Phenyl 2-Deoxy-2-iodo-1-thio-glycosides: New Glycosyl Donors for the Stereoselective Synthesis of 2-Deoxy-oligosaccharides

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Abstract: Phenyl 2-deoxy-2-iodo-1-thioglycosides, prepared from simple pentoses by olefination and iodine-induced cyclization, have proved to be efficient glycosyl donors for the stereoselective synthesis of 2-deoxy-2-iodo-oligosaccharides, which are precursors of 2-deoxy-oligosaccharides.

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The stereocontrolled formation of the glycosidic linkage in 2-deoxy-oligosaccharides has been found to be one of the most challenging tasks in glycosylation reactions,¹ because of the absence of a stereodirecting group at C-2. This problem can be overcome by using electrondonor groups (such as iodo, phenylsulfanyl, and phenylselenenyl) at position 2. Once the corresponding glycosides have been obtained, they are further reductively removed to provide 2-deoxy-glycosides.

Glycosylation can be performed from glycals by activation with iodine,² sulfanyl³ and selenenyl⁴ electrophiles through a one-pot procedure to afford mainly *trans*-diaxial (I⁺) or *trans*-diequatorial addition (S⁺, Se⁺) products (Scheme 1). Glycosylation is also performed in a two-step procedure first by isolating a 2-deoxy-2-X-glycosyl donor (X = I, SR, SeR) and subsequent activation in the presence of a glycosyl acceptor.⁵ Acid-catalyzed addition of an alcohol to a glycal is also a direct method for synthesising 2-deoxyglycosides, as exemplified in the synthesis of digitoxine, where the starting 6-deoxy-allal is prepared from a non-carbohydrate precursor (Scheme 1).⁶

2-Deoxy-phosphites,⁷ -phosphoroimidates⁸ and -dithiophosphates⁹ have also been used as glycosyl donors to provide mainly the α -derivative. Thio-glycosides¹⁰ are useful glycosyl donors and 2-deoxy-thioglycosides have recently been used as glycosyl donors in a solid-phase-assisted synthesis of 2-deoxyconjugates.¹¹

We report here a new procedure for synthesizing phenyl 2-deoxy-2-iodo-1-thio-glycosides of *manno*- and *allo*- configuration and their use as glycosyl donors for the stereocontrolled synthesis of 2-deoxy-2-iodo- α -*manno*- and 2-deoxy-2-iodo- β -*allo*-disaccharides, respectively.



Scheme 1 Synthesis of 2-deoxy- α - and 2-deoxy- β -glycosides from glycals.

The key step for the synthesis of 2-deoxy-2-iodo-1-thioglycosides is a cyclization of alkenols induced by iodine electrophiles. These alkenols can be prepared starting from different protected pentoses by means of an olefination reaction.

Thus, 2,3,5-tri-O-benzyl-arabinose (1) was initially submitted to a Peterson olefination reaction by treatment with Me₃SiCH₂SPh to afford compound 2^{12} as an *E*/*Z*-mixture in 65% yield (Scheme 2) (entry 1, Table 1). Compound 2 (E-isomer) was then reacted with KH, I₂ in diethyl ether to obtain isomer 3^{13} only (61%) through a regio- and stereoselective 6-endo-cyclization. The regioselectivity is governed by the sulfur atom, which stabilizes a positive charge in the neighbouring carbon. The stereoselectivity observed is consistent with that reported for alkenols with an allylic alkoxy group, the iodine atom being *cis* to that group (C-3 alkoxy substituent) in the cyclization product.14 Moreover, the relative stereochemistry of C-1 and C-2 in thioglycoside 3 depends on the configuration of the starting alkene: thus, from *trans*-alkenylsulfide 2E (Scheme 2), the iodine atom and the phenylsulfanyl group in the cyclization product 3 are in a *trans* arrangement. Isomer Z, in turn, did not cyclize in any of the conditions tested.

We then attempted to improve the E/Z-selectivity by performing a Horner reaction. Both yield and stereoselectivity were higher in these conditions, the *E*-alkene being the major isomer (entry 2, Table 1).¹⁵

Similarly, 2,3,5-tri-*O*-benzyl-ribose (**4**) was converted into compound 5^{16} (Scheme 2) by reaction with Me₃SiCH₂SPh in basic medium. The yield was 48% and the selectivity was similar to that of entry 1. In this case, small amounts of a second product were also isolated, as a result of epimerization at the allylic position.¹⁷ When pentose **4** was reacted with PhSCH₂P(O)Ph₂ in a

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Scheme 2 Synthesis of phenyl 2-deoxy-2-iodo-thioglycosydes from pentoses. *Reagents*: a) See Table 1; b) KH, I₂, Et₂O, -78 °C, 61%; c) NIS, NaHCO₃ in acetonitrile. From **5***E*: 63% yield of **6**β. From **5***E*/**5***Z* = 2:3, 45% yield of **6**β/a (2:3).

