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# On the nitrile effect in L-rhamnopyranosylation

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**Abstract**—It is shown that the use of 5% acetonitrile or propionitrile in dichloromethane functions to increase the  $\beta$ -selectivity of a number of L-rhamnopyranosylation reactions conducted by the thioglycoside method with activation by the 1-benzenesulfinyl piperidine/trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride couple. The use of more significant quantities of acetonitrile or propionitrile results in the formation of complex reaction mixtures containing little coupled product, but from which Ritter-type products can be isolated. © 2006 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved.

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## 1. Introduction

While significant advances have been made in the stereocontrolled formation of  $\beta$ -mannopyranosides in recent years, through both direct<sup>†</sup> and indirect methods,<sup>1–19</sup> their 6-deoxy congenors, the  $\beta$ -rhamnopyranosides, continue to pose significant challenges. In the D-series, characterized by the scarcity of D-rhamnose itself,<sup>20</sup> we have successfully devised methods based on stereochemically controlled  $\beta$ -mannosylation, followed by efficient deoxygenation at the 6-position by radical fragmentation of modified 4,6-*O*-acetals,<sup>21–23</sup> but the L-series, while accessible by indirect methods,<sup>24–26</sup> continues to pose significant challenges to direct stereocontrolled synthesis. We report here on our attempts to use the 'nitrile effect' to enhance the  $\beta$ -selectivity of solution-phase rhamnosylation reactions.

## 2. Results and discussion

As we have discussed,<sup>6</sup> based on our determination that a transient contact oxacarbenium ion/triflate anion pair (CIP) is the reactive species in our benzylidene acetal mediated  $\beta$ -mannosylation systems,<sup>27</sup> we considered the key to successful  $\beta$ -L-rhamnosylation to lie in the use of disarming non-participating protecting groups. The function of these groups is to destabilize the oxa-carbenium ion, so as to shift the CIP/glycosyl triflate equilibrium toward the glycosyl triflate, which is the established resting state.<sup>6,28</sup> In this manner, the concentration of the  $\alpha$ -selective solvent-separated ion pair (SSIP), and of any free oxacarbenium ions is minimized resulting in enhanced  $\beta$ -selectivity (Scheme 1).

On this basis, following the early work of Schuerch,<sup>7</sup> we surveyed of 2-O-sulfonyl protected rhamnosyl donors, ultimately arriving at the 4-O-benzoyl-2-O-sulfonyl system 1.6,29 A number of other non-participating electron-withdrawing protecting groups for O2, including phosphates, nitrate, cyanate, and a vinylous ester, were also surveyed but found to be less successful than the optimum sulfonate 1.<sup>6</sup> Interestingly, 2,3-*O*-carbonyl and 2,3-O-alkylidene protected mannosyl and rhamnosyl thioglycosides were found to be highly  $\alpha$ -selective in a number of homogeneous solution phase glycosylations.<sup>3,30–32</sup> This contrasts with their use in heterogenous glycosylations in the form of glycosyl bromides with activation by insoluble silver salts when they are  $\beta$ -selective.<sup>33–37</sup> We ascribe the  $\alpha$ -selectivity of these 2,3-O-carbonates in homogeneous glycosylations to the half-chair conformation imposed on the pyranose ring, for which we have provided crystallographic evidence,<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup>We distinguish between direct methods, which afford the desired glycosidic bond in a single step, and indirect methods, requiring either prior attachment of the acceptor to the donor, or correction of stereochemistry after formation of the glycosidic bond.

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Scheme 1. Abbreviated glycosylation mechanism.

which reduces the energy barrier to oxacarbenium ion formation: the  $\beta$ -directing effect observed with the bromides and insoluble silver salts is simply a function of the mode of adsorption onto the promoter surface.<sup>31</sup> This understanding of the reactivity of the 2,3-*O*-carbonates led us to the 3,4-*O*-carbonyl protected thioglycoside **2**, which exhibits comparable  $\beta$ -selectivity in our systems to sulfonate **1**.<sup>31</sup>



Although donors 1 and 2 gave moderate to excellent  $\beta$ -selectivity with simple secondary and tertiary alcohols, and with more reactive carbohydrate acceptors, they only afford modest selectivity with more typical secondary carbohydrate acceptors.<sup>6,29,31,39</sup> As a consequence, we turned our attention to the well-known β-directing effect of acetonitrile in glycosylation reactions.<sup>40–44</sup> We were encouraged in this endeavor by preliminary results from the Schmidt group in which it was found that 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate 3 gave approximately a 1:1  $\beta$ : $\alpha$  mixture of anomers in good yield on coupling to methyl 2,3,4-tri-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside 4, and to methyl 2,4,6tri-O-benzyl-a-D-glucopyranoside 5, in propionitrile at -80 °C on activation with trimethylsilyl triflate,<sup>44</sup> when high  $\alpha$ -selectivity would have been expected in non-participating solvents.45,46

Table 1. The effect of varying quantities of propionitrile and acetonitrile on the formation of 6 from 2 and 4 at -60 °C

Entry	Solvent (v/v)	Yield (%) 6	β:α ratio
1	EtCN/CH2Cl2 0:100	81	6:1
2	EtCN/CH2Cl2 100:0	<10	>5:1
3	EtCN/CH2Cl2 10:90	69	6.8:1
4	EtCN/CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> 5:95	80	7.9:1
5	EtCN/CH2Cl2 2.5:97.5	78	6.6:1
6	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> 5:95	76	7.2:1
7	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> 2.5:97.5	80	8:1
8	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> 1.25:98.75	98	4.5:1

Working with donor 2 and coupling to acceptor 4, we surveyed the effect of propionitrile<sup>‡</sup> under our BSP/  $Tf_2O/TTBP$  conditions, 3,4,47 with the formation of rhamnoside 6 (Table 1). In neat dichloromethane (Table 1, entry 1), 6 was formed in good yield with a 6:1  $\beta$ : $\alpha$ ratio. By contrast, in neat propionitrile extensive decomposition of the donor was observed, most of the acceptor was recovered unchanged, and <10% of the coupled product  $\mathbf{6}$  was discernible in the crude reaction mixture, albeit with a  $\beta$ : $\alpha$  ratio of at least 5:1 (Table 1, entry 2). This result was somewhat surprising as propionitrile had previously been demonstrated to be a satisfactory solvent for BSP type coupling reactions with other simple thioglycosides,<sup>3</sup> and in the closely related sulfoxide couplings,<sup>48</sup> but was nevertheless reproducible. Reducing the amount of propionitrile until it was simply an additive in the main solvent resulted in the restoration of efficient coupling, and with some increase in  $\beta$ -selectivity, with a maximum approaching 8:1 for the solvent ratio of 5/95 (v/v) propionitrile/dichlorometh-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>‡</sup>Propionitrile has a lower freezing point (-93 °C) than acetonitrile (-48 °C), making it the nitrile of choice when used in significant proportion in low temperature glycosylations. It was demonstrated by Schmidt that propionitrile and acetonitrile have similar directing effects in other glycosylation reactions.<sup>44</sup>

ane (Table 1, entry 4). It was subsequently shown that comparable results could be obtained with low proportions of acetonitrile in dichloromethane (Table 1, entries 6–8), and because of the greater ease of removal, the mixed acetonitrile/dichloromethane system was selected for use in further coupling reactions.



A further series of coupling reactions were then conducted with donor **2** in the 95/5 dichloromethane/ acetonitrile solvent mixture with the results indicated in Table 2. In each a shift in the ratio of products, favoring the  $\beta$ -anomer, is observed on inclusion of acetonitrile, sometimes improving an already  $\beta$ -selective reaction, sometimes changing a previously  $\alpha$ -selective reaction into a  $\beta$ -selective one, and other times reducing  $\alpha$ -selectivity.

A similar series of experiments were conducted with donor 1 with similar consequences (Table 3). A comparison between the results presented in Tables 2 and 3 reveals donor 1 to be generally more  $\beta$ -selective than donor 2, whether the couplings are conducted in pure dichloromethane or with the inclusion of acetonitrile.

