Synthesis of fluorophosphonylated acyclic nucleotide analogues *via* Copper (I)catalyzed Huisgen 1-3 dipolar cycloaddition

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Experimental Part

General. All commercially available reagents were bought from Aldrich and used as received. For anhydrous conditions the glassware was put in the oven at 120°C the day before and cooled to room temperature under a continuous nitrogen flow. Anhydrous solvents (THF, CH₂Cl₂, CH₃CN and Et₂O) were dried at a solvent generator from "Innovative Technologies Inc.", which uses an activated alumina column to remove water. BF₃.Et₂O, DMF and NEt₃ were distilled under CaH₂.

Flash column chromatographies were realized on silica gel 60 (40-63 μ m) from Merck with air pressure and were detected by thin layer chromatography, on which the spots were visualized by UV-irradiation and/or KMnO₄ solution.

NMR spectra were recorded on 250 MHz, 400 MHz or 500 MHz apparatus in deutered solvent at 25°C. ³¹P and ¹⁹F NMR spectral lines are with respect to the internal references H_3PO_4 (capillary) and CFCl₃. All chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm) and coupling constants are in hertz (Hz).

High-resolution mass data were recorded on a high-resolution mass spectrometer in the ESI mode.

IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer ATR IR instrument.

1/ 1,2-Cyclic Sulfate Ring-Opening Reaction: Diisopropyl 1,1-difluoro-3hydroxypropylphosphonate 2



To a cooled solution of *t*-butyllithium (1.14 cm³, 1.3 M in pentane, 1.49 mmol) in dried THF (10 cm³) at -78 °C was added dropwise diisopropyl methylsulfanyl difluoromethylphosphonate **1** (0.30 g, 1.14 mmol). After 5 minutes of stirring, 1,2-cyclic sulfate (0.19 g, 1.49 mmol, in 0.5 cm³ of THF) was slowly added. After 15 min the reaction mixture was quenched at -78 °C by addition of a 20% aqueous sulphuric acid (5 cm³), and the mixture was slowly warmed up to room temperature. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (2 x 10 cm³). Combined organic layers were washed with aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ and dried over MgSO₄. Solvents were evaporated under reduced pressure and crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica using ethyl acetate/pentane (1/1) as eluent to afford diisopropyl 1,1-difluoro-3-hydroxypropylphosphonate **2** (0.09 g, 30%) as a colourless oil; $v_{max}(ATR)/cm^{-1}$ 3464, 2973, 1272 and 982; $\delta_{H}(250 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$ 1.39 (12 H, dd, *J* 6.2 and 1.9, 2 x (*CH*₃)₂CH), 2.27-2.35 (2 H, m, CH₂CF₂), 3.86 (2 H, t, *J* 5.5, *CH*₂OH), 4.87 (2 H, dsept, *J* 6.2, 2 x *CH*(CH₃)₂); $\delta_{P}(101 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$ 5.95 (1 P, t, *J* 106.0); $\delta_{F}(235 \text{ MHz} \text{ CDCl}_3)$ -110.07 (2 F, td, *J* 19.0 and 106.0); $\delta_{C}(63 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$ 24.0 (2 x d, *J* 5.0, (*CH*₃)₂CH), 24.4 (2 x d, *J* 3.5, (*CH*₃)₂CH), 38.7 (dt, *J* 15.0 and 19.9, CF₂CH₂), 56.3 (dt, *J* 6.2 and 12.2, CH₂O), 74.5 (2 x d, *J* 7.2, 2 x (CH₃)₂CH) and 120.0 (dt, *J* 215.9 and 259.4, CF₂); *m/z* (ESI) 261.1070 (M + H⁺. C₉H₂₀F₂O₄P requires 261.1067), 261 (55%), 219 (100%) and 177 (50%).

