 5H); ¹³C-NMR [DMSO-*d*₆, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 95.4 (C-1), 104.5 (C-5), 116.9 (C-3"), 117.4 (CN), 125.8 (C-2'), 126.7 (C-2, thienyl), 128.7 (C-3, thienyl), 128.9 (C-3'), 131.2 (C-2"), 131.4 (C-1"), 131.9 (C-4, thienyl), 132.2 (C-1'), 135.7 (C-1, thienyl), 136.3 (C-2), 148.5 (C-4), 157.9 (CO at pyridine N), 162.4 (C-4"), 168.9 (C-6); Anal Calcd for C₂₃H₁₃FN₂O₂S (400.43): C, 68.99; H, 3.27; N, 7.00; S, 8.01 %, found: C, 68.90, H, 3.25; N, 6.99; S, 7.90 %.

1-(p-Fluorobenzoyl)-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-6-(p-chlorophenyl)-3-cyano-2-pyridinones (89b): White crystals; yield 65%; mp 185°C, from DMSO; $R_f = 0.86$ (0.5 % CH₃OH in CH₂Cl₂), IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 1592 (CO), 1754 (CO at pyridine N), 2240 (CN), ¹H-NMR [DMSO-*d*₆, 200 MHz]: (δ, ppm) 7.33-7.37 (t, 1H), 7.46-7.59 (m, 4H), 8.012-8.04 (d, 1H, J = 5 Hz), 8.12-8.14 (d, 1H, J = 3.8 Hz), 8.21-8.33 (m, 5H); ¹³C-NMR [DMSO-*d*₆, 200 MHz]: (δ, ppm) 96.8 (C-1), 116 5 (C-3"), 117 (C-5), 117.4 (CN), 123.7(C-1"), 128.9 (C-2"), 129.1 (C-2'), 129.5 (C-3'), 131 5 (C-1, thienyl), 132.2 (C-1'), 133.3 (C-4'), 133.5 (C-2), 134.3 (C-4, thienyl), 135.7 (C-2, thienyl), 136.3 (C-3, thienyl), 124 (C-1'), 129 (C-2'), 132.2 (C-2"), 133.3 (C-4), 133 5 (C-1"), 150 2 (C-3"), 150.4 (C-1"), 154 (C-6), 158 (CO at pyridine N), 158.2 (C-3"), 161 (C-4'), 162 (C-4); Anal.Calcd for C₂₃H₁₂ClFN₂O₂S (434.87): C, 63.52; H, 2.78; N, 6.44; S, 7.37%, found. C, 63.02; H, 2.73; N, 6.45; S, 7.4 %.

1-(p-Fluorobenzoyl)-4-(4 '-pyridyl)-6-(p-methoxyphenyl)-3-cyano-2-pyridinones (89c): White crystals; yield 65%; mp 222°C, from DMSO; $R_f = 0.63$ (0.5 % CH₃OH in CH₂Cl₂), IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 1590 (CO), 1750 (CO at pyridine N), 2233 (CN); ¹H-NMR [DMSO-*d*₆, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 3.84 (s, 3H, OCH3), 7.07-7.11 (d, 1H, J = 8.6 Hz), 7.47-7.57 (t, 2H), 7.81-7.84 (m, 4H), 8.22-8.32 (m, 4H), 8.83-8.86 (d, 2H, J = 5.8 Hz; ¹³C-NMR [DMSO-*d*₆, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 55.5 (OCH3), 114.5 (C-1), 114.6 (C-3'), 116.5 (C-3"), 117 (CN), 118 (C-3), 123.2 (C-2 "'), 124 (C-1'), 129 (C-2'), 132.2 (C-2"), 133.3 (C-4), 133.5 (C-1"), 150.2 (C-3""), 150.4 (C-1""), 154 (C-6), 158 (CO at pyridine N), 158.2 (C-3"), 161 (C-4'), 162 (C-4). Anal Calcd for C₂₄H₁₃ClFN₃O₂ (429.83): C, 67.06; H, 3.05; N, 9.78 %, found: C, 67.02; H, 3.01, N, 9.76 %.

1-(p-Fluorobenzoyl)-4-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-6-(p-methoxyphenyl)-3-cyano-2-

pyridinones (89d): White crystals; yield 72%; mp 197°C, from DMSO; $R_f = 0.8$ (6:4 hexane / ethyl acetate), IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) i600 (CO), 1768 (CO at pyridine N), 2215 (CN), ¹H NMR [DMSO-*d*₆, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 3.82-3.86 (3s, 9H, OCH3), 7.04-7.09 (d, 1H, J = 9.00 Hz), 7 14-7.18 (d, 2H, J = 8.60 Hz), 7.42-7.54 (m, 4H), 8.16-8.32(m, 5H); ¹³C-NMR [DMSO*d*₆, 200 MHz]: (δ , ppm) 55.43-55.72 (OCH3), 98.9 (C-5), 111.8 (C-1), 112.3 (C-2, *p*-3,4dimethoxyphenyl), 114.4 (C-3'), 116.9 (C-5, *p*-3,4-dimethoxyphenyl), 117.9 (C-5'), 121.7 (CN), 123 9 (C-6, 3,4-dimethoxyphenyl), 127.2 (C-2'), 128.2 (C-1, 3,4-dimethoxyphenyl), 129.5 (C-6'), 133 2 (C-1"), 133.4 (C-2), 148.8 (C-4, 3,4-dimethoxyphenyl), 150.2 (C-3, 3,4-dimethoxyphenyl), 150.8 (C-1"), 156 0 (C-4'), 158.3 (C-4), 159 2 (CO at pyridine *N*), 161 8 (C-4"), 162 7 (C-6), Anal.Calcd for C₂₈H₂₁FN₂O₅ (484 48): C, 69.42; H, 4 37, N, 5.78 %, found: C, 69.20; H,4.36, N, 5.80 %.

Results and Discussion

3 <u>Results and Discussion</u> 3.1 <u>Synthesis of 3-Deazapyrimidine Derivatives:</u>

 α,β -Unsaturated ketones are versatile reagents that have been extensively utilized in heterocyclic synthesis. Several new synthetic methods of 3-deazapyrimidine derivatives have been reported using α,β -unsaturated ketones as starting materials.^(37,38) It is of interest to study these reactions and to report the results of our investigations into the potential use readily obtained 3-deazapyramidines in the field of nucleoside synthesis and their respective biological applications. The investigations have resulted in the development of a new modified synthetic method of medically important nucleoside derivatives (For more details see 4.3.1).

As an initial target for the assembly of new nucleosides, 3-deazapyramidine derivatives (82a-i) are prepared ⁽³⁸⁾ as outlined in scheme 17. The synthesized 3-deazapyrimidinones were allowed to react with various activated sugar moieties to produce the targeted products (83-88). The incorporation of any new group will result in change of size and shape of the products. In addition, it may introduce a chiral center, which will result in the formation of stereoisomers which may have different pharmacological activities. As a result, the introduction of a new group may increase the biological activity. The synthesized analogous may have different activities with respect to changing the size and the shape Changing the number of substituents or the degree of unsaturation may result in new properties. These types of structural change result in analogues that exhibit either different potency or different types of activity.



Scheme 17: Synthesis of 3-cyano-4,6-disubstituted pyridine-2(1H)-ones (82a-i)

The corresponding nucleoside analogous (83-88) and *N*-(*p*-fluorobenzoyl) derivatives (89a-d) wre synthesized and their structures are shown in figure 5. Compounds (82a-i) contain two nucleophilic centers, the oxygen at C-2 and the *N*-pyridine. The quantum mechanics calculations show that the nucleophilicity of the nitrogen atom in the pyridine ring system is higher than the exocyclic oxygen at C-2.