As is clear from the ensemble of results presented in Tables 1–3, the isolated yields of coupled products are

generally lower when a nitrile is included in the solvent mixture, falling to a minimum with the use of pure propionitrile. In an attempt to shed further light on this problem, the coupling of donor 1 with the primary acceptor 4 was conducted in a 70/30 mixture of dichloromethane and acetonitrile. Examination of the crude reaction mixture by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy revealed the almost complete absence of the anticipated coupled product 13 and the formation of one major product, which was isolated by chromatography on silica gel in 30% yield, and tentatively assigned structure 18. This assignment is based on the rhamnose anomeric hydrogen signal at  $\delta$  5.13 whose broad singlet nature is typical for an  $\alpha$ -rhamnoside in this series, and on the 3H singlet at  $\delta$  1.99, attributed to the imidate methyl group. On standing in deuteriochloroform, this unstable compound underwent decomposition to acetate 19, thereby providing further support for product 18, which is obviously formed by attack of the acceptor on the intermediate nitrilium ion 20. Unfortunately, attempts to detect the formation of nitrilium ion 20, or its congenor arising from donor 2, by low temperature NMR spectroscopy have so far been unsuccessful. Presumably, the increased concentration of acetonitrile leads to a stabilization of nitrilium ion 20 and diverts nucleophilic attack away from the anomeric center toward the sp-hydridized carbon. In support of this mechanism, we note that a variety of glycosyl nitrilium ions have been captured intramolecularly by this 'Ritter-like' capture mode by various nucleophiles and that this

Table 2. Coupling reactions with donor 2 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>CN 95/5 (v/v) and in pure CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>

Entry	Acceptor	Product	Yield <sup>a</sup> (%) (β:α ratio) <sup>b</sup>		
			CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> /CH <sub>3</sub> CN (95/5)	
1	HO BnO BnO BnO OMe 4	BNO OMe OBn OBn OBn OBn	87 (5.8:1)	76% (7.2:1)	
2	HO BNO BNO BNO OMe	OBn OBn BnO BnO OMe 8	70 (1:1.1)	55% (2.1:1)	
3	OMe HO. JOJ 9	OMe O OBn 10	85 (1:8.1)	72% (1:4.2)	
4	Ph O OH Bno OMe	O = O O OBn O = O OBn O = O OBn O = O O	87 (1:2.1)	77% (1:1.2)	

<sup>a</sup> Yields refer to isolated products.

<sup>b</sup> Ratios were determined on the crude reaction mixtures by integration of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra.

Table 3.	Further	coupling	reactions	with	donor	<b>1</b> in	$CH_2$	$Cl_2/6$	CH <sub>3</sub> C	CN 95	/5	(v/v)	) and in	pure CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>
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Entry	Acceptor	Product <sup>a</sup>	Yield <sup>b</sup> (%) (β:α ratio) <sup>c</sup>		
			CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> /CH <sub>3</sub> CN (95/5)	
1	HO BnO BnO BnO BnO OMe 4	Bzo OBn Bno OSO <sub>2</sub> Ar OBn 13	87 (12.7:1)	88% (16:1)	
2		$BzO \xrightarrow{O}_{OSO_2Ar} \xrightarrow{O}_{OSO_2Ar}$	85 (1:1.4)	78% (1.2:1)	
3	Ph O BnO 11 O Me	BzO BnO ArSO <sub>2</sub> 15	92 (2.6:1)	88% (3.9:1)	
4	BnO OBn BnO OBn HO OBn HO OBn HO OBn OMe	BrO OBn BrO OBn BrO OBn OC BrO OBn OC BrO OBn OC OC OC OC OC OC OC OC OC OC OC OC OC	74 (2.4:1)	42% (3.5:1)	

<sup>a</sup> Ar = p-CF<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>.

<sup>b</sup> Yields refer to isolated products.

<sup>c</sup>Ratios were determined on the crude reaction mixtures by integration of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra.



chemistry has been applied in the synthesis of sugar  $\beta$ -peptide libraries.<sup>49,50</sup>

Finally, we note the unexpectedly high amounts of  $\alpha$ anomeric products  $10\alpha$  and  $14\alpha$  observed on coupling of acceptor 9 to donors 1 and, especially, 2. In our very extensive studies on the formation of the  $\beta$ -D-mannopyranosides,<sup>4</sup> acceptor 9 typically delivers  $\beta$ -selectivities in excess of 10:1; certainly, it is usually a more  $\beta$ -selective acceptor than the glucose 4-OH derivative 7. However, comparison of Table 2, entries 2 and 3, reveals that the roles are reversed in coupling to L-rhamnopyranosyl donor 2. We believe this to be a manifestation of stereochemical matching/mismatching,<sup>51</sup> a phenomenon that is gaining increasingly wide recognition in glycosidic bond forming reactions.<sup>52–54</sup>

## 3. Experimental

## 3.1. General methods

All solvents were dried and distilled by standard procedures. Trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride was distilled over P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>. Acceptors and donors were dried at 40 °C under vacuum for 2 h before use. BSP and TTBP were dried at room temperature under vacuum for 2 h before use. Optical rotations were determined with an Autopol III polarimeter for solutions in CHCl<sub>3</sub>. NMR spectra were recorded for CDCl<sub>3</sub> solutions with a Bruker Avance spectrometer at 500 MHz (<sup>1</sup>H) or 125 MHz (<sup>13</sup>C). Chemical shifts are in parts per million downfield from tetramethylsilane. High resolution mass spectra were recorded with a Waters Q-TOF2 instrument. Microanalyses were conducted by Midwest Microlabs, Indianapolis, IN. The anomeric stereochemistry of all coupled products was assigned on the basis of the anomeric  ${}^{1}J_{CH}$  coupling constants.<sup>55</sup>

#### 3.2. General procedure for coupling reactions

Tf<sub>2</sub>O (0.40 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of donor (0.27 mmol), BSP (0.35 mmol), and TTBP (0.80 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (0.5 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (7.0 mL) under argon at -60 °C. After stirring for 1 h at -60 °C, the acceptor (0.80 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.5 mL) was added slowly over a period of 1 min. The reaction

mixture was stirred for 3 h at -60 °C, then quenched at -60 °C with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic layer was dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane) afforded the corresponding  $\alpha/\beta$  rhamnosides.

