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Synthesis of monodeoxy and mono-O-methyl congeners of methyl β -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 2)$ - β -D-mannopyranoside for epitope mapping of anti-Candida albicans antibodies

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ABSTRACT

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1. Introduction

Candida albicans, the causative agent of candidiasis, is a commensal fungus that commonly inhabits the gastrointestinal tract, oropharyngeal cavity and vulvovaginal tract of healthy humans. 1,2 However, risk of serious infection and occurrence of disease caused by this opportunistic pathogenic is increased in immunocompromised patients and individuals undergoing long-term antibiotic treatment or major invasive surgery. Therapeutics to combat infection have been limited to triazole derivatives and amphotericin B.³ However, the toxicity, emergence of resistance and costs of these antifungal agents are potential problems and highlight the need for alternative treatment strategies. The development of a vaccine against *Candida* is attracting attention and appears to be a potential solution. 4,5 Whereas the α -mannan component of the *Candida* cell wall phosphomannan complex does not afford protective antibodies, the relatively short β -(1 \rightarrow 2) mannan oligosaccharides that are attached to the α-mannan side chains are immunogenic and capable of raising protective antibodies. Consequently antigens composed of this epitope have become an attractive component of a conjugate vaccine.6,7

Two monoclonal antibodies, an IgM (B6.1) and an IgG (C3.1), raised against the PMC in mice, were found to protect against subsequent infection.^{8–10} Interestingly, though the β -(1–2)-linked mannan polymers vary in length from 1 to 7 residues, inhibition assays revealed that both mAbs were specific for a di- or trisaccharide. Furthermore, a novel pattern of antibody inhibition was observed using synthetic di- to hexasaccharides of $(1\rightarrow 2)$ - β -Dmannopyranans, where maximum activity was reached with diand trisaccharides and diminished significantly for larger structures. 11 This is in marked contrast to the paradigm elaborated by Kabat, wherein larger dextran homo-oligomers up to a hexa- or heptasaccharide exhibit increasing inhibitory activity with polyclonal antibodies.¹² Beyond the unique size dependence of the two C. albicans monoclonal antibodies described by Cutler and the conformational analysis of the homo-oligosaccharides, 9 no additional structural data are available for either the antibody or the antigenic determinant. Knowledge of the recognition elements of the protective epitope could provide important insights into the minimum-sized hapten that might be employed in a synthetic conjugate vaccine.

A strategy of chemical mapping, devised by Lemieux, is used to define the key polar contacts required for binding of the sugar to the antibody. ^{13,14} The relative activity of complementary monodeoxy and mono-*O*-methyl analogues in combination with conformational analysis helps to provide a three-dimensional model of the topography of the oligosaccharide epitope. To investigate in further

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$$R^3$$

 R^2
 R^2
O OMe

1, $R^1 = R^2 = R^3 = OH$
2, $R^1 = H$, $R^2 = R^3 = OH$
3, $R^1 = OCH_3$, $R^2 = R^3 = OH$
4, $R^2 = H$, $R^1 = R^3 = OH$
5, $R^2 = OCH_3$, $R^1 = R^3 = OH$
7, $R^3 = OCH_3$, $R^1 = R^2 = OH$

Figure 1. Native disaccharide **1** and the corresponding target deoxy and *O*-methyl congeners **2–7**.

detail the size and topology of the mAb IgG3 (C3.1) antibody binding site, a panel of six monodeoxy and mono-O-methyl congeners **2–7** of the disaccharide methyl β -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 2)$ - β -D-mannopyranoside (1) have been synthesized. For each congener a single hydroxyl group on the reducing-end residue of the parent disaccharide 1 has been modified by either deoxygenation or methylation (Fig. 1).

2. Results and discussion

2.1. Synthesis of 3-deoxy and 3-0-methyl disaccharides 2 and 3

As illustrated in Scheme 1, the 3-deoxy and 3-0-methyl acceptors 13 and 15 were readily available from methyl 4,6-O-benzylidene-β-D-glucopyranoside (8).¹⁵ Initial reaction of 8 under phase-transfer conditions¹⁶ with *p*-methoxybenzyl chloride gave a mixture of 2-O- and 3-O-monobenzylated regioisomers. Although, the desired 2-0-p-methoxybenzyl intermediate 9 was obtained in lower yield (30% yield), reaction scale-up provided sufficient quantities to proceed. Temporary protection of the 2-hydroxyl as the p-methoxybenzyl ether allowed for straightforward manipulation of the 3-hydroxyl group. The regiochemistry of 9 was confirmed by subsequent reaction with thiocarbonyl diimidazole in toluene at 80 °C to give 10 in 64% yield in which the chemical shift of H-3 moved downfield from δ 3.82 to 6.11 ppm. The Barton–McCombie substrate 10 was then treated with tributyltin hydride in the presence of AIBN to afford the 3-deoxy intermediate 11 in 78% yield. Removal of the p-methoxybenzyl ether with DDQ in wet CH₂Cl₂ gave 12 in 86% yield and exposed the 2-hydroxyl group, which was then inverted from the gluco to the manno configuration via a standard two-step oxidation-reduction sequence.

Oxidation of 12 by Me₂SO/Ac₂O¹⁷ was followed by reduction with L-Selectride[®] in THF at -78 °C to give **13**. Lichtenthaler et al. 18 investigated the reduction of 2-keto groups with various hydride reagents and found L-Selectride® to reduce the carbonyl of several substrates with high manno-selectivity. Conversely, NaBH₄ was found to be selective with only fully benzylated substrates and gave poor manno-selectivity versus gluco-selectivity (7:1) with benzylidene-containing substrates. 15 In our case oxidation then reduction of the benzylidene substrate 12 with L-Selectride® gave the desired 3-deoxy mannose acceptor 13 in 83% yield (exclusively manno); the observed ${}^3J_{1,2}$ 1.3 Hz for the product when compared to that of compound 12 indicated β-manno stereochemistry. A small amount of side product (usually 5-10%) was obtained and identified as methyl 4,6-0-benzylidene-3-deoxy-2-0-methvlthiomethyl-β-p-glucopyranoside. It has previously been noted. that the methylthiomethyl ether substituted by-product is formed under Me₂SO/Ac₂O oxidation conditions. 17

The 3-O-methyl mannose acceptor **15** was prepared by direct methylation of methyl 4,6-O-benzylidene- β -D-glucopyranoside **(8)** using stannylidene chemistry (Scheme 1). Reaction with dibutyltin oxide in toluene at reflux, followed by treatment with methyl iodide in DMF, gave **14** in 71% yield. The *gluco*-intermediate **14** was then reacted following the standard oxidation–reduction sequence to afford the 3-O-methyl mannose acceptor **15** in 80% yield. The measured ${}^3J_{1,2}$ coupling constant (1.0 Hz) indicated inversion to the β -manno-configuration.

Glycosylation of the prepared 3-deoxy and 3-0-methyl acceptors **13** and **15**, with 2-O-acetyl-3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate¹⁹ donor **16** gave intermediate disaccharides 17 (59% yield) and 20 (97% yield), respectively (Scheme 2). The synthesis of 17 was not optimized. Transesterification followed by the standard two-step oxidation-reduction sequence converted disaccharides 17 and 20 to intermediates 19 and 22. For all oxidationreduction sequences performed at C-2' described in this paper, the inversion of stereochemistry was monitored by comparison of the ${}^{3}I_{1'2'}$ coupling constants preceding and following the two-step sequence. Typically, ${}^{3}J_{1,2}$ coupling for β -gluco structures is between 8 and 10 Hz and for β -manno <1 Hz. For compounds 18 and 21, the ${}^{3}I_{1'2'}$ coupling constants measured 8.0 Hz, while the ${}^{3}I_{1'2'}$ proton coupling constants measured 0.8 Hz for both 19 and 22, indicating inversion from β-gluco to β-manno stereochemistry. Global debenzylation by hydrogenolysis afforded the desired 3-deoxy 2 and 3-0-methyl **3** target analogues in 75% and 74% yields, respectively.

Scheme 1. Reagents and conditions: (a) PMBCl, CH₂Cl₂, *n*-Bu₄NHSO₄, 5% aq NaOH, 30%; (b) 1,1′-thiocarbonyldiimidazole, toluene, 64%; (c) *n*-Bu₃SnH, AlBN, toluene, 78%; (d) DDQ, CH₂Cl₂, H₂O, 86%; (e) *n*-Bu₂SnO, toluene, then Mel, DMF, 71%; (f) Me₂SO, Ac₂O, then L-Selectride, THF, -78 °C, 83% over two steps.

Scheme 2. Reagents and conditions: (a) **13**, TMSOTf, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C, 59%; (b) **15**, TMSOTf, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C, 97%; (c) NaOCH₃, CH₃OH, quant. (for **18**), 88% (for **21**); (d) Me₂SO, Ac₂O, then L-Selectride, THF, -78 °C, 65% (for **19** over two steps), 72% (for **22** over two steps); (e) H₂, Pd/C, CH₃OH, CH₂Cl₂, 75% (for **2**), 74% (for **3**).

The β-manno configurations of the final deprotected analogues described in this paper were confirmed by ${}^{1}J_{C1,H1}$ heteronuclear and ${}^{3}J_{1',2'}$ homonuclear coupling constants. In all cases, the ${}^{1}J_{C1,H1}$ values were between 160 and 164 Hz and the ${}^{3}J_{1',2'}$ values were <1 Hz.

2.2. Synthesis of 4-deoxy and 4-0-methyl disaccharides 4 and 5

The fully protected intermediate **24** obtained from benzoylation of methyl 3-*O*-benzyl-4,6-*O*-benzylidene- β -D-mannopyranoside (**23**)¹⁵ provided a convenient strategy for accessing and modifying the C-4 hydroxyl group, while allowing temporary protection of the C-2 hydroxyl (Scheme 3). Regioselective reductive opening of the benzylidene acetal with sodium cyanoborohydride and HCl in ether²¹ gave **25** in 81% yield and allowed for straightforward modification at C-4. The regioselectivity was confirmed by subsequent reaction of the hydroxyl with thiocarbonyl diimidazole in toluene at reflux to give **26** (60% yield) in which the chemical shift of H-4 moved downfield from δ 4.04 to 6.24. Treatment of the Barton–McCombie substrate with tributyltin hydride in the presence of AlBN gave the 4-deoxy substrate **27**. The temporary benzoyl group was removed by transesterification using sodium methoxide in methanol to give the 4-deoxy acceptor **28**.

Methylation of intermediate **25** using methyl iodide and sodium hydride, followed by quenching with acetic acid, gave intermediate **29** (Scheme 3). Transesterification of the benzoyl group afforded the desired 4-O-methyl acceptor **30** in 95% yield.

Glycosylation of **28** and **30** with benzylated trichloroacetimidate¹⁹ donor **16** under TMSOTf activation gave disaccharides **31**

(83% yield) and **34** (97% yield), respectively (Scheme 4). The disaccharides were then treated with NaOCH₃–CH₃OH, followed by the standard oxidation–reduction sequence to provide intermediates **33** and **36**. Subsequent hydrogenolysis then afforded the 4-deoxy **4** (52% yield) and 4-*O*-methyl **5** (88% yield) disaccharide analogues, respectively. The ${}^{1}J_{C1,H1}$ and ${}^{3}J_{1',2'}$ coupling constants confirmed the β-manno configurations of both **4** and **5**.

2.3. Synthesis of 6-deoxy and 6-O-methyl disaccharides 6 and 7

Reductive benzylidene acetal opening of methyl 3-*O*-benzyl-4,6-*O*-benzylidene-β-D-glucopyranoside (**37**)¹⁵ under anhydrous conditions with BH₃·THF and dibutylboron triflate²² gave diol **38** in 83% yield (Scheme 5). Controlled reaction of the C-6 primary hydroxyl with methanesulfonyl chloride in pyridine gave intermediate **39** (66% yield). The downfield shift of the C-6 proton resonances (from δ 3.89 and 3.75 to δ 4.47 and 4.37) confirmed the regioselectivity of both the benzylidene acetal opening and selective sulfonylation. The 6-deoxy intermediate **40** was obtained in 80% yield by reductive displacement of the sulfonate using NaBH₄. The standard two-step oxidation-reduction sequence was then used to invert the *gluco*-configuration to yield the desired 6-deoxy mannose acceptor **41** (88% yield). The change in the ${}^3J_{1,2}$ coupling constant (from 7.6 to 1.1 Hz) indicated inversion to the β-*manno* configuration.

Reductive benzylidene acetal opening of methyl 2-*O*-benzoyl-3-*O*-benzyl-4,6-*O*-benzylidene-β-D-glucopyranoside (**42**)²³ under anhydrous conditions with BH₃·THF and dibutylboron triflate²² gave **43** in 80% yield (Scheme 6). Methylation of the free C-6

Scheme 3. Reagents and conditions: (a) BzCl, pyridine, quant.; (b) NaCNBH₃, HCl, Et₂O, 81%; (c) 1,1′-thiocarbonyldiimidazole, toluene, 60%; (d) *n*-Bu₃SnH, AlBN, toluene, 68%; (e) Mel, NaH, DMF, 0 °C then AcOH, 97%; (f) NaOCH₃, CH₃OH, 89% (for **28**), 95% (for **30**).

Scheme 4. Reagents and conditions: (a) **28**, TMSOTf, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C, 83%; (b) **30**, TMSOTf, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C, 97%; (c) NaOCH₃, CH₃OH, 78% (for **32**), 97% (for **35**); (d) Me₂SO, Ac₂O, then L-Selectride, THF, -78 °C, 65% (for **33** over two steps), 61% (for **36** over two steps); (e) H₂, Pd/C, CH₃OH, CH₂Cl₂, 52% (for **4**), 88% (for **5**).

Scheme 5. Reagents and conditions: (a) BH₃·THF, *n*-Bu₂BOTf, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C, 83%; (b) MsCl, pyridine, 0 °C, 66%; (c) NaBH₄, DMF, 80 °C, 80%; (d) Me₂SO, Ac₂O, then L-Selectride, THF. -78 °C. 88%.

hydroxyl group afforded **44**, which was subsequently reacted under Zemplén conditions to provide intermediate **45** (86% yield two steps). Again, the standard two-step oxidation-reduction sequence was used to give the desired 6- θ -methyl mannose acceptor **46** (85% yield). The change in the θ -manno configuration.

Reaction of the 6-deoxy **41** and 6-O-methyl **46** acceptors with benzylated trichloroacetimidate¹⁹ donor **16** under TMSOTf activation gave disaccharides **47** (96% yield) and **50** (68% yield), respectively (Scheme 7). The disaccharides were then treated with NaOCH₃–CH₃OH followed by the oxidation–reduction sequence to provide intermediates **49** and **52**. Subsequent hydrogenolysis of **49** and **52** gave the desired 6-deoxy **6** (86% yield) and 6-O-methyl **7** (69% yield) disaccharide analogues, respectively. The ${}^{1}J_{C1,H1}$ and ${}^{3}J_{1',2'}$ coupling constants confirmed the β -manno configuration for both **6** and **7**.

2.4. Conclusion

In conclusion, a panel of six complementary deoxy and Omethyl analogues (2-7) modified on the reducing-end residue

(C-3, C-4 and C-6) of methyl β -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 2)$ - β -D-mannopyranoside (1) have been synthesized. All deoxygenations and O-methylations were performed at the monosaccharide level producing six modified acceptors. The synthesis of the challenging $(1\rightarrow 2)$ - β -D-manno linkage was approached by initial highly β -stereoselective glucosylation employing a common trichloroacetimidate donor capable of neighbouring group participation, followed by a two-step oxidation–reduction sequence at C-2′. The β -manno configurations of the final deprotected analogues were confirmed by measurement of ${}^{1}J_{\text{C1,H1}}$ heteronuclear and ${}^{3}J_{1',2'}$ homonuclear coupling constants. These final structures will serve as valuable tools to probe the key polar contacts involved in the binding of the protective anti-C. albicans mAb C3.1 (IgG3).8-11

3. Experimental

3.1. General methods

All chemical reagents were of analytical grade and used as obtained from commercial sources unless otherwise indicated. Solvents used in water-sensitive reactions were purified by

Scheme 6. Reagents and conditions: (a) BH₃·THF, *n*-Bu₂BOTf, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C, 80%; (b) MeI, NaH, DMF, 0 °C, then AcOH, 96%; (c) NaOCH₃, CH₃OH, 90%; (d) Me₂SO, Ac₂O, then L-Selectride, THF, -78 °C, 85%.

Scheme 7. Reagents and conditions: (a) 41, TMSOTf, CH_2Cl_2 , 0 °C, 96%; (b) 46, TMSOTf, CH_2Cl_2 , 0 °C, 68%; (c) NaOCH₃, CH_3OH , quant. (for 48), 96% (for 51); (d) Me_2SO , Ac_2O , then L-Selectride, THF, -78 °C, 82% (for 49 over two steps), 78% (for 52 over two steps); (e) H_2 , Pd/C, CH_3OH , CH_2Cl_2 , 86% (for 6), 69% (for 7).

successive passage through columns of alumina and copper under nitrogen, except for DMSO, which was distilled under vacuum and collected over 4 Å molecular sieves. Unless otherwise noted, reactions were carried out at room temperature, and water-sensitive reactions were performed under an atmosphere of argon. Molecular sieves were flame dried and then allowed to cool to room temperature under argon before use. Reactions were monitored by analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) performed on Silica Gel 60-F₂₅₄ (E. Merck). Plates were visualized under UV light, and/or by treatment with 5% sulfuric acid in ethanol followed by heating. Organic solvents were removed under vacuum at <40 °C. Medium-pressure chromatography was conducted using silica gel (230-400 mesh, Silicycle, Montreal) at flow rates between 5 and 10 mL min⁻¹. Following deprotection, final compounds were passed through an Alltech Carbograph filter and then lyophilized. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded at 500 or 600 MHz, and chemical shifts, reported in δ (ppm), were referenced to internal residual protonated solvent signals or to external acetone (0.1% ext. acetone @ δ 2.225 ppm) in the case of D₂O. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 125 MHz, and chemical shifts are referenced to internal CDCl₃ (δ 77.23) or external acetone (δ 31.07).

