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Back to the Sugars: A New Enantio and Diastereocontrolled Route to Hexoses from Furfural

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Abstract: An integrated enantio and diastereocontrolled route to both enantiomers of the eight possible hexoses has been explored starting from furfural, by employing the Sharpless asymmetric dihydroxylation as a key step. At the present, a route to six of the eight possible hexoses has been established. The present synthesis may be taken as a reversion of the sugar-originated furfural to the sugars via a levoglucosenone, a pyrolysate of cellulose, type intermediate.

Key words: asymmetric dihydroxylation, furfural, hexoses, oxidative ring expansion, enantiocontrolled synthesis

The hexoses are stereoisomers having a concatenation of four contiguous hydroxy-bearing carbogenic centers. Their enantiocontrolled synthesis, therefore, requires a procedure leading to eight pairs of stereoisomers in an enantio and diastereocontrolled manner. So far, the procedure devised by the groups of Masamune and Sharpless¹ employing the Katsuki-Sharpless asymmetric epoxidation² coped only with precise installation of four contiguous hydroxy functionalities to give rise to all hexoses. The Masamune-Sharpless synthesis is based on the reiterative application of the asymmetric epoxidation and stereoselective two-carbon extension starting from a glyoxyaldehyde unit. This procedure allowed the installation of the four hydroxy-bearing centers through two cycles comprising stereoselective construction of the allylic alcohol functionality and its enantiocontrolled epoxidation using an appropriate chiral tartrate followed by stereo- and regioselective opening of the oxirane ring generated. Although the procedure provides a concise and flexible way to the hexoses, we felt that it still left us the challenge to devise an alternative procedure that does not require reiteration of the two-carbon elongation and the asymmetric epoxidation. We wish to report here a new strategy capable of producing all the stereoisomers of the hexoses from a single starting material employing a single asymmetric chiral induction step.

As the basis of the present study, we established an enantiocontrolled synthesis of levoglucosenone³ **8** of which only the (–)-enantiomer was obtained in a low yield by acid-catalyzed thermolysis⁴ of cellulose, a hexose polymer. Owing to its enone functionality and masked formyl and 1,2-glycol functionalities confined in the biased bicyclic framework, levoglucosenone **8** has been expected to be a versatile chiral building block and was actually used for the enantiocontrolled production of several natural products.⁵ However, its inefficient production and limited enantiomeric availability⁶ restricted to the cellulose configuration prevented its use as a versatile chiral building block. We, therefore, examined the asymmetric synthesis of levoglucosenone 8 and have established its preparation in both enantiomeric forms without using carbohydrate precursors. In the synthesis, we employed the Sharpless asymmetric dihydroxylation reaction⁷ to introduce the chirality of the target levoglucosenone 8. Thus, 2-vinylfuran (2) generated from furfural (1), furnished the (+)-(R)glycol **3** with AD-mix- α and the (-)-(S)-glycol **3** with AD-mix- β , as expected by the empirical rule, in 90 and 93% ee. Recrystallization, after converting the products into the corresponding dibenzoates, afforded the optically pure products (>99% ee). Exposure of the glycol 3 with 3chloroperbenzoic acid (MCPBA) induced the oxidative furan-ring expansion^{8,9} to give the 3-pyrone derivative 4 as a mixture at the hemiacetal center. Intramolecular acetalization of the mixture was next carried out in the presence of an acid catalyst to afford the bicyclic acetal 5 having a dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane framework.¹⁰ Overall yields of (+)-5 from (+)-3 and (-)-5 from (-)-3 were 42 and 44%, respectively. Functionally, the bicyclic enone 5 is taken to be the same as levoglucosenone 8 which possesses the isomeric enone functionality on the same dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane framework. In order to obtain levoglucosenone 8, the enone functionality of 5 was isomerized by employing the Wharton rearrangement.¹¹ Thus, 5 was treated with alkaline hydrogen peroxide to give the single exo-epoxide 6 in which the reaction occurred exclusively from the less hindered convex face. Thus, (+)-5 afforded (-)-epoxide 6 and (-)-5 afforded (+)epoxide 6 both in 71% yields. Treatment of the epoxide 5 with hydrazine hydrate gave the single allylic alcohol 7 which yielded levoglucosenone 8 on oxidation with manganese(IV) oxide. Overall yields of (-)-levoglucosenone (8) via (-)-allyl alcohol 7 and (+)-*ent*-levoglucosenone (8) via (+)-allyl alcohol 7 were 50% (Scheme 1).

In a sense, the above synthesis of levoglucosenone 8 may be taken to be a reversion of the synthesis of furfural (1) as it is obtained from naturally occurring substances containing pentose fragments such as corncobs¹² and straw though levoglucosenone 8 is not pentose but hexose in origin.⁴ We, therefore, envisaged that the present route could be further traced back to the pentose stage as well as



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The essential features of the present synthesis are outlined in a general way in Scheme 2. The strategy is based on the utilization of the levoglucosenone-type intermediate 11 having an extra hydroxymethyl functionality to control the regioselective cleavage of the bicyclic system and to discriminate the two terminal functionalities of the substrate (marked as \bullet and Δ). With respect to the construction of the four contiguous hydroxy-bearing centers, as the key intermediate 11 possesses a fixed oxygen functionality fated to be one of the four contiguous hydroxy functionalities, it was planned to install the three remaining by modification of the enone functionality. The most salient feature of the strategy in the present synthesis is the use of the key intermediate 11 in two ways, namely the acetal carbon and the C_2 of the glycol carbons are placed at either the C_1 formyl functionality or the C_6 hydroxymethyl functionality of the target hexoses so as to produce the isomeric and/or the enantiomeric hexoses from the same precursor (Scheme 2).



The actual synthesis commenced with the asymmetric dihydroxylation of the allyl ether 9 (R=TBS) which was readily prepared in three steps from furfural (1) via the allyl alcohol¹³ **9** (R = H). On reaction using AD-mix- α and -B **9** afforded the chiral glycols **10** both in 90% yield

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- β , **9** afforded the chiral glycols **10** both in 90% yield with >99% ee, respectively. The observed remarkable enhancement of asymmetric induction of **9**, which possesses one extra carbon functionality on the monosubstituted alkene **2**, is worthy of note even though it was anticipated to some extent. Oxidative furan ring expansion of **10** proceeded with MCPBA⁹ to give rise to the 3-pyrone **12** which afforded the key intermediate **11**, on acid treatment, having a dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane structure (Scheme 3).

Having obtained the key starting material, we first examined its conversion into the hexoses by stereoselective modification of the enone functionality and by regioselective cleavage of the dioxolane moiety. Reduction of **11** with sodium borohydride–Ce(III) chloride¹⁴ proceeded stereoselectively to give the single allyl alcohol **13** excellently. After benzylation, the resulting benzyl ether **14** was dihydroxylated¹⁵ to give the single diol **15** which was again benzylated to give the tribenzyl ether **16** having four contiguous oxygen-bearing centers. Both the reduction and the dihydroxylation occurred stereoselectively from the convex face of the molecule, which was confirmed by conversion into two hexoses, L-gulose **23** and D-glucose **27**, as described below (Schemes 3 and 4).

To obtain L-gulose (23), the tribenzyl ether 16 was desilylated to give the primary alcohol 17 which was further transformed into the iodide 19 via the mesylate 18. On treatment with zinc in acetic acid, 19 furnished the sixmembered hemiacetal 20 as an epimeric mixture by reductive cleavage of the dioxolane ring. Treatment of 20 with benzyl alcohol in the presence of an acid catalyst gave a mixture of the benzyl acetal 21 whose vinyl functionality was sequentially cleaved and reduced¹⁶ to give the primary alcohol 22. Finally, 22 was debenzylated under catalytic hydrogenolysis conditions to give L-gulose (23) (Scheme 3).

On the other hand, the hemiacetal mixture 20 was reduced with lithium aluminum hydride to give the diol 24 which was benzylated to give the pentabenzyl ether 25. The vinyl functionality of 25 was then cleaved by sequential dihydroxylation and periodate oxidation¹⁶ to give the al-



Scheme 3

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dehyde **26** which was subjected to catalytic hydrogenolysis to remove the benzyl groups to give D-glucose (**27**) (Scheme 4).



Moreover, the hemiacetal mixture **20** was oxidized with tetrapropylammonium perruthenate¹⁷ (TPAP) in the presence of *N*-methylmorphorine *N*-oxide (NMO) to give the δ -lactone **28** which, on treatment with 1,4-diazabicy-clo[2.2.2]octane (DABCO), induced α -epimerization to give the isomeric δ -lactone **29** as a single product in satisfactory yield after recrystallization. Reduction of **29** with diisobutylaluminum hydride (DIBAL) gave the hemiacetal **30** as a mixture of epimers at the acetal center. With the same treatment as for L-gulose **23**, **30** could be transformed into L-idose **33** via the tetrabenzyl ether **31** and the primary alcohol **32**. Although we did not carry out an alternative transformation, the same L-idose **33** may be obtained from **30** on the same treatment as for the above D-glucose **27** (Scheme 5).





Having established the conversion of the dioxabicyclooctane framework into the hexose framework in two ways by demonstrating the route to the three hexoses, we next examined the stereocontrolled introduction of three contiguous hydroxy groups on the enone system of the key intermediate **11** to obtain the remaining five hexoses.

Treatment of **11** with alkaline hydrogen peroxide afforded the single *exo*-epoxide **34** which gave the single *endo*-alcohol **35** on reduction with sodium borohydride–Ce(III) chloride.¹⁴ After benzoylation, the benzoate **36** obtained was treated with boron trifluoride-diethyl ether complex to cleave the epoxide bond stereoselectively by the neighboring group participation of the benzoate functionality.¹⁸ The reaction proceeded with stereoselective cleavage of the epoxide bond, but the silvl protecting group was removed under the conditions to give a mixture of the triols 37. Since discrimination of the primary alcohol from the secondary alcohols in 37 was found to be difficult, the epoxybenzoate **39** bearing a different protecting group¹⁹ was prepared from the allyl alcohol 9 (R = H) via the enone 11 $(P = 2-naphthylCH_2)$, the epoxide 34 $(P = 2-naphthylCH_2)$ and the alcohol **38** (P = 2-naphthylCH₂) by employing the same procedure. Reaction of 39 with boron trifluoride-diethyl ether complex¹⁸ afforded the single diol **40**, without affecting the protecting group, which gave the single triol 41 after removal of the benzoate group. After benzylation, the tribenzyl ether 42 obtained was hydrogenated in ethanol on palladized charcoal (10%) to allow chemoselective removal of the naphthylmethyl protecting group¹⁹ to give the primary alcohol 43. As above, the dioxolane ring of 43 was cleaved in a three-step sequence via the mesylate 44 and the iodide 45 to give the hemiacetal 46 without difficulty. This compound was then treated with benzyl alcohol in the presence of an acid catalyst to give the acetal mixture 47 which was transformed into the primary alcohol 48 by sequential ozonolysis and borohydride reduction in the same flask as for 22. Hydrogenolysis of 48 furnished L-galactose 49 by removal of four benzyl groups. Although we did not carry out the further conversion, 46 may also serve as the precursor of the enantiomeric D-galactose 49 on the same treatment as for the synthesis of D-glucose 27 above (Scheme 6).

