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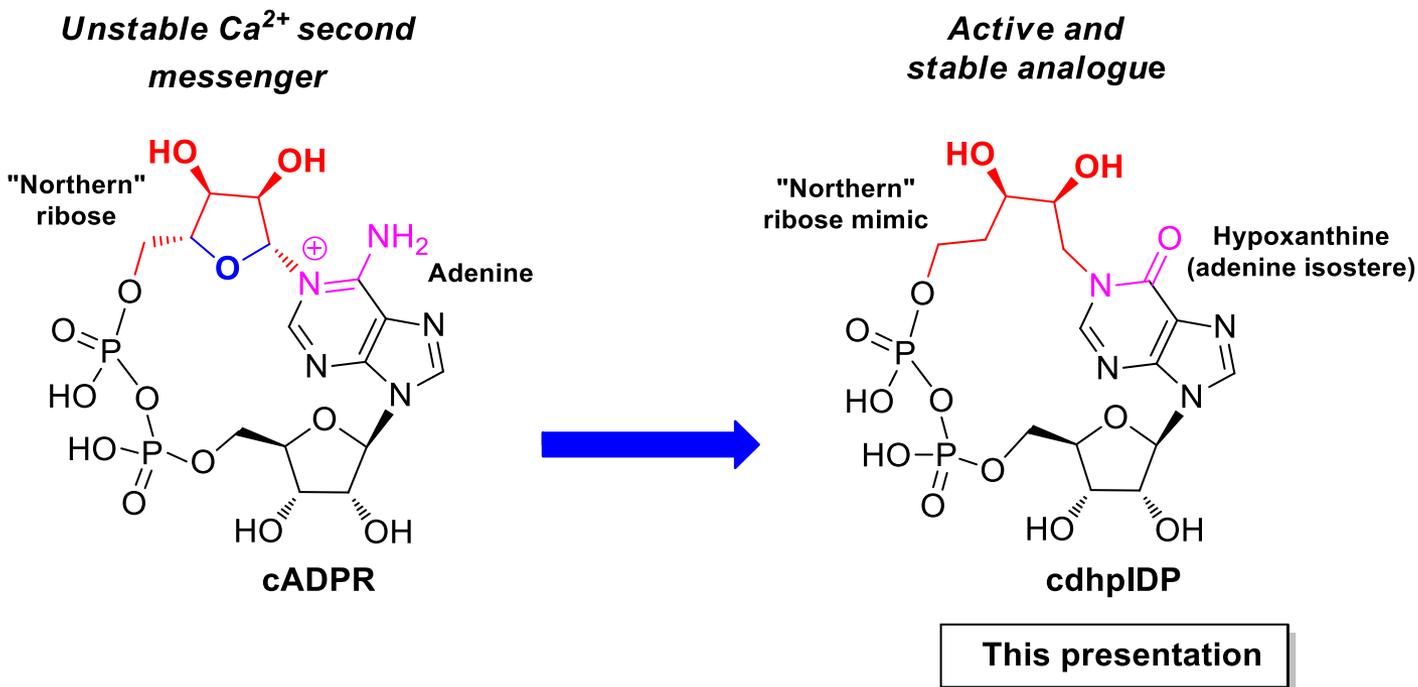
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## Abstract:

Cyclic ADP-ribose (cADPR) is a natural occurring metabolite of  $\text{NAD}^+$ , that mobilizes  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ions from intracellular stores. It was firstly isolated from sea urchin eggs extract, but it was later established that it is also produced in many other mammalian cells, such as pancreatic  $\beta$ -cells, T-lymphocytes, smooth and cerebellar neurons. cADPR is a dinucleotide in which a pyrophosphate bridge connects two ribose residues, bonded to adenine through N1 and N9 glycosidic bonds. As the N1 glycosidic bond is very labile, cADPR is rapidly hydrolyzed in neutral aqueous solution to ADP-ribose. In the light of the the poor knowledge of the cADPR receptor binding pocket, several stable and active derivatives have been synthesized. Among them, the cyclic inosine diphosphate ribose (cIDPR), in which the adenine is isosterically replaced by the hypoxanthine, was stable in physiological conditions and showed significant  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  mobilizing activity. In our laboratories, we have synthesized several cIDPR analogues. In particular, the analogue with the “northern” ribose replaced by a pentyl chain (cpIDP) showed interesting  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  mobilizing activity in the neuronal PC12 cell line. We report here on the total synthesis of a new stable cADPR analogue, in which the “northern” ribose is replaced by a 2”S,3”R dihydroxy pentyl chain. The new mimic elicits  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ions from intracellular stores in primary cortical neurons as effectively as cADPR.

**Keywords:** cADPR;  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  mobilization; primary cortical neurons; pyrophosphate bond formation



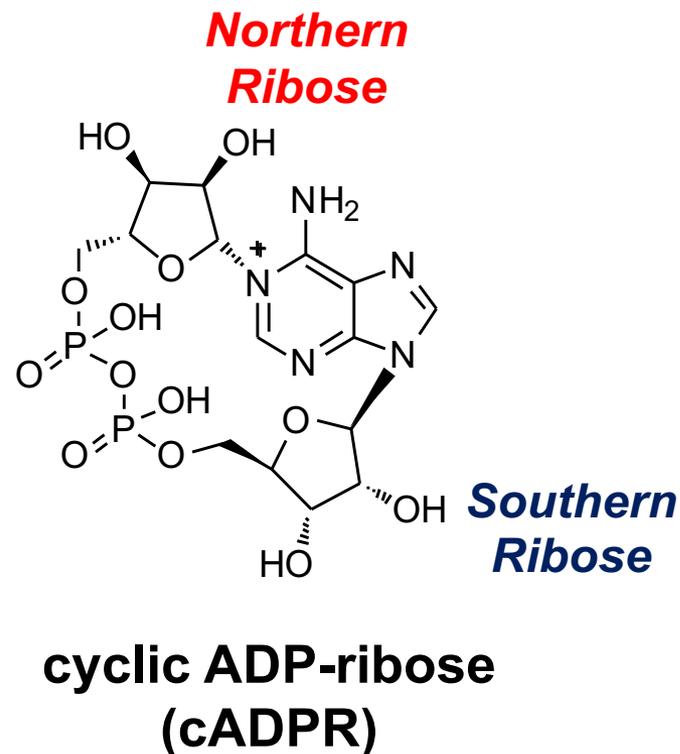
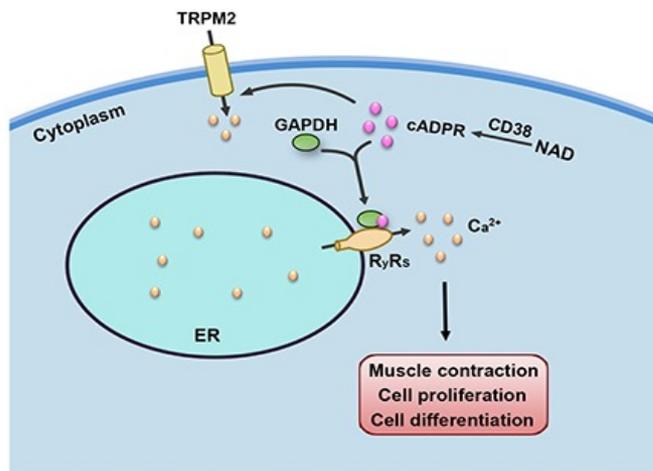
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# Introduction

## Cyclic ADP-Ribose (cADPR)

Cyclic ADP-ribose (cADPR) was discovered in 1989 when Lee and co-workers examined various metabolites in sea urchin egg homogenates; it has been found also in various tissues of invertebrates and mammals: UNIVERSAL ENDOGENOUS METABOLITE



Lee, H.C.; Walseth, T.F.; Bratt, G.T.; Hayes, R.N.; Clapper, D.L. (1989). "Structural determination of a cyclic metabolite of NAD<sup>+</sup> with intracellular Ca<sup>2+</sup>-mobilizing activity". *J. Biol. Chem.* **264** (3): 1608–15