3.2. Methyl β -D-mannopyranosyl (1 \rightarrow 2) 3-deoxy- β -D-arabino-hexopyranoside (2)

Compound **19** (49.0 mg, 0.070 mmol) was dissolved in 1:1 CH₂Cl₂-MeOH (10 mL) and stirred with 10% Pd/C (50 mg) under a H₂ atmosphere. The catalyst was separated by filtration through a Whatman membrane (0.45 µm, PVDF), and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was redissolved in H₂O, passed through an Alltech Carbograph filter and then lyophilized to yield **2** (17.8 mg, 75%) as a clear glass: R_f 0.25 (6:3.5:0.5, $CH_2Cl_2-CH_3OH-H_2O$); [α]_D -33 (c 0.27, H_2O); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, D_2O) δ 4.78 (d, 1H, $J_{1',2'}$ 0.8 Hz, H-1'), 4.63 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ 1.2 Hz, H-1), 4.14 (m, 1H, H-2), 4.05 (dd, 1H, $J_{1',2'}$ 0.8, $J_{2',3'}$ 3.3 Hz, H-2'), 3.92 (dd, 1H, $J_{5',6'}$ 2.3, J_{gem} 12.3 Hz, H-6a'), 3.91 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6}$ 2.7, J_{gem} 12.2 Hz, H-6a), 3.83 (ddd, 1H, $J_{3.4}$ 4.7, 11.0, $J_{4.5}$ 9.6 Hz, H-4), 3.73 (dd, 1H, $J_{5',6'}$ 6.5, J_{gem} 12.3 Hz, H-6b'), 3.72 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6}$ 6.8, J_{gem} 12.2 Hz, H-6b), 3.63 (dd, 1H, $J_{2',3'}$ 3.3, $J_{3',4'}$ 9.6 Hz, H-3'), 3.56 (dd, 1H, $J_{3',4'} \approx J_{4',5'}$ 9.6 Hz, H-4'), 3.53 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 3.50 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4,5}$ 9.3, $J_{5,6}$ 2.7, 6.8 Hz, H-5), 3.35 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4',5'}$ 9.6, $J_{5',6'}$ 2.3, 6.5 Hz, H-5'), 2.41 (ddd, 1H, $J_{2,3} \approx J_{3,4}$ 4.3, $J_{\rm gem}$ 13.6 Hz, H-3eq), 1.72 (ddd, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 2.9, J_{gem} 13.6, $J_{3,4}$ 11.1 Hz, H-3ax); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, D₂O) δ 102.9 (C-1, ${}^{1}J_{C1,H1}$ 160.3 Hz, β), 101.8 (C-1', ${}^{1}J_{C1',H1'}$ 160.6 Hz, β), 80.9 (C-5), 77.1 (C-5'), 75.7 (C-2), 73.7 (C-3'), 71.3 (C-2'), 67.7 (C-4'), 63.1 (C-4), 62.2, 62.0 (C-6', C-6), 57.6 (CH₃O), 36.9 (C-3); HRESIMS: Calcd for C₁₃H₂₄O₁₀Na 363.1262. Found 363.1264.

3.3. Methyl β -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 2)$ -3-O-methyl- β -D-mannopyranoside (3)

Compound 22 (50.7 mg, 0.070 mmol) was dissolved in 1:1 CH₂Cl₂-methanol (10 mL) and stirred with 10% Pd/C (50 mg) under a H₂ atmosphere then processed as described for **2**. Filtration, then lyophilization, gave 3 (19.1 mg, 74%) as a clear glass: R_f 0.23 $(6.0:3.5:0.5, CH_2Cl_2-MeOH-H_2O); [\alpha]_D -86 (c 0.37, H_2O); ^1H$ NMR (500 MHz, D_2O) δ 4.83 (s, 1H, H-1'), 4.60 (s, 1H, H-1), 4.52 (d, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 3.1 Hz, H-2), 4.09 (d, 1H, $J_{2',3'}$ 1.8 Hz, H-2'), 3.93 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6}$ 2.0, J_{gem} 12.3 Hz, H-6a), 3.93 (dd, 1H, $J_{5',6'}$ 1.8, J_{gem} 12.2 Hz, H-6a'), 3.77 (dd, 1H, $J_{5',6'}$ 5.8, J_{gem} 12.2 Hz, H-6b'), 3.74 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6}$ 6.5, J_{gem} 12.3 Hz, H-6b), 3.64 (dd, 1H, $J_{3,4} \approx J_{4,5}$ 9.9 Hz, H-4), 3.58-3.64 (m, 2H, H-3', H-4'), 3.54 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 3.49 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 3.41 (ddd, 1H, J_{4,5} 9.2, J_{5,6} 2.2, 6.5 Hz, H-5), 3.38 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 3.1, $J_{3,4}$ 9.8 Hz, H-3), 3.34 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4',5'}$ 9.5, $J_{5',6'}$ 2.2, 5.8 Hz, H-5'); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, D₂O) δ 102.6 (C-1, $^{1}J_{\text{C1,H1}}$ 158.5 Hz, β), 101.4 (C-1', ${}^{1}J_{\text{C1'},\text{H1'}}$ 164.1 Hz, β), 82.2 (C-3), 77.3, 77.0 (C-5, C-5'), 73.9, 73.6 (C-2, C-4'), 71.3 (C-2'), 67.5, 66.7 (C-4, C-3'), 62.0, 61.9 (C-6, C-6'), 58.0 (CH₃O-C1), 57.2 (CH₃O-C3); HRE-SIMS: Calcd for C₁₄H₂₆O₁₁Na 393.1367. Found 393.1366.

3.4. Methyl β -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 2)$ -4-deoxy- β -D-lyxo-hexopyranoside (4)

Compound 33 (49.1 mg, 0.062 mmol) was dissolved in 1:1 CH₂Cl₂-methanol (10 mL) and stirred with 10% Pd/C (50 mg) under a H₂ atmosphere, then processed as described for 2. Filtration, then lyophilization, gave 4 (11.0 mg, 52%) as a clear glass: R_f 0.27 $(6:3.5:0.5, CH_2Cl_2-CH_3OH-H_2O); [\alpha]_D -60 (c 0.58, H_2O); ^1H NMR$ $(500 \text{ MHz}, D_2O) \delta 4.83 \text{ (s, 1H, H-1'), 4.51 (s, 1H, H-1), 4.12-4.13}$ (m, 2H, H-2', H-2), 3.92 (dd, 1H, $J_{5',6'}$ 2.3, J_{gem} 12.3 Hz, H-6a'), 3.88 (ddd, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 3.0, $J_{3,4eq}$ 5.0, $J_{3,4ax}$ 12.1 Hz, H-3) 3.63–3.73 (m, 5H, H-3', H-6b', H-5, H-6a, H-6b) 3.55 (dd, 1H, $J_{3',4'} \approx J_{4',5'}$ 9.8, H-4'), 3.54 (s, 3H, C H_3O), 3.36 (ddd, 1H, $J_{5',6b'}$ 6.8 Hz, H-5'), 1.71 (ddd, 1H, J_{gem} 12.6, $J_{4,5}$ 0.8 Hz, H-4eq), 1.55 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4ax,5}$ 12.2 Hz, H-4ax); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, D₂O) δ 102.7 (C-1, $^{1}J_{C1,H1}$ 159.4 Hz, β), 101.3 (C-1', ${}^{1}J_{\text{C1'},\text{H1'}}$ 162.4 Hz, β), 77.4 (C-2), 77.2 (C-5'), 74.0, 73.7 (C-3', C-5), 71.3 (C-2'), 68.3 (C-3), 67.7 (C-4'), 64.6 (C-6), 62.0 (C-6'), 57.8 (CH₃O), 30.7 (C-4); HRESIMS: Calcd for C₁₃H₂₄O₁₀Na 363.1262. Found 363.1261.

3.5. Methyl β -D-mannopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 2)-4-O-methyl- β -D-mannopyranoside (5)

Compound **36** (51.8 mg, 0.063 mmol) was dissolved in 1:1 CH_2Cl_2 –MeOH (10 mL) and stirred with 10% Pd/C (50 mg) under a H_2 atmosphere, then processed as described for **2**. Filtration, then

lyophilization, gave **5** (20.4 mg, 88%) as a clear glass: $R_{\rm f}$ 0.48 (6:3.5:0.5, CH₂Cl₂–MeOH–H₂O); $[\alpha]_{\rm D}$ –56 (c 0.50, H₂O); 1 H NMR (500 MHz, D₂O) δ 4.82 (s, 1H, H-1'), 4.61 (s, 1H, H-1), 4.23 (d, 1H, J_{2,3} 3.2 Hz, H-2), 4.12 (d, 1H, J_{2',3'} 3.3 Hz, H-2'), 3.91–3.93 (m, 2H, H-6a', H-6a), 3.71–3.77 (m, 3H, H-6b', H-3, H-6b), 3.63 (ddd, 1H, J_{2',3'} 0.9, J_{3',4'} 9.7 Hz, H-3'), 3.56 (dd, 1H, J_{3',4'} \approx J_{4',5'} 9.7 Hz, H-4'), 3.53 (s, 6H, CH₃OC-1, CH₃OC-4), 3.34–3.39 (m, 3H, H-5', H-4, H-5); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, D₂O) δ 102.2 (C-1, 1 J_{C1,H1} 159.7 Hz, β), 101.3 (C-1', 1 J_{C1',H1'} 162.7 Hz, β), 78.7 (C-2), 78.0 (C-4), 77.2 (C-5'), 76.3 (C-5), 73.7 (C-3'), 73.0 (C-3), 71.2 (C-2'), 67.7 (C-4'), 62.0, 61.5 (C-6', C-6), 61.1 (CH₃OC-4), 58.0 (CH₃OC-1); HRESIMS: Calcd for C₁₄H₂₆O₁₁Na 393.1367. Found 393.1366.

3.6. Methyl β -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 2)$ -6-deoxy- β -D-mannopyranoside (6)

Compound **49** (55.0 mg, 0.070 mmol) was dissolved in 1:1 CH₂Cl₂-MeOH (10 mL) then stirred with 10% Pd/C (50 mg) under a H₂ atmosphere, then processed as described for **2**. Filtration, then lyophilization, gave 6 (20.4 mg, 86%) as a clear glass: R_f 0.49 (6:3.5:0.5, CH_2Cl_2 -MeOH- H_2O); $[\alpha]_D$ -45 (c 1.1, H_2O); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, D_2O) δ 4.82 (s, 1H, H-1'), 4.61 (s, 1H, H-1), 4.24 (d, 1H, $I_{2.3}$ 3.3 Hz, H-2), 4.10 (d, 1H, $I_{2'.3'}$ 3.3 Hz, H-2'), 3.92 (dd, 1H, $I_{5'.6'}$ 2.3, J_{gem} 12.3 Hz, H-6a'), 3.73 (dd, 1H, J_{5',6'} 6.8, J_{gem} 12.3 Hz, H-6b'), 3.63 (dd, 1H, $J_{2',3'}$ 3.3, $J_{3',4'}$ 9.3 Hz, H-3'), 3.58 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 3.3, $J_{3,4}$ 9.3 Hz, H-3) 3.55 (dd, 1H, $J_{3',4'} \approx J_{4',5'}$ 9.7 Hz, H-4'), 3.51 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 3.34-3.42 (m, 3H, H-5', H-4, H-5), 1.32 (d, 3H, J_{5,6} 5.6 Hz, CH₃); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, D₂O) δ 102.1 (C-1, $^{1}J_{C1,H1}$ 152.3 Hz, β), 101.3 (C-1', ${}^{1}J_{C1',H1'}$ 162.7 Hz, β), 78.6 (C-2), 77.2 (C-5'), 73.7, 73.4, 73.2, 72.9 (C-3', C-3, C-4, C-5), 71.2 (C-2'), 67.7 (C-4'), 62.0 (C-6'), 57.9 (CH₃O), 17.5 (C-6); HRESIMS: Calcd for C₁₃H₂₄O₁₀Na 363.1262. Found 363.1261.

3.7. Methyl β -D-mannopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 2)-6-O-methyl- β -D-mannopyranoside (7)

Compound 52 (50.0 mg, 0.061 mmol) was dissolved in 1:1 CH₂Cl₂-MeOH (10 mL) and stirred with 10% Pd/C (50 mg) under a H₂ atmosphere, then processed as described for **2**. Filtration, then lyophilization, gave 7 (15.6 mg, 69%) as a clear glass: $R_{\rm f}$ 0.33 $(6:3.5:0.5, CH_2Cl_2-CH_3OH-H_2O); [\alpha]_D -73 (c 0.25, H_2O); ^1H NMR$ (500 MHz, D₂O) δ 4.82 (d, 1H, $J_{1',2'}$ 0.8 Hz, H-1'), 4.63 (s, 1H, H-1), 4.25 (d, 1H, $I_{2,3}$ 2.9 Hz, H-2), 4.11 (dd, 1H, $I_{1',2'}$ 0.7, $I_{2',3'}$ 3.3 Hz, H-2'), 3.92 (dd, 1H, $J_{5',6'}$ 2.3, J_{gem} 12.3 Hz, H-6a'), 3.80 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6}$ 2.1, J_{gem} 11.2 Hz, H-6a), 3.73 (dd, 1H, $J_{5',6'}$ 6.7, J_{gem} 12.3 Hz, H-6b'), 3.67 (dd, 1H, J_{5.6} 6.3, J_{gem} 11.3 Hz, H-6b), 3.62–3.64 (m, 2H, H-3', H-3), 3.59 (dd, 1H, $J_{3,4} \approx J_{4,5}$ 9.3 Hz, H-4), 3.56 (dd, 1H, $J_{3',4'} \approx J_{4',5'}$ 9.7 Hz, H-4'), 3.53 (s, 3H, CH_3O-C1), 3.49 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4,5}$ 9.2, $J_{5,6}$ 2.2, 6.3 Hz, H-5), 3.42 (s, 3H, CH_3O-C6), 3.36 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4',5'}$ 9.7, $J_{5',6'}$ 2.2, 6.6 Hz, H-5'); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, D₂O) δ 102.3 (C-1, ¹J_{C1,H1} 160.1 Hz, β), 101.3 (C-1', ¹*J*_{C1,H1} 162.4 Hz, β), 78.5 (C-2), 77.2 (C-5'), 75.8 (C-5), 73.6, 73.1 (C-3', C-3), 72.1 (C-6), 71.2 (C-2'), 68.1 (C-4), 67.7 (C-4'), 62.0 (C-6'), 59.4 (CH₃OC-6), 58.1 (CH₃OC-1); HRESIMS: Calcd for C₁₄H₂₆O₁₁Na 393.1367. Found 393.1365.

3.8. Methyl 4,6-*O*-benzylidene-2-*O*-(4-methoxybenzyl)-β-D-glucopyranoside (9)

Methyl 4,6-*O*-benzylidene-β-D-glucopyranoside ($\mathbf{8}$)¹⁵ (3.0 g, 10.63 mmol), tetrabutylammonium hydrogensulfate (902 mg, 2.66 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzyl chloride (1.8 mL, 13.28 mmol) were dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (80 mL). Aq NaOH (20 mL of a 5% solution) was added, and the mixture was stirred under reflux overnight. The reaction mixture was cooled, and the organic layer was separated, washed with water, dried (Na₂SO₄) and then concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by chromatography

on silica gel (4:1 hexanes-EtOAc) gave both the 2-0-(4-methoxybenzyl) derivative **9** (1.28 g, 30%) and the 3-0-(4-methoxybenzyl) derivative (1.93 g, 45%) as white solids; **9**: R_f 0.48 (1:1 hexanes-EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D = -18$ (c 0.73, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48-7.50 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.30-7.38 (m, 5H, ArH), 6.89-6.91 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.53 (s, 1H, PhCHO₂), 4.86 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.1 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.66 (d, 1H, PhCH₂O), 4.43 (d, 1H, J_{1,2} 7.7 Hz, H-1), 4.35 (dd, 1H, J_{5,6} 4.9, J_{gem} 10.4 Hz, H-6a), 3.82 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3} \approx J_{3,4}$ 9.1 Hz, H-3), 3.81 (s, 3H, C H_3 O), 3.78 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6} \approx J_{gem}$ 10.3 Hz, H-6b), 3.60 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 3.53 (dd, 1H, $J_{3,4} \approx J_{4,5}$ 9.3 Hz, H-4), 3.42 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4,5}$ 9.7, $J_{5.6}$ 5.1, 9.7 Hz, H-5), 3.32 (dd, 1H, $J_{1.2}$ 7.8, $J_{2.3}$ 8.9 Hz, H-2); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.4 (Ar), 137.0 (Ar), 130.3 (Ar), 129.8 (Ar), 129.2 (Ar), 128.3 (Ar), 126.3 (Ar), 114.0 (Ar), 105.0 (C-1), 101.8 (PhCHO₂), 81.4 (C-2), 80.5 (C-4), 74.3 (PhCH₂O), 73.1 (C-3), 68.7 (C-6), 66.1 (C-5), 57.4 (CH₃O), 55.3 (CH₃O); HRESIMS: Calcd for C₂₂H₂₆O₇Na 425.1571. Found 425.1570.

