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# Water-induced gel formation of oleanlic acid-adenine conjugate and the effects of uracil derivative on the gel stability

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10.1g (21.4 mmol) **1** was dissolved in dry DMF (150 ml). 3.5g K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (25.4 mmol) was added. Then 3.0 ml CH<sub>3</sub>I (60 mmol) was added. The mixture stirred for 24 h at rt. The solution was poured into water and the resulting suspension was filtrated to give **2** (solid, 11.5 g, 95%). m. p. 203-205 °C, ESI-MS (+) : m/z = 493 [M+K]<sup>+</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 5.25 (m, 1H, 12-H), 3.59 (s, 3H, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.18 (dd, 1H, J1=9.96Hz, J2=4.80Hz, 3-H), 0.69, 0.75, 0.87, 0.88, 0.90, 0.96, 1.10 (7×s, 7×3H, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30-CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 178.34 (28-C), 143.84 (13-C), 122.43 (12-C), 79.02 (3-C), 55.31, 51.59, 47.70, 46.78, 45.95, 41.70, 41.36, 39.34, 38.83, 38.52, 37.10, 33.93, 33.19, 32.74, 32.45, 30.76, 28.18, 27.77, 27.26, 26.01, 23.72, 23.47, 23.14, 18.40, 16.90, 15.67, 15.37.

1). ESI-MS (+) Spectra of compound 2

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2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra of compound **2**(CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300MHz)



3). <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of compound **2**(CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75MHz)





Compound **2** (1.0 g, 2.01 mmol) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (300 mg, 2.17 mmol) was dissolved in dry CHCl<sub>3</sub> (30 ml). The mixture was cooled to 0°C.Then 2.41 mmol of bromoacetyl bromide (2.4 ml) was added to the mixture. This reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature (18°C) for 24 h. Then the precipitates were filtered and washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 ml). The filtrates were successively washed with citric acid (10%) for three times (30 ml×3). Joined the aqueous-phase were extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30 ml). The extracts was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and solvents were removed under reduced pressure to get pale yellow crude solid (1.344 g)<sub>o</sub>. The solid was purified by silica gel column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: CH<sub>3</sub>OH = 60:1) afforded **3** as a white solid (1.197 g, 98%). m. p. 181-182°C, ESI-MS (+) : m/z = 615 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 5.25 (m, 1H, 12-H), 4.53 (t, 1H, J1=8.25Hz, J2=7.89Hz, 3-H), 3.89 (dd, 2H, J1=17.52Hz, J2=12.03Hz, COCH<sub>2</sub>Br), 3.59 (s, 3H, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.70, 0.86, 0.87, 0.90, 0.91, 1.10 (6×s , 7×3H, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30-CH3); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 178.28 (28-C), 167.08 (COCH<sub>2</sub>Br), 143.89 (13-C), 122.26 (12-C), 83.26 (3-C), 55.37, 51.58, 47.61, 46.76, 45.91, 41.70, 41.36, 39.35, 38.04, 36.98, 33.93, 33.18, 32.64, 32.44, 30.76, 28.07, 27.75, 26.40, 25.98, 23.72, 23.47, 23.38, 23.13, 18.23, 16.89, 16.68, 15.42.

1). ESI-MS (+) Spectra of compound 3





The solution of compound **3** (300 mg, 0.50 mmol) in 15mL dry DMF was added slowly to the solution of adenine(89 mg, 0.66 mmol) in 8ml dry DMF in the presence of  $K_2CO_3$  (91 mg, 0.66 mmol). This mixture solution were stirred for 9 h at rt (15°C). The mixture was poured into water, and then was extracred with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30 ml×3). Joined the organic extracts were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O and brine, dried by anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated, affording the pale yellow solid (395 mg). The solid was purified by silica gel column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: CH<sub>3</sub>OH = 60:1-20:1) afforded **4** as a white solid (210 mg, 60%). m. p. 302-305 °C, ESI-MS (+) : m/z = 646 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 668 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 8.33 (s, 1H, adenine-H) , 7.78 (s, 1H, adenine-H), 6.20 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 5.24 (s, 1H, 12-H), 4.96 (s, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>-adenine), 4.54 (dd, J1=12.00Hz, J2=6.00Hz, 1H, 3-H), 3.59 (s, 3H, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.65, 0.68, 0.79, 0.87, 0.89, 1.08 (7×s , 7×3H, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30-CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 178.32 (30-C), 166.89 (OCOCH<sub>2</sub>), 155.60 (adenine-C), 153.08 (adenine-C), 150.31 (adenine-C), 143.89 (13-C), 140.97 (adenine-C), 122.21 (2C, 12-C, adenine-C), 83.73 (3-C), 72.03 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 55.27, 51.60, 47.56, 46.76, 45.90, 44.56, 41.68, 41.33, 39.31, 38.02, 37.77, 36.92, 33.91, 33.17, 32.58, 32.42, 30.75, 28.13, 27.73, 25.97, 23.70, 23.48, 23.11, 18.21, 16.87, 16.53, 15.36.