Having established the route to the four hexoses, we next examined the synthesis of the remaining four hexoses, allose, altrose, talose and mannose starting from the oxo epoxide **34**. At present, since the Wharton reaction of **34**, in particular the substrate having a 2-naphthylmethyl protecting group, was very capricious, we have just reached the common intermediate **59** of L-altrose **60** and L-talose **61**.

Thus, on treatment with hydrazine hydrate, the epoxide **34** (P = TBS) afforded the *exo*-allyl alcohol **50** which was then converted into the enone **51** on oxidation. Reduction of **51** with sodium borohydride–Ce(III) chloride¹⁴ gave the single *endo*-allyl alcohol **52** which was converted into the benzyl ether **53**. On the same treatment for the isomeric **15**, **53** furnished the *exo*-diol **54** diastereoselectively, which was then benzylated to give the tribenzyl ether **55**. After removal of the silyl protecting group, the resulting primary alcohol **56** was transformed into the iodide **58**, via the tosylate **57**, which furnished the hemiacetal **59** expected to be served as the common precursor of L-altrose **60** and L-talose **61** on reductive treatment with zinc powder in acetic acid (Scheme 7).

Of two remaining hexoses, L-mannose **65** may be obtained from the enone **51** having a 2-naphthylmethyl protecting group by employing the same procedure for the isomeric enone **34** which gave rise to galactose **49** via the intermediates **62**, **63** and **64**, while both enantiomeric al-



Scheme 7

loses 67 may be obtained from the *exo*-allyl alcohol 50 via the common intermediate 66 by application of the procedure established for the closely related system²⁰ (Scheme 8).

In conclusion, although the present study has not been completed, the basis of our strategy for an integrated route to both enantiomers of eight hexoses has been demonstrated. Further investigation for the completion of the present procedure is currently in progress.

Melting points are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on a JASCO-IR-700 spectrometer. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on Gemini 2000 (300 MHz) or JEOL JMX-GX500 (500 MHz) spectrometers. Mass spectra were recorded on a JEOL JMS-DX303 instrument. Optical purities were determined on a Gilson Model-307 instrument equipped with a chiral column. Optical rotations were measured with a JASCO-DIP-370 digital polarimeter.

(E)-3-(2-Furyl)prop-2-en-1-ol (9: R = H) Ethyl (E)-3-(2-Furfuryl)acrylate

To a stirred suspension of NaH (60% in oil, 12.5 g, 0.31 mol) in THF (450 mL) was added triethyl phosphonoacetate (72 mL, 0.36 mol) at 0°C. After 30 min at the same temperature, furfural (1) (25 g, 0.26 mol) in THF (50 mL) was added dropwise at the same temperature. The mixture, after being kept stirring for 30 min at room temperature, was diluted with Et_2O (300 mL) and was treated

with H_2O (100 mL). The organic layer was separated, washed with brine (50 mL) and dried (MgSO₄). After evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was chromatographed (silica gel, 500 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane 1:10 v/v) to remove a minor amount of the *Z*-olefin (0.9 g, 2%) to give the pure (*E*)-acrylate (42.1 g, 97%) as a pale yellow oil.

IR (film): v = 1710, 1640 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ = 7.48 (1 H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 7.43 (1 H, d, *J* = 15.9 Hz), 6.60 (1 H, d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 6.46 (1 H, dd, *J* = 3.4, 1.6 Hz), 6.32 (1 H, d, *J* = 15.9 Hz), 4.25 (2 H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 1.32 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ=166.9, 150.9, 144.6, 130.8, 115.8, 114.5, 112.1, 60.1, 14.0.

HRMS calcd for $C_9H_{10}O_3$ (M⁺) 166.0630, found 166.0610.

(E)-3-(2-Furfuryl)prop-2-en-1-ol (9:R = H)

To a stirred solution LiAlH₄ (3.7 g, 96.4 mmol) in Et₂O (400 mL) was added the above acrylate (20 g, 120.4 mmol) in Et₂O (100 mL) at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 1 h. The excess hydride was quenched by addition of 28% NH₄OH (~10 mL) and after 2 h the mixture was filtered through a Celite pad. The filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was chromatographed (silica gel, 400 g, elution with EtOAc-hexane, 1:2 v/v) to give **9** (R = H) (14.8 g, 97%) as a pale yellow oil. IR (film): v = 3328 cm⁻¹.



Scheme 8

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ = 7.35 (1 H, d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 6.45 (1 H, dt, *J* = 15.9, 1.2 Hz), 6.37 (1 H, dd, *J* = 3.3, 1.5 Hz), 6.30 (1 H, dt, *J* = 15.9, 5.7 Hz), 6.25 (1 H, dt, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 4.30 (2 H, d, *J* = 5.7 Hz), 1.49 (1 H, br s).

HRMS calcd for C₇H₈O₂ (M⁺) 124.0524, found 124.0482.

tert-Butyldimethylsilyl (*E*)-3-(2-Furyl)prop-2-enyl Ether (9: R = TBS)

A mixture of **9** (R = H) (1.03 g, 8.34 mmol), Et₃N (1.74 mL, 12.5 mmol), *tert*-butyldimethylchlorosilane (TBSCl) (1.51 g, 10.0 mmol) and 4-(*N*,*N*-dimethyl)pyridine (DMAP) (51 mg, 0.42 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) was stirred at r.t. for 4 h. The mixture was washed successively with H₂O (5 mL) and brine (3 mL) and dried (MgSO₄). After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was chromatographed (silica gel, 25 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 1:100) to give the ether **9** (R = TBS) (1.95 g, 98%) as a yellow oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ = 7.33 (1 H, d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 6.43 (1 H, dt, *J* = 15.7, 1.8 Hz), 6.36 (1 H, dd, *J* = 3.2, 1.8 Hz), 6.23 (1 H, dt, *J* = 15.7, 4.6 Hz), 6.21 (1 H, d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 4.33 (2 H, dd, *J* = 4.6, 1.8 Hz), 0.93 (9 H, s), 0.10 (6 H, s).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ = 153.1, 141.8, 128.1, 117.8, 111.3, 107.3, 63.3, 25.9, 18.4, -5.3.

HRMS calcd for C₁₃H₂₂O₂Si (M⁺) 238.1389, found 238.1381.

(*E*)-3-(2-Furyl)prop-2-enyl (2-Naphthylmethyl) Ether (9: R = 2-naphthylCH₂)

To a stirred solution of 9 (R = H) (8.74 g, 70.48 mmol) in THF (150 mL) was added NaH (60% in oil, 4.2 g, 105.72 mmol) at 0°C and, after having ceased hydrogen gas evolution, 2-bromomethyl-

naphthalene (25 g, 112.77 mmol) and Bu₄NI (2.6 g, 70.48 mmol) were added. After stirring for 8 h at r.t., MeOH (2 mL, 49.34 mmol) and NaH (60% in oil, 1.97 g, 49.34 mmol) were added to the mixture. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (200 mL) and was washed successively with H₂O (40 mL) and brine (20 mL), and the organic layer was dried (MgSO₄). After evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was chromatographed (silica gel, 200 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 1:200 then 1:30) to give the ether **9** (R = 2-naphthylCH₂) (17.69 g, 95%) as a pale yellow oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ = 7.86–7.78 (4 H, m), 7.50–7.43 (3 H, m), 7.35 (1 H, br d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 6.48 (1 H, d, *J* = 15.9 Hz), 6.36 (1 H, dd, *J* = 3.3, 1.7 Hz), 6.28 (1 H, dt, *J* = 15.9, 5.8 Hz), 6.24 (1 H, d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 4.72 (2 H, s), 4.20 (2 H, dd, *J* = 5.8, 1.4 Hz).

HRMS calcd for $C_{18}H_{16}O_2$ (M⁺) 264.1150, found 264.1132.

(-)-(1*S*,2*R*)-3-*tert*-Butyldimethylsiloxy-1-(2-furyl)propane-1,2diol (10: P = TBS)

To a stirred solution of **9** (R=TBS) (1.70 g, 7.13 mmol) in *t*-BuOH– H₂O (1:1 v/v, 60 mL), MeSO₂NH₂ (678 mg, 7.13 mmol), and ADmix- β (9.76 g) was added at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 95 h. The reaction was quenched by addition of Na₂SO₃ (2.70 g, 21.4 mmol) and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 200 mL). The extract was washed successively with 10% aq KOH (60 mL) and brine (30 mL), and dried (MgSO₄). After evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was chromatographed (silica gel, 35 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 1:5 v/v) to give the glycol **10** (P = TBS) (1.83 g, 94%) as a pale yellow oil: $[\alpha]_{D}^{28}$ -1.70 (*c* = 1.1, CHCl₃). The optical purity was determined to be 99.6% ee by hplc using a chiral column (CHIRALCEL OD, elution with *i*-PrOH–hexane, 1:500 v/v) after conversion into the dibenzoate. IR (film): v = 3404 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ = 7.40 (1 H, t, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 6.36 (2 H, d, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 4.74 (1 H, dd, *J* = 5.5, 4.1 Hz), 3.98–3.92 (1 H, m), 3.72 (1 H, dd, *J* = 10.4, 4.0 Hz), 3.61 (1 H, dd, *J* = 10.4, 4.9 Hz), 3.06 (1 H, d, *J* = 4.1 Hz), 2.72 (1 H, d, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 0.91 (9 H, s), 0.07 (6 H, s).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ = 153.9, 142.3, 128.1, 110.3, 107.6, 73.1, 68.2, 63.9, 25.7, 18.1, -5.7.

HRMS calcd for $C_{13}H_{23}O_3Si$ (M⁺–OH) 255.1417, found 255.1418.

The (+)-(1*R*,2*S*)-enantiomer **10** (P = TBS) was also prepared under the same conditions using AD-mix- α in a comparable yield: $[\alpha]_{D}^{2S}$ +1.63 (*c* = 1.1, CHCl₃), 99.6% ee (for dibenzoate) by hplc (CHIRALCEL OD, elution with *i*-PrOH–hexane 1:500 v/v).

(+)-(1*S*,2*R*)-1-(2-Furyl)-3-(2-naphthylmethyloxy)propane-1,2diol (10: P = 2-naphthyl CH₂)

To a stirred solution of **9** (R = 2-naphthylCH₂) (8.05 g, 30.49 mmol) in *t*-BuOH–H₂O (1:1 v/v, 300 mL), MeSO₂NH₂ (2.9 g, 30.49 mmol), and AD-mix- β (39 g) was added at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 46 h. The reaction was quenched by addition of Na₂SO₃ (11.5 g, 91.47 mmol) and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 200 mL). The combined extracts were washed successively with 10% aq KOH (60 mL) and brine (30 mL), and dried (MgSO₄). After evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was chromatographed (silica gel 160 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 1:2 v/v) to give the glycol **10** (P = 2-naphthylCH₂) (6.69 g, 74%) as colorless needles, mp 83– 85 °C: [α]_D²⁷+24.06 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

IR (Nujol): $v = 3379 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): $\delta = 7.85-7.81$ (3 H, m), 7.75 (1 H, s), 7.52–7.43 (3 H, m), 7.36 (1 H, t, J = 1.1 Hz), 6.31–6.34 (2 H, m), 4.78 (1 H, d, J = 4.7 Hz), 4.74 (1 H, d, J = 11.7 Hz), 4.67 (1 H, d, J = 11.7 Hz), 4.16–4.09 (1 H, m), 3.62 (1 H, dd, J = 9.8, 3.8 Hz), 3.53 (1 H, dd, J = 9.8, 5.5 Hz), 2.95 (1 H, d, J = 4.7 Hz), 2.76 (1 H, d, J = 5.2 Hz).

