

## REACTION OF 3-HETERO-1,5-DIALDEHYDES WITH *tert*-BUTYL CYANOACETATE\*

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### ABSTRACT

The reaction of thiodiglycolaldehyde and diglycolaldehyde with *tert*-butyl cyanoacetate yields derivatives of tetrahydrothiopyran and tetrahydropyran, respectively. Similar reactions of diglycolaldehyde derivatives having a furan nucleus at the  $\alpha$ -position yield D-xylo (major) and L-arabino (minor) C-pyranosyl derivatives. Starting from  $\alpha$ -(S)-methoxy- $\alpha'$ -(R)-hydroxymethyldiglycolaldehyde, D-glucosyl and D-mannosyl glycosides were obtained, the relative proportions of which depended on the time of reaction. In addition to the 1:1 addition products, minor products corresponding to 1:2 (dialdehyde:active methylene compound) addition were isolated.

### INTRODUCTION

The present work is part of a programme on the synthesis of 3-deoxy-C-glycosyl derivatives and 3-deoxyglycosides branched at C-3 by the reaction of 3-hetero-1,5-dialdehydes with active methylene compounds<sup>2–4</sup>.

We have reported<sup>1,5–7</sup> on the reaction of thiodiglycolaldehyde (1), diglycolaldehyde (2),  $\alpha$ -(S)-(3-ethoxycarbonyl-2-methylfur-5-yl)diglycolaldehyde (3), and  $\alpha$ -(S)-(3-acetyl-2-methylfur-5-yl)diglycolaldehyde (4) with 2,4-pentanedione, ethyl acetoacetate, ethyl cyanoacetate, malononitrile, and cyanoacetamide, and we now report on similar reactions using *tert*-butyl cyanoacetate.

Three types of dialdehyde were used: (a) thiodiglycolaldehyde (1) and diglycolaldehyde (2), which have no substituents in the  $\alpha$ - and  $\alpha'$ -positions; (b) hydrates of dialdehydes having furan substituents at the  $\alpha$ -position, namely,  $\alpha$ -(S)-(3-ethoxycarbonyl-2-methylfur-5-yl)diglycolaldehyde (3) and  $\alpha$ -(S)-(3-acetyl-2-methylfur-5-yl)diglycolaldehyde (4) that can lead to C-pyranosyl derivatives branched at C-3; and (c) dialdehydes substituted at the  $\alpha$ - and  $\alpha'$ -positions, such as  $\alpha$ -(S)-methoxy- $\alpha'$ -(R)-hydroxymethyldiglycolaldehyde (5), that lead to pyranosides branched at C-3.

\*Derivatives of 3-Hetero-1,5-dialdehydes, Part XVI. For Part XV, see ref. 1.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The reactions were carried out in aqueous 1,4-dioxane at room temperature using piperidine (1%) as catalyst. The molar ratios of dialdehyde and active methylene compound were 1:1 or 1:2. The products from **1–5** were isolated by column chromatography. Dialdehydes of the type **1–5** exist in equilibrium with cyclic hydrated forms<sup>9,11–13</sup> but, for simplicity, they are depicted as dialdehydes.

The reaction of **1** with *tert*-butyl cyanoacetate gave the thiopyran derivative **6** as the only isolated product, but **2** gave the pyran derivatives **7** (major) and **8** (minor)(mixture of stereoisomers).

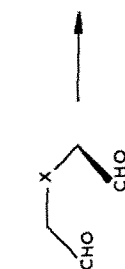
Likewise, using a ~1:1 ratio of starting materials, the hydrates of **3** and **4** gave, as the major and minor isolated products, **9** and **10**, and **11** and **12**, respectively, corresponding to 1:1 addition. A small amount of **13** was also isolated from **3**. When 2 mol of active methylene compound was used together with a longer reaction time, the 1:1 addition compounds from **3** were the major products and the pyran derivatives **13** and **14**, respectively, were the minor products, both corresponding to 1:2 addition.

With **5** and a short reaction time, the major product was a ~1:1 mixture of the isomers **15** and **16**, and the minor product of 1:2 addition was isolated as the diacetate **17**. The same reagents and longer reaction time gave **15** and **16** in the ratio ~4:1.

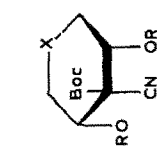
The structures of **6**, **7**, **9–12**, **15**, and **16** were established on the basis of elemental analyses and spectroscopic data, together with those of the corresponding acetates **18–25** and benzoates **26–29**. The configurations at C-2 and C-4 were deduced from the values of  $J_{1,2}$ ,  $J_{4,5a}$  and  $J_{4,5e}$  in the <sup>1</sup>H-n.m.r. spectra, leading to the generalised structures **30–32**. The n.m.r. spectra of the hydroxy compounds **7**, **9**, **10**, and **15** were poorly resolved, but a study of their acetylated and benzoylated derivatives, discussed below, led to the structure **30**.

Compounds **6**, **9**, **10**, **18–23**, and **26–29** showed  $J_{1,2}$  values of 8.0–10.5 Hz, indicating H-1,2 to be *trans*-diaxial in <sup>4</sup>C<sub>1</sub>(D) conformations. The same can be said for the configurations at C-4 and C-5 in **6**, **18**, **19–21**, and **24–29**, which showed  $J_{4,5a}$  values of 8.0–11.0 Hz. On the other hand, **15** and **24** had  $J_{1,2}$  values of 3.7 and 3.5 Hz, respectively, in accordance with the equatorial,axial disposition of H-1,2. However, the isomer **25** had a  $J_{1,2}$  value of 1.7 Hz in agreement with the equatorial,equatorial disposition of H-1,2 in **32**. For the minor products **22** and **23**, the signal for H-4 was a broad singlet reflecting a synclinal relationship with H-5a,5e in agreement with the supposed configuration and conformation **31**.

