

**Supporting information  
for**

**Synthesis and cytostatic activity of 7-arylsulfanyl-7-deazapurine  
bases and ribonucleosides**

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**Table S1.** Cytostatic activities of all compounds

	IC <sub>50</sub> (μM)											
	A549	CCRF-CEM	CEM-DNR	HCT116	HCT116p53--	K562	K562-TAX	HepG2	HL60	HeLa S3	BJ	MRC-5
<b>1b</b>	> 50	> 50	> 50	> 50	> 50	> 50	> 50	>25	>25	>25	132.45 ± 27.23	141.14 ± 13.73
<b>1c</b>	48.80 ± 1.85	> 50	> 50	48.29 ± 2.01	48.58 ± 2.19	> 50	> 50	>25	>25	>25	141.72 ± 12.95	138.32 ± 15.75
<b>1d</b>	46.15 ± 3.02	42.40 ± 1.16	> 50	45.05 ± 4.18	44.98 ± 7.40	47.83 ± 3.37	> 50	>25	>25	>25	141.23 ± 8.31	121.28 ± 19.39
<b>1e</b>	> 50	> 50	> 50	> 50	> 50	> 50	> 50	>25	>25	>25	> 150	> 150
<b>1f</b>	> 50	> 50	> 50	> 50	> 50	> 50	> 50	>25	>25	>25	> 150	> 150
<b>1g</b>	49.09 ± 1.39	44.87 ± 1.50	48.14 ± 3.33	40.98 ± 3.79	43.67 ± 5.07	27.23 ± 5.22	49.36 ± 1.56	>25	>25	>25	140.22 ± 11.07	135.79 ± 18.48
<b>1h</b>	> 50	46.91 ± 4.22	> 50	45.03 ± 3.89	47.78 ± 3.69	49.34 ± 1.04	48.28 ± 2.30	>25	>25	>25	> 150	> 150
<b>2b</b>	16.19 ± 1.34	10.55 ± 2.90	17.67 ± 0.53	13.03 ± 3.03	5.06 ± 0.18	5.14 ± 0.18	21.66 ± 1.34	>25	21.1 ± 1.7	>25	23.38 ± 3.57	54.48 ± 9.06
<b>2c</b>	11.43 ± 2.61	7.73 ± 1.36	20.83 ± 1.72	6.75 ± 2.72	19.53 ± 1.23	4.26 ± 0.47	18.90 ± 0.85	>25	7.63 ± 1.1	8.49 ± 2.62	22.06 ± 2.77	32.87 ± 1.79
<b>2d</b>	64.23 ± 2.65	60.85 ± 7.39	56.77 ± 1.44	38.12 ± 32.56	29.10 ± 3.19	13.99 ± 0.59	64.63 ± 2.76	>25	>25	>25	> 150	135.50 ± 17.33
<b>2e</b>	19.80 ± 2.79	14.63 ± 0.55	35.25 ± 2.36	11.01 ± 3.70	27.54 ± 5.08	3.83 ± 0.25	22.14 ± 1.14	>25	>25	>25	144.56 ± 8.46	> 150
<b>2f</b>	28.58 ± 6.38	14.72 ± 0.73	26.15 ± 1.06	18.98 ± 2.77	45.30 ± 2.58	4.95 ± 0.39	21.00 ± 0.44	>25	13.5 ± 0.4	17.6 ± 2.9	132.24 ± 17.89	148.21 ± 2.77
<b>2g</b>	22.82 ± 1.91	16.68 ± 0.98	20.34 ± 1.34	22.79 ± 2.03	86.56 ± 2.40	17.88 ± 0.69	17.92 ± 0.74	>25	13.9 ± 0.6	17.9 ± 1.0	> 150	135.71 ± 22.15
<b>2h</b>	21.47 ± 2.33	18.23 ± 0.99	64.59 ± 2.11	17.15 ± 2.28	65.91 ± 6.13	50.33 ± 6.13	43.95 ± 2.24	>25	>25	23.9 ± 0.6	122.60 ± 26.55	148.13 ± 2.90
<b>7b</b>	62.50 ± 7.32	30.07 ± 2.55	53.04 ± 4.06	53.35 ± 6.10	50.76 ± 3.27	62.54 ± 1.85	65.89 ± 1.40	>25	>25	>25	98.17 ± 7.44	104.633.37
<b>7c</b>	> 50	> 50	> 50	> 50	> 50	> 50	> 50	>25	>25	>25	> 150	> 150
<b>7d</b>	76.41 ± 16.18	98.28 ± 1.89	78.57 ± 11.23	94.98 ± 5.51	> 100	78.79 ± 7.17	> 100	>25	>25	>25	112.55 ± 22.39	113.16 ± 24.20
<b>7e</b>	> 50	> 50	> 50	> 50	> 50	> 50	> 50	>25	>25	>25	> 150	> 150
<b>7f</b>	> 50	> 50	> 50	> 50	> 50	> 50	> 50	>25	>25	>25	> 150	> 150
<b>7g</b>	22.91 ± 3.14	33.96 ± 1.42	> 50	20.80 ± 3.59	22.41 ± 8.45	23.09 ± 6.24	29.62 ± 2.41	>25	>25	>25	67.88 ± 8.49	67.70 ± 14.43
<b>7h</b>	70.02 ± 24.37	68.85 ± 3.31	72.74 ± 2.25	85.0 ± 15.05	99.00 ± 1.55	84.96 ± 1.97	98.06 ± 3.02	>25	>25	>25	116.67 ± 25.82	133.33 ± 25.82
<b>8b</b>	76.96 ± 13.91	48.10 ± 2.91	75.21 ± 5.11	55.23 ± 7.98	47.19 ± 2.64	57.21 ± 3.97	70.45 ± 1.64	>25	>25	>25	109.58 ± 20.62	125.7210.94
<b>8c</b>	74.36 ± 11.67	58.93 ± 2.64	79.59 ± 4.71	81.65 ± 6.33	74.36 ± 3.15	80.81 ± 4.59	72.88 ± 4.64	>25	>25	>25	121.00 ± 6.63	145.70 ± 3.45
<b>8d</b>	83.49 ± 15.90	85.60 ± 5.24	88.42 ± 3.02	97.48 ± 4.37	> 100	96.64 ± 5.21	90.84 ± 4.68	>25	>25	>25	149.86 ± 0.34	> 150
<b>8e</b>	89.58 ± 12.73	96.21 ± 3.61	> 100	> 100	> 100	> 100	88.93 ± 5.14	>25	>25	>25	146.53 ± 8.49	> 150
<b>8f</b>	87.61 ± 14.76	96.69 ± 4.78	> 100	92.56 ± 7.75	> 100	> 100	81.85 ± 2.55	>25	>25	>25	> 150	> 150
<b>8g</b>	43.76 ± 4.93	64.66 ± 1.66	> 100	36.72 ± 7.81	23.18 ± 1.04	23.43 ± 1.13	55.77 ± 2.97	>25	>25	>25	93.59 ± 7.76	138.24 ± 10.63
<b>8h</b>	85.47 ± 6.43	89.29 ± 7.83	83.60 ± 2.00	98.80 ± 2.95	> 100	99.82 ± 0.43	86.69 ± 7.54	>25	>25	>25	141.79 ± 9.86	> 150

## 1. Experimental Section

### General

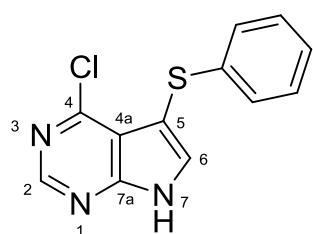
6-Chloro-7-deazapurine was purchased from commercial supplier and used without any further purification. Dry DMF and THF were used as received from supplier. All compounds were fully characterized by NMR and spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance II 600 ( $^1\text{H}$  at 600.1 MHz,  $^{13}\text{C}$  at 150.9 MHz) or on a Bruker Avance II 500 (499.8 or 500.0 MHz for  $^1\text{H}$  and 125.7 MHz for  $^{13}\text{C}$ ) spectrometer or on a Bruker Avance II 400 ( $^1\text{H}$  at 400 MHz,  $^{13}\text{C}$  at 100.6 MHz).  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  resonances were assigned using H,C-HSQC and H,C-HMBC spectra. The samples were measured in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  or DMSO and chemical shifts (in ppm,  $\delta$ -scale) were referenced to solvent signal ( $\delta(^1\text{H}) = 7.26$  ppm,  $\delta(^1\text{H}) = 77.0$  ppm) or in or DMSO ( $\delta(^1\text{H}) = 2.50$  ppm,  $\delta(^1\text{H}) = 39.43$  ppm). Coupling constants ( $J$ ) are given in Hz. High performance flash chromatography (HPFC) were performed with Biotage SP1 apparatus on KP-Sil columns. Reverse phase - high performance flash chromatography (RP-HPFC) purifications were performed with Biotage SP1 apparatus on KP-C18-HS columns. Optical rotations were measured at 25 °C,  $[\alpha]_D$  values are given in  $10^{-1}\text{degcm}^2\text{g}^{-1}$ . IR spectra (wavenumbers in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) were recorded on Bruker Alpha FT-IR spectrometer using ATR technique. High resolution mass spectra were measured on a LTQ Orbitrap XL (Thermo Fisher Scientific) spectrometer using EI ionization technique. Melting points were determined on a Buchi Melting Point B-545 and are uncorrected. Elemental analyses were measured on PE 2400 Series II CHNS/O (Perkin Elmer, USA, 1999).

## Preparation of starting compounds:

### Sulfenylation of 7-deazapurines. General Procedure:

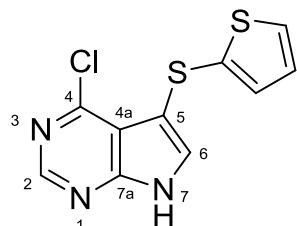
A mixture of 6-chloro-7-deazapurine (15.36 g, 100 mmol), disulphides (100 mmol), CuI (1.9 g, 10 mmol) and dtbpy (5.37 g, 20 mmol) in DMF (300 mL) was stirred at 110°C under oxygen for 18 hours until complete consumption of starting material as monitored by TLC. The solution was then cooled to room temperature, diluted with EtOAc (200 mL), washed with 1M solution of sodium salt of EDTA (100 mL). Aqueous solution was then extracted three times with EtOAc and comabitated organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and evaporated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel.

### 4-Chloro-5-(phenylsulfanyl)-7*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine (6-chloro-7-(phenylsulfanyl)-7-deazapurine) (**1a**)



Diphenyldisulfide (21.83 g, 100 mmol) was used as starting compounds to give product **1a** (22.25 g, 85%) as yellowish solids. Chromatography was started with pure hexane (to remove excess of disulphide) and followed by hexane/EtOAc 5:1 to 1:1. Crystallization from ethanol gave white crystals. <sup>1</sup>H NMR was compared with published data<sup>1</sup>.

**4-Chloro-5-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-7*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine  
(6-chloro-7-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-7-deazapurine) (2a)**



2-Thienyl disulfide (23.04 g, 100 mmol) was used as starting compounds to give product **2a** (25.5 g, 95%) as white solids. Chromatography was started with pure hexane (to remove excess of disulphide) and followed by hexane/EtOAc 5:1 to 1:1

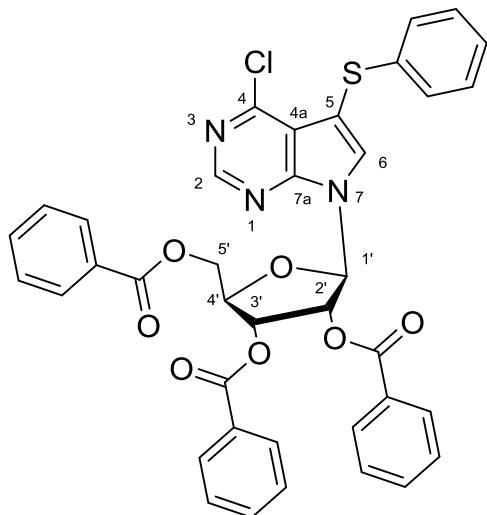
M.p. 176 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 6.98 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>4,5</sub> = 5.3 Hz, *J*<sub>4,3</sub> = 3.6 Hz, H-4-thienyl); 7.21 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>3,4</sub> = 3.6 Hz, *J*<sub>3,5</sub> = 1.3 Hz, H-3-thienyl); 7.51 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>5,4</sub> = 5.3 Hz, *J*<sub>5,3</sub> = 1.3 Hz, H-5-thienyl); 8.06 (s, 1H, H-6); 8.59 (s, 1H, H-2); 13.03 (bs, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.7 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 104.01 (C-5); 115.45 (C-4a); 128.03 (CH-4-thienyl); 129.25 (CH-5-thienyl); 130.61 (CH-3-thienyl); 134.76 (CH-6); 136.71 (C-2-thienyl); 150.92 (C-4); 151.40 (CH-2); 152.76 (C-7a). IR (KBr): 3066, 2944, 2809, 2770, 1601, 1556, 1446, 1401, 1401, 1332, 1239, 1216, 1003, 973, 848, 716, 623. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>ClS<sub>2</sub>: 267.9767; found: 267.9764.

**Glycosylation of 7-sulfanyl-7-deazapurines. General Procedure:**

7-Sulfanyl-7-deazapurine **1a-2a** (40 mmol) was suspended in acetonitrile (200 ml) and BSA (10.4 ml, 40 mmol) was added. Reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min at rt (during this time clear solution was formed). Then TMSOTf (14.46 ml, 80 mmol) and protected ribofuranose (20.2 g, 40 mmol) were added. Mixture was heated to 80 °C for 6 h. After cooling to rt, the mixture was extracted with EtOAc and water, organic layer was washed with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and again with water, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated under reduced pressure. Crude product was purified using column chromatography with chloroform.

**4-Chloro-5-(phenylsulfanyl)-9-(2,3,5-tri-O-benzoyl- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl)-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidine**

**(6-chloro-7-(phenylsulfanyl)-9-(2,3,5-tri-O-benzoyl- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl)-7-deazapurine) (3a)**



Reaction of **1a** (10.4 g, 40 mmol) according to the general procedure afforded compound **3a** (13.84 g, 49%) as yellowish foam.

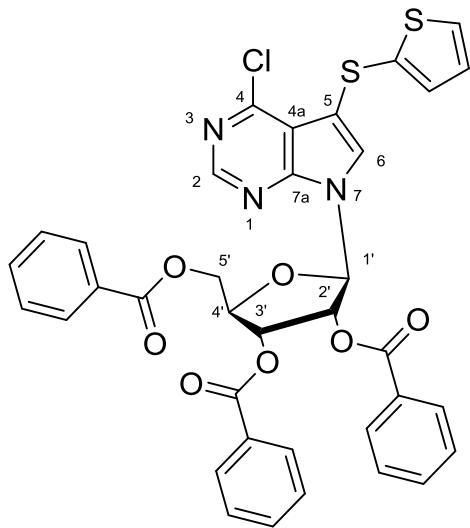
M.p. 89 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600.1 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 4.71 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{gem}} = 12.3$ ,  $J_{5'\text{b},4'} = 3.8$ , H-5'b); 4.82 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{4',3'} = 4.7$ ,  $J_{4',5'} = 3.8$ , 3.1, H-4'); 4.89 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{gem}} = 12.3$ ,  $J_{5'\text{a},4'} = 3.1$ , H-5'a); 6.14 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3',2'} = 5.8$ ,  $J_{3',4'} = 4.7$ , H-3'); 6.23 (dd, 1H,  $J_{2',3'} = 5.8$ ,  $J_{2',1'} = 5.4$ , H-2'); 6.66 (d, 1H,  $J_{1',2'} = 5.4$ , H-1'); 7.12 (m, 2H, H-*o*-Ph); 7.13 (m, 1H, H-*p*-Ph); 7.21 (m, 2H, H-*m*-Ph); 7.37, 7.41, 7.42 (3 × m, 3 × 2H, H-*m*-Bz); 7.55, 7.59 (2 × m, 3H, H-*p*-Bz); 7.64 (s, 1H, H-6); 7.93, 8.01, 8.08 (3 × m, 3 × 2H, H-*o*-Bz); 8.58 (s, 1H, H-2).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150.9 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 63.47 ( $\text{CH}_2$ -5'); 71.43 (CH-3'); 74.09 (CH-2'); 80.64 (CH-4'); 87.17 (CH-1'); 105.38 (C-5); 117.87 (C-4a); 125.92 (CH-*p*-Ph); 127.26 (CH-*o*-Ph); 128.38 (C-*i*-Bz); 128.53, 128.57 (CH-*m*-Bz); 128.67 (C-*i*-Bz); 128.68 (CH-*m*-Bz); 128.99 (CH-*m*-Ph); 129.21 (C-*i*-Bz); 129.66, 129.83, 129.84 (CH-*o*-Bz); 132.79 (CH-6); 133.52, 133.77, 133.81 (CH-*p*-Bz); 137.52 (C-*i*-Ph); 151.81 (CH-2); 152.48 (C-7a); 153.22 (C-4); 165.04, 165.35, 166.12 (CO-Bz). IR (KBr): 3123, 3058, 3028, 3004, 2947, 1727, 1601, 1574, 1541, 1452, 1263, 1123, 1090, 707. HRMS (ESI) calculated for  $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_7\text{N}_3\text{ClNaS}$ : 728.1229; found: 728.1233.

**4-Chloro-5-(2-thienylsulfanyl)-9-(2,3,5-tri-O-benzoyl- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl)-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidine**

**(6-chloro-7-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-9-(2,3,5-tri-O-benzoyl- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl)-7-deazapurine) (4a)**

To form clear solution double amount of BSA (20.8 ml, 80 mmol) was added.