#### 1). ESI-MS (+) Spectra of compound 4



2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra of compound 4(CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300MHz)



3). <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of compound 4(CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75MHz)





In a typical procedure, uracil (1.005 g, 8.9 mmol) was treated with n-butyl bromide (0.97 ml, 9.0mmol) in the presence of anhydrous  $K_2CO_3$  (1.240 g, 9.0 mmol) in dry DMF (50 ml) for 18 h at room temperature (22°C). Then the precipitates was filtered and washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. DMF was evaporated under vacuo. The crude product obtained was dissolved in chloroform (30 ml) and washed with brine (20 ml), dried with Mg<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated to dryness under vacuum. The impure product was then purified by silica gel column chromatography (elution with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: CH<sub>3</sub>OH = 50:1) to give 700 mg of **5** (50%). m. p. 108-111°C, ESI-MS: m/z 169.1 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 191.1 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 0.92(t,-CH<sub>3</sub>, 2H, J=7.2Hz). 1.39(m, -CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>,2H) 1.64(m,-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>,2H) 3.70(t,-CH<sub>2</sub>, 2H, J=7.2Hz) 5.52(d, uracil-5-H, 1H, J=7.89Hz) 7.14(d, uracil-6-H, 1H, J=7.89Hz) <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 164.39 (uracli-1-C) 151.22 (uracil-4-C) 144.63 (uracil-6-C) 102.16 (uracil-5-C) 48.68, 31.12, 19.71, 13.70.

#### 1). ESI-MS (+) Spectra of compound 5



2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra of compound **5**(CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300MHz)





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5. Synthesis of compound 6



This compound was synthesized by using the same procedure as that described for **4**. m. p. 227-233 °C, ESI-MS (+) :  $m/z = 276.4 [M+H]^+$ , 290.3 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 8.13 (s, 1H, adenine-H) , 8.12 (s, 1H, adenine-H), 7.30 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 5.05 (s, 2H,

OCH<sub>2</sub>-adenine), 4.75 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 167.83 (OCOCH<sub>2</sub>), 156.45 (adenine-C), 153.11 (adenine-C), 150.26 (adenine-C), 141.82 (adenine-C), 118.78 (adenine-C), 73.95, 44.65, 31.38, 25.25, 23.36.





6. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra at different temperatures of the organogel of **4** 



Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra at different temperatures of the organogel of **4** in THF- $d_8$  solvent containing D<sub>2</sub>O.

### 7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra titration and calculation of binding constant of

## compound 4 for $\mathbf{5}^{[1]}$

<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded at 300 MHz for protons on JOEL JNM-ECA 300 spectrometers. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are given in ppm relative to TMS ( $\delta$  =0.0).



Figure S2. Partial <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the uracil derivative 5(=[H]) (5 mM) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> upon the addition of the comound 4 (=[G]).



Figure S3. Job's plot showing 1:1 complex formation for compound 4 and 5



Figure S4. Hildebrand - Benesi plot based on the 1:1 for compound **4** and **5**  $1/\triangle \delta = 1/(K_a \triangle \delta_{max}[G]) + 1/\triangle \delta_{max}$  $1/\triangle \delta_{max} = -0.17583$  $1/K_a \triangle \delta_{max} = -3.73628$  $Ka = 47.1 M^{-1}$ 

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