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Glycosidase inhibition by novel guanidinium and urea iminosugar derivatives

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Novel guanidinium and urea derivatives of 1-deoxynojirimycin were prepared using a concise synthetic protocol and tested against a panel of glycosidases for their inhibitory properties. Potent and selective inhibition was observed with both classes of compounds. Further investigation involving an expanded ¹⁰ series of *N*^G-substituted guanidinium deoxynojirimycin analogues revealed distinct inhibitory profiles in

the inhibition of the glycosidases tested.

Introduction

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- The potent and selective inhibition of glycosidases is an ¹⁵ important goal for the development of therapeutics.¹ Glycosidases cleave the glycosidic bonds in oligosaccharides and glycoconjugates. Their blocking can aid in the treatment of diabetes,² viral infections,³ lysosomal storage diseases,⁴ and cancer.⁵ Iminosugars have been shown to be highly effective 20 inhibitors but their limited selectivity can lead to side effects when applied therapeutically.^{6, 7} It is clear that improving the selectivity of iminosugars as glycosidase inhibitors is an important goal.^{6, 8-12} The effectiveness of the iminosugar as a glycosidase inhibitor in many cases depends on its ability to ²⁵ mimic the relevant transition state in the cleavage process.⁸ Considering the vast rate enhancements of glycosidases, these enzymes bind the transition state with very high affinity. Consequently, a transition state mimic has the potential to be a very strong inhibitor. The mimicry depends on the 30 complementarity with respect to charge and shape. These issues are intimately linked to the hybridization state of the 'anomeric carbon' and the endocyclic oxygen or in case of derivatives of deoxynojirimycin 1 (Figure 1) the nitrogen. These atoms should
- have a considerable sp² character. We here focused on the ³⁵ hybridization aspect by straightforward derivatisation of the nitrogen of deoxynojirimycin **1** to explore new structural motifs for glycosidase inhibition.

Previous investigations employing sp² hybridized inhibitors have yielded promising results. Inhibitors with an sp² hybridized 40 C-1 such as D-gluconolactone **2**,¹³ showed activity indicating the

importance of a somewhat flattened ring, although these

compounds were also limited by the lack of charge complementarity. Compounds with both an sp² hybridized C-1 and an endocyclic nitrogen that is part of an amidine functional ⁴⁵ group as in **3**, showed good activities, although poor selectivity. Based on comparisons with less basic derivatives it was concluded that the flattened conformation was more important than the charge.¹⁴ This notion was supported by weakly basic inhibitors with a flattened ring such as **4**.¹⁵

⁵⁰ Nojirimycin derivatives in which only the endocyclic nitrogen was (partially) sp² hybridized have also been reported.¹⁶⁻¹⁸ In these compounds the endocylic nitrogen is bridged to the C-6 as in 5 by a guanidinium or a related linkage. Compounds of this type have shown good inhibitory properties and tuneable ⁵⁵ selectivities as a function of the hydroxyl configurations around the ring. Our own recently developed synthetic methodology to conveniently transform amines into guanidino groups,¹⁹⁻²¹ enables access to unconstrained derivatives of deoxynojirimycin. Evaluation of such compounds would delineate the effects of ⁶⁰ conformation and charge delocalisation due to the introduction of the guanidinium or its neutral urea counterpart, on glycosidase



Figure 1. 1-Deoxynojirimycin (1) and a series of glycosidase inhibitors with varying degrees of sp^2 hybridization.

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inhibition potency and selectivity. Considering the cyclic framework in which the nitrogen resides, the likely reluctance of the nitrogen to adopt a full sp^2 geometry would have an unpredictable effect on its activity. Furthermore, in comparison s to 5, the free movement of the side chain could also lead to additional preferences. Furthermore, as was shown for sialidase inhibition, introducing guanidinium functions can enhance potency.²²

Results and discussion

¹⁰ Given the unique activities of the compounds described above, we prepared a series of novel analogues of deoxynojirimycin **1** containing alkyl, urea and guanidino substituents at the endocylic nitrogen (Scheme 1). To this end the protected deoxynojirimycin **6** was alkylated by 1-bromohexane and deprotected by ¹⁵ hydrogenation to give **8**. The synthesis of the urea counterpart **9** was accomplished by treatment of **6**²³ with *n*-butyl isocyanate followed by hydrogenolysis giving urea **10**.

The inhibitory activities of **8**, **10** and **13** towards a broad panel of 7 glycosidases were determined. The panel consisted of an α -²⁰ glucosidase, β -glucosidase, α -galactosidase, β -galactosidase, α mannosidase, β -mannosidase and a naringinase. The IC₅₀ values are summarized in Table 1. Deoxynojirimycin **1** was employed as a reference compound. Inhibition assays were performed in either phosphate or acetate buffer at the optimum pH for each ²⁵ enzyme. Determination of IC₅₀ values was carried out by spectrophotometrically measuring the residual hydrolytic



Scheme 1. Synthesis of *N*-alkylated, urea, guanidinium derivatives of deoxynojirimycin 1. **Reagents and conditions:** (a) **6**, 1-bromohexane, K₂CO₃, DMF, 62%; (b) H₂, Pd/C, EtOH, HCl (1M); (c) **6**, n-butyl isocyanate, dimethoxyethane, 70%; (d) **11**, EDCI, NEt₃, CH₂Cl₂, 64%; (e) CbzNCS, CH₂Cl₂, 68%.

Table 1. Glycosidase inhibition values obtained for deoxynojirimycin derivatives.