Reaction of **2a** (10.71 g, 40 mmol) according to the general procedure afforded compound **4a** (8.5 g, 30%) as white foam.

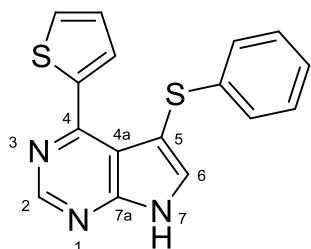


M.p. 72 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 4.67 (dd, 1H,  $J_{gem} = 12.2$  Hz,  $J_{5'a,4'} = 3.9$  Hz, H-5'a); 4.79 (m, 1H, H-4'); 4.86 (dd, 1H,  $J_{gem} = 12.2$  Hz,  $J_{5'b,4'} = 3.1$  Hz, H-5'b); 6.12 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3',2'} = 5.8$  Hz,  $J_{3',4'} = 4.5$  Hz, H-3'); 6.20 (t, 1H,  $J_{2',1'} = J_{2',3'} = 5.7$  Hz, H-2'); 6.61 (d, 1H,  $J_{1',2'} = 5.6$  Hz, H-1'); 6.89 (dd, 1H,  $J_{4,5} = 5.3$  Hz,  $J_{4,3} = 3.6$  Hz, H-4-Stienyl); 7.15 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3,4} = 3.6$  Hz,  $J_{3,5} = 1.3$  Hz, H-3-Stienyl); 7.25 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,4} = 5.3$  Hz,  $J_{5,3} = 1.3$  Hz, H-5-Stienyl); 7.36 and 7.40 ( $2\times$ m,  $2\times$ 2H, CH-*m*-Bz); 7.44 (s, 1H, H-6); 7.48 (m, 2H, H-*m*-Bz); 7.51 – 7.64 (m, 3H, H-*p*-Bz); 7.92, 7.99 and 8.10 ( $3\times$ m,  $3\times$ 2H, H-*o*-Bz); 8.57 (s, 1H, H-2).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.7 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 63.62 (CH<sub>2</sub>-5'); 71.41 (CH-3'); 74.01 (CH-2'); 80.59 (CH-4'); 87.04 (CH-1'); 109.91 (C-5); 117.06 (C-4a); 127.56 (CH-4-Stienyl); 128.40 (C-*i*-Bz); 128.49 and 128.53 (CH-*m*-Bz); 128.68 (C-*i*-Bz); 128.70 (CH-*m*-Bz); 128.28 (C-*i*-Bz); 129.53 (CH-5-Stienyl); 129.73, 129.80 and 129.82 (CH-*o*-Bz); 130.00 (CH-6); 132.70 (CH-3-Stienyl); 133.52, 133.72 and 133.75 (CH-*p*-Bz); 133.86 (C-2-Stienyl); 151.63 (CH-2); 151.97 (C-7a); 152.90 (C-4); 165.02, 165.32 and 166.09 (CO-Bz). IR (KBr): 3102, 3087, 3066, 3031, 3007, 2950, 1730, 1601, 1583, 1538, 1452, 1314, 1263, 1219, 1120, 1096, 1069, 707. HRMS (ESI) calculated for  $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_7\text{N}_3\text{ClNaS}_2$ : 734.0796; found: 734.0793.

## General procedure for the Stille coupling

Compound **1a-4a** (1 equiv), tributylstannane (1.2 equiv) and PdCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%) under argon atmosphere were dissolved in anhydrous DMF and heated to 100 °C for 8 h. Then, solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and crude product was purified using HPFC.

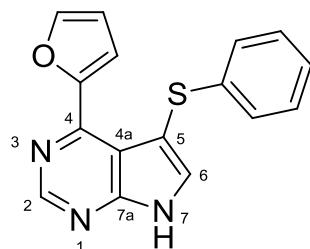
### **4-(Thiophen-2-yl)-5-(phenylsulfanyl)-7*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine (6-(thiophen-2-yl)-7-(phenylsulfanyl)-7-deazapurine) (**1b**)**



Deazapurine **1a** (523 mg, 2 mmol), 2-(tributylstannyl)thiophene (0.762 mL, 2.4 mmol) and 15 mL DMF were used according to the general procedure. Crude product was purified using HPFC (hexane/EtOAc, 0–50% EtOAc) and product **1b** was obtained as yellowish solid (496 mg, 80%). Crystallization in ethanol/H<sub>2</sub>O gave yellowish needles.

M.p. 240 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600.1 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 6.92 (m, 2H, H-*o*-Ph); 7.03 (m, 1H, H-*p*-Ph); 7.07 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>4,5</sub> = 5.1, *J*<sub>4,3</sub> = 3.8, H-4-thienyl); 7.15 (m, 2H, H-*m*-Ph); 7.69 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>5,4</sub> = 5.1, *J*<sub>5,3</sub> = 1.1, H-5-thienyl); 8.10 (s, 1H, H-6); 8.39 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>3,4</sub> = 3.8, *J*<sub>3,5</sub> = 1.1, H-3-thienyl); 8.78 (s, 1H, H-2); 12.93 (bs, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150.9 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 98.90 (C-5); 113.95 (C-4a); 128.11 (CH-*p*-Ph); 125.64 (CH-*o*-Ph); 128.11 (CH-4-thienyl); 129.18 (CH-*m*-Ph); 130.66 (CH-5-thienyl); 131.87 (CH-3-thienyl); 136.84 (CH-6); 139.19 (C-*i*-Ph); 141.57 (C-2-thienyl); 151.15 (CH-2); 152.10 (C-4); 154.33 (C-7a). IR (KBr): 3105, 2986, 2869, 2827, 1595, 1541, 1479, 1431, 1308, 1260, 806, 740, 707. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: 310.0468; found: 310.0467. Anal. calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>·0.15H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 61.57; H, 3.65; N, 13.46; S, 20.54. Found: C, 61.85; H, 3.55; N, 13.39; S, 20.26.

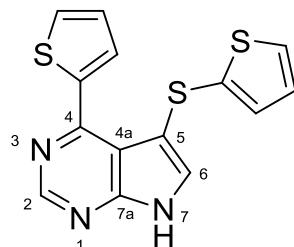
**4-(Furan-2-yl)-5-(phenylsulfanyl)-7*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine  
(6-(furan-2-yl)-7-(phenylsulfanyl)-7-deazapurine) (1c)**



Deazapurine **1a** (523 mg, 2 mmol), 2-(tributylstanny)furane (0.755 mL, 2.4 mmol) and 15 mL DMF were used according to the general procedure. Crude product was purified using HPFC (hexane/EtOAc, 0–50% EtOAc) and product **1c** was obtained as yellowish solid (510 mg, 87%). Crystallization in ethanol/H<sub>2</sub>O gave yellowish needles.

M.p. 234 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500.0 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 7.58 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>4,3</sub> = 3.4, *J*<sub>4,5</sub> = 1.7, H-4-furyl); 6.99 (m, 2H, H-*o*-Ph); 7.03 (m, 1H, H-*p*-Ph); 7.16 (m, 2H, H-*m*-Ph); 7.40 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>3,4</sub> = 3.4, *J*<sub>3,5</sub> = 0.8, H-3-furyl); 7.70 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>5,4</sub> = 1.7, *J*<sub>5,3</sub> = 0.8, H-5-furyl); 8.05 (s, 1H, H-6); 8.81 (s, 1H, H-2); 12.87 (bs, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150.9 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 99.51 (C-5); 112.27 (CH-4-furyl); 113.48 (C-4a); 114.77 (CH-3-furyl); 125.14 (CH-*p*-Ph); 125.65 (CH-*o*-Ph); 129.01 (CH-*m*-Ph); 136.57 (CH-6); 139.69 (C-*i*-Ph); 145.53 (CH-5-furyl); 147.73 (C-4); 150.92 (C-2-furyl); 151.32 (CH-2); 154.33 (C-7a). IR (KBr): 3108, 2989, 2869, 2821, 1580, 1541, 1479, 1443, 1314, 827, 731. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ON<sub>3</sub>S: 294.0696; found: 294.0696. Anal. calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OS·0.25H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 64.52; H, 3.89; N, 14.11; S, 10.76. Found: C, 64.65; H, 3.73; N, 13.99; S, 10.47.

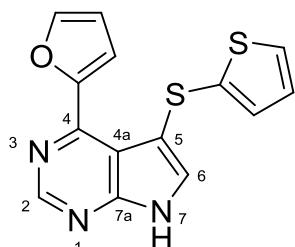
**4-(Thiophen-2-yl)-5-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-7*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine  
(6-(thiophen-2-yl)-7-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-7-deazapurine) (2b)**



Deazapurine **2a** (535 mg, 2 mmol), 2-(tributylstanny)thiophene (0.762 mL, 2.4 mmol) and 15 mL DMF were used according to the general procedure. Crude product was purified using HPFC (EtOAc/MeOH, 0–5% MeOH) and product **2b** was obtained as yellowish solid (360 mg, 57%).

M.p. 224 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 6.78 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>3,4</sub> = 3.6 Hz, *J*<sub>3,5</sub> = 1.3 Hz, H-3-Sthienyl); 6.84 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>4,5</sub> = 5.3 Hz, *J*<sub>4,3</sub> = 3.6 Hz, H-4-Sthienyl); 7.29 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>4,5</sub> = 5.1 Hz, *J*<sub>4,3</sub> = 3.7 Hz, H-4-thienyl); 7.39 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>5,4</sub> = 5.3 Hz, *J*<sub>5,3</sub> = 1.3 Hz, H-5-Sthienyl); 7.84 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>5,4</sub> = 5.1 Hz, *J*<sub>5,3</sub> = 1.1 Hz, H-5-thienyl); 8.07 (s, 1H, H-6); 8.44 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>3,4</sub> = 3.7 Hz, *J*<sub>3,5</sub> = 1.1 Hz, H-3-thienyl); 8.76 (s, 1H, H-2); 12.83 (bs, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150.9 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 103.50 (C-5); 113.19 (C-4a); 127.76 (CH-4-Sthienyl); 128.21 (CH-4-thienyl); 129.08 (CH-5-Sthienyl); 129.85 (CH-3-Sthienyl); 160.73 (CH-5-thienyl); 132.46 (CH-3-thienyl); 135.19 (CH-6); 137.15 (C-2-Sthienyl); 141.41 (C-2-thienyl); 151.16 (CH-2); 152.01 (C-4); 153.80 (C-7a). IR (KBr): 2977, 2860, 2812, 1598, 1547, 1443, 1320, 809, 701. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S<sub>3</sub>: 316.0031; found: 316.0033.

**4-(Furan-2-yl)-5-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-7*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine  
(6-(furan-2-yl)-7-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-7-deazapurine) (2c)**



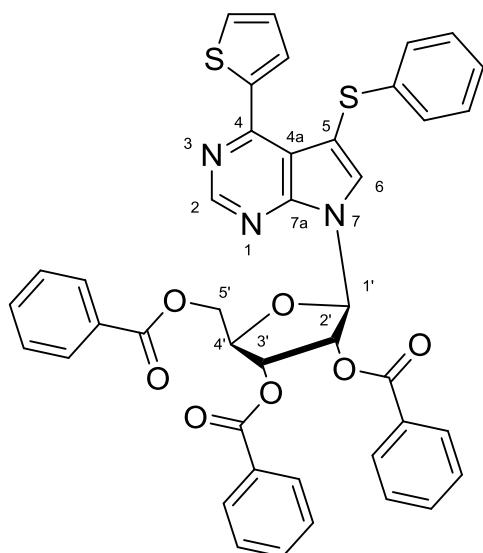
Deazapurine **2a** (535 mg, 2 mmol), 2-(tributylstanny)furan (0.755 mL, 2.4 mmol) and 15 mL DMF were used according to the general procedure. Crude product was purified using HPFC (EtOAc/MeOH, 0–5% MeOH) and product **2c** was obtained as yellowish solid (434 mg, 72%).

M.p. 201°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 6.76 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>4,3</sub> = 3.5 Hz, *J*<sub>4,5</sub> = 1.7 Hz, H-4-furyl); 6.92 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>4,5</sub> = 5.3 Hz, *J*<sub>4,3</sub> = 3.6 Hz, H-4-Sthienyl); 6.99 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>3,4</sub> = 3.6 Hz, *J*<sub>3,5</sub> = 1.3 Hz, H-3-Sthienyl); 7.45 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>5,4</sub> = 5.3 Hz, *J*<sub>5,3</sub> = 1.3 Hz, H-5-Sthienyl); 7.48 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>3,4</sub> = 3.5 Hz, *J*<sub>3,5</sub> = 0.8 Hz, H-3-furyl); 7.84 (s, 1H, H-6); 8.02 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>5,4</sub> = 1.7 Hz, *J*<sub>5,3</sub> = 0.8 Hz, H-5-furyl); 8.77 (s, 1H, H-2); 12.70 (vbs, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.7 MHz, DMSO-

$\delta_6$ ): 104.76 (C-5); 112.39 (C-4a); 112.56 (CH-4-furyl); 114.86 (CH-3-furyl); 127.86 (CH-4-Sthienyl); 129.24 (CH-5-Sthienyl); 130.57 (CH-3-Sthienyl); 133.65 (CH-6); 136.87 (C-2-Sthienyl); 145.80 (CH-5-furyl); 147.52 (C-4); 151.18 (C-2-furyl); 151.26 (CH-2); 153.75 (C-7a). IR (KBr): 3105, 2989, 2860, 2830, 1601, 1586, 1532, 1317, 824, 749. HRMS (ESI) calculated for  $C_{14}H_{10}ON_3S_2$ : 300.0260; found: 300.0261.

**4-(Thiophen-2-yl)-5-(phenylsulfanyl)-7-(2,3,5-tri-O-benzoyl- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl)-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidine**

**(6-(thiophen-2-yl)-7-(phenylsulfanyl)-9-(2,3,5-tri-O-benzoyl- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl)-7-deazapurine) (3b)**



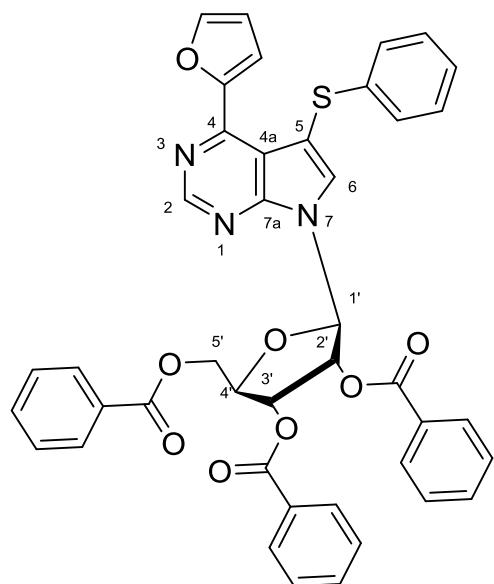
Nucleoside **3a** (706 mg, 1 mmol), 2-(tributylstanny)thiophene (0.381 mL, 1.2 mmol) and 10 mL DMF were used according to the general procedure. Crude product was purified using HPFC (hexane/EtOAc, 0–20% EtOAc) and product **3b** was obtained as yellowish solid (540 mg, 72%).

M.p. 76 °C.  $^1H$  NMR (500.0 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ): 4.73 (dd, 1H,  $J_{gem} = 12.2$ ,  $J_{5'b,4'} = 3.7$ , H-5'b); 4.83 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{4',3'} = 4.6$ ,  $J_{4',5'} = 3.7$ , 3.1, H-4'); 4.90 (dd, 1H,  $J_{gem} = 12.2$ ,  $J_{5'a,4'} = 3.1$ , H-5'a); 6.16 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3',2'} = 5.8$ ,  $J_{3',4'} = 4.6$ , H-3'); 6.26 (dd, 1H,  $J_{2',3'} = 5.8$ ,  $J_{2',1'} = 5.6$ , H-2'); 6.80 (d, 1H,  $J_{1',2'} = 5.6$ , H-1'); 6.90 (m, 2H, H-*o*-Ph); 7.01 (dd, 1H,  $J_{4,5} = 5.1$ ,  $J_{4,3} = 3.8$ , H-4-thienyl); 7.02 (m, 1H, H-*p*-Ph); 7.07 (m, 2H, H-*m*-Ph); 7.36, 7.39, 7.41 ( $3 \times$  m,  $3 \times$  2H, H-*m*-Bz); 7.42 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,4} = 5.1$ ,  $J_{5,3} = 1.1$ , H-5-thienyl); 7.54, 7.55, 7.59 ( $3 \times$  m,  $3 \times$  1H, H-*p*-Bz); 7.71 (s, 1H,

H-6); 7.95, 8.02, 8.10 ( $3 \times$  m,  $3 \times$  2H, H-*o*-Bz); 8.20 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3,4} = 3.8$ ,  $J_{3,5} = 1.1$ , H-3-thienyl); 8.84 (s, 1H, H-2).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.7 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 63.63 (CH<sub>2</sub>-5'); 71.50 (CH-3'); 74.04 (CH-2'); 80.48 (CH-4'); 86.54 (CH-1'); 104.35 (C-5); 115.63 (C-4a); 125.55 (CH-*p*-Ph); 126.70 (CH-*o*-Ph); 127.68 (CH-4-thienyl); 128.49, 128.53, 128.65 (C-*i*-Bz, CH-*m*-Bz); 128.78 (CH-*m*-Ph); 129.23 (C-*i*-Bz); 129.66, 129.83, 129.85 (CH-*o*-Bz); 129.93 (CH-5-thienyl); 132.57 (CH-3-thienyl); 133.24 (CH-6); 133.44, 133.72 (CH-*p*-Bz); 137.57 (C-*i*-Ph); 140.15 (C-2-thienyl); 151.64 (CH-2); 153.48 (C-7a); 154.15 (C-4); 165.07, 165.37, 166.15 (CO-Bz). IR (KBr): 3055, 3040, 3004, 2950, 2923, 1730, 1541, 1452, 1440, 1317, 1263, 1126, 1093, 1069, 1024, 704. HRMS (ESI) calculated for  $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_7\text{N}_3\text{S}_2$ : 754.1676; found: 754.1682.