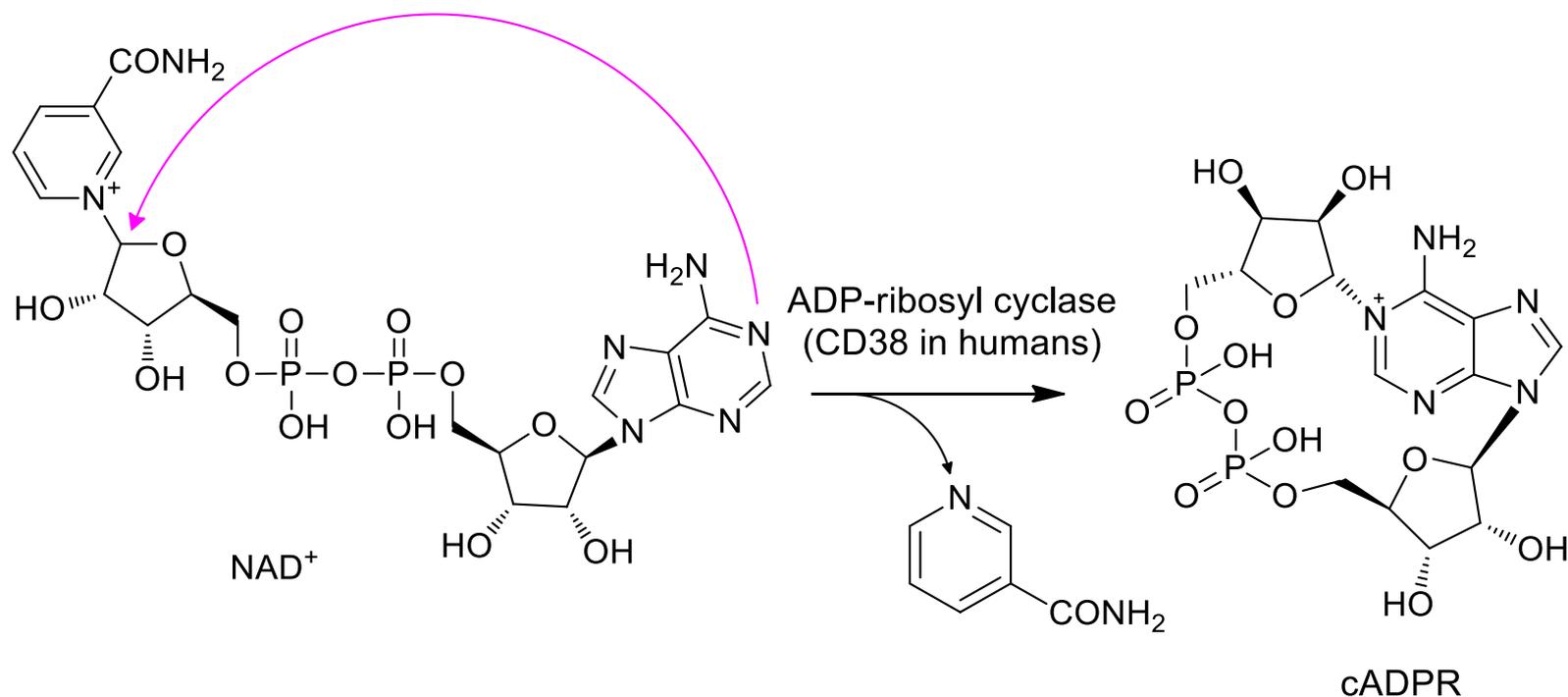


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## Biosynthesis of cADPR

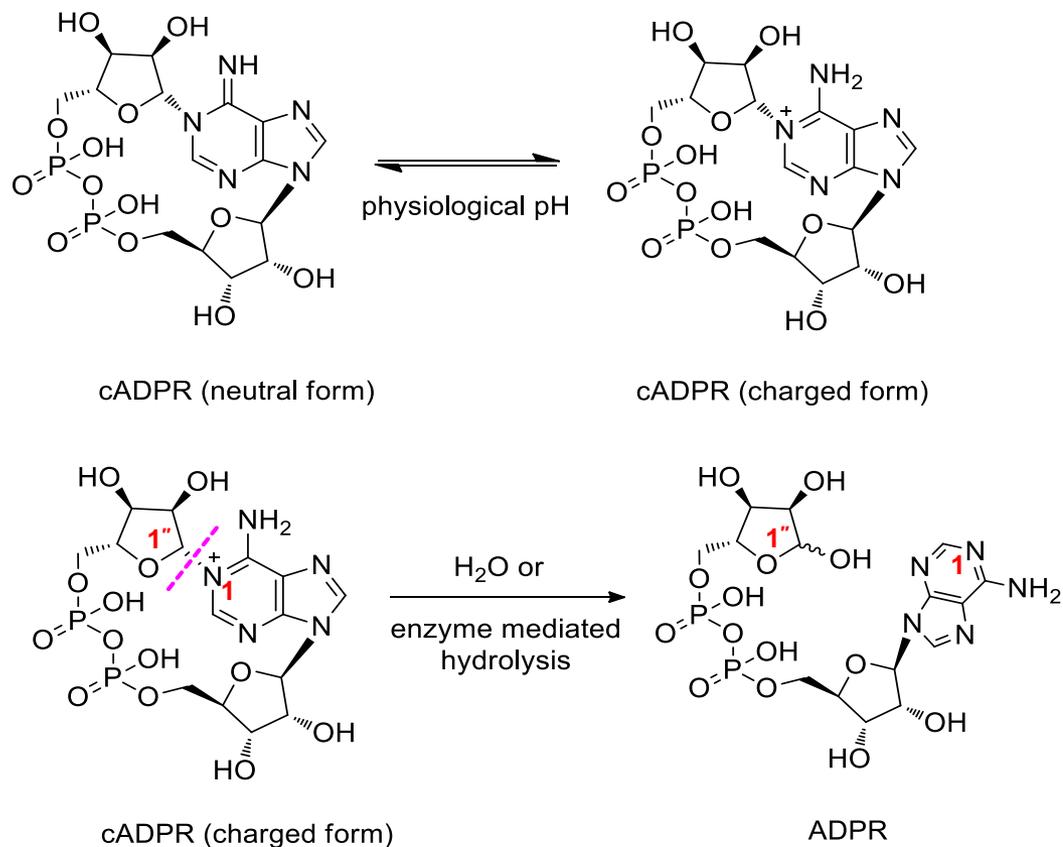


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## The Biological and Chemical Instability of cADPR



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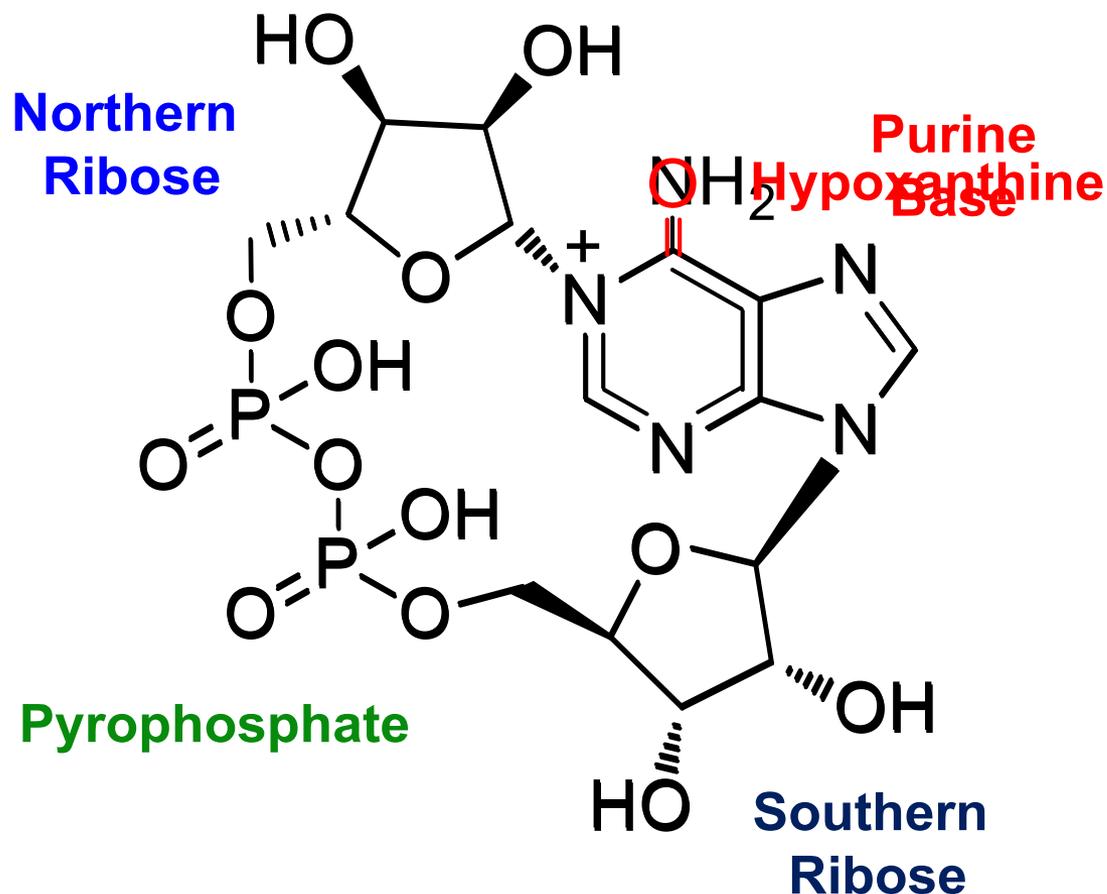


