

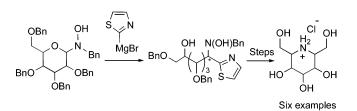
## Access to Piperidine Imino-C-glycosides via Stereoselective Thiazole-Based Aminohomologation of Pyranoses

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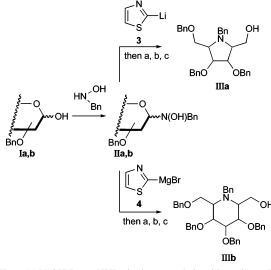


The access to piperidine homoazasugars (dideoxyiminoheptitols) from pyranoses via formal one-carbon chain elongation and exchange of the ring oxygen with the NH group is described. The key process involves the stereoselective addition of 2-thiazolylmagnesium bromide to an *N*-glycosylhydroxylamine, i.e., a hidden open-chain sugar nitrone. The *N*-thiazolylalkylhydroxylamine formed in this way is reduced to amine, and this transformed into a substituted piperidine via intramolecular cyclization by an  $S_N2$  process. Cleavage of the thiazole residue attached to C2 of the piperidine ring reveals the formyl group, and this is reduced to hydroxymethyl to give the target homoazasugar. A collection of six stereodiversified compounds with free OH and NH groups and isolated as hydrochlorides has been prepared.

## Introduction

Recent disclosures from these laboratories have shown the effectiveness of the thiazole-based transformation of 2,3,5-tri-O-benzyl D- and L-furanoses into N-benzylpyrrolidines bearing a hydroxymethyl group at the carbon atom adjacent to nitrogen, namely the so-called pyrrolidine homoazasugars<sup>1</sup> (Scheme 1). The whole procedure can be considered as an aminohomologation process because it entails the substitution of the furanose ring oxygen with the NH group and the insertion of a methylene group into the anomeric C-OH bond. These structural changes are achieved via a five-step reaction sequence involving the following: (i) the conversion of the furanose Ia into the N-benzyl-N-glycosylhydroxylamine IIa; (ii) the stereoselective addition of 2-lithiothiazole 3 to the minor tautomer of IIa, viz. an open-chain N-benzyl sugar nitrone (not shown), to give a mixture of N-thiazolylalkylhydroxylamine diastereoisomers Th(R)CH\*-N(Bn)OH (Th = 2-thiazolyl;  $R = BnOCH_2CH(OH)$ -CH(OBn)CH(OBn)-); (iii) the separation and reductive Ndehydroxylation of each isomer to give a secondary amine Th(R)CH\*-NHBn; (iv) the pyrrolidine ring formation via activation of the free hydroxyl group in the alkyl chain R as a





<sup>*a*</sup> Key: (a) N(OH)Bn  $\rightarrow$  NHBn in the open-chain adduct; (b) cyclization via SN<sub>2</sub> of OSO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> by NHBn; (c) one-pot thiazole  $\rightarrow$  CHO  $\rightarrow$  CH<sub>2</sub>OH.

mesylate and displacement of the latter with the amino group; (v) the cleavage of the thiazole ring to formyl group and reduction of the latter to give the target alcohol **IIIa**. We embarked

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in this research because in the diversity of natural and synthetic azasugars (*alias* iminosugars) that have been isolated and prepared in the last three decades<sup>2,3</sup> due to their intense activity as specific glycosidase and glycosyltransferase inhibitors, those compounds having a hydroxymethyl group or a polyhydroxyl-ated carbon chain linked to the carbon adjacent to nitrogen of either a pyrrolidine or piperidine ring have gained special importance.<sup>4</sup> These homoazasugars have been found to retain the same type of enzymatic inhibition of the lower homologues and at the same time exibit higher selectivity and potency.<sup>5</sup> Moreover, they present high stability toward chemical and enzymatic degradation, a serious drawback of the parent

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Unfortunately, the use of the above aminohomologation sequence was restricted to pentofuranoses Ia. Attempts to extend the methodology to pyranoses Ib to access piperidine homoazasugars IIIb met with failure.<sup>1</sup> The crucial process involving the introduction of the thiazole ring at the anomeric carbon of the N-hexopyranosylhydroxylamine IIb was unsuccessful by the use of 2-lithiothiazole 3 at -70 °C in Et<sub>2</sub>O. Performing the reaction under these conditions was required since substantial decomposition of **3** occurred at higher temperatures.<sup>7</sup> We sought a simple solution to this shortcoming by the use of another thiazole-based organometallic reagent that was enough stable and reactive at higher temperature. Thus, guided by the observation<sup>8</sup> that Grignard reagents reacted with two N-hexopyranosylhydroxylamines IIb, attention was focused on the use of 2-thiazolylmagnesium bromide 4. This was a previously scarcely exploited organometallic reagent very likely because of the lack of a standard preparation procedure. Fortunately enough the preparation of 4 was recently optimized in our laboratory.9 To our delight, the Grignard reagent 4 reacted smoothly with *N*-hexopyranosylhydroxylamines **IIb** at 0 °C in THF, thus paving the way to the target piperidine homoazasugars IIIb. The results of this work are presented below.

We considered three model 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-benzyl-D-hexopyranoses (D-gluco **1a**, D-manno **1b**, D-galacto **1c**) as readily available starting materials to study the feasibility of the thiazolebased route toward a small yet representative collection of stereodiversified piperidine homoazasugars. We were aware that in the case of a successful synthesis via the reaction sequence employed for the pyrrolidine homoazasugar synthesis,<sup>1</sup> the products will belong to the L-series of carbohydrates. L-Azasugars which in the past attracted little attention, have been recently reevaluated because while mimicking L-sugars<sup>10</sup> they have been found to be also noncompetitive inhibitors of D-glycohydrolases.<sup>11</sup> Moreover, it has been recently reported a