Figure 5: General structures of 3-deazapyrimidinone (82), related nucleosides (83, 85, 87, and 88) and non-nucleoside (89)

Quantum Mechanics (QM) calculations using density functional theory (DFT) were used to study the electron affinity of 3-deazapyrimidines. Gaussian 98 was employed for the calculation of geometries and energies. Charge density gas phase calculations wre performed at B3LYP/6-31G and showed that the charge density on pyridine *N*-atom is 0.549066 au while the charge density on the oxygen atom at C-2 is 0.408723 au. The *HOMO* electron density topology on the pyridine nitrogen is higher compared to the *HOMO* of the carbonyl oxygen atom. The data obtained from DFT is consistent with the data obtained from spectral analyses. The results show that the nucleosides obtained are the *N*- nucleosides not the *O*nucleosides (Figure 6).

HOMO Electron Density

LUMO Electron Denisty



Figure 6: Molecular Orbital Calculations for compound 82e: Wire structures show that the total charge density while, solid colors (red and blue) show HOMO and LUMO electron density

The present part deals with the synthesis of some novel 3-cyano-4,6-disubstituted pyridine-2(*1H*)-ones (82a-i) by the reaction of α , β -unsaturated ketones with ethylcyanoacetate in the presence of ammonium acetate. 3-cyano-4,6-disubstituted pyridine-2(*1H*)-ones (82a-i) are synthesized in a one-pot reaction using substituted acetophenones, aldehydes and ethyl cyanoacetate in a catalytic amount of ammonium acetate (Method A). While in Method B, cyanoacetamide is used to synthesize the same products. To examine the two methods, A and B, two parallel experiments have been conducted under the same conditions to synthesize compound (82a). It was found that in Method A, the yield was higher than in Method B. Method A was selected to synthesize all compounds (82a-i) not only because of the higher yield but also to avoid the handling of the lachrymator chalchones and to save time since no prior condensation reaction was needed (Scheme 17).

It has been found that α , β -unsaturated ketones react with cyanoacetamide through conjugate-addition followed by cyclization in refluxing ethanol to give the corresponding 3-cyano-4,6-disubstituted pyridine-2(*1H*)-ones (82a-i) in good yield (Scheme 18).



Scheme 18: Suggested mechanism of 3-c yano-4,6-disubstituted pyridine-2(1H)-ones (82..i)
Compounds (82a-i) were obtained and their structures were confirmed on the basis of their elemental analysis and spectral data (IR, ¹H-NMR, ¹³ C-NMR) as well as data obtained from modeling calculations. The analytical data for (82e) show that the molecular formula is $C_{16}H_9N_2OSC1$. IR, ¹H-NMR and ¹³ C-NMR were used to confirm the structure. The IR spectrum of (82e) showed the most significant absorption band for the presence of the carbonyl group at 1600 cm⁻¹. A strong band at 2220 cm⁻¹ corresponding to the CN group at C-3 and a NH signal appeared at 3430 cm⁻¹.

The structure of compound (82e) was confirmed using ¹H-NMR and ¹³ C-NMR as follows: ¹H-NMR spectrum (δ, ppm) [DMSO-d6, 200 MHz] of compound (82e) showed a strong singlet at $\delta = 6.98$ corresponding to the pyridine H-5. Protons at the 3', 4', and 5'positions of 2-thiophene showed a sharp splitting pattern. This is true for the protons at the 3' and 5'-positions which appear as a pattern of doublet-doublet peaks. The thiophen H-3' appears as a doublet at $\delta = 8.06$ ppm with a coupling constant $J_{H3'-H4'} = 3.8$ Hz. H-5' appears as another doublet at a higher field at $\delta = 7.99$ ppm with $J_{HS'-H4'} = 5.0$ Hz. The higher the coupling constant may be attributed to the close contact with more electronegative sulfur atom Thus, no cross coupling has been observed between thiophene H-3' and pyridine H-5 using NMR techniques. The interaction exist only between protons at the 3', 4' and 5'positions of the thiophene ring. These results are supported by Quantum Mechanics calculations (QM). Optimizing the energy showed that the thiophene H-3' is present on the opposite side of the pyridine H-5 with a dihedral angle = -146.9° (Figure 7). The pyridine *H-5* appears as a sharp singlet at δ 6.98 ppm due to the distance between *H-5* and thiophene H-3' which is 4.595 Å. Aromatic protons at 6-position appear as two doublets at δ 7.58 and 7.89 ppm respectively with equivalent coupling constants (J = 8.6 Hz). A broad band appears at 12.74 ppm exchangeable with D_2O due to the presence of NH (Figure 7). ¹³C-NMR [DMSO-*d6*, 200 MHz], gives the correct and the exact number of carbons with the correct chemical shifts for each carbon.



Figure 7: Optimizing structure for compound (82e) using DFT at B3YLP level using the 6-31G basis set

3.2 Nucleosides Derived from 3-Deazapyrimidines

3.2.1 Prydinone Glucosides (83a-e)

3.2.1.1 Potassium Salt Method

This subsection describes the reaction of the potassium salt of deazapyrimidine derivatives (82a-f) with an activated sugar. The potassium salt has been chosen as reactive intermediate to avoid the handling of the easy hydrolyzed silyl compounds and to save time since the silvl method needs longer to be completed. The use of a polar solvent such as H_2O accelerates the reaction rate and saves time. In the 3-deazapyrimidine potassium salt, there are two reactive centers, the pyridine ring nitrogen and the carbonyl oxygen at C-2. A sole N-nucleoside product has been isolated in high yield without any contaminate formation of the O-nucleoside. An additional approach in trying to understand the reactivity difference between N and O is by using the DFT method implemented into the Gaussian program at the BL3YP level with the 6-31G* basis set. It is clear that the experimental results are fully consistent with data obtained from the higher level of theory as the BL3YP level with the 6-31G* basis set. These results showed higher electron density on the pyridine ring nitrogen over exocyclic oxygen atom at C-2. The NMR data for H-1" appear at the higher field corresponding to the *N*-nucleosides and not the *O*-nucleosides. For the sake of simplicity of presentation, the synthesis and the structure determination of the nucleosides (83a-e) will be discussed in detail. α -acetobromoglucose (7) is reacted with the appropriate 3deazapyrimidine derivatives (82a-f) in the presence of aqueous potassium hydroxide presumably through a Walden inversion, to yield the corresponding glucosides (83a-e) (Scheme 19). Since Walden inversion occurs in the halogen replacement reaction, the halide with the α -configuration yields the β -isomer. The remaining 3-deazapyrimidine galactosides (87a-e) are synthesized and analyzed in a similar way.



