Fluorinated carbohydrates as potential plasma membrane modifiers. Synthesis of 3-deoxy-3-fluoro derivatives of 2-acetamido-2-deoxy-D-hexopyranoses *

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ABSTRACT

Treatment of benzyl 2-acetamido-4,6-*O*-benzylidene-2-deoxy- α -D-allopyranoside with diethylaminosulfur trifluoride or of the 3-*O*-mesyl derivative with tetrabutylammonium fluoride gave the 2,3-unsaturated compound instead of the expected 3-deoxy-3-fluoro derivative. The latter was obtained when benzyl 2-acetamido-4,6-di-*O*-benzyl-2-deoxy-3-*O*-mesyl- α -D-allopyranoside was treated with potassium fluoride. Methyl 2-azido-4,6-*O*-benzylidene-2-deoxy- α -D-altopyranoside was converted into the 2-acetamido- and 2-phthalimido-3-*O*-mesyl derivatives; when treated with fluoride nucleophile, these gave only the 2,3-aziridine derivative. However, treatment of the 2-azido-2-deoxy derivative with diethylaminosulfur trifluoride gave methyl 2-azido-2,3-dideoxy-3-fluoro- α -D-mannopyranoside which, after reduction, deprotection, and acetylation, gave the acetylated derivative of methyl 2-acetamido-2,3-dideoxy-3-fluoro- α -D-mannopyranoside in excellent yield. These acetylated 3-fluoro derivatives exhibited inhibition of cell growth of murine L1210 leukemia cells in culture at micromolar concentrations.

INTRODUCTION

The modification and inhibition of cell surface glycoconjugates may lead to the alteration of immunogenicity, tumorogenicity, and metastatic potential of cancer cells¹⁻⁴. The preferred target of such molecular modification is the plasma-membrane component, sialic acid⁵, and such biosynthetic precursors as 2-acetamido-2-deoxy-D-mannose, the 6-phosphate of which is an obligatory intermediate in the biosynthesis of sialic acid^{6,7}.