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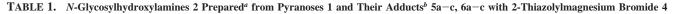
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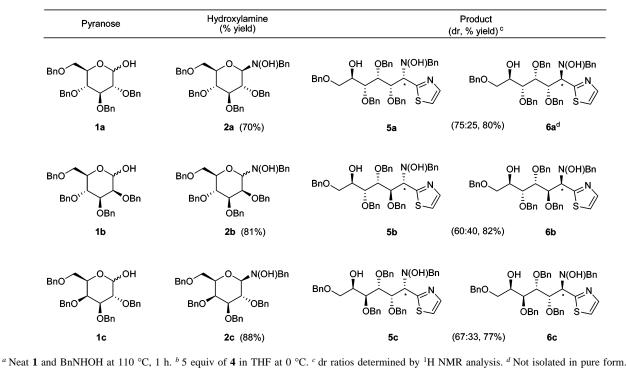
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synthetic azasugar with the L-altro configuration featuring great potential as immunosuppressive agent.<sup>12</sup> Hence compounds **1a**-**c** were conveniently transformed into the corresponding *N*-benzyl-*N*-glycosylhydroxylamines  $2\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{c}$  (Table 1) on heating their mixtures with N-benzylhydroxylamine at 110 °C for 1 h in the absence of solvent. While the  $\beta$ -configuration of the D-gluco 2a and D-galacto 2c derivatives was previously assigned on the basis of the  $J_{1,2}$  values,<sup>8</sup> the assignment of the anomeric configuration of the D-manno isomer 2b appeared to be problematic. In fact, ROESY experiments were inconclusive. Moreover, the measurement of the  ${}^{1}J_{C1-H1}$  (157.5 Hz) appeared to us of scarce utility because of the unavailable value of the other anomer and the absence of an extensive set of data for  $\alpha$ and  $\beta$ -N-glycosylhydroxylamines.<sup>13</sup> Therefore, the structure of **2b** remains at present unassigned. No one of compounds 2a-cshowed by NMR analysis the presence of the open-chain nitrone form. Nevertheless treatment of these hydroxylamines with excess (5.0 equiv) of 2-thiazolylmagnesium bromide 4 in THF at 0 °C for 2 h afforded three pairs of formal adducts to nitrones, i.e., the thiazolylalkylhydroxylamine diastereoisomers 5a-6a, 5b-6b, and 5c-6c respectively, in good overall yield but modest selectivity (Table 1). Unfortunately, attempts to separate 5a and 6a by flash chromatography were unsuccessful. Only a pure sample of 5a was obtained by preparative TLC. On the other hand, each isomer of the pairs  $5b\!-\!6b$  and  $5c\!-\!6c$  was separated by flash chromatography. The configuration of the newly formed stereocenter in all compounds 5 and 6 was

established following the conversion of their mixtures or individually isolated pure compounds into piperidines (see below). Thus, it appeared that the major diastereoisomers **5a** and **5c** were both *syn*-adducts, whereas the main product **5b** was an *anti*-adduct. Evidently, the configuration of the carbon stereocenter adjacent to the nitrone group affects substantially the selectivity of these reactions. Variable *syn/anti* selectivities in the additions of organometallic reagents to nitrones derived from chiral polyalkoxy aldehydes and aldehydo sugars were recorded in a number of cases studied in our<sup>14</sup> and other <sup>15</sup> laboratories.

Either the individually isolated hydroxylamines 5 and 6 or their mixtures were transformed into polyhydroxylated 2-thiazolylpiperidines 9 and 10 (Table 2). Improved conditions were used with respect to those employed for the synthesis of the pyrrolidine derivatives.<sup>1</sup> Specifically, the reductive dehydroxylation of the N(OH)Bn group was first carried out by Zn-Cu  $(OAc)_2 \cdot H_2O$  to give the amino alcohols 7 and 8. Attempts of cyclization of these compounds to piperidine derivatives via activation of the free hydroxyl group with triflic anhydride as reported<sup>1</sup> gave complex mixtures of products. This crucial operation was conveniently carried out via O-mesylate formation at 0-5 °C in toluene employing methanesulfonyl chloride (MsCl) in the presence of Et<sub>3</sub>N (1.5 equiv) and catalytic N,N,N',N'-tetramethylethylenediamine, TMEDA, as a promoter,<sup>16</sup> followed by heating the crude product in MeCN at 85 °C. Under these conditions, the piperidines 9a and 10a (from D-glucose), **9b** (from D-mannose), and **9c**, **10c** (from D-galactose)

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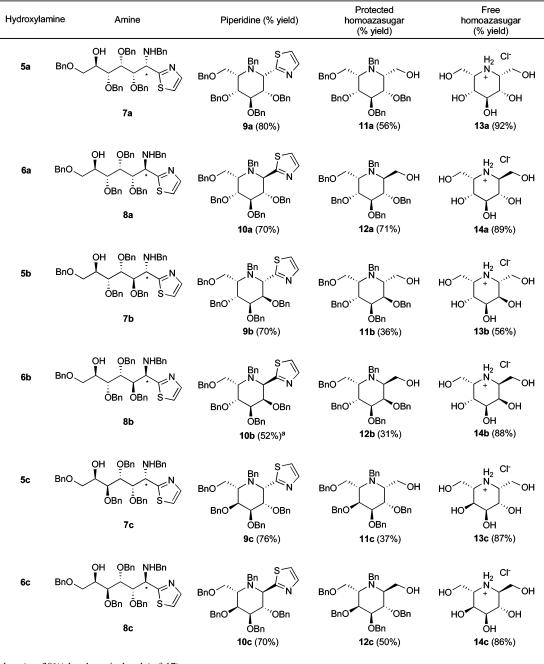
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TABLE 2. Protected (11a-c, 12a-c) and Free (13a-c, 14a-c) Piperidine Homoazasugars Prepared from Sugar Hydroxylamines 5a-c, 6a-c



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> A side product (ca. 30%) has been isolated (ref 17).

were obtained as the sole diastereoisomers in good isolated yields (70–80%). Only the piperidine **10b** was obtained in low yield (52%) because an unexpected byproduct was also formed, which was characterized as a *C*-furanosyl substituted thiazolyl-alkylamine.<sup>17</sup> The configuration of the C2 carbon bearing the thiazole ring in all piperidines **9** and **10** was established by analysis of their <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra and determination of coupling constant values of all protons of the heterocyclic ring. Hence, based on the reasonable assumption that the ring closure reaction occurred via an  $S_N^2$  mechanism, the configuration of the corresponding open-chain amine and hydroxylamine precursors was assigned with high degree of confidence.

With the three pairs of thiazolylpiperidine epimers 9a-10a, 9b-10b, and 9c-10c in hand, their transformation into the

corresponding homoazasugars **11a**–**12a**, **11b**–**12b**, and **11c**–**12c** commenced by cleavage of the thiazole ring. Although earlier work in our laboratory showed that the presence of the NBn group was incompatible with the thiazole-to-aldehyde unmasking protocol,<sup>18</sup> this shortcoming did not occur with the thiazolyl-piperidines **9** and **10**. Hence, these compounds were subjected to the one-pot sequence consisting of microwave (MW)-assisted<sup>19</sup> methylation (MeI), reduction (NaBH<sub>4</sub>), and HgCl<sub>2</sub>-promoted hydrolysis. Crude piperidine aldehydes thus formed were reduced by NaBH<sub>4</sub> to the corresponding alcohols **11** and **12**. The isolated overall yields of these products varied from 31 to 71% without any apparent reason. Finally, the removal of the *O*-Bn and *N*-Bn protective groups from compounds **11** and **12** by H<sub>2</sub> (100psi) and Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C in the presence

of HCl afforded the three pairs of epimers, i.e., free dideoxyiminoheptitol hydrochlorides 13a-14a, 13b-14b, and 13c-14c. These salts, with the exception of 13b, were isolated in very good yields. Compounds  $13b^{20}$  and  $13c^{21}$  showed characteristics identical to those of the literature.

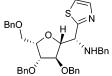
In conclusion, the results of the present work demonstrate the successful extension of the thiazole-based aminohomologation strategy to pyranoses. The reactions in this sequence while being nontrivial are operationally simple and do not show limitations by the structural change of the reactants employed. Hence, since this methodology works quite well with both furanoses and pyranoses, we believe that significant collections of pyrrolidine and piperidine homoazasugars with a wide range of stereochemical diversity will become accessible.

