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SULFUR-ASSISTED DOMINO ACCESS TO BICYCLIC DIHYDROFURANS: CASE STUDY AND EARLY SYNTHETIC APPLICATIONS

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Experimental Section

General methods and materials.

All moisture-sensitive reactions were performed under a nitrogen atmosphere using oven-dried glassware. Solvents were dried over standard drying agents and freshly distilled prior to use. Reactions were monitored by TLC (precoated silica gel plate F_{254} , Merck). Column chromatography: Merck Kieselgel 60 (70-230 mesh); flash chromatography: Merck Kieselgel 60 (230-400 mesh). Melting points are uncorrected and were determined with a capillary apparatus. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on NMR spectrometers operating at 200, 400 or 500 MHz and 50, 100 or 125 MHz, respectively; in all cases, the solvent is meant to be CDCl₃ (unless otherwise specified). Combustion analyses were performed using a CHNS analyzer.

Methyl 2-((*tert*-butyl(diphenyl)silyl)-oxy)acetate (6).

To a stirred solution of methyl glycolate (1.5 g, 16.8 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (24 mL), imidazole (1.36 g, 20.0 mmol) and TBDPSCl (5.1 mL, 20.1 mmol) were added at room temperature. After 3h, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure; the resulting residue was diluted with CHCl₃ and washed with ice-cold water. The organic layer was dried (Na₂SO₄) and the solvent removed under vacuum. Purification of the crude residue by silica gel chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 9:1) gave pure **6** (5.4 g, 98% yield) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (200 MHz): δ 1.09 (s, 9H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 4.25 (s, 2H), 7.38-7.42 (m, 6H), 7.66-7.71 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz): ppm 19.5, 26.9, 51.8, 62.4, 128.0, 130.2, 133.0, 135.8, 171.9. Anal. calcd for C₁₉H₂₄O₃Si: C 69.47, H 7.36. Found: C 69.67, H 7.33.

2-((*Tert*-butyl(diphenyl)silyl)-oxy)-1-(3-(((4-methoxybenzyl)oxy)methyl)-5,6-dihydro-1,4-dithiin-2-yl)-1-ethanone (7).

To a stirring solution of DIPA (0.8 mL, 5.6 mmol) in anhydrous THF (20 mL) at -78 °C and under nitrogen atmosphere, *n*-BuLi (1.6 m, 0.55 mL, 5.6 mmol) was added. After 10 min, a solution of **1** (1.25 g, 4.66 mmol) in anhydrous THF (20 mL) was added dropwise. The resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min at -78 °C, then a solution of **6** (1.5 g, 4.57 mmol) in anhydrous THF (10 mL) was added. After 20 min, the reaction was quenched by careful addition of 10% aq NH₄Cl. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc, and the combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure. The resulting crude residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane:AcOEt = 8:2) to give the pure **7** (2.44 g, 80% yield) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (200 MHz): δ 1.09 (s, 9H), 2.99-3.05 (m, 2H), 3.19-3.22 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 4.34 (s, 2H), 4.38 (s, 2H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.5, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.5, 2H), 7.34-7.43 (m, 6H), 7.65-7.71 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz): ppm 19.3, 26.3, 26.7, 29.7, 55.2, 68.7, 71.2, 72.3, 113.7, 122.4, 127.7, 129.4, 129.8, 132.9, 135.5, 140.8, 159.2, 195.4. Anal. calcd for C₃₁H₃₆O₄S₂Si: C 65.92, H 6.42, S 11.35. Found: C 66.11, H 6.40, S 11.30.

2-((*Tert*-butyl(diphenyl)silyl)-oxy)-1-(3-(((4-methoxybenzyl)oxy)methyl)-5,6-dihydro-1,4-dithiin-2-yl)-1-ethanol (8).