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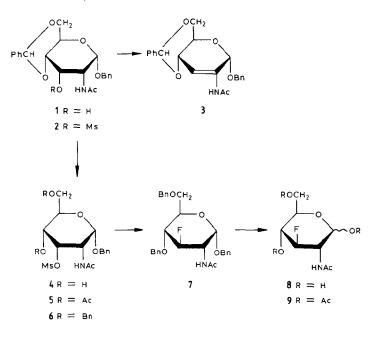
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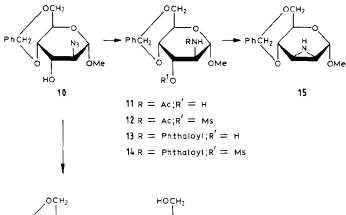
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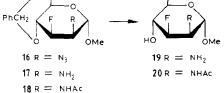
Several derivatives of 2-amino-2,6-dideoxy-6-fluorohexoses were synthesized in our laboratory^{8,9}, and their biological effects, such as inhibition of cell growth, biosynthetic macromolecular incorporation, and antitumor properties were evaluated. Substitution of the secondary hydroxyl groups by a fluorine atom appears to lead to biochemically effective sugar analogs, since these hydroxyl groups are involved in the oligosaccharide linkage in cell surface glycoconjugates. Substitution of OH-4 by a fluorine atom in 2-acetamido-2-deoxy-D-hexoses¹⁰ gave biologically potent derivatives. Substitution of OH-3 of 2-acetamido-2-deoxy-D-hexoses with a fluorine atom may also give effective inhibitors or modifiers of cell surface glycoconjugates, and their synthesis and biological activity are reported herein.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The usual substitution of OH-3 or OMs-3 on suitably protected 2-acetamido-2deoxyhexoses through a $S_N 2$ displacement reaction by N,N-diethylaminosulfur trifluoride (DAST) or other fluoride ions did not lead to the target product as expected, but rather yielded the 3-deoxy-2,3-unsaturated derivative. Thus, when benzyl 2-acetamido-4,6-O-benzylidene-2-deoxy-3-O-mesyl- α -D-allopyranoside¹¹ (2) was treated with tetrabutylammonium fluoride or potassium fluoride, the major product (3) was obtained in 75% yield. The same product was obtained when benzyl 2-acetamido-4,6-O-benzylidene-2-deoxy- α -D-allopyranoside¹¹ (1) was treated with DAST. Compound 2 was hydrolyzed with aqueous acetic acid to give 4, and benzylation gave benzyl 2-acetamido-4,6-di-O-benzyl-2-deoxy-3-O-mesyl-α-D-allopyranoside (6). Treatment of 6 with potassium fluoride in 1.2-ethanediol led to benzyl 2-acetamido-4,6-di-O-benzyl-2,3-dideoxy-3-fluoro- α -D-glucopyranoside (7) only in 10% yield. Catalytic hydrogenolysis of 7 gave 8, which was acetylated into 2-acetamido-1,4,6-tri-O-acetyl-2,3-dideoxy- α -D-glucopyranose (9). Since a large quantity of the 3-fluoro derivative was needed, we selected an alternative method for the synthesis of the related 2-acetamido-2,3-dideoxy-3-fluorohexose 20. Benzyl 2-azido-4,6-*O*-benzylidene-2,3-dideoxy-3-fluoro- α -D-mannopyranoside¹² was synthesized in several steps, and a similar, but simplified procedure was used for the synthesis of the 3-azido-2,3-dideoxy-3-fluoro-p-mannose derivative, Methyl 2azido-4,6-O-benzylidene- α -D-altropyranoside¹³ (10) was treated with DAST in benzene at 80°C to give the 3-deoxy-3-fluoro derivative 16 as the only product isolated. When methyl 2-acetamido-4,6-O-benzylidene-2-deoxy- α -D-altropyranoside (11) was treated with diethylaminosulfur trifluoride, only the aziridine derivative 15 was obtained. This compound was also obtained when the mesyl derivative 12 was treated with tetrabutylammonium fluoride in acetonitrile or with potassium fluoride in 1,2-ethanediol. Again when methyl 2-amino-4,6-O-benzvlidene-2-deoxy- α -D-altropyranoside¹³ was converted to the 2-phthalimido-3-O-mesyl derivative¹⁴ 14 and treated with a fluoride nucleophile, only methyl 4,6-O-benzylidene-2,3-dideoxy-2,3-imino- β -D-mannopyranoside¹⁵ (15) was obtained. Compound 16 was converted by catalytic reduction of the azido group into 17, which was subsequently







N-acetylated to give **18**. Catalytic hydrogenolysis of **18**, or hydrolysis with aqueous acetic acid afforded **19** in very good yield, and this was acetylated to give methyl 2-acetamido-4,6-di-*O*-acetyl-2,3-dideoxy-3-fluoro- α -D-mannopyranoside (**20**).

The compounds synthesized were tested as inhibitors of growth of murine L1210 leukemia cells in culture. Compounds **9** and **20** were found to reduce tumor cell growth by 50% at 2.7 and $4.3 \cdot 10^{-5}$ M, respectively (ID₅₀). In the preclinical therapeutic evaluation in vivo, these compounds were found to be relatively inactive with only a nominal increase in life span (14% ILS at 100 mg kg⁻¹)¹⁶ in DBA/2J mice with L1210 leukemia. However, the peracetylated derivative **9** caused a specific dose dependent decrease in [³H]glucosamine incorporation. At a concentration of 0.1 mM, incorporation of [³H]glucosamine in L1210 leukemia cell was decreased by 41%, and that of [³H]thymidine by only 7%¹⁷. These results suggest a specific inhibitory action on glycoconjugate biosynthesis.