3.9. Methyl 4,6-*O*-benzylidene-2-*O*-(4-methoxybenzyl)-3-*O*-thiocarbonylimidazole-β-p-glucopyranoside (10)

The 2-O-(4-methoxybenzyl) derivative 9 (1.20 g, 2.98 mmol) was dissolved in dry toluene (20 mL). 1,1'-Thiocarbonyldiimidazole (1.06 g, 5.96 mmol) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred at reflux under argon overnight. The reaction mixture was cooled, then concentrated under reduced pressure. The black oily residue was subjected to chromatography on silica gel (7:3 hexanes-EtOAc) to give the Barton-McCombie substrate 10 (978 mg, 64%) as a white solid: R_f 0.24 (1:1 hexanes-EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D$ +10 (c0.84, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (br s, 1H, imidazole), 7.44 (br s, 1H, imidazole), 7.36-7.38 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.31-7.32 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.08-7.10 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.99 (br s, 1H, imidazole), 6.66-6.67 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.11 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3} \approx J_{3,4}$ 9.3 Hz, H-3), 5.46 (s, 1H, PhCHO₂), 4.74 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.8 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.59 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ 7.5 Hz, H-1), 4.54 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.8 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.41 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6}$ 5.0, J_{gem} 10.5 Hz, H-6a), 3.80 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6} \approx J_{\text{gem}}$ 10.3 Hz, H-6b), 3.76 (dd, 1H, $J_{3,4} \approx J_{4,5}$ 9.5 Hz, H-4), 3.74 (s, $\ddot{3}$ H, C H_3 O), 3.64 (s, 3H, CH_3O), 3.56–3.61 (m, 2H, H-2, H-5); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.7 (C=S), 159.5 (Ar), 136.7 (Ar), 136.5 (Ar), 130.5 (Ar), 130.0 (Ar), 129.2 (Ar), 129.1 (Ar), 128.2 (Ar), 126.1 (Ar), 118.2 (Ar), 113.6 (Ar), 105.3 (C-1), 101.4 (PhCHO₂), 81.0 (C-3), 78.7 (C-4), 78.0 (C-2/C-5), 73.6 (PhCH₂O), 68.7 (C-6), 65.7 (C-2/C-5), 57.7 (CH₃O), 55.1 (CH₃O); HRESIMS: Calcd for C₂₆H₂₈N₂O₇SNa 535.1509. Found 535.1511. Anal. Calcd for C₂₆H₂₈N₂O₇S: C, 60.92; H, 5.51; N, 5.47; S, 6.26. Found: C, 61.03; H, 5.58; N, 5.46; S, 5.96.

3.10. Methyl 4,6-*O*-benzylidene-3-deoxy-2-*O*-(4-methoxybenzyl)-β-p-*ribo*-hexopyranoside (11)

To a solution of compound 10 (880 mg, 1.72 mmol) in dry toluene (20 mL) were added tributyltin hydride (1.50 mL, 5.16 mmol) and AIBN (71 mg, 0.43 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at reflux under argon for 16 h, cooled then concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was redissolved in a small volume of CH2Cl2 and passed through a plug of silica gel containing 10% (w/w) KF. The filtrate was concentrated, and the residue was subjected to chromatography on silica gel (4:1 hexane-EtOAc) to give the deoxygenated product **11** (515 mg, 78%) as a white solid: $R_{\rm f}$ 0.55 (1:1 hexanes-EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D$ -40 (c 0.76, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47–7.48 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.34–7.47 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.26–7.29 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.87–6.89 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.49 (s, 1H, PhCHO₂), 4.72 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.5 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.59 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.5 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.39 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ 7.5 Hz, H-1), 4.32 (dd, 1H, J_{5,6} 5.0, J_{gem} 10.6 Hz, H-6a), 3.81 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 3.74 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6} \approx J_{gem}$ 10.3 Hz, H-6b), 3.59 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 3.51 (ddd, 1H, $J_{3eq,4}$ 4.4, $J_{3ax,4}$ 11.9, $J_{4,5}$ 9.1 Hz, H-4), 3.37–3.43 (m, 2H, H-2, H-5), 2.39 (ddd, 1H, $J_{2,3} \approx J_{3,4}$ 4.7, $J_{\rm gem}$ 12.1 Hz, H-3eq), 1.74 (ddd, 1H, $J_{2,3} \approx J_{3,4} \approx J_{\rm gem}$ 11.8 Hz, H-3ax); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.3 (Ar), 137.3 (Ar), 130.4 (Ar), 129.4 (Ar), 129.1 (Ar), 128.3 (Ar), 126.1 (Ar), 113.8 (Ar), 106.4 (C-1), 101.6 (PhCHO₂), 76.1 (C-4), 75.1 (C-2), 72.3 (PhCH₂O), 70.0 (C-5), 69.2 (C-6), 57.2 (CH₃O), 55.3 (CH₃O), 34.7 (C-3); HRESIMS: Calcd for C₂₂H₂₆O₆Na 409.1622. Found 409.1618. Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₂₆O₆: C, 68.38; H, 6.78. Found: C, 68.22; H, 6.77.

3.11. Methyl 4,6-O-benzylidene-3-deoxy- β -D-ribo-hexopyranoside (12)

To a solution of 11 (499 mg, 1.29 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (22 mL) and H₂O (3 mL) at 0 °C (ice-water bath) was added 2,3-dichloro-5,6dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone (879 mg, 3.87 mmol). The reaction was allowed to slowly warm to room temperature, and after 5 h it was diluted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic phase was washed with 10% ag NaHCO₃, distilled H₂O and brine, then dried (Na₂SO₄), Concentration under reduced pressure, followed by purification by column chromatography over silica gel (3:2 hexanes-EtOAc) gave 12 (294 mg, 86%) as a white solid: R_f 0.27 (1:1 hexanes–EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D$ -52 (c 0.47, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48–7.50 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.34-7.40 (m, 3H, ArH), 5.54 (s, 1H, PhCHO₂), 4.34 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6}$ 4.9, J_{gem} 10.5 Hz, H-6a), 4.26 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ 7.5 Hz, H-1), 3.78 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6} \approx J_{gem}$ 10.4 Hz, H-6b), 3.57–3.63 (m, 2H, H-2, H-4), 3.58 (s, 3H, CH_3O), 3.46 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4,5}$ 9.1, $J_{5,6}$ 4.9, 10.1 Hz, H-5), 2.47 (ddd, 1H, $J_{2,3} \approx J_{3,4}$ 4.7, J_{gem} 11.9 Hz, H-3eq), 2.32 (br s, 1H, OH), 1.76 (ddd, 1H, $J_{2,3} \approx J_{\text{gem}} \approx J_{3,4}$ 11.7 Hz, H-3ax); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.3 (Ar), 129.1 (Ar), 128.3 (Ar), 126.2 (Ar), 106.4 (C-1), 101.8 (PhCHO₂), 76.2 (C-4), 70.6 (C-5), 69.2, 69.1 (C-2, C-6), 57.3 (CH₃O), 35.0 (C-3); HRESIMS: Calcd for C₁₄H₁₈O₅Na 289.1047. Found 289.1046. Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₈O₅: C, 63.15; H, 6.81. Found: C, 63.11; H, 6.80.

3.12. Methyl 4,6-O-benzylidene-3-deoxy- β -D-arabino-hexopyranoside (13)

Compound 12 (294 mg, 1.10 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of freshly distilled Me₂SO (6 mL) and Ac₂O (3 mL). After stirring for 8 h at room temperature, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was redissolved in dry THF (10 mL) and cooled to −78 °C. A 1.0 M solution of L-Selectride® in THF (4.4 mL, 4.41 mmol) was added dropwise and stirring was continued for 2 h at -78 °C. The reaction was quenched with MeOH then diluted with CH₂Cl₂. The mixture was washed with 10% aq H₂O₂, 1 M aq NaOH, distilled H₂O, then brine. The organic phase was dried (Na₂SO₄), then concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by chromatography over silica gel (3:2 hexanes-EtOAc) gave **13** (243 mg, 83%) as a white solid: R_f 0.28 (1:1 hexanes-EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D$ -64 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47-7.50 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.32-7.39 (m, 3H, ArH), 5.57 (s, 1H, PhCHO₂), 4.50 (d, 1H, J_{1.2} 1.3 Hz, H-1), 4.31 (dd, 1H, J_{5.6} 5.0, J_{gem} 10.4 Hz, H-6eq), 3.98-4.03 (m, 2H, H-2, H-4), 3.84 (dd, 1H, $J_{5.6} \approx J_{\text{gem}}$ 10.3, H-6ax), 3.58 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 3.45 (dd, 1H, $J_{4.5}$ 9.3, $J_{5,6}$ 5.0, 10.1 Hz, H-5), 2.44 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,OH} \approx J_{3ax,OH}$ 1.7 Hz, C2-OH), 2.39 (ddd, 1H, J 3.2, 4.5, J_{gem} 13.4 Hz, H-3eq), 1.79 (dddd, 1H, J_{2,3} 3.0, $J_{3,4}$ 11.8, J_{gem} 13.5, $J_{3,\text{OH}}$ 1.9 Hz, H-3ax); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 137.5 (Ar), 129.0 (Ar), 128.3 (Ar), 126.1 (Ar), 102.0, 101.8 (C-1, PhCHO₂), 73.5 (C-4), 70.6 (C-5), 69.0 (C-6), 67.9 (C-2), 56.8 (CH₃O), 33.9 (C-3); HRESIMS: Calcd for $C_{14}H_{18}O_5Na$ 289.1046. Found 289.1043. Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₈O₅: C, 63.15; H, 6.81. Found: C, 63.05; H, 6.88.

3.13. Methyl 4,6-0-benzylidene-3-0-methyl- β -p-glucopyranoside (14)

Methyl 4,6-*O*-benzylidene-β-D-glucopyranoside ($\mathbf{8}^{15}$ (1.5 g, 5.31 mmol) and dibutyltin oxide (1.46 g, 5.88 mmol) were refluxed

overnight in toluene (40 mL) with azeotropic removal of water using a Dean-Stark trap. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, then concentrated under reduced pressure. The solid residue was redissolved in DMF (15 mL), methyl iodide (3.3 mL, 53.4 mmol) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 40 °C. After 15 h, the reaction mixture was cooled, then concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by chromatography over silica gel (1:1 toluene-EtOAc) gave 14 (1.11 g, 71%) as a white solid: R_f 0.22 (1:1 hexanes–EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D$ –50 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR $(500 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 7.48 - 7.50 \text{ (m, 2H, ArH)}, 7.34 - 7.40 \text{ (m, 3H, ArH)},$ 5.56 (s, 1H, PhCHO₂), 4.36 (dd, 1H, J_{5,6} 5.0, J_{gem} 10.4 Hz, H-6eq), 4.35 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ 7.5 Hz, H-1), 3.80 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6} \approx J_{\text{gem}}$ 10.3 Hz, H-6ax), 3.68 (s, 3H, C H_3 O), 3.63 (dd, 1H, $J_{3,4} \approx J_{4,5}$ 9.2 Hz, H-4), 3.59 (s, 3H, CH_3O), 3.42–3.49 (m, 3H, H-2, H-3, H-5), 2.53 (d, 1H, $J_{2.OH}$ 1.9 Hz, OH); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.2 (Ar), 129.0 (Ar), 128.3 (Ar), 126.0 (Ar), 104.2 (C-1), 101.3 (PhCHO₂), 82.2 (C-3), 81.6 (C-4), 74.1 (C-2), 68.7 (C-6), 66.4 (C-5), 60.9 (CH₃O), 57.4 (CH₃O); HRESIMS: Calcd for C₁₅H₂₀O₆Na 319.1152. Found 319.1152. Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₂₀O₆: C, 60.80; H, 6.80. Found: C, 60.92; H, 6.75.

3.14. Methyl 4,6-O-benzylidene-3-O-methyl-β-p-mannopyranoside (15)

Compound 14 (446 mg, 1.51 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of Me₂SO (6 mL) and Ac₂O (3 mL). After stirring overnight, the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The remaining solid was redissolved in 1:1 CH₂Cl₂-MeOH (10 mL) and cooled to 0 °C (ice-water bath). NaBH₄ (286 mg, 7.53 mmol) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred until starting material was consumed according to TLC. The reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂, then washed successively with 2% aq citric acid, and brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), then concentrated under reduced pressure. Chromatography over silica gel (7:3 hexanes-EtOAc) gave 15 (356 mg, 80%) as a white solid: R_f 0.07 (1:1 hexanes-EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D$ -74 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48–7.50 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.33-7.38 (m, 3H, ArH), 5.59 (s, 1H, PhCHO₂), 4.48 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ 1.0 Hz, H-1), 4.35 (dd, 1H, J_{5,6} 5.0, J_{gem} 10.3 Hz, H-6eq), 4.21 (d, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 3.2 Hz, H-2), 4.06 (dd, 1H, $J_{3,4} \approx J_{4,5}$ 9.5 Hz, H-4), 3.89 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6} \approx J_{gem}$ 10.3 Hz, H-6ax), 3.59 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 3.58 (s, 3H, CH_3O), 3.47 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 3.2, $J_{3,4}$ 9.6 Hz, H-3), 3.39 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4,5}$ 9.8, I_{5.6} 4.9, 9.8 Hz, H-5), 2.49 (br s, 1H, OH); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 137.4 (Ar), 129.0 (Ar), 128.2 (Ar), 126.1 (Ar), 101.7, 101.4 (C-1, PhCHO₂), 79.3 (C-3), 78.4 (C-4), 69.0 (C-2), 68.6 (C-6), 66.8 (C-5), 58.6 (CH₃O), 57.3 (CH₃O); HRESIMS: Calcd for $C_{15}H_{20}O_6Na$ 319.1152. Found 319.1154. Anal. Calcd for $C_{15}H_{20}O_6$: C, 60.80; H, 6.80. Found: C, 61.20; H, 6.73.

3.15. Methyl 2-O-acetyl-3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 2)$ -4,6-O-benzylidene-3-deoxy- β -D-arabino-hexopyranoside (17)

Monosaccharide acceptor **13** (120 mg, 0.45 mmol) was reacted with 2-*O*-acetyl-3,4,6-tri-*O*-benzyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate (**16**) (344 mg, 0.54 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) using TMSOTf (5 μL, 0.03 mmol) under argon at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was neutralized with Et₃N, filtered through Celite then concentrated under reduced pressure. The product was purified by chromatography over silica gel (7:3 hexanes–EtOAc) to give **17** (196 mg, 59%) as a white solid: R_f 0.52 (1:1 hexanes–EtOAc); [α]_D –24 (c 0.24, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46–7.48 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.25–7.38 (m, 16H, ArH), 7.18–7.20 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.57 (s, 1H, PhCHO₂), 5.00 (dd, 1H, $J_{1',2'}$ 8.0, $J_{2',3'}$ 9.3 Hz, H-2'), 4.81 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 10.8 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.78 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.5 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.73 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.2 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.73 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 10.9 Hz, H-1'), 4.62 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.4 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.57 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 10.9 Hz,

 $PhCH_2O$), 4.55 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.3 Hz, $PhCH_2O$), 4.39 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ 0.8 Hz, H-1), 4.26 (dd, 1H, J_{5,6} 4.9, J_{gem} 10.3 Hz, H-6eq), 4.03 (ddd, 1H, J_{1,2} 0.9, $I_{2.3}$ 3.1 Hz, H-2), 3.93 (ddd, 1H, $I_{3.4}$ 4.6, 12.6 Hz, $I_{4.5}$ 9.5 Hz, H-4), 3.80 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6} \approx J_{gem}$ 10.2 Hz, H-6ax), 3.63–3.74 (m, 4H, H-3', H-4', H-6a', H-6b'), 3.48 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4',5'}$ 9.6, $J_{5',6'}$ 2.6, 4.7 Hz, H-5'), 3.47 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 3.40 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4,5}$ 9.4, $J_{5,6}$ 4.9, 10.1 Hz, H-5), 2.39 (ddd, 1H, J_{2,3} 4.0, J_{gem} 12.7, J_{3,4} 4.0 Hz, H-3eq), 2.00 (s, 3H, CH₃C(O)O), 1.76 (ddd, 1H, J_{2,3} 2.7, J_{gem} 12,4, J_{3,4} 12.4 Hz, H-3ax); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.9 (C=0), 138.4 (Ar), 138.2 (Ar), 138.0 (Ar), 137.7 (Ar), 128.9 (Ar), 128.3(8) (Ar), 128.3(6) (Ar), 128.3 (Ar), 128.0 (Ar), 127.8 (Ar), 127.7(4) (Ar), 127.6(7) (Ar), 127.6(2) (Ar), 127.5(7) (Ar), 126.1 (Ar), 103.2 (C-1), 101.8 (PhCHO₂), 101.5 (C-1'), 82.8 (C-3'), 77.9 (C-4'), 75.0(4), 75.0(0), 74.8 (C-5', PhCH₂O \times 2), 73.7, 73.6 (C-2', C-2, C-4), 73.4 (PhCH₂O), 71.1 (C-5), 69.0, 68.9 (C-6', C-6), 56.8 (CH₃O), 34.7 (C-3), 21.1 $(CH_3C(O)O)$; HRESIMS: Calcd for $C_{43}H_{48}O_{11}Na$ 763.3089. Found 763.3084. Anal. Calcd for C₄₃H₄₈O₁₁: C, 69.71; H, 6.53. Found: C, 69.68; H, 6.64.