**4-(Furan-2-yl)-5-(phenylsulfanyl)-7-(2,3,5-tri-O-benzoyl- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl)-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine**

**(6-(furan-2-yl)-7-(phenylsulfanyl)-9-(2,3,5-tri-O-benzoyl- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl)-7-deazapurine) (3c)**



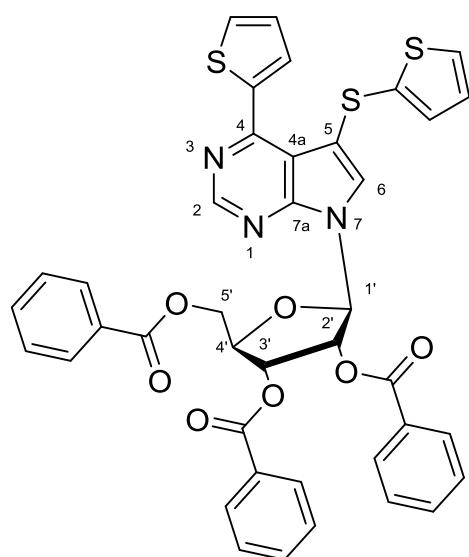
Nucleoside **3a** (706 mg, 1 mmol), 2-(tributylstannyl)furan (0.378 mL, 1.2 mmol) and 10 mL DMF were used according to the general procedure. Crude product was purified using HPFC (hexane/EtOAc, 0–20% EtOAc) and product **3c** was obtained as yellowish solid (677 mg, 92%).

M.p. 67 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500.0 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 4.72 (dd, 1H,  $J_{gem} = 12.2$  Hz,  $J_{5'a,4'} = 3.8$  Hz, H-5'a); 4.82 (bdt, 1H,  $J_{4',3'} = 4.6$  Hz,  $J_{4',5'a} = J_{4',5'b} = 3.4$  Hz, H-4'); 4.88 (dd, 1H,  $J_{gem} = 12.2$  Hz,

$J_{5'b,4'} = 3.1$  Hz, H-5'b); 6.15 (bdd, 1H,  $J_{3',2'} = 5.9$  Hz,  $J_{3',4'} = 4.6$  Hz, H-3'); 6.25 (t, 1H,  $J_{2',1'} = J_{2',3'} = 5.7$  Hz, H-2'); 6.45 (dd, 1H,  $J_{4,3} = 3.5$  Hz,  $J_{4,5} = 1.7$  Hz, H-4-furyl); 6.77 (d, 1H,  $J_{1',2'} = 5.5$  Hz, H-1'); 7.01 (m, 2H, H-*o*-SPh); 7.04 (m, 1H, H-*p*-SPh); 7.12 (m, 2H, H-*m*-SPh); 7.34 – 7.44 (m, 6H, CH-*m*-Bz); 7.45 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,4} = 1.7$  Hz,  $J_{5,3} = 0.8$  Hz, H-5-furyl); 7.57 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3,4} = 3.5$  Hz,  $J_{3,5} = 0.8$  Hz, H-3-furyl); 7.50 – 7.61 (m, 3H, H-*p*-Bz); 7.67 (s, 1H, H-6); 7.94, 8.01 and 8.09 (3×m, 3×2H, H-*o*-Bz); 8.87 (s, 1H, H-2).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.7 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 63.62 (CH<sub>2</sub>-5'); 71.48 (CH-3'); 74.05 (CH-2'); 80.44 (CH-4'); 86.60 (CH-1'); 104.34 (C-5); 112.04 (CH-4-furyl); 144.95 (C-4a); 116.15 (CH-3-furyl); 125.43 (CH-*p*-SPh); 126.46 (CH-*o*-SPh); 128.48 (C-*i*-Bz); 128.49, 128.54 and 128.64 (CH-*m*-Bz); 128.72 (C-*i*-Bz); 128.81 (CH-*m*-SPh); 129.23 (C-*i*-Bz); 129.66, 129.83 and 129.85 (CH-*o*-Bz); 133.39 (CH-6); 133.42, 133.71 and 133.72 (CH-*p*-Bz); 138.27 (C-*i*-SPh); 145.11 (CH-5-furyl); 149.26 (C-4); 150.26 (C-2-furyl); 151.84 (CH-2); 153.59 (C-7a); 165.06, 165.37 and 166.16 (CO-Bz). IR (KBr): 3117, 3063, 3031, 2959, 2920, 2857, 1730, 1538, 1452, 1317, 1263, 1120, 1093, 707. HRMS (ESI) calculated for  $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_8\text{N}_3\text{S}$ : 738.1905; found: 738.1908.

**4-(Thiophen-2-yl)-5-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-7-(2,3,5-tri-O-benzoyl- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl)-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidine**

**(6-(thiophen-2-yl)-7-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-9-(2,3,5-tri-O-benzoyl- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl)-7-deazapurine) (4b)**

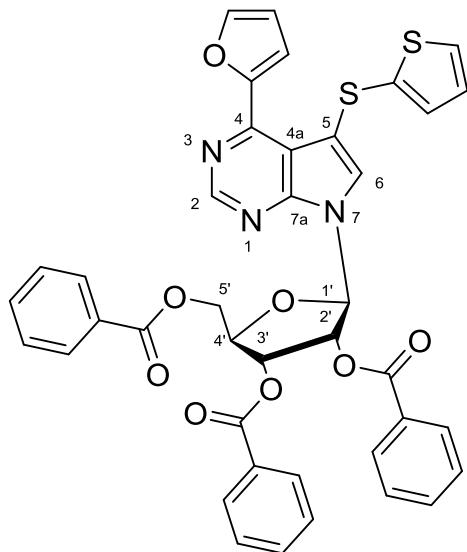


Nucleoside **4a** (712 mg, 1 mmol), 2-(tributylstanny)thiophene (0.381 mL, 1.2 mmol) and 10 mL DMF were used according to the general procedure. Crude product was purified using HPFC with pure DCM and product **4b** was obtained as yellowish solid (595 mg, 78%).

M.p. 77 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 4.70 (dd, 1H, J<sub>gem</sub> = 12.2 Hz, J<sub>5'a,4'</sub> = 3.9 Hz, H-5'a); 4.81 (m, 1H, H-4'); 4.87 (dd, 1H, J<sub>gem</sub> = 12.2 Hz, J<sub>5'b,4'</sub> = 3.1 Hz, H-5'b); 6.12 (dd, 1H, J<sub>3',2'</sub> = 5.8 Hz, J<sub>3',4'</sub> = 4.3 Hz, H-3'); 6.18 (t, 1H, J<sub>2',1'</sub> = J<sub>2',3'</sub> = 5.8 Hz, H-2'); 6.67 (dd, 1H, J<sub>3,4</sub> = 3.6 Hz, J<sub>3,5</sub> = 1.3 Hz, H-3-Sthienyl); 6.73 (dd, 1H, J<sub>4,5</sub> = 5.3 Hz, J<sub>4,3</sub> = 3.6 Hz, H-4-Sthienyl); 6.76 (d, 1H, J<sub>1',2'</sub> = 5.8 Hz, H-1'); 7.13 (dd, 1H, J<sub>5,4</sub> = 5.3 Hz, J<sub>5,3</sub> = 1.3 Hz, H-5-Sthienyl); 7.24 (dd, 1H, J<sub>4,5</sub> = 5.1 Hz, J<sub>4,3</sub> = 3.7 Hz, H-4-thienyl); 7.37, 7.41 and 7.49 (3×m, 3×2H, H-*m*-Bz); 7.52 – 7.65 (m, 4H, H-*p*-Bz, H-5-thienyl); 7.58 (s, 1H, H-6); 7.93, 8.00 and 8.14 (3×m, 3×2H, H-*o*-Bz); 8.26 (dd, 1H, J<sub>3,4</sub> = 3.8 Hz, J<sub>3,5</sub> = 1.2 Hz, H-3-thienyl); 8.86 (s, 1H, H-2). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 63.78 (CH<sub>2</sub>-5'); 71.53 (CH-3'); 74.07 (CH-2'); 80.63 (CH-4'); 86.42 (CH-1'); 109.61 (C-5); 114.89 (C-4a); 127.33 (CH-4-Sthienyl); 127.94 (CH-4-thienyl); 128.42 (C-*i*-Bz); 128.51 and 128.55 (CH-*m*-Bz); 128.71 (C-*i*-Bz); 128.76 (CH-*m*-Bz); 129.32 (C-*i*-Bz); 129.42 (CH-5-Sthienyl); 129.77, 129.84 and 129.87 (CH-*o*-Bz); 130.77 (CH-5-thienyl); 131.07 (CH-6); 132.19 (CH-3-Sthienyl); 133.45 (CH-3-thienyl); 133.54, 133.74 and 133.76 (CH-*p*-Bz); 133.5 (C-2-thienyl); 134.09 (C-2-Sthienyl); 150.91 (CH-2); 153.03 (C-4,7a); 165.08, 165.38 and 166.14 (CO-Bz). IR (KBr): 3108, 3060, 3037, 3007, 2953, 2926, 2851, 1727, 1550, 1455, 1317, 1269, 1126, 1090, 1066, 1030, 713. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S<sub>3</sub>: 760.1240; found: 760.1243.

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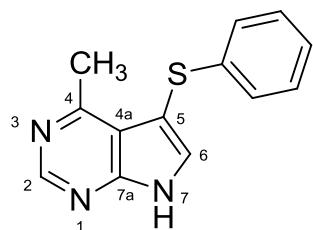
Nucleoside **4a** (712 mg, 1 mmol), 2-(tributylstannyl)furan (0.378 mL mg, 1.2 mmol) and 10 mL DMF were used according to the general procedure Crude product was purified using HPFC with pure DCM and product **4c** obtained as yellowish solid (303 mg, 41%).

M.p. 64 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 4.67 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{gem}} = 12.0$  Hz,  $J_{5'a,4'} = 3.9$  Hz, H-5'a); 4.78 (m, 1H, H-4'); 4.81 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{gem}} = 12.0$  Hz,  $J_{5'b,4'} = 3.2$  Hz, H-5'b); 6.12 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3',2'} = 5.8$  Hz,  $J_{3',4'} = 4.4$  Hz, H-3'); 6.19 (t, 1H,  $J_{2',1'} = J_{2',3'} = 5.7$  Hz, H-2'); 6.64 (dd, 1H,  $J_{4,3} = 3.5$  Hz,  $J_{4,5} = 1.8$  Hz, H-4-furyl); 6.70 (d, 1H,  $J_{1',2'} = 5.7$  Hz, H-1'); 6.81 (dd, 1H,  $J_{4,5} = 5.3$  Hz,  $J_{4,3} = 3.6$  Hz, H-4-Sthienyl); 6.93 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3,4} = 3.6$  Hz,  $J_{3,5} = 1.3$  Hz, H-3-Sthienyl); 7.18 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,4} = 5.3$  Hz,  $J_{5,3} = 1.3$  Hz, H-5-Sthienyl); 7.34 (s, 1H, H-6); 7.36, 7.40 and 7.48 (3×m, 3×2H, H-*m*-Bz); 7.51 - 7.62 (m, 3H, H-*p*-Bz); 7.60 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3,4} = 3.5$  Hz,  $J_{3,5} = 0.9$  Hz, H-3-furyl); 7.74 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,4} = 1.8$  Hz,  $J_{5,3} = 0.9$  Hz, H-5-furyl); 7.93, 7.99 and 8.12 (3×m, 3×2H, H-*o*-Bz); 8.83 (s, 1H, H-2).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.7 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 63.88 ( $\text{CH}_2$ -5'); 71.53 ( $\text{CH}$ -3'); 73.99 ( $\text{CH}$ -2'); 80.39 ( $\text{CH}$ -4'); 86.44 ( $\text{CH}$ -1'); 110.33 (C-5); 112.30 ( $\text{CH}$ -4-furyl); 113.79 (C-4a); 115.70 ( $\text{CH}$ -3-furyl); 127.47 ( $\text{CH}$ -4-Sthienyl); 128.45 and 128.51 ( $\text{CH}$ -*m*-Bz); 128.57 (C-*i*-Bz); 128.67 ( $\text{CH}$ -*m*-Bz); 128.80 (C-*i*-Bz); 129.16 ( $\text{CH}$ -6); 129.40 (C-*i*-Bz); 129.49 ( $\text{CH}$ -5-Sthienyl); 129.79, 129.82 and 129.86 ( $\text{CH}$ -*o*-Bz); 131.61 ( $\text{CH}$ -3-Sthienyl); 133.42 and 133.65 ( $\text{CH}$ -*p*-Bz); 134.30 (C-2-Sthienyl); 145.11 ( $\text{CH}$ -5-furyl); 148.86 (C-4); 150.90 (C-2-furyl); 151.70 ( $\text{CH}$ -2); 153.18 (C-7a); 165.05, 165.35 and 166.13 (CO-Bz). IR (KBr): 3102, 3055, 3034, 3004, 2956, 2926, 2866, 2851, 1733, 1562, 1535, 1452, 1269, 1123, 1099, 713. HRMS (ESI) calculated for  $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_8\text{N}_3\text{S}_2$ : 744.1469; found: 744.1471.

## General procedure for methylation

$\text{Me}_3\text{Al}$  (3 equiv, 2 M in toluene) was added to solution of compound **1a-4a** (1 equiv), and  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  (5 mol%) in THF. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 12 h. Then the solution was dropped in water (decomposition of  $\text{Me}_3\text{Al}$ ) and extracted three times with EtOAc and combitated organic layers were dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered, and evaporated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by HPFC.

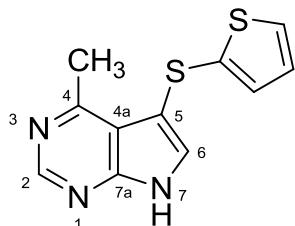
### 4-Methyl-5-(phenylsulfanyl)-7*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine (6-methyl-7-(phenylsulfanyl)-7-deazapurine) (**1d**)



Deazapurine **1a** (523 mg, 2 mmol),  $\text{Me}_3\text{Al}$  (3 mL, 6 mmol, 2 M in toluene) and 40 mL THF were used according to the general procedure. Crude product was purified using HPFC (hexane/EtOAc, 0–50% EtOAc) and product **1d** was obtained as yellowish solid (355 mg, 73%). Crystallization in ethanol/H<sub>2</sub>O gave yellowish needles.

M.p. 230 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500.0 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 2.60 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 7.03 (m, 2H, H-*o*-Ph); 7.12 (m, 1H, H-*p*-Ph); 7.25 (m, 2H, H-*m*-Ph); 7.95 (s, 1H, H-6); 8.66 (s, 1H, H-2); 12.64 (bs, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.7 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 20.89 (CH<sub>3</sub>); 98.18 (C-5); 117.17 (C-4a); 125.46 (CH-*o*-Ph); 125.49 (CH-*p*-Ph); 129.44 (CH-*m*-Ph); 134.49 (CH-6); 139.52 (C-*i*-Ph); 151.82 (CH-2); 152.26 (C-7a); 159.36 (C-4). IR (KBr): 3123, 2986, 2842, 1577, 1473, 1434, 1332, 1263, 1227, 737. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S: 242.0746; found: 242.0747. Anal. calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S·0.25H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 63.52; H, 4.72; N, 17.09; S, 13.04. Found: C, 63.48; H, 4.49; N, 16.93; S, 13.28.

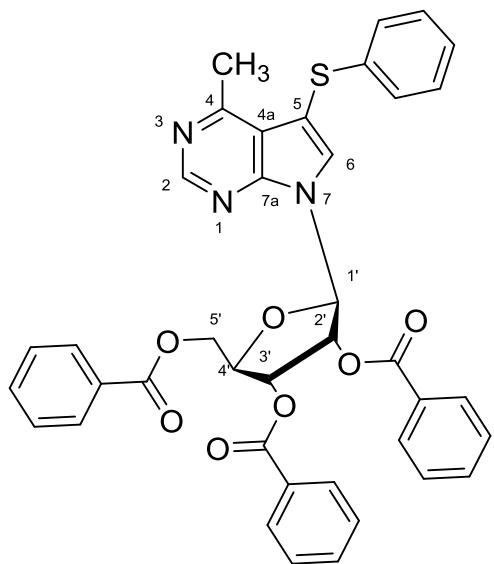
**4-Methyl-5-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-7*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine  
(6-methyl-7-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-7-deazapurine) (2d)**



Deazapurine **2a** (535 mg, 2 mmol), Me<sub>3</sub>Al (3 mL, 6 mmol, 2 M in toluene) and 40 mL THF were used according to the general procedure. Crude product was purified using HPFC (EtOAc/MeOH, 0–5% MeOH) and product **2d** was obtained as yellowish solid (325 mg, 66%).

