



Influence of substitution at the 5 α -Position on the side chain conformation of glucopyranosides

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ABSTRACT

We describe the preparation of methyl 5 α -methyl- α -D-glucopyranoside and of 5 α -fluoro- β -D-glucopyranose per acetate and the NMR-based conformational analysis of their side chains. Both the 5 α -methyl and 5 α -fluoro substituents increase the population of the *gauche*,*gauche* side chain conformer to the extent that it becomes the predominant conformation. In the 5 α -methyl series this is attributed to steric effects, whereas in the 5 α -fluoro series the optimization of attractive *gauche* effects is the more likely reason.

1. Introduction

We and others are interested in the control of side conformation in glycosyl donors and glycosides as a means modulation of anomeric reactivity [1–9] and of influencing affinity for receptors, whether protein or nucleotide-based [10–17]. To this end, adding to the literature precedent [18], we have conducted NMR-based conformational analyses of variously substituted pyranosides with emphasis on substitutions at the 2-, 4-, and 6-positions [16,19,20]. Continuing this theme we now report on the influence of methylation and fluorination at the 5 α -position of glucopyranosides, and show both stabilize the *gg*-side chain conformation [21].

2. Results

Synthesis. Adapting the method of Werz and coworkers [22], Dess-Martin oxidation of methyl 2,3,4-tri-*O*-benzyl- α -D-glucopyranoside **1** followed by potassium carbonate promoted reaction with isobutyric anhydride gave the enol ether **2** as a 1:22 *E:Z* mixture in 62% yield. Simmons-Smith cyclopropanation with methylene iodide and diethylzinc then afforded the spirocyclic derivative **3** as an unassigned mixture of diastereomers in 71% yield. Treatment with aqueous methanolic potassium carbonate led to saponification with concomitant ring opening and isolation of the 5 β -methyl derivative **4** and its 5 α -diastereomer **5** in 15 and 77% yield, respectively, and was followed by reduction with sodium borohydride leading to **6** and **7** in 80 and 91%

yield, respectively. Finally, hydrogenolysis of **7** afforded the target methyl 5 α -methyl- α -D-glucopyranoside **8** in 92% yield (Scheme 1).

Photolysis of β -D-glucopyranosyl pentaacetate **9** with *N*-bromosuccinimide in tetrachloromethane according to Blattner and Ferrier afforded 5 α -bromo- β -D-glucopyranosyl pentaacetate **10** in 89% yield [23]. Subsequent treatment with silver tetrafluoroborate in toluene following the method of Stick and coworkers then gave the desired 5 α -fluoro- β -D-glucopyranosyl pentaacetate **11** in 24% yield (Scheme 2) [24].

Conformational analysis of methyl 5 α -methyl- α -D-glucopyranoside **8.** To gauge the side chain conformation of **8** we first measured the $^3J_{C,H}$ heteronuclear coupling constants from the 5 α -methyl group to H_{6R} and H_{6S} (Table 1) [25], a technique widely applied in establishing anomeric configuration in the sialic and ulosonic acids [3,8,26,27]. These measurements were complemented by nOe measurements, with double irradiation of H4 and of the 5 α -methyl group and inspection of the relative enhancements of the diastereotopic pro-*R* and pro-*S* H_{6R} and H_{6S} protons (Table 1).

Both diastereotopic side chain protons displayed a $^3J_{C,H}$ coupling constant of <1 Hz to the 5 α -methyl group ruling out a predominant antiperiplanar relationship of either hydrogen to the methyl group but suggestive of approximate *gauche* relationships [3,8,25–27]. Irradiation of H₄ caused approximately twice the enhancement of the intensity of the side chain proton resonance at δ 3.45 than that at δ 3.40, while irradiation of the 5 α -methyl group lead to comparable enhancements of the two side chain protons. Excluding eclipsed conformations from