To a stirring solution of ketone 7 (1.0 g, 1.78 mmol) in anhydrous THF (30 mL) at room temperature and under nitrogen atmosphere, a 1 m solution of BH_3 THF (4.4 mL, 4.4 mmol) was added dropwise. After 5h, MeOH (10 mL) was slowly added, then the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. Chromatography of crude residue over silica gel (hexane:EtOAc = 9:1)

gave the pure **8**(4.3 g 86% yield) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz): δ 1.05 (s, 9H), 2.86 (bs, 1H), 2.94-3.26 (m, 4H), 3.72 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 10.2, 1H), 3.74-3.82 (m, 4H), 3.92 (d, *J* = 12.2, 1H), 3.96 (d, *J* = 12.2, 1H), 4.31 (d, *J* = 11.6, 1H), 4.36 (d, *J* = 11.6, 1H), 4.86 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 7.9, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.6, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.6, 2H), 7.36-7.52 (m, 6H), 7.59-7.71 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz): ppm 19.1, 26.7, 27.1, 29.2, 55.1, 66.5, 69.5, 71.3, 71.5, 113.6, 124.4, 127.7, 128.9, 129.4, 129.6, 129.7, 132.9, 133.0, 135.4, 159.1. Anal. calcd for C₃₁H₃₈O₄S₂Si: C 65.68, H 6.76, S 11.31. Found: C 65.90, H 6.79, S 11.27.

5-((*Tert*-butyl(diphenyl)silyl)-oxy)-7-methoxy-2,3,5,7-tetrahydro-[1,4]dithiino[2,3-c]furan (9).

To a stirred CH₂Cl₂/CH₃OH solution (95/5 v/v, 8.75 mL) containing alcohol **8** (0.50 g, 0.88 mmol), DDQ (0.28 g, 1.06 mmol) was added in one portion at room temperature. After 30 min, H₂O was added and the mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was dried (Na₂SO₄), and the solvent evaporated under reduced pressure. Chromatography of the crude residue over silica gel (hexane:EtOAc = 95:5) gave **9** (0.34 g, 83% yield, α : β = 3.3:1). Data for **9** α : ¹H NMR (200 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 1.15 (s, 9H), 2.22-2.59 (m, 4H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 3.74 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 3.8, 1H), 3.80 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 3.9, 1H), 4.85 (q, *J* = 3.8, 1H), 5.89 (d, *J* = 3.9, 1H), 7.14-7.25 (m, 6H), 7.72-7.81 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, C₆D₆): ppm 19.4, 25.7, 26.2, 26.9, 52.0, 65.4, 88.0, 109.9, 120.2, 124.7, 127.2, 129.8, 133.8, 135.9. Anal. calcd for C₂₄H₃₀O₃S₂Si: C 62.84, H 6.59, S 13.98. Found: C 62.60, H 6.56, S 14.03. Data for **9** β : ¹H NMR (200 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 1.17 (s, 9H), 2.25-2.55 (m, 4H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 3.90 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 5.3, 1H), 3.98 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 4.6, 1H), 4.79 (dt, *J* = 4.9, 1.2, 1H), 5.65 (d, *J* = 1.2, 1H), 6.90-7.20 (m, 6H), 7.70-7.83 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, C₆D₆): ppm 19.4, 25.4, 26.2, 26.8, 52.1, 67.0, 87.8, 110.1, 120.3, 124.9, 127.2, 129.8, 133.7, 136.1. Anal. calcd for C₂₄H₃₀O₃S₂Si: C 62.70, H 6.50, S 13.90.

2-(((*Tert*-butyl(diphenyl)silyl)-oxy)methyl)furan (10).

To a stirred C₆H₆/CH₃OH solution (95/5 v/v, 8.75 mL) containing alcohol **8** (0.50 g, 0.88 mmol), DDQ (0.28 g, 1.06 mmol) was added in one portion at room temperature. After 3h, H₂O was added, and the mixture extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was dried (Na₂SO₄), and the solvent evaporated under reduced pressure. Chromatography of the crude residue over silica gel (hexane:EtOAc = 98:2) gave furan **10** (0.28 g, 75% yield). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 1.28 (s, 9H), 2.48 (s, 4H), 4.71 (s, 2H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 7.31-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.91-7.96 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆): ppm 19.1, 26.1, 26.3, 26.5, 56.9, 127.6, 129.3, 129.5, 133.1, 134.8, 135.6, 136.2. Anal. calcd for C₂₃H₂₆O₂S₂Si: C 64.75, H 6.14, S 15.03. Found: C 65.00, H 6.12, S 15.08.

5-((*Tert*-butyl(diphenyl)silyl)-oxy)-5,7-dimethoxy-2,3,5,7-tetrahydro[1,4]dithiino[2,3-c]furan (11α).