3.16. Methyl 3,4,6-tri-*O*-benzyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl-(1→2)-4,6-*O*-benzylidene-3-deoxy-β-D-*arabino*-hexopyranoside (18)

Disaccharide 17 (176 mg, 0.24 mmol) was dissolved in 1:1 CH₂Cl₂-MeOH (2 mL) and treated with 0.5 M NaOCH₃-CH₃OH (2 mL). After 2 h, the reaction mixture was neutralized with Amberlite IR-120 (H⁺) resin and filtered. Purification of the product by chromatography over silica gel (7:3 hexanes-EtOAc) gave 18 (166 mg, quant.) as a white solid: R_f 0.33 (1:1 hexanes-EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D$ -5 (c 0.82, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47-7.50 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.23-7.42 (m, 16H, ArH), 7.18-7.20 (m, 2H, Ar), 5.59 (s, 1H, PhCHO₂), 5.05 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.2 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.87 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 10.9 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.80 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.2 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.60 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.2 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.55 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.4 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.54 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 10.8 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.50 (s, 1H, H-1), 4.41 (d, 1H, $J_{1',2'}$ 7.3 Hz, H-1'), 4.32 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6}$ 4.9, J_{gem} 10.4 Hz, H-6eq), 4.01–4.06 (m, 2H, H-2, H-4), 3.87 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6} \approx J_{\text{gem}}$ 10.4 Hz, H-6ax), 3.63-3.74 (m, 4H, H-2', H-3', H-6a', H-6b'), 3.56-3.60 (m, 4H, H-4', CH₃O), 3.44–3.52 (m, 2H, H-5', H-5), 2.55 (ddd, 1H, $J_{2,3} \approx J_{3,4}$ 3.8, J_{gem} 13.1 Hz, H-3eq), 1.84 (ddd, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 1.8, $J_{3,4} \approx J_{\text{gem}}$ 12.9 Hz, H-3ax); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.9 (Ar), 138.2 (Ar), 138.1 (Ar), 137.5 (Ar), 129.0 (Ar), 128.3(8) (Ar), 128.3(5) (Ar), 128.3(2) (Ar), 128.3(1) (Ar), 128.0(0) (Ar), 127.9(8) (Ar), 127.7 (Ar), 127.6 (Ar), 127.5 (Ar), 126.1 (Ar), 106.0 (C-1'), 102.5 (C-1), 101.9 (PhCHO₂), 84.8 (C-2'), 77.6 (C-2), 77 (C-4'), 75.6, 75.3 (C-5', C-3), 75.1 (PhCH₂O), 74.9 (PhCH₂O), 73.7, 73.5 (C-4, PhCH₂O), 70.9 (C-5), 69.0(2), 68.9(7) (C-6', C-6), 57.2 (CH₃O), 35.0 (C-3); HRESIMS: Calcd for $C_{41}H_{46}O_{10}Na$ 721.2983. Found 721.2986. Anal. Calcd for C₄₁H₄₆O₁₀: C, 70.47; H, 6.63. Found: C, 70.47; H, 6.68.

3.17. Methyl 3,4,6-tri-*O*-benzyl- β -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 2)$ -4,6-*O*-benzylidene-3-deoxy- β -D-*arabino*-hexopyranoside (19)

Disaccharide **18** (140 mg, 0.200 mmol) was dissolved in freshly distilled Me₂SO (5 mL) and Ac₂O (5 mL). The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, then the residue was redissolved in dry THF and cooled to -78 °C under argon. The reaction mixture was then treated with 1.0 M L-Selectride® in THF (1 mL, 1 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL). Purification by column chromatography over silica gel (7:3 hexanes–EtOAc) gave **19** (90.8 mg, 65%) as a white solid: $R_{\rm f}$ 0.26 (1:1 hexanes–EtOAc); [α]_D -15 (c 0.60, CHCl₃); 1 H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47–7.49 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.21–7.39 (m, 18H, ArH), 5.56 (s, 1H, PhCHO₂), 4.91 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm gem}$ 10.9 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.80 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm gem}$ 11.9 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.71 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm I}$), 4.65 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm gem}$ 12.0 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.60 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm gem}$ 12.2 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.56 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm gem}$ 10.9 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.55 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm gem}$

12.3 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.46 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ 1.1 Hz, H-1), 4.31 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6}$ 4.9, J_{gem} 10.4 Hz, H-6eq), 4.29 (dd, 1H, $J_{1',2'}$ 0.9, $J_{2',3'}$ 3.0 Hz, H-2'), 4.14 (ddd, 1H, H-2), 4.01 (ddd, 1H, $J_{3,4}$ 3.3, 12.0, $J_{4,5}$ 9.2 Hz, H-4), 3.87 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6} \approx J_{\text{gem}}$ 10.3 Hz, H-6ax), 3.85 (dd, 1H, $J_{3',4'} \approx J_{4',5'}$ 9.3 Hz, H-4'), 3.76 (dd, 1H, $J_{5',6'}$ 2.0, J_{gem} 10.8 Hz, H-6a'), 3.68 (dd, 1H, $J_{5',6'}$ 5.7, J_{gem} 10.8 Hz, H-6b'), 3.57 (dd, 1H, $J_{2',3'}$ 3.0, $J_{3',4'}$ 9.1 Hz, H-3'), 3.52 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 3.42–3.48 (m, 2H, H-5', H-5), 2.51 (ddd, 1H, $J_{2,3} \approx J_{3,4}$ 4.0, J_{gem} 13.1 Hz, H-3eq), 1.83 (ddd, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 2.9, J_{gem} 13.0, $J_{3,4}$ 12.0 Hz, H-3ax); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.2(8), 138.2(6), 137.9, 137.5, 129.0, 128.4, 128.3(4), 128.2(8), 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7(1), 127.6(9), 127.5, 126.1, 103.2, 101.8, 100.9, 81.4, 75.4, 75.1, 74.3, 74.1, 73.8, 73.5, 71.1(3), 71.0(9), 69.5, 68.9, 67.8, 57.3, 34.7; HRESIMS: Calcd for $C_{41}H_{46}O_{10}$ Na 721.2983. Found 721.2985.

3.18. Methyl 2-O-acetyl-3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 2)-4,6-O-benzylidene-3-O-methyl- β -D-mannopyranoside (20)

Monosaccharide acceptor 15 (205 mg, 0.69 mmol) was reacted with 2-O-acetyl-3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate (16) (484 mg, 0.76 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) using TMSOTf (6 μL, 0.03 mmol) under argon at 0 °C, then processed as described for 17. The product was purified by chromatography over silica gel (7:3 hexanes-EtOAc) to give 20 (513 mg, 97%) as a white solid: R_f 0.49 (1:1 hexanes–EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D$ –40 (c 0.67, CHCl₃); 1 H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46–8.48 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.27–7.36 (m, 16H, ArH), 7.21-7.22 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.57 (s, 1H, PhCHO₂), 5.10 (dd, 1H, $J_{1',2'}$ 8.0, $J_{2',3'}$ 9.6 Hz, H-2'), 4.82 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.0 Hz, PhC H_2O), 4.79 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.5 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.77 (d, 1H, $J_{1',2'}$ 8.0 Hz, H-1'), 4.75 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.5 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.58 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.1 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.57 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.0 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.54 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.0 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.35 (s, 1H, H-1), 4.28 (dd, 1H, J_{5,6} 4.7, J_{gem} 10.1 Hz, H-6eq), 4.26 (d, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 3.0 Hz, H-2), 3.99 (dd, $\overline{1}$ H, $J_{3,4} \approx J_{4,5}$ 9.6 Hz, H-4), 3.82 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6} \approx J_{\text{gem}}$ 10.2 Hz, H-6b), 3.75 (dd, 1H, $J_{2',3'}$ 9.5, $J_{3',4'}$ 8.5 Hz, H-3'), 3.74 (dd, 1H, $J_{5',6'}$ 1.8, J_{gem} 10.9 Hz, H-6a'), 3.63 (dd, 1H, $J_{5',6'}$ 6.2, J_{gem} 10.9 Hz, H-6b'), 3.57 (dd, 1H, $J_{3',4'}$ 8.6, $J_{4',5'}$ 9.8 Hz, H-4'), 3.53 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4',5'}$ 9.8, $J_{5',6'}$ 1.7, 6.0 Hz, H-5'), 3.49 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 3.46 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 3.37 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 3.0, $J_{3,4}$ 10.0 Hz H-3), 3.33 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4,5}$ 9.9, $J_{5,6}$ 5.0, 9.9 Hz, H-5), 1.99 (s, 3H, $CH_3C(0)O$); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 169.7 (C=O), 138.5 (Ar), 138.2 (Ar), 138.0 (Ar), 137.5 (Ar), 128.9 (Ar), 128.4 (Ar), 128.3(4) (Ar), 128.3(3) (Ar), 128.2 (Ar), 128.1 (Ar), 127.8 (Ar), 127.7(2) (Ar), 127.6(9) (Ar), 127.5(9) (Ar), 127.5(7) (Ar), 126.2 (Ar), 102.7 (C-1), 101.9 (PhCHO₂), 101.1 (C-1'), 83.0 (C-3'), 78.6 (C-3), 78.1 (C-4'), 77.7 (C-4), 75.1, 75.0, 74.8 $(C-5', PhCH₂O \times 2), 73.6(1), 73.5(8), 73.2 (C-2', C-2, PhCH₂O), 69.7$ (C-6'), 68.6 (C-6), 67.7 (C-5), 57.0 (CH₃O), 56.8 (CH₃O), 21.1 (CH₃C(O)O); HRESIMS: Calcd for $C_{44}H_{50}O_{12}Na$ 793.3195. Found 793,3195.

3.19. Methyl 3,4,6-tri-0-benzyl-β-p-glucopyranosyl-(1→2)-4,6-O-benzylidene-3-O-methyl-β-p-mannopyranoside (21)

Disaccharide **20** (513 mg, 0.67 mmol) was dissolved in 1:1 CH_2Cl_2 –MeOH (4 mL) and treated with 0.5 M $\text{CH}_3\text{ONa-CH}_3\text{OH}$ (1 mL) then processed as described for **18**. Purification of the product by chromatography over silica gel (7:3 hexanes–EtOAc) gave **21** (428 mg, 88%) as a white solid: R_f 0.27 (1:1 hexanes–EtOAc); [α]_D –38 (c 0.37, CHCl_3); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.47–7.49 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.42–7.46 (m, 16H, ArH), 7.19–7.21 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.55 (s, 1H, PhCHO₂), 5.06 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.2 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.87 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.0 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.54 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 10.9 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.50 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{1}',2'}$ 7.7 Hz, H-1'), 4.46 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{1},2}$ 0.6 Hz, H-1), 4.34 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{5,6}}$ 4.9, J_{gem} 10.4 Hz, H-6eq), 4.26 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{2,3}}$ 3.2, H-2), 4.02 (dd,

1H, $J_{3.4} \approx J_{4.5}$ 9.7 Hz, H-4), 3.87 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6} \approx J_{\rm gem}$ 10.3 Hz, H-6ax), 3.76 (dd, 1H, $J_{5',6'}$ 1.7, J_{gem} 10.5 Hz, H-6a'), 3.74 (dd, 1H, $J_{1',2'}$ 8.0, $J_{2',3'}$ 8.9 Hz, H-2'), 3.67 (dd, 1H, $J_{2',3'} \approx J_{3',4'}$ 8.8 Hz, H-3'), 3.63 (dd, 1H, $J_{5',6'}$ 6.4, J_{gem} 10.5 Hz, H-6b'), 3.58 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 3.56 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4',5'}$ 10.0, $J_{5',6'}$ 1.7, 6.5 Hz, H-5'), 3.47 (dd, 1H, $J_{3',4'}$ 8.5, $J_{4',5'}$ 9.7 Hz, H-4'), 3.48 (s, 3H, CH_3O), 3.42 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 3.2, $J_{3,4}$ 10.0 Hz, H-3), 3.38 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4,5}$ 9.9, $J_{5,6}$ 4.9, 9.9 Hz, H-5); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.0 (Ar), 138.3 (Ar), 138.2 (Ar), 137.4 (Ar), 128.9 (Ar), 128.4 (Ar), 128.3(1) (Ar), 128.2(9) (Ar), 128.2 (Ar), 128.1 (Ar), 128.0 (Ar), 127.8 (Ar), 127.7 (Ar), 127.5(4) (Ar), 127.4(8) (Ar), 126.2 (Ar), 105.1 (C-1'), 102.1 (C-1), 101.8 (PhCHO₂), 85.2 (C-3'), 78.8 (C-3), 77.8 (C-4), 77.3 (C-4'), 76.4 (C-2), 75.4(9), 75.4(6) (C-2', C-5'), 75.0 (PhCH₂O), 74.8 (PhCH₂O), 73.5 (PhCH₂O), 69.8 (C-6'), 68.6 (C-6), 67.5 (C-5), 57.5 (CH₃O), 57.4 (CH₃O); HRE-SIMS: Calcd for C₄₂H₄₈O₁₁Na 751.3089. Found 751.3089. Anal. Calcd for C₄₂H₄₈O₁₁: C, 69.21; H, 6.64. Found: C, 68.95; H, 6.82.

3.20. Methyl 3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl- β -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 2)$ -4,6-O-benzylidene-3-O-methyl- β -D-mannopyranoside (22)

Disaccharide 21 (428 mg, 0.59 mmol) was dissolved in freshly distilled Me₂SO (10 mL) and Ac₂O (5 mL) then processed as described for compound 19. The concentrated reaction mixture was then treated with 1.0 M L-Selectride® in THF (2.4 mL, 2.35 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL) at -78 °C under argon. Purification by column chromatography over silica gel (7:3 hexanes-EtOAc) gave 22 (308 mg, 72%) as a white solid: R_f 0.19 (1:1 hexanes–EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D$ $-60 (c 0.47, CHCl_3);$ ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49–7.50 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.24-7.40 (m, 18H, ArH), 5.58 (s, 1H, PhCHO₂), 4.94 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.0 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.85 (d, 1H, $J_{1',2'}$ 0.8 Hz, H-1'), 4.82 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.1 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.65 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.0 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.58 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.0 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.57 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.0 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.52 (m, 1H, H-2), 4.51 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.0 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.42 (d, 1H, J_{1,2} 0.9 Hz, H-1), 4.33 (dd, 1H, J_{5,6} 5.0, J_{gem} 10.4 Hz, H-6eq), 4.28 (dd, 1H, $J_{1',2'}$ 0.7, $J_{2',3'}$ 3.0 Hz, H-2'), 4.01 (dd, 1H, $J_{3,4} \approx J_{4,5}$ 9.6 Hz, H-4), 3.89 (dd, 1H, $J_{3',4'} \approx J_{4',5'}$ 9.4 Hz, H-4'), 3.88 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6}$ 10.3 Hz, H-6ax), 3.77 (dd, 1H, $J_{5',6'}$ 2.0, J_{gem} 10.8 Hz, H-6a'), 3.71 (dd, 1H, $J_{5',6'}$ 5.8 J_{gem} 10.8 Hz, H-6b'), 3.55 (dd, 1H, $J_{2',3'}$ 3.0, $J_{3',4'}$ 9.1 Hz, H-3'), 3.52 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 3.47 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4',5'}$ 9.7, $J_{5',6'}$ 1.9, 5.7 Hz, H-5'), 3.45 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 3.43 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 3.3, $J_{3,4}$ 9.9 Hz, H-3), 3.38 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4,5}$ 9.9, $J_{5,6}$ 4.9, 9.9 Hz, H-5); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.4 (Ar), 138.3 (Ar), 138.1 (Ar), 137.3 (Ar), 129.0 (Ar), 128.4 (Ar), 128.3 (Ar), 128.2 (Ar), 128.0 (Ar), 127.9 (Ar), 127.7 (Ar), 127.6(4) (Ar), 127.5(7) (Ar), 126.2 (Ar), 102.9 (C-1), 101.8 (PhCHO₂), 98.1 (C-1'), 81.4 (C-3'), 78.8 (C-3), 77.7 (C-4), 75.3, 75.1, 74.3 (C-4', C-5', PhCH₂O), 73.4 (PhCH₂O), 70.8, 70.7 (C-2, PhCH₂O), 69.8 (C-6'), 68.6 (C-6), 67.8, 67.5 (C-2', C-5), 57.5 (CH₃O), 57.1 (CH₃O); HRESIMS: Calcd for C₄₂H₄₈O₁₁Na 751.3089. Found 751.3087. Anal. Calcd for $C_{42}H_{48}O_{11}$: C, 69.21; H, 6.64. Found: C, 68.85; H, 6.70.

3.21. Methyl 2-0-benzyl-3-0-benzyl-4,6-0-benzylidene- β -D-mannopyranoside (24)

Methyl 3-*O*-benzyl-4,6-*O*-benzylidene-β-D-glucopyranoside (**23**)¹⁵ (1.54 g, 4.14 mmol) was dissolved in pyridine (40 mL). Benzoyl chloride (1.5 mL, 12.41 mmol) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight, then concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in EtOAc then washed with 1 M aq HCl, satd aq NaHCO₃, distilled H₂O and brine. The organic phase was dried (Na₂SO₄), then concentrated under reduced pressure. Column chromatography (4:1 hexanes–EtOAc) on silica gel gave **24** (1.97 g, quant.) as a white solid: R_f 0.51 (1:1 hexanes–EtOAc); [α]_D –115 (c 0.26, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.13–8.16 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.23–7.59 (m, 13H, ArH), 5.88 (dd, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ 1.1, $J_{2,3}$ 3.4 Hz, H-2), 5.68 (s, 1H, PhCHO₂), 4.79 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.6 Hz,

PhC H_2 O), 4.69 (d, 1H, PhC H_2 O), 4.60 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ 1.2 Hz, H-1), 4.41 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6eq}$ 4.9, J_{gem} 10.5 Hz, H-6eq), 4.14 (dd, 1H, $J_{3,4} \approx J_{4,5}$ 9.6 Hz, H-4), 3.98 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6ax}$ 9.7, J_{gem} 10.4 Hz, H-6ax) 3.84 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 3.4, $J_{3,4}$ 9.8 Hz, H-3), 3.53 (s, 3H, C H_3 O), 3.47 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4,5}$ 9.7, $J_{5,6}$ 4.8, 9.7 Hz, H-5); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.1 (C^{∞} O), 137.7 (Ar), 137.4 (Ar), 133.1 (Ar), 130.1 (Ar), 129.9 (Ar), 129.0 (Ar), 128.3(3) (Ar), 128.3(0) (Ar), 128.2 (Ar), 127.7 (Ar), 126.1 (Ar), 101.6 (PhCHO₂), 101.1 (C-1), 78.4 (C-4), 75.6 (C-3), 71.6 (PhCH₂O), 69.3 (C-2), 68.7 (C-6), 67.4 (C-5), 57.5 (CH₃O); HRE-SIMS: Calcd for $C_{28}H_{28}O_7$ Na 499.1727. Found 499.1729. Anal. Calcd for $C_{28}H_{28}O_7$: C, 70.57; H, 5.92. Found: C, 70.81; H, 5.73.