M.p. 198 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 2.81 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-4); 6.98 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>4,5</sub> = 5.3 Hz, *J*<sub>4,3</sub> = 3.6 Hz, H-4-Sthienyl); 7.12 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>3,4</sub> = 3.6 Hz, *J*<sub>3,5</sub> = 1.3 Hz, H-3-Sthienyl); 7.47 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>5,4</sub> = 5.3 Hz, *J*<sub>5,3</sub> = 1.3 Hz, H-5-Sthienyl); 7.94 (s, 1H, H-6); 8.64 (s, 1H, H-2); 12.55 (vbs, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.7 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 21.54 (CH<sub>3</sub>-4); 103.13 (C-5); 116.39 (C-4a); 128.08 (CH-4-Sthienyl); 128.37 (CH-5-Sthienyl); 128.77 (CH-3-Sthienyl); 133.34 (CH-6); 138.22 (C-2-Sthienyl); 151.72 (C-7a); 151.74 (CH-2); 159.23 (C-4). IR (KBr): 3075, 2962, 2803, 2773, 2753, 2702, 2576, 1598, 2574, 1434, 1410, 1338, 1132, 1006, 696, 626. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: 248.0311; found: 248.0311.

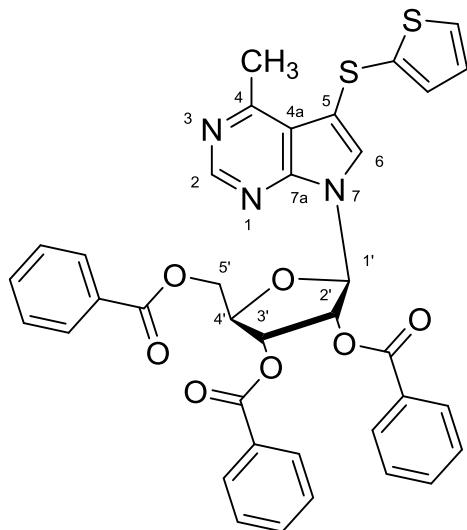
**4-Methyl-5-(phenylsulfanyl)-7-(2,3,5-tri-O-benzoyl-β-D-ribofuranosyl)-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine  
(6-methyl-7-(phenylsulfanyl)-9-(2,3,5-tri-O-benzoyl-β-D-ribofuranosyl)-7-deazapurine) (3d)**



Nucleoside **3a** (706 mg, 1 mmol), Me<sub>3</sub>Al (1.5 mL, 3 equiv, 2 M in toluene) and 20 mL THF were used according to the general procedure. Crude product was purified using HPFC (hexane/EtOAc, 0–20% EtOAc) and product **3d** was obtained as white foam (380 mg, 55%).

M.p. 61 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 2.69 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 4.71 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>gem</sub> = 12.2 Hz, J<sub>5'a,4'</sub> = 3.9 Hz, H-5'a); 4.81 (bdt, 1H, J<sub>4',3'</sub> = 4.7 Hz, J<sub>4',5'a</sub> = J<sub>4',5'b</sub> = 3.6 Hz, H-4'); 4.89 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>gem</sub> = 12.2 Hz, J<sub>5'b,4'</sub> = 3.2 Hz, H-5'b); 6.16 (dd, 1H, J<sub>3',2'</sub> = 5.9 Hz, J<sub>3',4'</sub> = 4.7 Hz, H-3'); 6.24 (t, 1H, J<sub>2',1'</sub> = J<sub>2',3'</sub> = 5.7 Hz, H-2'); 6.71 (d, 1H, J<sub>1',2'</sub> = 5.5 Hz, H-1'); 7.05 (m, 2H, H-*o*-SPh); 7.11 (m, 1H, H-*p*-SPh); 7.20 (m, 2H, H-*m*-SPh); 7.37, 7.40 and 7.41 (3×m, 3×2H, H-*m*-Bz); 7.53, 7.55 and 7.58 (3×m, 3×1H, H-*p*-Bz); 7.61 (s, 1H, H-6); 7.94, 8.01 and 8.07 (3×m, 3×2H, H-*o*-Bz); 8.73 (s, 1H, H-2). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 21.24 (CH<sub>3</sub>); 63.59 (CH<sub>2</sub>-5'); 71.50 (CH-3'); 74.10 (CH-2'); 80.44 (CH-4'); 86.71 (CH-1'); 104.19 (C-5); 118.59 (C-4a); 125.56 (CH-*p*-SPh); 126.14 (CH-*o*-SPh); 128.50 (CH-*m*-Bz); 128.52 (C-*i*-Bz); 128.54 and 128.64 (CH-*m*-Bz); 128.877 (C-*i*-Bz); 129.09 (CH-*m*-SPh); 129.31 (C-*i*-Bz); 129.69, 129.84 and 129.86 (CH-*o*-Bz); 132.14 (CH-6); 133.43, 133.71 and 133.73 (CH-*p*-Bz); 138.34 (C-*i*-SPh); 151.82 (C-7a); 152.28 (CH-2); 161.52 (C-4); 165.09, 165.38 and 166.17 (CO-Bz). IR (KBr): 3058, 3028, 3007, 2956, 2926, 2869, 2854, 1730, 1571, 1449, 1263, 1120, 1096, 1069, 1027, 707. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S: 686.1956; found: 686.1958.

**4-Methyl-5-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-7-(2,3,5-tri-O-benzoyl- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl)-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine  
(6-methyl-7-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-9-(2,3,5-tri-O-benzoyl- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl)-7-deazapurine) (**4d**)**



Nucleoside **4a** (712 mg, 1 mmol), Me<sub>3</sub>Al (1.5 mL, 3 equiv, 2 M in toluene) and 20 mL THF were used according to the general procedure. Crude product was purified using HPFC (DCM/MeOH, 0–5% MeOH) and product **4d** was obtained as white foam (469 mg, 67%).

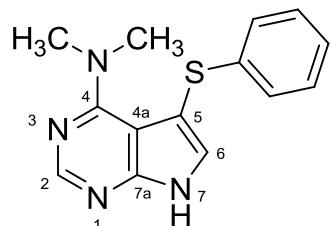
M.p. 59 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 2.92 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 4.69 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>gem</sub> = 12.2 Hz, *J*<sub>5'a,4'</sub> = 3.9 Hz, H-5'a); 4.79 (m, 1H, H-4'); 4.87 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>gem</sub> = 12.2 Hz, *J*<sub>5'b,4'</sub> = 3.2 Hz, H-5'b); 6.15 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>3',2'</sub> = 5.9 Hz, *J*<sub>3',4'</sub> = 4.5 Hz, H-3'); 6.21 (t, 1H, *J*<sub>2',1'</sub> = *J*<sub>2',3'</sub> = 5.7 Hz, H-2'); 6.68 (d, 1H, *J*<sub>1',2'</sub> = 5.5 Hz, H-1'); 6.88 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>4,5</sub> = 5.3 Hz, *J*<sub>4,3</sub> = 3.6 Hz, H-4-Sthienyl); 6.99 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>3,4</sub> = 3.6 Hz, *J*<sub>3,5</sub> = 1.3 Hz, H-3-Sthienyl); 7.20 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>5,4</sub> = 5.3 Hz, *J*<sub>5,3</sub> = 1.3 Hz, H-5-Sthienyl); 7.36, 7.40 and 7.47 (3×m, 3×2H, H-*m*-Bz); 7.53 (s, 1H, H-6); 7.51 – 7.62 (m, 3H, H-*p*-Bz); 7.93, 7.99 and 8.12 (3×m, 3×2H, H-*o*-Bz); 8.72 (s, 1H, H-2). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 21.94 (CH<sub>3</sub>); 63.71 (CH<sub>2</sub>-5'); 71.51 (CH-3'); 74.05 (CH-2'); 80.43 (CH-4'); 86.60 (CH-1'); 108.20 (C-5); 118.00 (C-4a); 127.51 (CH-4-Sthienyl); 128.19 (CH-5-Sthienyl); 128.46 and 128.52 (CH-*m*-Bz); 128.56 (C-*i*-Bz); 128.67 (CH-*m*-Bz); 128.80 and 129.41 (C-*i*-Bz); 129.76, 129.83 and 129.85 (CH-*o*-Bz); 130.06 (CH-6); 130.34 (CH-3-Sthienyl); 133.44 and 133.67 (CH-*p*-Bz); 136.26 (C-2-Sthienyl); 151.38 (C-7a); 152.18 (CH-2); 161.21 (C-4); 165.07, 165.36 and 166.15 (CO-Bz). IR (KBr): 3111, 3066, 3028, 3007,

2932, 2851, 1730, 1568, 1452, 1317, 1269, 1177, 1123, 1093, 1069, 1024, 713. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: 692.1520; found: 692.1521.

## General procedure for dimethylamination

Dimethylamine (3 equiv, 2 M in THF) was added to solution of compound **1a-4a** (1 equiv), in propan-2-ol (25 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 24 h. Volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and crude product was purified by HPFC.

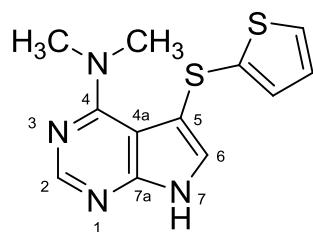
### 4-(*N,N*-Dimethylamino)-5-(phenylsulfanyl)-7*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine (6-(*N,N*-Dimethylamino)-7-(phenylsulfanyl)-7-deazapurine) (**1e**)



Deazapurine **1a** (523 mg, 2 mmol) was used according to the general procedure. Crude product was purified using HPFC (hexane/EtOAc, 0–50% EtOAc) and product **1e** was obtained as yellowish solid (454 mg, 84%). Crystallization in ethanol/H<sub>2</sub>O gave white needles.

M.p. 201 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600.1 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 3.11 (s, 6H, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>N); 7.00 (m, 2H, H-*o*-Ph); 7.09 (m, 1H, H-*p*-Ph); 7.23 (m, 2H, H-*m*-Ph); 7.66 (s, 1H, H-6); 8.21 (s, 1H, H-2); 12.36 (bs, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150.9 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 41.23 ((CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>N); 98.32 (C-5); 104.52 (C-4a); 125.15 (CH-*o*-Ph); 125.21 (CH-*p*-Ph); 129.22 (CH-*m*-Ph); 131.94 (CH-6); 140.13 (C-*i*-Ph); 150.85 (CH-2); 153.58 (C-7a); 159.41 (C-4). IR (KBr): 3090, 2968, 2863, 2818, 1589, 1559, 1488, 1416, 1398, 1063, 922, 860 743. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S: 271.1012; found: 271.1012. Anal. calculated for: C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S: C, 62.20; H, 5.22; N, 20.72; S, 11.86; found: C, 61.97; H, 5.18; N, 20.64; S, 11.73.

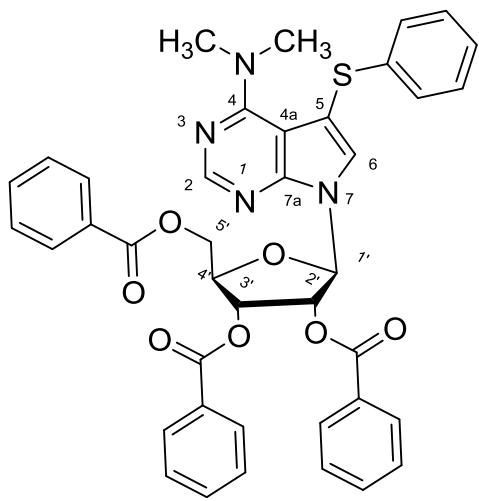
**4-(*N,N*-Dimethylamino)-5-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-7*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine  
(6-(*N,N*-Dimethylamino)-7-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-7-deazapurine) (2e)**



Deazapurine **2a** (535 mg, 2 mmol) was used according to the general procedure. Crude product was purified using HPFC (EtOAc/MeOH, 0–5% MeOH) and product **2e** was obtained as brownish solid (346 mg, 63%).

M.p. 185 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (401 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 3.22 (s, 6H, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>N); 6.95 (dd, 1H, J<sub>4,5</sub> = 5.3 Hz, J<sub>4,3</sub> = 3.6 Hz, H-4-Sthienyl); 7.07 (dd, 1H, J<sub>3,4</sub> = 3.6 Hz, J<sub>3,5</sub> = 1.3 Hz, H-3-Sthienyl); 7.44 (dd, 1H, J<sub>5,4</sub> = 5.3 Hz, J<sub>5,3</sub> = 1.3 Hz, H-5-Sthienyl); 7.62 (s, 1H, H-6); 8.19 (s, 1H, H-2); 12.23 (bs, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.8 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 41.45 ((CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>N); 103.09 (C-5); 103.91 (C-4a); 127.95 (CH-4-Sthienyl); 128.47 (CH-5-Sthienyl); 129.14 (CH-3-Sthienyl); 130.17 (CH-6); 138.47 (C-2-Sthienyl); 150.82 (CH-2); 153.12 (C-7a); 159.48 (C-4). IR (KBr): 3081, 2941, 2860, 2806, 1589, 1559, 1416, 1401, 1060, 928, 848, 692. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: 277.0576; found: 277.0576.

**4-(*N,N*-Dimethylamino)-5-(phenylsulfanyl)-7-(2,3,5-tri-O-benzoyl-β-D-ribofuranosyl)-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine  
(6-(*N,N*-Dimethylamino)-7-(phenylsulfanyl)-9-(2,3,5-tri-O-benzoyl-β-D-ribofuranosyl)-7-deazapurine) (3e)**

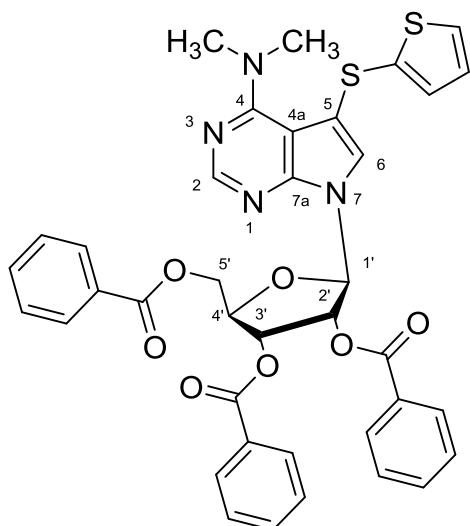


Nucleoside **3a** (706 mg, 1 mmol) was used according to the general procedure. Crude product was purified using HPFC (hexane/EtOAc, 0–20% EtOAc) and product **3e** was obtained as white foam (624 mg, 88%).

M.p. 67 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 3.17 (s, 6H,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{N}$ ); 4.70 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{gem}} = 12.1$  Hz,  $J_{5'a,4'} = 3.8$  Hz, H-5'a); 4.78 (bdt, 1H,  $J_{4',3'} = 4.6$  Hz,  $J_{4',5'a} = J_{4',5'b} = 3.5$  Hz, H-4'); 4.85 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{gem}} = 12.1$  Hz,  $J_{5'b,4'} = 3.2$  Hz, H-5'b); 6.11 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3',2'} = 5.9$  Hz,  $J_{3',4'} = 4.6$  Hz, H-3'); 6.18 (t, 1H,  $J_{2',1'} = J_{2',3'} = 5.8$  Hz, H-2'); 6.75 (d, 1H,  $J_{1',2'} = 5.6$  Hz, H-1'); 7.01 (m, 2H, H-*o*-SPh); 7.08 (m, 1H, H-*p*-SPh); 7.17 (m, 2H, H-*m*-SPh); 7.33 – 7.42 (m, 6H, CH-*m*-Bz); 7.45 (s, 1H, H-6); 7.48 – 7.60 (m, 3H, H-*p*-Bz); 7.95, 7.98 and 8.08 (3×m, 3×2H, H-*o*-Bz); 8.33 (s, 1H, H-2).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.7 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 41.17 ( $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{N}$ ); 63.54 (CH-5'); 71.32 (CH-3'); 73.79 (CH-2'); 80.03 (CH-4'); 85.94 (CH-1'); 102.88 (C-5); 105.52 (C-4a); 125.21 (CH-*p*-SPh); 125.70 (CH-*o*-SPh); 128.44, 128.48 and 128.58 (CH-*m*-Bz); 128.64 and 128.81 (C-*i*-Bz); 128.88 (CH-*m*-SPh); 129.35 (CH-6); 129.67, 129.83 and 129.88 (CH-*o*-Bz); 133.30 and 133.61 (CH-*p*-Bz); 138.79 (C-*i*-SPh); 151.13 (CH-2); 152.95 (C-7a); 159.55 (C-4); 164.83, 165.14 and 165.94 (CO-Bz). IR (KBr): 3123, 3058, 3031, 3010, 2950, 2926, 2881, 2806, 1727, 1565, 1544, 1455, 1419, 1401, 1317, 1263, 1126, 1096, 1072, 1027, 707.. HRMS (ESI) calculated for  $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{35}\text{O}_7\text{N}_4\text{S}$ : 715.2221; found: 715.2223.

**4-(*N,N*-Dimethylamino)-5-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-7-(2,3,5-tri-O-benzoyl- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl)-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidine**

**(6-(*N,N*-Dimethylamino)-7-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-9-(2,3,5-tri-O-benzoyl- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl)-7-deazapurine) (**4e**)**



Nucleoside **4a** (712 mg, 1 mmol) was used according to the general procedure. Crude product was purified using HPFC (DCM/MeOH, 0–5% MeOH) and product **4e** was obtained as white foam (634 mg, 88%).