3.2.1. Methyl 6-O-(2-O-benzyl-3.4-O-carbonyl-a-L-rhamnopyranosyl)-2,3,4-tri-*O*-benzyl-α-D-glucopyranoside (6α).  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{21}$  -3.6 (c 1.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), lit.<sup>31</sup> -32.7; IR: 1813 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.38–7.21 (m, 20H, arom H), 5.01 (d, 1H,  ${}^{2}J = 11.0 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $-CH_{2}Ph$ ), 4.86 (d, 1H,  $^{2}J = 11.0 \text{ Hz}, -CH_{2}\text{Ph}), 4.81-4.77 \text{ (m, 2H, -CH_{2}\text{Ph})},$ 4.77 (s, 1H, H-1<sup>II</sup>), 4.74 (d, 1H,  ${}^{2}J = 12.0$  Hz, -CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.68 (d, 1H,  ${}^{2}J = 12.0$  Hz,  $-CH_{2}Ph$ ), 4.60 (d, 1H,  $^{2}J = 12.5$  Hz,  $-CH_{2}Ph$ ), 4.54 (d, 1H, J = 4.0 Hz, H-1<sup>I</sup>), 4.50–4.48 (dd, 1H,  $J_{2,3} = 11.5$  Hz,  $J_{3,4} = 3.0$  Hz, H-3<sup>II</sup>), 4.46 (d, 1H,  ${}^{2}J = 11.0$  Hz,  $-CH_{2}Ph$ ), 4.41–4.36 (t, 1H,  $J_{3,4}$ ,  $J_{4,5} = 9.5$  Hz, H-4<sup>II</sup>) 4.05 (m, 1H, H-5<sup>II</sup>), 4.02 (m, 1H, H-2<sup>II</sup>), 3.98 (t, 1H,  $J_{2,3}$ ,  $J_{3,4} = 10.0$  Hz, H-3<sup>I</sup>), 3.83–3.81 (dd, 1H,  $J_{6a,6b} = 10.5$  Hz,  $J_{5,6a} = 1.5$  Hz, H-6<sup>I</sup>), 3.71–3.68 (m, 1H, H-5<sup>I</sup>), 3.54–3.50 (dd, 1H,  $J_{6a,6b} = 11.5 \text{ Hz}, J_{5.6b} = 5.5 \text{ Hz}, \text{ H-6}^{-1}, 3.50-3.47 \text{ (dd,}$ 1H,  $J_{2,3} = 9.5$  Hz,  $J_{1,2} = 3.5$  Hz, H-2<sup>I</sup>), 3.37 (t, 1H,  $J_{3,4}$ ,  $J_{4,5} = 10.0 \text{ Hz}, \text{ H-4}^{I}$ , 3.32 (s, 3H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.34 (d, 3H,  $J_{5,6} = 6.5 \text{ Hz}, \text{ H-6}^{II}$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  153.7, 138.6, 138.0, 136.8, 128.6, 128.52, 128.45, 128.18, 128.11, 128.00,127.98, 127.92, 127.80, 127.74, 127.71, 99.4  $({}^{1}J_{CH} = 172.3 \text{ Hz}), 98.0 ({}^{1}J_{CH} = 167.1 \text{ Hz}), 82.0, 80.5,$ 80.0, 77.9, 77.4, 75.8, 75.0, 74.1, 73.4, 72.9, 69.7, 68.6, 66.7, 55.2, 17.7; ESIMS m/z calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>11</sub>Na  $[M+Na]^+$ : 749.2938. Found: 749.2938.

3.2.2. Methyl 6-O-(2-O-benzyl-3,4-O-carbonyl-β-L-rhamnopyranosyl)-2,3,4-tri-*O*-benzyl-α-D-glucopyranoside (6β).  $[\alpha]_{D}^{21}$  +46.6 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), lit.<sup>31</sup> +52.3; IR: 1810 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.37–7.26 (m, 20H, arom H), 5.0  $(d,1H, ^{2}J = 11.0 \text{ Hz}, -CH_{2}Ph), 4.89-4.80 \text{ (m, 5H,}$  $-CH_2Ph$ ), 4.73 (d, 1H,  $^2J = 10.5$  Hz,  $-CH_2Ph$ ), 4.68 (d, 1H,  ${}^{2}J = 10.5$  Hz,  $-CH_{2}Ph$ ), 4.66 (s, 1H, H-1<sup>II</sup>), 4.58  $(d, 1H, J = 3.5 \text{ Hz}, H^{-1}), 4.48 - 4.44 (dd, 1H),$  $J_{3,4} = 11.5 \text{ Hz}, J_{4,5} = 9.0 \text{ Hz}, \text{ H-4}^{\text{II}}), 4.29-4.27 \text{ (dd,}$ 1H,  $J_{6a,6b} = 11.5$  Hz,  $J_{5,6a} = 3.0$  Hz, H-6<sup>I</sup>), 4.25 (d, 1H,  $J_{2,3} = 2.0$  Hz, H-2<sup>II</sup>), 4.13–4.10 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3,4} = 12.0$  Hz,  $J_{2,3} = 2.5$  Hz, H-3<sup>II</sup>), 3.99 (t, 1H,  $J_{2,3}$ ,  $J_{3,4} = 9.0$  Hz, H-3<sup>I</sup>), 3.76–3.69 (m, H-5<sup>I</sup>, H-6<sup>I</sup>, H-5<sup>II</sup>), 3.61 (t, 1H,  $J_{3,4}, J_{4,5} = 8.5 \text{ Hz}, \text{ H-4}^{I}, 3.46 - 3.43 \text{ (dd, 1H, } J_{2,3} =$ 10.0 Hz,  $J_{1,2} = 4.0$  Hz, H-2<sup>I</sup>), 3.36 (s, 3H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.39 (d, 3H,  $J_{5,6} = 6.0$  Hz, H-6<sup>II</sup>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  153.9, 138.8, 138.3, 138.1 137.2, 128.5, 128.41, 128.39, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 101.2 ( ${}^{1}J_{CH} = 157.5 \text{ Hz}$ ), 98.3 ( ${}^{1}J_{CH} = 166.9 \text{ Hz}$ ), 81.8, 81.6, 80.0, 77.9, 77.6, 75.6, 75.2, 73.8, 73.5, 73.4, 71.0, 70.0, 68.0, 55.3, 17.8; ESIMS m/z calcd for  $C_{42}H_{46}O_{11}Na$   $[M+Na]^+$ : 749.2938. Found: 749.2969.

3.2.3. Methyl 2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl-4-O-(2-O-benzyl-3,4-O-carbonyl-α-L-rhamnopyranosyl)-α-D-glucopyranoside (8 $\alpha$ ).  $[\alpha]_{D}^{21}$  -11.7 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), lit.<sup>31</sup> -19.6; IR:  $1811 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.33–7.21 (m, 20H, arom H), 5.09 (d, 1H,  ${}^{2}J = 11.0$  Hz,  $-CH_{2}Ph$ ), 5.0 (s, 1H, H-1<sup>II</sup>), 4.76 (d, 1H,  ${}^{2}J = 12.0$  Hz, -CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.63–4.56 (m, 4H,  $H-1^{I}$  –CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.52 (d, 1H,  $^{2}J = 12.0 \text{ Hz}, -\text{CH}_{2}\text{Ph}), 4.45-4.41 \text{ (m, 2H, -CH}_{2}\text{Ph}),$ 4.25-4.23 (m, 2H, H-3<sup>II</sup>, H-4<sup>II</sup>), 4.11-4.08 (m, 1H, H-5<sup>II</sup>), 3.93 (s, 1H, H-2<sup>II</sup>), 3.82–3.80 (m, 2H, H-3<sup>I</sup>, H-4<sup>I</sup>), 3.62 (m, 1H, H-5<sup>I</sup>), 3.58–3.53 (m, 2H, H-2<sup>I</sup>, H-6<sup>I</sup>), 3.41–3.38 (dd, 1H,  $J_{6a,6b} = 11.0$  Hz,  $J_{5.6a} = 3.0$  Hz, H- $6^{I}$ ), 3.35 (s, 3H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.97 (d, 3H,  $J_{5.6} = 6.0$  Hz, H-6<sup>II</sup>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 153.9, 138.2, 137.8, 137.5, 136.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.08, 128.01, 127.90, 127.85, 127.75, 127.70, 98.6 ( ${}^{1}J_{CH} = 172.8 \text{ Hz}$ ), 97.9  $({}^{1}J_{CH}$  166.1 Hz), 80.6, 80.2, 79.6, 78.2, 77.9, 77.5, 75.8, 74.1, 73.8, 73.6, 73.3, 72.6, 69.8, 69.0, 68.7, 55.3, 17.3; ESIMS m/z calcd for  $C_{42}H_{46}O_{11}Na$   $[M+Na]^+$ : 749.2938. Found: 749.2941.