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# State of the Art

## Generation of cADPR Analogues



### cyclic IDP Ribose (cIDPR)

- Hydrolysis resistant thanks to the prevalent oxo form
- Intact  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  releasing properties compared to cADPR

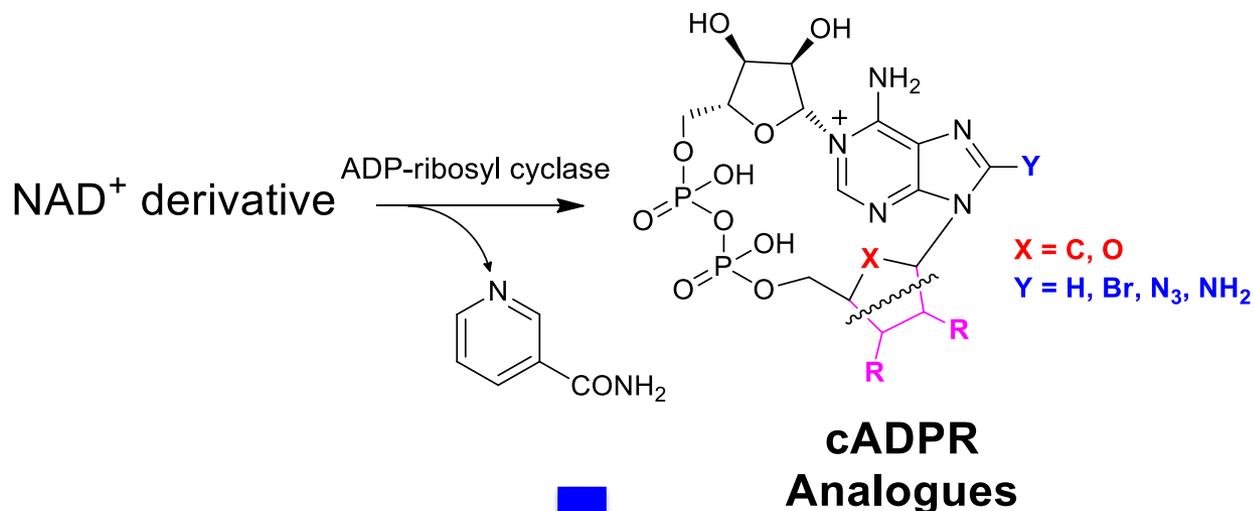


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# State of the Art

## Generation of cADPR Analogues: A Chemo-Enzymatic Approach



### Advantages

- Broad substrate specificity
- Relative ease of the enzymatic steps

### Disadvantages

- Aberrant N7 cyclization for cIDPR congeners
- Analogues limited to intact "northern ribose"

Guse A.H. (2004). "Regulation of calcium signaling by the second messenger cyclic adenosine diphosphoribose (cADPR)". *Curr. Mol. Med.* 4 (3): 239–248

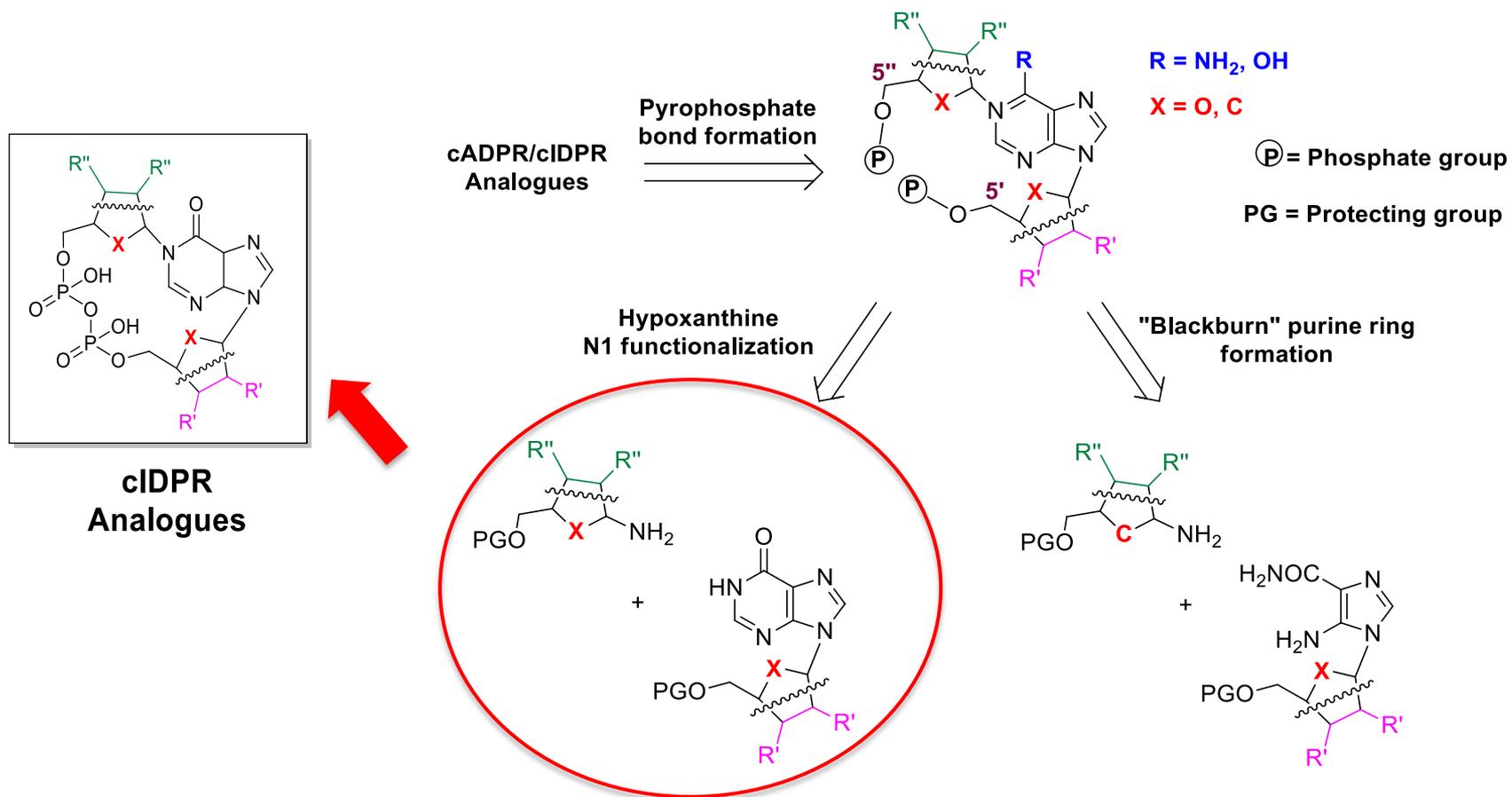


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# State of the Art

## Generation of cADPR Analogues: The Total Synthesis

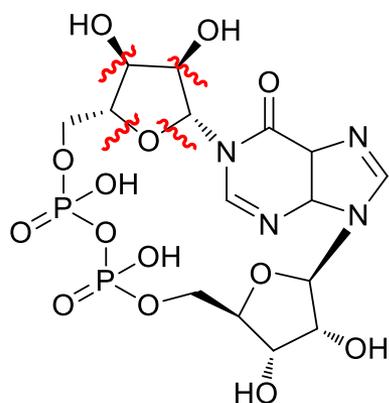


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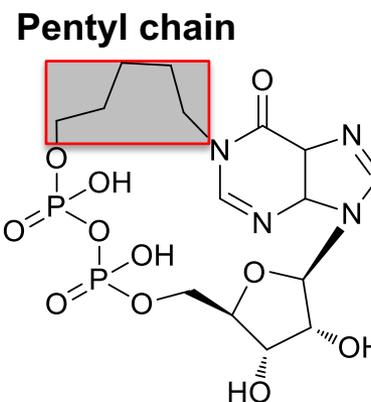
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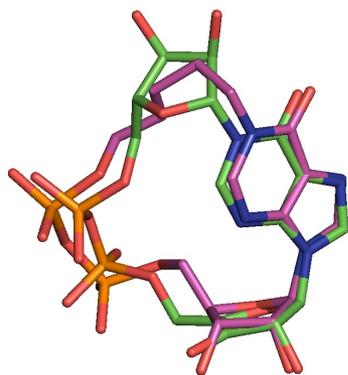
## Generation of a Structurally Simplified cIDPR Analogue