NO.		
83a	phenyl	phenyl
b	2-tolyl	phenyl
С	2-thienyl	phenyl
d	2-thienyl	4-chlorophenyl
е	2-trifluoromethyl phenyl	phenyl

Scheme 19: Two ways synthesis of the prydinone glucosides (83a-e)

3.2.1.2 The Silvl Method

This subsection describes the reaction of the silyl derivative (84) with an activated sugar to give the corresponding *N*-nucleosides (83d). A likely mechanism for the formation of the nucleoside (83d) involves an intermediate cyclic carbonium ion, as shown in Scheme 20 The reaction of a nucleophilic base should take place from the less sterically hindered β -

face of the cation to give the β -nucleoside, as observed. The reaction is carried out under dry nitrogen and without isolation of the silyl intermediate. The use of polar solvents such as acetonitrile accelerates the reaction rate. When a stoichiomeric amount of the catalyst (TMSOTf) is used, the reaction proceeds smoothly to give typical ¹H-NMR spectra of compound (83d) with the same chemical shift of the anomeric proton *H-1* " that is obtained by K-salt procedure and the same melting point. The synthesis and the structure determination of the nucleoside (83d) are discussed in detail here in.



Scheme 20: Schematic Mechanism of the Silyl Method

The structure of the obtained nucleoside is determined as follows: First, compound (83d) is optically active and is characterized by a specific rotation $[\alpha]^{25} = 17.9^{\circ}$ (c = 9.2 mg/ml, chloroform). The IR spectrum of (83d) showed the presence of acetoxy carbonyl groups at 1752 cm⁻¹. A strong band appeared at 1641 cm⁻¹ corresponding to the pyridine carbonyl at C-2. The structure of the compound (83d) was further confirmed by ¹H-NMR and COSY. The COSY spectrum was used to assign intra-proton interactions (Figures 8-10).

Clear interaction between H-5 of the pyridine ring and *ortho*-protons at 6-position is shown A cross peak interaction of aromatic region is observed. In addition, the cross-peak interaction between anomeric proton H-1" and H-2" is also observed. No cross-peak interaction between thiophene H-3' and pyridine H-5 was obtained which is consistent with data obtained from quantum mechanics calculation.

Since ¹H-NMR spectroscopy is powerful tool, it was used routinely for the determination of the relative configurations (α , β). The ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) showed the β configuration of nucleoside (83d). The anomeric proton H-1" appears as doublet at relatively
low field (δ = 6 25-6.30). The spin-spin coupling constant J_{H1"-H2"} = 8.20 Hz indicates that
the protons H-1" and H-2" are in diaxial orientation. The H-2" and H-3" signal appear as
multiplet at δ = 5.39-5.45. The H-5" signal appears as multiplet at δ = 4.00. The H₂-6"
signal appears as multiplet at δ = 4.19-4.25. Protons of the four acetoxy groups appear as
four singlet around δ =1.93-2.07. Similar results are obtained for other nucleosides (83a-e)
All coupling constants are given in the experimental section.

Compound (83d) was further confirmed using ¹³C-NMR spectroscopy. These results are in agreement with the assigned structure. The ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃) spectrum of (83d) was characterized by a signal at δ = 95.0 ppm corresponding to the C-1" atom of the β configuration. The signals appear at δ = 148.7, 163.1 ppm assigned for C-6 and C-4, respectively. Signals at δ = 168.9, 170.2, 170.3 and 170.4 ppm assign for the acetoxy carbonyl carbon. Signals corresponding to pyridine C-5 and C-3 resonate at δ = 91.9 and 113.9 ppm, respectively. Another five signals at δ = 71.7, 70.9, 67.8, 67.1 and 61.7 ppm assign for the sugar carbons as C-2", C-3", C-4", C-5" and C-6" respectively. On the other hand, the carbonyl carbon of pyridine appears at $\delta = 163.1$ ppm and the nitrile carbon appears at $\delta = 114.5$ ppm. STANDARD IN UBSERVE

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3.2.2 Ammonolysis of Nucleosides (83a-e)

Ammonolysis of the nucleosides (83a-e) using saturated ammonia in methanol gives free nucleosides (85 a-e) in 42-75% yield (Scheme 21).



(83a-e)

(85a-e)

Compound. No.	Ar	Ar
85a	phenyl	phenyl
b	2-tolyl	phenyl
с	2-thienyl	phenyl
d	2-thienyl	4-chlorophenyl
e	2-trifluoromethyl phenyl	phenyl

Scheme 21: Ammonolysis step of the Prydinone glucosides

The structures of the obtained nucleosides (85 a-e) are elucidated by studying their IR, ¹HNMR and ¹³C NMR spectra which are in accordance with the structures proposed from the result of the elemental analysis as well as the data obtained from the modeling calculation. The NOESY (two dimensional nuclear overhouser spectroscopy) is used to assign the inter-protons interaction.

The IR (KBr) absorption spectra of compounds (85a-e) showed a characteristic band at 3441 cm⁻¹ due to the sugar hydroxy groups. Another band at 2924 cm⁻¹ can be assigned to the nitrile group. A strong absorption band at 1637 cm⁻¹ is attributed to the stretching vibration of the carbonyl group at C-2. In addition to these bands, the ether linkage of the glucopyranoside ring system shows a broad band at 1050 cm⁻¹ It is clear that, the stretching vibration band of the four acetoxy carbonyl groups within the 1700-1750 cm⁻¹ range have disappeared

The ¹H-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) spectrum of compound (85e) is confirmed by the appearance of a doublet at $\delta = 6.17$ ppm corresponding to the anomeric proton of the glucose moiety with a spin-spin coupling constant equal to 7.40 Hz corresponding to the diaxial orientation of the H-1" and H-2" protons indicating the formation of only one β -isomer. The ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) spectrum of (85e) is characterized by a signal at $\delta = 96.7$ ppm corresponding to the C-1" atom of glucose residue. No more signals appear in the region $\delta = 1.9-2.0$ ppm corresponding to the methyl of acetoxy groups. See experimental part for more details.

The phase sensitive NOESY spectrum of (85a) was collected at 25°C in CDCl₃ (Figure 12). All inter ring NOESY cross peak between the anomeric proton at C-1" and the *ortho*-phenyl protons at C-6 are also seen. This conclusion obtained from the NOESY study was fully supported by quantum mechanics calculations using the Gaussian 98 program. The conformation analysis gave the most stable conformer, whereby the plane of the pyridine ring bisects the sugar moiety while the aromatic subistiuent at position-6 appears twisted relative to the pyridine plane (Figure 11). The calculated average distance between H-1' and the *ortho*-aromatic protons is 2.71 and 3.71 A° respectively. These calculated distances between H-1 and the *ortho*-aromatic protons are fully consistent with the observed NOESY results.



Figure 11: Optimizing structure for compounds (85a,e) using DFT at B3YLP level using the 6-31G basis set







3.2.3 Pyridinone Galactosides

The structures of compounds (87a-e) were established unambiguously on the basis of elemental analysis and spectral data. All these compounds are β -anomers. The stereochemistry can be explained in terms of the $S_N 2$ substitution reaction between the α bromosugar and the nucleophilic Pyridinone anion. All products are optically active and were characterized by specific rotation (Scheme 22).



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(86)

(87a-e)

Compound. No.	Ar	Ař
87a	phenyl	phenyl
b	3-tolyl	phenyl
С	2-thienyl	phenyl
d	2-thienyl	4-chlorophenyl
e	2-trifluoromethyl phenyl	phenyl

Scheme 22: Synthesis of Pyridinone Galactoside (87a-e) in aqueous KOH

The IR (KBr) spectra of compounds (87a-e) are characterized by the presence of the carbonyl group in the 1750-1780 cm⁻¹ region and the presence of a strong band at 1641 cm⁻¹ corresponding to the carbonyl group at pyridine C-2. In addition to these bands the galactopyranoside ring shows strong bands at 1064 and 1105 cm⁻¹ corresponding to ether linkage.