3.2.4. Methyl 2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl-4-O-(2-O-benzyl-3,4-O-carbonyl-β-L-rhamnopyranosyl)-α-D-glucopyranoside (8 $\beta$ ).  $[\alpha]_{D}^{21}$  +18.8 (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), lit.<sup>31</sup> +56.1; IR:  $1811 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.38–7.25 (m, 18H, arom H), 7.11 (m, 2H, arom H), 4.99 (d, 1H,  $^{2}J = 11.5$  Hz,  $-CH_{2}Ph$ ), 4.76–4.65 (m, 6H, H-1<sup>I</sup>, H-1<sup>II</sup>)  $-CH_2Ph$ ), 4.61 (d, 1H, <sup>2</sup>J = 12.0 Hz,  $-CH_2Ph$ ), 4.52  $(d,1H, {}^{2}J = 12.0 \text{ Hz}, -CH_{2}Ph), 4.31-4.25 \text{ (m, 2H, H-}$  $4^{\text{II}}$ , -CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 3.86 (t, 1H,  $J_{2,3}$ ,  $J_{3,4} = 9.0$  Hz, H- $3^{\text{I}}$ ), 3.82 (dd, 1H,  $J_{6a,6b} = 10.5$  Hz,  $J_{5,6a} = 1.5$  Hz, H-6<sup>1</sup>), 3.73 (m, 1H, H-6<sup>I</sup>), 3.69–3.62 (m, 2H, H-4<sup>I</sup>, H-5<sup>I</sup>), 3.53–3.48 (m, 4H, H-2<sup>I</sup>, H-2<sup>II</sup>, H-3<sup>II</sup>, H-5<sup>II</sup>), 3.44 (s, 3H,  $-OCH_3$ ), 1.24 (d, 3H,  $J_{5,6} = 6.0$  Hz, H-6<sup>II</sup>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 154.0, 138.6, 138.4, 137.8, 137.5, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.15, 128.09, 128.05, 128.00, 127.87, 127.85, 127.42, 127.37, 101.5 ( ${}^{1}J_{CH} = 165.0 \text{ Hz}$ ), 97.7  $({}^{1}J_{CH} = 163.1 \text{ Hz}), 82.2, 81.5, 80.0, 77.9, 76.2, 75.7,$ 73.44, 73.37, 73.10, 72.98, 70.6, 69.5, 68.8, 55.5, 17.7; ESIMS m/z calcd for  $C_{42}H_{46}O_{11}Na$   $[M+Na]^+$ : 749.2938. Found: 749.2923.

**3.2.5.** Methyl 4-*O*-(2-*O*-benzyl-3,4-*O*-carbonyl-α-L-rhamnopyranosyl)-2,3-*O*-isopropylidene-α-L-rhamnopyranoside (10α).  $[\alpha]_D^{21}$  -68.5 (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR: 1819 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.36–7.31 (m, 5H, arom H), 5.48 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2} = 1.0$  Hz, H-1<sup>II</sup>), 4.85 (s, 1H, H-1<sup>I</sup>), 4.76 (d, 1H, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 12.0 Hz, -CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.70 (d, 1H, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 12.0 Hz, -CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.45 (m, 2H, H-3<sup>II</sup>, H-4<sup>II</sup>), 4.13 (m, 1H, H-2<sup>II</sup>), 4.06 (m, 3H, H-2<sup>I</sup>, H-3<sup>I</sup>, H-5<sup>II</sup>), 3.58 (m, 1H, H-5<sup>II</sup>), 3.50 (m, 1H, H-4<sup>I</sup>), 3.36 (s, 3H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.51 (s, 3H, -C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 1.38 (d, 3H, *J*<sub>5,6</sub> = 6.0 Hz, H-6<sup>II</sup>), 1.34 (s, 3H, -C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 1.26 (d, 3H, *J*<sub>5,6</sub> = 6.0 Hz, H-6<sup>II</sup>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 153.7, 136.9, 128.5, 128.1, 127.7, 109.6, 98.1 (<sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CH</sub> = 174.9 Hz), 97.9 (<sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CH</sub> = 167.4 Hz), 80.3, 78.4, 78.2, 77.9, 76.1, 74.6,

72.8, 69.2, 63.5, 54.9, 27.9, 26.3, 17.9, 17.8; ESIMS m/z calcd for  $C_{24}H_{32}O_{10}Na \ [M+Na]^+$ : 503.1893. Found: 503.1892.

3.2.6. Methyl 4-O-(2-O-benzyl-3,4-O-carbonyl-β-L-rhamnopyranosyl)-2,3-O-isopropylidene-a-L-rhamnopyranoside (10β).  $[\alpha]_{D}^{21}$  +5.6 (*c* 0.7, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR: 1810 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.37-7.30 (m, 5H, arom H), 4.86-4.79 (q, 2H,  ${}^{2}J = 12.5$  Hz,  $-CH_{2}Ph$ ), 4.83 (s, 1H, H-1<sup>I</sup>), 4.75 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2} = 1.0$  Hz, H-1<sup>II</sup>), 4.52–4.48 (dd, 1H,  $J_{4.5} = 11.5$  Hz,  $J_{3.4} = 9.5$  Hz, H-4<sup>II</sup>), 4.37 (t, 1H,  $J_{2,3}$ ,  $J_{3,4} = 6.0$  Hz, H-3<sup>I</sup>), 4.21 (d, 1H,  $J_{2,3} = 1.5$  Hz,  $H-2^{II}$ , 4.13–4.11 (m, 2H,  $H-3^{II}$ ,  $H-2^{I}$ ), 3.76 (m, 1H, H-5<sup>II</sup>), 3.70 (m, 1H, H-5<sup>I</sup>), 3.39–3.36 (dd, 1H,  $J_{4,5}$  = 10.0 Hz,  $J_{3,4} = 7.0$  Hz, H-4<sup>I</sup>), 3.37 (s, 3H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.48 (s, 3H,  $-C(CH_3)_2$ ), 1.44 (d, 3H,  $J_{5.6} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}$ H-6<sup>II</sup>), 1.33 (s, 3H,  $-C(CH_3)_2$ ), 1.25 (d, 3H,  $J_{5,6} = 6.5$  Hz, H-6<sup>I</sup>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  153.9, 137.1, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 109.0, 100.9 ( ${}^{1}J_{CH} = 157.1$  Hz), 98.2  $({}^{1}J_{CH} = 166.5 \text{ Hz}), 83.4, 81.8, 77.9, 76.40, 75.8, 73.6,$ 73.2, 71.1, 63.9, 54.9, 28.0, 26.1, 17.8, 17.7; ESIMS m/z calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>10</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 503.1888. Found: 503.1885.

3.2.7. Methyl 3-O-benzyl-4,6-O-benzylidene-2-O-(2-Obenzyl-3,4-O-carbonyl-a-L-rhamnopyranosyl)-a-D-manno**pyranoside** (12 $\alpha$ ).  $[\alpha]_{D}^{21}$  -69.9 (*c* 0.9, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR: 1810 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.52 (dd, 2H, J =8.5 Hz, J = 2.5 Hz, arom H), 7.40–7.30 (m, 13H, arom H), 5.65 (s, 1H, H-7<sup>I</sup>), 4.87 (d, 1H,  ${}^{2}J = 11.5$  Hz,  $-CH_2Ph$ ), 4.83 (s, 1H, H-1<sup>II</sup>), 4.82 (d, 1H, <sup>2</sup>J = 12.5 Hz,  $-CH_2Ph$ ), 4.67 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3,4} = 11.0$  Hz,  $J_{2,3} =$ 2.5 Hz, H-3<sup>II</sup>), 4.66 (d, 1H,  ${}^{2}J = 12.0$  Hz, -CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.63 (d, 1H,  ${}^{2}J = 12.0$  Hz,  $-CH_{2}Ph$ ), 4.49 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2} =$ 2.0 Hz, H-1<sup>I</sup>), 4.45 (m, 1H, H-5<sup>II</sup>), 4.35 (dd, 1H,  $J_{4.5} = 11.5 \text{ Hz}, J_{3.4} = 10.0 \text{ Hz}, \text{ H-4}^{\text{II}}), 4.25 \text{ (dd, 1H,}$  $J_{6a,6b}^{0} = 10.0$  Hz,  $J_{5,6a}^{0} = 4.5$  Hz, H-6<sup>I</sup>), 4.21 (m, 1H, H-2<sup>II</sup>), 4.1 (dd, 1H,  $J_{2,3}^{0} = 3.5$  Hz,  $J_{1,2}^{0} = 1.5$  Hz, H-2<sup>I</sup>), 4.03 (t, 1H,  $J_{3,4}$ ,  $J_{4,5} = 10.0$  Hz, H-4<sup>I</sup>), 3.94 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3,4} = 9.5 \text{ Hz}, J_{2,3} = 3.0 \text{ Hz}, \text{ H-3}^{1}, 3.84 \text{ (t, 1H, } J_{5,6a},$  $J_{6a,6b} = 10.5$  Hz, H-6<sup>I</sup>), 3.76 (m, 1H, H-5<sup>I</sup>), 3.35 (s, 3H,  $-OCH_3$ ), 1.11 (d, 3H,  $J_{5,6} = 6.0$  Hz, H $-6^{II}$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 153.8, 138.0, 137.4, 137.0, 129.0, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 126.0, 101.6 ( ${}^{1}J_{CH} = 162.4 \text{ Hz}$ ), 98.8  $({}^{1}J_{CH} = 165.9 \text{ Hz}), 97.6 ({}^{1}J_{CH} 169.3 \text{ Hz}), 80.2, 79.1,$ 77.9, 75.0, 74.4, 74.0, 73.8, 73.3, 68.9, 68.7, 63.9, 55.0, 17.5; ESIMS m/z calcd for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>11</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 657.2307. Found: 657.2306.