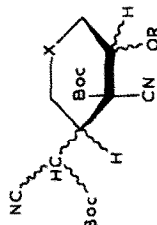
The configuration at C-3 in **6–9**, **10–12**, **16**, and **18–29** was assigned tentatively on the basis of the expected higher stability of an equatorial *tert*-butoxycarbonyl group and an axial cyano group in the depicted conformations **30–32**, which accords with the chemical shifts of the signals for the CMe<sub>3</sub> protons. These appeared at  $\delta$  ~1.5 for compounds **6**, **7**, **9**, **10**, and **15**, with unprotected hydroxyl groups, or their acetates **18–25**, but moved to  $\delta$  1.25–1.32 for the benzoates **26–29**. This finding may



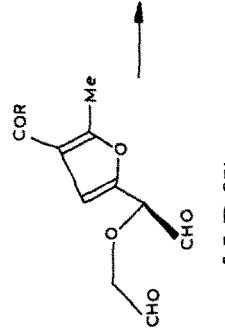
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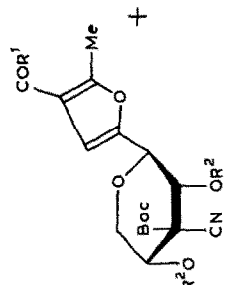
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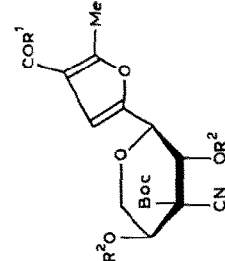
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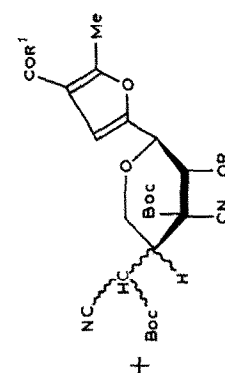
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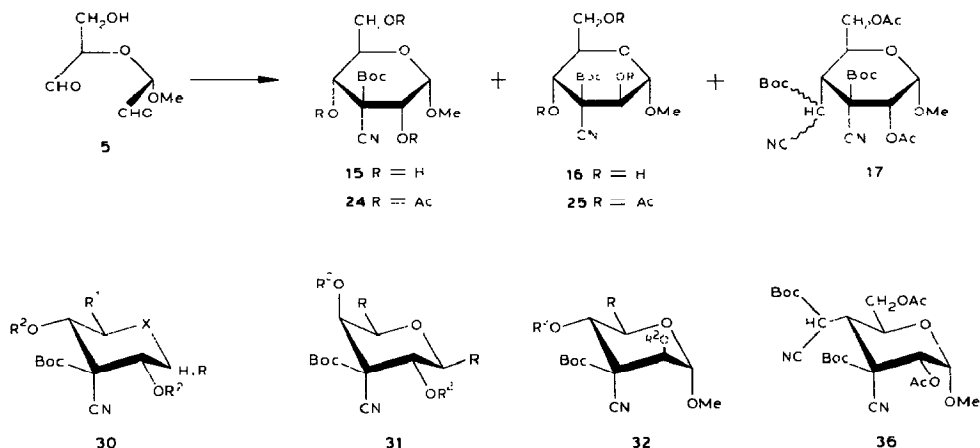
9 R' = OEt, R'' = H  
10 R' = Me, R'' = H  
20 R' = OEt, R'' = Ac  
21 R' = Me, R'' = Ac  
28 R' = OEt, R'' = Bz  
29 R' = Me, R'' = Bz



11 R' = OEt, R'' = H  
12 R' = Me, R'' = H  
22 R' = OEt, R'' = Ac  
23 R' = Me, R'' = Ac



13 R = H, R' = OEt  
14 R = H, R' = Me  
34 R = Ac, R' = OEt  
35 R = Ac, R' = Me



be attributed to the deshielding effect of the benzoyl groups if the corresponding groups assume equatorial, equatorial positions.

The structures of the minor products **8**, **13**, and **14** were also established on the basis of elemental analysis and spectroscopic data. They were formed as mixtures of stereoisomers, as deduced from the  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -n.m.r. spectra of the acetylated derivatives **33**–**35**. Product **33** showed three signals at  $\delta$  2.1, 2.07, and 2.05 (3 s, each 3 H, 3 Ac) corresponding to three stereoisomers. Crystallisation of the mixture from hexane gave a product that showed only the signals at  $\delta$  2.1 and 2.07. The products **34** and **35** were mixtures of two stereoisomers with the signals of H-1,2 appearing as doublets with  $J_{1,2} \sim 10.0$  Hz (*trans*-diaxial disposition in the  $^4\text{C}_1$  conformation). The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -n.m.r. data confirmed this observation. The signals for C-2,3,4, NC-CH-Boc, and  $\text{CMe}_3$  were duplicated, but the diacetate **17**, prepared from  $\alpha$ -(*S*)-methoxy- $\alpha'$ -(*R*)-hydroxymethyldiglycolaldehyde (**5**) was a single isomer. The  $J_{1,2}$  value of 3.5 Hz accorded with an equatorial,axial disposition of H-1,2, whereas the  $J_{4,5}$  value of  $\sim 10$  Hz indicated H-4,5 to be axial,axial. All these values accord with the  $^4\text{C}_1(\text{D})$  conformation **36**. The configuration of C-3 is assumed to be as for **6**, **9**, **10**–**12**, **16**, and **18**–**29**, *i.e.*, axial cyano and equatorial *tert*-butoxycarbonyl.

The i.r. band at  $\sim 2250\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for cyano<sup>16</sup> was not observed for **8**, **9**, **13**, **16**–**29**, and **33**–**35**, and was weak for **6**, **7**, **10**, **11**, and **15**, as found<sup>1,17</sup> for cyano groups near to oxygenated functions.

## EXPERIMENTAL

The general methods have been described<sup>14</sup>. N.m.r. spectra ( $^1\text{H}$ , 80 and 200 MHz;  $^{13}\text{C}$ , 20 MHz) were obtained with Bruker WP-80-SY and WP-200 spectrometers. Thiodiglycolaldehyde (**1**) was used in the form of its hydrate *cis*-2,6-dihydroxy-1,4-oxathiane and was obtained from thiodiglycolaldehyde bis(dimethyl acetal)<sup>11</sup> (90%) or from thiodiglycolaldehyde bis(diethyl acetal)<sup>11</sup> (>90%).

Elemental analyses could not be obtained for syrupy products. Their homogeneity was established by chromatography, and they were characterised by n.m.r. spectroscopy.

*Reaction of tert-butyl cyanoacetate<sup>15</sup> with 1-5.* — *tert*-Butyl cyanoacetate containing 1% of piperidine was added to a solution of the dialdehyde (**1-5**) in aqueous 1,4-dioxane (2:1). The mixture was stored at room temperature and then concentrated, water (15 mL) was added, and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (4 × 40 mL). The combined extracts were dried, filtered, and concentrated to give the crude product.

The following amounts and conditions were used:

Starting compound (g)	<i>tert</i> -Butyl cyanoacetate (g)	1,4-Dioxane–water (2:1, mL)	Time (h)	Products (g, %)
<b>1</b> (1.0)	1.1	15	16	<b>6</b> (1.34, 70.3)
<b>2<sup>a</sup></b>	1.1	15	16	<b>7</b> (1.03, 58.5) <b>8</b> (0.45, 17.0)
<b>3</b> (2.0)	1.1	21	4	<b>9</b> (1.75, 60.2) <b>11</b> (0.16, 5.5) <b>13</b> (0.18, 4.7)
<b>3</b> (1.5)	1.55	15	66	<b>9</b> + <b>11</b> (1.0, 45.8) <b>13</b> (0.62, 21.6)
<b>4</b> (1.0)	0.6	15	6	<b>10</b> + <b>12</b> (0.9, 59.6)
<b>4</b> (1.9)	2.2	21	30	<b>10</b> + <b>12</b> (1.3, 45.3) <b>14</b> (0.65, 17.0)
<b>5<sup>b</sup></b>	2.11	15	15	<b>15</b> + <b>16</b> (2.54, 56.8) <b>17</b> (0.58, 7.5)
<b>5<sup>b</sup></b>	2.11	15	96	<b>15</b> + <b>16</b> (1.9, 42.5)

<sup>a</sup>Diglycolaldehyde (**2**) was prepared in the polymeric state from its bis(dimethyl acetal)<sup>8</sup> (1.42 g, 7.32 mmol) or bis(di-isopropyl acetal)<sup>9</sup> (2.24 g, 7.32 mmol). <sup>b</sup>Compound **5** was prepared from methyl  $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside<sup>10</sup> (2.91 g, 15 mmol).

