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source of all time, art,
and science.....”*

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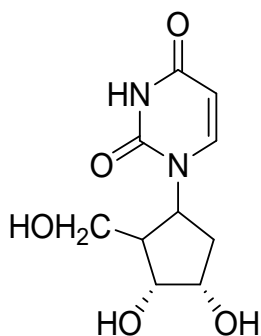
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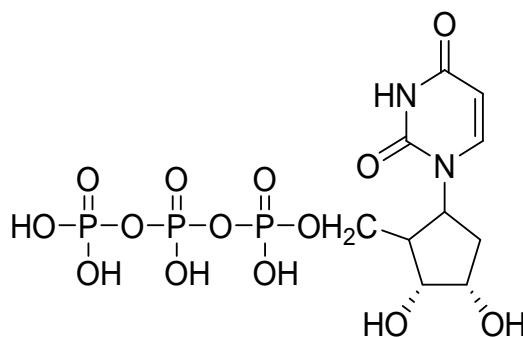
A- PYRIMIDINE DERIVATIVES

Chemotherapeutic Importance of Pyrimidine Derivatives

Uracils have represented, for more than 90 years ago,¹³⁴ a class of compounds which continually attracted photobiologists, organic chemists, biochemists and medicinal chemists. Uracils were first detected as constituents of ribonucleic acids, from which they were prepared by hydrolysis. Nucleosides derived from uracil are called uridine (1), pseudouridine, and uridine phosphate (2).



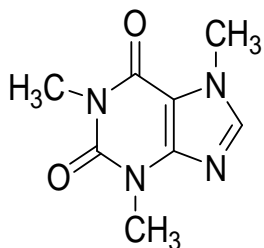
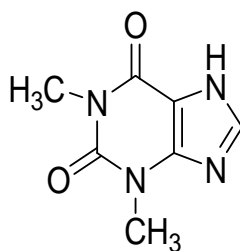
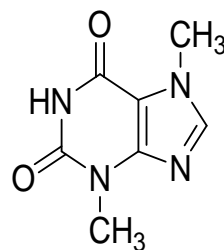
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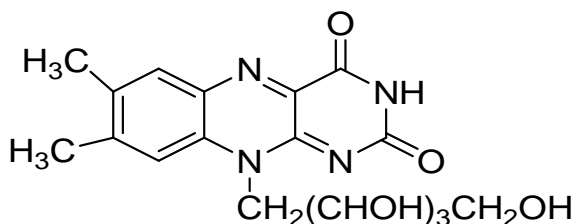
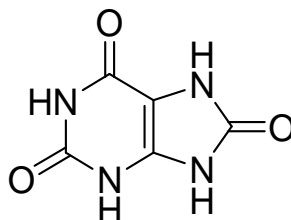
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Pyrimidine derivatives, which constitute a partial structure of the purine base and many biologically active compounds, are involved widely in living organisms and have attracted much attention from the view point of medicinal chemistry.⁶¹

Furthermore, naturally occurring heterocondensed uracil derivatives are shown, Methyl xanthines, e.g., caffeine¹¹⁹ **(3)**, theophylline¹²⁰ **(4)** and theobromine¹²¹ **(5)** show various pharmacological activities.

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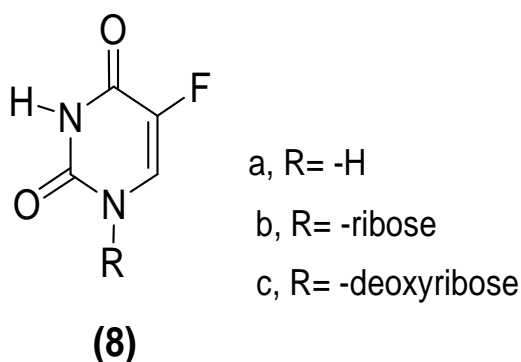
Riboflavine¹²² (vitamin B₂) **(6)** acts as a coenzyme in bio-redox reactions. Uric acid **(7)** is a metabolite of purine nucleosides¹²³.

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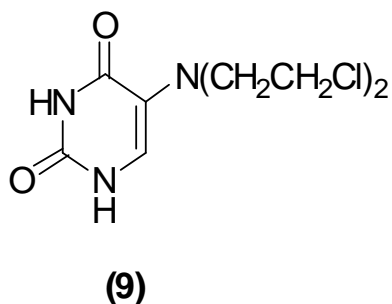
Moreover, a large number of pyrimidine derivatives are reported to exhibit antimycobacterial⁶⁴, antifolate⁴⁴, antiproliferative⁴⁹, and antihistaminic activities.¹⁰⁷

They are also effective as antiplatelet agents with analgesic activity¹⁸ and as a new drug for treatment of insomnia.⁸⁰