## **Experimental Section**

All moisture-sensitive reactions were performed under a nitrogen atmosphere using oven-dried glassware. Solvents were dried over standard drying agent and freshly distilled prior to use. Reactions were monitored by TLC on silica gel 60  $F_{254}$  with detection by charring with ethanolic solution of sulfuric acid or ninhydrin. Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel 60 (230-400 mesh). The microwave (MW) irradiation was performed by a Biotage Initiator apparatus. Optimization experiments were performed in the "single-run" mode, i.e., by manual filling of reaction vials and by specifying the irradiation time and maximum temperature. Melting points were determined with a capillary apparatus. Optical rotations were measured at  $20 \pm 2$  °C in the stated solvent;  $[\alpha]_D$  values are given in  $10^{-1}~\text{deg}~\text{cm}^2~\text{g}^{-1}.~^1\text{H}$  (400 MHz) and  $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR (100 MHz) spectra were recorded for CDCl<sub>3</sub> solutions at room temperature unless otherwise specified. Assignments were aided by homo-2D experiments. MALDI-TOF mass spectra were acquired using 2,6-dihydroxy benzoic acid (DHB) as matrix. N-Benzyl-N-glycosylhydroxylamines 2a and 2c,8 2,6-dideoxy-2,6imino heptitol hydrochloride 13b,<sup>20</sup> and the free amine of  $13c^{21}$ were known compounds.

General Procedure for the Preparation of *N*-Benzyl-*N*-glycosylhydroxylamines 2a–c. A mixture of 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-benzylhexopyranose 1a–c (5.00 g, 9.25 mmol) and *N*-benzylhydroxylamine

<sup>(17)</sup> NMR and mass spectral data are consistent with the structure shown below. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = 7.52$  (d, 1 H, J = 3.2 Hz, Th), 7.25–7.00 (m, 20 H, Ph), 6.67 (d, 1 H, J = 3.2 Hz, Th), 4.57 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{4,3} = 2.0$  Hz,  $J_{4,5} = 0.5$  Hz, H-4), 4.56 (d, 1 H,  $J_{2,3} = 9.0$  Hz, H-2), 4.54 and 4.18 (2 d, 2 H, J = 11.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.49 (ddd, 1 H,  $J_{6,5} = 4.5$  Hz,  $J_{6,7a} = J_{6,7b} = 6.0$  Hz, H-6), 4.35 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{3,2} = 9.0$  Hz,  $J_{4,3} = 2.0$  Hz, H-2), 4.54 and 4.18 (2 d, 2 H, J = 11.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.49 (ddd, 1 H,  $J_{6,5} = 4.5$  Hz,  $J_{6,7a} = J_{6,7b} = 6.0$  Hz, H-6), 4.35 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{3,2} = 9.0$  Hz,  $J_{3,4} = 2.0$  Hz, H-3), 4.35 and 4.29 (2 d, 2 H, J = 12.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.10 and 4.02 (2 d, 2 H, J = 12.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 3.90 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{5,4} = 0.5$  Hz,  $J_{5,6} = 4.5$  Hz, H-5), 3.82 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{7a,6} = 6.0$  Hz,  $J_{7a,7b} = 10.0$  Hz, H-7a), 3.72 and 3.47 (2 d, 2 H, J = 13.5 Hz, N-CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 3.71 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{7b,6} = 6.0$  Hz,  $J_{7b,7a} = 10.0$  Hz, H-7b), 2.84 (bs, 1 H, NH). MALDI-TOF MS: 629.54 (M+Na), 645.46 (M+K). The formation of this compound from the precursor **8b** can be explained to occur by intramolecular C–O bond formation via mesylate displacement by the OBn group at C2 followed by elimination of the benzyl cation.



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(1.71 g, 13.88 mmol) was stirred at 110  $^{\circ}$ C for 1 h. The resulting residue was cooled to room temperature and purified by crystallization.

*N*-Benzyl *N*-2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-benzyl-D-mannopyranosylhydroxylamine (2b). Crystallization from cyclohexane afforded 2b (4.85 g, 81%) as a white solid. Mp = 101–103 °C. [α]<sub>D</sub> = 16.3 (*c* 0.6, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.40–7.00 (m, 25 H, Ph), 4.84 and 4.48 (2 d, 2 H, *J* = 11.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.64 and 4.60 (2 d, 2 H, *J* = 11.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.64 and 4.60 (2 d, 2 H, *J* = 11.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.48 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.38 and 3.54 (2 d, 2 H, *J* = 13.5 Hz, N–CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.35 (ddd, 1 H, *J*<sub>5,4</sub> = 8.5 Hz, *J*<sub>5,6a</sub> = 4.0 Hz, *J*<sub>5,6b</sub> = 4.5 Hz, H-5), 4.24 (t, 1 H, *J*<sub>2,1</sub> = *J*<sub>2,3</sub> = 3.0 Hz, H-2), 4.15 (t, 1 H, *J*<sub>4,3</sub> = *J*<sub>4,5</sub> = 8.5 Hz, H-4), 4.11 (s, 1 H, N(OH)), 4.02 (dd, 1 H, *J*<sub>3,2</sub> = 3.0 Hz, *J*<sub>3,4</sub> = 8.5 Hz, H-3), 3.75 (m, 2 H, H-6a and H-6b). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 138.9, 138.1, 137.2, 129.9–127.0, 90.3, 79.9, 75.5, 74.8, 74.3, 73.9, 73.1, 72.6, 70.1, 60.1, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C1-H1</sub> = 157.5 Hz. MALDI-TOF MS: 668.2 (M + Na), 684.5 (M + K). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>43</sub>NO<sub>6</sub> (645.3): C, 76.25; H, 6.71; N, 2.17. Found: C, 76.35; H, 6.63; N, 2.29.

General Procedure for the Addition of 2-Thiazolylmagnesium Bromide 4 to N-Benzyl-N-glycosylhydroxylamines 2a-c. To a cooled (0 °C), stirred mixture of ethylmagnesium bromide (12.9 mL, 38.74 mmol of a 3 M solution in Et<sub>2</sub>O) and anhydrous THF (82 mL) was added dropwise a solution of freshly distilled 2-bromothiazole (3.49 mL, 38.74 mmol) in dry THF (15 mL) in ca. 15 min. The resulting pale yellow-orange solution was kept at 0 °C for an additional 10 min and then warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1.5-2 h until the color of the solution changed to red-violet. The mixture was then cooled to 0 °C, and a solution of *N*-benzyl-*N*-glycosyl hydroxylamine 2a-c (5.00 g, 7.75 mmol) in anhydrous THF (35 mL) was added dropwise in ca. 20 min. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1-2 h and then quenched with 1 M aqueous phosphate buffer (25 mL). The layers were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with AcOEt (2  $\times$  50 mL). The collected organic phases were washed with 1 M aqueous phosphate buffer (2  $\times$  50 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was eluted from a column of silica gel with the suitable elution system to give the corresponding thiazolyl derivatives 5a-c. 6a-c.