Enzyme	1	8	10	13
α-galactosidase (green coffee beans)	23 ± 3	251 ± 38	>1000	18 ± 8 View Article Online
β-galactosidase (bovine liver)	>1000	>1000	27 ± 2	15 ± 1
α-glucosidase (baker's yeast)	167 ± 27	134 ± 19	>1000	20 ± 10
β-glucosidase (almonds)	312 ± 62	59 ± 2	>1000	41 ± 5
α-mannosidase (Jack beans)	>1000	>1000	>1000	113 ± 11
β-mannosidase (Helix pomatia)	>1000	>1000	>1000	408 ± 45
Naringinase (<i>Penicilium decumben</i>	$(s)^{33 \pm 4}$	6 ± 3	>1000	>1000

³⁰ IC_{50} values are reported in μM and are averages obtained from triplicate analysis for each compound.

activities of the glycosidases of the appropriate *p*-nitrophenyl ³⁵ glycoside substrate in the presence of a varying concentrations of each iminosugar derivative.²⁴ In this assay, the alkylated compound **8** showed good inhibition of naringinase with an IC₅₀ of 6 μ M. This compound also showed inhibition of β -glucosidase and α -galactosidase, with IC₅₀ values of 59 and 251 μ M ⁴⁰ respectively. The neutral urea derivative **10** displayed selective inhibition of β -galactosidase with an IC₅₀ of 27 μ M (Figure 2), while none of the other glycosidases were inhibited by this compound. Incorporation of the guanidinium group in **13** proved to have a significant effect. With the exception of naringinase, **13** ⁴⁵ displayed more potent inhibition of the glycosidases tested relative to the alkylated analogue **8**. Of particular note is the observation that both α - and β -galactosidase are effectively inhibited by **13** with IC₅₀ values in the low micromolar range.

While the potencies of the guanidinium derivative **13** were ⁵⁰ promising, structural variation of the guanidinium substituent was introduced to study the influence on selectivity. The series of derivatives **14-19** (Figure 3), were synthesized using the same method as for **13** and include alkyl, aryl hydrophilic groups along



Figure 2. Representative data and fitted curves for the inhibition of β -galactosidase (from bovine liver) by compounds 1, 8, 10, and 13 (for complete inhibition data for all glycosidases tested see Supporting Information section).

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Figure 3. N^{G} -substituted guanidinium deoxynojirimycin analogues prepared to examine the effect of various N^{G} -substituents on glycoside inhibition activity (all HCl-salts).

with the bulky adamantyl group. Evaluation of the series of compounds as inhibitors of a panel of glycosidases revealed interesting variations. For the α -galactosidase inhibition only the saturated alkyl chain-containing **13** and **14** showed good 5 inhibition. The same was also true for α -glucosidase and to a lesser extent for α -mannosidase. In contrast most compounds

were able to inhibit β-galactosidase, while the non-guanidino compounds 1 and 8 were not. Looking at the individual compounds it is noticeable that a few compounds such as 14, 18 ¹⁰ and 19 had a preference for one of the tested glycosidases, indicating that the guanidino substituents can be used to direct the selectivity.

Conclusions

In summary, we have successfully devised a straightforward 15 route to a new class of iminosugar derivatives and investigated their ability to inhibit a diverse set of glycosidases. First an alkylated, a urea, and a guanidinium derivative were prepared and their screening against a series of glycosidases showed striking inhibition profiles. Interestingly, the neutral urea derivative 10 $_{20}$ proved to be a very selective β -galactosidase inhibitor. Incorporation of the guanidine moiety in 13 led to enhanced potency against several glycosidases. In order to introduce more selectivity the arginine substituent was varied in a second series of compounds. From this series it was shown that selective 25 compounds such as 14, 18 or 19 could be obtained. This further indicates the promise of the guanidinium motif for the creation of therapeutic glycosidase inhibitors. The guanidinium incorporation seems to alter both the steric and electronic properties of the iminosugar. Its charge is likely more $_{30}$ delocalized than in the case of the *N*-alkylated **8**. Furthermore, due to the degree of sp² hybridization of the ring nitrogen, the ring conformation is likely slightly altered. Taken together these effects result in a potent inhibitory motif for a range of glycosidases that can be introduced using a concise and 35 straightforward synthetic approach. Future efforts will be aimed at exploring the incorporation of the guanidine centre in other iminosugar structures as a means of further enhancing both the potency and selectivity of glycoside inhibition. In addition, future investigations will explore the use of these guanidinium and urea 40 modified iminosugars for inhibiting enzymes of medicinal interest. Targets may include trehalase enzymes for development of antifungal or antibiotic agents,²⁵ α -glucosidases located in the endoplasmic reticulum towards anti-cancer agents,^{17, 26} and targets related to hepatitis,⁶ diabetes,⁶ and Gaucher disease.²⁷

Table 2. Glycosidase inhibition values obtained for N^{G} -substituted guanidinium deoxynojirimycin analogues.

Enzyme	1	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
α-galactosidase (green coffee beans)	23 ± 3	18 ± 8	23 ± 8	>1000	540 ± 46	>1000	>1000	>1000
β-galactosidase (bovine liver)	>1000	15 ± 1	2.6 ± 0.4	>1000	>1000	5.1 ± 0.3	6.2 ± 0.7	5.4 ± 0.4
α-glucosidase (baker's yeast)	167 ± 27	20 ± 10	31 ± 10	251 ± 230	133 ± 34	>1000	>1000	131 ± 23
β-glucosidase (almonds)	312 ± 62	41 ± 5	25 ± 2	>1000	457 ± 42	4.3 ± 0.2	67 ± 3	489 ± 29
α-mannosidase (Jack beans)	>1000	113 ± 11	55 ± 14	>1000	>1000	>1000	>1000	>1000
Naringinase (Penicilium decumben	(33 ± 4)	>1000	67 ± 13	172 ± 96	645 ± 498	27 ± 3	33 ± 6	22 ± 11

 IC_{50} values are reported in μ M and are averages obtained from triplicate analysis for each compound. For ease of comparison, the IC_{50} values obtained for compounds 1 and 13 shown in Table 1 are again included here.