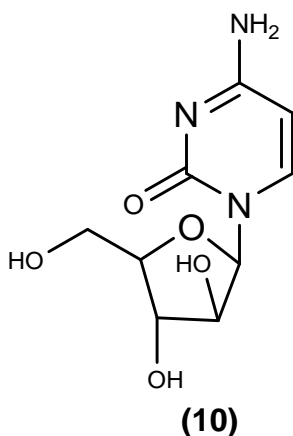
Also, several uracil derivatives have been developed as drugs, thus, methyl thiouracil and propyl thiouracil are thyroid inhibitors¹³⁴. On the other hand, a large number of pyrimidine derivatives are reported to exhibit antitumor,³⁶ e.g. 5-fluorouracil (8) which represent one of the most widely used antineoplastic agents.⁵¹



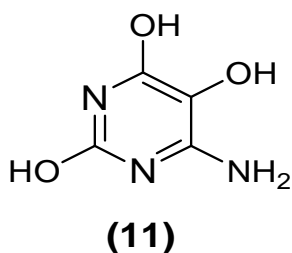
Uramustine⁷⁰ (uracil mustard) (9) was found to be anticancer agent.



While Cytarabine (**10**) is used for the clinical treatment of leukemia.^{48,106}

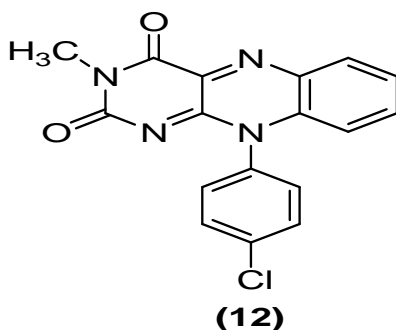


Furthermore, isouramil (**11**) was reported to have therapeutic effects in the treatment of malaria and cancer.¹¹

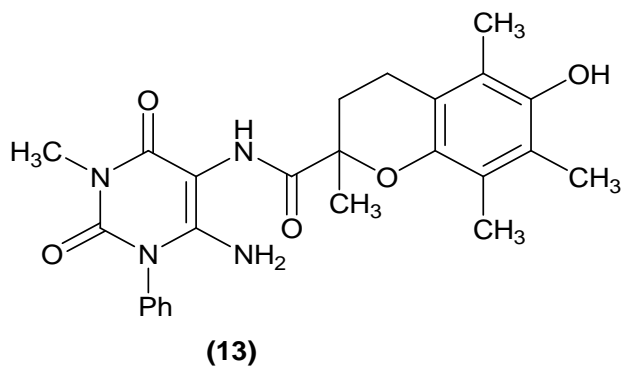


Moreover, it was reported that several 5-deazaflavins²⁵, Including 5-deazariboflavin, were found to be inactive in vivo, while 10-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-methylflavin (**12**) was very active against plasmodium uinckei malarial infection in mice by both oral and intraperitoneal (**Ip**) administration and against plasmodium in culture.

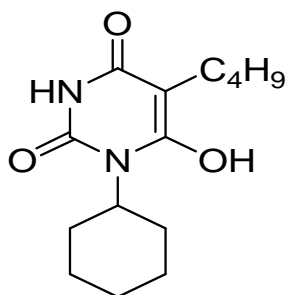
Jensen et al.,⁴⁵ finding that 5-deazariboflavin inhibits the growth of *P.falciparum* in culture.



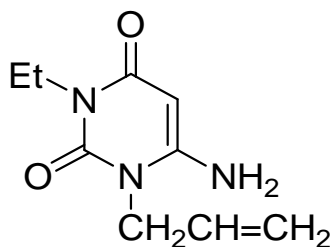
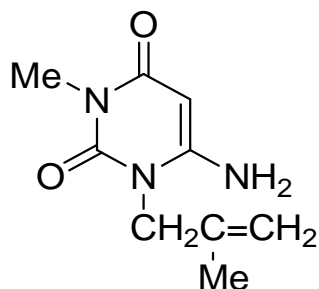
In this respect, Yoshiaki Isobe et al.⁵³ reported that 5-substituted uracil derivative **(13)** are a new class of non-steroidal antiinflammatory agent possessing anti-oxidative activity.



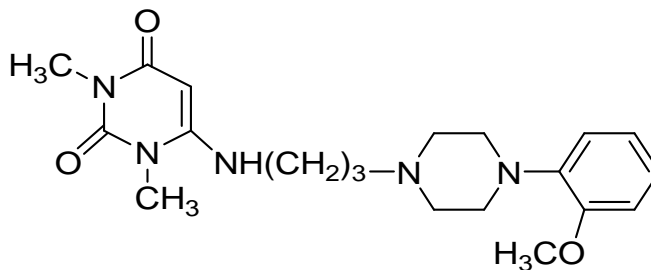
Senda et al.,¹⁰⁵ in 1967 found that Bucolome **(14)** is antiinflammatory agent.