3.22. Methyl 2-*O*-benzoyl-3,6-di-*O*-benzyl-β-D-mannopyranoside (25)

Compound 24 (3.43 g, 6.77 mmol) was dissolved in dry THF. and the solution was cooled to 0 °C (ice-water bath) under argon. Activated 4 Å molecular sieves and NaCNBH₃ (2.13 g, 33.86 mmol) were added. A satd solution of HCl in Et₂O was added dropwise until the solution was acidic (pH paper, gas evolution). After 3 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and filtered through Celite. The organic phase was washed with satd aq NaHCO3, dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (4:1 hexanes-EtOAc) to give **25** (2.80 g, 81%) as a white solid: R_f 0.40 (1:1 hexanes-EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D$ –113 (c 0.22, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07–8.09 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.54 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.26–7.41 (m, 12H, ArH), 5.84 (dd, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ 0.9, $J_{2,3}$ 3.1 Hz, H-2) 4.85 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.4 Hz, PhCH₂O) 4.72 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.1 Hz, PhCH₂O) 4.64 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.1 Hz, PhC H_2 O) 4.55 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ 0.9 Hz, H-1) 4.50 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.4 Hz, PhC H_2O), 4.04 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4,OH}$ 2.0, $J_{3,4} \approx J_{4,5}$ 9.4 Hz, H-4), 3.92 (ABX, 1H, J_{5,6} 3.2, J_{gem} 10.7 Hz, H-6a), 3.88 (ABX, 1H, J_{5,6} 5.3, J_{gem} 10.7 Hz, H-6b), 3.54-3.58 (m, 2H, H-3, H-5), 3.53 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 2.57 (d, 1H, $J_{4,\mathrm{OH}}$ 2.1 Hz, OH); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.1 (C=O), 138.2 (Ar), 137.3 (Ar), 133.0 (Ar), 130.1 (Ar), 129.9 (Ar), 128.5 (Ar), 128.4 (Ar), 128.3 (Ar), 128.2 (Ar), 128.0 (Ar), 127.6 (Ar), 100.3 (C-1), 79.6 (C-3), 75.3 (C-5), 73.7 (PhCH₂O), 71.2 (PhCH₂O), 70.2 (C-6), 67.8(4), 67.8(0) (C-2, C-4), 57.2 (CH₃O); HRE-SIMS: Calcd for C₂₈H₃₀O₇Na 501.1884. Found 501.1884.

3.23. Methyl 2-*O*-benzyl-3,6-di-*O*-benzyl-4-*O*-thiocarbonyl imidazole-β-p-mannopyranoside (26)

To a solution of **25** (1.43 g, 2.98 mmol) in dry toluene (20 mL) under argon was added 1,1'-thiocarbonyldiimidazole (1.60 g, 8.95 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 90 °C. After 20 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, then concentrated under reduced pressure to give a brown oily residue. Purification of the product by chromatography (1:1 hexanes-EtOAc) yielded **26** (1.05 g, 60%) as a white solid: R_f 0.28 (1:1 hexanes-EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D - 166 (c 0.29, CHCl_3)$; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.13–8.15 (m, 2H, ArH), 8.10 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.59 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.43-7.46 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.12-7.28 (m, 10H, ArH), 7.02 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.24 (dd, 1H, $J_{3,4} \approx J_{4,5}$ 9.3 Hz, H-4), 5.90 (dd, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ 0.9, $J_{2,3}$ 3.2 Hz, H-2), 4.69 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.8 Hz, PhC H_2O), 4.61 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ 1.0 Hz, H-1), 4.54 (AB, 1H, J_{gem} 11.7 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.52 (AB, 1H, J_{gem} 11.7 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.45 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.8 Hz, PhCH₂O), 3.83 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 3.2, $J_{3,4}$ 9.4 Hz, H-3), 3.72–3.82 (m, 3H, H-5, H-6a, H-6b), 3.45 (s, 3H, CH_3O); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 183.4 (C=S), 166.0 (C=O), 137.6 (Ar), 136.8 (Ar), 136.6 (Ar), 133.2 (Ar), 130.8 (Ar), 130.2 (Ar), 129.7 (Ar), 128.5 (Ar), 128.4 (Ar), 128.3 (Ar), 128.2 (Ar), 127.9 (Ar), 127.7 (Ar), 127.6 (Ar), 118.2 (Ar), 100.2 (C-1), 77.2 (C-4), 75.8 (C-3), 73.9 (PhCH₂O), 73.6 (C-5), 70.6 (PhCH₂O), 69.7 (C-6), 67.8 (C-2), 57.4 (CH₃O); HRESIMS: Calcd for C₃₂H₃₂N₂O₇SNa 611.1822. Found 611.1820. Anal. Calcd for C₃₂H₃₂N₂O₇S: C, 65.29; H, 5.48; N, 4.76; S, 5.45. Found: C, 65.55; H, 5.53; N, 4.76; S, 5.27.

3.24. Methyl 2-*O*-benzyl-3,6-di-*O*-benzyl-4-deoxy-β-D-*lyxo*-hexopyranoside (27)

To a solution of the Barton-McCombie substrate 26 (1.05 g, 1.78 mmol) in dry toluene (15 mL) were added tributyltin hydride (1.43 mL, 5.33 mmol) and AIBN (73 mg, 0.25 mmol). The reaction mixture was refluxed under argon overnight, then cooled to room temperature. The reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of silica gel containing 10% (w/w) KF. The filtrate was concentrated, then subjected to chromatography (4:1 hexanes-EtOAc) to give **27** (562.2 mg, 68%) as a white solid: *R*_f 0.55 (1:1 hexanes–EtOAc); [α]_D -101 (c 0.59, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11–8.12 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.53-7.56 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.25-7.43 (m, 12H, ArH), 5.78 (dd, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ 0.8, $J_{2,3}$ 2.8 Hz, H-2), 4.74 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.0 Hz, $PhCH_2O$), 4.65 (s, 2H, $PhCH_2O$), 4.52 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.0 Hz, $PhCH_2O$), 4.42 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ 1.1 Hz, H-1), 3.76 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6}$ 5.5, J_{gem} 9.4 Hz, H-6a), 3.68-3.74 (m, 2H, H-3, H-5), 3.65 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6}$ 4.2, J_{gem} 9.4 Hz, H-6b) 3.51 (s, 3H, CH_3O), 1.91–1.94 (m, 2H, H-4a, H_3O); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.2 (C=0), 138.3 (Ar), 137.8 (Ar), 132.9 (Ar), 130.2 (Ar), 130.1 (Ar), 128.4 (Ar), 128.2 (Ar), 127.7(1) (Ar), 127.6(8) (Ar), 100.7 (C-1), 74.0 (C-3), 73.6 (PhCH₂O), 72.7 (C-6), 72.0 (C-5), 70.0 (PhCH₂O), 67.2 (C-2), 57.1 (CH₃O), 30.0 (C-4); HRE-SIMS: Calcd for C₂₈H₃₀O₆Na 485.1935. Found 485.1936.

3.25. Methyl 3,6-di-O-benzyl-4-deoxy- β -D-lyxo-hexopyranoside (28)

Compound 27 (534.3 mg, 1.16 mmol) was dissolved in MeOH (10 mL). A solution of 0.5 M CH₃ONa-CH₃OH (6 mL) was added, then the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature until TLC (1:1 hexanes-EtOAc) indicated the consumption of starting material. The reaction mixture was neutralized with Amberlite IR-120 (H⁺) resin. The resin was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by chromatography (1:1 hexanes-EtOAc) gave 28 (369.5 mg, 89%) as a white solid: R_f 0.30 (1:1 hexanes-EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D$ -45 (c 1.15, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28–7.36 (m, 10H, ArH), 4.56–4.66 (m, 4H, PhC $H_2O \times 4$), 4.25 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ 1.0 Hz, H-1), 4.04 (br s, 1H, H-2), 3.67 (m, 1H, H-6a), 3.51-3.60 (m, 3H, H-3, H-5, H-6b), 3.56 (s, 3H, CH_3O), 2.28 (d, 1H, $J_{2,OH}$ 2.4 Hz, OH), 1.84 (m, 1H, H-4a), 1.76 (m, 1H, H-4b); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.2 (Ar), 137.9 (Ar), 128.5 (Ar), 128.4 (Ar), 127.8 (Ar), 127.7(2) (Ar), 127.6(9) (Ar), 127.6(7) (Ar), 101.3 (C-1), 75.0 (C-3), 73.6 (PhCH₂O), 72.7 (C-6), 71.7 (C-5), 69.9 (PhCH₂O), 67.3 (C-2), 56.9 (CH_3O) , 28.3 (C-4); HRESIMS: Calcd for $C_{21}H_{26}O_5Na$ 381.1672. Found 381.1671.

3.26. Methyl 2-*O*-benzyl-3,6-di-*O*-benzyl-4-*O*-methyl-β-D-mannopyranoside (29)

Compound 25 (643.3 mg, 1.34 mmol) was dissolved in dry DMF (10 mL) under argon. Methyl iodide (167 μL, 2.69 mmol) was added, and the reaction mixture was cooled to $0\,^{\circ}\text{C}$ (ice-water bath). NaH (107.5 mg, 2.69 mmol; 60% in oil) was added in one portion, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 3 h. The reaction was quenched with HOAc, then concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the product by chromatography (4:1 hexanes-EtOAc) yielded 29 (643.8 mg, 97%) as a white solid: $R_{\rm f}$ 0.54 (1:1 hexanes-EtOAc); $[\alpha]_{\rm D}$ -96 (c 0.22, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR $(500 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 8.09 - 8.11 \text{ (m, 2H, ArH)}, 7.53 \text{ (m, 1H, ArH)},$ 7.42-7.44 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.26-7.38 (m, 10H, ArH), 5.81 (dd, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ 0.8, $J_{2,3}$ 3.0 Hz, H-2), 4.83 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.6 Hz, PhC H_2O), 4.81 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.1 Hz, PhC H_2O), 4.65 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.0 Hz, PhC H_2O), 4.58 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.6 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.49 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ 0.9 Hz, H-1), 3.90 (dd, 1H, J_{5,6} 4.3, J_{gem} 11.0 Hz, H-6a), 3.87 (dd, 1H, J_{5,6} 2.1, J_{gem} 11.0 Hz, H-6b), 3.71 (dd, 1H, $J_{3,4} \approx J_{4,5}$ 9.3 Hz, H-4), 3.66 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3}$

3.0, $J_{3,4}$ 9.2 Hz, H-3), 3.55 (s, 3H, C H_3 O), 3.52 (s, 3H, C H_3 O), 3.46 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4,5}$ 9.3, $J_{5,6}$ 2.1, 4.3 Hz, H-5); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.0 (C=O), 138.6 (Ar), 137.8 (Ar), 132.9 (Ar), 130.1 (Ar), 128.3(4) (Ar), 128.3(3) (Ar), 128.2(6) (Ar), 128.0 (Ar), 127.7 (Ar), 127.5(0) (Ar), 127.4(6) (Ar), 100.2 (C-1), 80.1 (C-3), 76.2 (C-4), 75.8 (C-5), 73.5 (PhCH₂O), 71.2 (PhCH₂O), 69.3 (C-6), 68.4 (C-2), 61.0 (CH₃O), 57.2 (CH₃O); HRESIMS: Calcd for C₂₉H₃₂O₇Na 515.2040. Found 515.2042. Anal. Calcd for C₂₉H₃₂O₇: C, 70.71; H, 6.55. Found: C, 70.58; H, 6.54.

3.27. Methyl 3,6-di-O-benzyl-4-O-methyl- β -D-mannopyranoside (30)

To a solution of mannopyranoside **29** (793.3 mg, 1.61 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) and MeOH (10 mL) was added 0.5 M CH₃ONa-CH₃OH (6 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was neutralized with Amberlite IR-120 (H⁺) resin, the resin was filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the product by chromatography (1:1 hexanes-EtOAc) gave **30** (592.5 mg, 95%) as a white solid: $R_{\rm f}$ 0.28 (1:1 hexanes–EtOAc); $[\alpha]_{\rm D}$ –34 (c 0.44, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26–7.41 (m, 10H, ArH), 4.76 (d, 1H, I_{gem} 11.9 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.69 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.8 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.67 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.0 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.60 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.1 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.31 (d, 1H, H-1), 4.06 (m, 1H, H-2), 3.80 (dd, 1H, J_{5,6} 2.2, J_{gem} 10.8 Hz, H-6a), 3.75 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6}$ 5.3, J_{gem} 10.9 Hz, H-6b), 3.57 (dd, 1H, $J_{3,4} \approx J_{4,5}$ 9.3 Hz, H-4), 3.55 (s, 3H, C H_3 O), 3.53 (s, 3H, C H_3 O), 3.46 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 3.1, $J_{3,4}$ 9.0 Hz, H-3), 3.36 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4,5}$ 9.6, $J_{5,6}$ 2.1, 5.3 Hz, H-5), 2.39 (d, 1H, $J_{2,OH}$ 2.4 Hz, OH); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.4 (Ar), 138.0 (Ar), 128.5 (Ar), 128.3 (Ar), 127.8(2) (Ar), 127.8(0) (Ar), 127.7 (Ar), 127.5 (Ar), 100.7 (C-1), 81.3 (C-3), 76.2 (C-4), 75.4 (C-5), 73.6 (PhCH₂O), 71.5 (PhCH₂O), 69.4 (C-6), 68.3 (C-2), 60.8 (CH₃O), 56.9 (CH₃O); HRESIMS: Calcd for C₂₂H₂₈O₆Na 411.1778. Found 411.1778.

3.28. Methyl 2-O-acetyl-3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl-(1→2)-3,6-di-O-benzyl-4-deoxy-β-D-lyxo-hexopyranoside (31)

Monosaccharide acceptor 28 (347 mg, 0.97 mmol) was reacted with 2-O-acetyl-3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate (16) (758 mg, 1.19 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) using TMSOTf (5 μL, 0.03 mmol) under argon at 0 °C (ice-water bath), then processed as described for 17. The product was purified by chromatography over silica gel (4:1 hexanes-EtOAc) to give 31 (669 mg, 83%) as a clear syrup: R_f 0.59 (1:1 hexanes–EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D$ -55 (c 0.43, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.18–7.34 (m, 25H, ArH), 5.09 (dd, 1H, $J_{1',2'}$ 8.0, $J_{2',3'}$ 9.5 Hz, H-2'), 4.84 (d, 1H, $J_{1',2'}$ 8.0 Hz, H-1') 4.81 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 10.9 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.80 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.2 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.78 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.5 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.74 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.4 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.54-4.59 (m, 2H, PhCH₂O), 4.54 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.0 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.47 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.2 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.42-4.47 (m, 2H, PhCH₂O), 4.17 (d, 1H, J_{2,3} 2.5 Hz, H-2), 4.11 (s, 1H, H-1), 3.72-3.77 (m, 2H, H-3', H-6a'), 3.54-3.63 (m, 5H, H-4', H-5', H-6b' H-5, H-6a), 3.48 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6}$ 4.0, J_{gem} 9.7 Hz, H-6b), 3.46 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 3.40 (ddd, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 2.7, $J_{3,4eq}$ 4.7, $J_{3,4ax}$ 11.7 Hz, H-3), 1.96 (s, 3H, $CH_3C(O)O$), 1.75 (ddd, 1H, $J_{3,4} \approx J_{gem} \approx J_{4,5}$ 12.0 Hz, H-4ax), 1.65 (ddd, 1H, $J_{3,4}$ 4.5, J_{gem} 12.6, $J_{4,5}$ 2.2 Hz, H-4eq); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.7 (C=0), 138.5 (Ar), 138.4 (Ar), 138.3 (Ar), 138.2 (Ar), 138.0 (Ar), 128.4 (Ar), 128.3(2) (Ar), 128.2(9) (Ar), 128.2(6) (Ar), 128.1 (Ar), 127.9 (Ar), 127.8 (Ar), 127.7(2) (Ar), 127.6(7) (Ar), 127.6(1) (Ar), 127.5(8) (Ar), 127.5(5) (Ar), 127.4(9) (Ar), 127.4 (Ar), 102.4 (C-1), 100.9 (C-1'), 83.1 (C-3'), 78.2 (C-4'/C-5'/C-5), 75.0, 74.9, 74.7 (C-4'/C-5'/C-5, $PhCH_2O \times 2$), 73.9 ($PhCH_2O$), 73.7 (C-3), 73.5, 73.4, 73.2 (C-2', C-6, PhCH₂O), 72.0 (C-4'/C-5'/C-5), 71.4 (C-2), 69.9 (C-6'), 68.7 (PhCH₂O), 56.5 (CH₃O), 29.2 (C-4), 21.1 (CH₃C(O)O); HRESIMS:

Calcd for $C_{50}H_{56}O_{11}Na$ 855.3715. Found 855.3710. Anal. Calcd for $C_{50}H_{56}O_{11}$: C, 72.10; H, 6.78. Found: C, 72.10; H, 6.79.