EXPERIMENTAL

General methods.—Melting points (uncorrected) were determined by the capillary method. Optical rotations were measured for a 10-cm cell with a Perkin-Elmer 141 Polarimeter. IR spectra were recorded with a Perkin–Elmer model 457 spectrometer and ¹H NMR spectra (δ values) with Varian 390 and XL100 instruments, the latter operating in the FT mode. ¹³C NMR and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded with a Varian XL100 instrument. Column chromatography was performed on Silica Gel Bio-Sil (100–200 mesh; Bio-Rad) and TLC on an Analtech Uniplate Silica Gel GF-250. The spots were detected with 10% H₂SO₄ in MeOH at 100°C.

Benzyl 2-acetamido-4,6-O-benzylidene-2,3-dideoxy-α-D-erythro-hex-2-enopyranoside (3).—A solution of benzyl 2-acetamido 4,6-O-benzylidene-2-deoxy-3-O-mesylα-D-allopyranoside¹¹ (2; 1 g) in acetonitrile (20 mL) containing tetrabutylammonium fluoride (3 g) was heated under reflux for 4 h. The deep-red solution was concentrated, the residue taken up in benzene, and poured onto a column of silica gel. After elution of the fast-moving impurities with petroleum ether, the product was eluted with ether. It crystallized from CHCl₃-ether (820 mg, 70%); mp 200–201°C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} + 60^\circ$ (c 1, CHCl₃); ν_{max}^{KBr} 3250 (NH), 1650 and 1540 (C=O, amide), and 700 cm⁻¹ (arom.); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 1.98 (s, 3 H, N Ac), 5.55 (s, H, H-1), 6.65 (m, 1 H, H-3), 7.35 (m, 10 H, arom.). Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₂₃NO₅: C, 69.28; H, 6.08; N, 3.67. Found: C, 69.03; H, 6.30; N, 3.55.

Benzyl 2-acetamido-2-deoxy-3-O-mesyl- α -D-allopyranoside (4).—To a hot solution of 2 (1.2 g) in AcOH (20 mL) at 90°C was added water (7 mL) slowly, with stirring. After 1 h, the solution was cooled and concentrated to give an oily residue. Benzaldehyde was removed from the residue by washing with ether and the residue was chromatographed on a silica gel column. The column was eluted with CHCl₃ to remove impurities and the product eluted with 9:1 CHCl₃–MeOH

to give 4 as an amorphous hygroscopic solid (720 mg, 85%); mp 114°C (dec); $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ + 67° (*c* 1, CHCl₃); $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}}$ 3500–3200 (NH, OH), 1650 (C=O, amide), 1180 and 1345 cm⁻¹ (SO₂). Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₂₃NO₈S: C, 49.36; H, 5.95; N, 3.60; S, 8.22. Found: C, 49.08; H, 6.04; N, 3.25; S, 8.18.

A sample of 4 (750 mg) was acetylated with Ac₂O (2 mL) and pyridine (4 mL) to give 5 as a crystalline solid (800 mg, 84%); mp 84–85°C; $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ +104° (*c* 1, CHCl₃); ν_{max}^{KBr} 3350 (NH), 1780 (C=O, Ac), 1660 and 1540 (C=O, amide), 1350 and 1180 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.1 (s, 3 H, NAc), 2.25 (s, 6 H, 2 OAc), 3.20 (s, 3 H, Ms), 5.35 (d, 1 H, J 3.50 Hz, H-1), 6.2 (d, 1 H, NH), 7.5 (s, 5 H, arom.). Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₂₇NO₁₀S: C, 50.74; H, 5.70; N, 2.95, S, 6.76. Found: C, 50.69, H, 5.49; N, 2.83; S 7.03.