HRMS calcd for C₁₈H₁₈O₄ (M⁺) 298.1205, found 298.1206.

(-)-(1*S*,5*S*,7*R*)-7-*tert*-Butyldimethylsiloxymethyl-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-3-en-2-one (11: P = TBS)

To a stirred solution of **10** (P = TBS) (3.61 g, 13.2 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (80 mL) was added MCPBA (70%, 3.59 g, 14.6 mmol) at 0°C in the presence of NaHCO₃ (2.23 g, 26.5 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at r.t. for 3 h. The mixture was filtered through a Celile pad and evaporated under the reduced pressure to give the crude pyran-3-one **12** (P = TBS).

The crude **12**, without purification, was then refluxed in benzene (80 mL) in the presence of *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (*p*-TsOH) (25 mg, 0.13 mmol) with removal of water using a Dean–Stark apparatus. After 5 h, the mixture in EtOAc (100 mL) was washed successively with sat. aq NaHCO₃ (3 × 20 mL), and brine (10 mL), dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed (silica gel, 75 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 1:20 v/v) to give the bicyclic enone **11** (P = TBS) (2.47 g, 69% from **10**) as a pale yellow oil: $[\alpha]_D^{28}$ –187.01 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

IR (film): $v = 1701 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ = 7.12 (1 H, dd, *J* = 9.8, 3.2 Hz), 6.08 (1 H, dd, *J* = 9.8, 1.1 Hz), 5.79 (1 H, d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 4.61 (1 H, t, *J* = 1.1 Hz), 3.88–3.77 (2 H, m), 3.58 (1 H, dd, *J* = 9.9, 7.1 Hz), 0.90 (9 H, s), 0.08 (3 H, s), 0.07 (3 H, s).

HRMS calcd for C₁₂H₁₉O₄Si (M⁻CH₃) 255.1053, found 255.1008.

The (+)-(1*R*,5*R*,7*S*)-enantiomer **11** (P = TBS) was also prepared under the same conditions a comparable yield: $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +186.10 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

(+)-(1*S*,*5S*,*7R*)-7-(2-Naphthylmethyloxymethyl)-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-3-en-2-one (11: P = 2-naphthylCH₂)

To a stirred solution of **10** (P = 2-naphthylCH₂) (4.61 g, 15.47 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL) was added MCPBA (70%, 4.19 g, 17.01 mmol) at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred at r.t. for 3 h. The mixture was filtered through a Celile pad and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude pyran-3-one **12** (P = 2-naphthylCH₂).

The crude **12**, without purification, was then refluxed in benzene (100 mL) in the presence of *p*-TsOH (29 mg, 0.15 mmol) for 10 h. After cooling, the mixture was diluted with EtOAc (100 mL) and the solution was washed with sat. aq NaHCO₃ (3 × 10 mL) and brine (10 mL), and dried (MgSO₄). After evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was chromatographed (silica gel, 100 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 1:8 v/v) to give the bicyclic enone **11** (P=2-naphthylCH₂) (3.11 g, 68% from **10**) as a colorless prisms, mp 80–83 °C: $[\alpha]_{D}^{29}$ –156.16 (*c* = 1.2, CHCl₃).

IR (Nujol): $v = 1700 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): $\delta = 7.86-7.82$ (3 H, m), 7.77 (1 H, s), 7.52–7.45 (3 H, m), 7.12 (1 H, dd, J = 9.9, 3.2 Hz), 6.09 (1 H, d, J = 9.9 Hz), 5.83 (1 H, d, J = 3.2 Hz), 4.76 (2 H, s), 4.62 (1 H, t, J = 1.2 Hz), 4.04 (1 H, td, J = 5.5, 1.4 Hz), 3.67 (1 H, dd, J = 10.0, 5.6 Hz), 3.57 (1 H, dd, J = 10.0, 6.6 Hz).

HRMS calcd for $C_{18}H_{16}O_4$ (M⁺) 296.1048, found 296.1027.

(+)-(1*R*,2*S*,5*S*,7*R*)-7-*tert*-Butyldimethylsiloxymethyl-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-3-en-2-ol (13: P = TBS)

To a stirred mixture of **11** (P = TBS) (658 mg, 2.44 mmol) and CeCl₃·7H₂O (1.09 g, 2.92 mol) in MeOH (25 mL) was added NaBH₄ (411 mg, 2.92 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring for 25 min at the same temperature, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in EtOAc (30 mL) and the organic layer was washed successively with H₂O (5 mL) and brine (3 mL) and dried (MgSO₄). After evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was chromatographed (silica gel, 15 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 1:10 v/v) to give the *endo*-alcohol **13** (P = TBS) (654 mg, 99%) as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]_{D}^{28}$ +1.57 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

IR (film): $v = 3456 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): $\delta = 5.91$ (1 H, ddd, J = 9.7, 3.2, 1.8 Hz), 5.72 (1 H, dtd, J = 9.7, 2.0, 0.8 Hz), 5.49 (1 H, d, J = 3.2 Hz), 4.80–4.75 (1 H, m), 4.32 (1 H, ddd, J = 7.1, 5.2, 1.6 Hz), 4.27 (1 H, dt, J = 4.7, 1.6 Hz), 3.74 (1 H, dd, J = 10.4, 5.2 Hz), 3.58 (1 H, dd, J = 10.4, 7.1 Hz), 1.75 (1 H, br.d, J = 6.0 Hz), 0.89 (9 H, s), 0.07 (6 H, s).

HRMS calcd for C₉H₁₅O₄Si (M⁻C₄H₉) 215.0740, found 215.0713.

The (-)-(1*S*,2*R*,5*R*,7*S*)-enantiomer **13** (P = TBS) was also prepared under the same conditions in a comparable yield: $[\alpha]_D^{24} - 1.30$ (*c* = 1.1, CHCl₃).

(+)-(1*R*,2*S*,5*S*,7*R*)-2-Benzyloxy-7-*tert*-butyldimethylsiloxymethyl-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-3-ene (14: P = TBS)

To a stirred solution of **13** (P = TBS) (1.39 g, 5.09 mmol) in THF (40 mL) was added NaH (60% in oil, 265 mg, 6.62 mol) at 0°C and, after 10 min, BnBr (848 μ L, 7.13 mmol) was added and the mixture was refluxed for 12 h. The mixture was cooled to 0°C and was again treated with NaH (60% in oil, 143 mg, 3.57 mmol) and MeOH (144 μ L, 3.57 mmol) for 15 min to destroy the excess BnBr. The mixture was then treated with H₂O (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (100 mL). The extract was washed with brine (5 mL), dried (MgSO₄), evaporated, and chromatographed (silica gel 30 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 1:100 v/v) to give the benzyl ether **14** (P = TBS) (1.69 g, 92%) as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]_D^{28}$ +12.25 (*c* = 1.2, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ = 7.36–7.29 (5 H, m). 5.92 (1 H, ddd, *J* = 9.7, 3.1, 1.6 Hz), 5.76 (1 H, dt, *J* = 9.7, 1.9 Hz), 5.47 (1 H).

d, J = 3.1 Hz, 4.68 (1 H, d, J = 11.8 Hz), 4.56 (1 H, d, J = 11.8 Hz),

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4.53–4.45 (3 H, m), 3.74 (1 H, dd, *J* = 10.2, 4.9 Hz), 3.54 (1 H, dd, *J* = 10.2, 8.2 Hz), 0.89 (9 H, s), 0.08 (3 H, s), 0.06 (3 H, s).

HRMS calcd for $C_{20}H_{30}O_4Si(M^+)$ 362.1913, found 362.1930.

The (-)-(1*S*,2*R*,5*R*,7*S*)-enantiomer **14** (P = TBS) was also prepared under the same conditions in a comparable yield: $[\alpha]_D^{27}$ -11.58 (*c* = 1.1, CHCl₃).

(-)-(1*R*,2*S*,3*R*,4*S*,5*S*,7*R*)-2-Benzyloxy-7-*tert*-butyldimethylsiloxymethyl-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-3,4-diol (15: P = TBS)

To a stirred solution of **14** (P = TBS) (2.93 g, 8.08 mmol), NMO (1.42 g, 12.1 mmol) in acetone–H₂O (1:1 v/v, 60 mL) was added OsO₄ (0.1967 M in THF, 4.09 mL, 0.81 mmol) at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred for 3 h at the r.t. The reaction was quenched by addition of sat. aq Na₂SO₃ (5 mL) and the organic layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 × 50 mL). The extract was washed with brine (5 mL), dried (MgSO₄), evaporated under reduced pressure, and chromatographed (silica gel, 60 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 1:2 v/v) to give the glycol **15** (P = TBS) (3.02 g, 94%) as an amorphous solid: $[\alpha]_{D}^{26}$ –41.12 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

IR (film): $v = 3400 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): $\delta = 7.37-7.30$ (5 H, m), 5.42 (1 H, d, J = 1.9 Hz), 4.73 (1 H, d, J = 11.7 Hz), 4.65 (1 H, d, J = 11.7 Hz), 4.42 (1 H, d, J = 4.1 Hz), 4.16 (1 H, dd, J = 8.6, 5.4 Hz), 3.87–3.79 (2 H, m), 3.64 (1 H, dd, J = 8.2, 4.1 Hz), 3.58 (1 H, dd, J = 9.9, 5.4 Hz), 3.39 (1 H, dd, J = 9.9, 8.6 Hz), 2.48 (1 H, br s), 2.20 (1 H, br s), 0.89 (9 H, s), 0.07 (3 H, s), 0.06 (3 H, s).

HRMS calcd for C₁₆H₂₃O₆Si (M⁻C₄H₉) 339.1264, found 339.1277.

The (+)-(1*S*,2*R*,3*S*,4*R*,5*R*,7*S*)-enantiomer **15** (P = TBS) was also prepared under the same conditions in a comparable yield: $[\alpha]_D^{31}$ +41.44 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

(+)-(1*R*,2*S*,3*S*,4*S*,5*S*,7*R*)-2,3,4-Trisbenzyloxy-7-*tert*-butyldi-

methylsiloxymethyl-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane (16: P = TBS) To a stirred solution of the glycol **15** (P = TBS) (435 mg, 1.20 mmol) in THF (9 mL) was added NaH (60% in oil, 220 mg, 5.49 mmol) at 0 °C. After 10 min, BnBr (784 μ L, 6.59 mmol) was added to the mixture and the mixture was refluxed for 5 h. After cooling, the mixture was treated with NaH (60% in oil, 62 mg, 1.54 mmol) and MeOH (62 μ l, 1.54 mmol) for 15 min to quench the excess BnBr. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (30 mL) and washed with H₂O (5 mL), brine (3 mL) and dried (MgSO₄). Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure, followed by chromatography (silica gel 10 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 1:40 v/v) to give the trisbenzyl ether **16** (P = TBS) (581 mg, 92%) as a colorless oil: [α]_D²⁸ +3.38 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): $\delta = 7.37-7.27$ (15 H, m), 5.26 (1 H, d, J = 1.9 Hz), 4.80 (1 H, d, J = 12.4 Hz), 4.73 (1 H, d, J = 11.4 Hz), 4.72 (1 H, d, J = 11.8 Hz), 4.69 (1 H, d, J = 11.4 Hz), 4.65 (1 H, d, J = 11.8 Hz), 4.60 (1 H, d, J = 12.4 Hz), 4.36 (1 H, d, J = 4.1 Hz), 4.13 (1 H, dd, J = 8.4, 5.4 Hz), 4.00 (1 H, dd, J = 8.5, 4.1 Hz), 3.75-3.68 (2 H, m), 3.52 (1 H, dd, J = 9.8, 5.4 Hz), 3.36 (1 H, dd, J = 9.8, 8.4 Hz), 0.88 (9 H, s), 0.05 (3 H, s), 0.04 (3 H, s).