(2*R*,3*R*,4*R*,5*S*,6*R*)- and (2*R*,3*R*,4*R*,5*S*,6*S*)-6-*N*-Benzylhydroxylamino-1,3,4,5-tetra-*O*-benzyl-6-thiazolyl-1,2,3,4,5-hexanepentol (5a and 6a). Column chromatography with 3:1 cyclohexane— AcOEt afforded 5a and 6a (4.54 g, 80%) as a 3:1 unseparable mixture of diastereoisomers. The above mixture was subjected to preparative TLC analysis with 4:1 cyclohexane—AcOEt.

Eluted first was 5a.  $[\alpha]_D = 4.6$  (c 0.5, MeOH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = 7.55$  (d, 1 H, J = 3.2 Hz, Th), 7.40–7.00 (m, 25 H, Ph), 6.62 (d, 1 H, J = 3.2 Hz, Th), 6.05 (s, 1 H, N(OH)Bn), 5.04 (d, 1 H,  $J_{6.5} = 6.0$  Hz, H-6), 4.76 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.73 and 4.52  $(2 d, 2 H, J = 11.0 Hz, CH_2Ph), 4.59 (dd, 1 H, J_{5,4} = 5.5 Hz, J_{5,6})$ = 6.0 Hz, H-5), 4.49 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.30 and 4.24 (2 d, 2 H, J = 12.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.21 (m, 1 H, H-2), 4.05 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{4,3} = 4.5$  Hz,  $J_{4,5} = 5.0$  Hz, H-4), 3.97 and 3.70 (2 d, 2 H, J = 13.0 Hz, N-CH<sub>2</sub>-Ph), 3.87 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{3,2} = 7.0$  Hz,  $J_{3,4} = 4.5$  Hz, H-3), 3.59 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{1a,1b} = 9.5$  Hz,  $J_{1a,2} = 3.5$  Hz, H-1a), 3.56 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{1b,1a} = 9.5$ Hz,  $J_{1b,2} = 5.5$  Hz, H-1b), 2.85 (s, 1 H, OH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 164.9, 143.9, 141.7, 139.3, 139.2, 138.9, 138.6, 137.9, 130.1, 128.5-127.6, 120.9, 120.5, 80.8, 79.2, 74.9, 74.3, 74.0, 73.4, 71.6, 67.4, 62.0. MALDI-TOF MS: 731.8 (M), 753.8 (M + Na). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>46</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S (730.3): C, 72.30; H, 6.34; N, 3.83. Found C, 72.31; H, 6.36; N, 3.85.

Eluted second was **6a** contaminated by **5a**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR for **6a** (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, selected data):  $\delta = 7.52$  (d, 1 H, J = 3.2 Hz, Th), 6.60 (d, 1 H, J = 3.2 Hz, Th).

(2*R*,3*R*,4*R*,5*R*,6*R*)- and (2*R*,3*R*,4*R*,5*R*,6*S*)-6-*N*-Benzylhydroxylamino-1,3,4,5-tetra-*O*-benzyl-6-thiazolyl-1,2,3,4,5-hexanepentol (5b and 6b). Column chromatography with 4:1 cyclohexane– AcOEt afforded, first, 5b (2.27 g, 40%) as a foam. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub> = 14.9 (*c* 0.3, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.55 (d, 1 H, *J* = 3.2 Hz, Th), 7.40–7.00 (m, 25 H, Ph), 6.64 (d, 1 H, J = 3.2 Hz, Th), 5.13 (d, 1 H,  $J_{6,5} = 7.5$  Hz, H-6), 4.98 and 4.85 (2 d, 2 H, J = 11.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.90 and 4.65 (2 d, 2 H, J = 11.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.90 and 4.65 (2 d, 2 H, J = 11.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.80 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{5,4} = 3.0$  Hz,  $J_{5,6} = 7.5$  Hz, H-5), 4.57 and 4.46 (2 d, 2 H, J = 11.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.33 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{3,2} = 12.0$  Hz,  $J_{3,4} = 6.0$  Hz, H-3), 4.30 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{4,3} = 6.0$  Hz,  $J_{4,5} = 3.0$  Hz, H-4), 4.22 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.18 (ddd, 1 H,  $J_{2,1a} = 5.5$  Hz,  $J_{2,1b} = 3.5$  Hz,  $J_{2,3} = 12.0$  Hz, H-2), 3.93 and 3.68 (2 d, 2 H, J = 13.0 Hz, N–CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 3.69 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{1a,1b} = 9.0$  Hz,  $J_{1a,2} = 3.5$  Hz, H-1a), 3.58 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{1b,1a} = 9.0$  Hz,  $J_{1b,2} = 5.5$  Hz, H-1b). <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta = 166.6, 141.5, 138.7, 138.5, 138.0, 137.0, 129.3–127.3, 119.9, 81.1, 80.1, 79.5, 74.5, 74.3, 73.5, 73.3, 71.3, 71.2, 67.2, 62.0.$  MALDI-TOF MS: 752.7 (M + Na). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>46</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S (730.3): C, 72.30; H, 6.34; N, 3.83. Found: C, 72.18; H, 6.34; N, 3.84.

Eluted second was a 2:1 mixture of **6a** and **6b** (0.83 g, 15%). Eluted third was pure **6b** (1.53 g, 27%) as a syrup.  $[\alpha]_D = -8.8$ (c 0.8, MeOH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $\delta = 7.84$  (d, 1 H, J = 3.2 Hz, Th), 7.40-7.10 (m, 26 H, Ph and Th), 5.95 (s, 1 H, N(OH)), 4.90 (d, 1 H,  $J_{6,5} = 5.5$  Hz, H-6), 4.72 and 4.68 (2 d, 2 H, J = 11.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.66 and 4.58 (2 d, 2 H, J = 11.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.58 and 4.46 (2 d, 2 H, J = 11.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.49 and 4.47 (2 d, 2 H, J =10.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.48 (t, 1 H,  $J_{5,4} = J_{5,6} = 5.5$  Hz, H-5), 4.14 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{4,3} = 4.0$  Hz,  $J_{4,5} = 5.5$  Hz, H-4), 4.00 (ddd, 1 H,  $J_{2,1a} = 3.0$ Hz,  $J_{2,1b} = 5.5$  Hz,  $J_{2,3} = 7.5$  Hz, H-2), 3.85 and 3.73 (2 d, 2 H, J = 13.5 Hz, N-CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 3.73 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{3,2} = 7.5$  Hz,  $J_{3,4} = 4.0$ Hz, H-3), 3.64 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{1a,1b} = 9.5$  Hz,  $J_{1a,2} = 3.0$  Hz, H-1a), 3.57 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{1b,1a} = 9.5$  Hz,  $J_{1b,2} = 5.5$  Hz, H-1b), 2.90 (s, 1 H, OH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  = 165.4, 141.8, 138.5, 138.2, 137.9, 137.5, 129.2-127.2, 120.3, 80.9, 79.6, 78.4, 74.2, 73.3, 73.1, 71.2, 70.5, 67.7, 61.4. MALDI-TOF MS: 731.9 (M+H), 753.9 (M + Na). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>46</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S (730.3): C, 72.30; H, 6.34; N, 3.83. Found C, 72.13; H, 6.36; N, 3.81.