Benzyl 2-acetamido-4,6-di-O-benzyl-3-O-mesyl-α-D-allopyranoside (6).—A mixture of 4 (2.5 g), BaO (4.4 g), Ba(OH)₂ (1.1 g) in *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide (35 mL) containing benzyl bromide (5 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. The mixture was diluted with CHCl₃, cooled in an ice-bath, neutralized with aq formic acid (10%), and extracted with CHCl₃. The extract was washed with water, dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. The oily residue was taken up in benzene and poured onto a column of silica gel. The column was eluted with petroleum ether to remove the fast-moving impurities and then with EtOAc to give a syrup which crystallized from ether–petroleum ether (3.9 g, 89%); mp 70–71°C; $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} + 93°$ (*c* 1, CHCl₃); ν_{max}^{KBr} 3325 (NH), 1610 and 1535 (C=O, amide), 1349 and 1170 (SO₂), and 700 cm⁻¹ (arom.); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.15 (s, 3 H, NAc), 3.50 (s, 3 H, OMs); 5.50 (d, 1 H, J_{1,2} 3.5 Hz, H-1), 7.34 (m, 15 H, arom.). Anal. Calcd for C₃₀H₃₅NO₈S: C, 63.26; H, 6.19, N, 2.46, S, 5.61. Found: C, 63.39; H, 6.39; N, 2.41; S, 5.90.

Benzyl 2-acetamido-4,6-di-O-benzyl-2,3-dideoxy-3-fluoro- α -D-glucopyranoside (7). -To a hot (210°C) solution of anhyd KF (7 g) in 1,2-ethanediol (50 mL) was added a solution of 6 (5 g) in 1,2-ethanediol (10 mL). The mixture was heated with stirring at 200–210°C for 15 min and the colored solution was poured onto ice and extracted with $CHCl_3$. The extract was washed with water, dried (Na_2SO_4) , and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed on a silica gel column. After elution with CHCl₃ to remove some fast-moving impurities, the product was eluted with EtOAc as a syrup (1 g); it crystallized from ether-petroleum ether; mp 136–137°C; $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ +84° (c 1, CHCl₃); ν_{max}^{KBr} 3300 (NH), 1645 and 1545 (C=O, and amide), 730-710 cm⁻¹ (arom); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 1.95 (s, 3 H, N Ac); 4.92 (d, 1 H, J_{1,2} 3.91 Hz, H-1), 5.65 (d, 1 H, J 10.2 Hz, NH), 7.35 (m, 15 H, arom.); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): 8 23.3 (s, 3 H, NAc), 51.6 (d, C-2), 68.12, 70.06 (m, C-5), 70.50, 73.35 (d), 75.6, 94.50 (d, J_{CE} 185.10 Hz, C-3), 127.80 (m, arom.), 136.5, 137.60, and 137.80 (quartern. arom. C), and 169.71 (C=O); 19 F NMR (CDCl₃-CFCl₃): δ -195.30 (complex d, $J_{F,H-3}$ 54.30 Hz). Anal. Calcd for C₂₉H₃₂FNO₅: C, 70.59; H, 6.49, N, 2.83; F, 3.85. Found: C, 70.70; H, 6.64; N, 3.16; F, 3.68.

2-Acetamido-1,4,6-tri-O-acetyl-2,3-dideoxy-3-fluoro-D-glucopyranose (9).—Benzyl 2-acetamido-4,6-di-O-benzyl-3-fluoro- α -D-glucopyranoside (7, 1 g) was hydrogenolyzed in AcOH (25 mL) in the presence of Pd-C (1.1 g, 10%) for 48 h, to

give 2-acetamido-2,3-dideoxy-3-fluoro-D-glucopyranose (8) as a thick syrup (310 mg, 70%); $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ +52.5° (*c* 1, MeOH); ν_{max}^{KBr} 3200–3500 (OH, NH), 1630 and 1550 (C=O, amide); ¹³C NMR (D₂O): δ 21.20 and 21.60 (d, CH₃, NAc, α and β anomers), 92.15 (d, $J_{C,F}$ 9.9 Hz, C-1 α); 94.01 (d, $J_{C,F}$ 181.3 Hz, C-3), 95.2 (d, $J_{C,F}$ 10.1 Hz, C-1 β), 175.2 (C=O); ¹⁹F NMR (D₂O–CFCl₃ ext.): δ – 195.07 (2m, $J_{F,H-3}$ 54.10 Hz).