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Experimental Section

General remarks

- **Reagents, solvents and solutions.** Unless stated otherwise, ⁵ chemicals were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification. All solvents were purchased from Biosolve (Valkenswaard, The Netherlands) and were stored on molecular sieves (4Å). 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-benzyl-D-glucopyranose was obtained from Carbosynth Limited (MT06691). 2,3,4,6-tetra-¹⁰ *O*-benzyl-1-deoxynojirimycin **6**,²⁸ and Cbz-NCS¹⁹ were prepared
- as previously described. The preparation of compounds **15**, **16**, and **19** each required access to non-commercial amine building blocks that were prepared according to established literature procedures.^{29-31 28}

Purification Techniques. All reactions and fractions from column chromatography were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) using plates with a UV fluorescent indicator (normal SiO₂, Merck 60 F₂₅₄). One or more of the ²⁰ following methods were used for visualization: 10% H₂SO₄ in MeOH or ninhydrine. Flash chromatography was performed according to the method of Still *et al.* using Merck type 60, 230-400 mesh silica gel. Removal of solvent was performed under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator.

Analytical HPLC runs were performed on a Shimadzu automated HPLC system with a reversed phase column (Alltima, C8, 90Å, 5 μ m, 250x4.6 mm) equipped with an evaporative light scattering detector (PL-ELS 1000, Polymer Laboratories) and a UV/VIS ³⁰ detector operating at 22 and 254 nm. Elution was effected using a gradient of 5% MeCN and 0.1% TFA in H₂O to 5% H₂O and 0.1% TFA in MeCN.

Instrumentation for Compound Characterization. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded at 300 MHz with chemical shifts reported in parts per million (ppm) downfield relative to tetramethylsilane (Me₄Si) or H₂O (δ 4.8). ¹H NMR data are reported in the following order: number of protons, multiplicity (s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet and m, multiplet) and coupling ⁴⁰ constant (*J*) in Hertz (Hz). When appropriate, the multiplicity is preceded by br, indicating that the signal was broad. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 75.5 MHz with chemical shifts reported relative to CDCl₃ δ 77.0. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded using the attached proton test (APT) sequence. All literature ⁴⁵ compounds had ¹H NMR, and mass spectra consistent with the assigned structures.

Experimental Procedures and Data for Compounds 7-19

N-hexyl-2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-benzyl-1-deoxynojirimycin (7). To a solution of 1-DNJ (6) (500 mg, 0.95 mmol) in DMF (5 mL) was added K_2CO_3 (400 mg, 2.86 mmol, 3 eq.) and 1-bromohexane (200 µL, 1.43 mmol, 1.5 eq.). The resulting reaction mixture was refluxed overnight at 85 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed up to rt, filtered, concentrated *in vacuo* and the product was isolated ⁵⁵ via flash chromatography (SiO₂, 1:5 EtOAc/hexane) to yield 7

(363 mg, 62%) of a colorless oil. $\delta_{\rm H}$ (300 MHz; CDCl₃; Me₄Si)

0.87 (t, *CH*₃, *J* = 6.74 Hz, 3H), 1.11 – 1.40 (m, *CH*₂, 8H), 2.19 – 2.31 (m, *CH*₂NH, 2H), 2.51 – 2.68 (m, 2H), 3.09 (m, 1H), 3.43 – 3.70 (m, 5H), 4.41 – 4.98 (m, *CH*₂C_{arom}, 8H), 7.12 – 7.34 (m, ⁶⁰ *CH*_{arom}, 20H). $\delta_{\rm C}$ (75.5 MHz; CDCl₃; Me₄Si) 14.0 (*CH*₃), 22.5 (23.4, 27.1, 31.6 (*CH*₂), 52.3, 54.4 (*CH*₂NH), 72.6, 73.3, 75.1, 75.2 (*CH*₂), 63.6, 78.5, 87.3 (*C*-2, *C*-3, *C*-4, *C*-5), 127.3, 127.4, 127.5, 127.7, 128.2 (*CH*_{arom}), 137.7, 138.5, 139.0 (*C*_q). R_{f} = 0.38 (EtOAc/hexane 1:5). HRMS Calcd for C₄₀H₄₉NO₄ [M+H]⁺, ⁶⁵ 608.3740, found 608.3729.

N-hexyl-1-deoxynojirimycin (8). A suspension of 7 (100 mg, 0.164 mmol) and Pd/C (10%) (100 mg) in EtOH (5 mL) was adjusted to pH = 1 with aqueous HCl (1M). The reaction mixture ⁷⁰ was stirred vigorously under a H₂ (g) atmosphere for 18 h at rt. The reaction mixture was next filtered over celite, washed with EtOH and concentrated to dryness. **8** was obtained after lyophilization as the HCl-salt (47 mg, quant.). $\delta_{\rm H}$ (300 MHz; D₂O) 0.75 (br s, *CH*₃, 3H), 1.20 (br m, *CH*₂, 6H), 1.55 (br s, *CH*₂, 75 2H), 2.73 – 2.84 (m, 2H), 2.95 (s, 1H), 3.06 (s, 1H), 3.32 (m, 2H), 3.46 (m, 1H), 3.51 (br s, 1H), 3.62 – 3.93 (m, 2H). $\delta_{\rm C}$ (75.5 MHz; D₂O) 13.4 (*C*H₃), 22.0, 22.6, 25.8, 30.7 (*C*H₂), 52.9, 53.7, 55.0, 65.3, 67.0, 68.1, 76.7 (*C*H₂NH), *C*-2, *C*-3, *C*-4, *C*-5, *C*-6). HRMS for C₁₂H₂₅NO₄ [M+H]⁺, 248.1862, found 248.1857.