2/ Oxetane Ring-Opening Reaction: Diisopropyl 1,1-difluoro-4-hydroxybutylphosphonate 3



To a cooled solution of t-butyllithium (0.80 cm³, 1.6 M in hexane, 1.26 mmol) in dried diethyl ether (10 cm³) at -78 °C was added dropwise neat diisopropyl methylsulfanyl difluoromethylphosphonate 1 (0.30 g, 1.14 mmol). After 5 minutes of stirring, etheral solution of trimethylene oxide (0.08 cm³, 1.26 mmol, in 0.5 cm³ of diethyl ether) was slowly added followed by a dropwise addition of BF_{3-Et2}O (0.16 cm³, 1.26 mmol). After 3-5 minutes the reaction mixture was guenched at -78 °C by addition of saturated agueous solution of NH₄Cl (1 cm^3) , and the mixture was slowly warm-up to room temperature. The aqueous layer was extracted with $CH_2Cl_2(5 \text{ cm}^3)$, and the organic layer was washed twice with aqueous solution of NaHCO3, then with NaCl and dried over MgSO4. Solvents were evaporated under reduced pressure and crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica using ethyl acetate-pentane (6/4) as eluent to give diisopropyl 1,1-difluoro-4-hydroxybutylphosphonate 3 (0.21 g, 63%) as a colourless oil; $v_{max}(ATR)/cm^{-1}$ 3444, 2982, 1261, 1103 and 1005; $\delta_{H}(400)$ MHz, CDCl₃) 1.38 (12 H, dd, J 6.2 and 2.0, 2 x (CH₃)₂CH), 1.75-2.03 (3 H, m, CH₂CH₂CH₂), 2.05-2.32 (2 H, m, CH₂CF₂), 3.70 (2 H, t, J 6.2, CH₂OH), 4.84 (2 H, dsept, J 6.2, 2 x CH(CH₃)₂); δ_P(101 MHz, CDCl₃) 6.74 (1 P, t, J 110.0); δ_F(235 MHz CDCl₃) -113.10 (2 F, td, J 20.9 and 110.0); $\delta_{\rm C}(101 \text{ MHz, CDCl}_3)$ 23.7 (2 x d, J 4.9, (CH₃)₂CH), 24.0 (dt, J 4.4 and 10.2, CF₂CH₂CH₂), 24.1 (2 x d, J 3.4, (CH₃)₂CH), 30.4 (dt, J 14.9 and 21.3, CF₂CH₂), 61.8 (s, CH₂O), 71.5 (2 x d, J 7.1, 2 x (CH₃)₂CH) and 120.6 (dt, J 218.0 and 259.0, CF₂); m/z (EI) 274.1157 (M^+ . $C_{10}H_{21}F_2O_4P$ requires 274.1146), 274 (28%), 233 (37%), 191 (31%), 173 (100%), 172 (40%), 123 (69%), 101 (28%), 43 (43%) and 41 (41%).

3/ Tetrahydrofuran Ring-Opening Reaction: Diisopropyl 1,1-difluoro-5hydroxypentylphosphonate 4



To a cooled solution of t-butyllithium (6.05 cm³, 1.6 M in hexane, 9.71 mmol) in dried THF (30 cm³) at -78°C was added dropwise neat diisopropyl methylsulfanyl difluoromethylphosphonate 1 (2.30 g, 8.80 mmol). After 5 minutes of stirring, solution of BF_{3-Et₂O (2.23 cm³, 17.60 mmol) in THF (5 cm³) was slowly added over 20 minutes period} using a syringe-pump. After 15 minutes the reaction mixture was quenched at -78 °C bv addition of saturated acueous solution of NH₄Cl (5 cm³), and the mixture was slowly warmup to room temperature. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (5 cm³), and the organic layer was washed twice with aqueous solution of NaHCO₃, then with NaCl and dried over MgSO₄. Solvents were evaporated under reduced pressure and crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica using ethyl acetate-pentane (8/2) as eluent to give diisopropyl 1,1-difluoro-5-hydroxypentylphosphonate 4 (1.85 g, 71%) as a colourless oil; $v_{max}(ATR)/cm^{-1}$ 3456, 2984, 1268 and 987; $\delta_{H}(250 \text{ MHz, CDCl}_{3})$ 1.38 (12 H, dd, J 6.2 and 2.2, 2 x (CH₃)₂CH), 1.60 (1 H, br s, OH), 1.63-1.71 (4 H, m, CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂), 2.04-2.10 (2 H, m, CH₂CF₂), 3.68 (2 H, t, J 6.1, CH₂OH), 4.80 (2 H, dsept, J 6.3, 2 x CH(CH₃)₂); δ_P(101 MHz, CDCl₃) 6.79 (1 P, t, J 108.1); δ_F(235 MHz CDCl₃) -113.20 (2 F, td, J 19.0 and 108.1); $\delta_{\rm C}(63 \text{ MHz, CDCl}_3)$ 17.5 (dt, J 5.0 and 10.5, CF₂CH₂CH₂), 24.1 (2 x d, J 5.1, (CH₃)₂CH), 24.4 (2 x d, J 3.4, (CH₃)₂CH), 32.6 (s, CH₂CH₂O), 34.0 (dt, J 14.4 and 21.0, CF₂CH₂), 62.4 (s, CH₂CH₂O), 73.9 (2 x d, J 6.9, 2 x (CH₃)₂CH) and 120.9 (dt, J 217.0 and 259.0, CF₂); m/z (EI) 288.1296 (M⁺. C₁₁H₂₃F₂O₄P requires 288.1302), 288 (8%), 204 (75%), 187 (100%), 123 (68%), 109 (35%), 99 (31%) and 43 (33%).