Compound 8 (310 mg) was acetylated with Ac₂O (4 mL) and pyridine (7 mL) overnight. After addition of ice-water, the solution was concentrated to dryness and pyridine and AcOH were removed by coevaporation with toluene. The residue was chromatographed on a short column of silica gel and the product was eluted with EtOAc as a foamy solid (410 mg 82%); $[\alpha]_D^{22} + 59.5^\circ$ (*c* 1, CHCl₃); ν_{max}^{KBr} 3200 (NH), 1780 (C=O, OAc), 1640 and 1520 (C=O, amide); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃-CFCl₃): δ -194.7 (complex d, $J_{\text{F,H-3}}$ 52.50 Hz). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₂₀FNO₈ · H₂O: C, 45.79; H, 5.99; N, 3.81; F, 5.18. Found: C, 45.98; H, 6.02; N, 4.01; F, 5.46.

Methyl 2-acetamido-4,6-O-benzylidene-2-deoxy-α-D-altropyranoside (11).—A solution of methyl 2-amino-4,6-*O*-benzylidene-2-deoxy-α-D-altropyranoside¹³ (1 g) in abs MeOH (40 mL) was treated with Ac₂O (4 mL) at 0°C for 1 h, and then at room temperature for 5 h. The mixture was treated with ice–water and, after 10 min, concentrated to dryness. The solid crystallized from MeOH–ether (940 mg, 88%); mp 192–193°C, $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ +79.5° (*c* 1, MeOH); ν_{max}^{KBr} 3450 (OH), 330 (NH) 1660 and 1545 (C=O, amide), and 705 cm⁻¹ (arom.); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 1.95 (s, 3 H, NAc), 3.65 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 5.65 (s, 1 H, H-1), and 7.35 (m, 5 H, arom). Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₂₁NO₆: C, 59.43; H, 6.55; N, 4.33. Found: C, 59.53; H, 6.32; N, 4.14.

Methyl 2-acetamido-4,6-O-benzylidene-2-deoxy-3-O-mesyl- α -D-altropyranoside (12).—To a solution of 11 (900 mg) in pyridine (7 mL) was added methanesulfonyl chloride (2 mL) at 0°C and left stirring at 0–5°C for 18 h. The deep-red solution was poured into ice-water and extracted with CHCl₃. The extract was washed with water, dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed on a column of silica gel and eluted with EtOAc. After colored impurities the product was eluted in later fractions as a white solid, which crystallized from CHCl₃-ether-petroleum ether (600 mg, 62%); mp 132–135°C; $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ +67° (*c* 1, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.05 (s, 3 H, NAc), 3.05 (s, 3 H, Ms), 3.35 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 4.95 (s, 1 H, CHC₆H₅), 6.25 (d, 1 H, J 7.9 Hz, NH). Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₂₃NO₈S: C, 50.87; H, 5.78; N, 3.49, S, 7.97. Found: C, 50.58; H, 6.04; N, 3.35; S, 8.05.

Methyl 4,64l-O-benzylidene-2-deoxy-2-phthalimido- α -D-altropyranoside (13).—A mixture of methyl 2-amino-4,6-O-benzylidene-2-deoxy- α -D-altropyranoside¹³ (1 g), phthalic anhydride (602 mg), triethylamine (0.4 mL), and toluene (50 mL) was heated to reflux with continuous separation of water for 2 h. The solution was concentrated to remove the solvent and the residue was chromatographed on a silica gel column. The product was eluted with EtOAc as a dry foam; it crystallized from ether–petroleum ether (1.1 g, 75%); mp 80–81°C; $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ +4° (*c* 1, CHCl₃); $\nu_{\text{moll}}^{\text{KBr}}$ 3500 (OH), 1710 (C=O, amide), 710 cm⁻¹ (arom.); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 3.40 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), δ 4.80 (d, 1 H, J 2.5 Hz, H-1), 4.71 (s, 1 H, CHC₆H₅), 7.35 (m, 5)

H, arom.), and 7.80 (m, 4 H, arom.). Anal. Calcd for $C_{22}H_{21}NO_7$: C, 64.23; H, 5.15; N, 3.40. Found: C, 64.56; H, 5.39; N, 3.18.