Method A: from alcohol 8. To a stirred C₆H₆/CH₃OH solution (3/1 v/v, 8.75 mL) containing alcohol **8** (0.50 g, 0.88 mmol), DDQ (0.37 g, 1.65 mmol) was added in one portion at room temperature. After 3h, H₂O was added, and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was dried (Na₂SO₄), and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. Chromatography of the crude residue over silica gel (hexane:EtOAc = 95:5) gave acetal **11** (0.39 g, 90% yield, α : β = 6:1). *Method B: from ketone* **7**. To a stirred CH₂Cl₂/CH₃OH solution (95/5 v/v, 8.75 mL) containing ketone **7** (0.50 g, 0.88 mmol), DDQ (0.28 g, 1.06 mmol) was added in one portion at room temperature. After 3h, H₂O was added, and the mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was dried (Na₂SO₄), and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. Chromatography of the crude *C*(Na₂SO₄), and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure.

residue over silica gel (hexane:EtOAc = 95:5) gave **11** (0.37 g, 87% yield, α:β = 6:1). Data for **11**α: white crystals, m.p. 88.2-89.7 °C (MeOH); ¹H NMR (400 MHz): δ 1.03 (s, 9H), 3.14-3.23 (m, 4H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 3.69 (d, J = 10.4, 1H), 3.78 (d, J = 10.4, 1H) 5.45 (s, 1H), 7.28-7.42 (m, 6H), 7.62-7.70 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz): ppm 19.4, 25.8, 26.7, 49.9, 55.9, 65.8, 107.6, 114.2, 125.2, 127.7, 129.6, 133.4, 133.5, 135.6. Anal. calcd for C₂₅H₃₂O₄S₂Si: C 61.44, H 6.60, S 13.12. Found: C 61.20, H 6.63, S 13.17.

General procedure for trans-acetalization of 11. To a stirred CH_2Cl_2/ROH solution (3/1 v/v, 10 mL) containing acetal 11 (1 mmol), DDQ (1.5 mmol) was added in one portion at room temperature. After 24-48h, H₂O was added, and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was dried (Na₂SO₄), and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. Chromatography of the crude residue over silica gel gave the corresponding trans-acetalization product (71-99% yield).

5-[(*Tert*-butyldiphenyloxy)methyl]-5,7-bis-(trideuteromethoxy)-2,3,5,7-tetrahydro[1,4]dithino[2,3-c]furan (26).

Using CD₃OD as acetalization agent, acetal **26** was obtained quantitatively (> 99% yield) as α/β mixture (α : β =6:1 by ¹H NMR). Data for **26** (α -anomer): oily, ¹HNMR (500 MHz): δ 1.04 (s, 9H), 3.15-3.32 (m, 4H),3.71 (d, *J* = 10.3, 1H), 3.78 (d, *J* = 10.3, 1H), 5.46 (s, 1H), 7.32-7.43 (m, 6H), 7.63-7.77 (m, 4H).¹³CNMR (125 MHz): ppm 19.2, 26.6, 29.4, 29.7, 46.8-50.1 (m),65.7, 107.4, 123.5, 127.6, 129.6, 133.4, 135.7. Anal. calcd for C₂₅H₂₆D₆O₄S₂Si:C 60.69, H 7.74, S 12.96.Found: C 60.80, H 7.71, S 12.91.

5-[(*Tert*-butyldiphenyloxy)methyl]-5,7-bis-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)-2,3,5,7-tetrahydro[1,4]dithino[2,3-c]furan (27a).

Using CF₃CH₂OH as acetalizing agent, acetal **27a** was obtained (71% yield) mainly as α-anomer (α :β> 20:1 by ¹H NMR). Data for **27a**: oily, ¹HNMR (500 MHz): δ1.03 (s, 9H), 3.18-3.33 (m, 4H), 3.65-3.80 (m, 2H), 3.85 (d, *J* = 10.6, 1H), 3.89-4.03 (m, 2H), 4.05-4.15 (m, 1H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 7.34-7.47 (m, 6H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.1, 4H).¹³CNMR (50 MHz): ppm 19.3, 26.1, 26.7, 29.7, 65.7, 107.5, 114.3, 123.8, 124.5, 127.6, 129.6, 133.4, 135.5, 135.6.Anal. calcd for C₂₇H₃₀F₆O₄S₂Si: C 51.91, H 4.84, F 18.25, S 10.27. Found: C 51.79, H 4.86, F 18.26, S 10.31.