3.29. Methyl 3,4,6-tri-0-benzyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$ -3,6-di-0-benzyl-4-deoxy- β -D-lyxo-hexopyranoside (32)

Disaccharide 31 (448 mg, 0.54 mmol) was dissolved in 1:1 CH₂Cl₂-MeOH (10 mL) and treated with 0.5 M CH₃ONa-CH₃OH (2 mL), then processed as described for 18. Purification of the product by chromatography over silica gel (7:3 hexanes-EtOAc) gave 32 (334 mg, 78%) as a colourless syrup: R_f 0.42 (1:1 hexanes-EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D$ -60 (c 0.88, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.42 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.22-7.37 (m, 21H, ArH), 7.17-7.18 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.06 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm gem}$ 11.3 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.86 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm gem}$ 10.9 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.79 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.3 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.78 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.5 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.61 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.0 Hz, PhC H_2 O) 4.59 (d, 1H, $J_{1',2'}$ 8.8 Hz, H-1'), 4.56 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.0 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.52 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.0 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.51 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.5 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.46 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.0 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.42 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.0 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.22 (s, 1H, H-1), 4.15 (d, 1H, J_{2,3} 2.5 Hz, H-2) 3.44–3.74 (m, 11H, H-2', H-3', H-4', H-5', H-6a', H-6b', OH, H-3, H-5, H-6a, H-6b), 3.54 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 1.85 (ddd, 1H, $J_{3,4} \approx J_{\text{gem}} \approx J_{4,5}$ 12.5 Hz, H-4ax), 1.78 (ddd, 1H, J 2.0, 4.6, $J_{\rm gem}$ 12.4 Hz, H-4eq); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.1 (Ar), 138.3 (Ar), 138.2(3) (Ar), 138.1(8) (Ar), 128.4 (Ar), 128.3(1) (Ar), 128.2(5) (Ar), 128.0 (Ar), 127.9 (Ar), 127.7(3) (Ar), 127.6(9) (Ar), 127.6(8) (Ar), 127.6(5) (Ar), 127.5 (Ar), 127.4(4) (Ar), 127.3(9) (Ar), 104.5 (C-1'), 101.9 (C-1), 85.2, 77.4, 75.5, 75.4, 75.0, 74.7, 74.3, 74.1, 73.6, 73.4, 72.7, 72.1, 69.7, 69.3 (C-2', C-3', C-4', C-5', C-6', C-2, C-3, C-5, C-6, PhC $H_2O \times 5$), 56.9 (CH₃O), 29.4 (C-4); HRESIMS: Calcd for C₄₈H₅₄O₁₀Na 813.3609. Found 813.3608.

3.30. Methyl 3,4,6-tri-*O*-benzyl-β-D-mannopyranosyl-(1→2)-3,6-di-*O*-benzyl-4-deoxy-β-D-*lyxo*-hexopyranoside (33)

Disaccharide 32 (312 mg, 0.39 mmol) was dissolved in Me₂SO (5 mL), Ac₂O (2.5 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight, then concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was redissolved in dry THF (5 mL), and the solution was cooled to −78 °C. L-Selectride® (1.7 mL, 1.0 M in THF) was added dropwise, and the reaction mixture was allowed to slowly warm to room temperature. The reaction was quenched with MeOH and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by column chromatography over silica gel (7:3 hexanes-EtOAc) gave 33 (200 mg, 65%) as a white solid: R_f 0.28 (1:1 hexanes–EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D$ $-66~(c~0.73,~\text{CHCl}_3)^{-1}\text{H}~\text{NMR}~(500~\text{MHz},~\text{CDCl}_3)~\delta~7.21-7.41~(\text{m},$ 25H, ArH), 4.95 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.1 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.93 (d, 1H, J_{1',2'} 0.7 Hz, H-1'), 4.87 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.4 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.83 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.2 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.64 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.1 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.60 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.9 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.55 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.0 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.54 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.0 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.45 (d, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 2.7 Hz, H-2), 4.41 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.5 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.38–4.43 (m, 2H, PhC H_2 O), 4.33 (d, 1H, $J_{2',3'}$ 2.8 Hz, H-2'), 4.21 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ 0.7 Hz, H-1), 3.88 (dd, 1H, $J_{3',4'} \approx J_{4',5'}$ 9.3 Hz, H-4'), 3.75 (dd, 1H, $J_{5',6'}$ 1.8, J_{gem} 10.5 Hz, H-6a'), 3.66 (dd, 1H, J_{5,6} 5.9, J_{gem} 9.6 Hz, H-6a), 3.47-3.62 (m, 6H, H-3', H-5', H-6b', H-3, H-5, H-6b), 3.50 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 2.74 (br s, 1H, OH), 1.74–1.85 (m, 2H, H-4ax, H-4eq); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.5 (Ar), 138.2(2) (Ar), 138.2(1) (Ar), 138.1(7) (Ar), 138.1(5) (Ar), 128.3(9) (Ar), 128.3(6) (Ar), 128.3(5) (Ar), 128.3(0) (Ar), 128.2(7) (Ar), 128.1 (Ar), 128.0 (Ar), 127.9 (Ar), 127.7(0) (Ar), 127.6(8) (Ar), 127.6(4) (Ar), 127.5(9) (Ar), 127.5(8) (Ar), 127.5(3) (Ar), 127.4(7) (Ar), 102.7 (C-1), 98.8 (C-1'), 81.4 (C-3'), 75.0(9), 75.0(5), 74.5, 74.0, 73.6, 73.3, 72.8 (C-3, C-6, C-4', C-5', PhCH₂O \times 3), 72.0 (C-5), 70.7 (PhCH₂O), 70.0 (C-6'), 69.2 (PhCH₂O), 68.7 (C-2), 67.7 (C-2'), 57.1 (CH₃O), 29.7 (C-4); HRESIMS: Calcd for C₄₈H₅₄O₁₀Na 813.3609. Found 813.3609.

3.31. Methyl 2-*O*-acetyl-3,4,6-tri-*O*-benzyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl-(1→2)-3,6-di-*O*-benzyl-4-*O*-methyl-β-D-mannopyranoside (34)

Monosaccharide acceptor 30 (238 mg, 0.44 mmol) was reacted with 2-O-acetyl-3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate (16) (469 mg, 0.74 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) using TMSOTf (7 μ L, 0.04 mmol) under argon at 0 °C, then processed as described for 17. The product was purified by chromatography over silica gel (4:1 hexanes-EtOAc) to give 34 (511 mg, 97%) as a colourless syrup: R_f 0.54 (1:1 hexanes-EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D$ -53 (c 0.65, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.17–7.39 (m, 25H, ArH), 5.09 (dd, 1H, $J_{1',2'}$ 8.1, $J_{2',3'}$ 9.6 Hz, H-2'), 4.86 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.1 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.80 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.9 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.79 (d, 1H, H-1'), 4.78 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.5 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.74 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.5 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.61 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.3 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.57 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.2 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.54 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.0 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.52 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.1 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.43–4.48 (m, 2H, PhC H_2 O), 4.18–4.19 (m, 2H, H-1, H-2), 3.71-3.79 (m, 3H, H-3', H-6a', H-6a), 3.56-3.66 (m, 4H, H-4', H-5', H-6b', H-6b), 3.51 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 3.47 (s, 3H, CH_3O), 3.36 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 2.9, $J_{3,4}$ 8.9 Hz, H-3), 3.34 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4,5}$ 9.5 Hz, $J_{5,6}$ 1.6, 6.8 Hz, H-5), 3.28 (dd, 1H, $J_{3,4} \approx J_{4,5}$ 9.2 Hz, H-4), 1.95 (s, 3H, $CH_3C(O)O$); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 169.8 (C=O), 138.6 (Ar), 138.5 (Ar), 138.3 (Ar), 138.1 (Ar), 138.0 (Ar), 128.4 (Ar), 128.3(2) (Ar), 128.3(0) (Ar), 128.2 (Ar), 128.1 (Ar), 127.9 (Ar), 127.8 (Ar), 127.7 (Ar), 127.5(7) (Ar), 127.5(6) (Ar), 127.4(5) (Ar), 127.4 (Ar), 101.6, 101.1 (C-1, C-1'), 83.1 (C-3'), 79.9 (C-3), 78.0, 76.4, 75.7, 74.9, 74.8, 74.7, 73.5(4), 73.4(8), 73.3, 72.4, 70.7, 69.9, 69.7 (C-2', C-4', C-5', C-6', C-2, C-4, C-5, C-6, PhC $H_2O \times 5$), 61.0 (C H_3O), 56.6 (C H_3O), 21.0 (C $H_3C(O)O$); HRESIMS: Calcd for C₅₁H₅₈O₁₂Na 885.3821. Found 885.3828.

3.32. Methyl 3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 2)$ -3,6-di-O-benzyl-4-O-methyl- β -D-mannopyranoside (35)

Disaccharide 34 (511 mg, 0.59 mmol) was dissolved in 1:1 CH₂Cl₂-MeOH (10 mL) and treated with 0.5 M CH₂ONa-CH₂OH (5 mL) then processed as described for 18. Purification of the product by chromatography over silica gel (7:3 hexanes-EtOAc) gave 35 (470 mg, 97%) as a clear syrup: R_f 0.38 (1:1 hexanes–EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D$ -52 (c 0.20, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24–7.41 (m, 23H, ArH), 7.16-7.18 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.06 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.3 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.84-4.87 (m, 2H, PhCH₂O), 4.78 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.2 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.67 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.1 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.61 (d, 1H, J_{1',2'} 7.6 Hz, H-1'), 4.59 (d, 1H, I_{gem} 11.1 Hz, PhC H_2O), 4.56 (d, 1H, I_{gem} 11.9 Hz, PhC H_2O), 4.52 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.0 Hz, PhC H_2O), 4.47 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.1 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.44 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.0 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.27 (s, 1H, H-1), 4.19 (d, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 3.1 Hz, H-2), 3.78 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6}$ 2.1, J_{gem} 10.9 Hz, H-6a), 3.73 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6}$ 5.1, J_{gem} 11.0 Hz, H-6b), 3.49–3.72 (m, 7H, H-2', H-3', H-4', H-5', H-6a', H-6b', H-4), 3.52 (s, 6H, $CH_3O \times 2$), 3.41 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 3.2, $J_{3,4}$ 9.3 Hz, H-3), 3.32 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4,5}$ 9.5, $J_{5,6}$ 2.0,4.9 Hz, H-5), 3.31 (br s, 1H, OH); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.1 (Ar), 138.4 (Ar), 138.2(5) (Ar), 138.1(8) (Ar), 138.1(7) (Ar), 128.3(1) (Ar), 128.2(8) (Ar), 128.2 (Ar), 128.0 (Ar), 127.9(4) (Ar), 127.9(0) (Ar), 127.7 (Ar), 127.6(4) (Ar), 127.6(3) (Ar), 127.5 (Ar), 127.4 (Ar), 104.2 (C-1'), 101.5 (C-1), 85.2 (C-3'), 80.1 (C-3), 77.1 (C-5'), 76.0, 75.8 (C-4, C-5), 75.4, 75.3, 75.0, 74.8, 74.7 (C-2, C-2', C-4', PhCH₂O × 2), 73.5 (PhCH₂O), 73.4 (PhCH₂O), 70.4 (PhCH₂O), 69.7 (C-6'), 69.4 (C-6), 61.0 (CH₃O), 57.1 (CH₃O); HRESIMS: Calcd for C₄₉H₅₆O₁₁Na 843.3715. Found 843.3719. Anal. Calcd for $C_{49}H_{56}O_{11}$: C, 71.69; H, 6.88. Found: C, 71.48; H, 7.09.

3.33. Methyl 3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl- β -D-mannopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 2)-3,6-di-O-benzyl-4-O-methyl- β -D-mannopyranoside (36)

As described for compound 19, disaccharide 35 (446 mg, 0.54 mmol) was dissolved in freshly distilled Me₂SO (10 mL) and

Ac₂O (5 mL). The concentrated reaction mixture was then treated with 1.0 M L-Selectride® in THF (2.2 mL, 2.17 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL) at −78 °C under argon. Purification by column chromatography over silica gel (7:3 hexanes-EtOAc) gave **36** (273 mg, 61%) as a white solid: R_f 0.29 (1:1 hexanes–EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D$ –60 (c 0.47, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.21–740 (m, 25H, ArH), 4.94 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 10.9 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.89–4.90 (m, 2H, H-1', PhCH₂O), 4.82 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.1 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.66 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.1 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.63 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.0 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.57 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.0 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.54 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.0 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.41– 4.48 (m, 4H, H-2, 3(PhC H_2O)), 4.31 (dd, 1H, $J_{1',2'}$ 0.7, $J_{2',3'}$ 3.0 Hz, H-2'), 4.26 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ 0.6 Hz, H-1), 3.88 (dd, 1H, $J_{3',4'} \approx J_{4',5'}$ 9.5 Hz, H-4'), 3.78 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6}$ 2.1, J_{gem} 10.9 Hz, H-6a), 3.75 (dd, 1H, $J_{5',6'}$ 2.0, J_{gem} 10.4 Hz, H-6a'), 3.73 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6}$ 5.4, J_{gem} 10.8 Hz, H-6b), 3.62 (dd, 1H, $J_{5',6'}$ 6.2, $J_{\rm gem}$ 10.6 Hz, H-6b'), 3.56 (dd, 1H, $J_{2',3'}$ 3.0, $J_{3',4'}$ 9.1 Hz, H-3'), 3.47–3.52 (m, 2H, H-5', H-4), 3.49 (s, 3H, CH_3O), 3.48 (s, 3H, CH_3O), 3.43 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 3.3, $J_{3,4}$ 9.2 Hz, H-3), 3.33 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4,5}$ 9.6, $J_{5,6}$ 1.9, 5.4 Hz, H-5); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.4(4) (Ar), 138.3(6) (Ar), 138.3 (Ar), 138.2 (Ar), 138.1 (Ar), 128.4 (Ar), 128.3(1) (Ar), 128.2(6) (Ar), 128.1 (Ar), 128.0 (Ar), 127.9 (Ar), 127.8 (Ar), 127.7 (Ar), 127.6 (Ar), 127.5(4) (Ar), 127.5(3) (Ar), 127.4 (Ar), 102.1 (C-1), 99.1 (C-1'), 81.5 (C-3'), 80.1 (C-3), 75.9, 75.7, 75.1, 75.0, 74.4 (C-4, C-5, C-4', C-5', PhCH₂O), 73.5 (PhCH₂O), 73.4 (PhCH₂O), 70.7 (PhCH₂O), 70.3 (C-2), 69.9(7), 69.9(6), 69.6 (C-6, C-6', PhCH₂O), 67.7 (C-2'), 60.9 (CH₃O), 57.2 (CH₃O); HRESIMS: Calcd for C₄₉H₅₆O₁₁Na 843.3715. Found 843.3716.

3.34. Methyl 3,4-di-O-benzyl-β-D-glucopyranoside (38)

3-O-benzyl-4,6-O-benzylidene-β-D-glucopyranoside (37)¹⁵ (1.56 g, 4.19 mmol) in a flame-dried flask was dissolved in dry CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) and cooled to 0 °C (ice-water bath) under argon. A 1.0 M solution of BH₃·THF complex in THF (21 mL, 20.95 mmol) was added, followed by the dropwise addition of a 1.0 M solution of dibutylboron triflate (2.1 mL, 2.10 mmol). After 3 h. the reaction was guenched with MeOH, neutralized with Et₃N, then concentrated under reduced pressure. Chromatography over silica gel (1:1 hexanes-EtOAc) yielded 38 (1.30 g, 83%) as a white solid: R_f 0.12 (1:1 hexanes–EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D$ –10 (c 0.25, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28–7.40 (m, 10H, ArH), 4.93 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.3 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.89 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.0 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.88 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.3 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.67 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 10.9 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.24 (d, 1H, J_{1,2} 7.8 Hz, H-1), 3.89 (ddd, 1H, J_{5,6} 2.7, J_{gem} 12.0, J_{6,0H} 5.5 Hz, H-6a), 3.75 (ddd, 1H, $J_{5.6}$ 4.4, J_{gem} 12.0, $J_{6.0H}$ 8.0 Hz, H-6b), 3.60-3.62 (m, 2H, H-3, H-4), 3.56 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 3.50 (m, 1H, H-2), 3.40 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4,5}$ 9.2, $J_{5,6}$ 2.8, 4.4 Hz, H-5), 2.45 (d, 1H, $J_{2,OH}$ 2.3 Hz, C2-OH), 1.97 (dd, 1H, $J_{6,OH}$ 5.7, 8.0 Hz, C6-OH); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl $_3$) δ 138.5 (Ar), 137.9 (Ar), 128.5 (Ar), 128.1 (Ar), 127.9(4) (Ar), 127.9(3) (Ar), 127.8(Ar), 103.8 (C-1), 84.3, 77.3 (C-3, C-4), 75.4, 75.2, 75.1 (C-5, PhCH₂O \times 2), 74.6 (C-2), 61.9 (C-6), 57.3 (CH₃O); HRESIMS: Calcd for C₂₁H₂₆O₆Na 397.1622. Found 397.1619. Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₂₆O₆: C, 67.36; H, 7.00. Found: C, 67.10; H, 7.02.

