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# Exploring the role of the $\alpha$ -carboxyphosphonate moiety in the HIV-RT activity of $\alpha$ -carboxy nucleoside phosphonates

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All tested compounds had a purity of > 95%

### **Conditions**

Column: Agilent Zorbax C8-RX  $5\mu m 4.6 \times 250mm$ 

Mobile Phase: 10mmol triethylammonium formate : MeOH 98:2

Wavelength: 254 nm

Injection volume:  $10 \mu \text{L}$ 

Temperature: 25°C

#### Compound 2: 95.1%



# Compound 2a: 96.1%



#### Compound 2b: 95.5%



Compound **3**: 99.3%



Compound 4: 99.6%



# Compound 5: Sum of diastereomers: 96.6%



**SI Table 1:** Crystallographic data processing and refinement statistics.

RT/38-Apt DNA/compound 2a PDB Id 5HLF Data collection Source APS 23ID-D Space Group P21 90.06, 128.56, 132.41 Å; 90, 101.46, 90 º **Cell Parameters** Resolution (Highest Resolution Cell) Å 43 - 2.95(3.04 - 2.95) 0.059 (0.884) Rmerge Number of Unique Reflections 52,130 (4,646) Completeness 84.8 (87.5) Multiplicity 2.1 (2.1) I/sig(I) 9.1 (1.2) Wilson B (Å<sup>2</sup>) 84.9 **Refinement Statistics**  $F \leq 0$ Cutoff criteria Number of reflections (R-free set) 52,070 (2,565) Rwork/Rfree 0.208/0.257 Number of atoms refined 17,442 Stereochemistry (RMSDs) Bond lengths (Å) 0.011

1.434

Bond angles (°)