As has already been discussed, ¹H-NMR spectroscopy is routinely used to determine the relative configuration (α - or β -) of nucleosides. In the β -configuration, the anomeric proton H-1" at $\delta = 6.31$ ppm is in a diaxial relationship with H-2" of the hexapyranosyl ring system with a coupling constant greater than 7.5 Hz which indicates that the configuration of the hexapyranose is β .

Analysis of the ¹H-NMR spectrum of (87a) reveals the presence of a doublet at δ 6.27-6 31 ppm and J = 8.00 Hz which can be attributed to the anomeric proton H-1" linked to pyridine nitrogen Signals for H-2" and H-3" are observed as multiplets at δ = 5.51-5.74 ppm and, and the signal corresponding to H-4" as a multiplet at 5.21-5.28 ppm in CDCl₃ respectively. This indicates that the protons are axially oriented and that they exist in ⁴C₁(D) conformation and the β -configuration. Then H-6' and H-6" signals were observed as a multiplet at 4.17-4.28 ppm. The 12 protons of the four acetoxy groups appear at δ = 1.88, 2.04, 2.05 and 2.22 ppm within the range expected for the equatorial acetoxy groups. The pyridinone protons appear in the region δ = 7.26-8.09 ppm whereas the H-5 appears as a strong singlet at δ = 7.66 ppm. Signals observed at δ = 7.50-7.70 ppm and 8.04-8.09 ppm correspond to the aromatic protons.

The structures of compounds (87a-e) are also confirmed by ¹³C-NMR spectra (See experimental part for more details). The ¹³C-NMR spectrum of compound (87a), as an example, is characterized by a signal at $\delta = 94.9$ ppm corresponding to the C-1" atom of the β -anomer. The four signals which appear at $\delta = 168.9$, 170.2, 170.3 and 170.4 ppm (four acetoxy carbonyl carbon) are due to the four acetoxy carbonyl carbon atoms of the sugar moiety. The four signals which are shown at $\delta = 20.5$, 20.6, 20.6 and 20.7 ppm are attributed to the methyl carbons of the same groups. The five signals at $\delta = 71.8$, 67.9, 70.9, 67.2 and 61.8 ppm assigned to β -anomer of C-2", C-3", C-4", C-5" and C-6' respectively. The pyridinone ¹³C-NMR signals seen at $\delta = 157.8$, 114.0, 162.4, 94.0 and 157.2 ppm correspond to C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5 and C-6 respectively. A strong signal appears at $\delta = 115.4$ ppm corresponding to the cyano group at C-3. The ¹³C-NMR signals of the aryl groups at the positions 4 and 6 of pyridinone nucleus appear within the range 127 3-136.8 ppm

3.2.4 Ammonolysis of Nucleosides (87a-d)

1-(β -D-galactopyranosyl)-3-deazapyrimidine derivatives (88a-d) were obtained by the ammonolysis of (87a-d) using triethylamine in methanol at room temperature for 48 hours. The reaction mixture was purified using column chromatography to give the correct microanalytical results in yield 57-77% (Scheme 23).



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(88a-d)

Compound. No.	Ar	Ař
88a	phenyl	phenyl
b	3-tolyl	phenyl
с	2-thienyl	phenyl
d	2-thienyl	4-chlorophenyl

Scheme 23: Ammonolysis step of the Prydinone galactosides

The structures of the obtained galatosides were confirmed by elemental analysis, IR spectra and NMR data. The IR (KBr) spectra of the free galactosides (88a-d) were characterized by the absence of the ester carbonyl at 1750 cm⁻¹. The presence of the broad

band within 3200-3700 cm⁻¹ is due to the four hydroxyl groups of the galactose moiety while the strong band appears at 1639 cm⁻¹ corresponding to the carbonyl group at C-2.

The structure of compound (88a) was confirmed by ¹H-NMR and COSY The COSY spectrum was used to assign intra-protons interactions Figures 13 and 14 show a cross peak interaction within the aromatic region between H-5 of the pyridine ring and *ortho*-protons at the 6-position (same as in the acetylated product 87a) The cross-peak interaction between the anomeric proton H-1" and H-2" is also observed. No cross-peak interaction between the hydroxyl protons at C-2", C-3", C-4", C-6" and any other protons in the system was observed.

The ¹H-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) spectra of the nucleosides (88a-d) are characterized by the appearance of a doublet at $\delta = 6.02$ -6.06 ppm, at a relatively lower field than other sugar ring protons. This corresponds to the anomeric proton of the galactose moiety and the large coupling constant, J = 8.20 Hz, can be attributed to the diaxial orientation of the H-1" and H-2" protons which indicates the β -configuration and the ⁴C₁ (D) conformation. The ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) spectrum of (88a) is characterized by a signal at $\delta = 97.4$ ppm corresponding to the C-1" atom of the glucose residue. No other signals were observed at $\delta \approx 20$ ppm region corresponding to the methyl of the acetoxy groups.







Figure 14: COSY spectrum of compound (88d)

3.3 Synthesis of Non-Nucleoside Derivatives (89a-d):

This part deals with the synthesis of 1-(*p*-fluorobenzoyl)-3-cyano-4,6-diaryl-2-pyridinone (89a-d) by the reaction of 3-deazapyramidine derivatives (82a-i) with 4-fluorobenzoyl chloride in dry acetonitrile. The reaction afforded a sole product within 30 min. 1-(*p*-fluorobenzoyl)-3-cyano-4,6-diaryl-2-pyridinones (89a-d) were obtained in a 62-72% yield (Scheme 24). The structures of compounds (89a-d) were confirmed by elemental analysis and spectral data (IR, ¹H-NMR, ¹³C-NMR). The analytical data for (89a) reveals a molecular formula, $C_{26}H_{14}F_4N_2O_2$. The IR spectrum of (89a) shows the presence of two carbonyl groups at 1580 cm⁻¹ and at 1770 cm⁻¹ corresponding to the carbonyl group at C-2 and another one at pyridine-*N*, respectively. The strong band at 2230 cm⁻¹ is due to the CN group at C-3.



(82a-i)

(89a-d)

Compound. No.	Ar	Ar
89a	2-thienyl	phenyl
b	2-thienyl	4-chlorophenyl
С	4-pyridyl	4-methoxyphenyl
d	3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl	4-methoxyphenyl

Scheme 24: Synthesis of 1-(p-fluorobenzoyl)-3-cyano-4,6-diaryl-2-pyridinone (89a-d)

Summary

This study includes the design and synthesis of some new 3-deazapyrimidines and their nucleoside analogues. Moreover, the reactions with the fluoro derivatives produced new fluorinated pyridine analogues The structures of all final products were established and confirmed by different spectroscopic tools. Quantum mechanical calculations supported the suggested structures of the obtained nucleosides. The biological activity of the products is incorporated in this study. All our work is summarized in the following points:

A. Synthesis of 3-Deazapyrimidine Derivatives

3-Deazopyramidine derivatives (82a-i) were prepared as outlined in (Scheme 17). They were synthesized by the reaction of α,β -unsaturated ketones and ethylcyanoacetate in the presence of ammonium acetate. The reaction was accomplished *via* the conjugate addition of enolate anion to the α,β -unsaturated ketones followed by cyclization in refluxing ethanol to give the corresponding 3-cyano-4,6-distributed pyridine-2(*1H*)-ones (82a-i) in good yield.