3.35. Methyl 3,4-di-*O*-benzyl-6-*O*-methanesulfonyl-β-D-glucopyranoside (39)

Compound **38** (489 mg, 1.31 mmol) was dissolved in dry CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL) and dry pyridine (5 mL), and the mixture was cooled to 0 °C (ice-water bath) under argon. Methanesulfonyl chloride (152 μ L, 1.96 mmol) was added dropwise, and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 and washed with 1 M aq HCl, satd aq NaHCO₃, distilled water, and brine, then dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure. Chromatography over silica gel (1:1, toluene–EtOAc)

yielded **39** (389 mg, 66%) as a white solid: $R_{\rm f}$ 0.23 (1:1 hexanes-EtOAc); $[\alpha]_{\rm D}$ –17 (c 0.34 CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29–7.40 (m, 10H, ArH), 4.96 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm gem}$ 11.3 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.92 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm gem}$ 10.8 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.87 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm gem}$ 11.3 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.65 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm gem}$ 10.8 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.47 (dd, 1H, $J_{\rm 5,6}$ 1.7, $J_{\rm gem}$ 11.1 Hz, H-6a), 4.37 (dd, 1H, $J_{\rm 5,6}$ 4.2, $J_{\rm gem}$ 11.2 Hz, H-6b), 4.21 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm 1,2}$ 7.7 Hz, H-1), 3.63 (dd, 1H, $J_{\rm 2,3} \approx J_{\rm 3,4}$ 8.8 Hz, H-3), 3.49–3.58 (m, 3H, H-2, H-4, H-5), 3.55 (s, 3H, C H_3 O), 3.03 (s, 3H, C H_3 S(O)₂O), 2.37 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm 1,2}$ 2.2 Hz, OH); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.3 (Ar), 137.5 (Ar), 128.5(8) (Ar), 128.5(4) (Ar), 128.2 (Ar), 128.1 (Ar), 127.9(4) (Ar), 127.8(9) (Ar), 103.7 (C-1), 84.1 (C-3), 76.7 (C-4), 75.2(2) (PhC H_2 O), 75.1(7) (PhC H_2 O), 74.6 (C-2), 73.1 (C-5), 68.3 (C-6), 57.3 (C H_3 O), 37.7 (C H_3 S(O)₂O); HRESIMS: Calcd for C₂₂H₂₈O₈SNa 475.1397. Found 475.1395.

3.36. Methyl 3,4-di-O-benzyl-6-deoxy-β-D-glucopyranoside (40)

To a solution of 39 (370 mg, 0.82 mmol) in DMF (8 mL) was added NaBH₄ (309 mg, 8.2 mmol). The mixture was heated at 80 °C for 3 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and washed with 2% ag citric acid, distilled water, and then brine, dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by chromatography over silica gel (1:1 hexanes-EtOAc) gave **40** (235 mg, 80%) as a white solid: R_f 0.48 (1:1 hexanes–EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D$ –16 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28–7.40 (m, 10H, ArH), 4.93 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.3 Hz, PhC H_2O), 4.90 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 10.9 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.87 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.3 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.66 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 10.9 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.17 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ 7.6 Hz, H-1), 3.56 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3} \approx J_{3,4}$ 9.2 Hz, H-3), 3.55 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 3.52 (ddd, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ 7.6, $J_{2,3}$ 9.6, $J_{2,OH}$ 2.0 Hz, H-2), 3.44 (dq, 1H, $J_{4,5}$ 9.5, $J_{5,6}$ 6.3 Hz, H-5), 3.22 (dd, 1H, $J_{3,4} \approx J_{4,5}$ 8.8 Hz, H-4), 2.35 (d, 1H, $J_{2,OH}$ 2.1 Hz, OH), 1.34 (d, 3H, $J_{5.6}$ 6.2 Hz, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.6 (Ar), 138.1 (Ar), 128.5 (Ar), 128.4 (Ar), 128.0 (Ar), 127.9 (Ar), 127.8 (Ar), 127.7 (Ar), 103.5 (C-1), 84.3 (C-3), 82.3 (C-4), 75.3, 75.1, 74.9 (C-2, PhCH₂O \times 2), 71.5 (C-5), 57.1 (CH₃O), 17.9 (C-6); HRESIMS: Calcd for C₂₁H₂₆O₅Na 381.1672. Found 381.1670. Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₂₆O₅: C, 70.37; H, 7.31. Found: C, 70.68; H,

3.37. Methyl 3,4-di-O-benzyl-6-deoxy- β -D-mannopyranoside (41)

Compound 40 (362 mg, 1.01 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of Me₂SO (6 mL) and Ac₂O (3 mL). After stirring overnight at room temperature, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The remaining residue was dissolved in a mixture of 1:1 CH₂Cl₂-MeOH (10 mL) and cooled to 0 °C (ice-water bath). NaBH₄ (192 mg, 5.05 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was allowed to slowly warm to room temperature. After 3 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH2Cl2 and washed with 2% aq citric acid, distilled water and brine. The organic phase was dried (Na₂SO₄) then concentrated under reduced pressure. Chromatography over silica gel (7:3 hexanes-EtOAc) yielded 41 (320 mg, 88%) as a white solid: R_f 0.27 (1:1 hexanes–EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D$ -36 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29–7.39 (m, 10H, ArH), 4.95 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm gem}$ 10.9 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.77 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm gem}$ 11.9 Hz, PhC H_2O), 4.69 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.9 Hz, PhC H_2O), 4.66 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 10.9 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.30 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ 1.1 Hz, H-1), 4.10 (m, 1H, H-2), 3.51–3.55 (m, 5H, H-3, H-4, CH_3O), 3.33 (dq, 1H, $J_{4,5}$ 9.8, $J_{5,6}$ 6.0 Hz, H-5), 2.37 (br s, 1H, OH), 1.36 (d, 3H, $J_{5.6}$ 6.2 Hz, CH_3); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.4 (Ar), 137.9 (Ar), 128.5 (Ar), 128.4 (Ar), 128.1 (Ar), 127.9(1) (Ar), 127.8(8) (Ar), 127.7 (Ar), 100.6 (C-1), 81.4, 79.7 (C-3, C-4), 75.5 (PhCH₂O), 71.4(7), 71.4(6) (C-5, PhCH₂O), 68.4 (C-2), 56.9 (CH₃O), 17.9 (C-6); HRESIMS: Calcd for C₂₁H₂₆O₅Na 381.1672. Found 381.1672. Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₂₆O₅: C, 70.37; H, 7.31. Found: C, 70.59; H, 7.38.

3.38. Methyl 2-O-benzoyl-3,4-di-O-benzyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (43)

Methyl 2-O-benzoyl-3-O-benzyl-4,6-O-benzylidene-β-D-glucopyranoside (42)²³ (1.28 g, 2.68 mmol) in a flame-dried flask was dissolved in dry CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) and cooled to 0 °C (ice-water bath) under argon. A 1.0 M solution of BH₃·THF complex in THF (13.4 mL, 13.43 mmol) was added, followed by the dropwise addition of a 1.0 M solution of dibutylboron triflate (1.3 mL, 1.34 mmol). After 2 h, the reaction was quenched with MeOH, neutralized with Et₃N and then concentrated under reduced pressure. Chromatography over silica gel (7:3 hexanes-EtOAc) yielded 43 (1.03 g, 80%) as a white solid: R_f 0.29 (1:1 hexanes-EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D$ +39 (c 0.65. CHCl₃); 1 H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02–8.04 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.57 (m, 1H, ArH) 7.43-7.46 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.29-7.37 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.14 (br s, 5H, ArH), 5.25 (dd, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ 8.0, $J_{2,3}$ 9.3 Hz, H-2), 4.88 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.0 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.76 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.1 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.69 (m, 2H, PhCH₂O), 4.50 (d, 1H, J_{1,2} 8.0 Hz, H-1), 3.93 (ddd, 1H, $J_{6,OH}$ 5.6, $J_{5,6}$ 2.8, J_{gem} 12.0 Hz, H-6a), 3.86 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3} \approx J_{3,4}$ 9.1 Hz, H-3), 3.78 (ddd, 1H, $J_{6,OH}$ 8.0, $J_{5,6}$ 4.5, J_{gem} 12.3 Hz, H-6b), 3.73 (dd, 1H, $J_{3,4}$ 9.0, $J_{4,5}$ 9.5 Hz, H-4), 3.48 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4,5}$ 9.4, $J_{5,6}$ 2.7, 4.4 Hz, H-5), 3.48 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 1.93 (dd, 1H, OH); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.2 (C=0), 137.8 (Ar), 137.7 (Ar), 133.1 (Ar), 129.9 (Ar), 129.8 (Ar), 128.5 (Ar), 128.4 (Ar), 128.3 (Ar), 128.1 (Ar), 128.0(0) (Ar), 127.9(7) (Ar), 127.7 (Ar), 102.1 (C-1), 82.6 (C-3), 77.7 (C-4), 75.4, 75.1(2), 75.0(8) (C-5, $PhCH_2O \times 2$), 73.7 (C-2), 61.9 (C-6), 57.0 (CH₃O); HRESIMS: Calcd for C₂₈H₃₀O₇Na 501.1884. Found 501.1886. Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₃₀O₇: C, 70.28; H, 6.32. Found: C, 70.30; H, 6.45.

3.39. Methyl 2-O-benzyl-3,4-di-O-benzyl-6-O-methyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (44)

To a solution of compound 43 (953 mg, 1.99 mmol) in dry DMF (20 mL) was added methyl iodide (248 µL, 3.98 mmol). The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C (ice-water bath) under argon before the addition of NaH (159 mg, 3.98 mmol). After 3 h of stirring at 0 °C, the reaction was quenched with HOAc, then concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by chromatography over silica gel (4:1 hexanes-EtOAc) gave 44 (937 mg, 96%) as a white solid: R_f 0.51 (1:1 hexanes–EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D$ +34 (c 0.27, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02–8.04 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.57 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.42-7.45 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.29-7.37 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.13 (br s, 5H, ArH), 5.27 (dd, 1H, $I_{1.2}$ 8.0, $I_{2.3}$ 9.2 Hz, H-2), 4.86 (d, 1H, I_{gem} 11.0 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.75 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.1 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.64–4.69 (m, 2H, PhC H_2 O), 4.45 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ 7.9 Hz, H-1), 3.84 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3} \approx J_{3,4}$ 9.1 Hz, H-3), 3.76 (dd, 1H, $J_{3,4} \approx J_{4,5}$ 9.4 Hz, H-4), 3.70 (ABX, 1H, $J_{5,6}$ 4.6, J_{gem} 10.8 Hz, H-6a), 3.66 (ABX, 1H, $J_{5,6}$ 1.9, J_{gem} 10.8 Hz, H-6b), 3.53 (ABX, 1H, $J_{4,5}$ 9.7, $J_{5,6}$ 1.9, 4.6 Hz, H-5), 3.47 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 3.42 (s, 3H, CH₃O); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.2 (C=O), 138.1 (Ar), 137.8 (Ar), 133.0 (Ar), 130.0 (Ar), 129.8 (Ar), 128.5 (Ar), 128.3 (Ar), 128.2 (Ar), 128.0 (Ar), 127.9(9) (Ar), 127.9(5) (Ar), 127.6 (Ar), 102.0 (C-1), 82.8 (C-3), 77.9 (C-4), 75.1, 75.0(4), 74.9(8) (C-5, $PhCH_2O \times 2$), 73.7 (C-2), 71.2 (C-6), 59.5 (CH₃O), 56.7 (CH₃O); HRESIMS: Calcd for C₂₉H₃₂O₇Na 515.2040. Found 515.2042. Anal. Calcd for C₂₉H₃₂O₇: C, 70.71; H, 6.55. Found: C, 70.82; H, 6.64.

3.40. Methyl 3,4-di-O-benzyl-6-O-methyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (45)

Compound **44** (937 mg, 1.90 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of 1:1 CH_2Cl_2 –MeOH (20 mL). A 0.5 M solution of NaOMe in MeOH (5 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was neutralized with Amberlite IR-120 (H $^+$) resin, and filtered, and the filtrate was con-

centrated under reduced pressure. Chromatography over silica gel (1:1 hexanes-EtOAc) gave 45 (663 mg, 90%) as a white powdery solid: R_f 0.31 (1:1 hexanes-EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D$ -15 (c 0.59, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26–7.39 (m, 10H, ArH), 4.92 (d, 1H, I_{gem} 11.4 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.88 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.0 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.87 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.4 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.63 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.0 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.18 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ 7.6 Hz, H-1), 3.66 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6}$ 2.2, J_{gem} 10.8, H-6a), 3.57– 3.63 (m, 3H, H-3, H-4, H-6b), 3.56 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 3.53 (ddd, 1H, $J_{2,OH}$ 2.0, $J_{1,2} \approx J_{2,3}$ 7.9 Hz, H-2), 3.45 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4,5}$ 9.3, $J_{5,6}$ 2.1, 4.1 Hz, H-5), 3.39 (s, 3H, C H_3 O), 2.35 (d, 1H, $J_{2,OH}$ 2.1 Hz, OH); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.6 (Ar), 138.2 (Ar), 128.5 (Ar), 128.0 (Ar), 127.9 (Ar), 127.8 (Ar), 127.7 (Ar), 103.7 (C-1), 84.4 (C-3), 77.5 (C-4), 75.1, 75.0(2), 75.0(0) (C-5, $PhCH_2O \times 2$), 74.6 (C-2), 71.2 (C-6), 59.4 (CH₃O), 57.2 (CH₃O); HRESIMS: Calcd for C₂₂H₂₈O₆Na 411.1778. Found 411.1775. Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₂₈O₆: C, 68.02; H, 7.27. Found: C, 68.11; H, 7.39.

3.41. Methyl 3,4-di-O-benzyl-6-O-methyl- β -D-mannopyranoside (46)

Compound 45 (600 mg, 1.54 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of Me₂SO (5 mL) and Ac₂O (5 mL). After stirring overnight at room temperature, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The remaining residue was dissolved in a mixture of 1:1 CH₂Cl₂-MeOH (10 mL) and cooled to 0 °C (ice-water bath). NaBH₄ (294 mg, 7.72 mmol) was added, and the reaction mixture was allowed to slowly warm to room temperature. After 3 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH2Cl2 and washed with 2% aq citric acid, distilled water and brine. The organic phase was dried (Na₂SO₄), and then concentrated under reduced pressure. Chromatography over silica gel (7:3 hexanes-EtOAc) yielded 46 (508 mg, 85%) as a white solid: R_f 0.14 (1:1 hexanes–EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D$ $-27~(c~0.6,~CHCl_3);~^{1}H~NMR~(500~MHz,~CDCl_3)~\delta~7.27-7.39~(m,$ 10H, ArH), 4.93 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm gem}$ 10.9 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.78 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm gem}$ 11.9 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.69 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.9 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.62 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.0 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.32 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ 1.0 Hz, H-1), 4.09 (m, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ 0.9, $J_{2,3}$ 3.0 Hz, H-2), 3.88 (dd, 1H, $J_{3,4} \approx J_{4,5}$ 9.4 Hz, H-4), 3.68 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6}$ 2.2, J_{gem} 10.7 Hz, H-6a), 3.63 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6}$ 5.0, J_{gem} 10.6 Hz, H-6b), 3.57 (dd, 1H, J_{2,3} 3.1, J_{3,4} 9.1 Hz, H-3), 3.54 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 3.39 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 3.38 (ddd, 1H, J_{4,5} 9.6, J_{5,6} 2.1, 4.9 Hz, H-5), 2.38 (d, 1H, $J_{2,\mathrm{OH}}$ 2.3 Hz, OH); $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl $_3$) δ 138.4 (Ar), 137.9 (Ar), 128.5 (Ar), 128.4 (Ar), 128.1 (Ar), 127.8(8) (Ar), 127.8(4) (Ar), 127.7(6) (Ar), 100.8 (C-1), 81.4 (C-3), 75.2(1) (PhCH₂O), 75.1(5) (C-5), 74.2 (C-4), 71.5(4), 71.4(7) (C-6, PhCH₂O), 68.3 (C-2), 59.4 (CH₃O), 56.9 (CH₃O); HRESIMS: Calcd for C₂₂H₂₈O₆Na 411.1778. Found 411.1782.

3.42. Methyl 2-*O*-acetyl-3,4,6-tri-*O*-benzyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 2)$ -3,4-di-*O*-benzyl-6-deoxy- β -D-mannopyranoside (47)

Monosaccharide acceptor 41 (250 mg, 0.70 mmol) was reacted with 2-O-acetyl-3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate (16) (533 mg, 0.84 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) using TMSOTf (8 µL, 0.04 mmol) under argon at 0 °C, then processed as described for 17. The product was purified by chromatography over silica gel (4:1 hexanes-EtOAc) to give 47 (560 mg, 96%) as a colourless syrup: R_f 0.65 (1:1 hexanes-EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D$ -43 (c 0.8, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.19–7.39, (m, 25H, ArH), 5.13 (dd, 1H, J 8.1, 9.5 Hz, H-2'), 4.99 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 10.8 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.88 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.1 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.82-4.84 (m, 2H, H-1', PhCH₂O), 4.80 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.5 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.76 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.4 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.59 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm gem}$ 10.8 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.52–4.57 (m, 2H, PhCH₂O), 4.51 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.2 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.48 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.1 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.23 (d, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 2.8 Hz, H-2), 4.15 (s, 1H, H-1), 3.74-3.79 (m, 2H, H-3', H-6a'), 3.55-3.67 (m, 3H, H-4', H-5', H-6b'), 3.48 (dd, 1H, $J_{3,4} \approx J_{4,5}$ 9.1 Hz, H-4), 3.43 (s, 3H, CH₃O),

3.41 (dd, 1H, $J_{3,4}$ 9.3 Hz, H-3), 3.24 (dq, 1H, $J_{4,5}$ 9.1, $J_{5,6}$ 6.0 Hz, H-5), 2.03 (s, 3H, $CH_3C(O)O$), 1.32 (d, 3H, $J_{5,6}$ 6.0 Hz, CH_3); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.8 (C=O), 138.8 (Ar), 138.6 (Ar), 138.3 (Ar), 138.1 (Ar), 128.4 (Ar), 128.3(4) (Ar), 128.3(0) (Ar), 128.2 (Ar), 128.1(2) (Ar), 128.1(0) (Ar), 127.8 (Ar), 127.7 (Ar), 127.6 (Ar), 127.5 (Ar), 127.4 (Ar), 101.7 (C-1), 101.1 (C-1'), 83.1 (C-3'), 79.9, 79.8 (C-3, C-4), 78.1 (C-4'), 75.5 (C-2', C-4), 75.5 (C-2', C-1), 71.7 (C-5), 69.9, 69.8 (C-6, C-6, C-1), 56.5 (C-1), 103.5 (C-10), 15.5 Found 855.3715.