(2R,3S,4R,5S,6R)- and (2R,3S,4R,5S,6S)-6-N-Benzylhydroxylamino-1,3,4,5-tetra-O-benzyl-6-thiazolyl-1,2,3,4,5-hexanepentol (5c and 6c). Column chromatography with 10:1 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>isopropyl ether afforded, first, **6c** (0.83 g, 15%) as a foam.  $[\alpha]_D =$ -18.2 (*c* 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = 7.60$  (d, 1 H, J = 3.2Hz, Th), 7.30–6.90 (m, 25 H, 5Ph), 6.66 (d, 1 H, *J* = 3.2 Hz, Th), 5.02 (d, 1 H,  $J_{6.5} = 9.0$  Hz, H-6), 4.77 and 4.72 (2 d, 2 H, J = 11.0Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.71 and 4.31 (2 d, 2 H, J = 11.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.66 and 4.43 (2 d, 2 H, J = 11.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.65 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{5,4} = 4.0$ Hz,  $J_{5,6} = 9.0$  Hz, H-5), 4.50 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{4,3} = 6.0$  Hz,  $J_{4,5} = 4.0$  Hz, H-4), 4.43 (ddd, 1 H,  $J_{2,1a} = 5.5$  Hz,  $J_{2,1b} = 7.5$  Hz,  $J_{2,3} = 2.0$  Hz, H-2), 4.35 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{3,2} = 2.0$  Hz,  $J_{3,4} = 6.0$  Hz, H-3), 4.19 and 4.09 (2 d, 2 H, J = 12.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 3.83 and 3.72 (2 d, 2 H, J = 13.0 Hz, N-CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 3.52 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{1a,1b} = 9.0$  Hz,  $J_{1a,2} = 5.5$ Hz, H-1a), 3.42 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{1b,1a} = 9.0$  Hz,  $J_{1b,2} = 7.5$  Hz, H-1b), 3.17 (s, 1 H, OH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  = 166.1, 141.6, 138.1, 136.8, 129.5-127.3, 120.2, 100.0, 80.5, 79.8, 77.9, 75.1, 73.6, 73.4, 73.3, 70.7, 69.8, 68.5, 61.7. MALDI-TOF MS: 731.7 (M + H). Anal. Calcd for C44H46N2O6S (730.3): C, 72.30; H, 6.34; N, 3.83. Found: C, 72.23; H, 6.33; N, 3.84.

Eluted second was a 3:1 mixture of 5c and 6c (1.17 g, 21%). Eluted third was pure **5c** (2.34 g, 41%) as a foam.  $[\alpha]_D = -8.2$ (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $\delta = 7.91$  (d, 1 H, J = 3.3 Hz, Th), 7.41 (d, 1 H, J = 3.3 Hz, Th), 7.35–7.14 (m, 25 H, 5Ph), 6.10 (s, 1 H, N(OH)), 4.83 and 4.77 (2 d, 2 H, J = 11.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.79 (d, 1 H,  $J_{6,5} = 6.0$  Hz, H-6), 4.67 and 4.64 (2 d, 2 H, J = 11.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.63 and 4.49 (2 d, 2 H, J = 11.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.36 (t, 1 H,  $J_{5,4} = J_{5,6} = 6.0$  Hz, H-5), 4.23 and 4.18 (2 d, 2 H, J = 11.5Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.10 (m, 2 H, H-3 and H-2), 3.93 (t, 1 H,  $J_{4,3} = J_{4,5}$ = 5.5 Hz, H-4), 3.80 and 3.66 (2 d, 2 H, J = 13.0 Hz, N-CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 3.43 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{1a,1b} = 9.0$  Hz,  $J_{1a,2} = 5.5$  Hz, H-1a), 3.36 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{1b,1a} = 9.0$  Hz,  $J_{1b,2} = 7.5$  Hz, H-1b), 3.02 (s, 1 H, OH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta = 164.6, 142.1, 138.6, 138.3, 138.2, 137.6, 137.2, 129.6 -$ 127.3, 120.3, 80.3, 79.8, 75.0, 73.4, 73.1, 72.8, 70.5, 69.4, 67.9, 61.9. MALDI-TOF MS: 768.8 (M + K). Anal. Calcd for C44H46N2O6S (730.3): C, 72.30; H, 6.34; N, 3.83. Found: C, 72.48; H, 6.32; N, 3.82.

(2R,3S,4R,5R,6S)-N-Benzyl-6-benzyloxymethyl-2-thiazolyl-3,4,5-tribenzyloxypiperidine and (2S,3S,4R,5R,6S)-N-Benzyl-6benzyloxymethyl-2-thiazolyl-3,4,5-tribenzyloxypiperidine (9a and **10a).** To a stirred solution of (AcO)<sub>2</sub>Cu·H<sub>2</sub>O (13 mg, 0.11 mmol) in AcOH (1.0 mL) was added Zn dust (0.36 g, 0.56 mmol) in one portion. The resulting suspension was vigorously stirred at room temperature for 10 min, and then a solution of a 3:1 mixture of 5a and 6a (1.02 g, 1.4 mmol) in AcOH (13.0 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (5.0 mL) was added dropwise. The resulting mixture was warmed to 80 °C for 1 h. The suspension was filtered through a pad of Celite, neutralized with aqueous 3 M NaOH, and extracted with AcOEt  $(3 \times 25 \text{ mL})$ . The organic layer was washed with a saturated aqueous solution of EDTA (30 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, concentrated, and eluted from a column of silica gel with 4:1 cyclohexane-AcOEt to afford, first, 7a (0.54 g, 54%) and, second, 8a (0.29 g, 20%), both as syrups.

To a cooled (0 °C), stirred mixture of the above amine **7a** or **8a**, anhydrous toluene (6.0 mL), Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.28 mL, 0.84 mmol), and TMEDA (9.0  $\mu$ L, 0.057 mmol) was added MsCl (65  $\mu$ L, 0.84 mmol) dropwise. The resulting mixture was stirred for 1 h, and then MeOH (100  $\mu$ L) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.28 mL) were added in one portion and the mixture was stirred for an additional 5 min. The solvent was then evaporated, and the crude was taken up in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (6.0 mL) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.28 mL, 0.84 mmol). The solution was warmed to 85 °C for 4–20 h. Then, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated. The resulting crude material was diluted in AcOEt (10 mL), washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2 × 10 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, concentrated, and eluted from a column of silica gel with the suitable elution system to give the corresponding piperidines **9a** and **10a**.