Horner-type olefination, both the yield and *E*-stereoselectivity improved (entry 4).

Compound **5** (*E*-isomer) rendered 2-deoxy-2-iodo- β -1-thio-*allo*-pyranoside **6** β by treatment with NIS in acetoni-trile in a 63% yield.

Starting from a 2:3 *E*/*Z*-mixture, **5** cyclized in the same conditions to give 2-deoxy-2-iodo-1-thio-glycoside **6**¹⁸ as a 2:3 β/α -mixture in a 45% yield. The iodine atom was also *cis* to the neighboring alkoxy chain at C-3, and the β/α -ratio was the same as the *E*/*Z*-ratio in the starting material **5**, thus indicating that the *cis* olefin was also reactive towards cyclization. The less reactive *Z*-alkene, though, required higher temperatures to cyclize and this may well explain the lower yields observed when starting from a *E*/*Z*-mixture of vinylsulfide **5**.

Table 1 Olefination of Pentoses 1, 4

Entry	Sub- strate	Reagent	Product	Yield (%)	<i>E/Z</i> -ratio ^b
1	1	PhSCH ₂ SiMe ₃ ^a	2	65%	38:62
2	1	PhSCH ₂ P(O)Ph ₂ ^b	2	80%	87:13
3	4	PhSCH ₂ SiMe ₃ ^a	5	48%	38:62
4	4	PhSCH ₂ P(O)Ph ₂ ^b	5	72%	80:20

^a Conditions: BuLi, THF, -78 °C to r.t.

^b Conditions: BuLi, THF, –78 °C to r.t., (1), reflux (4). Determined by NMR by integration of olefinic protons.

These new glycosyl donors **3** and **6** have proved to be fairly stable and can be stored in the refrigerator for several months without significant decomposition (Scheme 3).





Scheme 3 Glycosylation of 3, 6.

We initially tested the benzyl alcohol (**7a**, Figure 1) glycosylation with the 2-deoxy-2-iodo-*manno* derivative **3**. We selected the typical reaction conditions used in glycosylation starting from thioglycosides.¹⁹ Thus, when **3** was treated with benzyl alcohol in the presence of NIS/ TfOH,²⁰ 2-deoxy-2-iodo- α -glycoside (**8a**) was obtained in excellent yield and stereoselectivity (entry 1, Table 2). Cyclohexanol (**7b**), cholesterol (**7c**) and the glucoside **7d** gave **8b**, **8c** and **8d** in α/β -ratios higher than 95:5 with yields of 70% (entries 2, 3, 4, Table 2).

Alcohols **7a–d** were also glycosylated with the glycosyl donor **6** in similar conditions (Table 3). The reaction behaved like the reaction with the glycosyl donor **3**, although the stereoselectivities were slightly lower. Thus, the yield was best and the stereoselectivity poorest with the less bulky alcohol **7a** (entry 1, Table 3). For the bulkier alcohols **7b–d** glycosylation with **6** provided lower yields than for **7a**, as expected. However, the α/β -stereoselectivity reached values of 10:90.

Furthermore, the conditions for activating thioglycosides are almost the same as those for the cyclization itself. This means that, with an optimun control of the reaction conditions the cyclization and, by consecutive addition of triflic acid and the glycosyl acceptor, the glycosylation can be carried out in a one-pot reaction to afford the 2-deoxy-2iodo-glycoside.

Table 2 Glycosylation of Alcohols 7a-d with 3^a

Entry	Glycosyl donor	Alcohol	Product	Yield (%)	Ratio α/β^b
1	3	7a	8a	88	94:6
2	3	7b	8b	68	>95:5
3	3	7c	8c	70	>95:5
4	3	7d	8d	70	>95:5

 a Glycosyl donor (1 mmol), alcohol (2 mmol), NIS (3 mmol), TfOH (0.2 mmol), CH_2Cl_2(4 mL), -78 to -40 °C, 2–4 h.

^b Determined by NMR by integration of anomeric protons.