5-[(t-butyldiphenyloxy)methyl]-5,7-bis-(2-propynyloxy)-2,3,5,7-tetrahydro[1,4]dithino[2,3-c]furan (27b).

Using propargyl alcohol as acetalization agent, acetal **27b** was obtained (83% yield) as α/β -mixture (α : β =6:1 by ¹H NMR).Data for **27b** (α -anomer): oily, ¹HNMR (500 MHz): δ 1.04 (s, 9H), 2.38 (t, *J* = 2.4, 1H), 2.48 (t, *J* = 2.4, 1H), 3.17-3.31 (m, 4H), 3.74 (d, *J* = 10.5, 1H), 3.84 (d, *J* = 10.5, 1H), 4.09 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 14.9, 1H), 4.26 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 14.9, 1H), 4.39 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 15.7, 1H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 7.33-7.45 (m, 6H), 7.64-7.71 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz): ppm 19.3, 26.0, 26.1, 26.7, 50.9, 55.8, 65.5, 73.7, 75.2, 78.7, 79.9, 104.9, 114.3, 123.5, 125.4, 127.6, 129.6, 133.3, 135.6, 135.9. Anal. calcd for C₂₉H₃₂O₄S₂Si: C 64.89, H 6.01, S 11.95.Found: C 65.03, H 5.99, S 11.91.

5-[(*tert*-butyldiphenyloxy)methyl]-5,7-diisopropoxy-2,3,5,7-tetrahydro[1,4]dithino[2,3-c]furan (27c).

Using *i*-PrOH as acetalization agent, acetal **27c** was obtained in 90% yield, mainly as α -anomer (α : β > 20:1 by ¹H NMR). Data for **27c**: oily, ¹H NMR (500 MHz): δ 1.04 (s, 9H), 1.14 (d, *J* = 6.2, 3H), 1.16 (d, *J* = 6.2, 3H), 1.24 (d, *J* = 6.2, 3H), 1.31 (d, *J* = 6.2, 3H), 3.11-3.32 (m, 4H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 10.4, 1H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 10.4, 1H), 3.98-4.04 (m, 1H), 4.05-4.12 (m, 1H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 7.32-7.45 (m, 5H), 7.66-7.75 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz): ppm 19.4, 22.4, 23.6, 23.7, 24.4, 26.1, 26.3, 26.7, 65.7, 66.4, 72.3, 105.7, 114.1, 124.1, 125.2, 127.6, 129.5, 129.6, 133.6, 133.7, 135.6, 135.7. Anal. calcd for C₂₉H₄₀O₄S₂Si: C 63.93, H 7.40, S, 11.77. Found: C 63.95, H 7.44, S, 11.78.

2-(((*Tert*-butyl(diphenyl)silyl)-oxy)methyl)-2,5-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydrofuran (18α).

A solution of **11** α (0.30 g, 0.61 mmol) in acetone (7 mL) was added in one portion to a stirring suspension of Raney-Ni (W2) (2.25 g, wet) in the same solvent (7 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 5h, then the solid was filtered off and washed with EtOAc. The filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure to afford a crude residue which chromatography over silica gel (hexane:EtOAc = 98:2) gave pure olefin **18** α (0.20 g, 82% yield) as white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 1.25 (s, 9H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 4.09 (d, *J* = 10.3, 1H), 4.13 (d, *J* = 10.3, 1H) 5.52 (appt, *J* = 0.8, 1.0, 1H), 5.77 (dd, *J* = 1.0, 5.8, 1H), 5.88 (dd, *J* = 0.8, 5.8, 1H), 7.27-7.35 (m, 6H) 7.80-7.89 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz): ppm 19.2, 26.7, 50.2, 56.1, 67.0, 107.5, 113.6, 127.6, 129.6, 131.9, 132.1, 133.4, 134.7, 135.6. Anal. calcd for C₂₃H₃₀O₄Si: C 69.31, H 7.59. Found: C 69.52, H 7.56.

*N*1-(1-(7-((*tert*-butyl(diphenyl)silyl)-oxy)methyl)-7-methoxy-2,3,5,7-tetrahydro[1,4]dithiino [2,3-c]furan-5-yl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydro-4-pyrimidinyl)acetamide (28α and 28β).