HRMS calcd for $C_{27}H_{37}O_6Si~(M^+\!\!-\!\!C_7H_7)$ 485.2359, found 485.2329.

The (-)-(1*S*,2*R*,3*R*,4*R*,5*R*,7*S*)-enantiomer **16** (P = TBS) was also prepared under the same conditions in a comparable yield: $[\alpha]_{D}^{29}$ -3.03 (*c* = 1.2, CHCl₃).

(+)-(1*R*,2*S*,3*S*,4*S*,5*S*,7*R*)-2,3,4-Trisbenzyloxy-7-hydroxymethyl-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane (17)

To a stirred solution of **16** (P = TBS) (6.53 g, 11.3 mmol) in THF (100 mL) was added tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF) in THF (1.0 M, 17.0 mL, 17.0 mmol) at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred at

a r.t. for 2 h. The mixture was washed successively with H₂O (20 mL) and brine (10 mL), and dried (MgSO₄). After evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was chromatographed (silica gel, 135 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane 1:2 v/v) to give the primary alcohol **17** (3.02 g, 94%) as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]_D^{31}$ +14.11 (*c* = 1.1, CHCl₃).

IR (film): $v = 3482 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ = 7.38–7.28 (15 H, m), 5.31 (1 H, d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 4.81 (1 H, d, *J* = 12.4 Hz), 4.80 (1 H, d, *J* = 12.4 Hz), 4.71 (1 H, d, *J* = 12.1 Hz), 4.66 (1 H, d, *J* = 12.1 Hz), 4.64 (1 H, d, *J* = 12.4 Hz), 4.60 (1 H, d, *J* = 12.4 Hz), 4.20–4.17 (2 H, m), 4.01–3.95 (1 H, m), 3.74–3.70 (2 H, m), 3.46 (2 H, d, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 1.71 (1 H, br s).

HRMS calcd for $C_{21}H_{23}O_6$ (M⁺– C_7H_7) 371.1495, found 371.1472.

The (-)-(1*S*,2*R*,3*R*,4*R*,5*R*,7*S*)-enantiomer **16** (P = TBS) was also prepared under the same conditions in a comparable yield: $[\alpha]_{D}^{28}$ -14.02 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

(-)-(1*R*,2*S*,3*S*,4*S*,5*S*,7*R*)-2,3,4-Trisbenzyloxy-7-iodomethyl-6,8dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane (19)

To a stirred solution of **17** (P = TBS) (1.65 g, 3.57 mmol) and Et₃N (1.49 mL, 10.7 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (35 mL) was added methanesulfonyl chloride (MsCl) (414 μ L, 5.35 mmol) at 0°C and the mixture was stirred at r.t. for 3 h. The mixture was washed with H₂O (5 mL), brine (3 mL), dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude mesylate **18**. Without purification, the crude **18** was refluxed with LiI (4.77 g, 35.7 mmol) in THF (35 mL) for 6 h. After cooling, the mixture was diluted with EtOAc (50 mL) and was washed successively with 10% aq Na₂S₂O₃ (10 mL), sat. aq NaHCO₃ (10 mL) and brine (5 mL), and dried (MgSO₄). After evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was chromatographed (silica gel, 35 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 1:20 v/ v) to give the iodide **19** (2.01 g, 99% from **16**) as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]_D^{28}$ –7.70 (*c* = 1.1, CHCl₃).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ = 7.41–7.28 (15 H, m), 5.34 (1 H, d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 4.80 (1 H, d, *J* = 12.2 Hz), 4.75 (2 H, s), 4.71 (1 H, d, *J* = 12.1 Hz), 4.65 (1 H, d, *J* = 12.1 Hz), 4.59 (1 H, d, *J* = 12.2 Hz), 4.41 (1 H, d, *J* = 14.4 Hz), 4.38 (1 H, dd, *J* = 9.5, 5.8 Hz), 4.01–3.94 (1 H, m), 3.71–3.66 (2 H, m), 3.10 (1 H, dd, *J* = 9.5, 5.8 Hz), 3.01 (1 H, dd, *J* = 9.5 Hz).

HRMS calcd for $C_{21}H_{22}IO_5$ (M⁺– C_7H_7) 481.0471, found 481.0506.

The (+)-(1*S*,2*R*,3*R*,4*R*,5*R*,7*S*)-enantiomer **19** was also prepared under the same conditions in a comparable yield: $[\alpha]_D^{30}$ +7.56 (*c* = 1.1, CHCl₃).

(2*R/S*,3*S*,4*S*,5*S*,6*S*)-3,4,5-Trisbenzyloxy-6-vinyloxan-2-ol (20)

A solution of the iodide **19** (2.21 g, 3.86 mmol) in HOAc (40 mL) was stirred with activated Zn powder (12.6 g, 193 mmol) at r.t. for 3 h. The mixture was filtered and the filtrate was diluted with EtOAc (100 mL) and the mixture was washed successively with H_2O (10 mL), sat. aq NaHCO₃ (10 mL), brine (5 mL) and dried (MgSO₄). After evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was chromatographed (silica gel, 45 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 1:5 v/v) to give the hemiacetal **20** (1.67g, 97%) as a colorless oil.

IR (film): $v = 3470 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): $\delta = 7.39-7.25$ (15 H, m), 5.89 (0.5 H, ddd, J = 17.3, 10.6, 6.2 Hz), 5.86 (0.5 H, ddd, J = 17.3, 10.6, 5.8 Hz), 5.37 (0.5 H, dt, J = 17.3, 1.5 Hz), 5.32 (0.5 H, dt, J = 17.3, 1.5 Hz), 5.20 (0.5 H, dt, J = 10.6, 1.5 Hz), 5.20 (0.5 H, dt, J = 10.6, 1.5 Hz), 5.18-5.14 (1.5 H, m), 4.79-4.32 (7 H, m), 3.86 (0.5 H, s), 3.85 (0.5 H, s), 3.76 (0.5 H, t, J = 3.3 Hz), 3.56 (0.5 H, dd, J = 8.0, 3.0 Hz), 3.46 (0.5 H, br.t, J = 1.8 Hz), 3.35 (0.5 H, dd, J = 3.9, 1.5 Hz), 3.11 (0.5 H, d, J = 6.0 Hz).

HRMS calcd for $C_{21}H_{23}O_5$ (M⁺- C_7H_7) 355.1546, found 355.1527.

The (2R/S,3R,4R,5R,6R)-enantiomer 20 was also prepared under the same conditions in a comparable yield.

(2R/S,3S,4S,5S,6S)-2,3,4,5-Tetrakisbenzyloxy-6-vinyloxane (21)

A mixture of the hemiacetal 20 (505 mg, 1.13 mmol) in benzyl alcohol (1.17 mL, 11.3 mmol) in benzene (10 mL) was refluxed for 6 h in the presence of p-TsOH (2 mg, 0.01 mmol) using a Dean-Stark apparatus. The mixture diluted with EtOAc (20 mL) was washed with sat. aq NaHCO₃ (5 mL), brine (3 mL), dried (MgSO₄), evaporated under reduced pressure, and chromatographed (silica gel 15 g, elution with EtOAc-hexane, 1:40 v/v) to give the tetrabenzyl ether 21 (516 mg, 85%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ = 7.35–7.25 (20 H, m), 5.90 (1 H, ddd, J = 17.4, 10.5, 5.9 Hz), 5.34 (1 H, dt, J = 17.4, 1.5 Hz), 5.20 (1 H, dt, J = 10.5, 1.5 Hz), 5.05–4.98 (1 H, m), 5.00 (1 H, dt, J = 12.2 Hz), 4.87 (1 H, d, J=12.2 Hz), 4.73 (1 H, dt J=12.2 Hz), 4.65 (1 H, d, J = 12.2 Hz), 4.62 (1 H, d, J = 12.2 Hz), 4.52 (1 H, d, J = 12.2 Hz)12.2 Hz), 4.40 (1 H, d, J = 12.2 Hz), 4.39–4.34 (1 H, m), 4.34 (1 H, d, J = 12.2 Hz), 3.77 (1 H, t, J = 3.4 Hz), 3.71(1 H, dd, J = 8.0, 3.3 Hz, 3.35 (1 H, dd, J = 3.8, 1.6 Hz).

FABMS: $m/z = 535 (M^+ - 1)$.

The (2R/S, 3R, 4R, 5R, 6R)-enantiomer was also prepared under the same conditions in a comparable yield.

(2R/S,3S,4S,5S,6S)-2,3,4,5-Tetrakisbenzyloxy-6-hydroxymethvloxane (22)

To a stirred solution of the alkene 21 (323 mg, 0.60 mmol) in MeOH–CH₂Cl₂ (1:1 v/v, 6 mL) was introduced ozone at -78 °C for 10 min. After excess ozone was removed by introduction of Ar, NaBH₄ (228 mg, 6.02 mmol) was added to the mixture and the mixture was stirred at r.t. for 20 min. After evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was chromatographed (silica gel, 10 g, elution with EtOAc-hexane, 1:4 v/v) to give the alcohol 22 (311 mg, 96%) as a colorless oil.

IR (film): $v = 3472 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): $\delta = 7.44-7.09$ (20 H, m), 5.04–4.17 (9 H, m), 3.95 (1 H, ddd, J = 6.3, 4.7, 1.6 Hz), 3.88-3.78 (2 H, m),3.68 (1 H, dd, J = 8.0, 3.3 Hz), 3.42–3.59 (1 H, m), 3.73 (1 H, dd, J = 3.8, 1.6 Hz), 1.76 (1 H, br.s).

HRMS calcd for $C_{27}H_{28}O_5$ (M⁺– C_7H_8O) 432.1937, found 432.1905.

The (2R/S, 3S, 4S, 5S, 6S)-enantiomer 22 was also prepared under the same conditions in a comparable yield.

(+)-L-Gulose (23)

A solution of the tetrabenzyl ether 22 (311 mg, 0.58 mmol) in MeOH (6 mL) was hydrogenated on Pd(OH)₂ (10 mg) at r.t. for 144 h. The mixture was diluted with MeOH (20 mL) and filtered through a Celite pad to remove the catalyst. The filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure and chromatographed (silica gel, 10 g, elution with EtOAc-MeOH-H₂O, 15:2:1 v/v) to give the L-gulose (23) (103 mg, 99%) as an amorphous solid: $[\alpha]_D^{31}$ +20.94 (c = 1.0, H₂O) [lit. $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +16.0 (c = 1.28, H₂O), $[\alpha]_D$ –20 (for D-gulose)].

Spectral data (IR, ¹H NMR) and tlc were identical with those of an authentic material. (-)-D-Gulose (23) was also prepared under the same conditions in a comparable yield: $[\alpha]_D^{31}$ –21.09 (c = 1.1, H₂O).

(3S,4R,5R,6R)-3,7-Dihydroxy-4,5,6-tribenzyloxyhept-1-ene (24)

To a stirred solution of hemiacetal 20 (448 mg, 1.00 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added LiAlH₄ (76 mg, 2.00 mmol) at r.t.. After stirring for 3 h at the same temperature, the mixture was treated with 30 % NH₄OH (2 mL) and the mixture was filtered through a Celite pad.