**3.2.8.** Methyl 3-*O*-benzyl-4,6-*O*-benzylidene-2-*O*-(2-*O*-benzyl-3,4-*O*-carbonyl-β-L-rhamnopyranosyl)- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside (12 $\beta$ ).  $[\alpha]_D^{21}$  +29.3 (*c* 0.6, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR: 1811 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.49 (dd, 2H, J = 8.5 Hz, J = 3.0 Hz, arom H), 7.45 (d, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz, arom H), 7.40–7.37 (m, 4H, arom H), 7.34–7.31 (m, 4H, arom H), 7.27 (m, 3H, arom

H), 5.56 (s, 1H, H-7<sup>I</sup>), 4.94 (m, 4H, H-1<sup>I</sup>, -CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.79 (s, 1H, H-1<sup>II</sup>), 4.60 (d, 1H,  ${}^{2}J$  = 11.5 Hz, -CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.44 (dd, 1H,  $J_{4,5}$  = 11.5 Hz,  $J_{3,4}$  = 9.5 Hz, H-4<sup>II</sup>), 4.32 (m, 1H, H-6<sup>I</sup>), 4.28 (d, 1H,  $J_{2,3}$  = 2.0 Hz, H-2<sup>II</sup>), 4.11 (t, 1H,  $J_{1,2}$ ,  $J_{2,3}$  = 2.5 Hz, H-2<sup>II</sup>), 4.0 (m, 2H, H-3<sup>I</sup>, H-4<sup>I</sup>), 3.92 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3,4}$  = 11.5 Hz,  $J_{2,3}$  = 2.5 Hz, , H-3<sup>II</sup>), 3.81 (m, 2H, H-5<sup>I</sup>, H-6<sup>I</sup>), 3.60 (m, 1H, H-5<sup>II</sup>), 3.38 (s, 3H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.42 (d, 3H,  $J_{5,6}$  = 6.5 Hz, H-6<sup>II</sup>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 153.9, 138.5, 137.5, 137.4, 129.0, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 127.92, 127.86, 127.5, 126.0, 101.9 ( ${}^{1}J_{CH}$  = 164.8 Hz), 101.6 ( ${}^{1}J_{CH}$  = 160.5 Hz), 101.2 ( ${}^{1}J_{CH}$  = 174.8 Hz), 81.5, 79.4, 77.8, 76.4, 73.8, 73.7, 73.2, 71.0, 69.1, 63.7, 54.9, 17.8; ESIMS *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>11</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 657.2307. Found: 657.2307.

3.2.9. Methyl 6-O-[(4-O-benzoyl-3-O-benzyl-2-O-(2-trifluoromethylbenzenesulfonyl)-a-L-rhamnopyranosyl)]-2,3, **4-tri-***O*-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside (13 $\alpha$ ).  $[\alpha]_{D}^{21}$  +31.9 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), lit.<sup>29</sup> -30.2; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.22 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz, arom H), 7.95 (d, 2H, J = 8.5 Hz, arom H), 7.73 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz, arom H), 7.59– 7.26 (m, 17H, arom H), 7.14 (m, 1H, arom H), 7.06 (t, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz, arom H), 6.94 (d, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz, arom H), 5.28 (t, 1H,  $J_{3,4}$ ,  $J_{4,5} = 9.5$  Hz, H-4<sup>II</sup>), 5.12 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2} = 1.5$  Hz, H-1<sup>II</sup>), 5.03–5.01 (m, 2H, H-2<sup>II</sup>,  $-CH_2Ph$ ), 4.94 (d, 1H, <sup>2</sup>J = 11.0 Hz,  $-CH_2Ph$ ), 4.85 (d, 1H,  ${}^{2}J = 11.0$  Hz,  $-CH_{2}Ph$ ), 4.83 (d, 1H,  $^{2}J = 12.0$  Hz,  $-CH_{2}Ph$ ), 4.72 (d, 1H,  $^{2}J = 12.5$  Hz,  $-CH_2Ph$ ), 4.62 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2} = 3.0$  Hz, H-1<sup>1</sup>), 4.55 (d, 1H,  ${}^{2}J = 11.0$  Hz,  $-CH_{2}Ph$ ), 4.30–4.23 (q, 2H, J =12.5 Hz,  $-CH_2Ph$ ), 4.02 (t, 1H,  $J_{2,3}$ ,  $J_{3,4} = 9.5$  Hz, H-3<sup>I</sup>), 3.90–3.83 (m, 3H, H-6<sup>I</sup>, H-3<sup>II</sup>, H-5<sup>II</sup>), 3.79–3.76 (m, 1H, H-5<sup>I</sup>), 3.60–3.57 (dd, 1H,  $J_{6a,6b} = 11.0$  Hz,  $J_{5,6a} = 6.5 \text{ Hz}, \text{ H-6}^{I}, 3.54 \text{ (dd, 1H, } J_{2,3} = 9.5 \text{ Hz},$  $J_{1,2} = 3.0 \text{ Hz}, \text{ H-2}^{I}$ , 3.40–3.36 (m, 4H, H-4<sup>I</sup>, –OCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.19 (d, 3H,  $J_{5,6} = 6.0$  Hz, H-6<sup>II</sup>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  165.3, 138.6, 138.0, 137.9, 137.0, 135.2, 133.5, 133.2, 132.0, 131.6, 129.8, 129.7, 128.52, 128.48, 128.37, 128.31, 128.26, 128.20, 128.16, 128.08, 128.07, 128.00, 127.96, 127.92, 127.8, 127.6, 97.9 ( ${}^{1}J_{CH}$  172.9 Hz), 97.8 ( ${}^{1}J_{CH}$ 157.3 Hz), 82.0, 79.9, 77.8, 76.8, 75.9, 75.2, 73.6, 73.3, 72.5, 71.5, 70.2, 67.0, 66.8, 55.2, 17.3; ESIMS m/z calcd for  $C_{55}H_{55}O_{13}F_3NaS$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 1035.3213. Found: 1035.3218.