M.p. 81 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 3.29 (s, 6H,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{N}$ ); 4.67 (dd, 1H,  $J_{gem} = 12.1$  Hz,  $J_{5'a,4'} = 3.9$  Hz, H-5'a); 4.75 (m, 1H, H-4'); 4.82 (dd, 1H,  $J_{gem} = 12.1$  Hz,  $J_{5'b,4'} = 3.2$  Hz, H-5'b); 6.09 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3',2'} = 5.8$  Hz,  $J_{3',4'} = 4.4$  Hz, H-3'); 6.15 (t, 1H,  $J_{2',1'} = J_{2',3'} = 5.8$  Hz, H-2'); 6.70 (d, 1H,  $J_{1',2'} = 5.7$  Hz, H-1'); 6.83 (dd, 1H,  $J_{4,5} = 5.3$  Hz,  $J_{4,3} = 3.6$  Hz, H-4-Sthienyl); 6.93 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3,4} = 3.6$  Hz,  $J_{3,5} = 1.3$  Hz, H-3-Sthienyl); 7.16 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,4} = 5.3$  Hz,  $J_{5,3} = 1.3$  Hz, H-5-Sthienyl); 7.32 (s, 1H, H-6); 7.36, 7.38 and 7.47 (3×m, 3×2H, H-m-Bz); 7.53, 7.56 and 7.59 (3×m, 3×1H, H-p-Bz); 7.95, 7.96 and 8.14 (3×m, 3×2H, H-o-Bz); 8.33 (s, 1H, H-2).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.7 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 41.64 ( $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{N}$ ); 63.94 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{-}5'$ ); 71.55 ( $\text{CH}\text{-}3'$ ); 73.98 ( $\text{CH}\text{-}2'$ ); 80.23 ( $\text{CH}\text{-}4'$ ); 86.05 ( $\text{CH}\text{-}1'$ ); 105.34 (C-5); 107.91 (C-4a); 126.92 (CH-6); 127.38 (CH-4-Sthienyl); 128.13 (CH-5-Sthienyl); 128.42, 128.46 and 128.65 (CH-m-Bz); 128.70, 128.84 and 129.48 (C-i-Bz); 129.79, 129.82 and 129.89 (CH-o-Bz); 130.28 (CH-3-Sthienyl); 133.35 and 133.58 (CH-p-Bz); 136.59 (C-2-Sthienyl); 151.37 (CH-2); 152.82 (C-7a); 160.04 (C-4); 165.07, 165.37 and 166.18 (CO-Bz). IR (KBr): 3066, 2926, 2887, 2854, 1724, 1562, 1544,

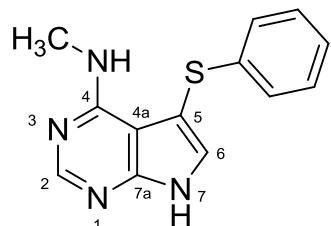
1449, 1407, 1317, 1266, 1123, 1096, 1069, 1024, 710. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>7</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: 721.1785; found: 721.1787.

## General procedure for methylationation

Compound **1a-4a** (1 equiv), aq. methylamine (40% [w/w], 5 mL) in dioxane (5 mL) was stirred at autoclave at 120 °C for 18 h. Solvent was then evaporated under reduced pressure and crude products were purified using RP-HPFC (0→100% of MeOH in H<sub>2</sub>O)

### 4-(N-Methylamino)-5-(phenylsulfanyl)-7*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine

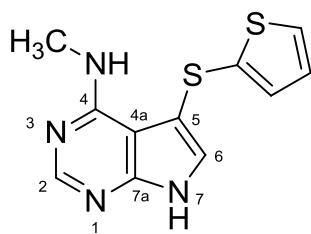
### (6-(N-Methylamino)-7-(phenylsulfanyl)-7-deazapurine) (**1f**)



Reaction of deazapurine **1a** (523 mg, 2 mmol) according to the general procedure afforded compound **1f** as brownish solid (423 mg, 83 %). Crystallization in ethanol/H<sub>2</sub>O gave yellowish needles.

M.p. 230 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 2.90 (d, 3H, *J*<sub>CH<sub>3</sub>,NH</sub> = 4.8 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>NH); 6.48 (q, 1H, *J*<sub>NH,CH<sub>3</sub></sub> = 4.8 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>NH); 7.09 (m, 2H, H-*o*-Ph); 7.13 (m, 1H, H-*p*-Ph); 7.26 (m, 2H, H-*m*-Ph); 7.55 (s, 1H, H-6); 8.19 (s, 1H, H-2); 12.19 (vbs, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.7 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 27.62 (CH<sub>3</sub>NH); 97.87 (C-5); 103.25 (C-4a); 125.71 (CH-*p*-Ph); 126.02 (CH-*o*-Ph); 129.33 (CH-*m*-Ph); 129.59 (CH-6); 139.07 (C-*i*-Ph); 150.99 (C-7a); 152.67 (CH-2); 157.08 (C-4). IR (KBr): 3374, 3099, 3058, 2962, 2902, 2860, 2812, 1607, 1586, 1491, 1485, 1383, 881, 737. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S: 257.0855 ; found: 257.0855. Anal. calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S: C, 60.91; H, 4.72; N, 21.86; S, 12.51 ; found: C, 60.66; H, 4.71; N, 21.75; S, 12.17.

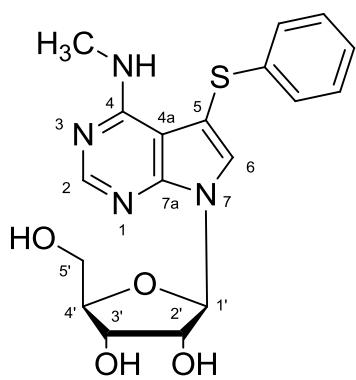
**4-(*N*-Methylamino)-5-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-7*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine  
(6-(*N*-Methylamino)-7-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-7-deazapurine) (2f)**



Reaction of deazapurine **2a** (535 mg, 2 mmol) according to the general procedure afforded compound **2f** as brownish solid (303 mg, 58 %).

M.p. 212 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (401 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 3.01 (d, 3H,  $J_{\text{CH}_3,\text{NH}} = 4.8$  Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>NH); 6.71 (q, 1H,  $J_{\text{NH},\text{CH}_3} = 4.8$  Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>NH); 6.97 (dd, 1H,  $J_{4,5} = 5.3$  Hz,  $J_{4,3} = 3.6$  Hz, H-4-Sthienyl); 7.24 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3,4} = 3.6$  Hz,  $J_{3,5} = 1.3$  Hz, H-3-Sthienyl); 7.49 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,4} = 5.3$  Hz,  $J_{5,3} = 1.3$  Hz, H-5-Sthienyl); 7.54 (s, 1H, H-6); 8.17 (s, 1H, H-2); 12.10 (bs, 1H, NH).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100.8 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 27.74 (CH<sub>3</sub>NH); 102.26 (C-5); 102.53 (C-4a); 127.97 (CH-4-Sthienyl); 128.50 (CH-6); 129.19 (CH-5-Sthienyl); 129.92 (CH-3-Sthienyl); 137.86 (C-2-Sthienyl); 150.46 (C-7a); 152.43 (CH-2); 156.76 (C-4). IR (KBr): 3392, 3102, 3060, 2995, 2965, 2905, 2863, 2788, 1607, 1595, 1488, 1413, 1383, 1350, 1314, 881, 626. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: 263.0420 ; found: 263.0420.

**4-(*N*-Methylamino)-5-(phenylsulfanyl)-7- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine  
(6-(*N*-Methylamino)-7-(phenylsulfanyl)-9- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl-7-deazapurine) (3f)**

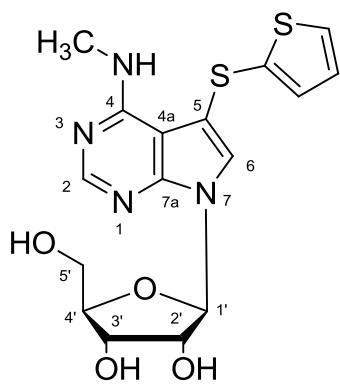


Reaction of nucleoside **3a** (706 mg, 1 mmol) according to the general procedure afforded compound **3f** as white solid (352 mg, 90 %). Crystallization in MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O gave white foam.

M.p. 157 °C.  $[\alpha]_D$  −57.9 (0.21).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600.1 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 2.91 (d, 3H,  $J_{CH_3,NH} = 4.8$  Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>NH); 3.55 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{gem} = 12.0$  Hz,  $J_{5'a,OH} = 6.2$  Hz,  $J_{5'a,4'} = 3.7$  Hz, H-5'a); 3.65 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{gem} = 12.0$  Hz,  $J_{5'b,OH} = 5.0$  Hz,  $J_{5'b,4'} = 3.7$  Hz, H-5'b); 3.92 (q, 1H,  $J_{4',5'a} = J_{4',5'b} = J_{4',3'} = 3.5$  Hz, H-4'); 4.10 (td, 1H,  $J_{3',2'} = J_{3',OH} = 5.0$  Hz,  $J_{3',4'} = 3.2$  Hz, H-3'); 4.43 (td, 1H,  $J_{2',1'} = J_{2',OH} = 6.2$  Hz,  $J_{2',3'} = 5.1$  Hz, H-2'); 5.14 (d, 1H,  $J_{OH,3'} = 4.9$  Hz, OH-3'); 5.21 (dd, 1H,  $J_{OH,5'a} = 6.2$  Hz,  $J_{OH,5'b} = 5.0$  Hz, OH-5'); 5.37 (d, 1H,  $J_{OH,2'} = 6.3$  Hz, OH-2'); 6.08 (d, 1H,  $J_{1',2'} = 6.0$  Hz, H-1'); 6.59 (q, 1H,  $J_{NH,CH_3} = 4.8$  Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>NH); 7.13 (m, 2H, H-*o*-SPh); 7.16 (m, 1H, H-*p*-SPh); 7.29 (m, 2H, H-*m*-SPh); 7.87 (s, 1H, H-6); 8.23 (s, 1H, H-2').  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150.9 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 27.74 (CH<sub>3</sub>NH); 61.65 (CH<sub>2</sub>-5'); 70.63 (CH-3'); 74.25 (CH-2'); 85.46 (CH-4'); 87.63 (CH-1'); 99.16 (C-5); 103.82 (C-4a); 125.95 (CH-*p*-SPh); 126.24 (CH-*o*-SPh); 129.44 (CH-*m*-SPh); 129.96 (CH-6); 138.39 (C-*i*-SPh); 150.33 (C-7a); 152.62 (CH-2); 157.10 (C-4). IR (KBr): 3398, 3180, 3126, 2941, 2917, 2905, 2896, 2866, 1613, 1562, 1488, 1389, 1099, 1060, 740, 629. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S: 389.1278; found: 389.1281. Anal. calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S·1.25H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 52.61; H, 5.52; N, 13.63; S, 7.8; found: C, 52.79; H, 5.35; N, 13.46; S, 7.98.

#### **4-(*N*-Methylamino)-5-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-7-β-D-ribofuranosyl-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidine**

#### **(6-(*N*-Methylamino)-7-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-9-β-D-ribofuranosyl)-7-deazapurine (4f)**



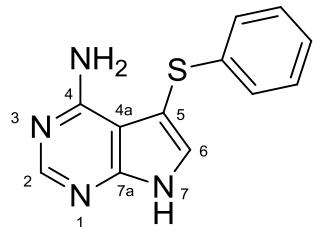
Reaction of nucleoside **4a** (712 mg, 1 mmol) according to the general procedure afforded compound **4f** as white solid (297 mg, 75 %).

M.p. 187 °C.  $[\alpha]_D$  −51.7 (0.23).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (401.0 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 3.03 (d, 3H,  $J_{CH_3,NH} = 4.8$  Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>NH); 3.54 (dd, 1H,  $J_{gem} = 12.0$  Hz,  $J_{5'a,4'} = 3.7$  Hz, H-5'a); 3.65 (dd, 1H,  $J_{gem} = 12.0$  Hz,  $J_{5'b,4'} = 3.7$  Hz, H-5'b); 3.91 (q, 1H,  $J_{4',5'a} = J_{4',5'b} = J_{4',3'} = 3.6$  Hz, H-4'); 4.09 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3',2'} = 5.1$  Hz,  $J_{3',4'} = 3.4$  Hz, H-3'); 4.39 (dd, 1H,  $J_{2',1'} = 6.0$  Hz,  $J_{2',3'} = 5.1$  Hz, H-2'); 5.02 – 5.50 (m, 3H, OH-2',3',5'); 6.03 (d, 1H,  $J_{1',2'} = 6.0$  Hz, H-1'); 6.80 (q, 1H,  $J_{NH,CH_3} = 4.8$  Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>NH); 6.99 (dd, 1H,  $J_{4,5} = 5.3$  Hz,  $J_{4,3} = 3.6$  Hz, H-4-Sthienyl); 7.27 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3,4} = 3.6$  Hz,  $J_{3,5} = 1.3$  Hz, H-3-Sthienyl); 7.53 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,4} = 5.3$  Hz,  $J_{5,3} = 1.3$  Hz, H-5-Sthienyl); 7.87 (s, 1H, H-6); 8.20 (s, 1H, H-2).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100.8 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 27.80 (CH<sub>3</sub>NH); 61.68 (CH<sub>2</sub>-5'); 70.61 (CH-3'); 74.20 (CH-2'); 85.47 (CH-4'); 87.66 (CH-1'); 103.17 and 103.33 (C-4a,5); 128.04 (CH-4-Sthienyl); 128.87 (CH-6); 129.62 (CH-5-Sthienyl); 130.57 (CH-3-Sthienyl); 136.89 (C-2-Sthienyl); 149.88 (C-7a); 152.59 (CH-2); 156.95 (C-4). IR (KBr): 3503, 3404, 3279, 3126, 3099, 2929, 2869, 1613, 1568, 1491, 1416, 1398, 1338, 1308, 1126, 1084, 1048, 701. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: 395.0842; found: 395.0842.

## General procedure for amination

Compound **1a-4a** (1 equiv), aq ammonia (25% [w/w], 5 mL) in dioxane (5 mL) was stirred at autoclave at 120 °C for 18h. After cooling to rt precipitate was formed and filtered off.

### **4-Amino-5-(phenylsulfanyl)-7*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine (6-Amino-7-(phenylsulfanyl)-7-deazapurine) (1g)**

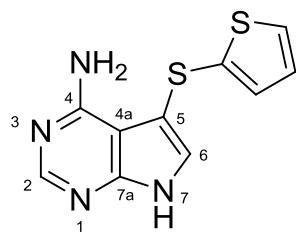


Reaction of deazapurine **1a** (523 mg, 2 mmol) according to the general procedure afforded compound **1g** (411 mg, 85%) as white powder.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR was compared with published data<sup>1</sup>.

### **4-Amino-5-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-7*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine**

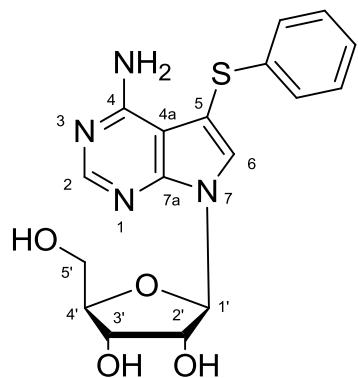
**(6-Amino-7-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-7-deazapurine) (2g)**



Reaction of deazapurine **2a** (535 mg, 2 mmol) according to the general procedure afforded compound **2g** (425 mg, 85%) as white powder.

M.p. 281 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 6.70 (bs, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>); 6.97 (dd, 1H,  $J_{4,5} = 5.3$  Hz,  $J_{4,3} = 3.6$  Hz, H-4-Stienyl); 7.20 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3,4} = 3.6$  Hz,  $J_{3,5} = 1.3$  Hz, H-3-Stienyl); 7.49 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,4} = 5.3$  Hz,  $J_{5,3} = 1.3$  Hz, H-5-Stienyl); 7.57 (s, 1H, H-6); 8.08 (s, 1H, H-2); 12.01 (vbs, 1H, NH).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.7 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 102.18 and 102.22 (C-5,4a); 128.00 (CH-4-Stienyl); 128.84 (CH-6); 128.88 (CH-5-Stienyl); 129.35 (CH-3-Stienyl); 137.99 (C-2-Stienyl); 151.42 (C-7a); 152.76 (CH-2); 157.43 (C-4). IR (KBr): 3099, 3069, 2980, 2806, 2672, 1643, 1583, 1320, 719, 686. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: 249.0263; found: 249.0264.

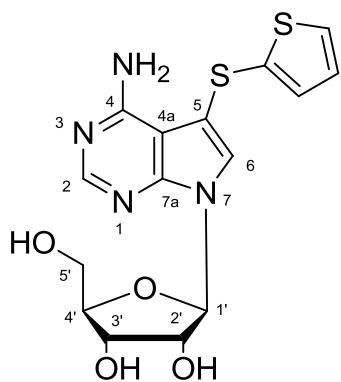
**4-Amino-5-(phenylsulfanyl)-7- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine  
(6-amino-7-(phenylsulfanyl)-9- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl)-7-deazapurine) (3g)**



Reaction of nucleoside **3a** (706 mg, 1 mmol) according to the general procedure afforded compound **3g** (321 mg, 86%) as white powder.