4/ Diisopropyl 1,1-difluoro-2,2-dihydroxyethylphosphonate 17



To a cooled solution of *t*-butyllithium (0.80 cm³, 1.6 M in hexane, 1.26 mmol) in dried THF (10 cm³) at -78 °C was added dropwise neat diisopropyl methylsulfanyl difluoromethylphosphonate **1** (0.30 g, 1.14 mmol). After 5 minutes of stirring, dimethyl

formamide (0.116 cm³, 1.49 mmol) was added. After 1h of stirring at -78°C, the mixture was acidified by addition of 3 cm³ of HCl (1 M) and was slowly warm-up to room temperature. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (5 cm³), and the organic layer was washed twice with aqueous solution of NaHCO₃, then with NaCl and dried over MgSO₄. Solvents were evaporated under reduced pressure and crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica using ethyl acetate-ether (7/3) as eluent to give diisopropyl 1,1-difluoro-2,2-dihydroxyethylphosphonate **17** (0.24 g, 80%) as a white solid, mp 78-80 °C; $v_{max}(ATR)/cm^{-1}$ 3600, 3200, 2950, 1470, 1390, 1220, 1180, 1100 and 1000; $\delta_{H}(250 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$ 1.38 (6 H, dd, *J* 5.9, (*CH*₃)₂CH), 1.41 (6 H, dd, *J* 5.9, (*CH*₃)₂CH), 4.91 (2 H, dsept, *J* 6.1, 2 x *CH*(CH₃)₂), 4.50-5.51 (2 H, m, OH), 5.15 (1 H, dt, *J* 6.7 and 11.6, *CH*(OH)₂); $\delta_{P}(101 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$ 4.60 (1 P, t, *J* 97.8); $\delta_{F}(235 \text{ MHz} \text{ CDCl}_3)$ -122.50 (2 F, dd, *J* 6.7 and 97.8); $\delta_{C}(101 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$ 23.5 (2 x d, *J* 5.6, (*C*H₃)₂CH), 24.2 (2 x d, *J* 2.9, (*C*H₃)₂CH), 74.7 (2 x d, *J* 7.1, 2 x (*C*H₃)₂CH), 89.7 (dt, *J* 15.2 and *J* 28.3, CF₂CH) and 115.7 (dt, *J* 202.3 and 268.2, CF₂); Anal. Calcd for C₈H₁₇F₂O₅P: C, 36.65; H, 6.54. Found: C, 36.69; H, 6.54%.

5/ Tosyl compounds: General procedure for the preparation of 6 and 7

In a 25 mL round bottom flask under N_2 atmosphere were placed the alcohol (1.00 mmol), tosyl chloride (1.50 mmol) and 10 cm³ of anhydrous CH₂Cl₂. Triethylamine (1.50 mmol) was added dropwise and the mixture was stirred 24 hours at room temperature. The solution was hydrolyzed with 1N aqueous HCl solution and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was successively washed with saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ and NaCl and dried over MgSO₄. Solvents were evaporated under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica using ethyl acetate/pentane (6/4) as eluent to give products **6** and **7** in 78-85% yields as a colourless oil.