(a) *With thiodiglycolaldehyde<sup>11</sup> (1).* Column chromatography (2:1 ether–hexane) of the crude product gave *r*-4-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-4-cyano-*t*-3,*t*-5-dihydroxytetrahydrothiopyran (**6**), m.p. 159–160° (from hexane–ether);  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}}$  3500–3400, 2260, 1745, 1368, 1280, 1260, 1150, 1060, 1038, 988, 904, 865, 820, and 744 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-N.m.r. data [(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 80 MHz]:  $\delta$  6.15 (d, 2 H, *J* 5.0 Hz, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O, 2 OH), 3.87 (m, 2 H, H-3,5; dd, *J* 8.0 and 6.0 Hz, after isotopic change), 2.57 (m, 4 H, H-2,6,2',6'), and 1.45 (s, 9 H, Me<sub>3</sub>C) (Found: C, 51.14; H, 6.72; N, 5.31. C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S calc.: C, 50.95; H, 6.61; N, 5.40%).

(b) *With diglycolaldehyde<sup>8,9</sup> (2).* Column chromatography (2:1 ether–hexane) of the crude product gave, first, 4-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-5-(1-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-1-cyanomethyl)-4-cyano-3-hydroxytetrahydropyran (**8**), isolated as a syrup;  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{CCl}_4}$  3450, 1750, 1367, 1275, 1255, 1150, and 895 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-N.m.r. data (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 80 MHz):  $\delta$  4.30–3.80 (m, 4 H, one exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O, H-2,3,6 and OH), 3.75–2.75 (m, 4 H, H-5,2',6' and NC-CH-Boc), and 1.62–1.40 (5 s, 18 H, 2 Me<sub>3</sub>C).

Eluted second was *r*-4-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-4-cyano-*t*-3,*t*-5-dihydroxytetrahydropyran (**7**), m.p. 132–133° (from hexane–ether);  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}}$  3470, 3410, 2255, 1745,

1370, 1280, 1130, 1112, 1092, 1060, 934, and 820  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H-N.m.r.}$  data  $[(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ , 80 MHz]:  $\delta$  6.0 (d, 2 H,  $J$  5.0 Hz, exchangeable with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 2 OH), 3.90–3.60 (m, 4 H, H-2e,3,5,6e), 3.15 (m, 2 H, H-2a,6a), and 1.45 (s, 9 H,  $\text{Me}_3\text{C}$ ) (Found: C, 54.55; H, 7.24; N, 5.73.  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_5$  calc.: C, 54.31; H, 7.04; N, 5.75%).

(c) With  $\alpha$ -(S)-(3-ethoxycarbonyl-2-methylfur-5-yl)diglycolaldehyde<sup>12</sup> (3). Column chromatography (2:1 hexane–ether) of the crude product (4-h reaction) gave, first, (2R,3R,4R)-4-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-5-(1-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-1-cyanomethyl)-4-cyano-2-(3-ethoxycarbonyl-2-methylfur-5-yl)-3-hydroxytetrahydropyran (13), m.p. 68–69° (from hexane–ether);  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$   $-2.3^\circ$  (c 1, chloroform);  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}}$  3580–3220, 1765, 1730, 1635, 1600, 1380, 1285, 1267, 1240, 1160, 1098, 835, and 780  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H-N.m.r.}$  data ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 80 MHz):  $\delta$  6.75 (bs, 1 H, furan H), 4.51–3.75 (m, 6 H, H-2,3,6,6' and  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ), 3.50 (m, 1 H, NC-CH-Boc), 3.0 (m, 1 H, H-5), 2.70 (bs, 1 H, exchangeable with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , OH), 2.55 (s, 3 H, furan Me), 1.55 and 1.50 (2 s, 18 H, 2  $\text{Me}_3\text{C}$ ), and 1.32 (t, 3 H,  $J$  7.0 Hz,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ) (Found: C, 60.24; H, 6.42; N, 5.17.  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_2\text{O}_9$  calc.: C, 60.22; H, 6.61; N, 5.40%).

Eluted second was 5-(3-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-3-*C*-cyano-3-deoxy- $\alpha$ -L-arabinopentopyranosyl)-3-ethoxycarbonyl-2-methylfuran (11), isolated as a syrup,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$   $+16.5^\circ$  (c 0.75, chloroform);  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{CCl}_4}$  3540–3350, 2230, 1738, 1722, 1620, 1587, 1367, 1260, 1222, 1150, 1120, 1080, and 836  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H-N.m.r.}$  data ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 80 MHz):  $\delta$  6.75 (s, 1 H, furan H), 4.6–4.0 (m, 7 H, H-1,2,4,5,5' and  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ), 2.8 (bs, 1 H, exchangeable with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , OH), 2.57 (s, 3 H, furan Me), 1.55 (s, 10 H, one exchangeable with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{Me}_3\text{C}$ , and OH), and 1.32 (t, 3 H,  $J$  7.0 Hz,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ).

Eluted third was 5-(3-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-3-*C*-cyano-3-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-xylo-pentopyranosyl)-3-ethoxycarbonyl-2-methylfuran (9), m.p. 117–118° (from ether–hexane),  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$   $-18^\circ$  (c 1, chloroform);  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}}$  3600–3250, 1740, 1690, 1620, 1580, 1370, 1290, 1238, 1160, 1065, 945, 832, and 775  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . N.m.r. data:  $^1\text{H}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 80 Hz),  $\delta$  6.75 (s, 1 H, furan H), 4.45 (d, 1 H,  $J$  10.0 Hz, H-1), 4.30 (q, 2 H,  $J$  7.0 Hz,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ), 4.25–4.00 (m, 3 H, H-2,4,5e), 3.70 (m, 1 H, H-6a), 2.60 (bs, 2 H, exchangeable with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 2 OH), 2.55 (s, 3 H, furan Me), 1.55 (s, 9 H,  $\text{Me}_3\text{C}$ ), and 1.32 (t, 3 H,  $J$  7.0 Hz,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$   $[(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}]$ ,  $\delta$  166.17, 163.59 (COO), 159.42 (furan C-2), 149.52 (furan C-5), 115.60 (CN), 114.62 (furan C-3), 111.19 (furan C-4), 84.00 ( $\text{CMe}_3$ ), 74.01, 70.86, 69.47 (C-1,2,4), 68.72 (C-5), 62.88 (C-3), 60.21 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 27.64 ( $\text{Me}_3\text{C}$ ), 14.19 and 13.32 (furan Me,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2$ ) (Found: C, 57.79; H, 6.34; N, 3.46.  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_8$  calc.: C, 57.71; H, 6.37; N, 3.54%).