- *N*-1-butylurea-2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-benzyl-1-deoxynojirimycin (9). To a solution of 1-DNJ (6) (200 mg, 0.38 mmol, 1 eq.) in dimethoxyethane (3 mL) was added n-butyl isocyanate (86 μ L, 0.76 mmol, 2 eq.). The resulting reaction mixture was refluxed ⁸⁵ overnight at 90 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed up to rt, concentrated *in vacuo* and the product was isolated via flash chromatography (SiO₂, 2:5 EtOAc/hexane) to yield **9** (168 mg, 70%) as a colorless oil. $\delta_{\rm H}$ (300 MHz; CDCl₃; Me₄Si) 0.82 (t, CH₃, J = 7.01 Hz, 3H), 1.17 1.30 (m, CH₂, 4H), 3.06 3.14 (m, ⁹⁰ CH₂NH, 2H), 3.29 (dd, $J_A = 3.71$ Hz, $J_B = 10.18$ Hz, 1H), 3.53 –
- 3.76 (m, 5H), 3.92 (dd, J_A = 4.68 Hz, J_B = 9.35 Hz, 1H), 3.99 4.05 (m, 1H), 4.44 (d, CH_2C_{arom} , J = 2.75 Hz, 2H), 4.47 (s, CH_2C_{arom}), 1H), 4.52 (d, J = 2.75 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (s, CH_2C_{arom} , 1H), 4.62 (s, CH_2C_{arom} , 1H), 4.70 and 4.74 (2 x d, CH_2C_{arom} , 2 x 95 1H), 5.47 (t, J = 5.23 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.36 (m, CH_{arom} , 20H). δ_C (75.5 MHz; CDCl₃; Me4Si) 13.7 (CH₃), 19.9, 31.8 (CH₂), 40.5, 40.6 (CH₂NH), 70.8, 71.0, 72.8, 73.3 (CH₂), 56.9, 75.8, 78.8, 82.1 (C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5), 127.6, 127.7, 127.9, 128.2 (CH_{arom}), 137.4, 137.8, 137.9, 138.0 (C_q), 159.2 (NHC(O)). R_f = 0.40 100 (EtOAc/hexane 2:1). HRMS Calcd for C₃₉H₄₆N₂O₅ [M+H]⁺, 623.3485, found 623.3471.

N-1-butylurea-1-deoxynojirimycin (10). A suspension of 9 (168 mg, 0.27 mmol) and Pd/C (10%) (168 mg) in EtOH (5 mL) was adjusted to pH = 1 with aqueous HCl (2M). The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously under a H₂ (g) atmosphere for 18 h at rt. The reaction mixture was next filtered over celite, washed with EtOH and concentrated *in vacuo*. 10 was obtained after lyophilization as the HCl-salt (81 mg, quant.). $\delta_{\rm H}$ (300 MHz; 110 D₂O) 0.89 (t, *CH*₃, 3H), 1.35 (m, *CH*₂, 2H), 1.48 (m, *CH*₂, 2H), 3.14 – 3.21 (m, *CH*₂NH, 2H), 3.41 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (br s, 1H), 3.72 – 3.86 (m, 6H). $\delta_{\rm C}$ (75.5 MHz; D₂O) 13.3 (*CH*₃), 19.6, 31.6 (*CH*₂), 40.4, 44.2 (*CH*₂NH), 60.0, 68.7, 71.1, 74.0 (*C*-2, *C*-3, *C*-4, *C*-5, *C*-6), 160.5 (NH*C*(O)). HRMS Calcd for

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$C_{11}H_{22}N_2O_5 [M+H]^+$, 263.1607, 263.1583.