Table 3 Glycosylation of Alcohols 7a-d with 6^a

Entry	Glycosyl donor	Alcohol	Product	Yield (%)	Ratio α/β^b
1	6	7a	9a	90	14:86
2	6	7b	9b	75	11:89
3	6	7c	9c	72	10:90
4	6	7d	9d	70	10:90

 a Glycosyl donor (1 mmol), alcohol (2 mmol), NIS (3 mmol), TfOH (0.2 mmol) CH_2Cl_2 (4 mL), -78 to -40 °C, 2–4 h.

^b Determined by NMR by integration of anomeric protons.

In this context, the 2-iodo-glycoside (8c) was obtained in a 35% yield from 2E in a one-pot reaction by treatment with NIS and then TfOH and cholesterol (7c). Additional studies on the refinement and application of this methodology are in progress.

In conclusion, we have developed a procedure for synthesizing phenyl 2-deoxy-2-iodo-1-thio-glycosides. These new glycosyl donors have provided excellent yields and stereoselectivities in the glycosylation of several alcohols. This methodology provides a new access to 2-deoxy-oligosaccarides.

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- Compound 2: To a solution of 4 mmol of the phosphine (12)oxide in 26 mL of THF at -78 °C, 4.2 mmol of BuLi were added. The mixture was left to stir at low temperature for 30 min. A solution of 1 mmol of 1 in 2 mL of THF was then added dropwise. The mixture was allowed to warm to r.t. overnight. A sat. solution of NH₄Cl was then added and the olefination product extrated with Et₂O. The combination of ethereal layers was dried with MgSO4 and concentrated. The reaction crude was purified by MPLC (hexane to EtOAc/ hexane = 1:3) to render 2 (80% yield) as a mixture of diastereoisomers (E/Z-ratio = 87:13) as a syrup. Compound **2E**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.40–7.15 (m, 20 H, aromatics), 6.46 (d, 1 H, J_{2,1} = 15.2 Hz, H-1), 5.87 (dd, 1 H, $J_{1,2} = 15.2$ Hz, $J_{3,2} = 7.6$ Hz, H-2), 4.65 (d, 1 H, J = 12.0 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.57 (d, 1 H, J = 11.4 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.52 (d, 1 H, J = 11.4 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.49 (s, 2 H, CH₂Ph), 4.38 (d, 1 H, J = 12.0 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.16 (dd, 1 H, $J_{5,4} = 8.0$ Hz, $J_{3,4} = 3.6$ Hz, H-4), 4.00 (m, 1 H, H-5), 3.58 (m, 3 H, H-3, H-6), 2.76 (d, 1 H, J = 5.2 Hz, OH). ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 140.8, 137.7, 137.5, 134.0 (C, aromatics), 130.2–126.0 (CH aromatics, C-1, C-2), 80.4 (C-3), 79.1 (C-4), 74.1, 73.2, 70.7 (CH₂Ph), 70.1 (C-6), 69.9 (C-5). Compound 2Z: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.50-7.15$ (m, 20 H, aromatics), 6.67 (d, 1 H, $J_{2,1}$ = 9.9 Hz, H-1), 6.12 (dd, 1 H, $J_{1,2} = 9.9$ Hz, $J_{3,2} = 9.3$ Hz, H-2), 4.88 (d, 1 H, J = 11.0 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.84 (d, 1 H, J = 11.5 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.73 (d, 1 H, J = 11.0 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.68 (d, 1 H, J = 12.0 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.63 (d, 1 H, J = 11.5 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.58 (d, 1 H, J = 12.0 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.21 (m, 1 H, H-5), 3.85 (dd, 1 H, $J_{5,4} = 6.9$ Hz, J_{3,4} = 3.9 Hz, H-4), 3.77 (m, 3 H, H-3, H-6), 3.12 (d, 1 H, J = 5.1 Hz, OH). ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 140.8$, 137.7, 137.5, 134.0 (C, aromatics), 130.2-126.0 (CH aromatics, C-1, C-2), 80.4 (C-3), 79.1 (C-4), 74.1, 73.2, 70.7 (CH₂Ph), 70.1 (C-5), 64.9 (C-6).