Methyl 4,6-O-*benzylidene-2-deoxy-3*-O-*mesyl-2-phthalimido-* α -D-*altropyranoside* (14).—A solution of 13 (500 mg) in anhyd pyridine (2 mL) was treated with a solution of methanesulfonyl chloride (1 mL) in pyridine (1 mL) at 0°C and left at 0–5°C for 18 h. It was then poured into ice–water and extracted with CHCl₃; the extract was concentrated and dried to a dry foam. It was chromatographed on a column of silica gel and 14 was eluted with 4:1 CHCl₃–EtOAc as a solid (510 mg, 78%); mp 95–98°C; $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ +1° (*c* 1, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.90 (s, 3 H, OMs), 3.35 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 5.20 (t, 1 H, H-1), 5.65 (s, 1 H, CHC₆H₅), 7.35 (m, 5 H, arom), 7.80 (m, 4 H, arom.). Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₂₃NO₉S · 0.5H₂O: C, 55.37; H, 4.81; N 2.81; S, 6.41. Found: C 55.56; H, 5.18; N, 2.82; S, 6.27.

Methyl 4,6-O-benzylidene-2,3-dideoxy-2,3-epimino- α -D-mannopyranoside¹⁵ (15).— A solution of 14 (250 mg) was refluxed with tetrabutylammonium fluoride (2 g) in dry acetonitrile (10 mL) for 20 h. Most of the solvent was evaporated and the residue was taken up in CHCl₃, washed with water, and dried (Na₂SO₄). The solvent was removed, and the residue was chromatographed on a silica gel column. The product was eluted with EtOAc to give a crystalline solid from ether–petroleum ether (110 mg, 84%); mp 145–146°C (lit.¹⁵ 145–146°); [α]_D²² +107° (*c* 1, CHCl₃) (lit.¹⁵ +105°); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 0.95 (s, 1 H, NH), 2.50 (d, 2 H, H-2,3), 3.42 (s, 3 H, OCH₃) 4.75 (s, 1 H, H-1) 5.49 (s, 1 H, CHC₆H₅), and 7.40 (m, 5 H, arom.).

Methyl 2-azido-4,6-O-*benzylidene-2,3-dideoxy-3-fluoro-α*-D-*mannopyranoside* (16). —To a mixture of 10 (2.0 g) in anhyd benzene (20 mL) at 0°C was added a solution of DAST (4 mL) in benzene (10 mL) with stirring. After stirring for 30 min at -10°C, anhyd pyridine (3.5 mL) was added and heated at 70–80°C for 2 h. The grey-colored solution was cooled to -20°C, abs EtOH (4 mL) and, after 20 min, ice-water (4 mL) were added, and the mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The extract was poured onto a column of silica gel and eluted with CH₂Cl₂ as one fraction. After evaporation of the solvent, the residue was purified by rechromatography on a silica gel column. The product eluted with CH₂Cl₂ (1.8 g, 85%) crystallized from ether-petroleum ether; mp 131–132°C; $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ +49.5° (*c* 1, CHCl₃); ν_{max}^{KBr} 2100 (N₃) and 700 cm⁻¹ (arom.); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 3.40 (S, 3 H, OCH₃); 5.35 (m, 1 H, H-1), 5.60 (s, 1 H, CHC₆H₅), and 7.35 (m, 5 H, arom.); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃-CFCl₃): δ -201.85 (complex d, *J*_{F,H-3} 50.10 Hz). Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₂₀FNO₅: C, 59.07; H, 6.20, N; 4.31; F, 5.84. Found: C, 59.24; H, 6.42; N, 4.15; F, 5.75.