The filtrate was dried (MgSO₄), evaporated under reduced pressure, and chromatographed (silica gel, 9 g, elution with EtOAc-hexane, 1:5 v/v) to give the diol 24 (405 mg, 90%) as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]_D^{27}$ -5.23 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃).

IR (neat): $v = 3438 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ = 7.37–7.25 (15 H, m). 5.93 (1 H, ddd, *J* = 17.2, 10.6, 5.8 Hz), 5.33 (1 H, d, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 5.19 (1 H, d, J = 10.6 Hz), 4.76–4.53 (6 H, m), 4.36–4.25 (1 H, m), 3.91–3.74 (4 H, m), 3.62 (1 H, dd, J = 5.2, 3.6 Hz), 2.79 (1 H, br.d, J = 5.2 Hz),2.31 (1 H, br.s).

FABMS: $m/z = 499 (M^++1)$.

(3S,4R,5R,6R)-3,4,5,6,7-Pentabenzyloxyhept-1-ene (25)

A diol 24 (1 g, 2.23 mmol) was treated with NaH (60% in oil, 356 mg, 8.92 mmol) and BnBr (1.3 mL, 11.15 mmol) in THF (30 mL) in the presence of Bu_4NI (82 mg, 0.22 mmol) as for the preparation of 16. After workup and evaporating the solvent under reduced pressure the residue was chromatographed (silica gel, 20 g, elution with Et_2O -hexane, 1:10 v/v) to give 25 (1.3 g, 93%) as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]_D^{29} + 15.66$ (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

¹H NMR (CDCl₂, 300 MHz): $\delta = 7.34-7.22$ (25 H, m). 5.83 (1 H, ddd, J = 17.5, 10.3, 7.5 Hz), 5.26 (1 H, dd, J = 10.3, 1.6 Hz), 5.17 (1 H, dt, J = 17.5, 0.8 Hz), 4.79 (1 H, d, J = 11.5 Hz), 4.73 (1 H, d, J = 11.8 Hz), 4.64 (1 H, d, J = 11.8 Hz), 4.63 (1 H, d, J = 11.5 Hz), 4.60 (1 H, d, J = 11.8 Hz), 4.59 (1 H, d, J = 11.8 Hz), 4.50 (1 H, d, J = 11.8 Hz), 4.45 (1 H, d, J = 12.2 Hz), 4.41 (1 H, d, J = 12.2 Hz), 4.34 (1 H, d, J = 11.8 Hz), 4.09 (1 H, dd, J = 7.7, 6.0 Hz), 3.95 (1 H)H, t, J = 4.8 Hz), 3.88–3.82 (2 H, m), 3.75 (1 H, dd, J = 5.8, 4.9 Hz), 3.73-3.65 (1 H, m).

FABMS: $m/z = 629 (M^++1)$.

(2R,3S,4R,5R)-2,3,4,5,6-Pentabenzyloxyhept-1-al (26)

To a stirred solution of OsO4 (0.1967 M in THF, 324 µL, 0.06 mmol), NMO (228 mg, 1.91 mmol) in acetone-H₂O (1:1 v/v, 15 mL) was added 25 (800 mg, 1.27 mmol) at 0°C. After 2 h at the r.t., the reaction was quenched by addition of sat. aq Na₂SO₃ (2 mL) and, after 10 min, the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (2×50 mL). The extract was washed successively with H₂O (10 mL) and brine (5 mL), dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was then dissolved in THF-H₂O (2:1 v/v, 15 mL) and was then treated with NaIO₄ (834 mg, 3.81 mmol) at r.t. for 1 h with stirring. The mixture diluted in EtOAc (50 mL) was washed successively with H₂O (10 mL) and brine (5 mL), dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed (silica gel, 15 g, elution with Et_2O -hexane, 1:3 v/v) to give **26** (662 mg, 83% from **25**) as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]_{D}^{29}$ +8.27 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

IR (film): $v = 1727 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): $\delta = 9.72 (1 \text{ H, s}), 7.35 - 7.15 (25 \text{ H, m}),$ 4.78 (1 H, d, J = 12.1 Hz), 4.66 (1 H, d, J = 11.8 Hz), 4.59–4.39 (8 H, m), 4.12 (1 H, dd, J=6.9, 3.4 Hz), 4.03 (1 H, dd, J=6.7, 3.6 Hz), 3.91-3.80 (3 H, m), 3.70-3.27 (1 H, m).

HRMS calcd for C₃₄H₃₅O₆ (M⁺-C₇H₇) 539.2432, found 539.2458.

(+)-D-Glucose (27)

A solution of the tetrabenzyl ether 26 (390 mg, 618 mmol) in MeOH (15 mL) was hydrogenated on Pd(OH)₂ (40 mg) at r.t. for 120 h. As treated for 23 D-glucose 27 (93 mg, 83%) was obtained after chromatography (silica gel, 8 g, elution with EtOAc-MeOH-H₂O, 15:2:1 v/v) as an amorphous solid: $[\alpha]_D^{29}$ +43.37 (c = 1.3, H₂O) [lit. $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ -47.2 (c = 0.83, H₂O), $[\alpha]_D$ -51.4 (for L-glucose)].

Spectral data (IR, ¹H NMR) and tlc were identical with those of an authentic material.

(3S,4S,5S,6S)-3,4,5-Trisbenzyloxy-6-vinyloxan-2-one (28)

A solution of **20** (310 mg, 0.70 mmol), NMO (163 mg, 1.40 mmol), 4 A sieves (372 mg) and TPAP (24 mg, 0.07 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (7.0 mL) was stirred at r.t. for 1.5 h. After filtration, the filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was chromatographed (silica gel, 6 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 1:5 v/v) to give **28** (259 mg, 84%) as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]_D^{27}$ –96.79 (*c* = 1.2, CHCl₃).

IR (film): $v = 1754 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): $\delta = 7.39-7.25$ (15 H, m), 5.92 (1 H, ddd, J = 17.3, 10.5, 6.7 Hz), 5.38 (1 H, dt, J = 17.3, 1.1 Hz), 5.29 (1 H, dt, J = 10.5, 1.1 Hz), 5.13-5.09 (2 H, m), 4.89 (1 H, d, J = 12.1 Hz), 4.66 (1 H, d, J = 12.1 Hz), 4.59 (1 H, d, J = 12.1 Hz), 4.42 (1 H, d, J = 11.8 Hz), 4.40 (1 H, d, J = 2.7 Hz), 4.33 (1 H, d, J = 11.8 Hz), 3.96 (1 H, dd, J = 4.4, 3.0 Hz), 3.61 (1 H, dd, J = 4.4, 2.7 Hz).

HRMS calcd for C₂₁H₂₁O₅ (M⁻C₇H₇) 353.1389, found 353.1347.

(3R,4S,5S,6S)-3,4,5-Trisbenzyloxy-6-vinyloxan-2-one (29)

A solution of **28** (338 mg, 0.76 mmol) and DABCO (128 mg, 1.14 mmol) in benzene (8 mL) was stirred at r.t. for 15 h. The mixture, after diluted with EtOAc (30 mL), was washed successively with H₂O (5 mL) and brine (3 mL), dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed (silica gel, 6 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 1:2 v/v) to give a crystalline solid which was recrystallized to give **29** (249 mg, 74%) as colorless needles, mp 117–119 °C: $[\alpha]_{D}^{27}$ +32.02 (*c* = 1.1, CHCl₃).

IR (Nujol): $v = 1745 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ = 7.44–7.23 (15 H, m), 6.00 (1 H, ddd, *J* = 17.3, 10.7, 6.6 Hz), 5.41 (1 H, dt, *J* = 17.3, 1.1 Hz), 5.32 (1 H, dt, *J* = 10.7, 1.1 Hz), 5.06 (1 H, d, *J* = 11.5 Hz), 4.85 (1 H, dd, *J* = 6.6, 1.5 Hz), 4.66 (1 H, d, *J* = 11.5 Hz), 4.61 (1 H, d, *J* = 11.8 Hz), 4.57 (1 H, d, *J* = 12.1 Hz), 4.54 (1 H, d, *J* = 11.8 Hz), 4.41 (1 H, d, *J* = 12.1 Hz), 4.18 (1 H, d, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 3.87 (1 H, dd, *J* = 6.3, 1.5 Hz), 3.64 (1 H, t, *J* = 1.5 Hz).

HRMS calcd for C₂₁H₂₁O₅ (M⁺-C₇H₇) 353.1389, found 353.1404.

(2R/S,3R,4S,5S,6S)-3,4,5-Trisbenzyloxy-6-vinyloxan-2-ol (30)

To a stirred solution of **29** (55 mg, 0.12 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) was added DIBAL (1.5 M in toluene, 140 μ L, 0.21 mmol), at -78 °C and the stiring was continued for 2 h at the same temperature. The mixture was diluted with Et₂O (10 mL) and the reaction was quenched by addition of H₂O (140 μ L) and dried (MgSO₄). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was chromatographed (silica gel, 1 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 1:5 v/v) to give **30** (53 mg, 96%) as a colorless oil.

IR (film): $v = 3407 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): $\delta = 7.39-7.15$ (15 H, m), 6.11 (0.7 H, ddd, J = 17.3, 10.7, 6.0 Hz), 6.04 (0.3 H, ddd, J = 17.3, 10.7, 6.9 Hz), 5.43 (0.7 H, dt, J = 17.3, 1.5 Hz), 5.34 (0.3 H, dt, J = 17.3, 1.1 Hz), 5.32 (0.7 H, dt, J = 10.7, 1.5 Hz), 5.21 (0.3 H, dt, J = 10.7, 1.1 Hz), 5.14 (0.7 H, dd, J = 7.4, 4.7 Hz), 4.96 (0.3 H, dd, J = 12.4, 2.2 Hz), 4.76–4.46 (6 H, m), 4.35 (0.7 H, d, J = 1.6 Hz), 4.30 (0.3 H, br d, J = 6.3 Hz), 3.85 (0.3 H, d, J = 12.1 Hz), 3.75–3.69 (1 H, m), 3.59–3.51 (1.4 H, m), 3.40–3.36 (1 H, m), 3.29–3.27 (0.3 H, m).

FABMS: $m/z = 445 (M^+ - 1)$.

(2*R*/S,3*R*,4*S*,5*S*,6*S*)-2,3,4,5-Tetrakisbenzyloxy-6-vinyloxane (31) A mixture of 30 (387 mg, 0.87 mmol), benzyl alcohol (449 μ l, 4.35 mmol) and *p*-TsOH (2 mg, 0.01 mmol) in benzene (8 mL) was refluxed for 7 h. After dilution with EtOAc (20 mL), the mixture was washed successively with sat. aq NaHCO₃ (5 mL) and brine (3 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed (silica gel, 8 g, elution with EtOAchexane, 1:10 v/v) to give **31** (410 mg, 88%) as a colorless crystalline solid, mp 44–46 °C.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ = 7.42–7.03 (20 H, m), 6.46–6.31 (0.25 H, m), 6.16–6.04 (0.75 H, m), 5.50–5.29 (2 H, m), 4.92–4.48 (9.75 H, m), 4.37–4.31 (0.25 H, m), 4.10–4.04 (0.25 H, m), 3.76–3.68 (1.5 H, m), 3.65–3.59 (0.25 H, m), 3.55–3.48 (1 H, m).