M.p. 214 °C.  $[\alpha]_D$  −62.8 (0.21).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600.1 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 3.55 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{gem}$  = 12.0 Hz,  $J_{5'a,OH}$  = 6.2 Hz,  $J_{5'a,4'}$  = 3.7 Hz, H-5'a); 3.65 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{gem}$  = 12.0 Hz,  $J_{5'b,OH}$  = 5.0 Hz,  $J_{5'b,4'}$  = 3.7 Hz, H-5'b); 3.93 (q, 1H,  $J_{4',5'a} = J_{4',5'b} = J_{4',3'} = 3.6$  Hz, H-4'); 4.11 (td, 1H,  $J_{3',2'} = J_{3',OH} = 4.9$  Hz,  $J_{3',4'} = 3.3$  Hz, H-3'); 4.34 (td, 1H,  $J_{2',1'} = J_{2',OH} = 6.2$  Hz,  $J_{2',3'} = 5.1$  Hz, H-2'); 5.15 (d, 1H,  $J_{OH,3'} = 4.8$  Hz, OH-3'); 5.22 (dd, 1H,  $J_{OH,5'a} = 6.3$  Hz,  $J_{OH,5'b} = 5.0$  Hz, OH-5'); 5.39 (d, 1H,  $J_{OH,2'} = 6.3$  Hz, OH-2'); 6.09 (d, 1H,  $J_{1',2'} = 6.1$  Hz, H-1'); 7.12 (m, 2H, H-*o*-SPh); 7.16 (m, 1H, H-*p*-SPh); 7.29 (m, 2H, H-*m*-SPh); 7.90 (s, 1H, H-6); 8.14 (s, 1H, H-2).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150.9 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 61.67 (CH<sub>2</sub>-5'); 70.67 (CH-3'); 74.23 (CH-2'); 85.49 (CH-4'); 87.58 (CH-1'); 99.34 (C-5); 103.39 (C-4a); 125.94 (CH-*p*-SPh); 126.01 (CH-*o*-SPh); 129.50 (CH-*m*-SPh); 130.28 (CH-6); 138.29 (C-*i*-SPh); 151.21 (C-7a); 152.77 (CH-2); 157.65 (C-4). IR (KBr): 3407, 3282, 3147, 3087, 1646, 1586, 1556, 1473, 1440, 1329, 1317, 1144, 1015, 749. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S: 375.1122; found: 375.1123. Anal. calculated for: C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S·0.60H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 53; H, 5.02; N, 14.54; S, 8.32; found: C, 52.77; H, 4.72; N, 14.29; S, 8.54.

**4-Amino-5-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-7-β-D-ribofuranosyl-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine (6-amino-7-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-9-β-D-ribofuranosyl)-7-deazapurine) (4g)**



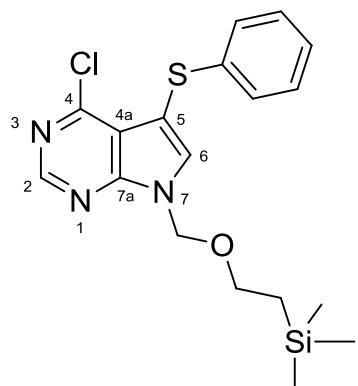
Reaction of nucleoside **4a** (712 mg, 1 mmol) according to the general procedure. Precipitate was not formed. Solvent was then evaporated under reduced pressure and crude products were purified using RP-HPFC (0→100% of MeOH in H<sub>2</sub>O) and product **4g** was obtained as white powder (267 mg, 70 %).

M.p. 178 °C.  $[\alpha]_D$  −49.5 (0.23).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (401.0 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 3.55 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{gem} = 12.0$  Hz,  $J_{5'a,OH} = 6.2$  Hz,  $J_{5'a,4'} = 3.7$  Hz, H-5'a); 3.65 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{gem} = 12.0$  Hz,  $J_{5'b,OH} = 4.9$  Hz,  $J_{5'b,4'} = 3.7$  Hz, H-5'b); 3.91 (bq, 1H,  $J_{4',5'a} = J_{4',5'b} = J_{4',3'} = 3.5$  Hz, H-4'); 4.09 (td, 1H,  $J_{3',2'} = J_{3',OH} = 4.9$  Hz,  $J_{3',4'} = 3.3$  Hz, H-3'); 4.40 (td, 1H,  $J_{2',1'} = J_{2',OH} = 6.2$  Hz,  $J_{2',3'} = 5.1$  Hz, H-2'); 5.13 (d, 1H,  $J_{OH,3'} = 4.8$  Hz, OH-3'); 5.23 (dd, 1H,  $J_{OH,5'a} = 6.2$  Hz,  $J_{OH,5'b} = 4.9$  Hz, OH-5'); 5.35 (d, 1H,  $J_{OH,2'} = 6.4$  Hz, OH-2'); 6.03 (d, 1H,  $J_{1',2'} = 6.1$  Hz, H-1'); 6.88 (vbs, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>); 6.99 (dd, 1H,  $J_{4,5} = 5.3$  Hz,  $J_{4,3} = 3.6$  Hz, H-4-Sthienyl); 7.24 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3,4} = 3.6$  Hz,  $J_{3,5} = 1.3$  Hz, H-3-Sthienyl); 7.53 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,4} = 5.3$  Hz,  $J_{5,3} = 1.3$  Hz, H-5-Sthienyl); 7.90 (s, 1H, H-6); 8.11 (s, 1H, H-2).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100.8 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 61.68 (CH<sub>2</sub>-5'); 70.63 (CH-3'); 74.17 (CH-2'); 85.47 (CH-4'); 87.60 (CH-1'); 102.77 (C-4a); 103.45 (C-5); 128.09 (CH-4-Sthienyl); 129.23 (CH-6); 129.37 (CH-5-Sthienyl); 130.10 (CH-3-Sthienyl); 136.95 (C-2-Sthienyl); 150.74 (C-7a); 152.70 (CH-2); 157.58 (C-4). IR (KBr): 3285, 3102, 1625, 1589, 1556, 1479, 1437, 1344, 1311, 1129, 1045, 701. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: 381.0686; found: 381.0687.

## Methoxylation

**4-Chloro-5-(phenylsulfanyl)-7-{([2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy]methyl}-7H-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidine**

**(6-chloro-7-(phenylsulfanyl)-9-{([2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy]methyl}-7-deazapurine) (5a)**



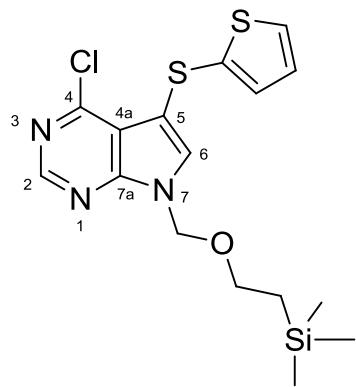
A mixture of **1a** (1.044 g, 4 mmol) and DMF (10 mL) was cooled to −5 °C in an ice/brine bath. Sodium hydride (NaH, 60 wt%, 178 mg, 4.4 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added in portions as a solid under stirring. The solution darkened over 15 minutes. 2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethoxymethyl chloride (SEM-Cl, 0.78 mL, 4.4 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added

slowly via syringe so that the temperature did not exceed 5 °C. The reaction was stirred for 30 minutes to completion (monitored by TLC). Water (25 mL) was slowly added to quench the reaction. The mixture was then diluted with water (100 mL) and ether (200 mL). The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether (200 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (2 x 100 mL) and brine (100 mL), dried over sodium sulfate ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ), and concentrated under the reduced pressure. Crude product was purified using by HPFC (hexane/EtOAc, 0–20% EtOAc) and product **5a** (1.25 g, 80%) was obtained as a pale yellow oil which solidified upon standing at room temperature.

M.p. 107 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): -0.04 (s, 9H,  $\text{CH}_3\text{Si}$ ); 0.93 (m, 2H,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Si}$ ); 3.57 (m, 2H,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Si}$ ); 5.67 (s, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{O}$ ); 7.13 – 7.18 (m, 3H, H-*o,p*-SPh); 7.23 (m, 2H, H-*m*-SPh); 7.60 (s, 1H, H-6); 8.68 (bs, 1H, H-2).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.7 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): -1.46 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{Si}$ ); 17.74 ( $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Si}$ ); 67.15 ( $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Si}$ ); 73.38 ( $\text{NCH}_2\text{O}$ ); 104.42 (C-5); 116.9 (C-4a); 125.95 (CH-*p*-SPh); 127.25 (CH-*o*-SPh); 129.02 (CH-*m*-SPh); 134.96 (CH-6); 137.86 (C-*i*-SPh); 151.84 (CH-2); 152.82 (C-7a); 153.01 (C-4). IR (KBr): 3060, 3004, 2953, 2923, 1586, 1541, 1452, 1368, 1335, 1248, 1227, 1090, 979, 863, 830, 734, 629. HRMS (ESI) calculated for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{23}\text{ON}_3\text{ClSi}$ : 392.1014; found: 392.1015.

**4-Chloro-5-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-7-{([2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy]methyl}-7*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine**

**(6-chloro-7-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-9-{([2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy]methyl}-7-deazapurine) (6a)**

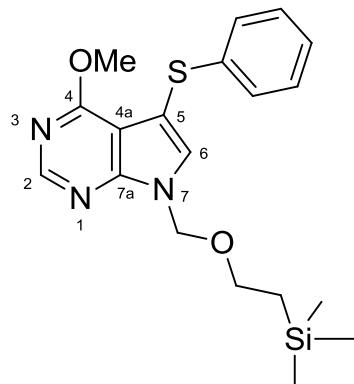


Compound **6a** was prepared as described for **5a** from 6-chloro-7-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-7-deazapurine (**2a**) (1.107 g, 4 mmol) to give protected deazapurine **6a** (1.09 g, 69%) as a pale yellow oil which solidified upon standing at room temperature.

M.p. 57°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): -0.06 (s, 9H,  $\text{CH}_3\text{Si}$ ); 0.89 (m, 2H,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Si}$ ); 3.51 (m, 2H,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Si}$ ); 5.60 (s, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{O}$ ); 6.97 (dd, 1H,  $J_{4,5} = 5.3$  Hz,  $J_{4,3} = 3.6$  Hz, H-4-Sthienyl); 7.26 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3,4} = 3.6$  Hz,  $J_{3,5} = 1.3$  Hz, H-3-Sthienyl); 7.33 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,4} = 5.3$  Hz,  $J_{5,3} = 1.3$  Hz, H-5-Sthienyl); 7.41 (s, 1H, H-6); 8.65 (s, 1H, H-2).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.7 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): -1.48 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{Si}$ ); 17.68 ( $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Si}$ ); 67.03 ( $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Si}$ ); 73.26 ( $\text{NCH}_2\text{O}$ ); 108.87 (C-5); 116.09 (C-4a); 127.64 (CH-4-Sthienyl); 129.44 (CH-5-Sthienyl); 132.25 (CH-6); 132.49 (CH-3-Sthienyl); 134.53 (C-2-Sthienyl); 151.65 (CH-2); 152.30 (C-7a); 152.66 (C-4). IR (KBr): 3090, 3060, 2950, 2896, 1571, 1538, 1452, 1440, 1422, 1401, 1356, 1332, 1251, 1216, 1180, 1096, 979, 866, 836, 713, 689, 632. HRMS (ESI) calculated for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{21}\text{ON}_3\text{ClS}_2\text{Si}$ : 398.0578; found: 398.0579.

**4-Methoxy-5-(phenylsulfanyl)-7-{[2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy]methyl}-7*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine**

**(6-methoxy-7-(phenylsulfanyl)-9-{[2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy]methyl}-7-deazapurine) (5h)**



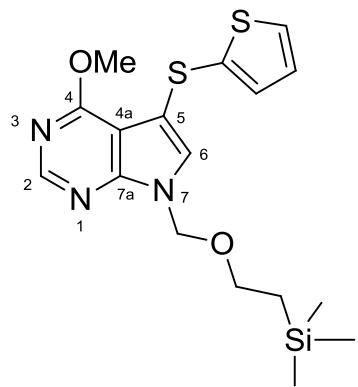
Protected deazapurine **5a** (950 mg, 2.5 mmol, 1 equiv) was dissolved in acetone (10 mL) and 1 M solution of MeONa in MeOH (5 mL, 2 equiv) was added. Reaction mixture was stirred at rt overnight. Solvents were evaporated under reduced pressure and the mixture was then diluted with water (25 mL) and EtOAc (25 mL). The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted two times with EtOAc (25 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ), and concentrated under the reduced pressure to give product **5h** (1.01 g, 99%) was as a yellow oil which solidified upon standing at room temperature.

M.p. 286 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): -0.05 (s, 9H,  $\text{CH}_3\text{Si}$ ); 0.91 (m, 2H,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Si}$ ); 3.56 (m, 2H,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Si}$ ); 3.97 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3\text{O-4}$ ); 5.61 (s, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{O}$ ); 7.13 (m, 1H, H-*p*-SPh); 7.19 – 7.24 (m, 4H, H-*o,m*-SPh); 7.33 (s, 1H, H-6); 8.48 (s, 1H, H-2).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.7 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): -1.47 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{Si}$ ); 17.74 ( $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Si}$ ); 53.75 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{O-4}$ ); 66.69 ( $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Si}$ );

73.17 (NCH<sub>2</sub>O); 104.00 (C-5); 106.33 (C-4a); 125.72 (CH-*p*-SPh); 127.74 and 128.74 (CH-*m,o*-SPh); 130.67 (CH-6); 138.19 (C-*i*-SPh); 152.11 (CH-2); 153.28 (C-7a); 163.65 (C-4). IR (KBr): 3087, 3052, 2992, 2947, 2935, 2896, 1589, 1562, 1476, 1407, 1338, 1323, 1248, 1222, 1093, 863, 842, 743. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaSSi: 410.1329; found: 410.1331.

**4-Methoxy-5-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-7-{([2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy]methyl}-7*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine**

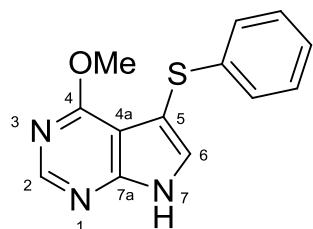
**(6-methoxy-7-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-9-{([2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy]methyl}-7-deazapurine) (6h)**



Compound **6h** was prepared as described for **5h** from 6-methoxy-7-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-9-{([2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy]methyl}-7-deazapurine (**6a**) (995 mg, 2.5 mmol) to give 6-methoxy deazapurine **6h** (930 mg, 95%) as a pale yellow oil which solidified upon standing at room temperature.

M.p. 101 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): -0.07 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>Si); 0.88 (m, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Si); 3.50 (m, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Si); 4.15 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O); 5.54 (s, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>O); 6.96 (dd, 1H, J<sub>4,5</sub> = 5.3 Hz, J<sub>4,3</sub> = 3.6 Hz, H-4-Sthienyl); 7.16 (s, 1H, H-6); 7.24 (dd, 1H, J<sub>3,4</sub> = 3.6 Hz, J<sub>3,5</sub> = 1.3 Hz, H-3-Sthienyl); 7.31 (dd, 1H, J<sub>5,4</sub> = 5.3 Hz, J<sub>5,3</sub> = 1.3 Hz, H-5-Sthienyl); 8.46 (s, 1H, H-2). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): -1.48 (CH<sub>3</sub>Si); 17.70 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Si); 53.70 (CH<sub>3</sub>O); 66.60 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Si); 73.06 (NCH<sub>2</sub>O); 105.45 (C-4a); 108.19 (C-5); 127.39 (CH-4-Sthienyl); 128.13 (CH-6); 129.26 (CH-5-Sthienyl); 132.73 (CH-3-Sthienyl); 135.02 (C-2-Sthienyl); 151.98 (CH-2); 152.87 (C-7a); 163.53 (C-4). IR (KBr): 3087, 3004, 2953, 2890, 1589, 1562, 1479, 1410, 1341, 1326, 1248, 1224, 1174, 1096, 1078, 866, 833. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>Si: 394.1074; found: 394.1074.

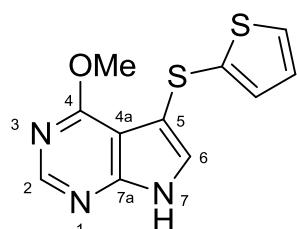
**4-Methoxy-5-(phenylsulfanyl)-7*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine  
(6-methoxy-7-(phenylsulfanyl)-7-deazapurine) (**1h**)**



Protected deazapurine **5h** (774 mg, 2.0 mmol, 1 equiv) was dissolved in trifluoroacetic acid (2 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt overnight. The mixture was then diluted with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (check pH=7!) and EtOAc (25 mL). The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted two times with EtOAc (25 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated under the reduced pressure to give white solid. The solid was then diluted with aq. ammonia (25% [w/w], 15 mL) and stirred at rt overnight to form white precipitate. The precipitate was filtered to give product **1h** (460 mg, 90%) as a white powder.

M.p. 200 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600.1 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 3.86 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O); 7.07 (m, 2H, H-*o*-SPh); 7.10 (m, 1H, H-*p*-SPh); 7.23 (m, 2H, H-*m*-SPh); 7.71 (s, 1H, H-6); 8.41 (s, 1H, H-2); 12.54 (bs, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150.9 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 53.57 (CH<sub>3</sub>O); 99.54 (C-5); 105.71 (C-4a); 125.30 (CH-*p*-SPh); 126.20 (CH-*o*-SPh); 129.04 (CH-*m*-SPh); 131.31 (CH-6); 139.40 (C-*i*-SPh); 151.51 (CH-2); 153.58 (C-7a); 162.90 (C-4). IR (KBr): 3096, 2974, 2941, 2896, 2851, 2821, 1598, 1583, 1485, 1434, 1398, 1335, 1326, 1093, 878, 737. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ON<sub>3</sub>S: 258.0696; found: 258.0696.