**cIDPR**



**cpIDP**



- **Green:** cIDPR (extracted from PDB 2PGJ)
- **Violet:** low energy conformation of cpIDP

(Macrocycle conformational sampling-Maestro 11.2)

D'Errico, S. et. al. (2015) "Synthesis of cyclic N1-pentylinosine phosphate, a new structurally reduced cADPR analogue with calcium-mobilizing activity on PC12 cells" *Beilstein J. Org. Chem.*, **11**: 2689–2695

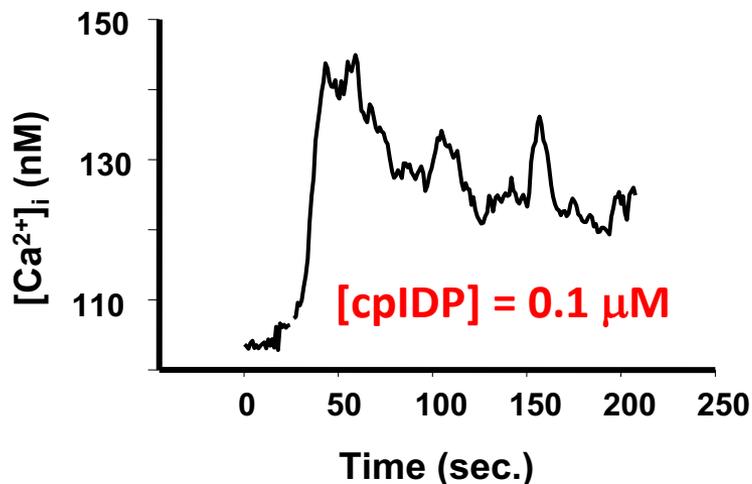


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## Effect of cpIDP on Intracellular $[Ca^{2+}]_i$ in NGF-Differentiated PC12 Cells



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**Synthesis of cyclic  $N^1$ -pentylinosine phosphate, a new structurally reduced cADPR analogue with calcium-mobilizing activity on PC12 cells**

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- ✓ ***Fast and transient increase in  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$***
- ✓ ***The introduction of an alkyl chain in the  $N^1$  position of the purine renders the analogue membrane permeant***

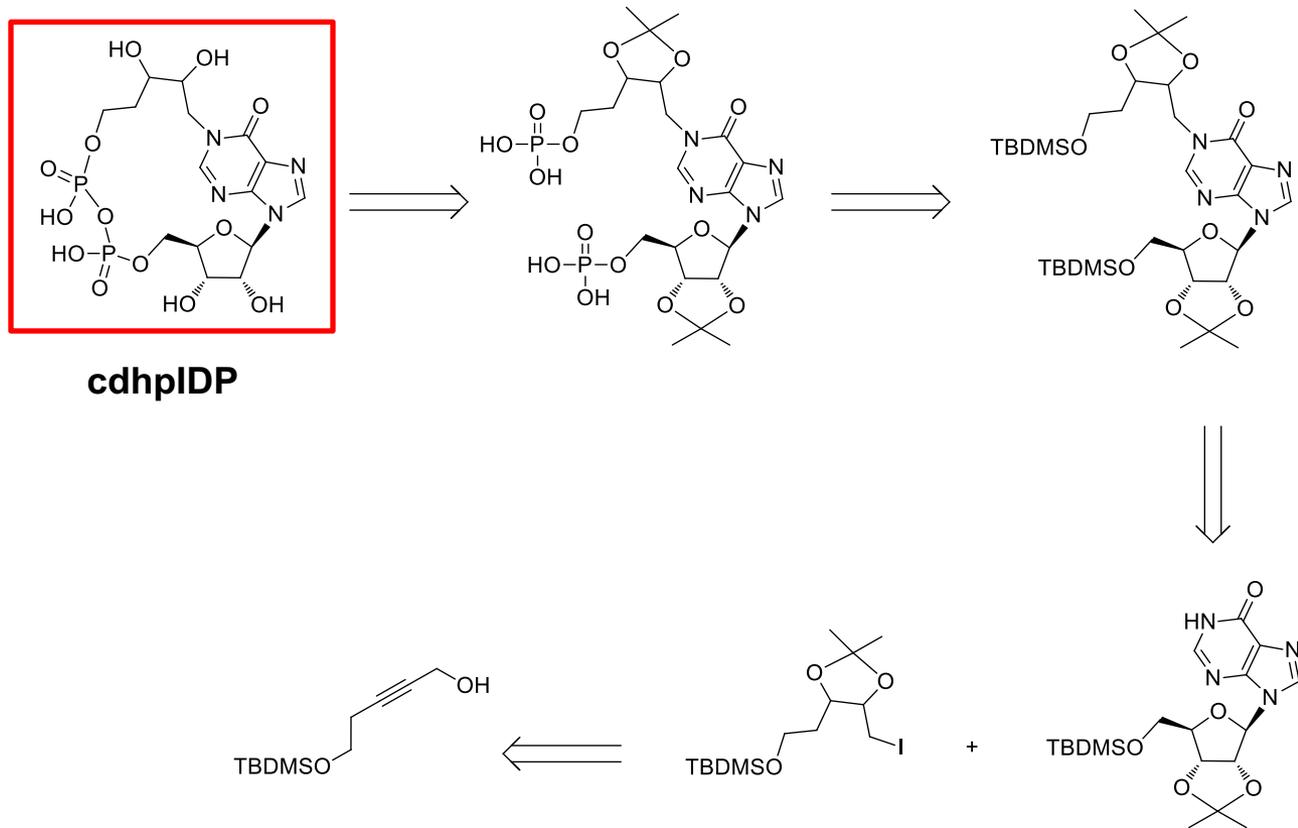


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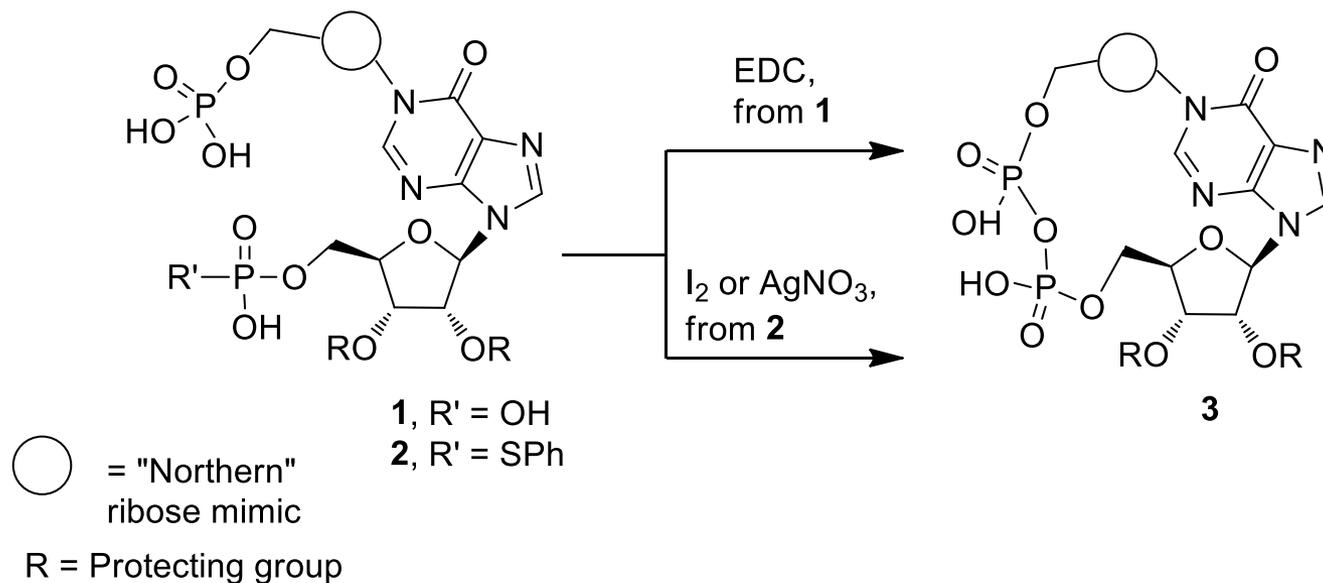