(2R,3S,4R,5R,6S)-N-Benzyl-6-benzyloxymethyl-2-thiazolyl-3,4,5-tribenzyloxypiperidine (9a). Column chromatography with 6:1 cyclohexane-AcOEt afforded 9a (321 mg, 80%) as a syrup.  $[\alpha]_D = -20.0 (c \ 1.0, \text{CHCl}_3)$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $\delta = 7.80 (d, 1 \text{ H}, J = 3.1)$ Hz, Th), 7.40-7.10 (m, 26 H, 5Ph and Th), 4.87 and 4.82 (2 d, 2 H, J = 11.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.65 and 4.55 (2 d, 2 H, J = 11.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.50 and 4.43 (2 d, 2 H, J = 12.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.45 (d, 1 H,  $J_{2,3} = 5.5$  Hz, H-2), 4.36 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{4,3} = 7.0$  Hz,  $J_{4,5} = 8.5$ Hz, H-4), 4.23 and 4.16 (2 d, 2 H, J = 11.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.16 and 4.09 (2 d, 2 H, J = 15.0 Hz, N-CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 3.91 (dd, 1 H, J<sub>3.2</sub> = 5.5 Hz,  $J_{3,4} = 7.0$  Hz, H-3), 3.83 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{5,4} = 8.5$  Hz,  $J_{5,6} = 5.5$ Hz, H-5), 3.68 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{7a,6} = 4.5$  Hz,  $J_{7a,7b} = 9.5$  Hz, H-7a), 3.57 (ddd, 1 H,  $J_{6,5} = 5.5$  Hz,  $J_{6,7a} = 4.5$  Hz,  $J_{6,7b} = 6.5$  Hz, H-6), 3.50 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{7b,6} = 6.5$  Hz,  $J_{7b,7a} = 9.5$  Hz, H-7b). <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta = 142.1, 139.1 - 137.9, 128.5 - 127.1, 119.3, 80.2, 79.9, 79.2, 74.5,$ 72.8, 72.6, 72.3, 69.4, 59.2, 59.1, 58.1. MALDI-TOF MS: 718.8 (M + Na). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{44}H_{44}N_2O_4S$  (696.3): C, 75.83; H, 6.36; N, 4.02. Found: C, 75.91; H, 6.38; N, 4.03.

(2S,3S,4R,5R,6S)-N-Benzyl-6-benzyloxymethyl-2-thiazolyl-3,4,5-tribenzyloxypiperidine (10a). Column chromatography with 6:1 cyclohexane-AcOEt afforded 10a (281 mg, 70%) as a syrup.  $[\alpha]_{\rm D} = -28.2$  (c 0.94, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $\delta = 7.78$  (d, 1 H, J =3.1 Hz, Th), 7.40-6.95 (m, 26 H, 5Ph and Th), 4.93 and 4.78 (2 d, 2 H, J = 11.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.65 (d, 1 H,  $J_{2,3} = 9.0$  Hz, H-2), 4.60 and 4.00 (2 d, 2 H, J = 10.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.57 and 4.53 (2 d, 2 H, J = 11.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.55 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 3.96 (t, 1 H,  $J_{4,3} =$  $J_{4,5} = 9.0$  Hz, H-4), 3.95 and 3.92 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{7a,6} = 5.0$  Hz,  $J_{7a,7b}$ = 9.5 Hz, H-7a), 3.89 (t, 1 H,  $J_{3,2} = J_{3,4} = 9.0$  Hz, H-3), 3.83 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{5,4} = 9.0$  Hz,  $J_{5,6} = 2.5$  Hz, H-5), 3.79 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{7b,6} = 5.0$ Hz,  $J_{7b,7a} = 9.5$  Hz, H-7b), 3.74 and 3.49 (2 d, 2 H, J = 14.0 Hz, N-CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 3.31 (ddd, 1 H,  $J_{6,5} = 2.5$  Hz,  $J_{6,7a} = J_{6,7b} = 5.0$  Hz, H-6). <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta = 141.9, 138.9, 138.3, 138.2, 128.3-126.8,$ 119.8, 85.5, 82.6, 79.8, 75.2, 75.0, 73.3, 72.4, 64.8, 64.6, 56.0, 53.1. MALDI-TOF MS: 696.4 (M), 720.1 (M + Na). Anal. Calcd for C44H44N2O4S (696.3): C, 75.83; H, 6.36; N, 4.02. Found: C, 75.74; H, 6.35; N, 4.02.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of Piperidines 9b-c, 10b-c. To a stirred solution of  $(AcO)_2Cu \cdot H_2O$  (13 mg, 0.11 mmol) in AcOH (1.0 mL) was added Zn dust (0.36 g, 0.56 mmol) in one portion. The resulting suspension was vigorously stirred at room temperature for 10 min, and then a solution of *N*-benzylhydroxylamines **5b–c**, **6b–c** (0.41 g, 0.57 mmol) in AcOH (5.0 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (2.0 mL) was added dropwise. The resulting mixture was warmed to 80 °C for 1 h. The suspension was filtered through a pad of Celite, neutralized with aqueous 3 M NaOH, and extracted with AcOEt (3 × 15 mL). The organic layer was washed with a saturated aqueous solution of EDTA (30 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated to give crude **7b–c**, **8b–c**.

To a cooled (0 °C), stirred mixture of the above crude amine, anhydrous toluene (6.0 mL), Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.28 mL, 0.84 mmol), and TMEDA (9.0  $\mu$ L, 0.057 mmol) was added MsCl (65  $\mu$ L, 0.84 mmol) dropwise. The resulting mixture was stirred for an additional 1 h, and then MeOH (100  $\mu$ L) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.28 mL) were added in one portion and stirred for an additional 5 min. The solvent was then evaporated, and the crude was taken up in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (6.0 mL) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.28 mL, 0.84 mmol). The solution was warmed to 85 °C for 4–20 h. Then, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated. The resulting crude material was diluted in AcOEt (10 mL), washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2 × 10 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, concentrated, and eluted from a column of silica gel with the suitable elution system to give the corresponding piperidines **9b–c**, **10b–c**.

(2R,3R,4R,5R,6S)-N-Benzyl-6-benzyloxymethyl-2-thiazolyl-3,4,5-tribenzyloxypiperidine (9b). Column chromatography with 6:1 cyclohexane-AcOEt afforded 9b (282 mg, 70%) as a pale yellow solid. Mp = 80–82 °C.  $[\alpha]_D$  = 24.9 (c 0.7, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 70 °C):  $\delta = 7.50-7.00$  (m, 26 H, 5Ph and Th), 6.65 (d, 1 H, J = 3.1 Hz, Th), 4.76 (d, 1 H,  $J_{2,3} = 6.5$  Hz, H-2), 4.71 and 4.61 (2 d, 2 H, J = 12.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.66 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{3,2} = 6.5$  Hz,  $J_{3,4} = 2.5$  Hz, H-3), 4.48 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.35 and 4.26 (2 d, 2 H, J = 12.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.27 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{5.4} = 7.0$ Hz,  $J_{5,6} = 4.0$  Hz, H-5), 4.17 and 3.91 (2 d, 2 H, J = 15.0 Hz, N-CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.12 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{4,3} = 2.5$  Hz,  $J_{4,5} = 7.0$  Hz, H-4), 4.08 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 3.72 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{7a,6} = 6.5$  Hz,  $J_{7a,7b} = 9.0$  Hz, H-7a), 3.64 (ddd, 1 H,  $J_{6,5} = 4.0$  Hz,  $J_{6,7a} = 6.5$  Hz,  $J_{6,7b} = 6.0$  Hz, H-6), 3.46 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{7b,6} = 6.0$  Hz,  $J_{7b,7a} = 9.0$  Hz, H-7b). <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $C_6D_6$ ):  $\delta = 173.2, 141.5, 140.1, 139.1, 138.7, 128.4 - 126.6,$ 119.2, 79.6, 75.3, 74.1, 72.9, 72.7, 72.4, 72.2, 69.1, 63.0, 60.7, 58.1. MALDI-TOF MS: 697.55 (M + H), 719.55 (M + Na). Anal. Calcd for C44H44N2O4S (696.3): C, 75.83; H, 6.36; N, 4.02. Found: C, 75.99; H, 6.38; N, 4.00.