N-Acetylcytosine (0.02 g, 0.15 mmol) and acetal **11** α (0.05 g, 0.10 mmol) were co-evaporated with anhydrous toluene (3 x 5 mL). The resulting residue was kept at room temperature for 20 min under nitrogen atmosphere, then it was suspended in anhydrous CH₃CN (2mL), and *N*,*O*-*bis*-(trimethylsilyl)acetamide (BSA, 0.11 mL, 0.45 mmol) was added in one portion. The mixture was kept at 50 °C until an homogenous solution was observed (about 30 min). Afterwards, the solution was cooled to rt, and DMF (0.05 mL, 0.6 mmol) was added. After 10 min, a catalytic amount of TMSOTf was eventually added dropwise. After 48h at the same temperature, saturated aq. NaHCO₃ was added. After 10 min, the solution was extracted with EtOAc and washed with brine. The combined organic phases were dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure; chromatography of the crude residue over silica gel (hexane:EtOAc = 1:1) afforded nucleoside **28** (0.04 g, 65% yield) as mixture of anomers (α : β = 4:1).

Data for **28** α : oily; ¹H NMR (400 MHz): δ 1.07 (s, 9H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 3.20-3.31 (m, 7H), 3.78 (d, *J* = 10.6, 1H), 3.83 (d, *J* = 10.6, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 7.34-7.50 (m, 7H), 7.67-7.80 (m, 5H), 9.21 (bs, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz): ppm 19.2, 26.1, 26.2, 26.7, 29.7, 50.8, 65.0, 89.5, 97.3, 114.9, 122.9, 126.9, 127.8, 129.8, 132.6, 132.9, 135.3, 135.5, 144.7, 155.8, 162.7, 170.6. Anal. calcd for C₃₀H₃₅N₃O₅S₂Si: C 59.09; H 5.78; N 6.89; S 10.52. Found: C 59.30; H 5.76; N 6.86; S 10.56.

Data for **28**β: oily; ¹H NMR (400 MHz): δ 1.11 (s, 9H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 3.16-3.32 (m, 7H), 3.92 (d, J = 11.2, 1H), 3.97 (d, J = 11.2, 1H), 6.61 (bd, J = 7.3, 1H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.31-7.49 (m, 6H), 7.56-7.68 (m, 4H), 8.10 (d, J = 7.5, 1H), 9.03 (bs, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz): ppm 19.6, 24.9, 25.9, 26.0, 27.0, 29.7, 49.6, 65.5, 90.4, 97.1, 116.0, 124.4, 124.6, 127.9, 130.0, 132.3, 133.2, 135.3, 135.5,

145.3, 155.8, 162.6, 170.0. Anal. calcd for $C_{30}H_{35}N_3O_5S_2Si$: C 59.09; H 5.78; N 6.89; S 10.52. Found: C 59.28; H 5.80; N 6.91; S 10.55.

*N*1-(1-(5-(((*tert*-butyl(diphenyl)silyl)oxy)methyl)-5-methoxy-2,5-dihydro-2-furanyl)-2-oxo-1,2-dihydro-4-pyrimidinyl)acetamide (30α and 30β).

N-Acetylcytosine (0.11 g, 0.7 mmol) and olefin **18** α (0.25 g, 0.65 mmol) were co-evaporated with anhydrous toluene (3 x 10 mL). The resulting residue was kept at room temperature for 20 min under nitrogen atmosphere, then it was suspended in anhydrous CH₃CN (3 mL), and *N*,*O*-*bis*-(trimethylsilyl)acetamide (BSA, 0.65 mL, 2.5 mmol) was added. The mixture was kept at 50 °C until an homogenous solution was observed (about 30 min). Afterwards, the solution was cooled to rt, and TMSOTf (0.02 mL, 0.06 mmol) was added dropwise. After 48h at the same temperature, saturated aq. NaHCO₃ was added. After 10 min, the solution was extracted with EtOAc and washed with brine. The combined organic phases were dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure. Chromatography of the crude residue over silica gel (hexane:EtOAc = 1:1) afforded nucleoside **30** (0.22 g, 65% yield) as mixture of anomers (α : β = 1:2).