HRMS calcd for $C_{28}H_{29}O_5$ (M⁺ – C_7H_7) 445.2014, found 445.1989.

(2*R*/S,3*R*,4*S*,5*S*,6*S*)-2,3,4,5-Tetrakisbenzyloxy-6-hydroxymethyloxane (32)

To a solution of **31** (500 mg, 0.93 mmol) in MeOH–CH₂Cl₂ (1:1 v/ v, 30 mL) was introduced ozone at -78 °C for 10 min. After 10 min, NaBH₄ (353 mg, 9.33 mmol) was added at the same temperature and the mixture was warmed to r.t. After evaporation of the solvent, the residue was chromatographed (silica gel, 10 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 1:4 v/v) to give **32** (411 mg, 82%) as a colorless crystalline solid, mp 90–92 °C.

IR (Nujol): $v = 3344 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ = 7.39–7.26 (25 H, m), 4.97–4.49 (9 H, m), 4.14–3.47 (6 H, m), 2.05–2.02 (1 H, m).

HRMS calcd for C₂₇H₂₉O₆ (M⁺-C₇H₇) 449.1963, found 449.1952.

(-)-L-Idose (33)

A solution of the tetrabenzyl ether **32** (400 mg, 741 mmol) in MeOH (15 mL) was hydrogenated on Pd(OH)₂ (40 mg) at r.t. for 144 h. As treated for **23** L-idose **33** (106 mg, 80%) was obtained after chromatographed (silica gel, 8 g, elution with EtOAc–MeOH–H₂O, 15:2:1 v/v) as an amorphous solid: $[\alpha]_{D}^{29}$ –12.35 (*c* = 1.0, H₂O) [lit. $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ –10.6 (*c* = 0.98, H₂O), $[\alpha]_{D}$ +15.8 (for D-idose)].

Spectral data (IR, ¹H NMR) and tlc were identical with those of an authentic material.

(+)-(1*S*,3*R*,4*S*,5*S*,7*R*)-3,4-Epoxy-7-(2-naphthylmethyloxymeth-

yl)-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octan-2-one (34: P = 2-naphthylCH₂) To a stirred solution of the enone 11 (P = 2-naphthylCH₂) (756 mg, 2.55 mmol) in THF (15 mL) and 0.5 N NaOH (2.6 mL, 1.28 mmol) was added 30% H₂O₂ (434 μ L, 3.83 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring for 30 min at r.t., the mixture was diluted with EtOAc (20 mL) and was washed with H₂O (5 mL) and brine (3 mL), and dried (MgSO₄). After evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure, a crystalline residue was recrystallized from Et₂O to give the oxo epoxide **34** (P = 2-naphthylCH₂) (695 mg, 87%) as a colorless crystals, mp 136– 139 °C: [α]_D²⁸ +11.68 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

IR (Nujol): $v = 1738 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): $\delta = 7.86-7.83$ (3 H, m), 7.75 (1 H, s), 7.51–7.43 (3 H, m), 5.89 (1 H, d, J = 0.5 Hz), 4.72 (2 H, s), 4.52 (1 H, t, J = 1.4 Hz), 4.14–4.10 (1 H, m), 3.57 (1 H, dd, J = 9.9, 5.8 Hz), 3.47 (1 H, dd, J = 3.6, 1.4 Hz), 3.45 (1 H, dd, J = 9.9, 6.9 Hz), 3.36– 3.34 (1 H, m).

HRMS calcd for C₁₈H₁₆O₅ (M⁺) 312.0998, found 312.1013.

(-)-(1*R*,2*S*,3*S*,4*S*,5*S*,7*R*)-3,4-Epoxy-2-hydroxy-7-(2-naphthylmethyloxymethyl)-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane (38)

To a stirred solution of the oxo epoxide **34** (P = 2-naphthylCH₂) (558 mg, 1.79 mmol) and CeCl₃·7H₂O (800 mg, 2.15 mmol) in MeOH (10 mL) was added NaBH₄ (81 mg, 2.15 mmol) at 0°C and the stirring was continued for 25 min at the same temperature. After dilution with EtOAc (20 mL) the mixture was washed successively with H₂O (5 mL) and brine (3 mL), and dried (MgSO₄). After evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was chromatographed (silica gel, 10 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 1:3 v/v) to give the *endo*-alcohol **38** (529 mg, 94%) as colorless needles, mp 114–116°C: $[\alpha]_{D}^{27}$ –16.64 (*c* = 1.1, CHCl₃).

IR (Nujol): $v = 3418 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ = 7.85–7.82 (3 H, m), 7.77 (1 H, s), 7.51–7.45 (3 H, m), 5.63 (1 H, s), 4.76 (1 H, d, *J* = 12.9 Hz), 4.72 (1 H, d, *J* = 12.9 Hz), 4.54 (1 H, dt, *J* = 6.2, 1.9 Hz), 4.28 (1 H, t, *J* = 4.9 Hz), 4.18 (1 H, br d, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 3.58 (1 H, dd, *J* = 9.7, 5.8 Hz), 3.46 (1 H, dd, *J* = 9.7, 6.5 Hz), 3.07 (2 H, s), 2.15 (1 H, br d, *J* = 4.7 Hz).

HRMS calcd for $C_{18}H_{18}O_5$ (M⁺) 314.1154, found 314.1158.

(+)-(1*S*,2*S*,3*S*,4*S*,5*S*,7*R*)-2-Benzoyloxy-3,4-epoxy-7-(2-naph-thylmethyloxymethyl)-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane (39)

To a stirred mixture of the epoxy alcohol **38** (468 mg, 1.49 mmol) and pyridine (542 μ L, 6.71 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) was added benzoyl chloride (606 μ L, 5.23 mmol) at 0°C and the stirring was continued for 22 h at r.t.. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (30 mL) and was washed successively with H₂O (5 mL) and brine (3 mL), and dried (MgSO₄). After evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was chromatographed (silica gel, 10 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 1:30 then 1:10 v/v) to give the benzoate **39** (582 mg, 93%) as colorless needles, mp 75–77°C: [α]_D²⁷ +28.85 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

IR (Nujol): $v = 1720 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): $\delta = 8.00-7.96$ (2 H, m), 7.82–7.67 (3 H, m), 7.64 (1 H, s), 7.56–7.41 (3 H, m), 7.37–7.30 (3 H, m), 5.71 (1 H, s), 5.41 (1 H, dd, J = 5.2, 0.8 Hz), 4.64 (2 H, s), 4.58 (1 H, td, J = 6.6, 1.6 Hz), 4.51 (1 H, dt, J = 5.2, 1.9 Hz), 3.61 (1 H, dd, J = 9.6, 5.6 Hz), 3.44 (1 H, dd, J = 9.6, 7.1 Hz), 3.26 (1 H, dd, J = 3.2, 2.1 Hz), 3.13 (1 H, d, J = 3.8 Hz).

HRMS calcd for C₂₉H₂₂O₆ (M⁺) 418.1416, found 418.1417.

(+)-(1*S*,2*S*(*R*),3*S*(*R*),4*S*,5*S*,7*R*)-2(3)-Benzoyloxy-3(2),4-dihydroxy-7-(2-naphthylmethyloxymethyl)-6,8-dioxabicyclo-[3.2.1]octane (40)

To a stirred solution of the epoxybenzoate **39** (513 mg, 1.23 mmol) in benzene (10 mL) was added BF₃·Et₂O (150 µL, 1.23 mmol) at r.t. After stirring for 20 min at the same temperature, the mixture was diluted with EtOAc (20 mL) and was washed successively with H₂O (5 mL) and brine (3 mL), and dried (MgSO₄). After evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was chromatographed (silica gel, 10 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 1:1 v/v) to give the diol **40** (508 mg, 95%) as an amorphous solid: $[\alpha]_D^{27}$ +24.11 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

IR (film): v = 3444, 1717 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): $\delta = 8.07-8.04$ (2 H, m), 7.84–7.80 (3 H, m), 7.77 (1 H, s), 7.63–7.58 (1 H, m), 7.49–7.44 (4 H, m), 5.46 (1 H, t, J = 0.7 Hz), 5.40–5.38 (2 H, m), 4.79–4.67 (3 H, m), 4.41–4.34 (2 H, m), 3.88 (1 H, dt, J = 9.1, 1.4 Hz), 3.58 (1 H, dd, J = 9.6, 5.8 Hz), 3.45 (1 H, dd, J = 9.6, 7.1 Hz), 2.38 (1 H, d, J = 4.9 Hz), 2.26 (1 H, d, J = 9.1 Hz).

HRMS calcd for C₂₅H₂₄O₇ (M⁺) 436.1522, found 436.1515.

(+)-(1*R*,2*S*,3*R*,4*S*,5*S*,7*R*)-2,3,4-Trihydroxy-7-(2-naphthylmethyloxymethyl)-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane (41)

To a stirred solution of the benzoate **40** (460 mg, 1.06 mmol) in MeOH (9 mL) was added NaOMe (285 mg, 5.30 mmol) at r.t. and the stirring was continued for 45 min at same temperature. After evaporation of the solvent, the residue was chromatographed (silica gel, 9 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 5:1 v/v) to give the triol **41** (287 mg, 82%) as colorless prisms, mp 184–186 °C: $[\alpha]_D^{29}$ +7.46 (*c* = 1.0, EtOH).

IR (Nujol): $v = 3454 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

¹H NMR (CD₃OD, 300 MHz): δ = 7.77–7.73 (4 H, m), 7.41–7.36 (3 H, m), 5.18 (1 H, t, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 4.69–4.58 (3 H, m), 4.06 (1 H, br d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 3.88 (1 H, t, *J* = 4.7 Hz), 3.82–3.76 (1 H, m), 3.60–

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HRMS calcd for $C_{18}H_{20}O_6$ (M⁺) 332.1260, found 332.1245.

(+)-(1*R*,2*S*,3*R*,4*S*,5*S*,7*R*)-2,3,4-Trisbenzyloxy-7-(2-naphthyl-methyloxymethyl)-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane (42)

To a stirred solution of the triol **41** (110 mg, 0.33 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was added NaH (60% in oil, 106 mg, 2.65 mmol) at 0°C and, after having ceased hydrogen gas evolution, BnBr (394 μ L, 3.30 mmol) was added. After refluxing for 8 h, MeOH (28 μ L, 0.69 mmol) followed by NaH (60% in oil, 28 mg, 0.69 mmol) was added to the mixture at r.t. and the mixture was diluted with EtOAc (20 mL). The mixture was successively washed with H₂O (5 mL) and brine (3 mL), and dried (MgSO₄). After evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was chromatographed (silica gel, 2 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 1:10 v/v) to give the tribenzyl ether **42** (196 mg, 98%) as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]_D^{30}$ +14.72 (c = 1.2, CHCl₃).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ = 7.84–7.76 (4 H, m), 7.49–7.44 (3 H, m), 7.36–7.21 (15 H, m), 5.35 (1 H, s), 4.91 (1 H, t, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 4.74 (1 H, d, *J* = 12.2 Hz), 4.68 (1 H, d, *J* = 12.2 Hz), 4.64–4.55 (4 H, m), 4.45 (1 H, d, *J* = 12.1 Hz), 4.37–4.32 (2 H, m), 3.90–3.87 (1 H, m), 3.82–3.80 (1 H, m), 3.53–3.48 (2 H, m), 3.39 (1 H, dd, *J* = 17.0, 7.4 Hz).