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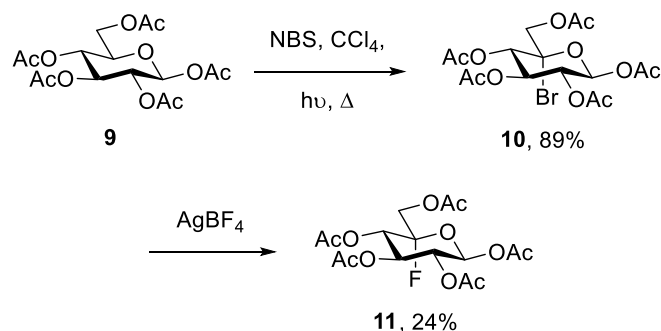
consideration, this pattern is only consistent with the assignment of the resonance at δ 3.45 as the pro-*R* side chain proton, that at δ 3.40 as the pro-*S* hydrogen, and a predominant *gg* conformation of the side chain (Fig. 1).

Conformational analysis of 5 α -fluoro- β -D-glucopyranosyl pentaacetate 11. While it would have been preferable to study the influence of the 5 α -fluoro substituent in aqueous solution in the absence of protecting groups, the known instability of 11 toward deprotection precluded this [24]. Previous work from our laboratory has shown that protecting groups at the 4- and 6-positions of glucopyranosides have only minor influence on the side chain conformation [7]. Likewise, we have demonstrated that solvents have no significant impact on the magnitude of coupling constants in conformationally locked systems [28], leading us to continue with the conformation analysis of 11 in deuteriomethanol with the acetates in place. To determine the side chain conformation of 11 we measured $^3J_{H,F}$ heteronuclear coupling constants from the axial fluorine atom to both side chain protons, relative nOe enhancements of the side chain protons on irradiation of H₄, and relative HOESY enhancements of the side chain protons on irradiation of the fluorine atom (Table 2).

In order to draw conclusions from the data presented in Table 2 it is first necessary to appreciate the magnitude of $^3J_{H,F}$ heteronuclear coupling constants. In decalinoid systems lacking electron-withdrawing C–O bonds likely to reduce their magnitude, coupling constants between a proton and a vicinal anti-periplanar fluorine are typically >40 Hz, whereas those between corresponding gauche pairs are 9–10 Hz [29]. A measure of the influence of an electron-withdrawing C–O bond on such coupling constants can be derived from the $^3J_{H4,F}$ heteronuclear coupling constant in 11, which is 22 Hz. The $^3J_{H6,F}$ heteronuclear coupling constants found in 11 are most consistent with a gauche relationship and indeed approximate those found between gauche hydrogen and fluorine atoms in multivincinal fluoroalkanes [30,31]. On this basis, we conclude that the major conformer of 11 approximates the *gg* conformation in which both diastereotopic protons at the 6-position have a gauche relationship to the fluorine atom (Fig. 2); significant population of either the *gt* or *tg* conformers is excluded on the grounds that this would require considerably larger $^3J_{H,F}$ couplings to H_{6R} or H_{6S}, respectively. This assignment allows attribution of the resonance at δ 4.40 ppm in the 1H NMR spectra to the H_{6R} proton, on the basis of the relatively large nOe to H₄, and consequently of the signal at δ 4.03, with the smaller nOe to H₄, to the H_{6S} proton.

3. Discussion

The side chain of simple glucopyranosides is typically considered to be an approximately 50:50 mixture of the *gg* and *gt* conformers (Fig. 3a) depending on the analysis method [18,28,32–37]. The predominant *gg* conformation of the side chain in 8 (Fig. 3b) is readily understood in terms of the additional steric gauche interaction between the methyl group and the side chain hydroxyl group that destabilize the *gt*



Scheme 2. Synthesis of 5 α -fluoro- β -D-glucopyranosyl pentaacetate.

Table 1

Diagnostic NMR parameters for the side chain conformation of 8 in D₂O.