Data for **30** α : white powder; ¹H NMR (400 MHz): δ 1.06 (s, 9H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 3.76 (d, *J* = 10.9, 1H), 3.93 (d, *J* = 10.9, 1H), 6.22 (dd, *J* = 5.9, 1.2, 1H), 6.26 (d, *J* = 5.9, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 7.29-7.50 (m, 7H), 7.64-7.66 (m, 4H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.5, 1H), 9.76 (bs, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz): ppm 19.2, 24.9, 26.8, 51.0, 64.8, 89.9, 97.1, 114.7, 127.8, 129.8, 129.9, 130.3, 132.8, 132.9, 133.9, 135.5, 135.6, 144.6, 155.3, 163.0, 171.0. Anal. calcd for C₂₈H₃₃N₃O₅Si: C 64.71, H 6.40, N 8.09. Found: C 64.97, H 6.38, N 8.06.

Data for **30**β: white crystals, m.p. 178.9 °C (dec.; MeOH); ¹H NMR (400 MHz): δ 1.06 (s, 9H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 3.18 (s, 3H), 3.92 (d, J = 11.2, 1H), 4.00 (d, J = 11.2, 1H), 5.91 (dd, J = 1.8, 5.8, 1H), 6.39 (dd, J = 0.9, 5.8, 1H), 6.93 (bd, J = 7.4, 1H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 7.37-7.52 (m, 6H), 7.55-7.64 (m, 4H), 8.26 (d, J = 7.5, 1H), 8.33 (bs, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz): ppm 19.3, 24.8, 26.9, 49.7, 66.8, 90.7, 96.7, 116.2, 127.9, 128.0, 130.1, 132.0, 132.3, 133.7, 135.4, 135.6, 145.1, 155.6, 162.5, 170.2. Anal. calcd for C₂₈H₃₃N₃O₅Si: C 64.71, H 6.40, N 8.09. Found: C 64.98, H 6.42, N 8.07.

$\label{eq:2.1} \mbox{4-Amino-1-(5-(hydroxymethyl)-5-methoxy-2,5-dihydro-2-furanyl)-1,2-dihydro-2-pyrimidinone (31a).}$

To a stirring solution of 30α (0.10 g, 0.20 mmol) in THF (1 mL), TBAF (22 µL, 1m solution in THF, 0.22 mmol) was added at room temperature. The reaction was stirred for 18 h, then the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. The crude residue was treated with 2 mL of NH₃/CH₃OH 6m at room temperature. After 2h, the solvent was evaporated and the crude residue purified by chromatography on silica gel (CHCl₃:CH₃OH = 8:2) to afford nucleoside **31** α as white crystals (0.05 g, 97 % o.y.). M.p. 203.5 °C (dec.; EtOAc/MeOH); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): 3.26 (s, 3H), 3.58 (d, *J* = 11.8, 1H), 3.73 (d, *J* = 11.8, 1H), 5.90 (d, *J* = 7.5, 1H), 6.27 (dd, *J* = 1.3, 5.9, 1H), 6.32 (dd, *J* = 1.7, 5.9, 1H), 6.83 (appt, *J* = 1.3, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.5, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD): ppm 51.2, 65.3, 90.1, 96.5, 115.5, 131.8, 135.3, 142.8, 158.6, 167.9. Anal. calcd for C₁₀H₁₃N₃O₄: C 50.21, H 5.48, N 17.56.Found: C 50.39, H 5.46, N 17.50.

$\label{eq:2.1} \mbox{4-Amino-1-(5-(hydroxymethyl)-5-methoxy-2,5-dihydro-2-furanyl)-1,2-dihydro-2-pyrimidinone (31\beta).}$

31β was obtained (92% o.y.) under the same conditions reported for **31**α. White crystals, m.p. 213.0 °C (dec.; EtOAc/MeOH);¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): 3.21 (s, 3H), 3.60 (d, J = 11.9, 1H), 3.73

(d, J = 11.9, 1H), 5.84 (d, J = 7.5, 1H), 6.12 (dd, J = 1.7, 5.8, 1H), 6.31 (d J = 5.8, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 7.5, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD): ppm 49.0, 65.8, 91.7, 96.3, 117.1, 133.3, 134.0, 143.1, 158.7, 167.8. Anal. calcd for C₁₀H₁₃N₃O₄: C 50.21, H 5.48, N 17.56 Found: C 50.57, H 5.44, N 17.43.



500 MHz, CDCl₃









