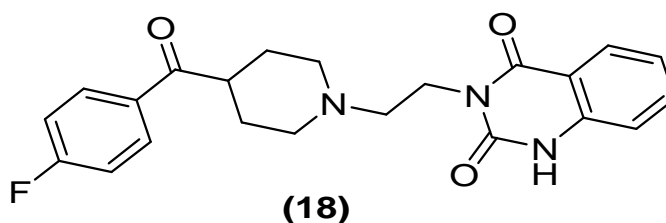
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Moreover, several uracil derivatives such as Aminometradine¹²⁴ **(15)** and Amisometradine¹²⁵ **(16)** are used clinically as diuretics.

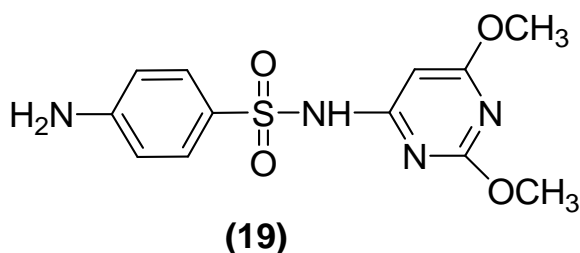
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It was found that, Urapidil⁶⁰ **(17)** and Ketanserin¹²⁶ **(18)** are used as antihypertensives.

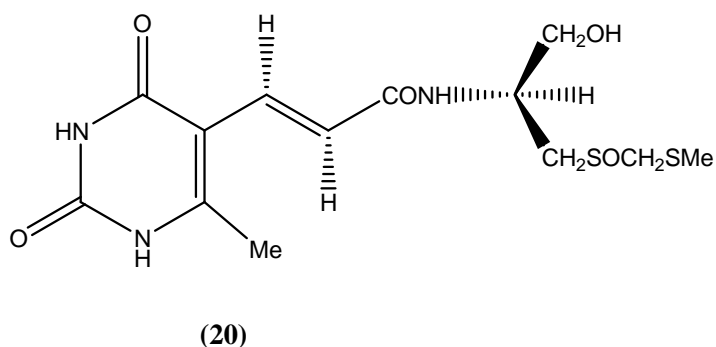
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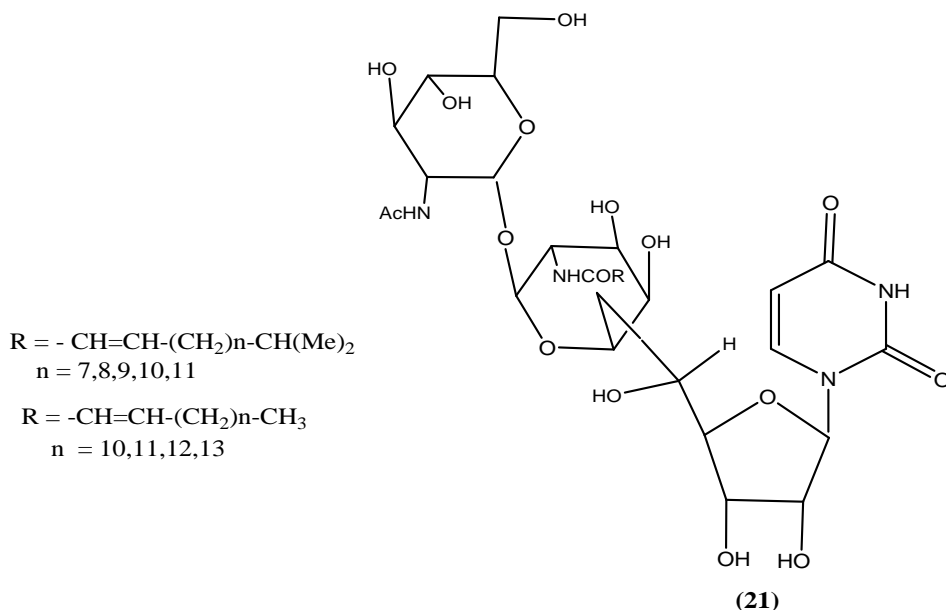
Also, it was found that trivial sulfadimethoxine⁷⁶ **(19)** is known as a potent antibiotic developed by Hoffman –La Roche Inc., in 1955 as a lasting sulfonamide for humans as well as animals.



Sparsomysin **(20)** is known as naturally occurring antibiotic and antitumor substance⁹⁰.



Furthermore, it was found that the Tunicamycins (**21**) form a family of closely related nucleosides of novel structure with demonstrator antibiotic and antiviral capabilities²⁶.



On the other hand, naturally occurring heterocondensed uracil derivatives are shown in toxoflavin³⁰ (**22**) and fervenuline²⁹ (**23**) are antibiotics.