Resonance	δ_H (ppm)	$^2J_{H6R,H6S}$ (Hz)	$^3J_{C,H}$ (Hz)	nOe Enhancement Ratio	
				H4 Irradiation	Me Irradiation
H _{6R}	3.45	12.0	<1	2.20	1.00
H _{6S}	3.40	12.0	<1	1.00	1.14

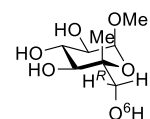


Fig. 1. Predominant side chain conformation of 8.

Table 2

Diagnostic NMR parameters for the side chain conformation of 11 in CD₃OD.

Resonance	δ_H (ppm)	$^2J_{H6R,H6S}$ (Hz)	$^3J_{H,F}$ (Hz)	nOe/HOESY Enhancement Ratio	
				H4 Irradiation	F Irradiation
H _{6R}	4.38	12.0	8.4	2.0	1.00
H _{6S}	4.03	12.0	5.4	1.0	0.89

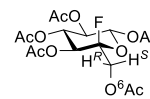
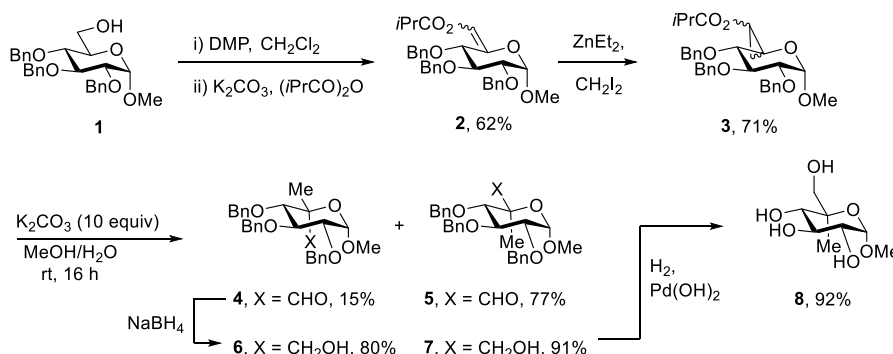


Fig. 2. Predominant side chain conformation of 11.



Scheme 1. Synthesis of methyl 5 α -methyl- α -D-glucopyranoside 8.

a) Glucopyranosides

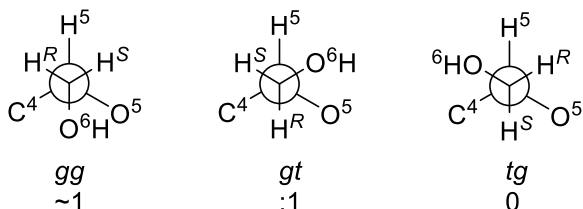
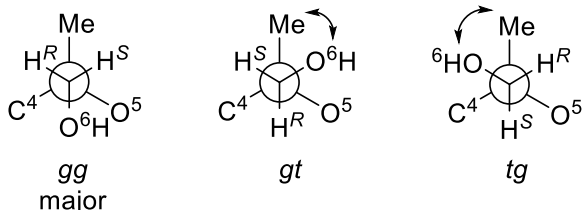
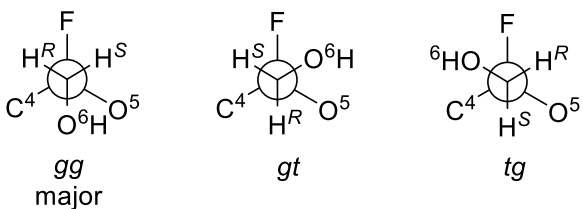
b) 5 α -Methylglucopyranosidesc) 5 α -Fluoroglucopyranosides

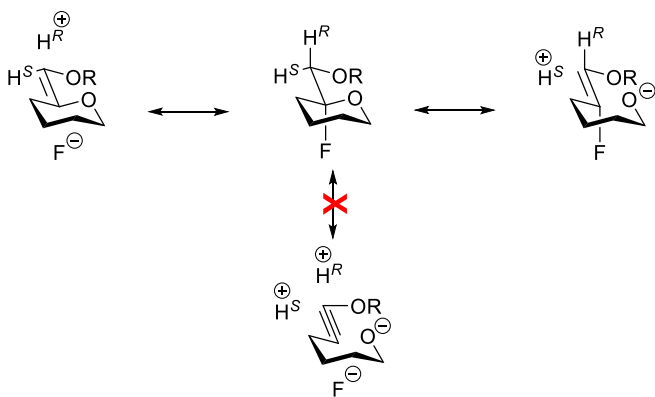
Fig. 3. Staggered Side Chain Conformations of a) Glucopyranosides; b) 5 α -Methylglucopyranosides; and c) 5 α -Fluoroglucopyranosides.