**3.2.10.** Methyl 6-*O*-[(4-*O*-benzoyl-3-*O*-benzyl-2-*O*-(2-tri-fluoromethylbenzenesulfonyl)-β-L-rhamnopyranosyl)]-2,3, 4-tri-*O*-benzyl-α-D-glucopyranoside (13β).  $[\alpha]_D^{21}$  +59.0 (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), lit.<sup>29</sup> +22.9; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.22 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz, arom H), 7.96–7.94 (dd, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz, J 0.5 Hz, arom H), 7.66 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz, arom H), 7.59 (t, 1H, J = 7.0 Hz, arom H), 7.46–7.18 (m, 15H, arom H), 7.11 (t, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz, arom H), 7.04 (d, 2H, J = 7.0 Hz, arom H), 5.41 (d, 1H,  $J_{2,3} = 3.0$  Hz, H-2<sup>II</sup>), 5.29 (t, 1H,  $J_{3,4}$ ,  $J_{4,5} = 9.5$  Hz, H-4<sup>II</sup>), 4.98 (d, 1H,  ${}^{2}J$  = 11.0 Hz,  $-CH_{2}Ph$ ), 4.86–4.82 (m, 2H,  $-CH_{2}Ph$ ), 4.75 (d, 1H,  ${}^{2}J$  = 12.0 Hz,  $-CH_{2}Ph$ ), 4.66 (s, 1H, H-1<sup>II</sup>), 4.64 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2}$  = 3.5 Hz, H-1<sup>I</sup>), 4.56–4.49 (m, 3H,  $-CH_{2}Ph$ ), 4.37 (d, 1H,  ${}^{2}J$  = 12.5 Hz,  $-CH_{2}Ph$ ), 4.27– 4.24 (dd, 1H,  $J_{6a,6b}$  = 11.5 Hz,  $J_{5,6a}$  = 3.5 Hz, H-6<sup>I</sup>), 3.91 (t, 1H,  $J_{2,3}, J_{3,4}$  = 9.0 Hz, H-3<sup>I</sup>), 3.69–3.63 (m, 3H, H-5<sup>I</sup>, H-6<sup>I</sup>, H-3<sup>II</sup>), 3.56–3.52 (m, 2H, H-2<sup>I</sup>, H-5<sup>II</sup>), 3.43 (t, 1H,  $J_{3,4}, J_{4,5}$  = 9.5 Hz, H-4<sup>I</sup>), 3.36 (s, 3H,  $-OCH_{3}$ ), 1.26 (d, 3H,  $J_{5,6}$  = 6.0 Hz, H-6<sup>II</sup>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  165.2, 139.1, 138.6, 138.4, 136.8, 136.5, 133.24, 133.22, 131.9, 130.9, 129.8, 129.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.34, 128.26, 128.25, 128.17, 128.0, 127.92, 127.86, 127.74, 127.55, 127.52, 98.3 ( ${}^{1}J_{CH}$  165.9 Hz), 97.8 ( ${}^{1}J_{CH}$  156.8 Hz), 81.7, 79.6, 77.4, 77.2, 75.6, 74.9, 73.4, 72.5, 71.0, 70.9, 69.9, 67.1, 55.2, 17.6; ESIMS *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>55</sub>H<sub>55</sub>O<sub>13</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NaS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 1035.3213. Found: 1035.3209.

3.2.11. Methyl 4-O-I(4-O-benzoyl-3-O-benzyl-2-O-(2-trifluoromethylbenzenesulfonyl)-a-L-rhamnopyranosyl)]-2,3-O-isopropylidene-a-L-rhamnopyranoside (14 $\alpha$ ).  $[\alpha]_{D}^{21}$ +21.5 (c 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), lit.<sup>29</sup> -55.2; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.26 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz, arom H), 7.94 (d, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz, arom H), 7.76 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz, arom H), 7.58–7.50 (m, 3H, arom H), 7.42 (t, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz, arom H), 7.17 (t, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz, arom H), 7.1 (t, 2H, arom H), 6.99 (d, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz, arom H), 5.48 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2} = 1.5$  Hz, H-1<sup>II</sup>), 5.28 (t, 1H,  $J_{3,4}$ ,  $J_{4,5} = 9.5$  Hz, H-4<sup>II</sup>), 5.19 (t, 1H,  $J_{1,2}$ ,  $J_{2,3} = 2.5$  Hz, H-2<sup>II</sup>), 4.86 (s, 1H, H-1<sup>I</sup>), 4.39 (d, 1H,  ${}^{2}J = 12.0$  Hz,  $-CH_2Ph$ ), 4.30 (d, 1H, <sup>2</sup>J = 12.0 Hz,  $-CH_2Ph$ ), 4.12-4.11 (m, 2H, H-2<sup>I</sup>, H-3<sup>I</sup>), 3.91-3.86 (m, 2H, H-3<sup>II</sup>, H-5<sup>II</sup>), 3.66–3.63 (m, 1H, H-5<sup>I</sup>), 3.48–3.45 (m, 1H, H-4<sup>I</sup>), 3.39 (s, 3H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.55 (s, 3H, -C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 1.37 (s, 3H,  $-C(CH_3)_2$ ), 1.27 (d, 3H,  $J_{5,6} = 6.5$  Hz, H-6<sup>1</sup>), 1.22 (d, 3H,  $J_{5.6} = 6.5$  Hz, H-6<sup>II</sup>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  165.2, 137.1, 135.5, 133.3, 133.1, 131.9, 131.7, 129.8, 129.7, 128.3, 128.24, 128.20, 128.1, 127.7, 127.5, 109.7, 98.0  $({}^{1}J_{CH} = 165.4 \text{ Hz}), 97.2 ({}^{1}J_{CH} = 171.6 \text{ Hz}), 79.3, 77.8,$ 77.1, 76.0, 73.7, 72.4, 71.4, 67.7, 63.9, 55.0, 28.0, 26.4, 17.7, 17.5. Anal calcd for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>41</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>12</sub>S: C, 57.96; H, 5.39. Found: C, 57.66; H, 5.23.

**3.2.12.** Methyl 4-*O*-[(4-*O*-benzoyl-3-*O*-benzyl-2-*O*-(2-tri-fluoromethylbenzenesulfonyl)-β-L-rhamnopyranosyl)]-2,3-*O*-isopropylidene-α-L-rhamnopyranoside (14β).  $[\alpha]_D^{21}$  +43.6 (*c* 0.7, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), lit.<sup>29</sup> +30.7; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.28 (m, 1H, arom H), 7.96 (d, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz, arom H), 7.74 (m, 1H, arom H), 7.59–7.52 (m, 3H, arom H), 7.43 (t, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz, arom H), 7.16 (t, 1H, J = 7.0 Hz, arom H), 7.08 (t, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz, arom H), 7.0 (d, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz, arom H), 5.34 (d, 1H,  $J_{2,3} = 3.0$  Hz, H-2<sup>II</sup>), 5.30 (t, 1H,  $J_{3,4}$ ,  $J_{4,5} = 9.5$  Hz, H-4<sup>II</sup>), 4.80 (s, 2H, H-1<sup>I</sup>, H-1<sup>II</sup>), 4.82 (d, 1H, <sup>2</sup>J = 12.5 Hz, -CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.34 (d, 1H, <sup>2</sup>J = 12.0 Hz, -CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.16 (t, 1H,  $J_{2,3} = 6.0$  Hz, H-2<sup>II</sup>), 3.70–3.68 (dd, 1H, 
$$\begin{split} J_{3,4} &= 10.0 \text{ Hz}, \ J_{2,3} &= 3.0 \text{ Hz}, \ \text{H-3}^{\text{II}} \text{)}, \ 3.56 \ (\text{m}, \ 1\text{H}, \ \text{H-5}^{\text{II}} \text{)}, \ 3.49 \ (\text{m}, \ 1\text{H}, \ \text{H-5}^{\text{I}} \text{)}, \ 3.42-3.39 \ (\text{m}, \ 1\text{H}, \ \text{H-4}^{\text{I}} \text{)}, \ 3.34 \ (\text{s}, \ 3\text{H}, \ -\text{OCH}_3), \ 1.50 \ (\text{s}, \ 3\text{H}, \ -\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2), \ 1.31 \ (\text{s}, \ 3\text{H}, \ -\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2), \ 1.31 \ (\text{s}, \ 3\text{H}, \ -\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2), \ 1.30 \ (\text{d}, \ 3\text{H}, \ J_{5,6} = 6.0 \ \text{Hz}, \ \text{H-6}^{\text{II}} \text{)}, \ 1.26 \ (\text{d}, \ 3\text{H}, \ J_{5,6} = 6.5 \ \text{Hz}, \ \text{H-6}^{\text{I}} \text{)}; \ ^{13}\text{C} \ \text{NMR}: \ \delta \ 165.2, \ 136.83, \ 136.80, \ 133.3, \ 132.7, \ 131.8, \ 131.2, \ 129.8, \ 129.7, \ 128.4, \ 128.2, \ 128.0, \ 127.85, \ 127.80, \ 127.75, \ 127.70, \ 127.65, \ 127.61, \ 108.9, \ 98.0 \ (^{1}J_{\text{CH}} = 166.6 \ \text{Hz}), \ 97.6 \ (^{1}J_{\text{CH}} = 155.1 \ \text{Hz}), \ 82.8, \ 78.0, \ 76.3, \ 76.1, \ 75.7, \ 72.6, \ 71.06, \ 71.05, \ 63.8, \ 54.7, \ 28.1, \ 26.1, \ 17.7, \ 17.5. \ \text{Anal calcd for} \ \text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{41}\text{F}_3\text{O}_{12}\text{S}: \ \text{C}, \ 57.96; \ \text{H}, \ 5.39. \ \text{Found: C}, \ 58.03; \ \text{H}, \ 5.39. \end{split}$$