**4-Methoxy-5-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-7*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine  
(6-methoxy-7-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-7-deazapurine) (**2h**)**



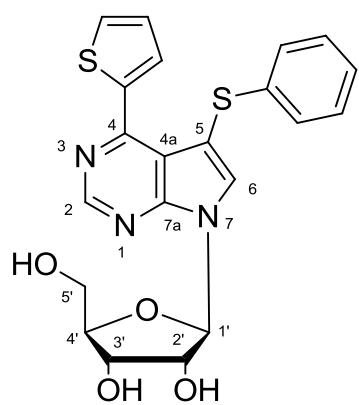
Compound **2h** was prepared as described for **1h** from 6-chloro-7-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-9-{([2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy]methyl}-7-deazapurine (**6h**) (787 mg, 2.0 mmol) to give deazapurine **2h** (462 mg, 88%) as a white powder.

M.p. 167 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (401 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 4.03 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O); 6.98 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>4,5</sub> = 5.3 Hz, *J*<sub>4,3</sub> = 3.6 Hz, H-4-Sthienyl); 7.20 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>3,4</sub> = 3.6 Hz, *J*<sub>3,5</sub> = 1.3 Hz, H-3-Sthienyl); 7.50 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>5,4</sub> = 5.3 Hz, *J*<sub>5,3</sub> = 1.3 Hz, H-5-Sthienyl); 7.60 (s, 1H, H-6); 8.39 (s, 1H, H-2); 12.41 (bs, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.8 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 53.56 (CH<sub>3</sub>O); 104.10 (C-5); 104.91 (C-4a); 127.84 (CH-4-Sthienyl); 129.25 (CH-6); 129.46 (CH-5-Sthienyl); 131.46 (CH-3-Sthienyl); 136.58 (C-2-Sthienyl); 151.52 (CH-2); 153.07 (C-7a); 162.81 (C-4). IR (KBr): 3096, 2992, 2947, 2899, 2857, 2824, 1595, 1583, 1476, 1395, 1338, 1317, 1102, 713, 626. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: 264.0260; found: 264.0261.

### General procedure for deprotection of 7-substituted nucleosides

A protected nucleoside **3b-3e** or **4b-4e** (1 equiv) was dissolved in methanol and 1 M solution of MeONa in MeOH (1.5 equiv) was added. Reaction mixture was stirred at rt overnight. Solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and crude products were purified using RP-HPFC (0→100% of MeOH in H<sub>2</sub>O).

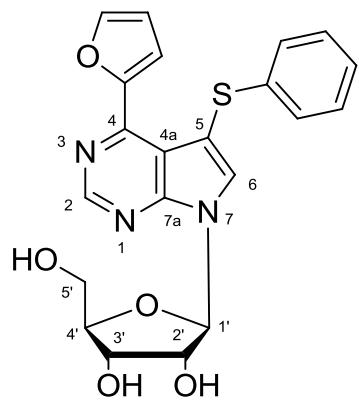
### 4-(Thiophen-2-yl)-5-(phenylsulfanyl)-7-β-D-ribofuranosyl-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine (6-(thiophen-2-yl)-7-(phenylsulfanyl)-9-β-D-ribofuranosyl-7-deazapurine) (**7b**)



Deprotection of **3b** (376 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to the general procedure afforded compound **7b** (164 mg, 75%) as yellow solid. Crystallization in MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O gave yellow foam.

M.p. 77 °C [α]<sub>D</sub> −49.3 (0.19). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (401.0 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 3.59 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>gem</sub> = 12.0 Hz, *J*<sub>5'a,4'</sub> = 3.7 Hz, H-5'a); 3.69 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>gem</sub> = 12.0 Hz, *J*<sub>5'b,4'</sub> = 3.7 Hz, H-5'b); 3.97 (q, 1H, *J*<sub>4',5'a</sub> = *J*<sub>4',5'b</sub> = *J*<sub>4',3'</sub> = 3.7 Hz, H-4'); 4.15 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>3',2'</sub> = 5.0 Hz, *J*<sub>3',4'</sub> = 3.6 Hz, H-3'); 4.46 (bt, 1H, *J*<sub>2',1'</sub> = *J*<sub>2',3'</sub> = 5.4 Hz, H-2'); 5.06 – 5.64 (m, 3H, OH-2',3',5'); 6.33 (d, 1H, *J*<sub>1',2'</sub> = 5.8 Hz, H-1'); 6.93 (m, 2H, H-*o*-SPh); 7.04 (m, 1H, H-*p*-SPh); 7.08 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>4,5</sub> = 5.1 Hz, *J*<sub>4,3</sub> = 3.8 Hz, H-4-thienyl); 7.16 (m, 2H, H-*m*-SPh); 7.71 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>5,4</sub> = 5.1 Hz, *J*<sub>5,3</sub> = 1.1 Hz, H-5-thienyl); 8.35 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>3,4</sub> = 3.8 Hz, *J*<sub>3,5</sub> = 1.1 Hz, H-3-thienyl); 8.41 (s, 1H, H-6); 8.84 (s, 1H, H-2). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.8 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 61.37 (CH<sub>2</sub>-5'); 70.51 (CH-3'); 74.60 (CH-2'); 85.56 (CH-4'); 87.26 (CH-1'); 100.37 (C-5); 114.66 (C-4a); 125.67 (CH-*p*-SPh); 125.83 (CH-*o*-SPh); 128.20 (CH-4-thienyl); 129.27 (CH-*m*-SPh); 131.08 (CH-5-thienyl); 132.28 (CH-3-thienyl); 136.12 (CH-6); 138.44 (C-*i*-SPh); 140.89 (C-2-thienyl); 151.22 (CH-2); 152.62 (C-4); 153.50 (C-7a). IR (KBr): 3117, 3052, 2923, 2869, 1559, 1482, 1437, 1404, 1195, 1105, 1081, 1048, 1021, 737.. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: 442.0890; found: 442.0890.

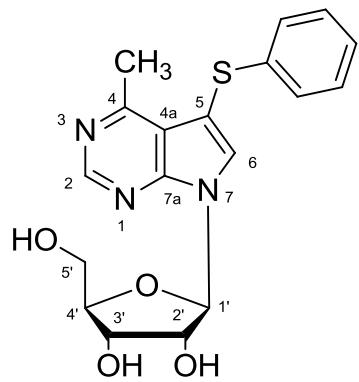
**4-(Furan-2-yl)-5-(phenylsulfanyl)-7-β-D-ribofuranosyl-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine (6-(furan-2-yl)-7-(phenylsulfanyl)-9-β-D-ribofuranosyl-7-deazapurine) (7c)**



Deprotection of **3c** (552 mg, 0.75 mmol) according to the general procedure afforded compound **7c** (248 mg, 78%) as yellow solid. Crystallization in MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O gave yellow solid.

M.p. 120 °C [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub> −39.3 (0.19). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 3.59 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{gem}$  = 12.0 Hz,  $J_{5'a,OH}$  = 5.5 Hz,  $J_{5'a,4'}$  = 3.7 Hz, H-5'a); 3.68 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{gem}$  = 12.0 Hz,  $J_{5'b,OH}$  = 5.3 Hz,  $J_{5'b,4'}$  = 3.9 Hz, H-5'b); 3.97 (q, 1H,  $J_{4',5'a} = J_{4',5'b} = J_{4',3'} = 3.7$  Hz, H-4'); 4.15 (td, 1H,  $J_{3',2'} = J_{3',OH} = 5.0$  Hz,  $J_{3',4'} = 3.6$  Hz, H-3'); 4.46 (td, 1H,  $J_{2',1'} = J_{2',OH} = 6.0$  Hz,  $J_{2',3'} = 5.0$  Hz, H-2'); 5.13 (t, 1H,  $J_{OH,5'a} = J_{OH,5'b} = 5.4$  Hz, OH-5'); 5.22 (d, 1H,  $J_{OH,3'} = 5.0$  Hz, OH-3'); 5.50 (d, 1H,  $J_{OH,2'} = 6.1$  Hz, OH-2'); 6.32 (d, 1H,  $J_{1',2'} = 5.8$  Hz, H-1'); 6.59 (dd, 1H,  $J_{4,3} = 3.5$  Hz,  $J_{4,5} = 1.7$  Hz, H-4-furyl); 7.01 (m, 2H, H-*o*-SPh); 7.05 (m, 1H, H-*p*-SPh); 7.18 (m, 2H, H-*m*-SPh); 7.42 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3,4} = 3.5$  Hz,  $J_{3,5} = 0.9$  Hz, H-3-furyl); 7.71 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,4} = 1.7$  Hz,  $J_{5,3} = 0.9$  Hz, H-5-furyl); 8.38 (s, 1H, H-6); 8.87 (s, 1H, H-2). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.7 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 61.39 (CH<sub>2</sub>-5'); 70.54 (CH-3'); 74.54 (CH-2'); 85.55 (CH-4'); 87.09 (CH-1'); 100.90 (C-5); 112.43 (CH-4-furyl); 114.11 (C-4a); 115.27 (CH-3-furyl); 125.36 (CH-*p*-SPh); 125.76 (CH-*o*-SPh); 129.11 (CH-*m*-SPh); 135.98 (CH-6); 139.03 (C-*i*-SPh); 145.91 (CH-5-furyl); 148.09 (C-4); 150.63 (C-2-furyl); 151.41 (CH-2); 153.57 (C-7a). IR (KBr): 3294, 3135, 3117, 2947, 2920, 2902, 1580, 1556, 1482, 1440, 1326, 1204, 1108, 988, 734. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>5</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S: 426.1118; found: 426.1118. Anal. calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S·0.75H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 57.46; H, 4.71; N, 9.57; S, 7.3; found: C, 57.77; H, 4.56; N, 9.21; S, 7.17.

**4-Methyl-5-(phenylsulfanyl)-7-β-D-ribofuranosyl-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine (6-methyl-7-(phenylsulfanyl)-9-β-D-ribofuranosyl-7-deazapurine) (7d)**

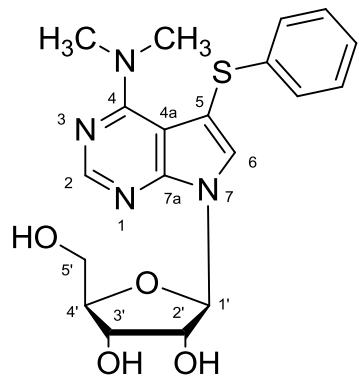


Deprotection of **3d** (274 mg, 0.4 mmol) according to the general procedure afforded compound **7d** (130 mg, 87%) as white solid. Crystallization in MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O gave white solid.

M.p. 182 °C  $[\alpha]_D$  −54.5 (0.21).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600.1 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 2.60 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-4); 3.58 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{gem} = 11.9$  Hz,  $J_{5'a,OH} = 5.5$  Hz,  $J_{5'a,4'} = 3.7$  Hz, H-5'a); 3.67 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{gem} = 11.9$  Hz,  $J_{5'b,OH} = 5.2$  Hz,  $J_{5'b,4'} = 3.9$  Hz, H-5'b); 3.95 (q, 1H,  $J_{4',5'a} = J_{4',5'b} = J_{4',3'} = 3.7$  Hz, H-4'); 4.14 (td, 1H,  $J_{3',2'} = J_{3',OH} = 4.9$  Hz,  $J_{3',4'} = 3.4$  Hz, H-3'); 4.45 (td, 1H,  $J_{2',1'} = J_{2',OH} = 6.0$  Hz,  $J_{2',3'} = 5.0$  Hz, H-2'); 5.11 (t, 1H,  $J_{OH,5'a} = J_{OH,5'b} = 5.4$  Hz, OH-5'); 5.20 (d, 1H,  $J_{OH,3'} = 4.9$  Hz, OH-3'); 5.45 (d, 1H,  $J_{OH,2'} = 6.1$  Hz, OH-2'); 6.25 (d, 1H,  $J_{1',2'} = 5.9$  Hz, H-1'); 7.07 (m, 2H, H-*o*-SPh); 7.15 (m, 1H, H-*p*-SPh); 7.28 (m, 2H, H-*m*-SPh); 8.27 (s, 1H, H-6); 8.73 (s, 1H, H-2).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150.9 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 20.81 (CH<sub>3</sub>-4); 61.46 (CH<sub>2</sub>-5'); 70.56 (CH-3'); 74.44 (CH-2'); 85.53 (CH-4'); 87.10 (CH-1'); 100.54 (C-5); 117.80 (C-4a); 125.58 (CH-*o*-SPh); 125.69 (CH-*p*-SPh); 129.15 (CH-*m*-SPh); 134.14 (CH-6); 138.79 (C-*i*-SPh); 151.62 (C-7a); 151.79 (CH-2); 159.62 (C-4). IR (KBr): 3455, 3422, 3225, 3072, 2953, 2914, 2881, 2839, 1580, 1568, 1470, 1428, 1338, 1213, 1054, 1042, 740, 629. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S: 374.1169; found: 374.1170. Anal. calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S·0.3 H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 57.07; H, 5.21; N, 11.09; S, 8.46; found: C, 57.12; H, 5.16; N, 10.92; S, 8.29.

**4-(*N,N*-Dimethylamino)-5-(phenylsulfanyl)-7-β-D-ribofuranosyl-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine**

**(6-(*N,N*-Dimethylamino)-7-(phenylsulfanyl)-9-β-D-ribofuranosyl)-7-deazapurine (7e)**



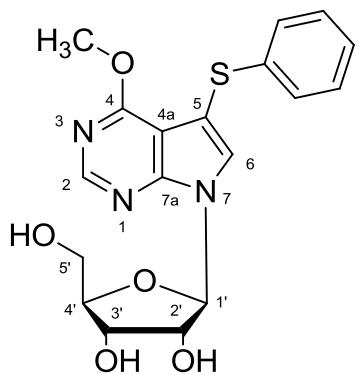
Deprotection of **3e** (535 mg, 0.75 mmol) according to the general procedure afforded compound **7e** (302 mg, 87%) as white solid. Crystallization in MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O gave white solid.

M.p. 112 °C  $[\alpha]_D$  −44.4 (0.18).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600.1 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 3.12 (s, 6H, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>N); 3.55 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{gem} = 12.0$  Hz,  $J_{5'a,OH} = 5.7$  Hz,  $J_{5'a,4'} = 3.7$  Hz, H-5'a); 3.65 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{gem} = 12.0$  Hz,  $J_{5'b,OH} = 4.9$  Hz,  $J_{5'b,4'} = 3.7$  Hz, H-5'b); 3.92 (q, 1H,  $J_{4',5'a} = J_{4',5'b} = J_{4',3'} = 3.6$  Hz, H-4');

4.10 (m, 1H, H-3'); 4.41 (m, 1H, H-2'); 5.13 – 5.17 (m, 2H, OH-3',5'); 5.39 (m, 1H, OH-2'); 6.18 (d, 1H,  $J_{1',2'} = 5.9$  Hz, H-1'); 7.03 (m, 2H, H-*o*-SPh); 7.12 (m, 1H, H-*p*-SPh); 7.26 (m, 2H, H-*m*-SPh); 8.01 (s, 1H, H-6); 8.25 (s, 1H, H-2).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150.9 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 41.26 ((CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>N); 61.51 (CH<sub>2</sub>-5'); 70.53 (CH-3'); 74.30 (CH-2'); 85.32 (CH-4'); 87.33 (CH-1'); 99.61 (C-5); 104.95 (C-4a); 125.31 (CH-*o*-SPh); 125.45 (CH-*p*-SPh); 129.32 (CH-*m*-SPh); 131.82 (CH-6); 139.39 (C-*i*-SPh); 150.78 (CH-2); 152.83 (C-7a); 159.39 (C-4).

IR (KBr): 3515, 3407, 3192, 3114, 3052, 2941, 2902, 2863, 1571, 1547, 1491, 1416, 1296, 1096, 1057, 1030, 740. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S: 403.1435; found: 403.1436. Anal. calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S·1.15H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 53.93; H, 5.79; N, 13.24; S, 7.58; found: C, 54.14; H, 5.72; N, 13.03; S, 7.48.

#### **4-Methoxy-5-(phenylsulfanyl)-7- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine (6-methoxy-7-(phenylsulfanyl)-9- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl-7-deazapurine) (7h)**



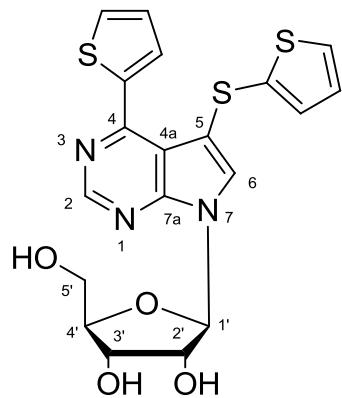
Deprotection and methoxylation of **3a** (706 mg, 1 mmol) according to the general procedure (4 equiv of NaOMe were used) afforded compound **7h** (290 mg, 75%) as white solid. Crystallization in MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O gave white solid.

