## **Supporting Information**

# Synthesis of a 6-Methyl-7-Deaza Analogue of Adenosine that Potently Inhibits Replication of Polio and Dengue Viruses

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Analysis of compound purity by analytical HPLC



**Figure S1**. Analytical reverse-phase HPLC profile of 6-methyl-9- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosylpurine(**2**) after recrystallization. Retention time = 9.5 min. Purity = 98 %. Absorbance wavelength = 254 nm.



**Figure S2**. Analytical reverse-phase HPLC profile of 7-methyl-3- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine (1-deaza-6-methyl-9- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosylpurine, **4**) after recrystallization. Retention time = 10.6 min. Purity = 98%. Absorbance wavelength = 254 nm.



**Figure S3**. Analytical reverse-phase HPLC profile of 4-methyl-1- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]pyridine (3-deaza-6-methyl-9- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosylpurine, **5**) after recrystallization. Retention time = 9.6 min. Purity = 99 %. Absorbance wavelength = 254 nm.



**Figure S4**. Analytical reverse-phase HPLC profile of4-methyl-7- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosylpyrrolo[2,3*d*]pyrimidine (7-deaza-6-methyl-9- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosylpurine, **6**) after recrystallization. Retention time = 9.6 min. Purity = 98 %. Absorbance wavelength = 254 nm.



**Figure S5**. Analytical reverse-phase HPLC profile of 4-methyl-7-(5'-O-methyl- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl)pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine (7-deaza-6-methyl-9-(5'-O-methyl- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl)purine, **7**). Retention time = 11.1 min. Purity = 98 %. Absorbance wavelength = 254 nm.



**Figure S6**. Analytical reverse-phase HPLC profile of 6-methyl-9- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosylpurine 5'-triphosphate (**8**). Retention time = 6.3 min. Purity = 98%. Absorbance wavelength = 254 nm.



**Figure S7**. Analytical reverse-phase HPLC profile of 4-methyl-7- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosylpyrrolo[2,3*d*]pyrimidine5'-triphosphate (7-deaza-6-methyl-9- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosylpurine 5'-triphosphate, **9**). Retention time = 4.9 min. Purity = 95 %. Absorbance wavelength = 254 nm.

## Guanidine resistance assay data

Compound	Ribavirin	Ribavirin	2	2	6	6
Conc. (µM)	150	300	1.62	3.24	0.046	0.092
Gua <sup>r</sup> plaques	150	>250	12	22	19	17

**Table S1**. Formation of guanidine-resistant plaques by **2**, **6** and ribavirin (a mutagenic control) in a guanidine resistance assay of viral mutagenesis.

#### NTP assay data



**Figure S8**. Panels A-C: Pre-steady state kinetics of incorporation of **9** into RNA opposite template U by PV RdRP. Panel A: Image of SDS PAGE gel of extended 10-mer <sup>32</sup>P-labeled RNA substrate (illustrated in Figure 3, Panel D) using 100, 200, 400 or 800  $\mu$ M of **9**. Fast time points were taken using a chemical quench-flow rapid kinetics apparatus (KinTek Corp.). Panel B: Fits of 11-mer product formation as a function of time to a single exponential model, yielding observed rate constants,  $k_{obs}$ . Panel C: Replot of observed rate constants as a function of the concentration **9** and fit to a hyperbolic model yielding estimates of  $k_{pol}$ , the maximal rate constant for a single incorporation, and  $K_{d,app}$ , the kinetically-measured binding constant of **9** to the PV RdRP-RNA complex. Use of the chemical quench-flow apparatus to measure incorporation kinetics and fits to models were essentially as described in a reported procedure (*Biochemistry* **2004**, 43, 5126-5137). Note that compound **9** is fluorescent, preventing use of the stopped-flow apparatus to measure kinetics of incorporation, as was possible for non-fluorescent **8** (Figure S9).



**Figure S9**. Pre-steady state kinetics of incorporation of **8** into RNA opposite template U by PV RdRP. Panel A: Time courses of incorporation of **8** into RNA by PV RdRP measured with a stopped-flow rapid kinetics apparatus (KinTek Corp.), using an RNA substrate containing the fluorescent reporter 2-aminopurine (*Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* **2007**, *104* (11), 4267-4272). Four concentrations of **8** were examined: 100, 200, 400 and 800  $\mu$ M. The change in fluorescence as a function of time was fit to a single exponential model yielding observed rate constants,  $k_{obs}$ . Panel B:. Replot of the observed rate constants as a function of the concentration of **8** and fit to a hyperbolic model yielding estimates of  $k_{pol}$  and  $K_{d,app}$ . Use of the stopped-flow apparatus to measure incorporation kinetics was essentially as previously described (*Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* **2007**, *104* (11), 4267-4272).



**Figure S10**. Pre-steady state kinetics of incorporation of compounds **8** and **9** into RNA opposite template C by PV RdRP. Panel A: image of SDS PAGE gel loaded with the extended 10-mer <sup>32</sup>P-labeled RNA substrate (illustrated in Figure 3, Panel B) using 2 mM **8** or **9**. The Mg<sup>2+</sup> concentration was adjusted to maintain 4 mM free Mg<sup>2+</sup> above the concentration of **8** or **9**. A fifty-fold excess concentration of unlabeled RNA was added at the time of **8** or **9** addition to trap free PV RdRP, thus preventing multiple initiation events by the polymerase. Panel B: Time courses of product formation fitted to a single exponential model. *k*<sub>obs</sub> values were further analyzed and refined by simulation to a mechanism that takes into account RdRP-RNA complex dissociation occurring at a rate that competes with the slow rate of **8** or **9** incorporation (data not shown).



RNA substrate: GCAUGGGCCC CCCGGGUACG

**Figure S11**.Steady state incorporation of **8**, **9** and natural nucleotides into double-stranded RNA by PV RdRP. Nucleotide incorporation reactions were initiated by addition of PV RDRP. Panel A: no nucleotide; Panel B: ATP; Panel C: ATP, UTP; Panel D: ATP, UTP, GTP; Panel E: ATP, UTP, GTP, CTP; Panel F: **8**, UTP, GTP, CTP; Panel G: **9**, UTP, GTP, CTP.