3.2.13. Methyl 3-O-benzyl-4,6-O-benzylidene-2-O-[(4-Obenzovl-3-O-benzvl-2-O-(2-trifluoromethylbenzenesulfonyl)- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl)]- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside (15 $\alpha$ ).  $[\alpha]_{D}^{21}$  -24.3 (c 1.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), lit.<sup>29</sup> -35.6; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(\overline{\text{CDCl}}_3)$ :  $\delta$  8.27 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz, arom H), 7.92 (d, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz, arom H), 7.75 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz, arom H), 7.57-7.39 (m, 10H, arom H), 7.34 (d, 2H, J = 7.0 Hz, arom H), 7.26–7.19 (m, 4H, arom H), 7.14 (t, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz, arom H), 6.99 (d, 2H, J = 7.0 Hz, arom H), 5.66 (s, 1H, H-7<sup>I</sup>), 5.30 (t, 1H, J<sub>3,4</sub>,  $J_{4,5} = 10.0 \text{ Hz}, \text{ H-4}^{\text{II}}$ ), 5.18 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2} = 1.0 \text{ Hz}, \text{ H-}$ 1<sup>II</sup>), 5.11 (t, 1H,  $J_{1,2}$ ,  $J_{2,3} = 3.0$  Hz, H-2<sup>II</sup>), 4.82 (d, 1H,  ${}^{2}J = 11.5 \text{ Hz}, -CH_{2}Ph), 4.72 \text{ (s, 1H, H-1<sup>I</sup>)}, 4.70 \text{ (d,}$ 1H,  ${}^{2}J = 11.5$  Hz,  $-CH_{2}Ph$ ), 4.39–4.30 (m, 4H, H-6<sup>I</sup>, H-5<sup>II</sup>, -CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.19 (s, 1H, H-2<sup>I</sup>), 4.02-3.98 (m, 3H, H-3<sup>I</sup>, H-4<sup>I</sup>, H-3<sup>II</sup>), 3.88 (t, 1H,  $J_{5,6a}$ ,  $J_{6a,6b} = 10.0$  Hz, H-6<sup>I</sup>), 3.81 (m, 1H, H-5<sup>I</sup>), 3.41 (s, 3H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.07 (d, 3H,  $J_{5.6} = 6.5$  Hz, H-6<sup>II</sup>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  165.4, 138.0, 137.5, 137.1, 135.0, 133.5, 133.1, 132.0, 131.7, 129.9, 129.7, 129.0, 128.4, 128.32, 128.26, 128.23, 128.18, 127.7, 127.6, 126.1, 101.6 ( ${}^{1}J_{CH} = 162.3 \text{ Hz}$ ), 99.0  $({}^{1}J_{\rm CH} = 170.5 \text{ Hz}), 96.5 ({}^{1}J_{\rm CH} = 170.6 \text{ Hz}), 78.7, 74.5,$ 74.1, 73.8, 73.1, 72.4, 71.7, 68.8, 67.2, 63.9, 55.1, 17.2; ESIMS m/z calcd for C<sub>48</sub>H<sub>47</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>13</sub>NaS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 943.2587. Found: 943.2598.

3.2.14. Methyl 3-O-benzyl-4.6-O-benzylidene-2-O-[(4-Obenzoyl-3-O-benzyl-2-O-(2-trifluoromethylbenzenesulfonyl)-β-L-rhamnopyranosyl)]-α-D-mannopyranoside (15β).  $[\alpha]_{D}^{21}$  +51.1 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), lit.<sup>29</sup> +25.6; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.35 (m, 1H, arom H), 7.94–7.92 (dd, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz, 1.0 Hz, arom H), 7.77 (m, 1H, arom H), 7.59–7.26 (m, 15H, arom H), 7.16 (t, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz, arom H), 7.07 (t, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz, arom H), 6.96 (d, 2H, J = 7.0 Hz, arom H), 5.69 (s, 1H, H-7<sup>I</sup>), 5.47 (d, 1H,  $J_{2,3} = 2.5$  Hz, H-2<sup>II</sup>), 5.26 (t, 1H,  $J_{3,4}$ ,  $J_{4,5} = 10.0 \text{ Hz}, \text{ H-4}^{\text{II}}), 4.98 \text{ (d, 1H, } {}^{2}J = 12.0 \text{ Hz},$  $-CH_2Ph$ ), 4.89 (s, 1H, H-1<sup>II</sup>), 4.67 (d, 1H, <sup>2</sup>J = 12.0 Hz,  $-CH_2Ph$ ), 4.63 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2} = 1.5$  Hz, H-1<sup>I</sup>), 4.44 (d, 1H,  ${}^{2}J = 12.5$  Hz,  $-CH_{2}Ph$ ), 4.31 (t, 1H,  $J_{3,4}$ ,  $J_{4.5} = 9.5 \text{ Hz}, \text{ H-4}^{\text{I}}$ ), 4.25–4.19 (m, 2H, H-6<sup>I</sup>, –CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.15 (m, 1H, H-2<sup>1</sup>), 4.00–3.98 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3,4} = 9.5$  Hz,  $J_{2,3}$  2.5 Hz, H-3<sup>1</sup>), 3.81 (t, 1H,  $J_{5,6a}$ ,  $J_{6a,6b} = 10.0$  Hz,

H-6<sup>I</sup>), 3.75 (m, 1H, H-5<sup>I</sup>), 3.49–3.46 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3,4} =$  9.5 Hz,  $J_{2,3} = 2.5$  Hz, H-3<sup>II</sup>), 3.42 (m, 1H, H-5<sup>II</sup>), 3.33 (s, 3H, –OCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.29 (d, 3H,  $J_{5,6} = 6.5$  Hz, H-6<sup>II</sup>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 165.2, 138.9, 137.8, 137.0, 136.9, 133.2, 132.6, 132.0, 131.1, 129.8, 129.7, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 128.20, 128.17, 127.95, 127.91, 127.86, 127.81, 127.72, 127.65, 127.60, 127.57, 126.1, 101.5 ( ${}^{1}J_{CH} = 164.5$  Hz), 100.9 ( ${}^{1}J_{CH} = 171.8$  Hz), 98.6 ( ${}^{1}J_{CH} = 161.0$  Hz), 79.0, 77.6, 76.6, 76.5, 75.9, 73.6, 72.3, 71.0, 70.8, 68.9, 64.0, 54.7, 17.6; ESIMS *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>48</sub>H<sub>47</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>13</sub>NaS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 943.2587. Found: 943.2542.