B. Nucleosides Derived from 3-Deazapyrimidines

Pyridione nucleosides (83a-e) and (87a-e) were synthesized by the reaction between the activated deazopyrimidine derivatives (82a-e) either through the formation of the K-salt or the silyl intermediate. The activated intermediate was allowed to react *in situ* with activated sugar molecules to produce the target nucleosides (83a-e) and (87a-e) (Schemes 19 and 22).

C. Formation of Free Pyridione Nucleosides

Removing the acetyl groups from the sugar moiety was carried out using either saturated ammonia in methanol or triethylamine to give free nucleosides (85a-e) or (88a-e) in high yield (Schemes 21 and 23)

Quantum Mechanics (QM) calculations were used to support the data obtained from the spectral analysis. QM was also used to detect the more reactive center among the pyridinone moiety Modeling was also used to enhance the 3D-view of these molecules and to examine the obtained conformers

D. Synthesis of Non-Nucleoside Derivatives

This part deals with the synthesis of new 4,6-diaryl-1-(4'-fluorobenzoyl)-3-cyano-2(1H)-pyridinone (89a-d). The reaction of pyridine base (82a-i) with *p*-fluorobenzoyl chloride afforded the corresponding pyridinone (89a-d) (Scheme 25).

E. Biological Application

The synthesized compounds are classified into two main groups according to their biological activity. The most prominent analogue was (89a) which resulted in a decrease in the viability of the cells. Therefore (89a) could be considered as a potential anticancer agent in which both concentrations were effective (100 and 200 μ M). However analogue (85c) was effective at a concentration of 200 μ M only.





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PART TWO

BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY

4. Biological Activity

4.1 Introduction

Cancer is a class of diseases or disorders characterized by uncontrolled division of cells and the ability of these cells to invade other tissues, either by direct growth into adjacent tissue through *invasion* or by implantation into distant sites by *metastasis*. This unregulated growth is caused by damage to DNA, resulting in mutations to genes that encode for proteins controlling cell division.⁽¹⁾

Development of drug therapy progressed rapidly after the discovery of DNA as the primary genetic material in 1944 and subsequent elucidation of the physical structure in 1953⁽²⁾. Since the nucleic acids DNA and RNA are the initial precursors in the formation of proteins that are responsible for many biological and physiological processes, it is logical that these molecules could be viewed as potential targets for drug design and development. ⁽³⁾ DNA and RNA are biopolymers composed of nucleosides held together by phosphodiester linkages and as a result, the nucleosides can also be considered as potential targets.^(2,3)

It was not until the 1960's, that chemistry involving nucleosides and nucleotides provided the fundamental infrastructure and synthetic methodology necessary to produce numerous biologically active naturally occurring and structurally modified nucleosides. The biological activity of anticancer agents such as 5-fluoro-2'-deoxyuridine (FUDR), arabinosylcytidine (ara-C), 8-azainosine, along with the discovery of a potent antiviral nucleoside, arabinosyladenosine (ara-A), and antitumor agent, toyocamycin revealed the potential value of modified nucleoside Analogues as chemotherapeutic agents (Figure 15).^(4,5)



Figure 15: Some FDA-approved nucleoside drugs

The importance of these nucleoside analogues was later confirmed with the emergence of HIV as the main etiological agent of AIDS.⁽⁶⁾ The first drug approved for the treatment of HIV was the modified nucleoside AZT which inhibits HIV-1 reverse transcriptase.⁽⁷⁾ Furthermore, several other nucleoside analogues involved in inhibition of HIV-1 reverse transcriptase, namely ddC, ddI, d4T and 3TC, have provided even more significance to the use of nucleoside analogues as biologically potent chemotherapeutic agents (Figure 16).⁽⁷⁻⁹⁾

Despite these examples, clinical use of these drugs is limited due to several factors, including toxicity, the wide range of side effects, problems with lipophilicity and crossing cell membranes, and susceptibility to enzymatic cleavage.⁽⁹⁾ This has prompted researchers to search for more advanced chemotherapeutic agents that could address these issues



Figure 16: Some potent nucleoside-based inhibitors of HIV-1 RT

4.1.1 Biochemistry of Nucleosides

Cytotoxic nucleoside analogues (NA) were among the first chemotherapeutic agents to be introduced for the medical treatment of cancer.⁽¹⁰⁾ This family of compounds has grown to include a variety of purine and pyrimidine nucleoside derivatives with activity in both solid tumors and hematological malignancies.⁽¹¹⁾ These agents behave as antimetabolites and compete with natural nucleosides The effectiveness of these agents results from their ability to cause covalent modification of DNA. Thus, they get incorporated into the genetic material during DNA replication and destroy it by preventing the fidelity of the repair system within the DNA.⁽¹²⁾

Recent progress in the identification and characterization of nucleoside mechanisms of anticancer nucleoside activity provides opportunities for possible antitumor effects.⁽¹⁰⁾ Since they are hydrophilic compounds, they require special transporter proteins to enter the cells Once inside the cells they are activated to become triphosphate derivatives, which can be incorporated within DNA or RNA and damage them by interfering within the enzymes responsible for their synthesis such as polymerases. This results in damaging the genetic component of the cell and eventually leading to apoptosis ⁽¹⁰⁻¹²⁾

4.1.1.1 Purine and Pyrimidine Nucleoside Analogues

Nucleoside analogues (NA) constitute a pharmacologically diverse family, comprising cytotoxic compounds, antiviral agents and immunosuppressive molecules. The anticancer nucleosides include several analogues of physiologic pyrimidine and purine nucleosides. The two primary purine analogues are 2-chlorodeoxyadenosine (2-CdA, cladribine) and 2-fluoro-ara-A-monophosphate (fludarabine).^(10,11) These drugs have mostly been used in the treatment of low-grade hematological malignancies. Among the currently

available pyrimidine nucleobases and analogues cytosine arabinoside (ara-C, cytarabine) is extensively used in the treatment of acute leukemia.

Difluorodeoxycytidine (gemcitabine) has demonstrated activity in a variety of solid tumours and certain hematological malignancies, while 5-fluorouracil and capecitabine have demonstrated activity in colorectal and breast cancers (Figure 17).



Figure 17: Pyrimidine and purine analogues used in chemotherapy. Gemcitabine, (ara-C, cytarabine) are pyrimidine analogues, whereas fludarabine and (2-CdA, cladribine) are purine analogues. 5-fluorouracil and and capecitabine are examples for fluoropyrimidine

4.1.1.2 Pvrimidine Nucleoside Analogues and Nucleobases

4.1.1.2.1 Biological Properties of Pyrimidine Nucleoside

Pyrimidine nucleosides have become the focus of recent research since many of these nucleosides have been found to exhibit significant biological activity. Pyrimidine ribonucleosides and pyrimidine-2'-deoxyribonucleosides which contain an electron withdrawing group at position 3 and/or 5 have been shown to exhibit significant antiviral properties. For example 4-amino-3-fluoro-1-(β -D-ribofuranosyl)-pyridine-2(1*H*)-one (90) has been shown to inhibit the growth of the L1210 Lymphoid Leukemia cell with IC₅₀=1.07 * 10⁻⁵ while the 2'-deoxy derivative of (90) was shown to have less activity against Lymphoid Leukemia L1210 cells ⁽¹⁷⁾ Furthermore, the same study showed that the triacetyl derivative exhibited similar but less potent activity to that of (90)