The reaction of the 3 with an excess of *tert*-butyl cyanoacetate at room temperature (66 h) gave 13, 9 + 11, and 11 (minor isomer).

(d) With  $\alpha$ -(S)-(3-acetyl-2-methylfur-5-yl)diglycolaldehyde<sup>13</sup> (4). Column chromatography (1:2 hexane–ether) of the crude product (6-h reaction) gave a mixture of 3-acetyl-5-(3-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-3-*C*-cyano-3-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-xylo-pentopyranosyl)-2-methylfuran (10) and 3-acetyl-5-(3-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-3-*C*-cyano-3-deoxy- $\alpha$ -L-arabinopentopyranosyl)-2-methylfuran (12). Compound 10 had m.p. 153–155° (from ether),  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$   $-20^\circ$  (c 1.1, chloroform);  $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}}$  3550–3270, 2230, 1750, 1680, 1615, 1575, 1375, 1290, 1235, 1160, 1080, 930, and 835  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . N.m.r. data:  $^1\text{H}$

(CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 80 MHz),  $\delta$  6.72 (s, 1 H, furan H), 4.45 (d, 1 H,  $J$  10.0 Hz, H-1), 4.35–4.00 (m, 3 H, H-2,4,5e), 3.65 (pseudo-t, 1 H,  $J$  10.5 Hz, H-5a), 2.67 (d, 1 H,  $J$  5.0 Hz, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O, OH), 2.60 (d, 1 H,  $J$  6.0 Hz, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O, OH), 2.57 (s, 3 H, furan Me), 2.37 (s, 3 H, furan Ac), and 1.60 (s, 9 H, Me<sub>3</sub>C); <sup>13</sup>C [(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO],  $\delta$  193.65 (COMe), 166.21 (COO), 158.35 (furan C-2), 149.23 (furan C-5), 122.52 (furan C-3), 115.65 (CN), 111.40 (furan C-4), 84.08 (CMe<sub>3</sub>), 74.08 (C-1), 70.84, 69.51 (C-2,4), 68.75 (C-5), 62.87 (C-3), 28.77 (MeCO-furan), 27.68 (Me<sub>3</sub>C), and 13.88 (furan Me) (Found: C, 59.39; H, 6.30; N, 3.66. C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>7</sub> calc.: C, 59.17; H, 6.35; N, 3.83%).

The reaction of **4** with an excess of *tert*-butyl cyanoacetate at room temperature (30 h) and column chromatography (ether–hexane 1:1→2:1) of the crude product gave, first, (2*R*,3*R*,4*R*)-2-(3-acetyl-2-methylfur-5-yl)-4-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-5-(1-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-1-cyanomethyl)-4-cyano-3-hydroxytetrahydropyran (**14**, 17%), m.p. 134–137° (from hexane–ether),  $[\alpha]_{4360}^{20}$  –9° (c 1, chloroform);  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}}$  3460, 3270, 2230, 1762, 1750, 1700, 1690, 1628, 1580, 1382, 1320–1290, 1270, 1162, 1100, 955, and 830 cm<sup>–1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-N.m.r. data (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 80 MHz):  $\delta$  6.67 (bs, 1 H, furan H), 4.55–3.90 (m, 3 H, H-2,3,6e), 3.76–3.25 (m, 2 H, H-6a and NC-CH-Boc), 3.20–2.80 (m, 2 H, one exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O, H-5 and OH), 2.51 (s, 3 H, furan Me), 2.32 (s, 3 H, furan Ac), 1.55, 1.50, and 1.48 (3 s, 18 H, 2 Me<sub>3</sub>C) (Found: C, 61.10; H, 6.36; N, 5.60. C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> calc.: C, 61.46; H, 6.60; N, 5.73%).

Eluted second was a mixture of **10** and **12**.

(e) With  $\alpha$ -(*S*)-methoxy- $\alpha'$ -(*R*)-hydroxymethyldiglycolaldehyde (**5**). Column chromatography (ether) of the crude product (15-h reaction) gave, first, a product which was treated with acetic anhydride–pyridine (1.4:1, 24 mL). Column chromatography (1:1 hexane–ether) of the crude product gave methyl 2,6-di-*O*-acetyl-3-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-4-(1-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-1-cyanomethyl)-3-*C*-cyano-3,4-dideoxy- $\alpha$ -D-*gluco*-hexopyranoside (**17**; 0.58 g, 7.5%), m.p. 140° (from hexane–ether),  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{26} +40^\circ$  (c 1, chloroform);  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}}$  1758, 1372, 1272, 1262, 1213, 1147, 1054, 1027, and 820 cm<sup>–1</sup>. N.m.r. data (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): <sup>1</sup>H (80 MHz),  $\delta$  5.30 (d, 1 H,  $J$  3.5 Hz, H-2), 4.96 (d, 1 H,  $J$  3.5 Hz, H-1), 4.50–4.15 (m, 3 H, H-5 and CH<sub>2</sub>OAc), 3.65 (bs, 1 H, NC-CH-Boc), 3.47 (s, 3 H, MeO), 3.10 (d, 1 H,  $J$  10.5 Hz, H-4), 2.15, 2.10 (2 s, 6 H, 2 Ac), 1.50 and 1.47 (2 s, 18 H, 2 Me<sub>3</sub>C); <sup>13</sup>C,  $\delta$  170.19, 169.80, 163.85, 162.64 (4 COO), 113.73, 112.97, (2 CN), 95.39 (C-1), 86.82, 86.14 (2 CMe<sub>3</sub>), 69.94, 65.04 (C-2,5), 63.05 (CH<sub>2</sub>OAc), 55.88 (MeO), 51.47 (C-3), 40.11, 37.6 (NC-CH-Boc, C-4), 27.61 (Me<sub>3</sub>C), and 20.76, 20.43 (2 Me-COO) (Found: C, 56.45; H, 6.71; N, 5.48. C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>10</sub> calc.: C, 56.37; H, 6.87; N, 5.46%).