- N-(benzyloxycarbonyl) N'-(butyl) thiourea (11). A solution of n-butylamine (309 µL, 3.12 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) was 5 treated with a solution of Cbz-NCS (5 mL, 0.5M in CH₂Cl₂). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at rt. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the product was isolated via flash chromatography (SiO₂, EtOAc/hexane 1:6) to yield 11 (456 mg, 68%) as a white powder. $\delta_{\rm H}$ (300 MHz; CDCl₃;
- ¹⁰ Me₄Si) 0.93 (t, CH₃, 3H), 1.26 1.41 (m, CH₂, 2H), 1.44 1.66 (m, CH₂, 2H), 3.62 (q, NHCH₂, 2H), 5.13 (s, CH₂C_{arom}, 2H), 7.26 - 7.40 (m, CH_{arom}, 5H), 8.80 (br s, NH, 1H), 9.66 (br s, NH, 1H). δ_C (75.5 MHz; CDCl₃; Me₄Si) 13.5 (CH₃), 19.8, 30.0 (CH₂), 45.1 (NHCH₂), 67.6 (CH₂C_{arom}), 127.5, 127.8, 128.1, 128.4, 128.7,
- 15 128.8 (CH_{arom}), 134.4 (C_q), 152.5 (NHC(S)NH), 178.7 (NHC(O)). $R_f = 0.55$ (EtOAc/hexane 1:5). HRMS Calcd for $C_{13}H_{18}N_2O_2S$ [M+H]⁺, 267.1167, found 267.1155.
- N'-(butyl) *N*-(benzyloxycarbonyl) 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyl-20 deoxynojirimycin (12). Thiourea 11 (305 mg, 1.14 mmol, 2 eq.) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) was treated with 1-DNJ (6) (300 mg, 0.57 mmol, 1 eq.), EDCI (220 mg, 1.14 mmol, 2 eq.) and Et₃N (160 µL, 1.14 mmol, 2 eq.). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred for 18 h at rt. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo and 25 the product was isolated via flash chromatography (SiO2, EtOAc/hexane 1:3 \rightarrow 1:2 \rightarrow 1:1 \rightarrow 2:1) to yield 12 (270 mg, 64%) as a colorless oil. $\delta_{\rm H}$ (300 MHz; CDCl₃; Me₄Si) 0.77 (t, CH_3 , J = 7.15 Hz, 3H), 1.08 - 1.32 (m, CH_2 , 4H), 2.93 - 3.04 and 3.06 - 3.14 (2 x m, CH₂NH, 2 x 1H), 3.43 (dd, $J_A = 3.2$ Hz, $J_B =$ 30 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.59 - 3.79 (m, 6H), 3.98 - 4.03 (m, 1H), 4.40 (s, CH_2C_{arom} , 2H, 4.47 and 4.51 (2 x d, CH_2C_{arom} , J = 6.85 Hz, 2 x 1H), 4.61 (s, CH₂C_{arom}, 2H), 4.64 and 4.68 (2 x d, CH₂C_{arom}, 2 x 1H), 5.09 and 5.16 (2 x d, CH_2C_{arom} , J = 12.65 Hz, 2 x 1H), 7.20 – 7.42 (m, CH_{arom}, 25H). δ_C (75.5 MHz; CDCl₃; Me₄Si) 13.5 35 (CH₃), 19.7, 31.5 (CH₂), 43.5, 44.3 (CH₂NH), 66.4, 69.7, 71.1, 72.6, 72.9, 73.2 (CH₂), 58.5, 75.2, 77.6, 80.4 (C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5), 127.2, 127.6, 127.8, 128.0, 128.3 (CH_{arom}), 137.4, 137.7, 137.9 (C_q), 160.8 (NHC(O)), 162.9 (NHC(N). $R_f = 0.59$ (EtOAc/hexane 1:1). HRMS Calcd for $C_{47}H_{53}N_3O_6$ [M+H]⁺, 40 756.4013, found 756.3996.

N-1-butylguanidine-1-deoxynojirimycin (13). A suspension of 12 (75 mg, 0.1 mmol) and Pd/C (10%) (75 mg) in EtOH (5 mL) was adjusted to pH = 1 with aqueous HCl (1M). The reaction ⁴⁵ mixture was stirred vigorously under a H₂ (g) atmosphere for 18 h at rt. The reaction mixture was next filtered over celite, washed with EtOH and concentrated in vacuo. 13 was obtained after lyophilization as the HCl-salt (30 mg, quant.). $\delta_{\rm H}$ (300 MHz; D_2O) 0.93 (t, CH_3 , J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.35 – 1.43 (m, CH_2 , 2H), 50 1.60 - 1.64 (m, CH2, 2H), 3.28 - 3.33 (m, NCH2, 2H), 3.60 and 3.68 (2 x s, 2 x 2H), 3.85 - 3.99 (m, 4H). δ_C (75.5 MHz; D_2O) 12.7 (CH₃), 30.0, 42.0, 45.2 (CH₂), 59.2 (CH₂), 63.7, 68.0, 70.4, 72.9 (C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5). HRMS Calcd for $C_{11}H_{23}N_3O_4$ [M+H]⁺, 262.1767, found 262.1771.

General one-pot procedure for the preparation of $N^{\rm G}$ substituted guanidine modified DNJ derivatives 14-19. In the preparation of compounds 14-19 a one-pot procedure was

employed to generate the fully protected $N^{\rm G}$ -substituted guanidine 60 modified DNJ derivatives. In this procedure, the primary amine of interest was first converted to the corresponding thiourea by treatment with an equimolar quantity Cbz-NCS. Formation of the thiourea is generally complete within minutes and can be followed via TLC. A two-fold excess of the thiourea was then 65 directly activated with EDCI/NEt₃ and treated with DNJ building block 6 to yield protected N^{G} -substituted guanidine modified DNJ

derivatives 14a-19a. Global deprotection of the intermediate protected compounds was achieved via hydrogenation over 10% Pd/C in slightly acidic media to yield final products 14-19. As an 70 example, the preparation of compounds 14a and 14 are provided below.