1-Deazaguanine has shown activity against the growth of mouse mammary carcinoma.⁽¹⁸⁾ Certain 1- and 3-deazapurines have shown antibacterial, anticancer and antiviral activity.⁽¹⁹⁾ Important biological activity of deaza analogues of guanine is anticipated from the metabolism in microbial and mammalian system. 3-Deazaguanosine has shown potent broad spectrum activity against various DNA and RNA viruses⁽²⁰⁾ while, 3-

deazauridine has been shown to exhibit significant antiviral properties. It has been shown to inhibit the growth of microorganisms and L1210 leukemia.⁽²¹⁾

4.1.1.2.2 Biological Properties of Deazapyrimidine

Various pyrimidines have been shown to have important biological properties in medicinal and agricultural studies.⁽¹³⁾ For example, selective inhibitors of human immunodeficiency virus type I reverse transcriptase (HIV-IRT) was found to be affected by some deazapyrmidine derivatives with IC₅₀ of 19 nm.⁽¹⁴⁾ Compounds 3-[(4,7-dimethyl benzoxazol-2-yl)]- amino-5-ethyl-6-methyl pyridine-2(1*H*)-one and the corresponding 4,7-dichloro analogue (91) have inhibited the spread of HTV-I infection by 95% in MT4 cell culture and were selected for clinical trails as antiviral agents. 4-benzyl pyridinone (92) possess potent HTV-1 specific reverse transcriptase inhibitory properties.⁽¹⁵⁾



(91) X = NH, CH_2 R_1 , $R_2 = 4,7$ -dimethyl = 4,7-dichloro



92) $X = S, R_1 = H, R_2 = R_3 = CH_3$ $X = CH_2, R_1 = CH_3, R_2 = Et, R_3 = NH_2$

3-Hydroxy-4(1*H*)-pyridione (93) has been used to remove iron from hepatocytes.⁽¹⁶⁾


4.1.1.2.3 Fluoropyrimidines Nucleosides

5-Fluorouracil (5-FU) and 5-fluoro-2'-deoxyuridine (FUDR) have antitumor activity in patients with colorectal, pancreatic, breast and head and neck cancers.⁽²²⁾ These agents require an active intermediate such as 5-fluorodeoxyuridine 5'-monophosphate (5-FdUMP), 5-fluorouridine triphosphate (5-FUTP) or 5-fluorodeoxyuridine triphosphate (5-FdUTP) The cytotoxic effects of these compounds include (i) inhibition of the target enzyme thymidylate synthase (TS) by 5-FdUMP resulting in depletion of thymidine nucleotides and inhibition of DNA synthesis and repair, (ii) incorporation into RNA resulting in abnormal RNA processing and function, and (iii) misincorporation of 5-FdUTP and deoxyuridine triphosphate (dUTP) into DNA, producing damage to nascent DNA.

4.1.2 Nucleosides and Cancer

The growing importance of nucleosides as cytotoxic agents has stemmed both from the development of newer compounds with broad applicability to common cancers, and from an understanding of their mechanisms of action, enabling pharmacological intervention to potentiate the antitumor effects of these compounds.⁽²²⁾

Nucleosides analogues and their corresponding nucleobases and as a result, have been investigated due to their inherent structural resemblance to the naturally occurring nucleosides and nucleobases as the fundamental building blocks of many biological systems. Synthetic nucleoside analogues can be used in chemotherapy to treat cancer, due to the intertwined relationship between physiologic and synthetic nucleosides ⁽²²⁾

Cytotoxic nucleoside analogues are antimetabolites which interfere with nucleic acid synthesis These agents are generally S-phase specific, and can exert cytotoxic activity either by being incorporated and altering the DNA and RNA macromolecules structures. It can disrupt the normal replication process by interfering with the normal Watson-Crick base pairing, thereby preferentially kill rapidly dividing cells such as tumor cells Synthetic nucleoside analogues can also interfere with various enzymes involved in nucleic acid synthesis such as polymerases (*e.g.* DNA polymerase), phosphorylases (*e.g.* Thymidine Phosphorylase) and kinases (*e.g.* nucleoside kinase). However, some family of analogues causes cytotoxic activity by modifying the metabolism of physiologic nucleosides.^(22, 23) Nucleoside analogues exert their anti cancer potential, if they destroy the cancerous cells by the process of programmed cell death or the disruption of cell cycle progression.⁽²³⁾

4.1.2.1 Apoptosis

Since the mid-nineteenth century, many observations have indicated that cell death plays a considerable role during physiological processes of multicellular organisms, particularly during embryogenesis and metamorphosis.^(24, 25) The term *programmed cell death* was introduced in 1964, proposing that cell death during development is not of an accidential nature but follows a sequence of controlled steps leading to locally and temporally defined self-destruction.⁽²⁶⁾ Eventually, the term *apoptosis* had been coined in order to describe the morphological processes leading to controlled cellular self-destruction and was first introduced in a publication by Kerr, Wyllie and Currie in 1972.⁽²⁷⁾

Apoptosis or programmed cell death is a physiological process that is activated to eliminate unwanted, damaged, aged, or misplaced cells during embryonic development and tissue homeostasis. Apoptotic cells can be recognized by stereotypical morphological changes the cell shrinks, shows deformation and loses contact to its neighbouring cells. Its chromatin condenses and marginates at the nuclear membrane, the plasma membrane is blebbing or budding, and finally the cell is fragmented into compact membrane-enclosed structures, called 'apoptotic bodies' which contain cytosol, the condensed chromatin, and organelles (Figure 18). The apoptotic bodies are engulfed by macrophages and thus are removed from the tissue without causing an inflammatory response.⁽²⁸⁾

Apoptosis is in contrast to the necrotic mode of cell-death in which case the cells suffer a major insult, resulting in a loss of membrane integrity, swelling and disrupture of the cells During necrosis, the cellular contents are released uncontrolled into the cell's environment which results in damage to the surrounding cells and a strong inflammatory response in the corresponding tissue.⁽²⁹⁾



Figure 18. Hallmarks of the apoptotic and necrotic cell death process. Apoptosis includes cellularshrinking, chromatin condensation and margination at the nuclear periphery with the eventual formation of membranebound apoptotic bodies that contain organelles, cytosol and nuclear fragments and are phagocytosed without triggering inflammatory processes. The necrotic cell swells, becomes leaky and finally is disrupted and releases its contents into the surrounding tissue resulting in inflammation

4.1.2.2 Nucleosides and Apoptosis

Many natural and synthetic DNA-targeting agents are now under study. Many of these are quite promising in cancer therapy (i.e., in the treatment of acute promyelocytic leukemia), where new chemotherapeutic agents with different mechanisms of action are tested DNA topoisomerase enzymes are important nuclear enzymes. They regulate DNA metabolism and affect replication, transcription, chromatin assembly, and consequently also cell division. The functions of the DNA topoisomerases I, IIa, and IIβ thus have significant consequences for cancer development and cancer chemotherapy.^(30, 31) Indeed, important chemotherapeutic agents that are either in clinical use or the subjects of clinical trials target these enzymes. These include etoposide and doxorubicin (topoisomerase II inhibitors) and topotecan and irinotecan (topoisomerase I inhibitors). Inhibitors of topoisomerase II either stabilize DNA-topoisomerase II complexes by blocking DNA religation and thereby cause direct DNA damage (e.g., etoposide) or block their catalytic activity (e.g., dexrazoxane) without causing DNA damage.⁽³¹⁾

It has been known for some time that DNA-damaging topoisomerase II inhibitory anticancer drugs, such as etoposide and doxorubicin, cause apoptosis. Etoposide (VP16), like other drugs, is used in the treatment of various tumors, such as breast and lung cancer and leukemia⁽³²⁾ However, the mechanisms for the induction of apoptosis are less well understood It has been shown that apoptosis induced by the chemotherapeutic drug etoposide is caspase-dependent (family of protines known as cystein-dependent aspartatedirected proteases) Two classes of caspase-dependent pathways have been identified. The first is dependent on the release of mitochondrial factors, which initiate the apoptosis process In this case, apoptosis can be inhibited by overexpression of Bcl-2. The second class is not dependent on mitochondrial factors, and overexpression of Bcl-2 fails to prevent apoptosis.⁽³³⁾

4.2 Material and Methods

4.2.1 Reagents

Nucleoside analogues were synthesized and purified, and then dissolved in di-methyl sulfoxide (DMSO, Sigma Aldrich Chemie GmbH Steinheim, Germany) to prepare 100 and 200 µM solution and stored at -20°C.