3.2.15. Methyl 3-O-I(4-O-benzoyl-3-O-benzyl-2-O-(2-trifluoromethylbenzenesulfonyl)-a-L-rhamnopyranosyl)]-2,4, 6-tri-*O*-benzyl-α-D-mannopyranoside (17α).  $[\alpha]_D^{21}$  +6.9 (*c* 0.7, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), lit.<sup>29</sup> -23.1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.16 (d, 1H, J = 8.5 Hz, arom H), 7.72 (m, 3H, arom H), 7.56–7.07 (m, 21H, arom H), 7.01 (t, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz, arom H), 6.88 (d, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz, arom H), 5.36 (s, 1H, H-1<sup>II</sup>), 5.30 (t, 1H,  $J_{3,4}$ ,  $J_{4,5}$ , 10.0 Hz, H-4<sup>II</sup>), 5.03 (s, 1H, H-2<sup>II</sup>), 4.85 (s, 1H, H-1<sup>I</sup>), 4.81-4.71 (m, 3H, -CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.62-4.55 (m, 2H, -CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.45 (d, 1H,  ${}^{2}J = 11.0$  Hz,  $-CH_{2}Ph$ ), 4.21–4.10 (m, 3H, H- $3^{I}$ , -CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.03 (m, 1H, H- $5^{II}$ ), 4.00–3.93 (m, 3H,  $J_{5,6} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}, \text{ H-6}^{\text{II}};$  <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  165.2, 138.4, 138.3, 138.0, 136.7, 134.9, 133.5, 133.1, 131.9, 131.7, 129.7, 129.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 127.74, 127.71, 127.69, 127.64, 127.59, 127.54, 127.50, 127.3, 98.7 ( ${}^{1}J_{\rm CH}$ 169.8 Hz), 93.5 (<sup>1</sup>J<sub>CH</sub> 171.6 Hz), 76.9, 75.0, 74.8, 73.9, 73.8, 73.6, 73.4, 73.2, 72.2, 71.5, 71.3, 69.0, 67.1, 54.9, 17.3; ESIMS m/z calcd for C<sub>55</sub>H<sub>55</sub>O<sub>13</sub>F<sub>3</sub>KS [M+K]<sup>+</sup>: 1051.2953. Found: 1051.2914.

3.2.16. Methyl 3-O-[(4-O-benzoyl-3-O-benzyl-2-O-(2-trifluoromethylbenzenesulfonyl)-\beta-L-rhamnopyranosyl)]-2,4, 6-tri-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside (17 $\beta$ ).  $[\alpha]_D^{21}$  +68.9 (c 1.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), lit.<sup>29</sup> +35.2; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.23 (d, 1H, J = 7.0 Hz, arom H), 7.90 (dd, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz, J = 0.5 Hz, arom H), 7.67 (d, 1H, J = 9.0 Hz, arom H), 7.56 (t, 1H, J = 7.0 Hz arom H), 7.45–7.24 (m, 19H, arom H), 7.15 (t, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz, arom H), 7.06 (t, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz, arom H), 6.90 (d, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz, arom H), 5.27 (t, 1H,  $J_{3,4}$ ,  $J_{4,5} = 9.0$  Hz, H-4<sup>II</sup>), 5.13 (d, 1H,  $J_{2,3} = 2.5$  Hz, H-2<sup>II</sup>), 4.88 (d, 1H,  ${}^{2}J = 13.0$  Hz, -CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.77 (t, 2H,  ${}^{2}J = 10.5$  Hz,  $-CH_2Ph$ ), 4.72 (s, 1H, H-1<sup>II</sup>), 4.71 (d, 1H,  ${}^2J =$ 12.0 Hz,  $-CH_2Ph$ ), 4.65 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2} = 1.5$  Hz, H-1<sup>I</sup>), 4.60–4.57 (m, 2H, –CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.30 (d, 1H,  ${}^{2}J = 12.5$  Hz,  $-CH_2Ph$ ), 4.13 (d, 1H, <sup>2</sup>J = 12.5 Hz,  $-CH_2Ph$ ), 4.02 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3,4} = 9.5$  Hz,  $J_{2,3} = 2.5$  Hz, H-3<sup>I</sup>), 3.94 (t, 1H,  $J_{3,4}$ ,  $J_{4,5} = 9.5$  Hz, H-4<sup>I</sup>), 3.89 (m, 1H, H-2<sup>I</sup>), 3.79-3.75 (m, 3H, H-5<sup>I</sup>, H-6<sup>I</sup>), 3.48 (m, 1H, H-5<sup>II</sup>), 3.41-3.39 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3,4} = 9.5$  Hz,  $J_{2,3} = 3.0$  Hz, H-3<sup>II</sup>), 3.32 (s, 3H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.26 (d, 3H,  $J_{5,6} = 6.5$  Hz, H-6<sup>II</sup>); <sup>13</sup>C

NMR:  $\delta$  165.2, 139.1, 139.0, 138.4, 136.7, 136.5, 133.2, 132.7, 131.8, 131.0, 129.7, 129.6, 128.40, 128.37, 128.32, 128.25, 128.17, 128.10, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 127.55, 127.47, 127.2, 100.2 ( ${}^{1}J_{CH} = 155.4 \text{ Hz}$ ) ( ${}^{1}J_{CH} = 164.5 \text{ Hz}$ ), 83.4, 78.2, 76.7, 76.2, 75.0, 74.8, 73.5, 73.1, 72.3, 71.9, 71.2, 70.8, 69.4, 54.7, 17.7; ESIMS *m/z* calcd for C<sub>55</sub>H<sub>55</sub>O<sub>13</sub>F<sub>3</sub>KS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 1035.3213. Found: 1035.3236.

# 3.3. Methyl 6-*O*-acetyl-2,3,4-tri-*O*-benzyl-α-D-glucopyranoside

Tf<sub>2</sub>O (0.027 mL, 0.16 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of donor 1 (70 mg, 0.11 mmol) and BSP (29 mg, 0.14 mmol), in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1.2 mL) and  $CH_2Cl_2$  (1.8 mL) under argon at -60 °C. After stirring for 1 h at -60 °C, acceptor 4 (150 mg, 0.32 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.0 mL) was added over a period of 1 min. The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h at -60 °C, then quenched at -60 °C with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, and extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$ . (3 × 15 mL). The combined organic layer was dried ( $Na_2SO_4$ ), and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Examination of the crude reaction mixture by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy revealed the formation of one very major product, tentatively assigned as the imidate (18). Purification by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane) afforded the unstable 18 (30 mg, 27%) and acetate 19 (10 mg, 6%). Compound 18 rapidly decomposed on standing in CDCl<sub>3</sub> to a mixture of **19** and several other compounds. It was characterized by the following signals: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  5.13 (s, 1H, H-1<sup>II</sup>), 4.62 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2} = 3.6$  Hz, H-1<sup>I</sup>), 3.42 (s, 3H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.99 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>C(OR)=N), 1.17 (d, 3H  $J_{5.6} = 6.3$  Hz, H-6<sup>II</sup>).

**3.3.1.** Methyl 6-*O*-acetyl-2,3,4-tri-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside (19).  $[\alpha]_D^{21}$  +18.0 (*c* 0.8, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), lit.<sup>56</sup> +28.6; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.37–7.26 (m, arom H), 5.09 (d, 1H, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 10.5 Hz, -CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.89–4.79 (m, 3H, -CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.68 (d, 1H, <sup>2</sup>*J* = 12.5 Hz, -CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.59– 4.55 (m, 2H, -CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.26–4.24 (m, 2H, H-6), 4.01 (t, 1H, *J*<sub>3,4</sub>, *J*<sub>4,5</sub> = 9.5 Hz, H-3), 3.81 (m, 1H, H-5), 3.55–3.52 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>2,3</sub> = 9.5 Hz, *J*<sub>1,2</sub> = 3.5 Hz, H-2), 3.48 (t, 1H, *J*<sub>4,5</sub>, *J*<sub>3,4</sub> = 9.0 Hz, H-4), 3.37 (s, 3H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.02 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO); <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  170.7, 138.6, 138.0, 137.8, 128.50, 128.48, 128.45, 128.13, 128.09, 128.01, 127.99, 127.92, 127.7, 98.1, 82.0, 79.8, 75.8, 75.0, 73.4, 68.5, 63.0, 55.2, 20.9.

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