3.43. Methyl 3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 2)$ -3,4-di-O-benzyl-6-deoxy- β -D-mannopyranoside (48)

Disaccharide 47 (529 mg, 0.63 mmol) was dissolved in 1:1 CH₂Cl₂-MeOH (20 mL) and treated with 0.5 M CH₂ONa-CH₂OH (5 mL), then processed as described for 18. Purification of the product by chromatography over silica gel (7:3 hexanes-EtOAc) gave **48** (502 mg, quant.) as a colourless syrup: R_f 0.49 (1:1 hexanes-EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D$ -45 (c 0.57, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24-7.44 (m, 23H, ArH), 7.17-7.19 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.09 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.3 Hz, PhCH₂O), 5.00 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 10.8 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.90 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.1 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.87 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 10.9 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.82 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.3 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.61 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 10.8 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.59 (d, 1H, $J_{1',2'}$ 7.9 Hz, H-1'), 4.56 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.4 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.54 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.1 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.49 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.1 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.45 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.0 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.27 (s, 1H, H-1), 4.22 (d, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 3.0 Hz, H-2), 3.75 (dd, 1H, $J_{2',3'}$ 9.0 Hz, H-2'), 3.64-3.72 (m, 3H, H-3', H-6a', H-6b'), 3.52-3.59 (m, 3H, H-4', H-5', H-4), 3.52 (s, 3H, CH_3O), 3.49 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 3.1, $J_{3,4}$ 9.3 Hz, H-3), 3.31 (dq, 1H, $J_{4,5}$ 9.0, $J_{5,6}$ 6.1 Hz, H-5), 1.37 (d, 3H, $J_{5,6}$ 6.1 Hz, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.1 (Ar), 138.6 (Ar), 138.3 (Ar), 138.2 (Ar), 138.1 (Ar), 128.3(4) (Ar), 128.3(0) (Ar), 128.2(8) (Ar), 128.0(7) (Ar), 128.0(6) (Ar), 127.9(6) (Ar), 127.8 (Ar), 127.6(8) (Ar), 127.6(5) (Ar), 127.5(4) (Ar), 127.5(3) (Ar), 127.4 (Ar), 104.7 (C-1'), 101.3 (C-1), 85.3 (C-3'), 80.1, 79.9 (C-3, C-4), 77.3 (C-4', C-5'), 75.5(3), 75.5(2), 75.5(0) (C-2, C-2', PhCH₂O), 75.3 (PhCH₂O), 75.0 (PhCH₂O), 74.8 (C-4', C-5'), 73.4 (PhCH₂O), 71.8 (C-5), 70.4 (PhCH₂O), 69.7 (C-6'), 57.0 (CH₃O), 18.0 (C-6); HRESIMS: Calcd for C₄₈H₅₄O₁₀Na 813.3609. Found 813.3609.

3.44. Methyl 3,4,6-tri-*O*-benzyl- β -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 2)$ -3,4-di-*O*-benzyl-6-deoxy- β -D-mannopyranoside (49)

As described for compound 19, disaccharide 48 (475 mg, 0.60 mmol) was dissolved in freshly distilled Me₂SO (10 mL) and Ac₂O (5 mL). The concentrated reaction mixture was then treated with 1.0 M L-Selectride® in THF (2.4 mL, 2.40 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL) at −78 °C under argon. Purification by column chromatography over silica gel (1:1 hexanes-EtOAc) gave 49 (390 mg, 82%) as a white solid: R_f 0.41 (1:1 hexanes-EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D$ -52 (c 0.71, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.22–7.24 (m, 25H, ArH), 4.96 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.3 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.94 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.2 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.93 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 10.9 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.90 (d, 1H, J_{1',2'} 0.7 Hz, H-1'), 4.85 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm gem}$ 12.0 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.65 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm gem}$ 12.1 Hz, PhC H_2O), 4.60 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm gem}$ 10.8 Hz, PhC H_2O), 4.56 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.0 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.50 (d, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 2.8 Hz, H-2), 4.46 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.4 Hz, PhC H_2O), 4.45 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.0 Hz, PhC H_2O), 4.42 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.0 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.34 (d, $\bar{1}$ H, $J_{2',3'}$ 2.8 Hz, H-2'), 4.26 (s, 1H, H-1), 3.91 (dd, 1H, $J_{3',4'} \approx J_{4',5'}$ 9.3 Hz, H-4'), 3.76 (dd, 1H, $J_{5',6'}$ 2.0, J_{gem} 10.6 Hz, H-6a'), 3.63 (dd, 1H, $J_{5',6'}$ 6.1, J_{gem} 10.5 Hz, H-6b'), 3.58 (dd, 1H, H-3'), 3.44-3.52 (m, 3H, H-5', H-3, H-4), 3.48 (s, 3H, CH_3O), 3.31 (dq, 1H, $J_{4,5}$ 8.7, $J_{5,6}$ 6.0 Hz, H-5), 1.37 (d, 3H, $J_{5,6}$ 6.1 Hz, CH_3); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.4(9) (Ar), 138.4(5) (Ar), 138.2 (Ar), 138.1 (Ar), 128.4 (Ar), 128.3(1) (Ar), 128.2(8) (Ar), 128.2(1) (Ar), 128.2(0) (Ar), 128.1 (Ar), 127.9(Ar), 127.7 (Ar),

127.6(4) (Ar), 127.6(3) (Ar), 127.5(5) (Ar), 127.5(0) (Ar), 102.0 (C-1), 99.1 (C-1'), 81.4 (C-3'), 80.1 (C-3/C-5'), 79.4 (C-4), 75.4 (PhCH₂O), 75.1 (PhCH₂O), 75.0 (C-3/C-5'), 74.4 (C-4'), 73.4 (PhCH₂O), 71.8 (C-5), 70.7 (PhCH₂O), 70.4, 70.1, 70.0 (C-2, C-6', PhCH₂O), 67.7 (C-2'), 57.1 (CH₃O), 18.0 (C-6); HRESIMS: Calcd for $C_{48}H_{54}O_{10}Na$ 813.3609. Found 813.3614. Anal. Calcd for $C_{48}H_{54}O_{10}$: C, 71.90; H, 6.21. Found: C, 71.95; H, 6.22.

3.45. Methyl β -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 2)$ -6-deoxy- β -D-mannopyranoside (6)

Compound **49** (55.0 mg, 0.070 mmol) was dissolved in 1:1 CH₂Cl₂–MeOH (10 mL), then stirred with 10% Pd/C (50 mg) under a H₂ atmosphere. The reduction mixture was then processed as described for **2**. Filtration then lyophilization gave **6** (20.4 mg, 86%) as a clear glass: R_f 0.49 (6:3.5:0.5, CH₂Cl₂–MeOH–H₂O); $[\alpha]_D$ –45 (c 1.1, H₂O); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, D₂O) δ 4.82 (s, 1H, H-1'), 4.61 (s, 1H, H-1), 4.24 (d, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 3.3 Hz, H-2), 4.10 (d, 1H, $J_{2',3'}$ 3.3 Hz, H-2'), 3.92 (dd, 1H, $J_{5',6'}$ 2.3, J_{gem} 12.3 Hz, H-6a'), 3.73 (dd, 1H, $J_{5',6'}$ 6.8, J_{gem} 12.3 Hz, H-6b'), 3.63 (dd, 1H, $J_{2',3'}$ 3.3, $J_{3',4'}$ 9.3 Hz, H-3'), 3.58 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 3.3, $J_{3,4}$ 9.3 Hz, H-3) 3.55 (dd, 1H, $J_{3',4'} \approx J_{4',5'}$ 9.7 Hz, H-4'), 3.51 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 3.34–3.42 (m, 3H, H-5', H-4, H-5), 1.32 (d, 3H, $J_{5,6}$ 5.6 Hz, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, D₂O) δ 102.1 (C-1, ${}^1J_{C1,H1}$ 152.3 Hz, β), 101.3 (C-1', ${}^1J_{C1',H1'}$ 162.7 Hz, β), 78.6 (C-2), 77.2 (C-5'), 73.7, 73.4, 73.2, 72.9 (C-3', C-3, C-4, C-5), 71.2 (C-2'), 67.7 (C-4'), 62.0 (C-6'), 57.9 (CH₃O), 17.5 (C-6); HRESIMS: Calcd for C₁₃H₂₄O₁₀Na 363.1262. Found 363.1261.

3.46. Methyl 2-O-acetyl-3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 2)$ -3,4-di-O-benzyl-6-O-methyl- β -D-mannopyranoside (50)

Monosaccharide acceptor 46 (198 mg, 0.51 mmol) was reacted with 2-O-acetyl-3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate (16) (390 mg, 0.61 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) using TMSOTf (6 μL, 0.03 mmol) under argon at 0 °C. The mixture was then processed as described for 17. The product was purified by chromatography over silica gel (4:1 hexanes-EtOAc) to give 50 (298 mg, 68%) as a colourless syrup: R_f 0.43 (1:1 hexanes–EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D$ –43 (c 0.47, CHCl₃); 1 H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.18–7.37 (m, 25H, ArH), 5.12 (dd, 1H, $J_{1',2'}$ 8.1, $J_{2',3'}$ 9.5 Hz, H-2'), 4.96 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.1 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.89 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.9 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.82 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.5 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.82 (d, 1H, $J_{1',2'}$ 7.9 Hz, H-1'), 4.79 (d, 1H, I_{gem} 11.6 Hz, PhC H_2O), 4.75 (d, 1H, I_{gem} 11.5 Hz, PhC H_2O), 4.55 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 10.9 Hz, PhC H_2O), 4.53 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 10.9 Hz, PhC H_2O), 4.52 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.9 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.48 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.1 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.46 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.9 Hz, PhC H_2O), 4.23 (d, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 2.9 Hz, H-2), 4.19 $(s, 1H, H-1), 3.76 (dd, 1H, J_{2',3'}, 8.2, J_{3',4'}, 9.4 Hz, H-3'), 3.74 (dd, 1H, J_{5',6'}, 9.4 Hz, H-3')$ 1.4, J_{gem} 8.9 Hz, H-6a'), 3.53-3.66 (m, 6H, H-4', H-5', H-6b', H-4, H-6a, H-6b), 3.46-3.48 (m, 4H, H-3, CH_3O), 3.36-3.39 (m, 4H, H-5, CH_3O), 2.03 (s, 3H, $CH_3C(O)O$); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 169.8 (C=O), 138.7 (Ar), 138.5 (Ar), 138.2 (Ar), 138.1 (Ar), 138.0 (Ar), 128.4 (Ar), 128.3(3) (Ar), 128.3(0) (Ar), 128.2(5) (Ar), 128.1(3) (Ar), 128.0(9) (Ar), 128.0 (Ar), 127.8 (Ar), 127.7(2) (Ar), 127.7(1) (Ar), 127.6 (Ar), 127.5(5) (Ar), 127.4(8) (Ar), 101.7 (C-1), 101.1 (C-1'), 83.2 (C-3'), 80.0 (C-3), 78.1 (C-4'/C-5'/C-4), 75.5, 75.2, 74.9, 74.8(2), 74.7(5) (C-4'/C-5'/C-4, C-5, PhCH $_2$ O \times 3), 73.6, 73.5, 72.8, 72.2 (C-2, C-6, C-2', PhCH₂O), 69.8(4), 69.8(0) (C-6', PhCH₂O), 59.3 (CH₃O), 56.7 (CH₃O), 21.1 (CH₃C(O)O); HRESIMS: Calcd for C₅₁H₅₈O₁₂Na 885.3821. Found 885.3811.

3.47. Methyl 3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$ -3,4-di-O-benzyl-6-O-methyl- β -D-mannopyranoside (51)

Disaccharide 50 (281 mg, 0.33 mmol) was dissolved in 1:1 CH₂Cl₂-MeOH (10 mL) and treated with 0.5 M CH₃ONa-CH₃OH

(3 mL), then processed as described for 18. Purification of the product by chromatography over silica gel (7:3 hexanes-EtOAc) gave **51** (257 mg, 96%): R_f 0.31 (1:1 hexanes–EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D$ –42 (c 0.80, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.23–7.43 (m, 23H, ArH), 7.16–7.18 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.08 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.2 Hz, PhC H_2O), 4.97 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 10.9 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.90 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.0 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.86 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 10.9 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.80 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.4 Hz, PhC H_2O), 4.61 (d, 1H, $J_{1',2'}$ 7.8 Hz, H-1'), 4.57 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 10.9 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.55 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.2 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.53 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.0 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.48 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.1 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.44 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.0 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.28 (s, 1H, H-1), 4.23 (d, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 3.2 Hz, H-2), 3.84 (dd, 1H, $J_{3,4} \approx J_{4,5}$ 9.5 Hz, H-4), 3.73 (dd, 1H, $J_{1',2'}$ 8.0, J_{2',3'} 8.9 Hz, H-2'), 3.61-3.71 (m, 5H, H-3', H-6a', H-6b', H-6a, H-6b), 3.51-3.55 (m, 3H, H-4', H-3, H-4), 3.53 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 3.39 (s, 3H, C H_3 O), 3.37 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4,5}$ 9.7, $J_{5,6}$ 2.0, 5.2 Hz, H-5); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.1 (Ar), 138.5 (Ar), 138.2 (Ar), 138.1(3) (Ar), 138.1(1) (Ar), 128.3(5) (Ar), 128.3(2) (Ar), 128.3(0) (Ar), 128.2(5) (Ar), 128.1 (Ar), 128.0(4) (Ar), 128.0(3) (Ar), 127.9 (Ar), 127.8 (Ar), 127.7 (Ar), 127.6 (Ar), 127.5 (Ar), 127.4 (Ar), 104.4 (C-1'), 101.6 (C-1), 85.2 (C-3'), 80.2 (C-3), 77.3 (C-4'/C-5') 75.6, 75.5, 75.3, 75.0, 74.9, 74.8 (C-2', C-4'/C-5', C-2, C-5, PhCH₂O \times 3), 74.4 (C-4), 73.4 (PhCH₂O), 71.7 (C-6), 70.4 (PhCH₂O), 69.7 (C-6'), 59.4 (CH₃O), 57.2 (CH₃O); HRESIMS: Calcd for C₄₉H₅₆O₁₁Na 843.3715. Found 843.3718.

3.48. Methyl 3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl- β -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$ -3,4-di-O-benzyl-G-D-methyl-G-D-mannopyranoside (52)

As described for compound 19, disaccharide 51 (257 mg, 0.31 mmol) was dissolved in freshly distilled Me₂SO (8 mL) and Ac₂O (4 mL). The concentrated reaction mixture was then treated with 1.0 M L-Selectride® in THF (1.3 mL, 1.25 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL) at −78 °C under argon. Purification by column chromatography over silica gel (7:3 hexanes-EtOAc) gave 52 (200 mg, 78%) as a white solid: R_f 0.25 (1:1 hexanes-EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D$ -49 (c 0.62, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37–7.41 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.21-7.34 (m, 21H, ArH), 4.96 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.0 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.93 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 10.7 Hz, PhC H_2 O), 4.91 (d, 1H, $J_{1',2'}$ 0.8 Hz, H-1'), 4.91 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 10.0 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.84 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.1 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.64 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.1 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.56 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 10.9 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.55 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.0 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.50 (d, 1H, J_{2,3} 3.1 Hz, H-2), 4.46 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.5 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.45 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 12.1 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.42 (d, 1H, J_{gem} 11.9 Hz, PhCH₂O), 4.34 (d, 1H, $J_{2',3'}$ 2.9 Hz, H-2'), 4.27 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ 0.7 Hz, H-1), 3.90 (dd, 1H, $J_{3',4'} \approx J_{4',5'}$ 9.3 Hz, H-4'), 3.80 (dd, 1H, $J_{3,4} \approx J_{4,5}$ 9.6 Hz, H-4), 3.76 (dd, 1H, $J_{5',6'}$ 2.0, J_{gem} 10.6 Hz, H-6a'), 3.67 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6}$ 2.0, J_{gem} 10.6 Hz, H-6a), 3.62 (dd, 1H, $J_{5',6'}$ 6.0, J_{gem} 10.7 Hz, H-6b'), 3.61 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6}$ 5.2, J_{gem} 10.7 Hz, H-6b), 3.56 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 3.0, $J_{3,4}$ 9.1 Hz, H-3), 3.54 (dd, 1H, $J_{2',3'}$ 3.4, $J_{3',4'}$ 9.3 Hz, H-3'), 3.49 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4',5'}$ 9.7, $J_{5',6'}$ 1.9, 6.1 Hz, H-5'), 3.48 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 3.38 (s, 3H, CH₃O), 3.36 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4,5}$ 9.8, $J_{5,6}$ 2.0, 5.2 Hz, H-5), 2.78 (br s, 1H, OH); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.4(8) (Ar), 138.4(6) (Ar), 138.2 (Ar), 138.1(4) (Ar), 138.1(1) (Ar), 128.4 (Ar), 128.3(2) (Ar), 128.3(0) (Ar), 128.2(9) (Ar), 128.2(7) (Ar), 128.2 (Ar), 128.1 (Ar), 128.0 (Ar), 127.9 (Ar), 127.7 (Ar), 127.6(4) (Ar), 127.6(1) (Ar), 127.5(2) (Ar), 127.4(9) (Ar), 102.2 (C-1), 99.0 (C-1'), 81.4 (C-3), 80.2 (C-3'), 75.3, 75.2, 75.1, 75.0 (C-5, C-5', PhCH₂O × 2), 74.4 (C-4'), 73.9 (C-4), 73.4 (PhCH₂O), 71.6 (C-6), 70.6 (PhCH₂O), 70.1, 70.0 (C-6', PhCH₂O), 67.7 (C-2'), 59.2 (CH₃O), 57.2 (CH₃O); HRE-SIMS: Calcd for C₄₉H₅₆O₁₁Na 843.3715. Found 843.3705.

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