HRMS calcd for $C_{32}H_{31}O_6 (M^+ - C_7H_7) 511.2121$, found 511.2094.

(+)-(1*R*,2*S*,3*R*,4*S*,5*S*,7*R*)-2,3,4-Trisbenzyloxy-7-hydroxymethyl-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane (43)

To a stirred suspension of 10% Pd/C (50 mg) in EtOH (6 mL) containing 1 drop of CHCl₃ was added the ether **42** (302 mg, 0.50 mmol) under hydrogen at r.t. and the stirring was continued for 1.5 h at the same temperature. After filtration through a Celite pad, the filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was chromatographed (silica gel, 6 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 1:3 v/v) to give the primary alcohol **43** (223 mg, 96%) as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]_D^{27} + 32.45$ (c = 1.1, CHCl₃).

IR (film): $v = 3482 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ = 7.38–7.22 (15 H, m), 5.37 (1 H, s), 5.79 (1 H, t, *J* = 15.4 Hz), 4.62 (1 H, d, *J* = 12.1 Hz), 4.60 (1 H, d, *J* = 13.2 Hz), 4.56 (1 H, d, *J* = 13.2 Hz), 4.54 (1 H, d, *J* = 12.1 Hz), 4.46 (1 H, d, *J* = 12.2 Hz), 4.37 (1 H, d, *J* = 12.2 Hz), 4.24 (1 H, d, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 3.88 (1 H, t, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 3.82–3.80 (1 H, m), 3.55–3.52 (3 H, m), 1.76 (1 H, br.t, *J* = 5.9 Hz).

HRMS calcd for $C_{21}H_{23}O_6 (M^+ - C_7H_7) 371.1497$, found 371.1501.

(-)-(1*R*,2*S*,3*R*,4*S*,5*S*,7*R*)-2,3,4-Trisbenzyloxy-7-iodomethyl-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane (45)

To a stirred suspension of **43** (1.99 g, 4.31 mmol) and Et₃N (1.8 mL, 12.93 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (40 mL) was added MsCl (500 μ L, 6.47 mmol) at 0°C. After 1 h at the same temperature, the mixture was diluted with EtOAc (200 mL) and was washed successively with H₂O (40 mL) and brine (20 mL), dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude mesylate **44** which was used without purification.

A solution of **44** obtained and LiI (5.76 g, 43.05 mmol) in THF (40 mL) was then refluxed for 17 h and the mixture, diluted with EtOAc (200 mL) and was washed successively with 10% aq Na₂S₂O₃ (40 mL), sat. aq NaHCO₃ (40 mL), and brine (20 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed (silica gel, 40 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 1:15 v/v) to give the iodide **45** (2.3 g, 93%) as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]_D^{27}$ –1.57 (*c* = 1.1, CHCl₃).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ = 7.61–7.17 (15 H, m), 5.41 (1 H, s), 4.95 (1 H, dd, *J* = 9.3, 5.2 Hz), 4.69 (1 H, d, *J* = 12.1 Hz), 4.63

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(1 H, d, J = 12.4 Hz), 4.59 (1 H, d, J = 12.1 Hz), 4.55 (1 H, d, J = 12.4 Hz), 4.46–4.42 (2 H, m), 4.32 (1 H, d, J = 12.4 Hz), 3.86 (1 H, t, J = 4.4 Hz), 3.82–3.09 (1 H, m), 3.47 (1 H, s), 3.18 (1 H, dd, J = 9.5, 5.5 Hz), 3.06 (1 H, dd, J = 9.5 Hz).

HRMS calcd for C₂₁H₂₂IO₅ (M⁺-C₇H₇) 481.0513, found 481.0493.

(2R/S,3S,4R,5S,6S)-3,4,5-Trisbenzyloxy-6-vinyloxan-2-ol (46)

A solution of **45** (2.3 g, 4.02 mmol) in HOAc (50 mL) was stirred with activated Zn powder (13.1 g, 201 mmol) at r.t. for 1 h. After filtration, the filtrate was diluted EtOAc (2×200 mL) and was washed successively with H₂O (40 mL), sat. aq NaHCO₃ (40 mL), and brine (20 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed (silica gel, 40 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 1:5 v/v) to give **46** (1.75 g, 98%) as a colorless crystalline solid, mp 75–77 °C.

IR (Nujol): $v = 3396 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ = 7.40–7.24 (15 H, m), 5.89 (0.34 H, ddd, *J* = 17.0, 10.3, 5.8 Hz), 5.87 (0.66 H, ddd, *J* = 17.0, 10.4, 6.0 Hz), 5.36–5.28 (1.66 H, m), 5.19 (0.34 H, dt, *J* = 10.3, 1.7 Hz), 5.17 (0.66 H, dt, *J* = 10.4, 1.4 Hz), 4.95–4.64 (6.68 H, m), 4.45 (0.66 H, br.d, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 4.07 (0.66 H, dd, *J* = 9.6, 3.6 Hz), 3.96–3.75 (3 H, m), 3.57 (0.34 H, dd, *J* = 9.6, 3.0 Hz).

HRMS calcd for $C_{21}H_{23}O_5 (M^+ - C_7H_7) 355.1546$, found 355.1558.

(2*R*/*S*,3*S*,4*R*,5*S*,6*S*)-2,3,4,5-Tetrakisbenzyloxy-6-vinyloxane (47)

A solution of **46** (1.75 g, 3.93 mmol) and benzyl alcohol (2.03 mL, 19.65 mmol) in benzene (40 mL) was refluxed in the presence of *p*-TsOH (7 mg, 0.04 mmol) for 23 h. The mixture, after dilution with EtOAc (100 mL) was washed successively with sat. aq NaHCO₃ (20 mL), and brine (10 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed (silica gel, 40 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 1:10 v/v) to give **47** (1.94 g, 92%) as a colorless crystalline solid, mp 74–76 °C.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ = 7.41–7.19 (20 H, m), 5.89 (0.34 H, ddd, *J* = 16.8, 10.7, 5.8 Hz), 5.84 (0.66 H, ddd, *J* = 17.3, 10.6, 6.0 Hz), 5.35 (0.34 H, dt, *J* = 16.8, 1.4 Hz), 5.26 (0.66 H, dt, *J* = 17.3, 1.6 Hz), 5.20 (0.34 H, dt, *J* = 10.7, 1.4 Hz), 5.15 (0.66 H, dt, *J* = 10.6, 1.6 Hz), 5.06–4.48 (9 H, m), 4.24 (0.66 H, br d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 4.10–4.00 (1.32 H, m), 3.93 (0.34 H, dd, *J* = 9.9, 7.7 Hz), 3.84–3.80 (1 H, m), 3.73 (0.34 H, br d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 3.54 (0.34 H, dd, *J* = 9.9, 3.0 Hz).

HRMS calcd for $C_{28}H_{29}O_5$ (M⁺– C_7H_7) 445.2014, found 445.2042.

(2*R*/*S*,3*S*,4*R*,5*S*,6*S*)-2,3,4,5-Tetrakisbenzyloxy-6-hydroxymethyloxane (48)

To a stirred solution of **47** (704 mg, 1.31 mmol) in MeOH–CH₂Cl₂ (1:1 v/v, 40 mL) was introduced ozone at -78 °C for 10 min. After excess ozone was removed by introduction of Ar, NaBH₄ (500 mg, 13.13 mmol) was added at the mixture and the mixture was stirred at r.t. for 20 min. After evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was chromatographed (silica gel, 15 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 1:2 v/v) to give **48** (613 mg, 86%) as a colorless crystalline solid, mp 69–72 °C.

IR (Nujol): $v = 3394 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ = 7.43–7.17 (20 H, m), 4.99–4.47 (9 H, m), 4.08–3.34 (6 H, m), 1.48–1.42 (1 H, m).

HRMS calcd for $C_{27}H_{29}O_6$ (M⁺-C₇H₇) 449.1963, found 449.1945.

L-Galactose (49)

A solution of **48** (590 mg, 1.09 mmol) in MeOH (12 mL) was hydrogenated on $Pd(OH)_2$ (59 mg) at r.t. for 176 h. The mixture was diluted with MeOH (20 mL) and filtered through a Celite pad to remove the catalyst. The filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure and chromatographed (silica gel, 12 g, elution with EtOAc–

MeOH–H₂O, 15:2:1 v/v) to give the L-galactose **49** (180 mg, 92%) as an amorphous solid: $[\alpha]_D^{29}$ –77.62 (c = 0.8, H₂O) [lit. $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ –72.2 (c = 0.70, H₂O), $[\alpha]_D$ –81].

(-)-(1*S*,3*R*,4*S*,5*S*,7*R*)-7-*tert*-Butyldimethylsiloxymethyl-3,4-epoxy-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octan-4-one 34 (P = TBS)

To a stirred solution of **11** (P = TBS) (1.31 g, 4.84 mmol) in THF (30 mL) and 0.5 M NaOH (4.9 mL, 2.42 mmol) was added 30% H_2O_2 (823 μ L, 7.26 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring for 10 min at r.t., the mixture was diluted with EtOAc (50 mL) and was washed successively with H_2O (10 mL) and brine (5 mL), and dried (MgSO₄). After evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was chromatographed (silica gel, 20 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 1:5 v/v) to give **34** (1.24 g, 90%) as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]_D^{29}$ –5.24 (c = 1.1, CHCl₃).

IR (film): $v = 1738 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): $\delta = 5.83$ (1 H, s), 4.48 (1 H, s), 3.91 (1 H, ddd, J = 7.8, 5.2, 1.2 Hz), 3.65 (1 H, dd, J = 10.2, 5.2 Hz), 3.48–3.42 (2 H, m), 3.32–3.30 (1 H, m), 0.86 (9 H, s), 0.03 (6 H, s). HRMS calcd for C₉H₁₃O₅Si (M⁺–C₄H₉) 229.0532, found 229.0523.

(+)-(1*R*,4*S*,5*S*,7*R*)-7-*tert*-Butyldimethylsiloxymethyl-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octan-2-en-4-ol (50)

To a stirred solution of **34** (P = TBS) (102 mg, 0.36 mmol) in MeOH (2 mL) containing HOAc (2 μ L, 0.04 mmol) was added hydrazine hydrate (99%, 52 μ L, 1.08 mmol), at 0°C and the stirring was continued for 3 h at r.t.. The mixture was diluted with Et₂O (3 mL) and treated with sat. aq NaHCO₃ (1 mL). The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (20 mL) and the extract washed successively with H₂O (5 mL) and brine (3 mL), dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed (silica gel, 2 g, elution with EtOAc-hexane, 1:8 v/v) to give **50** (60 mg, 62%) as a pale yellow oil: [α]_D³⁰ +34.48 (*c* = 1.2, CHCl₃).

IR (film): $v = 3428 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): $\delta = 6.22$ (1 H, dd, J = 9.9, 4.7 Hz), 5.85–5.80 (1 H, m), 5.48 (1 H, s), 4.54 (1 H, d, J = 4.7 Hz), 3.83 (1 H, dd, J = 9.5, 4.9 Hz), 3.63–3.56 (2 H, m), 3.40 (1 H, dd, J = 9.5 Hz), 1.77 (1 H, br d, J = 10.2 Hz), 0.89 (9 H, s), 0.06 (6 H, s).