M.p. 162 °C [α]<sub>D</sub> −55.1 (0.18).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600.1 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 3.56 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{gem} = 12.0$  Hz,  $J_{5'a,OH} = 5.7$  Hz,  $J_{5'a,4'} = 3.8$  Hz, H-5'a); 3.65 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{gem} = 12.0$  Hz,  $J_{5'b,OH} = 5.2$  Hz,  $J_{5'b,4'} = 3.9$  Hz, H-5'b); 3.87 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O-4); 3.93 (q, 1H,  $J_{4',5'a} = J_{4',5'b} = J_{4',3'} = 3.7$  Hz, H-4'); 4.11 (td, 1H,  $J_{3',2'} = J_{3',OH} = 4.9$  Hz,  $J_{3',4'} = 3.4$  Hz, H-3'); 4.42 (m, 1H, H-2'); 5.10 (t, 1H,  $J_{OH,5'a} = J_{OH,5'b} = 5.4$  Hz, OH-5'); 5.18 (d, 1H,  $J_{OH,3'} = 4.8$  Hz, OH-3'); 5.42 (d, 1H,  $J_{OH,2'} = 6.0$  Hz, OH-2'); 6.18 (d, 1H,  $J_{1',2'} = 6.0$  Hz, H-1'); 7.11 (m, 2H, H-*o*-SPh); 7.13 (m, 1H, H-*p*-SPh); 7.26 (m, 2H, H-*m*-SPh); 8.04 (s, 1H, H-6); 8.48 (s, 1H, H-2).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150.9 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 53.83 (CH<sub>3</sub>O-4); 61.52 (CH<sub>2</sub>-5'); 70.59 (CH-3'); 74.44 (CH-2'); 85.53 (CH-4');

87.40 (CH-1'); 101.02 (C-5); 106.28 (C-4a); 125.61 (CH-*p*-SPh); 126.51 (CH-*o*-SPh); 129.14 (CH-*m*-SPh); 131.09 (CH-6); 138.61 (C-*i*-SPh); 151.73 (CH-2); 152.96 (C-7a); 162.97 (C-4). IR (KBr): 3225, 3150, 3058, 3016, 3001, 2941, 2908, 2869, 2848, 1589, 1556, 1479, 1449, 1419, 1344, 1299, 1072, 1051, 737. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>5</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S: 390.1118; found: 390.1119.

**4-(Thiophen-2-yl)-5-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-7-β-D-ribofuranosyl-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine**

**(6-(thiophen-2-yl)-7-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-9-β-D-ribofuranosyl)-7-deazapurine (8b)**



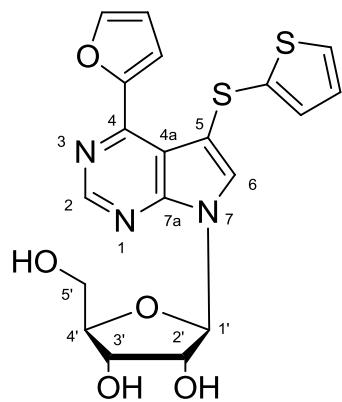
Deprotection of **4b** (462 mg, 0.65 mmol) according to the general procedure afforded compound **8b** (171 mg, 59%) as yellowish solid.

M.p. 165 °C [α]<sub>D</sub> −31.2 (0.19). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (401.0 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 3.60 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>gem</sub> = 12.0 Hz, *J*<sub>5'a,4'</sub> = 3.8 Hz, H-5'a); 3.70 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>gem</sub> = 12.0 Hz, *J*<sub>5'b,4'</sub> = 3.8 Hz, H-5'b); 3.97 (q, 1H, *J*<sub>4',5'a</sub> = *J*<sub>4',5'b</sub> = *J*<sub>4',3'</sub> = 3.7 Hz, H-4'); 4.15 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>3',2'</sub> = 5.0 Hz, *J*<sub>3',4'</sub> = 3.6 Hz, H-3'); 4.43 (bt, 1H, *J*<sub>2',1'</sub> = *J*<sub>2',3'</sub> = 5.4 Hz, H-2'); 4.96 – 5.66 (m, 3H, OH-2',3',5'); 6.28 (d, 1H, *J*<sub>1',2'</sub> = 5.7 Hz, H-1'); 6.79 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>3,4</sub> = 3.6 Hz, *J*<sub>3,5</sub> = 1.3 Hz, H-3-Sthienyl); 6.85 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>4,5</sub> = 5.3 Hz, *J*<sub>4,3</sub> = 3.6 Hz, H-4-Sthienyl); 7.30 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>4,5</sub> = 5.1 Hz, *J*<sub>4,3</sub> = 3.7 Hz, H-4-thienyl); 7.41 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>5,4</sub> = 5.3 Hz, *J*<sub>5,3</sub> = 1.3 Hz, H-5-Sthienyl); 7.86 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>5,4</sub> = 5.1 Hz, *J*<sub>5,3</sub> = 1.1 Hz, H-5-thienyl); 8.38 (s, 1H, H-6); 8.40 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>3,4</sub> = 3.7 Hz, *J*<sub>3,5</sub> = 1.1 Hz, H-3-thienyl); 8.82 (s, 1H, H-2). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.8 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 61.41 (CH<sub>2</sub>-5'); 70.51 (CH-3'); 74.56 (CH-2'); 85.57 (CH-4'); 87.29 (CH-1'); 104.92 (C-5); 113.99 (C-4a); 127.83 (CH-4-Sthienyl); 128.31 (CH-4-thienyl); 129.54 (CH-5-Sthienyl); 130.56 (CH-3-Sthienyl); 131.15 (CH-5-thienyl); 132.91 (CH-3-thienyl); 134.53 (CH-6); 136.03 (C-2-Sthienyl); 140.81 (C-2-thienyl); 151.21

(CH-2); 152.52 (C-4); 152.94 (C-7a). IR (KBr): 3291, 3111, 2932, 2869, 1556, 1443, 1401, 1192, 1099, 1075, 1045, 803, 716, 629. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S<sub>3</sub>: 448.0454; found: 448.0453.

**4-(Furan-2-yl)-5-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-7-β-D-ribofuranosyl-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidine**

**(6-(furan-2-yl)-7-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-9-β-D-ribofuranosyl)-7-deazapurine (8c)**

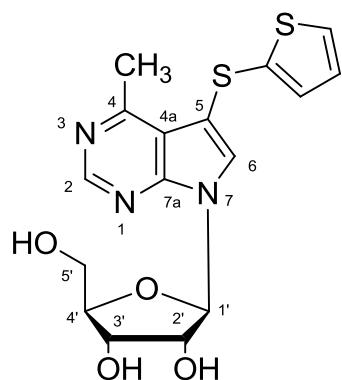


Deprotection of **4c** (260 mg, 0.35 mmol) according to the general procedure afforded compound **8c** (85 mg, 57%) as yellow solid.

M.p. 172 °C [α]<sub>D</sub> −41.7 (0.21). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (401.0 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 3.56 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>gem</sub> = 11.9 Hz, *J*<sub>5'a,4'</sub> = 3.8 Hz, H-5'a); 3.66 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>gem</sub> = 11.9 Hz, *J*<sub>5'b,4'</sub> = 3.8 Hz, H-5'b); 3.95 (q, 1H, *J*<sub>4',5'a</sub> = *J*<sub>4',5'b</sub> = *J*<sub>4',3'</sub> = 3.7 Hz, H-4'); 4.11 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>3',2'</sub> = 5.0 Hz, *J*<sub>3',4'</sub> = 3.6 Hz, H-3'); 4.39 (bt, 1H, *J*<sub>2',1'</sub> = *J*<sub>2',3'</sub> = 5.4 Hz, H-2'); 4.96 – 5.67 (m, 3H, OH-2',3',5'); 6.25 (d, 1H, *J*<sub>1',2'</sub> = 5.8 Hz, H-1'); 6.78 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>4,3</sub> = 3.5 Hz, *J*<sub>4,5</sub> = 1.8 Hz, H-4-furyl); 6.93 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>4,5</sub> = 5.3 Hz, *J*<sub>4,3</sub> = 3.6 Hz, H-4-Sthienyl); 7.02 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>3,4</sub> = 3.6 Hz, *J*<sub>3,5</sub> = 1.3 Hz, H-3-Sthienyl); 7.48 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>5,4</sub> = 5.3 Hz, *J*<sub>5,3</sub> = 1.3 Hz, H-5-Sthienyl); 7.50 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>3,4</sub> = 3.5 Hz, *J*<sub>3,5</sub> = 0.9 Hz, H-3-furyl); 8.05 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>5,4</sub> = 1.8 Hz, *J*<sub>5,3</sub> = 0.9 Hz, H-5-furyl); 8.17 (s, 1H, H-6); 8.83 (s, 1H, H-2). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.8 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 61.44 (CH<sub>2</sub>-5'); 70.55 (CH-3'); 74.51 (CH-2'); 85.52 (CH-4'); 87.16 (CH-1'); 106.19 (C-5); 112.74 (CH-4-furyl); 113.10 (C-4a); 115.42 (CH-3-furyl); 127.95 (CH-4-Sthienyl); 129.71 (CH-5-Sthienyl); 131.25 (CH-3-Sthienyl); 133.07 (CH-6); 135.74 (C-2-Sthienyl); 146.18 (CH-5-furyl); 147.87 (C-4); 150.87 (C-2-furyl); 151.33 (CH-2); 152.96 (C-7a). IR (KBr): 3252, 3162, 3138, 2944, 2914, 2872, 1586,

1562, 1532, 1461, 1338, 1198, 1096, 1054, 1024, 979, 812, 752, 704. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>5</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaS<sub>2</sub>: 454.0502; found: 454.0502.

**4-Methyl-5-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-7-β-D-ribofuranosyl-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidine (6-methyl-7-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-9-β-D-ribofuranosyl)-7-deazapurine) (8d)**

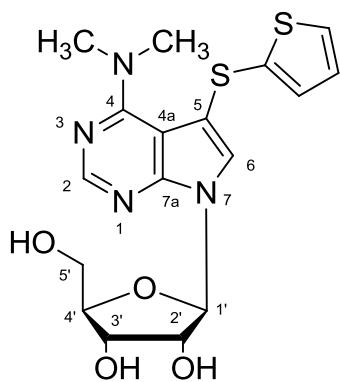


Deprotection of **4d** (415 mg, 0.6 mmol) according to the general procedure afforded compound **8d** (146 mg, 64%) as white solid.

M.p. 140 °C [α]<sub>D</sub> −53.0 (0.22). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (401.0 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 2.83 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 3.57 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>gem</sub> = 11.9 Hz, *J*<sub>5'a,4'</sub> = 3.8 Hz, H-5'a); 3.68 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>gem</sub> = 11.9 Hz, *J*<sub>5'b,4'</sub> = 3.9 Hz, H-5'b); 3.94 (q, 1H, *J*<sub>4',5'a</sub> = *J*<sub>4',5'b</sub> = *J*<sub>4',3'</sub> = 3.7 Hz, H-4'); 4.12 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>3',2'</sub> = 5.1 Hz, *J*<sub>3',4'</sub> = 3.5 Hz, H-3'); 4.41 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>2',1'</sub> = 5.9 Hz, *J*<sub>2',3'</sub> = 5.1 Hz, H-2'); 5.00 – 5.55 (m, 3H, OH-2',3',5'); 6.20 (d, 1H, *J*<sub>1',2'</sub> = 5.9 Hz, H-1'); 7.00 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>4,5</sub> = 5.3 Hz, *J*<sub>4,3</sub> = 3.6 Hz, H-4-Sthienyl); 7.16 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>3,4</sub> = 3.6 Hz, *J*<sub>3,5</sub> = 1.3 Hz, H-3-Sthienyl); 7.51 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>5,4</sub> = 5.3 Hz, *J*<sub>5,3</sub> = 1.3 Hz, H-5-Sthienyl); 8.27 (s, 1H, H-6); 8.71 (s, 1H, H-2). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.8 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 21.60 (CH<sub>3</sub>); 61.50 (CH<sub>2</sub>-5'); 70.55 (CH-3'); 74.45 (CH-2'); 85.54 (CH-4'); 87.18 (CH-1'); 104.53 (C-5); 117.14 (C-4a); 128.20 (CH-4-Sthienyl); 128.85 (CH-5-Sthienyl); 129.50 (CH-3-Sthienyl); 133.11 (CH-6); 137.12 (C-2-Sthienyl); 151.10 (C-7a); 151.76 (CH-2); 159.90 (C-4). IR (KBr): 3425, 3282, 3108, 2950, 2932, 2881, 2842, 1583, 1562, 1416, 1407, 1338, 1219, 1207, 1117, 1096, 1057, 1039, 976, 848, 710, 695, 626. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaS<sub>2</sub>: 402.0553; found: 402.0553.

**4-(*N,N*-Dimethylamino)-5-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-7- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl)-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine**

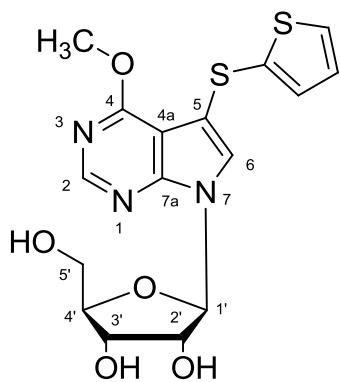
**(6-(*N,N*-Dimethylamino)-7-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-9- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl)-7-deazapurine) (8e)**



Deprotection of **4e** (540 mg, 0.75 mmol) according to the general procedure afforded compound **8e** (197 mg, 65%) as white solid.

M.p. 199 °C [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub> −41.8 (0.19). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (401.0 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 3.24 (s, 6H, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>N); 3.55 (dd, 1H,  $J_{gem}$  = 11.9 Hz,  $J_{5'a,4'} = 3.7$  Hz, H-5'a); 3.65 (dd, 1H,  $J_{gem}$  = 11.9 Hz,  $J_{5'b,4'} = 3.7$  Hz, H-5'b); 3.91 (q, 1H,  $J_{4',5'a} = J_{4',5'b} = J_{4',3'} = 3.7$  Hz, H-4'); 4.09 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3',2'} = 5.1$  Hz,  $J_{3',4'} = 3.6$  Hz, H-3'); 4.36 (dd, 1H,  $J_{2',1'} = 5.8$  Hz,  $J_{2',3'} = 5.1$  Hz, H-2'); 5.00 – 5.51 (m, 3H, OH-2',3',5'); 6.11 (d, 1H,  $J_{1',2'} = 5.8$  Hz, H-1'); 6.97 (dd, 1H,  $J_{4,5} = 5.3$  Hz,  $J_{4,3} = 3.6$  Hz, H-4-Sthienyl); 7.10 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3,4} = 3.6$  Hz,  $J_{3,5} = 1.3$  Hz, H-3-Sthienyl); 7.48 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,4} = 5.3$  Hz,  $J_{5,3} = 1.3$  Hz, H-5-Sthienyl); 8.23 (s, 1H, H-6); 8.30 (s, 1H, H-2). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.8 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 41.54 ((CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>N); 61.57 (CH<sub>2</sub>-5'); 70.54 (CH-3'); 74.32 (CH-2'); 85.33 (CH-4'); 87.44 (CH-1'); 104.37 and 104.47 (C-4a,5); 128.05 (CH-4-Sthienyl); 128.93 (CH-5-Sthienyl); 129.82 (CH-3-Sthienyl); 130.12 (CH-6); 137.39 (C-2-Sthienyl); 150.76 (CH-2); 152.35 (C-7a); 159.53 (C-4). IR (KBr): 3494, 3282, 3222, 3117, 2941, 2887, 1577, 1538, 1497, 1437, 1419, 1404, 1299, 1219, 1135, 1030, 698. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: 409.0999; found: 409.1002.

**4-Methoxy-5-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-7- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidine  
(6-methoxy-7-[(thiophen-2-yl)sulfanyl]-9- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl)-7-deazapurine) (8h)**



Deprotection and methylation of **4a** (712 mg, 1 mmol) according to the general procedure (4 equiv of NaOMe were used) afforded compound **8h** (305 mg, 77%) as white solid.

M.p. 194 °C [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub> −51.1 (0.17). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (401.0 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 3.55 (dd, 1H,  $J_{gem}$  = 11.9 Hz,  $J_{5'a,4'} = 3.8$  Hz, H-5'a); 3.64 (dd, 1H,  $J_{gem}$  = 11.9 Hz,  $J_{5'b,4'} = 3.8$  Hz, H-5'b); 3.91 (q, 1H,  $J_{4',5'a} = J_{4',5'b} = J_{4',3'} = 3.6$  Hz, H-4'); 4.06 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O); 4.09 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3',2'} = 5.1$  Hz,  $J_{3',4'} = 3.4$  Hz, H-3'); 4.37 (dd, 1H,  $J_{2',1'} = 6.1$  Hz,  $J_{2',3'} = 5.1$  Hz, H-2'); 4.98 – 5.52 (m, 3H, OH-2',3',5'); 6.12 (d, 1H,  $J_{1',2'} = 6.1$  Hz, H-1'); 7.00 (dd, 1H,  $J_{4,5} = 5.3$  Hz,  $J_{4,3} = 3.6$  Hz, H-4-Sthienyl); 7.24 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3,4} = 3.6$  Hz,  $J_{3,5} = 1.3$  Hz, H-3-Sthienyl); 7.55 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,4} = 5.3$  Hz,  $J_{5,3} = 1.3$  Hz, H-5-Sthienyl); 7.93 (s, 1H, H-6); 8.45 (s, 1H, H-2). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.8 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 53.83 (CH<sub>3</sub>O); 61.55 (CH<sub>2</sub>-5'); 70.60 (CH-3'); 74.36 (CH-2'); 85.54 (CH-4'); 87.39 (CH-1'); 105.39 and 105.53 (C-4a,5); 127.93 (CH-4-Sthienyl); 129.13 (CH-6); 129.96 (CH-5-Sthienyl); 132.18 (CH-3-Sthienyl); 135.41 (C-2-Sthienyl); 151.73 (CH-2); 152.47 (C-7a); 162.89 (C-4). IR (KBr): 3512, 3285, 3025, 2992, 2935, 2920, 2869, 1589, 1556, 1482, 1443, 1407, 1338, 1326, 1302, 1138, 1081, 1036, 704. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>5</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: 396.0682; found: 396.0682.

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