conformation. A comparable gauche interaction also further destabilizes the higher energy *tg* conformer in **8**.

In the case of **11**, the preference for the *gg* conformation with its single stabilizing gauche interaction over the *gt* conformation with the potential for two stabilizing gauche interactions (Fig. 3c) can be understood in terms of the competing nature of the two interactions and the obviously high energy consequences of involving two geminal C–H bonds in hyperconjugative interactions at the same time (Scheme 3).

4. Conclusion

Through the influence of steric interactions the installation of a methyl group at the 5 α -position of methyl α -D-glucopyranoside has the effect of changing the population of the side chain from an



Scheme 3. Competing Hyperconjugative Interactions and a High Energy Double Hyperconjugative Interaction in the *gt* Conformer of 5 α -Fluoropyranose Derivatives.

approximately 50:50 *gg:gt* mixture to one in which the *gg* conformation predominates. The 5 α -methyl modification is therefore functionally equivalent to the replacement of the pro-*S* hydrogen at the D-glucopyranose 6-position by a methyl group, as demonstrated recently with the aminoglycoside paromomycin [16]. The installation of a 5 α -fluorine atom in a D-glucopyranosyl model also has the effect of strongly favoring the *gg* conformation of the side chain, but for reasons due to the optimization of the attractive gauche effect. 5-Fluoropyranose derivatives have been widely studied as inhibitors of glycoside hydrolases and are considered to be effective as such because of the strongly electron-withdrawing effect of the fluorine atom on positive charge in the locus of the anomeric center [38]: it is now apparent that this electron-withdrawing effect is complemented by preorganization of the side chain into the *gg* conformation enforced by most GH's acting on substrates with the glucose configuration. Indeed, inspection of X-ray crystal structures of the GH from *Bacteroides thetaiomicrometer* in complex with the 5-fluoro-glucooxazolidine **12**, and of the covalent enzyme bound 5-fluoro-*N*-acetylglucosamine **13** (PDB 2WZI), with the *Salmonella typhimurium* NagZ (PDB 4GVH) reveal the side chain to be bound in the typical *gg* conformation enforced by these GHs from families 84 and 3, respectively (Fig. 4) [15,39,40].

5. Experimental

5.1. General experimental

All experiments were carried out under a dry argon atmosphere unless otherwise specified. Chromatographic purifications were carried over silica gel (230–400 mesh). Thin layer chromatography was performed with precoated glass backed plates (w/UV 254). TLC plates were visualized by UV irradiation (254 nm) and by charring with sulfuric acid in ethanol (20:80, v/v) or with ceric ammonium molybdate solution [Ce (SO₄)₂: 4 g, (NH₄)₆Mo₇O₂₄: 10 g, H₂SO₄: 40 mL, H₂O: 360 mL]. Optical rotations were measured at 589 nm and 21 °C on a digital polarimeter with a path length of 10 cm. NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃, C₆D₆, D₂O, or CD₃OD as indicated using a 500, 600, or 900 MHz instrument and assignments made with the help of COSY, HMBC, and HSQC spectra. Chemical shifts (δ) are given in ppm, with multiplicities abbreviated as follows: s (singlet), m (multiplet), br (broad), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet) and sept (septet). High-resolution (HRMS) mass spectra were recorded in the electrospray mode with an Orbitrap analyzer. Heating of reaction mixtures was carried out on an aluminum heating block of appropriate size.