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## Strategies for the Pyrophosphate Bond Formation

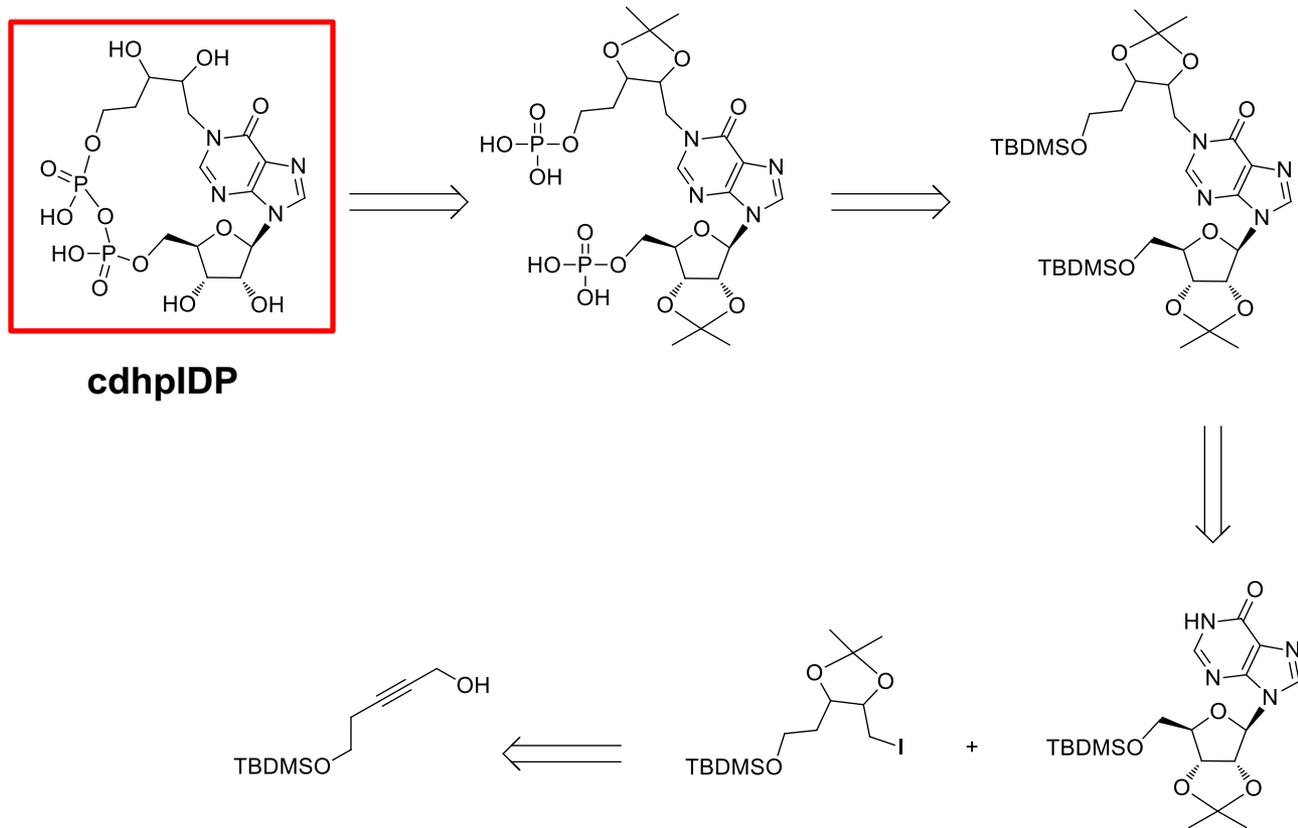


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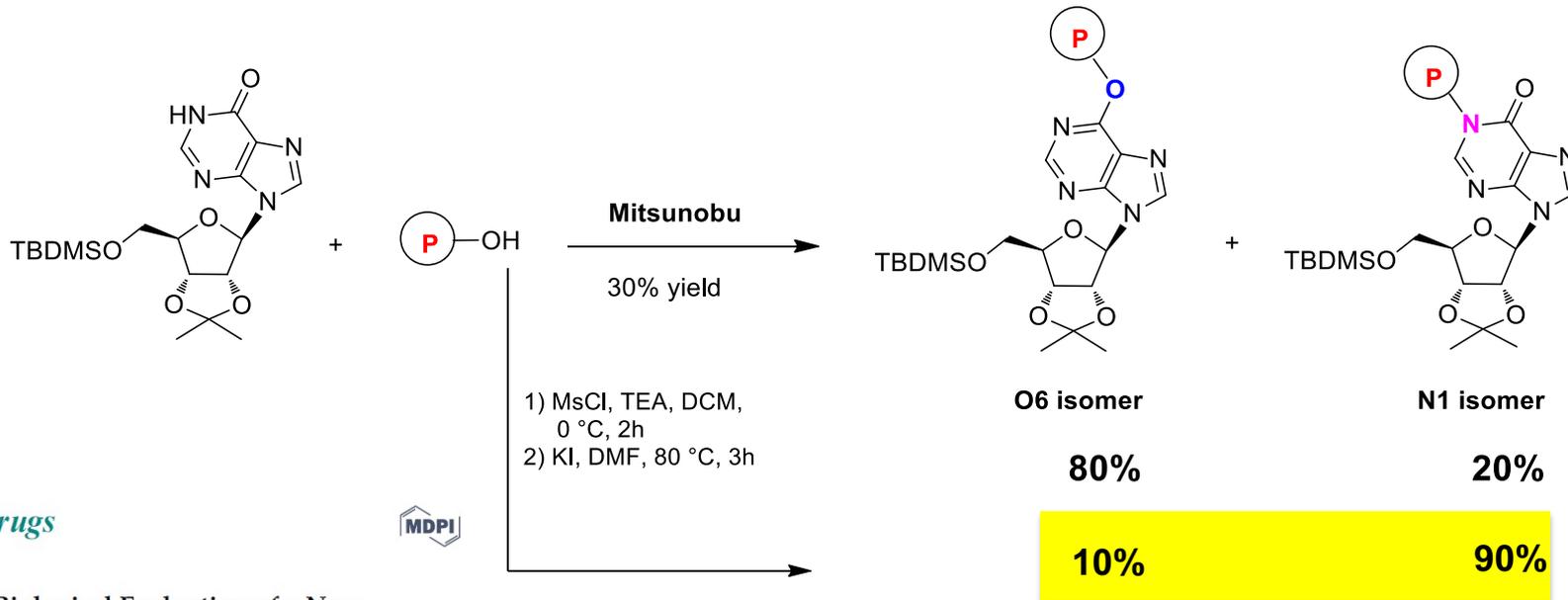


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## Inosine N1 Alkylation – A Study of the Reaction Regioselectivity



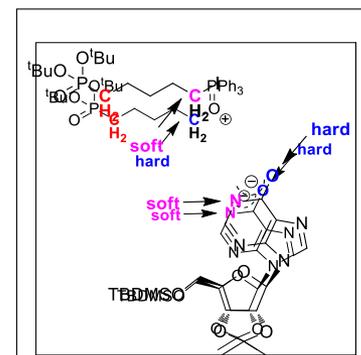
Article

Synthesis and Biological Evaluation of a New Structural Simplified Analogue of cADPR, a Calcium-Mobilizing Secondary Messenger Firstly Isolated from Sea Urchin Eggs

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Base	Yield (%)
DBU	14%
TEA	30%
K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	90%