HRMS calcd for $C_9H_{15}O_4Si (M^+-C_4H_9) 215.0740$, found 215.0696.

(+)-(1*R*,5*S*,7*R*)-7-*tert*-Butyldimethylsiloxymethyl-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-4-one (51)

To a stirred solution of **50** (26 mg, 0.10 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) and NaOAc (24 mg, 0.30 mmol) was added pyridinium chlorochromate (PCC) (41 mg, 0.20 mmol) at r.t. in the pressure of florisil (41 mg) the stirring was continued for 10 h. After filtration through a Celite pad, the filtrate was evaporated under the reduced pressure and chromatographed (silica gel, 1 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 1:10 v/v) to give **51** (16mg, 62%) as a pale yellow oil: $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +266.83 (c = 1.2, CHCl₃).

IR (film): $v = 1711 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ = 7.32 (1 H, dd, *J* = 9.9, 4.7 Hz), 6.14 (1 H, dd, *J* = 9.9, 1.6 Hz), 5.33 (1 H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 4.86 (1 H, d, *J* = 4.7 Hz), 3.92 (1 H, dd, *J* = 9.6, 4.9 Hz), 3.77 (1 H, dd, *J* = 9.6, 4.9 Hz), 3.46 (1 H, dd, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 0.91 (9 H, s), 0.09 (3 H, s), 0.08 (3 H, s). HRMS calcd for C₁₃H₂₂O₄Si (M⁺) 270.1286, found 270.1279.

(+)-(1*R*,4*R*,5*S*,7*R*)-7-*tert*-Butyldimethylsiloxymethyl-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-4-ol (52)

To a stirred solution of **51** (185 mg, 0.69 mmol) and CeCl₃·7H₂O (306 mg, 0.83 mmol) in MeOH (5 mL) was added NaBH₄ (31 mg, 0.83 mmol) at 0°C. After 30 min at the same temperature the mixture was diluted with EtOAc (20 mL) and washed successively with

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H₂O (5 mL) and brine (3 mL). The mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure and chromatographed (silica gel, 4g, elution with EtOAc-hexane, 1:10 v/v) to give **52** (186 mg, 100%) as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]_D^{29}$ +5.31 (*c* = 1.1, CHCl₃).

IR (film): $v = 3460 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): $\delta = 6.13$ (1 H, ddd, J = 9.9, 4.4, 0.7 Hz), 5.71 (1 H, dt, J = 9.9, 2.3 Hz), 5.47 (1 H, t, J = 2.5 Hz), 4.50 (1 H, d, J = 4.4 Hz), 4.28 (1 H, br d, J = 11.4 Hz), 3.96 (1 H, dd, J = 9.2, 5.2 Hz), 3.56 (1 H, dd, J = 9.9, 5.2 Hz), 3.41 (1 H, dd, J = 9.9, 9.2 Hz), 2.09 (1 H, br d, J = 11.4 Hz), 0.88 (9 H, s), 0.06 (6 H, s). HRMS calcd for C₉H₁₅O₄Si (M⁺-C₄H₉) 215.0740, found 215.0734.

(+)-(1*R*,4*R*,5*S*,7*R*)-4-Benzyloxy-7-*tert*-butyldimethylsiloxymethyl-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-ene (53)

To a stirred solution of **52** (186 mg, 0.68 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added NaH (60% in oil, 36 mg, 0.88 mmol) followed by BnBr (114 μ L, 0.95 mmol) as for **14** to give **53** (227 mg, 92%) as a colorless oil after chromatography (silica gel, 4 g, elution with EtOAc-hexane, 1:20 v/v): [α]_D²⁹ +3.94 (c = 1.1, CHCl₃).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ = 7.40–7.27 (5 H, m), 6.14 (1 H, ddd, *J* = 10.0, 4.2, 1.4 Hz), 5.73 (1 H, dt, *J* = 10.0, 2.2 Hz), 5.52 (1 H, t, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 4.69 (1 H, d, *J* = 12.4 Hz), 4.64 (1 H, d, *J* = 12.4 Hz), 4.52 (1 H, d, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 4.23 (1 H, q, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 4.10 (1 H, dd, *J* = 9.7, 4.9 Hz), 3.58 (1 H, dd, *J* = 9.7, 4.9 Hz), 3.40 (1 H, dd, *J* = 9.7 Hz), 0.88 (9 H, s), 0.05 (6 H, s).

HRMS calcd for $C_{16}H_{21}O_4Si\ (M^+\!-\!C_4H_9)$ 305.1209, found 305.1211.

(+)-(1*R*,2*R*,3*S*,4*R*,5*S*,7*R*)-4-Benzyloxy-7-*tert*-butyldimethyl-siloxymethyl-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-2,3-diol (54)

To a stirred solution of **53** (227 mg, 0.63 mmol), NMO (110 mg, 0.95 mmol) in acetone–H₂O (1:1 v/v, 6 mL) was added OsO₄ (0.1967 M in THF, 319 μ L, 0.06 mmol) at 0 °C and was treated as for **15** to give **54** (225 mg, 91%) as an amorphous solid after chromatography (silica gel, 4 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 1:4 v/v): $[\alpha]_D^{27}$ +70.20 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

IR (film): $v = 3452 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ = 7.39–7.29 (5 H, m), 5.35 (1 H, d, J = 1.6 Hz), 4.75 (1 H, d, J = 12.3 Hz), 4.71 (1 H, d, J = 12.3 Hz), 4.48 (1 H, d, J = 2.2 Hz), 3.91–3.79 (3 H, m), 3.60 (1 H, dd, J = 9.9, 4.7 Hz), 3.43–3.35 (2 H, m), 2.51–2.47 (2 H, m), 0.88 (9 H, s), 0.05 (6 H, s).

HRMS calcd for C₂₀H₃₃O₆Si (M⁺+1) 397.2044, found 397.2089.

(+)-(1*R*,2*R*,3*S*,4*R*,5*S*,7*R*)-2,3,4-Trisbenzyloxy-7-*tert*-butyldimethylsiloxymethyl-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane (55)

To a stirred solution of **54** (256 mg, 0.65 mmol) in THF (6 mL) was added NaH (60% in oil, 129 mg, 3.25 mmol), followed by BnBr (461 μ L, 3.90 mmol) as for **16** to give **55** (335 mg, 90%) as a colorless oil after chromatography (silica gel, 5 g, elution with EtOAc-hexane, 1:20 v/v): [α]_D²⁶ +40.84 (c = 1.1, CHCl₃).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): $\delta = 7.39-7.24$ (15 H, m), 5.31 (1 H, d, J = 1.4 Hz), 4.82 (1 H, d, J = 11.9 Hz), 4.75 (2 H, s), 4.68 (1 H, d, J = 11.9 Hz), 4.65 (2 H, s), 4.44 (1 H, d, J = 2.5 Hz), 3.79–3.70 (2 H, m), 3.66–3.61 (2 H, m), 3.53 (1 H, dd, J = 9.7, 4.5 Hz), 3.30 (1 H, dd, J = 9.7 Hz), 0.85 (9 H, s), 0.01 (6 H, s).

HRMS calcd for $C_{27}H_{37}O_6Si$ (M⁺– C_7H_7) 485.2359, found 485.2341.

(+)-(1R,2R,3S,4R,5S,7R)-2,3,4-Trisbenzyloxy-7-hydroxymeth-

yl-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane (56)

To a stirred solution of **55** (250 mg, 0.43 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added TBAF (1.0 M in THF, 651 μ L, 0.65 mmol) at 0°C and was treated as for **17** to give **56** (198 mg, 99%) as a colorless oil after chromatography (silica gel, 5 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 1:2 v/v): [α]_D²⁶ +60.48 (c = 1.1, CHCl₃).

IR (film): $v = 3466 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ = 7.61–7.28 (15 H, m), 5.38 (1 H, d, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 4.84 (1 H, d, *J* = 11.9 Hz), 4.74 (2 H, s), 4.70 (2 H, d, *J* = 11.9 Hz), 4.65 (1 H, d, *J* = 11.9 Hz), 4.36 (1 H, br d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 3.81–3.67 (4 H, m), 3.57–3.44 (2 H, m), 1.75 (1 H, br t, *J* = 5.9 Hz).

HRMS calcd for $C_{21}H_{23}O_6Si~(M^+\!-\!C_7H_7)$ 371.1495, found 371.1490.

(+)-(1*R*,2*R*,3*S*,4*R*,5*S*,7*R*)-2,3,4-Trisbenzyloxy-7-iodomethyl-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane (58)

To a stirred solution of **56** (198 mg, 0.43 mmol) and Et₃N (179 µL, 1.29 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added MsCl (50 µL, 0.65 mmol) at 0 °C as for **19** to give the crude mesylate **57**. The crude **57** without purification was then refluxed with Lil (573 mg, 4,30 mmol) in THF (5 mL) for 6 h and was treated as for **19** to give **58** (223 mg, 91%) as a colorless oil after chromatography (silica gel, 4 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 1:20 v/v): $[\alpha]_D^{29}$ +37.75 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ = 7.40–7.27 (15 H, m), 5.45 (1 H, s), 4.81 (1 H, d, *J* = 11.8 Hz), 4.78 (1 H, d, *J* = 12.6 Hz), 4.73 (1 H, d, *J* = 12.6 Hz), 4.68 (1 H, d, *J* = 11.8 Hz), 4.64 (1 H, s), 4.54 (1 H, d, *J* = 0.9 Hz), 3.92 (1 H, dd, *J* = 10.0, 4.4 Hz), 3.75–3.67 (3 H, m), 3.13 (1 H, dd, *J* = 10.0, 4.4 Hz), 3.01 (1 H, dd, *J* = 10.0 Hz).

HRMS calcd for $C_{21}H_{22}IO_5$ (M⁺– C_7H_7) 481.0471, found 481.0520.

(2*R/S*,3*R*,4*S*,5*R*,6*S*)-3,4,5-Trisbenzyloxy-6-vinyloxan-2-ol (59)

A solution of **58** (240 mg, 0.42 mmol) in HOAc (6 mL) was stirred with activated Zn powder (1.37 g, 21.0 mmol) at r.t. for 3 h and the mixture was treated as for **20** to give **59** (181 mg, 97%) as a colorless oil after chromatography (silica gel, 5 g, elution with EtOAc–hexane, 1:10 v/v).

IR (film): $v = 3460 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): $\delta = 7.39-7.16$ (15 H, m), 6.02 (0.6 H, ddd, J = 17.3, 10.7, 6.3 Hz), 5.98 (0.4 H, ddd, J = 17.3, 10.7, 6.0 Hz), 5.51 (0.6 H, dt, J = 17.3, 1.4 Hz), 5.46 (0.4 H, dt, J = 17.3, 1.4 Hz), 5.30 (0.6 H, dt, J = 10.7, 1.4 Hz), 5.26 (0.4 H, dt, J = 10.7, 1.4 Hz), 5.10 (0.4 H, d, J = 1.6 Hz), 5.06 (0.6 H, s), 4.79-4.35 (7 H, m), 3.88 (0.6 H, br t, J = 2.7 Hz), 3.74 (0.4 H, t, J = 3.3 Hz), 3.64 (0.6 H, d, J = 2.7 Hz), 3.61-3.59 (1.2 H, m), 3.51 (0.4 H, d, J = 2.7 Hz), 3.49-3.47 (0.8 H, m).

HRMS calcd for C₂₁H₂₃O₅ (M-C₇H₇) 355.1546, found 355.1575.

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