Methyl 2,3,4-Tri-*O*-benzyl-6-*O*-isobutyryl- α -D-glucopyranoside (2). To a stirred solution of methyl 2,3,4-tri-*O*-benzyl- α -D-glucopyranoside (1.1 g, 2.34 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) at 0 °C was added Dess Martin periodinane (1.21 g, 2.84 mmol). The resulting mixture was brought to room temperature and stirred for 2 h then quenched with 20% aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated to dryness, and the crude compound was used for the next step without further purification. The crude aldehyde was dissolved in acetonitrile (20 mL) and potassium carbonate (1.96 g, 14.2 mmol) and isobutyric anhydride (2.36 mL, 14.2 mmol) were added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 1 h and after completion reaction, cooled to room temp., diluted with ethyl acetate (40 mL) and water (40 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 40 mL) and the combined organic phases were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and evaporated to dryness. Purification by column

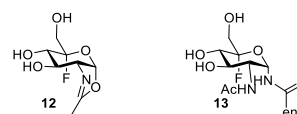


Fig. 4. 5 α -Fluoro-*N*-acetylglucosamine Derivatives Crystallographically Established to Bind to GHs with the *gg* Side Chain Conformation.

chromatography (hexane:ethyl acetate, 10:1) afforded the enol ester as an *E/Z* mixture (1:22) (780 mg, 62% yield) as a yellow oil. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38–7.27 (m, 15H), 7.19 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H, H-6), 4.91–4.82 (m, 3H, PhCH_2), 4.80–4.73 (m, 2H, PhCH_2), 4.70 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.66 (d, $J = 12.2$ Hz, 1H, PhCH_2), 4.03–3.93 (m, 2H, H-4, H-3), 3.59 (dd, $J = 8.5, 3.4$ Hz, 1H, H-2), 3.48 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 2.66 (sept, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H, H-7), 1.21 (dd, $J = 7.0, 1.8$ Hz, 6H, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.5 (CO), 138.5 (ArC), 138.0 (ArC), 137.6 (ArC), 134.8 (ArC), 128.50 (ArC), 128.48 (ArC), 128.4 (ArC), 128.01 (ArC), 128.0 (ArC), 127.97 (ArC), 127.9 (ArC), 127.7 (ArC), 123.1 (C-6), 99.7 (C-1), 81.3 (C-3), 79.0 (C-2), 77.9 (C-4), 75.7 (PhCH_2), 74.6 (PhCH_2), 73.7 (PhCH_2), 56.1 (OCH_3), 33.8 (C-7), 18.9 ($\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 18.7 ($\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{36}\text{O}_7\text{Na}$ [$M + \text{Na}$] 555.2353, found 555.2339.

Methyl 2,3,4-Tri-*O*-benzyl-6-*O*-isobutyryl-5,6-methanediyl- α -*D*-glucopyranoside (3). A solution of compound 2 (750 mg, 1.41 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (12 mL) was treated with 4 Å molecular sieves and diiodomethane (1.14 mL, 14.1 mmol), followed by stirring at room temperature for 0.5 h, before dropwise addition of a solution of diethylzinc (1 M in hexane, 7.05 mL, 7.05 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated to 50 °C for 24 h then was diluted with dichloromethane (30 mL), filtered and quenched with saturated Na_2CO_3 solution. The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 15 mL), and the combined organic phases dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated to dryness. Purification by column chromatography (hexane:ethyl acetate, 10:1) afforded the target compound as an inseparable mixture of diastereomers (550 mg, 71% yield) as a yellow oil. Major isomer: $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.48–7.13 (m, 15H), 4.97 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 1H, PhCH_2), 4.90 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 1H, PhCH_2), 4.85–4.80 (m, 2H, PhCH_2), 4.70–4.64 (m, 2H, PhCH_2), 4.63 (d, $J = 3.9$ Hz, 1H, H-1), 3.97 (t, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H, H-3), 3.90 (dd, $J = 7.9, 4.4$ Hz, 1H, H-6), 3.86 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H, H-4), 3.66 (dd, $J = 9.5, 3.9$ Hz, 1H, H-2), 3.41 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 2.60 (sept, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H, H-8), 1.52–1.45 (m, 1H, H-7a), 1.19 (dd, $J = 7.0, 0.8$ Hz, 6H, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 0.97 (dd, $J = 7.7, 4.5$ Hz, 1H, H-7b). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.9 (CO), 138.8 (ArC), 138.2 (ArC), 138.1 (ArC), 128.5 (ArC), 128.47 (ArC), 128.41 (ArC), 128.38 (ArC), 128.36 (ArC), 128.35 (ArC), 128.1 (ArC), 128.09 (ArC), 127.97 (ArC), 127.95 (ArC), 127.9 (ArC), 127.7 (ArC), 127.64 (ArC), 127.60 (ArC), 127.57 (ArC), 127.5 (ArC), 100.3 (C-1), 81.1 (C-3), 80.0 (C-2), 77.6 (C-4), 75.7 (PhCH_2), 75.3 (PhCH_2), 73.6 (PhCH_2), 56.5 (C-5), 55.5 (OCH_3), 49.7 (C-6), 33.7 (C-8), 19.0 ($\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 18.8 ($\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 13.7 (CH₂-7). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{38}\text{O}_7\text{Na}$ [$M + \text{Na}$] 569.2510, found 569.2499.