(2S,3R,4R,5R,6S)-N-Benzyl-6-benzyloxymethyl-2-thiazolyl-3.4.5-tribenzyloxypiperidine (10b). Column chromatography with 6:1 cyclohexane-AcOEt afforded 10b (209 mg, 52%) as a syrup.  $[\alpha]_{\rm D} = -26.3 \ (c \ 0.6, \ {\rm CHCl}_3).$  <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 70 °C):  $\delta = 7.60$ (d, 1 H, J = 3.2 Hz, Th), 7.45-7.00 (m, 25 H, 5Ph), 6.73 (d, 1 H, J = 3.2 Hz, Th), 4.96 (d, 1 H,  $J_{2,3} = 3.0$  Hz, H-2), 4.91 and 4.58  $(2 d, 2 H, J = 11.0 Hz, CH_2Ph)$ , 4.66 and 4.59 (2 d, 2 H, J = 12.0 Hz)Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.53 and 4.38 (2 d, 2 H, J = 11.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.44 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{5,4} = 9.0$  Hz,  $J_{5,6} = 5.0$  Hz, H-5), 4.38 (t, 1 H,  $J_{3,2} = J_{3,4}$ = 3.0 Hz, H-3), 4.32 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.06 and 3.95 (2 d, 2 H, J = 15.0 Hz, N-CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.02 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{4,3}$  = 3.0 Hz,  $J_{4,5}$  = 9.0 Hz, H-4), 3.87 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{7a,6} = 5.0$  Hz,  $J_{7a,7b} = 10.0$  Hz, H-7a), 3.82 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{7b,6} = 4.0$  Hz,  $J_{7b,7a} = 10.0$  Hz, H-7b), 3.68 (ddd, 1 H,  $J_{6,5} = 5.0$  Hz,  $J_{6,7a} = 5.0$  Hz,  $J_{6,7b} = 4.0$  Hz, H-6). <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $(C_6 D_6)$ :  $\delta = 170.5, 142.5, 141.1, 140.2, 139.4, 139.3, 139.1, 138.7,$ 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.7, 127.4, 127.3, 127.2, 127.1, 126.7, 120.2, 80.3, 77.8, 75.9, 74.9, 73.0, 72.8, 72.5, 71.3, 67.0, 63.1, 57.2, 54.3, 51.6. MALDI-TOF MS: 697.1 (M + H), 719.8 (M + Na). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>44</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S (696.3): C, 75.83; H, 6.36; N, 4.02. Found: C, 75.97; H, 6.43; N, 4.05.

(2*R*,3*S*,4*R*,5*S*,6*S*)-*N*-Benzyl-6-benzyloxymethyl-2-thiazolyl-3,4,5-tribenzyloxypiperidine (9c). Column chromatography with 6:1 cyclohexane–AcOEt afforded 9c (305 mg, 76%) as a syrup. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub> = 17.6 (*c* 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $\delta$  = 7.74 (d, 1 H, *J* = 3.1 Hz, Th), 7.45–7.10 (m, 26 H, 5Ph and Th), 4.72 (d, 1 H, *J*<sub>2,3</sub> = 3.5 Hz, H-2), 4.58 and 4.54 (2 d, 2 H, *J* = 11.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.51 and 4.45 (2 d, 2 H, *J* = 11.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.29 and 4.11 (2 d, 2 H,  $J=12.0~{\rm Hz},~{\rm CH_2Ph}),~4.19~({\rm dd},~1~{\rm H},~J_{5,4}=2.5~{\rm Hz},~J_{5,6}=8.5~{\rm Hz},~{\rm H-5}),~4.16~{\rm and}~4.10~(2~{\rm d},~2~{\rm H},~J=12.0~{\rm Hz},~{\rm CH_2Ph}),~4.04~{\rm and}~3.81~(2~{\rm d},~2~{\rm H},~J=16.0~{\rm Hz},~{\rm N-CH_2Ph}),~3.90~({\rm dd},~1~{\rm H},~J_{3,2}=3.5~{\rm Hz},~J_{3,4}=5.0~{\rm Hz},~{\rm H-3}),~3.83~({\rm dd},~1~{\rm H},~J_{4,3}=5.0~{\rm Hz},~J_{4,5}=2.5~{\rm Hz},~{\rm H-4}),~3.67~({\rm dd},~1~{\rm H},~J_{7a,6}=3.5~{\rm Hz},~J_{7a,7b}=10.0~{\rm Hz},~{\rm H-7a}),~3.52~({\rm dd},~1~{\rm H},~J_{7b,6}=3.5~{\rm Hz},~J_{7b,7a}=10.0~{\rm Hz},~{\rm H-7b}),~3.26~({\rm ddd},~1~{\rm H},~J_{6,5}=8.5~{\rm Hz},~J_{6,7a}=J_{6,7b}=3.5~{\rm Hz},~{\rm H-6}).~^{13}{\rm C}~{\rm NMR}:~\delta=141.0,~139.1,~138.6,~138.5,~138.4,~138.0,~128.5-126.4,~120.2,~77.3,~74.1,~73.1,~72.8,~72.5,~72.1,~71.9,~67.7,~62.6,~60.5,~57.1.~{\rm MALDI-TOF}~{\rm MS}:~697.2~({\rm M}+{\rm H}),~719.7~({\rm M}+{\rm Na}).~{\rm Anal.}~{\rm Calcd}~{\rm for}~{\rm C}_{44}{\rm H}_{44}{\rm N}_{2}{\rm O}_{4}{\rm S}~(696.3):~{\rm C},~75.83;~{\rm H},~6.36;~{\rm N},~4.02.~{\rm Found}:~{\rm C},~75.75;~{\rm H},~6.35;~{\rm N},~4.03.$ 