N-(benzyloxycarbonyl) N'-(octyl) 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyldeoxynojirimycin (14a). A solution of Octylamine (198 mL, 1.2 75 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) was treated with a equimolar quantity of Cbz-NCS (delivered as 2.4 mL of a 0.5 M solution in CH₂Cl₂). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at RT at which point TLC indicated complete conversion to the thiourea. To the crude thiourea was added the protected DNJ building 80 block 6 (314 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1 eq.), EDCI (230 mg, 1.2 mmol, 2 eq.) and Et₃N (167 µL, 1.2 mmol, 2 eq.). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred for 18 h at rt. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the residue applied directly to a silica column. The product was isolated by eluting with a gradient of ss EtOAc/hexane (1:2 \rightarrow 1:1 \rightarrow 2:1) to yield the fully protected 14a (255 mg, 52%) as a colorless oil. $\delta_{\rm H}$ (300 MHz; CDCl₃; Me₄Si) 0.90 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.06 - 1.37 (m, 12H), 2.93 - 3.19 (m, 2H), 3.45 (dd, $J_A = 3.2$ Hz, $J_B = 13.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.59 - 3.83 (m, 6H), 4.04 (q, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (s, 2H), 4.50 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 90 1H), 4.54 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.61 – 4.71 (m, 4H), 5.08 – 5.22 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.46 (m, 25H). δ_C (75.5 MHz; CDCl₃; Me₄Si) 14.4, 22.9, 27.0, 29.4, 29.9, 32.0, 44.3, 44.7, 59.0, 66.8, 70.1, 71.6, 73.0, 73.4, 73.7, 75.7, 78.1, 81.0, 127.6, 128.2, 128.4,

128.6, 137.8, 138.1, 138.2, 138.3, 161.2, 163.3. HRMS Calcd for $_{95}$ C₅₁H₆₁N₃O₆ [M+H]⁺, 812.4633, found 812.4637.

N-1-octylguanidine-1-deoxynojirimycin (14). A suspension of fully protected 14a (103 mg, 123 µmol) and Pd/C (10%) (100 mg) in EtOH (5 mL) was adjusted to pH = 1 with aqueous HCl $_{100}$ (1M). The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously under a H₂ (g) atmosphere for 18 h at rt. The reaction mixture was next filtered over celite, washed with EtOH and concentrated in vacuo. 14 was obtained after lyophilization as the HCl-salt (44 mg, quant.). $\delta_{\rm H}$ (500 MHz; D₂O) 0.74 – 0.86 (t, 3H), 1.16 – 1.34 (m, 12H), 1.50 – 105 1.62 (m, 2H), 3.17 - 3.26 (m, 2H), 3.50 - 3.55 (m, 2H), 3.60 (d, 2H), 3.76 - 3.82 (m, 2H), 3.82 - 3.90 (m, 2H). δ_{HSOC} (500 MHz; D₂O) 28.0, 40.3, 45.6, 36.6, 42.5, 42.8, 56.8, 59.8, 82.6, 87.5, 73.8, 78.3, 85.0. LRMS Calcd for $C_{15}H_{32}N_3O_4$ [M+H]⁺, 318.24, found 318.50.

N-(benzyloxycarbonyl) N'-(2-2-(benzyloxy)ethoxy)ethyl) 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyl-deoxynojirimycin (15a). As described above for compound 14a, working at a 0.6 mmol scale (relative to protected DNJ building block 6), 15a (499 mg, 95%) was 115 obtained as a colorless oil. $\delta_{\rm H}$ (300 MHz; CDCl₃; Me₄Si) 3.20 – 3.47 (m, 5H), 3.49 (s, 4H), 3.58 - 3.68 (m, 2H), 3.69 - 3.82 (m,

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4H), 4.05 – 4.17 (m, 1H), 4.42 (s, 2H), 4.45 – 4.52 (m, 4H), 4.58 (s, 2H), 4.64 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.18 – 7.47 (m, 30H). $\delta_{\rm C}$ (75.5 MHz; CDCl₃; Me₄Si) 43.7, 44.5, 58.9, 66.9, 68.8, 69.8, 71.5, 72.9, 73.0, 73.3, 73.5, 75.5, 78.0, 80.9, S = 127.9, 128.0, 128.1, 128.2, 128.4, 128.6, 137.9, 138.1, 138.3, 160.7, 162.9. HRMS Calcd for $C_{54}H_{59}N_3O_8$ [M+H]⁺, 878.4375, found 878.4413.

N-1-(2-(2-hydroxyethoxy)ethyl)guanidine-1-deoxynojirimycin ¹⁰ (15). 15a (103 mg, 117 μmol) was deprotected as described above for the preparation of 14 to yield 15 as the HCl-salt (39 mg, quant.). $\delta_{\rm H}$ (500 MHz; D₂O) 3.46 (t, 2H), 3.53 – 3.58 (m, 2H), 3.58 – 3.64 (m, 4H), 3.64 – 3.73 (m, 4H), 3.78 – 3.85 (m, 2H), 3.85 – 3.92 (m, 2H). $\delta_{\rm HSQC}$ (500 MHz; D₂O) 57.1, 60.0, 73.8, ¹⁵ 74.9, 78.6, 82.6, 83.8, 85.0, 86.4, 87.5. LRMS Calcd for C₁₁H₂₄N₃O₆ [M+H]⁺, 294.17, found 294.35.

N-(benzyloxycarbonyl) *N*'-(2-(benzyloxy)ethyl) 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-benzyl-deoxynojirimycin (16a). As described above for compound 14a, working at a 0.6 mmol scale (relative to protected DNJ building block 6), 16a (403 mg, 80%) was obtained as an yellowish oil. $\delta_{\rm H}$ (300 MHz; CDCl₃; Me₄Si) 3.21 – 3.34 (m, 1H), 3.36 – 3.49 (m, 4H), 3.58 – 3.82 (m, 6H), 4.04 – 4.19 (m, 1H), 4.39 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 4.48 (dd, *J*_A = 3.6 Hz, *J*_B = 11.6, 2H), 25 4.60 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 4.62 – 4.69 (m, 2H), 5.10 – 5.24 (m, 2H), 7.14 – 7.51 (m, 30H). $\delta_{\rm C}$ (75.5 MHz; CDCl₃; Me₄Si) 43.6, 44.6, 58.8, 66.9, 69.6, 69.8, 70.4, 71.4, 72.9, 73.3, 73.4, 73.5, 75.4, 78.0, 80.9, 128.0, 128.1, 128.2, 128.4, 128.5, 128.6, 138.0, 138.1, 138.3, 138.4, 160.7, 162.9. HRMS Calcd for C₅₂H₅₅N₃O₇ ³⁰ [M+H]⁺, 834.4113, found 834.4135.