Methyl 2,3,4-Tri-*O*-benzyl-5-*C*-methyl- β -*L*-ido-hexodialdo-1,5-pyranoside 4 and Methyl 2,3,4-Tri-*O*-benzyl-5-*C*-methyl- α -*D*-gluco-hexodialdo-1,5-pyranoside 5. Potassium carbonate (556 mg, 4.03 mmol) was added to a solution of 3 (220 mg, 0.40 mmol) in a 15:1 mixture of methanol/water (5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at room temperature, then was diluted with ethyl acetate (20 mL) and water (20 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated to dryness. Purification by column chromatography (hexane:ethyl acetate, 10:2) afforded both aldehydes 4 (30 mg, 15% yield) and 5 (148 mg, 77% yield) as colorless oils.

4: $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +20.0$ (c 0.10, CH_2Cl_2); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.90 (s, 1H), 7.39–7.26 (m, 15H), 5.04 (d, $J = 10.7$ Hz, 1H, PhCH_2), 4.98 (d, $J = 11.3$ Hz, 1H, PhCH_2), 4.89–4.80 (m, 2H, PhCH_2), 4.68 (dd, $J = 13.2, 11.6$ Hz, 2H, PhCH_2), 4.48 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.31 (t, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H, H-3), 3.53 (dd, $J = 9.7, 3.6$ Hz, 1H, H-2), 3.51 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H, H-4), 3.24 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 1.28 (s, 3H, CH_3). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.5 (CHO), 151.1, 138.5, 137.9, 137.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.8, 127.7, 99.3, 83.4, 80.1, 79.1, 77.3, 76.2, 75.9, 73.6, 56.3, 21.4. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_6\text{Na}$ [$M + \text{Na}$] 499.2097, found 499.2083.

5: $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +104.0$ (c 0.75, CH_2Cl_2); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.35 (s, 1H), 7.42–7.26 (m, 15H), 5.01–4.80 (m, 4H, PhCH_2), 4.75 (d, $J = 3.9$ Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.65 (dd, $J = 67.3, 11.5$ Hz, 2H, PhCH_2), 4.14 (t, $J = 9.4$

Hz, 1H, H-3), 3.62 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H, H-4), 3.58 (dd, $J = 9.6, 3.9$ Hz, 1H, H-2), 3.48 (s, 3H, OMe), 1.58 (s, 3H, CH_3). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.9 (CHO), 138.5 (ArC), 138.0 (ArC), 137.9 (ArC), 128.55 (ArC), 128.46 (ArC), 128.44 (ArC), 128.43 (ArC), 128.41 (ArC), 128.39 (ArC), 128.38, 128.15 (ArC), 128.13 (ArC), 128.09 (ArC), 128.05 (ArC), 128.04 (ArC), 128.95 (ArC), 127.85 (ArC), 127.77 (ArC), 99.9 (C-1), 81.3 (C-5), 79.6 (C-4), 78.4 (C-2), 78.3 (C-3), 75.9 (PhCH_2), 75.3 (PhCH_2), 73.6 (PhCH_2), 56.4 (OCH_3), 16.4 (CH_3). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_6\text{Na}$ [$M + \text{Na}$] 499.2091, found 499.2077.