4.2.2 Tissue Culture

Human promyelocytic leukemia HL-60 cell line (ATCC, USA) was grown in DMEM medium (GIBCO-BRL) supplemented with 20% fetal calf serum (GIBCO-BRL), 100 units ml penicillin-streptomycin (GIBCO-BRL). The cells were maintained at 37°C in a 5% CO₂ incubator After reaching confluency, the cells were subcultured into 96-wells culture plates, allowed to grow for 1 day, and treated with various concentrations of nucleosides and nucleobases

4.2.3 MTT Cell Proliferation Assay

Cells were plated in 96-well plates at a density 4×10^3 cells/well/100 µL of the appropriate culture medium and treated with the compounds at concentrations of 100-200 mM for 24 hrs. In parallel, the cells were treated with 0.1% of DMSO as a control. A MTT [3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide] assay (Alexis, USA) was performed later according to the manufacturer instructions to examine the cytotoxic effect of these nucleosides. After adding the MTT reagent the plate was further incubated for 1-4 hrs, followed by measuring the absorbance. This assay is based on the cellular cleavage of the tetrazolium salt, MTT, into formazan that is soluble in cell culture medium and is measured at 450 nm directly in 96-well assay plates. The amount of the formazan dye (absorbance) generated by the activity of dehydrogenases in cells by the intact mitochondria is directly

proportional to the number of living cells in culture. All nucleoside compounds tested were dissolved in DMSO and subsequently diluted in the culture medium to obtain the final concentrations that are going to be tested (100-200 μ M) before treatment of the cultured cells.

4.3 Results and Discussion

4.3.1 Effects on HL-60 Proliferation and Integrity by Nucleosides

From the MTT cell proliferation assay we can categorize the effects of the tested analogue into three groups as follows (Figures 19-22):

- 1 Group 1 Protective effect, (% viability 90% and above).
- 2 Group 2: No effect, (% viability 70-89 %).
- 3 Group 3: Minimal to moderate effect (% viability 69% and below).

According to this classification the majority of the nucleosides were grouped into group 1 or 2. Compound (89a) was found to be the most prominent analogues which resulted in a decrease in the viability of the cells, and hence can be considered as a potential anti cancer agents in which both concentrations are effective (100 and 200 μ M). In contrast, the rest of the analoguous displayed only slight anti-tumor activity. However, (85c) was found to be effective at a concenteration of 200 μ M only. This suggests that all these analogues are capable of protecting against apoptosis or have no effect at all. This finding also suggests that acetylated sugar increases the bioavailability (their delivery into the cell) of the nucleoside and therefore its effectiveness. The initial observations about the apoptotic potential of these drugs in the HL-60 cell line prompted us to further investigate the mechanism of their apoptotic induction. The controls that were used in these experiments if not specified were untreated cells as negative control and sodium dodecyl sulfate SDS as treated cells.

120 100 80 % Viability □ 1:500 (200 mM) 60 ■ 1:1000 (100mM) 40 20 0 82i 82d 82e 82f 82g 82h Control 0.1% 82a 82b 82c SDS concentrations

% Viability in HL-60 Cell Line treated with 3-Deazapyrimidine Derivative

Figure 19: % Viability in HL-60 cell line treated with 3-deazapyrimidine derivative (82a-i) from MTT cell proliferation assay

% Viability in HL-60 Cell Line treated with Prydinone glucosides



Figure 20: % Viability in HL-60 cell line treated with prydinone glucosides (83a-e) from MTT cell proliferation assay

% Viability in HL-60 Cell Line treated with 2 Pyridinone Galactosides



Figure 21: % Viability in HL-60 cell line treated with pyridinone galactosides (87a-d) from MTT cell proliferation assay

% Viability in HL-60 Cell Line treated with non-nucleoside derivatives



Figure 22: % Viability in HL-60 cell line treated non-nucleoside derivatives (89a-d) from MTT cell proliferation assay

4.3.2 Discussion

For a compound to act as an anti-cancer agent, it must be able to induce apoptosis As such, in this study the ability of synthetic nucleosides analogues to induce cell death was examined. From the MTT cell proliferation assay. We showed that two of the twenty seven compounds studied in this project, which were (89a) and (85c), had the most powerful antiproliferative effect. They result in a decrease in the percentage of cell viability reaching 30% and 50% respectively. Interestingly, the rest were less effective, probably because of the difference in the structure, which affects the solubility and hence renders their uptake by the cells efficiently. Moreover, some of the nucleosides resulted in an decrease in the percentage of viability such as (85c) and (88a), which suggest that they may exert an anti-apoptotic potential, and therefore they might act as anti-neurodegenerative agents, since the key feature of these diseases is the excess in cell death.

Biological activity results established an interesting Structure-Activity Relationship (SAR) SAR of nucleosides (83a-e, 85a-e, 87a-e and 88a-d) and non-nucleosides (89a-d) showed interesting results. Different derivatives of 3-deazapyrimidine have shown different activities according to the nature of the substituents at either the 4- or 6-position of the pyridine ring. The results have shown that 2-thiophene at the 4-position has the highest activity among all analogues. In addition, the aryl groups at the 6-position have shown similar activities. For example, 4-(thiophen-2-yl)-6-phenyl-3-cyano-2(1*H*)-pyridinones (82d) and 4-(thiophen-2-yl)-6-(*p*-chlorophenyl)-3-cyano-2(1*H*)-pyridinones (82e) have shown similar activities at lower and higher concentrations. This result indicates that aryl groups at the 6-position have no significant effects based on the results obtained from the biological screening. Meanwhile, nucleosides containing the glucopyranosyl ring system showed

higher activity than the galactose isomer. For example, glucosides (83a-e) have shown better activities compared to the corresponding galactoside analogues (87a-e). Not all free nucleosides (83a-e) showed higher activity due to the solubility factor, other derivatives with low solublity showed better activity such as (89a).

Meanwhile, more interesting results were obtained from the non-nucleoside analogues (89a-d). SAR has explained these results as follows:

The solubility factor might not be the main factor because a low soluble nonnucleoside (89a) is continued to have the highest potential activity.