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- (13) Compound 3: A 0.175 M suspension of 1.3 mol of KH 30% in dry Et₂O was added dropwise to a 0.085 M solution of 2 (1 mol) in dry Et₂O at 0 °C, and the resulting mixture was allowed to stir for 30 min until complete formation of the alcoholate. The mixture was cooled to -78 °C and a 0.43 M solution of iodine (3 mol) in Et₂O was then added. The reaction was allowed to stir at low temperature for 1 h. A solution of Na₂S₃O₃ was then added and the reaction product extracted with Et₂O. The combination of the etheral layers was concentrated and the residue purified by radial chromatography to afford 3(61%) as a yellowish syrup. Compound **3**: $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +67.8 (*c* 0.0217, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR $(400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3): \delta = 7.70 - 7.10 \text{ (m, 20 H, aromatics)}, 5.68$ (s, 1 H, H-1), 4.88 (d, 1 H, J = 10.4 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.87 (d, 1 H, $J_{3,2} = 3.6$ Hz, H-2), 4.72 (d, 1 H, J = 11.2 Hz, CH₂Ph), $4.70 (d, 1 H, J = 11.6 Hz, CH_2Ph), 4.54 (d, 1 H, J = 11.2 Hz,$ CH₂Ph), 4.52 (d, 1 H, *J* = 10.4 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.48 (d, 1 H, J = 11.6 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.41 (ddd, 1 H, $J_{4,5} = 8.8$ Hz, $J_{6a,5} = 4.4$ Hz, $J_{6b,5} = 1.6$ Hz, H-5), 3.99 (dd, 1 H, $J_{5,4} = 8.8$ Hz, $J_{3,4} = 8.4$ Hz, H-4), 3.85 (dd, 1 H, $J_{6b,6a} = 10.8$ Hz, $J_{5,6a} = 4.4$ Hz, H-6a), 3.73 (dd, 1 H, $J_{6a,6b} = 10.8$ Hz, $J_{5,6b} = 1.6$ Hz, H-6b), 3.10 (dd, 1 H, $J_{4,3}$ = 8.4 Hz, $J_{2,3}$ = 3.6 Hz, H-3). ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 138.0, 137.2, 133.9$ (C, aromatics), 132.0-127.4 (CH, aromatics), 89.6 (C-1), 77.5 (C-3), 76.2 (C-4), 75.3 (CH₂Ph), 73.3 (CH₂Ph, C-5), 71.0 (CH₂Ph), 68.7 (C-6), 34.8 (C-2).
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- (16) **Compound 5**: To a solution of 4 mmol of the phosphine oxide in 26 mL of THF at -78 °C, 4.2 mmol of BuLi were added. The mixture was left to stir at low temperature for 30 min. A solution of 1 mmol of the 4 in 2 mL of THF was then added dropwise. The mixture was allowed to warm to r.t. first and then heated to reflux. A sat. solution of NH4Cl was then added and the olefination product extrated with Et₂O. The combination of ethereal layers was dried with MgSO₄ and concentrated. The reaction crude was purified by MPLC (hexane to EtOAc/hexane = 1:3) to render 5 (72% yield) as a mixture of diastereoisomers (E/Z-ratio = 80:20) as a syrup. Compound 5*E*: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.39–7.25 (m, 20 H, aromatics), 6.54 (d, 1 H, $J_{2,1} = 15.1$ Hz, H-1), 5.94 (dd, 1 H, $J_{1,2} = 15.1$ Hz, $J_{3,2} = 8.4$ Hz, H-2), 4.75 (d, 1 H, *J* = 10.8 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.67 (d, 1 H, *J* = 12.0 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.56 (d, 1 H, J = 10.8 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.51 (d, 1 H, J = 12.0 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.48 (d, 1 H, *J* = 12.0 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.40 (d, 1 H, J = 12.0 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.22 (dd, 1 H, $J_{2,3} = 8.4$ Hz, $J_{4,3} = 4.4$ Hz, H-3), 3.82 (m, 1 H, H-5), 3.69 (dd, 1 H, *J*_{5,4} = 7.6 Hz, $J_{3,4} = 4.4$ Hz, H-4), 3.61 (m, 2 H, H-6), 2.78 (bs, 1 H, OH). ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 138.2, 138.1, 137.8,$ 134.6 (C, aromatics), 129.1-126.9 (CH, aromatics), 128.8 (C-1), 128.4 (C-2), 81.3 (C-3), 80.8 (C-4), 74.2, 73.4 (CH₂Ph), 70.9 (C-6), 70.8 (C-5), 70.5 (CH₂Ph). Compound **5Z**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.39-7.25$ (m, 20 H, aromatics), 6.62 (d, 1 H, J_{21} = 9.6 Hz, H-1), 6.00 (pseudo t, 1 H, $J_{12} = J_{32} = 9.6$ Hz, H-2), 4.89–4.35 (m, 6 H, CH₂Ph),