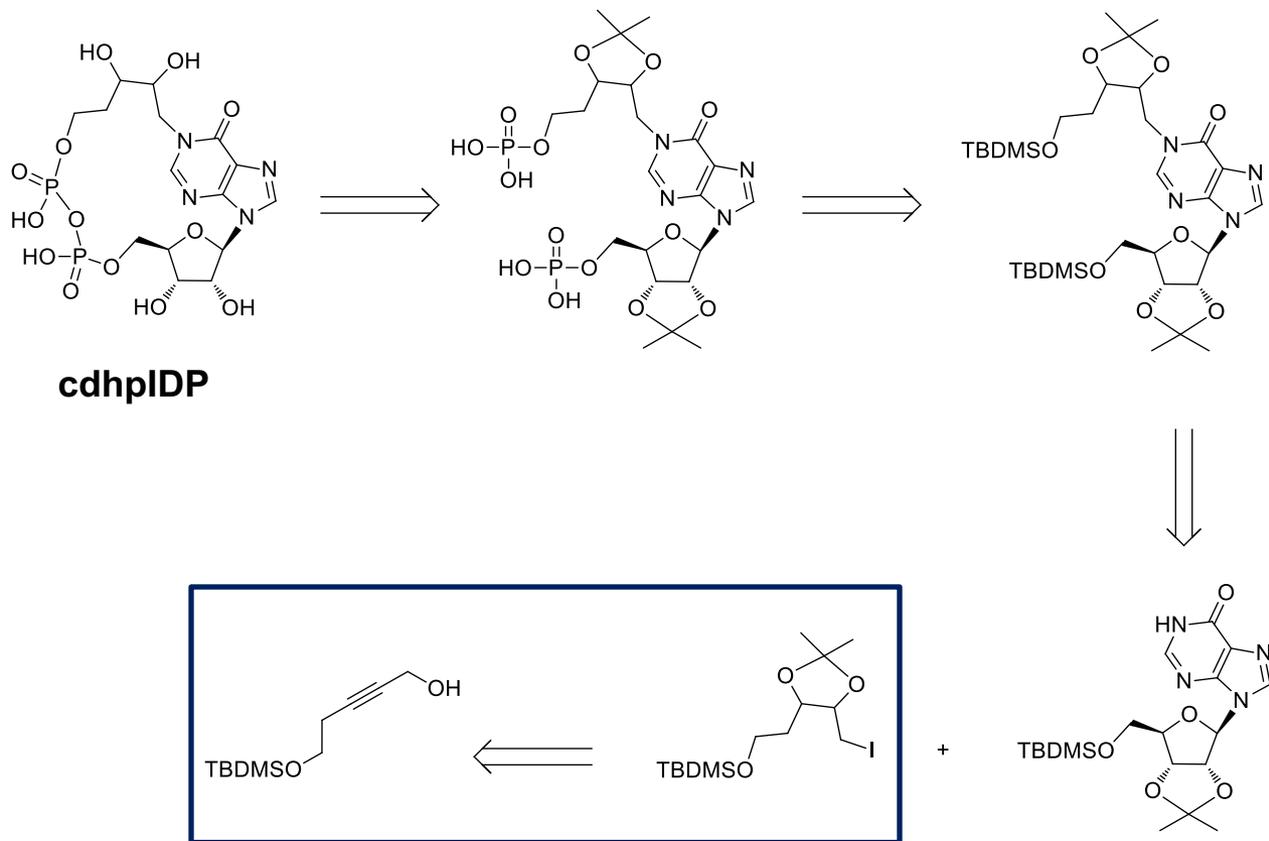


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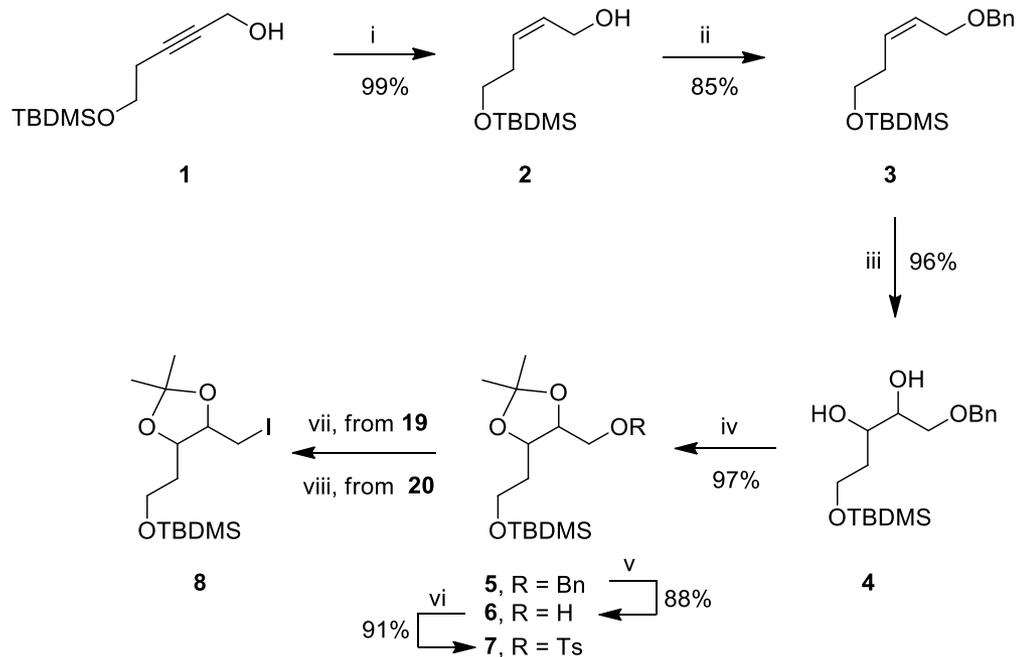


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## Synthesis of the Electrophile



**Scheme.** Reagents and Conditions: i) Lindlar's catalyst, Quinoline, r.t., 1 h 30 min.; ii) NaH, Benzyl bromide (BnBr), Tetrabutylammonium iodide (TBAI), THF, 0 °C→r.t., 16 h; iii) Osmium tetroxide (OsO<sub>4</sub>), N-Methyl morpholine N-oxide (NMO), Acetone/H<sub>2</sub>O, 9:1, 0 °C→r.t., 16 h; iv) PyOTs, 2,2-Dimethoxypropane (DMP), Acetone, 40 °C, 1 h; v) H<sub>2</sub>, Pd/C, AcOEt, r.t., 2 h.; vi) *p*-Toluensulfonyl chloride (TsCl), Triethylamine (TEA), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, reflux, 16 h; vii) PPh<sub>3</sub>, I<sub>2</sub>, Imidazole, THF, reflux, 16 h or Methyltriphenoxyphosphonium iodide (MTPI), TEA, DMF, 60 °C, 16 h; viii) NaI, 2-Butanone, reflux, 16 h or KI, DMF, 80 °C, 5 h.

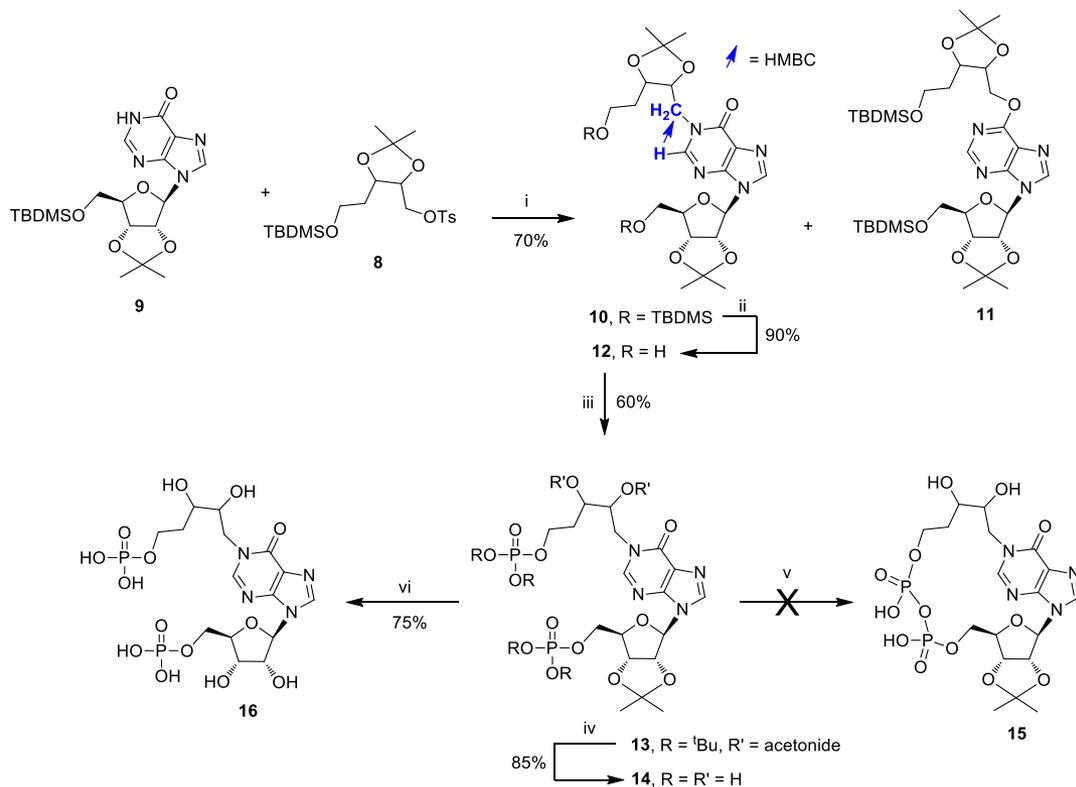


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## Synthesis of the Novel Stable cADPR Analogue – 1<sup>st</sup> Synthetic Route