Methyl 2-amino-4,6-O-benzylidene-2,3-dideoxy-3-fluoro- α -D-mannopyranoside (17).—A solution of 16 (1.9 g) in abs EtOH (75 mL) was hydrogenolyzed in the presence of Pd–C (500 mg, 10%) for 3 h. After the usual workup, the residue, after evaporation of the solvent, separated from MeOH–ether as a solid (1.5 g, 89%); mp 147–49°C (dec); $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ +93° (c 1, CHCl₃); $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}}$ 3400 (NH₂) and 700 cm⁻¹ (arom); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 1.51 (br s, 2 H, NH₂), 3.42 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 5.40 (m, 1

H, H-1), 5.61 (s, 1 H, CH_6H_5), and 7.52 (m, 5 H, arom.). Anal. Calcd for $C_{14}H_{18}FNO_4$: C, 59.36; H, 6.40; N, 4.94; F, 6.71. Found: C, 59.14; H, 6.25; N, 4.72; F, 6.69.

Methyl 2-acetamido-4,6-O-benzylidene-2,3-dideoxy-3-fluoro-α-D-mann opyranoside (**18**).—To a solution of **17** (1 g) in abs MeOH (25 mL) was added Ac₂O at 0°C, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The solution was cooled to 0°C, ice-water added, and concentrated to give a syrupy residue. This was then taken up in CHCl₃, washed with water, dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Chromatography on a silica gel column eluted with EtOAc gave a colorless, foamy solid (920 mg, 80%); $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ + 76.5° (*c* 1, CHCl₃); ν_{max}^{KBr} 3290 (NH), 1650 (C=O, amide), 750 and 700 cm⁻¹ (arom.); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.05 (s, 3 H, NAc), 3.31 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 4.80 (m, 1 H, H-1), 5.55 (s, 1 H, CHC₆H₅), 6.15 (d, 1 H, *J* 9.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.40 (m, 5 H, arom); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃–CFCl₃): δ -201.5 (complex d, *J*_{E,H-3} 49.80 Hz). Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₂₀FNO₅: C, 59.07; H, 6.20; N, 4.15; F, 5.75. Found: C, 59.25; 4, 6.42; N, 4.15; F, 5.75.

Methyl 2-acetamido-2,3-dideoxy-3-fluoro- α -D-*mannopyranoside* (19).—To a hot solution of 18 (1.1 g) in AcOH (20 mL) at 60–70°C was added water (10 mL) and the mixture heated with stirring at 70–75°C for 2 h. The clear solution was concentrated to dryness in a vacuum. The residue was taken up in MeOH, diluted with CHCl₃, and poured onto a column of silica gel, and the product was eluted with 1:9 MeOH–CHCl₃ (TLC, 1:9 MeOH–CHCl₃; R_f 0.30) as a glassy solid (650 mg, 80%); $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ + 31.5° (*c* 1, MeOH); ν_{max}^{KBr} 3200–3400 (NH, OH), 1650 and 1520 (C=O, amide). Anal. Calcd for C₈H₁₆FNO₅ · H₂O: C, 42.35, H, 7.11, N, 5.49; F, 7.44. Found C, 42.55; H, 7.24; N, 5.52, F, 7.21.

Methyl 2-acetamido-4,6-di-O-acetyl-2,3-dideoxy-3-fluoro-α-D-mannopyranoside (**20**).—Compound **19** (620 mg) was acetylated with Ac₂O (4 mL) and anhyd pyridine (7 mL) for 18 h. After treatment with ice-water, the solution was concentrated to a syrupy residue, and pyridine and AcOH were removed by coevaporation with toluene. The residue was chromatographed on a silica gel column and the product eluted with EtOAc to give an amorphous solid (600 mg, 74%); $[\alpha]_D^{22} + 24^\circ$ (c 1, CHCl₃); ν_{max}^{KBr} 3300 (NH), 1750 (C=O, OAc), 1650 and 1545 cm⁻¹ (C=O, amide); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.1 (m, 9 H, NAc and OAc), 3.35 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 5.15 (m, 1 H, H-1), and 6.25 (d, 1 H, J 9.5 Hz, NH): ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃-CFCl₃); δ -201.50 (complex d, $J_{F,H-3}$ 50.12 Hz). Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₂₀FNO₇ · 0.5H₂O: C, 47.27; H, 6.41; N, 4.24; F, 5.75. Found: C, 47.01; H, 6.52; N, 4.05; F, 5.54.

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