Methyl 2,3,4-Tri-*O*-benzyl-5-*C*-methyl- β -*D*-idopyranoside 6. A solution of aldehyde 4 (20 mg, 0.1 mmol) in methanol (1 mL) was treated with sodium borohydride (5 mg, 0.34 mmol) at 0 °C and stirred for 1 h before the solvent was removed under vacuum and the residue purified by column chromatography (hexane:ethyl acetate, 3:1) to afford the alcohol 6 (16 mg, 80%) as colorless oil. $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -12.9$ (c 0.35, CH_2Cl_2); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.40–7.29 (m, 15H, ArH), 5.00 (dd, $J = 13.3, 10.9$ Hz, 2H, PhCH_2), 4.85 (dd, $J = 12.5, 11.2$ Hz, 2H, PhCH_2), 4.67 (dd, $J = 11.6, 7.1$ Hz, 2H, PhCH_2), 4.58 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.27 (t, $J = 9.7$ Hz, 1H, H-3), 3.92 (dd, $J = 12.0, 3.1$ Hz, 1H, H-6a), 3.65 (dd, $J = 12.0, 10.4$ Hz, 1H, H-6b), 3.55 (dd, $J = 9.9, 4.2$ Hz, 1H, H-2), 3.50 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 3.45 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H, H-4), 3.18 (dd, $J = 10.4, 3.2$ Hz, 1H, OH), 1.25 (s, 3H, CH_3). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.7 (ArC), 138.07 (ArC), 138.04 (ArC), 128.55 (ArC), 128.48 (ArC), 128.44 (ArC), 128.1 (ArC), 128.04 (ArC), 128.02 (ArC), 127.91 (ArC), 127.88 (ArC), 127.7 (ArC), 99.4 (C-1), 86.0 (C-4), 80.2 (C-5), 79.2 (C-2), 78.9 (C-3), 76.4 (PhCH_2), 75.8 (PhCH_2), 73.6 (PhCH_2), 66.9 (C-6), 57.1 (OCH_3), 24.3 (CH_3). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_6\text{Na}$ [$M + \text{Na}$] 501.2248, found 501.2232.

Methyl 2,3,4-Tri-*O*-benzyl-5-*C*-methyl- α -*D*-glucopyranoside 7. A solution of aldehyde 5 (46 mg, 0.1 mmol) in methanol (2 mL) was treated with sodium borohydride (11 mg, 0.29 mmol) at 0 °C and stirred for 1 h before the solvent was removed under vacuum and the residue purified by column chromatography (hexane:ethyl acetate, 3:1) to afford the alcohol 7 (42 mg, 91%) as colorless oil. $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +8.4$ (c 0.25, CH_2Cl_2); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 7.33–7.01 (m, 15H, ArH), 5.01–4.96 (m, 2H, PhCH_2), 4.78 (d, $J = 11.3$ Hz, 1H, PhCH_2), 4.64 (d, $J = 11.3$ Hz, 1H, PhCH_2), 4.57 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H, PhCH_2), 4.54 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.45 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H, PhCH_2), 4.26 (t, $J = 9.8$ Hz, 1H, H-3), 3.89 (d, $J = 9.7$ Hz, 1H, H-4), 3.44–3.40 (m, 2H, H-2, H-6a), 3.35–3.26 (m, 1H, H-6a), 3.11 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 1.82–1.49 (m, 1H, OH), 1.32 (s, 3H, CH_3); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 139.4 (ArC), 139.1 (ArC), 139.0 (ArC), 128.2 (ArC), 128.13 (ArC), 128.09 (ArC), 127.9 (ArC), 127.8 (ArC), 127.7 (ArC), 127.6 (ArC), 127.2 (ArC), 100.0 (C-1), 81.0 (C-2), 79.0 (C-5), 78.8 (C-3), 78.7 (C-4), 75.5 (PhCH_2), 75.2 (PhCH_2), 72.6 (PhCH_2), 67.4 (C-6), 55.4 (OCH_3), 18.4 (CH_3). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_6\text{Na}$ [$M + \text{Na}$] 501.2248, found 501.2237.