Eluted second was a 1:1 mixture of methyl 3-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-3-*C*-cyano-3-deoxy- $\alpha$ -D-*gluco*- (**15**) and - $\alpha$ -D-*manno*-hexopyranoside (**16**). Treatment of the mixture (2.54 g) with acetic anhydride–pyridine (7:5 mL) and column chromatography (1:1 hexane–ether) of the crude product gave a mixture (1.86 g, 51.7%) of methyl 2,4,6-tri-*O*-acetyl-3-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-3-*C*-cyano-3-deoxy- $\alpha$ -D-*gluco*- (**24**) and - $\alpha$ -D-*manno*-hexopyranoside (**25**). Crystallisation of the mixture from 1:1

hexane–ether gave **24**, m.p. 137°,  $[\alpha]_D^{26} +93.5^\circ$  (c 1, chloroform);  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}}$  1775, 1755, 1370, 1220, 1135, 1055, and 1024  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . N.m.r. data ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $^1\text{H}$  (200 MHz),  $\delta$  5.30 (d, 1 H,  $J$  10.0 Hz, H-4), 5.27 (d, 1 H,  $J$  3.5 Hz, H-2), 4.97 (d, 1 H,  $J$  3.5 Hz, H-1), 4.35 (dd, 1 H,  $J$  12.5 and 4.5 Hz, H-6), 4.22 (m, 1 H, H-5), 4.17 (dd, 1 H,  $J$  12.5 and 2.2 Hz, H-6'), 3.44 (s, 3 H, MeO), 2.12, 2.00, 2.08 (3 s, 9 H, 3 Ac), and 1.43 (s, 9 H,  $\text{Me}_3\text{C}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $\delta$  170.31, 169.02, 168.3, 162.65 (4 COO), 113.93 (CN), 95.50 (C-1), 85.86 ( $\text{CMe}_3$ ), 69.68, 67.04, 65.51 (C-2,4,5), 61.47 (C-6), 55.71 (MeO), 53.57 (C-3), 27.40 ( $\text{Me}_3\text{C}$ ), 20.64 and 20.57 ( $\text{MeCOO}$ ) (Found: C, 53.00; H, 6.09; N, 3.10.  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_{10}$  calc.: C, 53.14; H, 6.33; N, 3.26%).

Column chromatography (2:1 hexane–ether) of the material in the mother liquor gave, first, **24** (0.96 g), m.p. 137°. Eluted second was **25** (0.9 g), isolated as a syrup,  $[\alpha]_D^{30} +35.5^\circ$  (c 1, chloroform);  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{CCl}_4}$  1770, 1372, 1254, 1220, 1152, 1140, 1088, 1042, and 907  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . N.m.r. data ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $^1\text{H}$  (200 MHz),  $\delta$  5.55 (d, 1 H,  $J$  10.3 Hz, H-4), 5.41 (d, 1 H,  $J$  1.7 Hz, H-2), 4.67 (d, 1 H,  $J$  1.7 Hz, H-1), 4.31–4.00 (m, 3 H, H-5,6,6'), 3.42 (s, 3 H, MeO), 2.09 (s, 6 H, 2 Ac), 2.07 (s, 3 H, Ac), and 1.42 (s, 9 H,  $\text{Me}_3\text{C}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $\delta$  170.30, 168.73, 168.41, 161.63 (4 COO), 113.70 (CN), 97.25 (C-1), 85.43 ( $\text{CMe}_3$ ), 70.51, 66.11, 63.98 (C-2,4,5), 62.20 (C-6), 55.21 (MeO), 49.60 (C-3), 27.34 ( $\text{Me}_3\text{C}$ ), and 20.52 ( $\text{MeCOO}$ ).

The reaction of **5** with *tert*-butyl cyanoacetate at room temperature (96 h) and column chromatography (ether) of the crude product gave a mixture of **15** and **16** in the ratio 4:1. Crystallisation of the mixture **15** and **16** from ether gave **15**, m.p. 153°,  $[\alpha]_D^{30} +122^\circ$  (c 0.5, ethanol);  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}}$  3540, 3470, 3350, 2215, 1740, 1368, 1275, 1258, 1150, 1105, 1080, 1056, 1044, 1030, 932, 893, 820, and 746  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . N.m.r. data [ $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$ ]:  $^1\text{H}$  (80 MHz),  $\delta$  5.07 (d, 1 H,  $J$  6.0 Hz, exchangeable with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , OH), 4.70 (d, 1 H,  $J$  3.7 Hz, H-1), 4.30 (d, 1 H,  $J$  9.5 Hz, exchangeable with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , OH), 4.05–3.65 (m, 6 H, one exchangeable with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , H-2,4,5,6,6' and OH), 3.4 (s, 3 H, MeO), and 1.5 (s, 9 H,  $\text{Me}_3\text{C}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $\delta$  166.83 (COO), 116.16 (CN), 98.50 (C-1), 83.36 ( $\text{CMe}_3$ ), 71.17, 70.14, 69.14 (C-2,4,5), 61.03 (C-6), 59.06 (C-3), 54.92 (MeO), and 27.49 ( $\text{Me}_3\text{C}$ ) (Found: C, 51.66; H, 7.22; N, 4.58.  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_7$  calc.: C, 51.47; H, 6.97; N, 4.61%).

**Acetylation of 6–14.** — Conventional treatment of these compounds with acetic anhydride–pyridine and extraction of the products into chloroform gave the following results:

Starting compound (g)	$\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$ –pyridine (mL)	Products (g, %)
<b>6</b> (0.6)	8:4	<b>18</b> (0.7, 88)
<b>7</b> (0.4)	7:3	<b>19</b> (0.43, 79.8)
<b>8</b> (0.4)	7:3	<b>33</b> (0.3, 67.2)
<b>9</b> (0.25)	5:3	<b>20</b> (0.27, 95.6)
<b>10</b> + <b>12</b> (0.6) <sup>a</sup>	6:3	<b>21</b> (0.54, 73.1), <b>23</b> (0.05, 8.3)
<b>11</b> (0.065)	4:2	<b>22</b> (0.055, 70)
<b>13</b> (0.83)	8:4	<b>34</b> (0.32, 35.6)
<b>14</b> (0.35)	6:3	<b>35</b> (0.36, 94.7)

<sup>a</sup>Was obtained from mother liquor of **10**.



(a) *t*-3,*t*-5-Diacetoxy-*r*-4-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-4-cyanotetrahydrothiopyran (18). — Column chromatography (2:1 hexane–ether) of the crude product gave **18**, m.p. 119–120° (from hexane–ether);  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}}$  1780–1740, 1370, 1220–1200, 1190, 1030, 1010, 960, 920, 910, 890, and 823  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H-N.m.r.}$  data ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 80 MHz):  $\delta$  5.32 (dd, 2 H, *J* 9.0 and 6.0 Hz, H-3,5), 2.8 (m, 4 H, H-2a,2e,6a,6e), 2.10 (s, 6 H, 2 Ac), and 1.47 (s, 9 H,  $\text{Me}_3\text{C}$ ) (Found: C, 52.35; H, 6.20; N, 4.03.  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_6\text{S}$  calc.: C, 52.46; H, 6.16; N, 4.07%).