N-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)guanidine-1-deoxynojirimycin (16). The protected intermediated 16a (102 mg, 123 μmol) was deprotected as described above for the preparation of 14. Compound 16 was ³⁵ thus obtained as the HCl-salt (35 mg, quant.). $\delta_{\rm H}$ (500 MHz; D₂O) 3.36 – 3.42 (m, 2H), 3.50 – 3.58 (m, 2H), 3.58 – 3.65 (m, 2H), 3.65 – 3.75 (m, 2H), 3.77 – 3.93 (m, 4H). $\delta_{\rm HSQC}$ (500 MHz; D₂O) 59.2, 59.9, 73.8, 74.7, 78.5, 82.6, 84.9, 87.4. LRMS Calcd for C₉H₂₀N₃O₅ [M+H]⁺, 250.14, found 250.35.

- *N*-(benzyloxycarbonyl) *N*'-(benzyl) 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-benzyl-deoxynojirimycin (17a). As described above for compound 14a, working at a 0.6 mmol scale (relative to protected DNJ building block 6), 17a (433 mg, 91%) was obtained as a colorless oil. δ_H 45 (300 MHz; CDCl₃; Me₄Si) 3.44 3.53 (m, 1H), 3.61 3.70 (m, 2H), 3.74 (m, 2H), 3.78 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 4.04 4.12 (m, 1H), 4.20 4.34 (m, 2H), 4.37 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 4.48 (dd, *J_A* = 2.3 Hz, *J_B* = 11.6 Hz, 2H), 4.55 4.69 (m, 4H), 5.09 5.25 (m, 2H),
- 7.06-7.56 (m, 30H). δ_C (75.5 MHz; CDCl₃; Me₄Si) 44.8, 48.1, $_{50}$ 59.0, 67.0, 69.8, 71.6, 72.9, 73.3, 73.5, 75.4, 80.4, 128.0, 128.6, 137.8, 138.0, 138.2, 161.1, 163.0. HRMS Calcd for $C_{50}H_{51}N_3O_6$ $\left[M+H\right]^+$, 790.3851, found 790.3839.
- *N*-1-benzylguanidine-1-deoxynojirimycin (17). The protected ⁵⁵ intermediated 17a (99 mg, 125 μ mol) was deprotected as described above for the preparation of 14. Compound 17 was thus obtained as the HCl-salt (41 mg, quant.). $\delta_{\rm H}$ (500 MHz; D₂O) 3.29 (s, 1H), 3.51 – 3.60 (m, 2H), 3.60 – 3.67 (m, 2H), 3.74 –

 $\begin{array}{l} 3.81 \ (m, \ 1H), \ 3.83 \ - \ 3.94 \ (m, \ 2H), \ 4.42 \ - \ 4.54 \ (m, \ 2H), \ 7.30 \ - \\ 60 \ 7.42 \ (m, \ 5H). \ \delta_{HSQC} \ (500 \ MHz; \ D_2O) \ 59.8, \ 60.2, \ 63.4, \ 73.7, \ 78.3, \\ 82.6, \ 84.7, \ 87.2, \ 141.6, \ 142.6, \ 143.5. \ LRMS \ Calcd \ for \\ C_{14}H_{22}N_3O_4 \ [M+H]^+, \ 296.16, \ found \ 296.10. \end{array}$

N-(benzyloxycarbonyl) N'-(3-phenylpropyl) 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-