**Scheme.** Reagents and Conditions: i) DBU, DMF, 80 °C, 12 h; ii) TBAF, THF, r.t., 2 h; iii) a) ((<sup>t</sup>BuO)<sub>2</sub>PN(<sup>i</sup>Pr)<sub>2</sub>), 1-*H*-tetrazole, THF, r.t., 6 h, b) <sup>t</sup>BuOOH, THF, r.t., 1 h; iv) 50% TFA in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0 °C→r.t., 4 h; v) EDC, DMF, Pyridine, r.t., 72 h; vi) 50% TFA in H<sub>2</sub>O, 0 °C→r.t., 4h.

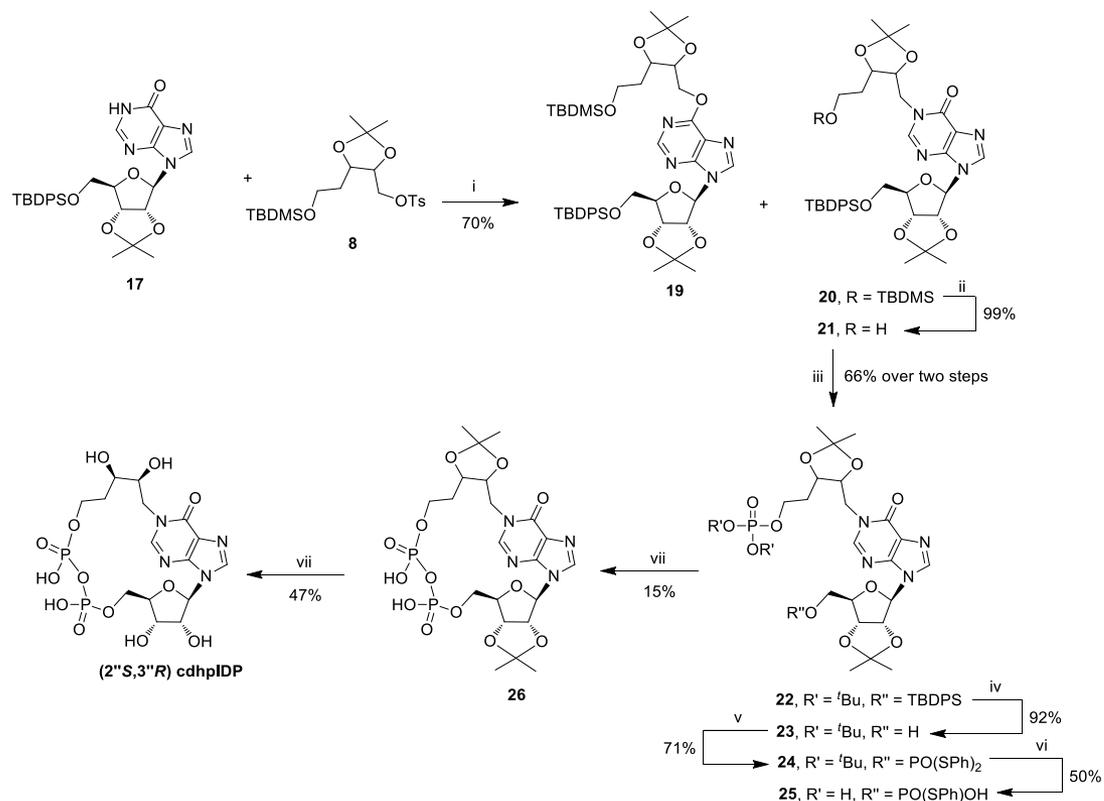


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## Synthesis of the Novel Stable cADPR Analogue – 2<sup>nd</sup> Synthetic Route



**Scheme 5.** Reagents and Conditions: i) DBU, DMF, 80 °C, 12 h; ii) PyOTs, EtOH, 40 °C, 1 h; iii) a) ((<sup>t</sup>BuO)<sub>2</sub>PN(<sup>i</sup>Pr)<sub>2</sub>), 1-*H*-tetrazole, THF, r.t., 6 h, b) <sup>t</sup>BuOOH, THF, r.t., 1 h; iv) TBAF, THF, r.t., 2 h; v) PSS, TPSCI, Pyridine, 40 °C, 16 h; vi) 50% TFA in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0 °C → r.t., 2 h; vii) I<sub>2</sub>, Molecular sieves (MS) 3Å, Pyridine, r.t., 16 h; viii) 60% aqueous HCO<sub>2</sub>H, r.t., 4 h.

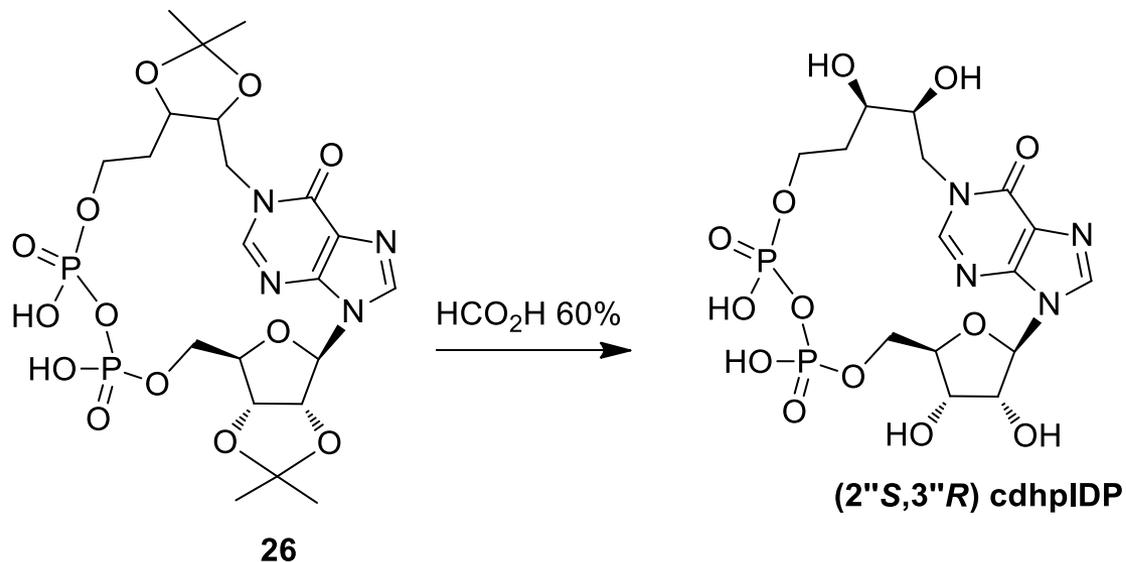


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## Obtainment of the Target Compound