(b) *t*-3,*t*-5-Diacetoxy-*r*-4-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-4-cyanotetrahydropyran (19). — Column chromatography (1:1 hexane–ether) of the crude product gave **19**, m.p. 106–108° (from hexane);  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}}$  1760, 1745, 1372, 1227, 1210, 1156, 1130, 1118, 1050, 1047, 890, and 828  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H-N.m.r.}$  data ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 80 MHz):  $\delta$  5.40 (dd, 2 H, *J* 10.5 and 4.9 Hz, H-3,5), 4.00 (dd, 2 H, *J* 11.5 and 4.9 Hz, H-2e,6e), 3.50 (dd, 2 H, *J* 11.5 and 10.5 Hz, H-2a,6a), 2.12 (s, 6 H, 2 Ac), and 1.5 (s, 9 H,  $\text{Me}_3\text{C}$ ) (Found: C, 55.34; H, 7.52; N, 4.33.  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_7$  calc.: C, 55.04; H, 7.70; N, 4.27%).

(c) 5-(2,4-Di-O-acetyl-3-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-3-cyano-3-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-xylo-pentopyranosyl)-3-ethoxycarbonyl-2-methylfuran (20). — Column chromatography (2:1 hexane–ether) of the crude product gave **20**, m.p. 107° (from ethanol),  $[\alpha]_D^{28} -17.5^\circ$  (c 1.6, chloroform);  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}}$  1770, 1745, 1725, 1623, 1585, 1375, 1297, 1285, 1265, 1225, 1150, 1060, 1045, 955, 826, and 773  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . N.m.r. data ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $^1\text{H}$  (80 MHz),  $\delta$  6.67 (s, 1 H, furan H), 5.56 (d, 1 H, *J* 10.0 Hz, H-2), 5.47 (dd, 1 H, *J* 10.5 and 5.5 Hz, H-4), 4.56 (d, 1 H, *J* 10.0 Hz, H-1), 4.25 (q, 2 H, *J* 7.0 Hz,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ), 4.20 (dd, 1 H, *J* 11.5 and 5.5 Hz, H-5e), 3.71 (dd, 1 H, *J* 11.5 and 10.5 Hz, H-5a), 2.56 (s, 3 H, furan Me), 2.10, 1.97 (2 s, 6 H, 2 Ac), 1.47 (s, 9 H,  $\text{Me}_3\text{C}$ ), and 1.34 (t, 3 H, *J* 7.0 Hz,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $\delta$  168.57, 167.70, 163.38, 162.18 (4 COO), 160.09 (furan C-2), 145.91 (furan C-5), 114.74 (furan C-3), 113.64 (CN), 111.29 (furan C-4), 85.96 ( $\text{CMe}_3$ ), 71.78, 68.42, 68.08 (C-1,2,4), 65.40 (C-5), 60.16 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ), 57.97 (C-3), 27.42 ( $\text{Me}_3\text{C}$ ), 20.24, 20.07 (2  $\text{MeCOO}$ ), 14.27 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ), and 13.65 (furan Me) (Found: C, 57.90; H, 6.26; N, 2.84.  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_{10}$  calc.: C, 57.61; H, 6.10; N, 2.92%).

(d) 3-Acetyl-5-(2,4-di-O-acetyl-3-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-3-cyano-3-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-xylo-pentopyranosyl)- (21) and 3-acetyl-5-(2,4-di-O-acetyl-3-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-3-cyano-3-deoxy- $\alpha$ -L-arabino-pentopyranosyl)-2-methylfuran (23). — Column chromatography (2:1 hexane–ether) of the crude product gave, first, **21**, m.p. 146–148° (from hexane–ether),  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -22^\circ$  (c 1, chloroform);  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}}$  1785, 1766, 1748, 1700, 1623, 1576, 1380, 1290, 1213, 1076, 1054, 1030, 943, and 893  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . N.m.r. data ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $^1\text{H}$  (80 MHz),  $\delta$  6.67 (s, 1 H, furan H), 5.55 (d, 1 H, *J* 10.0 Hz, H-2), 5.50 (dd, 1 H, *J* 11.0 and 5.0 Hz, H-4), 4.57 (d, 1 H, *J* 10.0 Hz, H-1), 4.20 (dd, 1 H, *J* 11.5 and 5.0 Hz, H-5e), 3.72 (pseudo-t, 1 H, *J* 11.0 Hz, H-5a), 2.57 (s, 3 H, furan Me), 2.37 (s, 3 H, furan Ac), 2.12, 1.97 (2 s, 6 H, 2 Ac), and 1.47 (s, 9 H,  $\text{Me}_3\text{C}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $\delta$  193.40, 168.58, 167.77, 162.24 (CO and 3 COO), 159.32 (furan C-2), 146.15 (furan C-5), 122.04 (furan C-3), 113.65 (CN), 110.86 (furan C-4), 86.05 ( $\text{CMe}_3$ ), 71.81, 68.51, 68.10 (C-1,2,4), 65.46 (C-5), 58.02 (C-3), 29.01 (furan Ac), 27.49 ( $\text{Me}_3\text{C}$ ), 20.28, 20.13 (2  $\text{MeCOO}$ ), and 14.27 (furan Me) (Found: C, 59.18; H, 5.95; N, 2.99.  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_9$  calc.: C, 58.79; H, 6.00; N, 3.12%).

Eluted second was **23**, m.p. 71–72°,  $[\alpha]_D^{26} +7^\circ$ ,  $[\alpha]_{4360}^{26} +14.5^\circ$  (c 1, chloroform);  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}}$  1773, 1692, 1620, 1580, 1378, 1215, 1050, 942, 894, and 830  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H-N.m.r.}$  data ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  6.70 (s, 1 H, furan H), 5.82 (d, 1 H,  $J$  10.0 Hz, H-2), 5.50 (bs, 1 H, H-4), 4.50 (d, 1 H,  $J$  10.0 Hz, H-1), 4.12 (m, 2 H, H-5a, 5e), 2.60 (s, 3 H, furan Me), 2.37 (s, 3 H, furan Ac), 2.19, 1.97 (2 s, 6 H, 2 Ac), and 1.49 (s, 9 H,  $\text{Me}_3\text{C}$ ) (Found: C, 58.83; H, 5.78; N, 2.97.  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_9$  calc.: C, 58.79; H, 6.06; N, 3.12%).