- ⁶⁵ benzyl-deoxynojirimycin (18a). As described above for compound 14a, working at a 0.6 mmol scale (relative to protected DNJ building block 6), 18a (476 mg, 97%) was obtained as a colorless oil. δ_H (300 MHz; CDCl₃; Me₄Si) 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.87 (m, 1H), 2.47 (dd, J_A = 6.5 Hz, J_B = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 2.98 3.27 (m, 70 2H), 3.47 (dd, J_A = 3.1 Hz, J_B = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 3.63 3.86 (m, 8H), 4.03 4.12 (m, 1H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 4.53 (dd, J_A = 5.5 Hz, J_B = 11.5 Hz, 2H), 4.61 4.73 (m, 4H), 5.08 5.25 (m, 2H), 6.95 7.68 (m, 30H). δ_C (75.5 MHz; CDCl₃; Me₄Si) 25.9, 31.7, 33.3, 43.8, 44.7, 59.0, 66.9, 68.2, 70.1, 71.6, 73.0, 73.3, 73.7, 75.6, 78.0, 80.6, 126.1, 127.7, 128.0, 128.1, 128.2, 128.5, 128.6, 128.7, 137.8, 138.1, 138.2, 138.3, 141.5, 161.3, 163.3. HRMS Calcd for C₅₂H₅₅N₃O₆ [M+H]⁺, 818.4164, found 818.4155.
- *N*-1-(3-phenylpropyl)guanidine-1-deoxynojirimycin (18). The ⁸⁰ protected intermediated 18a (100 mg, 122 μmol) was deprotected as described above for the preparation of 14. Compound 18 was thus obtained as the HCl-salt (42 mg, quant.). $\delta_{\rm H}$ (300 MHz; D₂O) 1.89 – 2.05 (m, 2H), 2.73 (t, 2H), 3.24 – 3.39 (m, 2H), 3.52 (d, 2H), 3.60 – 3.69 (m, 2H), 3.75 – 3.98 (m, 4H), 7.25 – 7.43 (m, ⁸⁵ 5H). $\delta_{\rm C}$ (75.5 MHz; D₂O) 29.4, 32.0, 41.6, 45.1, 48.8, 59.2, 63.7, 68.0, 70.3, 72.8, 126.2, 128.4, 128.7, 141.4, 158.0, 163.2. LRMS Calcd for C₁₆H₂₆N₃O₄ [M+H]⁺, 324.19, found 324.10.
- *N*-(benzyloxycarbonyl) *N*'-(3-adamantylpropyl) 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-benzyl-deoxynojirimycin (19a). As described above for compound 14a, working at a 0.45 mmol scale (relative to protected DNJ building block 6), 19a (379 mg, 94%) was obtained as a colorless oil. δ_H (300 MHz; CDCl₃; Me₄Si) 2.87 (s, 2H), 3.11 3.23 (m, 2H), 3.24 3.33 (m, 2H), 3.44 (dd, J_A = 3.1
 ⁹⁵ Hz, J_B = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 3.59 3.81 (m, 6H), 4.01 4.11 (m, 1H), 4.41 (s, 2H), 4.51 (dd, J_A = 4.3 Hz, J_B = 11.6 Hz, 2H), 4.59 4.71 (m, 4H), 5.07 5.20 (m, 2H), 7.19 7.45 (m, 25H). δ_C (75.5 MHz; CDCl₃; Me₄Si) 28.4, 29.9, 34.4, 37.4, 39.9, 41.9, 66.9, 69.6, 71.5, 73.1, 73.3, 73.6, 75.5, 78.1, 81.2, 82.5, 128.0, 128.1, 100 128.2, 128.4, 128.5, 128.6, 137.9, 138.2, 138.3, 161.0, 163.0. HRMS Calcd for C₅₇H₆₇N₃O₇ [M+H]⁺, 906.5052, found 906.5039.
- *N*-1-(3-adamantylpropyl)guanidine-1-deoxynojirimycin (19). ¹⁰⁵ The protected intermediated **19a** (99 mg, 109 μmol) was deprotected as described above for the preparation of **14.** Compound **19** was thus obtained as the HCl-salt (49 mg, quant.). $\delta_{\rm H}$ (500 MHz; D₂O) 1.21 (t, 1H), 1.46 (s, 6H), 1.54 – 1.70 (m, 6H), 1.77 – 1.86 (m, 2H), 1.88 (s, 3H), 2.98 – 3.02 (s, 2H), 3.25 – ¹¹⁰ 3.41 (m, 2H), 3.44 – 3.53 (m, 2H), 3.52 – 3.57 (m, 2H), 3.62 (s, 2H), 3.75 – 3.84 (m, 2H), 3.84 – 3.92 (m, 2H). $\delta_{\rm HSQC}$ (500 MHz; D₂O) 42.6, 42.7, 51.3, 53.7, 53.8, 59.8, 61.2, 63.4, 73.8, 78.5, 82.6, 82.2, 87.7, 84.8, 96.4. LRMS Calcd for C₂₁H₃₈N₃O₅ [M+H]⁺, 412.28, found 412.20.

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General Procedure for Enzyme Inhibition Assays

Glycosidases used in the inhibition studies were purchased from Sigma; α -galactosidase (from *green coffee beans*; G8507), β -galactosidase (from *bovine liver*; G1875), α -glucosidase (from

- s bakers yeast; G5003), β-glucosidase (from almonds; G4511), αmannosidase (from Jack beans; M7257), β-mannosidase (from Helix pomatia; M9400) and Naringinase (from Penicillium decumbens; N1385). The corresponding p-nitrophenyl glycosides substrates were purchased from Carbosynth Limited.
- Inhibition assays were performed in either phosphate or acetate buffer at the optimum pH for each enzyme. Determination of the IC_{50} values of the iminosugars were carried out by spectrophotometrically measuring the residual hydrolytic activities of the glycosidases on the corresponding *p*-nitrophenyl
- ¹⁵ glycosides substrate in the presence of a concentration range of iminosugar derivatives. The incubation mixture consisted of 15 μ L of inhibitor solution in water (0.1 U/mL) and 15 μ L of enzyme solution. The concentrations of the enzyme were adjusted so that the reading for the final absorbance was in the range of 0.5 $_{20} 1.5$ units.
- Inhibitor and enzyme solutions were mixed in a disposable 96well microtiter plate and then incubated at room temperature for 5 minutes. Next the reactions were initiated by addition of 75 μ L of a solution of the corresponding *p*-nitrophenyl glycosides substrate ²⁵ solution in the appropriate buffer at the optimum pH for the enzyme. After the reaction mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 30 min, the reaction was quenched with 0.5M Na₂CO₃ (240 μ L) and the absorbance of 4-nitrophenol released from the substrate was read immediately at 405 nm using a BioTek μ Quant Microplate ³⁰ Spectrophotometer.
- IC₅₀ values were determined as a concentration of the iminosugars that inhibits 50% of the enzyme activity under the assay conditions. IC₅₀ values were determined graphically with GraphPad Prism (version 5.0) by making a plot of percentage ³⁵ inhibition versus the log of inhibitor concentration, using at least

8 different inhibitor concentrations (triplicate).

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