4.4 Conclusion

Nucleoside analogues are either purine analogues or pyrimidine analogues designed to inhibit DNA/RNA synthesis. In either case, the structures of the drugs closely resemble their natural counterparts. They are of special importance because they exhibit a wide range of biological properties, including anti-tumor potential. In order for a drug to be considered an anti-cancer agent it has to be able to destroy the cancerous cells and spare most normal cells, ideally through the mechanism of apoptosis. The synthetic nucleosides investigated (exclusively (89a) and (85c)) in this study result in a decrease in cell viability, and therefore might be considered as possible candidates to act as anti-tumor compounds. This inhibition occurs at 100 and 200 µM concentration and was detected after 24 hrs. In addition, the rest of the tested analogue showed no effect or preservation of the cells integrity, and as a result might be considered as an anti-neurodegenerative agent. These data indicate that compounds (89a) and (85c) could be considered as an effective anti-cancer. Wheras, the sugar could control the activity; the substituents at the 4-position and fluorinated benzoyl at pyridine-*N* have the most promising biological activity.

4.5 Recommendation and Future Work

In the field of nucleosides and their derivatives there has been increased focus on the design, synthesis and study of structure activity relationships (SAR). Data obtained from our work has shown that the activity has a direct relation to the substituents attached to the pyridinone ring at different positions. The procedure used to obtain these targeted products encourages us to give more attention for the synthesis of more derivatives to evaluate both of the biological activity and the undesired side effects. Interestingly, most of our studied products have shown high bioavilability and passive membrane diffusion. In fact, some of these novel synthesized nucleosides have high cytotoxic properties to most tumor cell lines *via* the enhanced apoptosis. Due to the results obtained from the structural activity relationships, the nucleoside and non-nucleoside analogues have increased our attention to further study more modified products to evaluate the biological properties.

The following will be emphasized in our future work:

- Synthesizing new derivatives with different pyridine substituents based on ribose and deoxyribose nucleosides.
- Studying QSAR, which may be ultimately be used to develop a new drug that has higher activity.
- Testing these agents on different cell lines.
- Tracking the toxic effect and elucidate the sequence of events involved in the mechanism of cell death caused by these agents.

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APPENDIXES























Figure33: ¹³CNMR spectrum of compound (82d)























Figure 51: ¹³CNMR spectrum of compound (83d)




Figure 54: ¹HNMR spectrum of compound (85a) DMSO-d₆ & D₂O







Figure 57: ¹³CNMR spectrum of compound (85b)







Figure 61: ¹³CNMR spectrum of compound (85d)













Figure 66: ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound (87a)









Figure 70: ¹³CNMR spectrum of compound (87c)



Figure 71: ¹HNMR spectrum of compound (87d)



















Figure 76:¹³C NMR spectrum of compound (88a)

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Figure 83: ¹HNMR spectrum of compound (88d) in D_2O



Figure 84: ¹³CNMR spectrum of compound (88d)















Figure 91: ¹HNMR spectrum of compound (89d)







الخلاصة

لقد أظهرت مركبات 3 دياز ابريميدين نوكليوزيد فعالية كبيرة عندما تم استخدامها في شتى المجالات الطبية خاصة عقار كمضاد للأور ام السرطانية و فيروس الإيدز. ولقد ركزت الأبحاث الأخيرة على تصميم و تخليق و در اسة خواص المركبات نوكليوزيدات مشابهة لتلك الموجودة في الحمض النووي ، و لذا تم اختيار فلوروبريدينون و نوكليوزيداتها المشتقة وتم تخليقها ومعرفة خواصها لتعطي خواص مضادة للأورام ، حيث تم تحضير 466- نثائي أريل 3- سيانو 2-(11) بريدينون (i-828) و نوكليوزيداتها المشتقة بطرق قياسية حتى تشابه الحمض النووي. أما بالنسبة لمحموعة ثلاثي فلور وميثيل، فلقد تم إدخالها لنظام حلقة بيريدينون لدر اسة تأثيرها على خلايا الأورام المختلفة. وأيضا تم انتاج و تخليق كميات جيدة من الجلايكوسايد عن طريق التفاعل بين مشتقات 3 دياز ابريميدين و مكر سداسي البير انوسيل المنشط ليعطي X-ه و الما معنادة الأورام ، حيث تم تحضير مكر سداسي البير انوسيل المنشط ليعطي مي الحلايكوسايد عن طريق التفاعل بين مشتقات 3 دياز ابريميدين و خلال المحتلفة. وأيضا تم انتاج و تخليق كميات جيدة من الجلايكوسايد عن طريق التفاعل بين مشتقات 3 دياز ابريميدين و و علاوة على ذلك فإن المنشط ليعطي X- نيوكليوسايد (baa-e, 85a-e, 87a-e) كناتج أساسي. ومن و علاوة على ذلك فإن المشتقات الفلور و ثلاثي فلور و الميثيل لحلقة البريدينون يعزز من النشاط الحيوي، و علاوة على ذلك فإن المشتقات اللا نيوكليوسايد وجد أنها أكثر نشاطا من مشتقات X- نيوكليوسايد العادية المقابلة. و معروة على ذلك فإن المشتقات اللا نيوكليوسايد وجد أنها أكثر نشاطا من مشتقات 3- دياز الموعي،

ولقد ساعدت حسابات ميكانيكا الكم باستخدام نظرية الكثافة النسبية والتي استخدمت في دراسة تفاعلية 3- دياز ا بريدين مع جزيئات السكر المنشطة حيث استخدم برنامج جوسيان 98 و قد تم توظيفه لحساب الاتجاهات الفراغية والطاقة وكثافة الشحنة في حسابات الحالة الغازية. البيانات الناتجة من ميكانيكا الكم و حساباتها دعمت النتائج العملية بأن أظهرت أن الكثافة الالكترونية على ذرة النيتروجين في حلقة البريدين أعلى و أكثر منها على ذرة الأكسجين في الموقع (2-2).

كما دعمت در اسات الأطياف در اسة الكثافة الالكترونية لكل من (HOMO) و (LUMO). وأظهرت در اسة العلاقة بين الشكل و النشاط إن اللنيوكليوسايدات (B3a-e, 85a-e, 87a-e , 88a-d) و مركبات اللانيوكليوسايدات (B9a-d) أظهرت نتائج مهمة و مثيرة بيولوجيا .

حيث أظهرت المشتقات المختلفة ل3- دياز ا بريميدين نشاطا مختلف حسب نوع الجزء المستبدل على الموقع 4 أو 6 لحلقة البريدين، و النتائج أظهرت أن 2- ثيوفين عند الموقع 4 له النشاط الأكبر من بين كل المركبات المشابهة و كذلك إدخال مجموعة الآريل عند الموضع 6 ليس له تأثير ملحوظ على النشاط الحيوي فعلى سبيل المثال مركبا (82d) و (82e) أظهر ا نفس النشاط عند التركيز ات الأعلى و الأقل و هذه النتائج تظهر إن مجموعة الآريل عند الموضع 6 ليس لها تأثير ، و في نفس الوقت فإن النيوكليوسايد المحتوي على حلقة جليكوز أظهر نشاط أعلى من حلقة جلاكتوز المشابهة .

و أظهرت كل النيوكليوسايدات الحرة نشاط أعلى بسبب معامل الإذابة و لكن بعض المشتقات الاسيتايلد الأقل ذوبانية أظهرت نشاطية ملحوظة. النيوكليوسايد الذي يحتوي على مجموعة ثيوفين عند الموقع 4 اظهر نشاط حيوي. و كذلك نتائج أكثر إثارة تم الحصول عليها من الللانيوكليوسايدات المشابهة (b-89a). حيث أوضحت دراسة العلاقة بين الشكل و النشاط النتائج كما يلي : إن عامل الذوبان ربما ليس العامل الأساسي في النشاط الحيوي لان اللانيوكليوسايد الأقل ذوبانا مثل (89a) كان الأكثر نشاط من بين المركبات .



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