(e) *5-(2,4-Di-O-acetyl-3-tert-butoxycarbonyl-3-cyano-3-deoxy- $\alpha$ -L-arabino-pentopyranosyl)-3-ethoxycarbonyl-2-methylfuran (22)*. — Column chromatography (1:1 hexane–ether) of the crude product gave **22**, isolated as a syrup,  $[\alpha]_D^{26} +5.5^\circ$  (c 1, chloroform);  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{CCl}_4}$  1780, 1730, 1630, 1595, 1375, 1260, 1220, 1090, 1060, and 890  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H-N.m.r.}$  data ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 80 MHz):  $\delta$  6.70 (s, 1 H, furan H), 5.80 (d, 1 H,  $J$  10.0 Hz, H-2), 5.50 (bs, 1 H, H-4), 4.46 (d, 1 H,  $J$  10.0 Hz, H-1), 4.25 (q, 2 H,  $J$  7.0 Hz,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ), 4.10 (m, 2 H, H-5e, 5a), 2.57 (s, 3 H, furan Me), 2.15, 1.95 (2 s, 6 H, 2 Ac), 1.47 (s, 9 H,  $\text{Me}_3\text{C}$ ), and 1.34 (t, 3 H,  $J$  7.0 Hz,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ).

(f) *3-Acetoxy-4-tert-butoxycarbonyl-5-(1-tert-butoxycarbonyl-1-cyanomethyl)-4-cyanotetrahydropyran (33)*. — Column chromatography (2:1 hexane–ether) of the crude product gave a mixture of the three stereoisomers **33**, isolated as a syrup;  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{CCl}_4}$  1760, 1370, 1260, 1212, 1145, 1120, and 1050  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H-N.m.r.}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 80 MHz):  $\delta$  5.40–5.10 (m, 1 H, H-3), 4.25–3.0 (m, 6 H, H-2, 5, 6, 2', 6' and NC-CH-Boc), 2.10, 2.07, 2.05 (3 s, 3 H, Ac), 1.6–1.4 (5 s, 18 H, 2  $\text{Me}_3\text{C}$ ). The mixture of three stereoisomers **33** was dissolved in hexane, giving a solid material which had m.p. 114–116°;  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}}$  1760–1740, 1370, 1275, 1215, 1152, 1025, 1060, 1050, and 824  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . N.m.r. data ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $^1\text{H}$  (80 MHz),  $\delta$  5.40–5.20 (m, 1 H, H-3), 4.20–3.50 (m, 5 H, H-2, 6, 2', 6', NC-CH-Boc), 3.00 (m, 1 H, H-5), 2.10, 2.07 (2 s, 3 H, Ac), 1.55, 1.52, 1.50, and 1.47 (4 s, 18 H, 2  $\text{Me}_3\text{C}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $\delta$  168.71, 162.97, 162.58 (COO), 113.44, 113.31, 112.73 (CN), 86.51, 86.14, 85.81, 85.39 ( $\text{CMe}_3$ ), 69.64, 68.88 (C-3), 66.36, 65.67, 65.55 (C-2, 6), 54.93, 48.93 (C-4), 38.95, 37.23, 36.96, 33.11 (C-5, NC-CH-Boc), 27.68 ( $\text{Me}_3\text{C}$ ), 20.61 and 20.39 ( $\text{MeCOO}$ ) (Found: C, 58.44; H, 6.73; N, 6.54.  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_7$  calc.: C, 58.81; H, 6.91; N, 6.85%).

(g) *(2R,3R,4R)-3-Acetoxy-4-tert-butoxycarbonyl-5-(1-tert-butoxycarbonyl-1-cyanomethyl)-4-cyano-2-(3-ethoxycarbonyl-2-methylfur-5-yl)tetrahydropyran (34)*. — Column chromatography (3:1 hexane–ether) of the crude product gave the mixture of stereoisomers **34**, isolated as a syrup;  $[\alpha]_D^{26} -29^\circ$  (c 1, chloroform);  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{CCl}_4}$  1775, 1740, 1730, 1625, 1590, 1375, 1260, 1214, 1152, and 1068  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . N.m.r. data ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $^1\text{H}$  (80 MHz),  $\delta$  6.67 (s, 1 H, furan H), 5.22 and 5.50 (2 d, 1 H,  $J$  9.8 and 10.0 Hz, H-3), 4.57 and 4.50 (2 d, 1 H,  $J$  10.0 and 9.8 Hz, H-2), 4.25 (q, 2 H,  $J$  7.0 Hz,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ), 4.15–3.20 (m, 4 H, H-4, 5, 5' and NC-CH-Boc), 2.57 (s, 3 H, furan Me), 1.97 and 1.95 (2 s, 3 H, Ac), 1.55 and 1.50 (2 s, 18 H, 2  $\text{Me}_3\text{C}$ ), and 1.32 (t, 3 H,  $J$  7.0 Hz,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $\delta$  167.51, 163.41, 163.13, 162.80, 162.44 and 162.33 (COO), 159.82 (furan C-2), 145.91 (furan C-5), 114.20 (furan C-3), 113.50, 112.94, and 112.41 (CN), 111.11 (furan C-4), 86.06 and 85.63 ( $\text{Me}_3\text{C}$ ), 71.93 (C-2), 69.49 and 69.00 (C-3), 66.43 and 65.81 (C-6), 59.98 ( $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 55.65 and

54.75 (C-4), 40.11, 38.87, 37.35 and 36.80 (NC-CH-Boc, C-5), 28.05 Me<sub>3</sub>C), 19.95 (MeCOO), 14.07 and 13.43 (furan Me and CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O).

(h) (2R,3R,4R)-3-Acetoxy-2-(3-acetyl-2-methylfuran-5-yl)-4-tert-butoxycarbonyl-5-(1-tert-butoxycarbonyl-1-cyanomethyl)-4-cyanotetrahydropyran (**35**). — Column chromatography (1:1 hexane–ether) of the crude product gave the mixture of stereoisomers **35**, isolated as a syrup,  $[\alpha]_D^{30} -22.5^\circ$  (c 1, chloroform);  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{CCl}_4}$  1762, 1700, 1620, 1580, 1380, 1264, 1218, 1158, 1070, 948, and 837 cm<sup>-1</sup>. N.m.r. data (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): <sup>1</sup>H,  $\delta$  5.57 and 5.52 (2 d, 1 H, *J* 10.0 Hz, H-3), 4.62 and 4.55 (2 d, 1 H, *J* 10.0 Hz, H-2), 4.30–3.80 (m, 2 H, H-6,6'), 3.55–3.37 (m, 1 H, NC-CH-Boc), 3.25–3.00 (m, 1 H, H-5), 2.57 (s, 3 H, furan Me), 2.40 (s, 3 H, furan Ac), 2.00 and 1.95 (2 s, 3 H, Ac), 1.55 and 1.50 (2 s, 18 H, 2 Me<sub>3</sub>C); <sup>13</sup>C,  $\delta$  193.33 (CO), 167.77, 163.06, 162.70, 162.58 and 162.24 (COO), 159.27 (furan C-2), 146.33 (furan C-5), 122.04 (furan C-3), 113.77, 113.19 and 112.66 (CN), 110.88 (furan C-4), 87.32, 86.91 and 85.85 (Me<sub>3</sub>C), 72.17 (C-2), 69.78 and 69.27 (C-3), 66.69 and 66.05 (C-6), 55.92 and 54.98 (C-4), 40.34, 39.13, 37.56, 37.04 (C-5 and NC-CH-Boc), 29.01 (furan Ac), 27.72 and 27.62 (Me<sub>3</sub>C), 20.17 (MeCOO), and 14.21 (furan Me).

