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BIOACTIVE UNSATURATED KETONUCLEOSIDES. SYNTHESIS AND BIOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF FLUORO-KETONUCLEOSIDES OF ADENINE AND CYTOSINE

ABSTRACT

The aim of the present thesis was the synthesis and the biological evaluation of new series of fluorinated nucleoside analogues with six-membered carbohydrate moieties of *N*⁴-benzoylcytosine and *N*⁶-benzoyladenine. Based on the interesting biological properties of unsaturated ketonucleosides and deoxy-pyranonucleosides and considering that the introduction of fluorine into the sugar moiety of a nucleoside increases its biological activity, in the present work, the synthesis of new series of fluorinated keto unsaturated and deoxyketo-pyranonucleoside analogues of *N*⁴-benzoylcytosine and *N*⁶-benzoyladenine respectively, was described.

Initially, the synthesis of a new class of nucleoside analogues possessing a fluoro group in the 3'-position, a keto group in the 4'- or 2'-position and deoxy in the 2'- or 4'-position of the sugar moiety respectively, was studied. Then, the synthesis of a new class of fluorinated unsaturated ketonucleosides possessing a fluoro group in the 3'-position, a keto group in the 2'- or 4'-position and a double bond in the 3',4'- or 2',3'-positions of the sugar moiety respectively, was described. Finally, a new class of fluorinated deoxy keto unsaturated nucleosides, possessing a fluoro group in the 3'-position, deoxy in the 6'-position, a keto group in the 4'- or 2'-position and a double bond in the 2',3'- or 3',4'-positions of the sugar moiety respectively, was synthesized. The above nucleoside analogues contained *N*⁴-benzoylcytosine or *N*⁶-benzoyladenine respectively, as heterocyclic bases.

In the present thesis, the biological studies of the newly synthesized compounds were also accomplished, concerning their antiviral, anticancer and antioxidant activity.