3.91 (m, 1 H, H-5), 3.83 (dd, 1 H, $J_{54} = 7.6$ Hz, $J_{34} = 3.4$ Hz, H-4), 3.71 (dd, 1 H, $J_{23} = 9.6$ Hz, $J_{43} = 3.4$ Hz, H-3), 3.67 (m, 2 H, H-6), 2.85 (bs, 1 H, OH). ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 138.1$, 137.8, 135.5, 134.4 (C, aromatics), 129.8–126.5 (CH, aromatics, C-1, C-2), 80.9 (C-3), 77.1 (C-4), 74.1, 73.3 (CH₂Ph), 71.0, 70.8, 70.5 (C-5, C-6, CH₂Ph).

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- (18) **Compound 6**: To a 0.5 M solution of **5** (0.084 g, 0.16 mmol) (E/Z = 2:3) in CH₃CN, NaHCO₃ (0.48 mmol) was added. The mixture was cooled to 0 °C and left to stir at this temperature for 5 min. NIS (0.48 mol) was then added and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to r.t. and stirred for 8 h. The mixture was diluted with Et₂O and washed with a sat. solution of Na₂S₃O₃. The combined aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O. The combination of ethereal layers was dried with MgSO₄ and concentrated. The residue was purified by radial chromatography to afford 0.060 g (58% yield) as a β/α mixture = 2:3. Compound **6** β : $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +16.0 (*c* 0.7708, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.70-7.20 (m, 20 H, aromatics), 5.11 (d, 1 H, $J_{21} = 10.6$ Hz, H-1), 4.92 (d, 1 H, J = 10.4 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.75 (d, 1 H, J = 10.4 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.62 (d, 1 H, J = 11.4 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.60 (d, 1 H, J = 12.4 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.52 (d, 1 H, J = 11.4 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.51 (d, 1 H, J = 12.4 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.18 (m, 1 H, H-3, H-5), 4.02 (dd, 1 H, $J_{1,2} = 10.4$ Hz, $J_{3,2} = 2.4$ Hz, H-2), 3.72 (m, 1 H, H-4, H-6a, H-6b). ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta =$ 138.4, 138.1, 137.6 (C, aromatics), 133.2 (CH, aromatic), 131.7 (C, aromatic), 128.7-127.4 (CH, aromatics), 84.3 (C-1), 78.7 (C-3), 76.1 (C-4), 75.9 (C-5), 75.7, 73.3, 72.2 (CH₂Ph), 69.3 (C-6), 31.8 (C-2). Compound 6a (spectroscopical data extracted from the α/β -mixture spectrum): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.70-7.20$ (m, 20 H, aromatics), 5.32 (d, 1 H, $J_{2,1} = 5.4$ Hz, H-1), 4.91 (d, 1 H, J = 11.6 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.79 (d, 1 H, J = 10.8 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.68 (ddd, 1 H, $J_{4,5} = 10.0$ Hz, $J_{6a,5} = 2.8$ Hz, $J_{6b,5} = 2.4$ Hz, H-5), 4.57 (dd, $J_{1,2} = 5.6$ Hz, $J_{3,2} = 2.4$ Hz, H-2), 4.52 (d, 2 $H, J = 10.4 Hz, CH_2Ph), 4.42 (d, 1 H, J = 11.2 Hz, CH_2Ph),$ 4.40 (d, 1 H, J = 12.4 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.09 (dd, 1 H, $J_{2.3} = 2.4$ Hz, J_{4,3} = 2.4 Hz, H-3), 3.77 (m, 2 H, H-4, H-6a), 3.62 (dd, 1 H, $J_{6a,6b} = 10.8$ Hz, $J_{5,6b} = 2.4$ Hz, H-6b). ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 131.4 - 126.8$ (C, CH, aromatics), 90.0 (C-1), 78.1, 76.3, 75.6, 73.5, 72.0, 68.8, 67.7 (C-3, C-4, C-5, C-6, 3 × CH₂Ph), 27.0 (C-2).
- (19) General Procedure of Glycosylation: A solution of the glycosyl donor (1 mmol) and the glycosyl acceptor (2 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) were allowed to stir with 4 Å molecular sieves for 2 h. The mixture was then cooled to -78 °C, and NIS (3 mmol) and TfOH (0.2 mmol) were added. The mixture was allowed to warm to -40 °C and stirred for 2-4 h. The reaction mixture was then diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and washed with a solution of Na₂S₃O₃. The ethereal layer was dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The residue was then purified by radial chromatography.
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