**Benzoylation of 6, 7, 9, and 10.** — Conventional treatment of the appropriate hydroxy compound with benzoyl chloride–pyridine gave the following results:

Starting compound (g)	Benzoyl chloride (mL)	Products (g, %)
<b>6</b> (0.34)	1.5	<b>26</b> (0.48, 78.3)
<b>7</b> (0.25)	1.0	<b>27</b> (0.40, 86.0)
<b>9</b> (0.50)	1.0	<b>28</b> (0.70, 91.7)
<b>10</b> (0.14)	0.5	<b>29</b> (0.16, 72.8)

(a) *t*-3,*t*-5-Dibenzoyloxy-*r*-4-tert-butoxycarbonyl-4-cyanotetrahydrothiopyran (**26**). — Column chromatography (3:1 hexane–ether) of the crude product gave **26**, m.p. 138–139° (from hexane–ether);  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}}$  1770–1740, 1380, 1290, 1260, 1160, 1085, 1070, 1040, 1028, 835, and 705 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-N.m.r. data (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.10 and 7.50 (2 m, 10 H, 2 Ph), 5.87 (dd, 2 H, *J* 8.5 and 6.0 Hz, H-3,5), 3.0 (m, 4 H, H-2e,2a,6e,6a), and 1.25 (s, 9 H, Me<sub>3</sub>C) (Found: C, 64.09; H, 5.37; N, 2.94. C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>S calc.: C, 64.23; H, 5.40; N, 3.00%).

(b) *t*-3,*t*-5-Dibenzoyloxy-*r*-4-tert-butoxycarbonyl-4-cyanotetrahydropyran (**27**). — Column chromatography (1:1 hexane–ether) of the crude product gave **27**, m.p. 178–179° (from ethanol);  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}}$  1760, 1375, 1290, 1272, 1257, 1120, 1094, 1070, 950, 820, and 710 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-N.m.r. data (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.10 and 7.50 (2 m, 10 H, 2 Ph), 5.60 (dd, 2 H, *J* 10.4 and 5.0 Hz, H-3,5), 4.25 (dd, 2 H, *J* 11.6 and 5.0 Hz, H-2e,6e), 3.70 (dd, 2 H, *J* 11.6 and 10.4 Hz, H-2a,6a), and 1.32 (s, 9 H, Me<sub>3</sub>C) (Found: C, 66.83; H, 5.87; N, 2.99. C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>7</sub> calc.: C, 66.50; H, 5.58; N, 3.10%).

(c) 5-(2,4-Di-O-benzoyl-3-tert-butoxycarbonyl-3-C-cyano-3-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-xylo-pentopyranosyl)-3-ethoxycarbonyl-2-methylfuran (**28**). — Column chromatography (3:1 hexane–ether) of the crude product gave **28**, isolated as a syrup,  $[\alpha]_D^{28} -32^\circ$  (c

1.3, chloroform);  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{CCl}_4}$  1746, 1720, 1615, 1605, 1580, 1364, 1253, 1235, 1076, 1055, 1100, and 690  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . N.m.r. data ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $^1\text{H}$  (80 MHz),  $\delta$  8.0 and 7.5 (2 m, 10 H, 2 Ph), 6.70 (s, 1 H, furan H), 5.90 (d, 1 H,  $J$  10.0 Hz, H-2), 5.75 (dd, 1 H,  $J$  10.5 and 5.0 Hz, H-4), 4.80 (d, 1 H,  $J$  10.0 Hz, H-1), 4.40 (dd, 1 H,  $J$  11.5 and 5.0 Hz, H-5e), 4.20 (q, 2 H,  $J$  7.0 Hz,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ), 3.90 (dd, 1 H,  $J$  11.5 and 10.5 Hz, H-5a), 2.50 (s, 3 H, furan Me), 1.30 (t, 3 H,  $J$  7.0 Hz,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ), and 1.25 (s, 9 H,  $\text{Me}_3\text{C}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $\delta$  164.00, 163.37, 163.02, 162.14 (4 COO), 159.76 (furan C-2), 146.00 (furan C-5), 133.66, 129.67, 128.40 and 128.06 ( $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COO}$ ), 114.21 (furan C-3), 113.85 (CN), 111.03 (furan C-4), 85.76 ( $\text{CMe}_3$ ), 71.85, 68.93, and 68.39 (C-1,2,4), 65.43 (C-5), 59.82 ( $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 57.98 (C-3), 27.00 ( $\text{Me}_3\text{C}$ ), 13.95 and 13.30 (furan Me and  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ).

(d) *3-Acetyl-5-(2,4-di-O-benzoyl-3-tert-butoxycarbonyl-3-C-cyano-3-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-xylo-pentopyranosyl)-2-methylfuran (29)*. — Column chromatography (1:1 hexane–ether) of the crude product gave **29**, isolated as a syrup,  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} -35^\circ$  (c 1, chloroform);  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{CCl}_4}$  1770, 1700, 1620, 1580, 1380, 1290–1250, 1100–1070, 945, and 703  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . N.m.r. data ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $^1\text{H}$  (80 MHz),  $\delta$  8.00 and 7.50 (2 m, 10 H, 2 Ph), 6.67 (s, 1 H, furan H), 5.90 (d, 1 H,  $J$  10.0 Hz, H-2), 5.77 (dd, 1 H,  $J$  10.5 and 5.5 Hz, H-4), 4.82 (d, 1 H,  $J$  10.0 Hz, H-1), 4.40 (dd, 1 H,  $J$  11.5 and 5.5 Hz, H-5e), 3.92 (dd, 1 H,  $J$  11.5 and 10.5 Hz, H-5a), 2.50 (s, 3 H, furan Me), 2.30 (s, 3 H, furan Ac), and 1.27 (s, 9 H,  $\text{Me}_3\text{C}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $\delta$  193.37 (COMe), 164.19, 163.55, 162.21, (3 COO), 159.29 (furan C-2), 146.08 (furan C-5), 133.91, 129.87, 128.60 and 128.14 ( $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COO}$ ), 121.90 (furan C-3), 113.98 (CN), 110.78 (furan C-4), 86.07 ( $\text{CMe}_3$ ), 72.04, 69.07, and 68.50 (C-1,2,4), 65.64 (C-5), 58.05 (C-3), 28.81 ( $\text{MeCO}$ ), 27.23 ( $\text{Me}_3\text{C}$ ), and 14.08 (furan Me).

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