Methyl 5-*C*-methyl- α -*D*-glucopyranoside 8. Pd(OH)₂/C (30% w/w, 5 mg) was added to a solution of 7 (15 mg, 0.03 mmol) in methanol (1 mL), and the suspension degassed and stirred vigorously under 1 atm of H_2 (balloon) for 24 h, after which it was filtered through a Celite pad, which was washed with MeOH. Evaporation of the solvent which on repeated washing with hexane:ethyl acetate (3:1) gave the title compound (8 mg, 92%). $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +60.0$ (c 0.1, CH_2Cl_2); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (900 MHz, D_2O) δ 4.75 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 1H, H-1), 3.78 (t, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H, H-3), 3.52 (d, $J = 9.8$ Hz, 1H, H-4), 3.47 (dd, $J = 10.0, 4.2$ Hz, 1H, H-2), 3.46–3.38 (m, 2H, H-6a, H-6b), 3.36 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 1.17 (s, 3H, CH_3). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (225 MHz, D_2O) δ 100.7 (C-1), 79.3 (C-5), 71.5 (C-2), 70.7 (C-4), 69.3 (C-3), 66.2 (C-6), 55.7 (OCH_3), 16.9 (CH_3). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_6\text{Na}$ [$M + \text{Na}$] 231.0839, found 231.0833.

Penta-*O*-acetyl-5-bromo- β -*D*-glucopyranose (10). This compound was prepared according to the literature method [23] from glucose pentaacetate in 89% yield as colorless syrup. $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -28.8$ (c 0.25, CH_2Cl_2); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.25 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.59 (t, $J = 9.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.28 (dd, $J = 9.7, 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.26 (d, $J = 9.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, $J = 12.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, $J = 12.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3)

δ 169.7, 169.6, 169.3, 169.0, 168.3, 95.9, 91.4, 71.1, 69.4, 68.2, 65.7, 20.7, 20.6, 20.5, 20.5. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{16}H_{21}O_{11}BrNa$ [M + Na] 491.0159, found 491.0151.

Penta-O-acetyl-5-fluoro- β -D-glucopyranose (11). This compound was prepared according to the literature method [24] from **10** in 24% yield as colorless syrup. $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +10.0$ (c 0.2, CH_2Cl_2). 1H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 6.21 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.5$ Hz, 1H, H-1), 5.53 (td, $J = 9.7, 1.5$ Hz, 1H, H-3), 5.36 (ddd, $J = 22.8, 9.9, 1.5$ Hz, 1H, H-4), 5.31–5.24 (m, 1H, H-2), 4.40 (ddd, $J = 12.0, 7.0, 1.5$ Hz, 1H, H-6a), 4.08–3.92 (m, 1H, H-6b), 2.16 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H). 1H NMR (600 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 6.14 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.44 (t, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.37 (dd, $J = 22.6, 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.23 (dd, $J = 9.3, 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.38 (dd, $J = 12.0, 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.04 (dd, $J = 12.1, 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -131.34 (ddd, $J = 22.7, 7.1, 4.2$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 169.7, 169.7, 169.4, 169.2, 168.4, 110.3, 108.8, 88.7, 88.6, 69.8, 69.4, 67.8, 67.7, 61.7, 61.4, 20.7, 20.5, 20.5, 20.4. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{16}H_{21}O_{11}FNa$ [M + Na] 431.0960, found 431.0948.

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