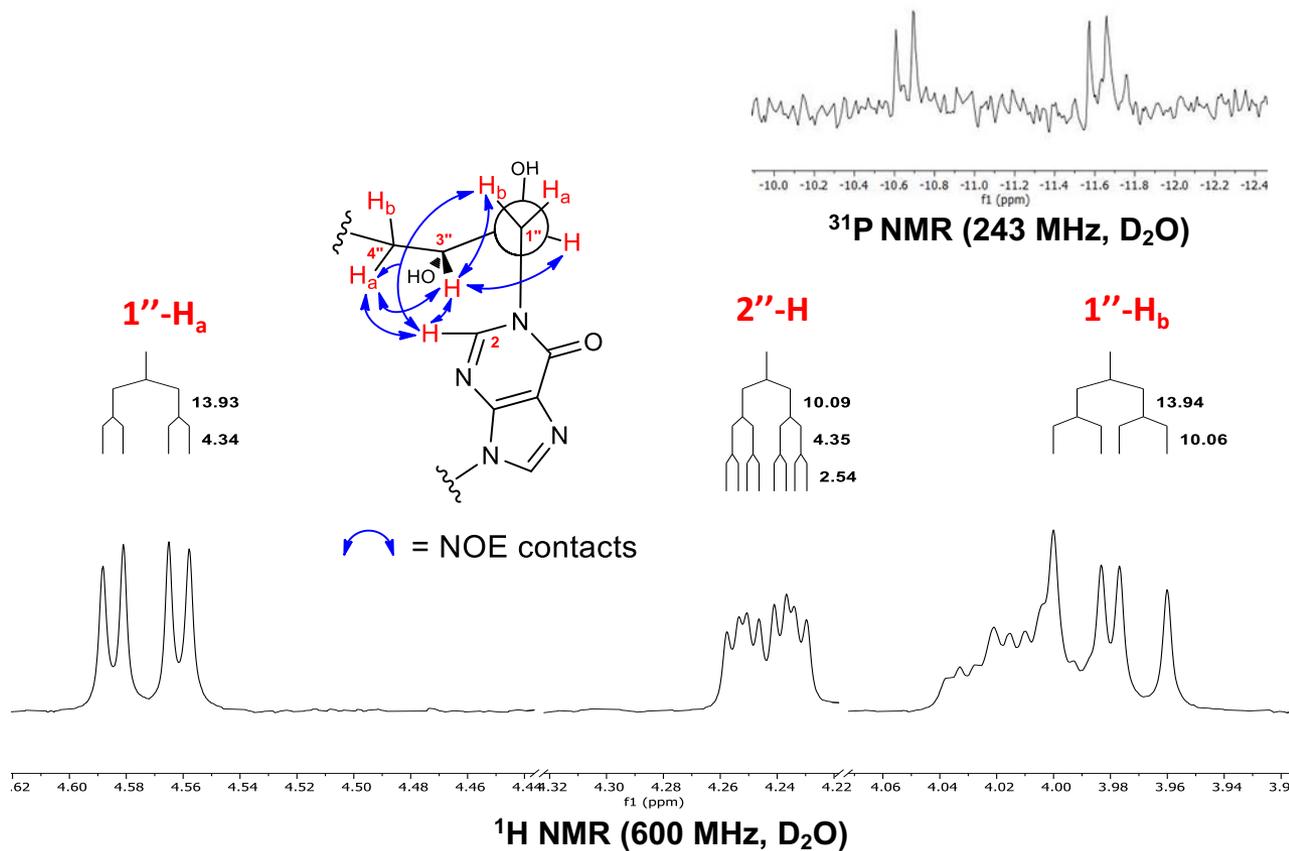


- ✓ **The two main HPLC peaks eluted at  $t_R = 11.9$  and  $12.5$  min. corresponded to the two cyclic fully deprotected diastereomers**
- ✓ **The diastereomer eluted at lower  $t_R$  was recovered pure**



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## Determination of the Stereochemistry of 2'' and 3'' Carbon Atoms of the Pure Diastereomer

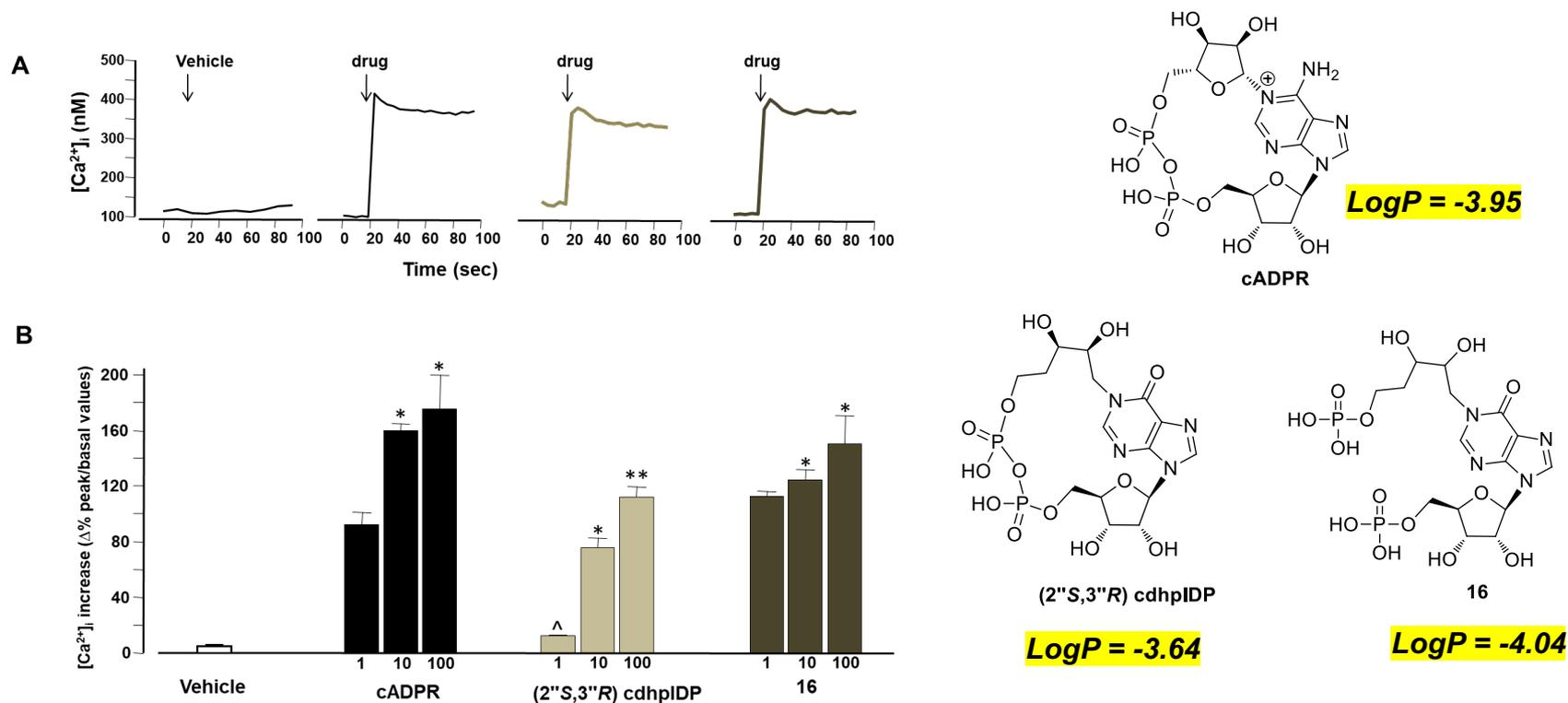


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## Effect of (2''S,3''R) cdhplDP on Intracellular [Ca<sup>2+</sup>]<sub>i</sub> in Primary Cortical Neurons



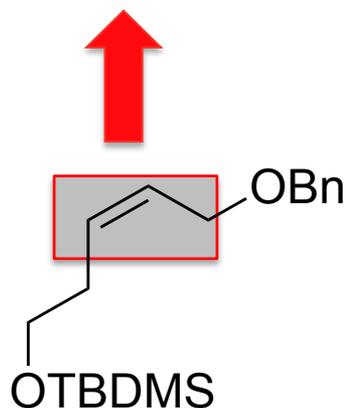
**Figure.** Effect of **cADPR**, **(2''S,3''R) cdhplDP** and **16** on [Ca<sup>2+</sup>]<sub>i</sub> in rat primary cortical neurons. Panel (A): representative single-cell trace of the effect of **cADPR** (100 nM), **(2''S,3''R) cdhplDP** (100 nM) and **16** (100 nM) on [Ca<sup>2+</sup>]<sub>i</sub>. Panel (B): quantification of [Ca<sup>2+</sup>]<sub>i</sub> increase calculated as the percentage change of plateau/basal value after the addition of each compound. Krebs-Ringer saline solution was used as vehicle. Calculated EC<sub>50</sub> for **cADPR** was 0.9±0.005 nM; for **(2''S,3''R) cdhplDP** 6.3±0.05 nM; for **16** 0.3±0.005 nM. \*, p < 0.05 versus 1 nM; \*\*, p < 0.05 versus previous concentration; ^, p < 0.05 versus 1 nM of 1.



# Future Perspective

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Double bond  
functionalization



*Expansion of the collection  
of new cADPR inspired  
modulators of intracellular  
Ca<sup>2+</sup> concentration*



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