Diisopropyl 1,1-difluoro-4-(p-toluenesulfonyloxy)butylphosphonate (6) Yield: 78%

 $v_{max}(ATR)/cm^{-1}$ 2975, 1376, 1265, 1164 and 986; $\delta_{H}(250 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$ 1.34 (12 H, dd, *J* 6.1 and 2.4, 2 x (CH₃)₂CH), 1.80-1.99 (2 H, m, CH₂CH₂CH₂), 2.01-2.20 (2 H, m, CH₂CF₂), 2.42 (3 H, s, CH₃Ph), 4.04 (2 H, t, *J* 6.0, CH₂OTs), 4.81 (2 H, dsept, *J* 6.3, 2 x CH(CH₃)₂), 7.31 (2

H, d, *J* 8.2, H_{ar}), 7.76 (2 H, d, *J* 8.2, H_{ar}); $\delta_{P}(101 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$ 5.16 (1 P, t, *J* 107.5); $\delta_{F}(235 \text{ MHz} \text{ CDCl}_3)$ -113.02 (2 F, td, *J* 19.0 and 107.5); $\delta_{C}(63 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$ 17.4 (dt, *J* 5.1 and 9.8, CF₂CH₂CH₂), 21.9 (s, PhCH₃), 24.0 (2 x d, *J* 4.7, (CH₃)₂CH), 24.4 (2 x d, *J* 3.4, (CH₃)₂CH), 33.4 (dt, *J* 15.0 and 21.3, CF₂CH₂), 70.2 (s, CH₂O), 73.8 (2 x d, *J* 7.0, 2 x (CH₃)₂CH), 120.7 (dt, *J* 218.1 and 259.6, CF₂), 127.9 (2 x s, 2 x C_{ar}), 129.9 (2 x s, 2 x C_{ar}), 133.2 (s, C_{ar}) and 144.33 (s, C_{ar}); *m*/z (ESI) 429.1312 (M + H⁺. C₁₇H₂₈F₂O₆PS requires 429.1315), 429 (22%), 387 (55%), 344 (100).

Diisopropyl 1,1-difluoro-5-(p-toluenesulfonyloxy)pentylphosphonate (7) Yield: 85%

 $\begin{array}{l} v_{max}(ATR)/cm^{-1}\ 2985,\ 1381,\ 1272,\ 1177\ and\ 989;\ \delta_{H}(400\ MHz,\ CDCl_3)\ 1.35\ (12\ H,\ dd,\ J\ 6.1\\ and\ 2.9,\ 2\ x\ (CH_3)_2CH),\ 1.50-1.72\ (4\ H,\ m,\ CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2),\ 1.85-2.15\ (2\ H,\ m,\ CH_2CF_2),\\ 2.43\ (3\ H,\ s,\ CH_3Ph),\ 4.02\ (2\ H,\ t,\ J\ 6.0,\ CH_2OTs),\ 4.81\ (2\ H,\ dsept,\ J\ 6.3,\ 2\ x\ CH(CH_3)_2),\\ 7.33\ (2\ H,\ d,\ J\ 8.2,\ H_{ar}),\ 7.77\ (2\ H,\ d,\ J\ 8.2,\ H_{ar});\ \delta_{P}(101\ MHz,\ CDCl_3)\ 5.35\ (1\ P,\ t,\ J\ 108.0);\\ \delta_{F}(235\ MHz\ CDCl_3)\ -113.10\ (2\ F,\ td,\ J\ 20.0\ and\ 108.0);\ \delta_{C}(63\ MHz,\ CDCl_3)\ 17.3\ (dt,\ J\ 5.0\ and\ 10.3,\ CF_2CH_2(2H_2),\ 21.6\ (s,\ PhCH_3),\ 23.7\ (2\ x\ d,\ J\ 4.9,\ (CH_3)_2CH),\ 24.0\ (2\ x\ d,\ J\ 3.5,\ (CH_3)_2CH),\ 24.0\ (2\ x\ d,\ J\ 3.5,\ (CH_3)_2CH),\ 28.4\ (s,\ CH_2CH_2O),\ 33.1\ (dt,\ J\ 14.5\ and\ 21.1,\ CF_2CH_2),\ 69.9\ (s,\ CH_2CH_2O),\ 73.5\ (2\ x\ d,\ J\ 7.1,\ 2\ x\ (CH_3)_2CH),\ 120.2\ (dt,\ J\ 217.6\ and\ 259.8,\ CF_2),\ 127.8\ (2\ x\ s,\ 2\ x\ C_{ar}),\ 129.9\ (2\ x\ s,\ 2\ x\ C_{ar}),\ 129.9\ (2\ x\ s,\ 2\ x\ C_{ar}),\ 129.9\ (x\ s,\ 2\ x\ s),\ 129.9\ (x\ s,\ 143.1469\ (x\ s,\ 143.14$

5/ NMR Spectra :







































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