(2S,3S,4R,5S,6S)-N-Benzyl-6-benzyloxymethyl-2-thiazolyl-3,4,5-tribenzyloxypiperidine (10c). Column chromatography with 6:1 cyclohexane-AcOEt afforded 10c (282 mg, 70%) as a syrup.  $[\alpha]_{\rm D} = -4.2 \ (c \ 1.6, \ {\rm CHCl}_3).$  <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $({\rm C}_6{\rm D}_6, \ 70 \ {}^{\circ}{\rm C}): \ \delta = 7.50-$ 7.00 (m, 26 H, 5Ph and Th), 6.70 (d, 1 H, J = 3.1 Hz, Th), 4.79 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{3,2} = 6.5$  Hz,  $J_{3,4} = 7.0$  Hz, H-3), 4.66 (d, 1 H,  $J_{2,3} =$ 6.5 Hz, H-2), 4.63 and 4.36 (2 d, 2 H, J = 11.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.55 and 4.48 (2 d, 2 H, J = 12.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.46 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.19 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.07 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{5,4} = 3.0$  Hz,  $J_{5,6} = 5.0$  Hz, H-5), 4.02 and 3.93 (2 d, 2 H, J = 14.0 Hz, N–CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 3.98 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{4,3} = 7.0$  Hz,  $J_{4,5} = 3.0$  Hz, H-4), 3.78 (q, 1 H,  $J_{6,5} = J_{6,7a} =$  $J_{6,7b} = 5.0$  Hz, H-6), 3.61 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{7a,6} = 5.0$  Hz,  $J_{7a,7b} = 10.0$ Hz, H-7a), 3.54 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{7b,6} = 5.0$  Hz,  $J_{7b,7a} = 10.0$  Hz, H-7b). <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta = 173.5, 141.7, 141.1, 139.3 - 137.9, 128.5 - 126.5,$ 120.3, 119.9, 81.4, 78.2, 76.8, 74.5, 74.2, 73.3, 72.9, 72.6, 72.2, 72.0, 71.6, 70.8, 67.7, 66.4, 63.9, 62.7, 54.5, 52.9. MALDI-TOF MS: 718.5 (M + Na). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>44</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S (696.3): C, 75.83; H, 6.36; N, 4.02. Found: C, 75.85; H, 6.39; N, 4.00.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of Piperidine Homoiminosugars 11a-c, 12a-c. A 2.0-5.0 mL process vial was filled with piperidine 9a-c, 10a-c (100 mg, 0.14 mmol), MeI (0.45 mL, 7.2 mmol), and CH<sub>3</sub>CN (4.0 mL). The vial was sealed with a Teflon septum and aluminum crimp, using an appropriate crimping tool. The vial was then placed in its correct position in the Biotage Initiator cavity and irradiated for 15 min at 110 °C. After the full irradiation sequence was completed, the vial was cooled to room temperature and then opened. The solution was transferred into a round-bottom flask, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in a 3:1 mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-MeOH (2.0 mL), cooled to 0 °C in an ice bath; to the resulting mixture NaBH<sub>4</sub> (30 mg, 0.72 mmol) was added in one portion while the solution was vigorously stirred. The ice bath was then removed, and after an additional 40 min the solution was treated with acetone (1.0 mL) and diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The resulting mixture was washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, and the extracted organic phase was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was taken up in a 10:1 mixture of CH<sub>3</sub>CN-H<sub>2</sub>O (2.0 mL) where some drops of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were added. Then, HgCl<sub>2</sub> (43 mg, 0.16 mmol) was added in one portion. After the mixture was stirred for 5 min, a 10% aqueous solution of KI (6.0 mL) was added dropwise. The solution was stirred for an additional 5 min and then extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was taken up in a 3:1 mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-MeOH (2.0 mL). The solution was cooled to -35 °C, and NaBH<sub>4</sub> (30 mg, 0.72 mmol) was added in one portion. After being stirred for 40 min, the solution was treated with acetone (1.0 mL) and then diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The solution was washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and the extracted organic phase was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, concentrated, and eluted from a column of silica gel with the suitable elution system to give the corresponding piperidine homoiminosugars 11a-c, 12a-c.

*N*-Benzyl-2,6-dideoxy-2,6-imino-3,4,5,7-tetra-*O*-benzyl-Lglycero-D-ido-heptitol (11a). Column chromatography with 4:1 cyclohexane–AcOEt afforded 11a (52 mg, 56%) as a syrup.  $[\alpha]_D$ = -3.8 (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.40–7.00 (m, 25 H, 5Ph), 4.85 and 4.80 (2 d, 2 H, *J* = 11.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.44 and 4.36 (2 d, 2 H, *J* = 11.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.39 and 4.34 (2 d, 2 H, *J* = 11.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.32 and 4.21 (2 d, 2 H, J = 11.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.02 (m, 1 H, H-1a), 3.93 (s, 2 H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 3.91 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{1b,1a} = 11.5$  Hz,  $J_{1b,2} = 8.0$  Hz, H-1b), 3.80 (t, 1 H,  $J_{4,3} = J_{4,5} = 9.0$  Hz, H-4), 3.76 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{5,4} = 10.0$  Hz,  $J_{5,6} = 5.0$  Hz, H-5), 3.70 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{3,2} = 6.5$  Hz,  $J_{3,4} = 9.0$  Hz, H-3), 3.65 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{7a,6} = 2.0$  Hz,  $J_{7a,7b} = 8.0$  Hz, H-7a), 3.63 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{7b,6} = 2.0$  Hz,  $J_{7h,7a} = 8.0$  Hz, H-7b), 3.46 (ddd, 1 H,  $J_{6,5} = 5.0$  Hz,  $J_{6,7a} = J_{6,7b} = 2.0$  Hz, H-6), 3.39 (ddd, 1 H,  $J_{2,1b} = 8.0$  Hz,  $J_{2,3} = 6.5$  Hz, H-2). <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta = 139.9$ , 138.8, 138.1, 137.9, 128.5–127.2, 79.9, 79.6, 79.2, 75.7, 73.4, 73.2, 72.9, 70.2, 61.3, 60.7, 60.4, 57.5. MALDITOF MS: 666.7 (M + Na), 682.7 (M + K). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>45</sub>-NO<sub>5</sub> (643.3): C, 78.35; H, 7.05; N, 2.18. Found: C, 78.43; H, 7.08; N, 2.17.

N-Benzyl-2,6-dideoxy-2,6-imino-3,4,5,7-tetra-O-benzyl-Lglycero-D-gulo-heptitol (12a). Column chromatography with 6:1 cyclohexane-AcOEt afforded **12a** (66 mg, 71%) as a syrup.  $[\alpha]_{D}$ = -21.1 (c 0.9, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (acetone-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = 7.40 - 7.20$ (m, 25 H, 5Ph), 4.93 and 4.76 (2 d, 2 H, J = 11.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.92 and 4.68 (2 d, 2 H, J = 11.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.55 and 4.51 (2 d, 2 H, J = 11.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.54 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.22 and 4.00  $(2 d, 2 H, J = 14.0 Hz, N-CH_2Ph), 3.96 (dd, 1 H, J_{1a,1b} = 11.5 Hz,$  $J_{1a,2} = 3.0$  Hz, H-1a), 3.95 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{7a,6} = 6.0$  Hz,  $J_{7a,7b} = 10.5$ Hz, H-7a), 3.85 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{7b,6} = 3.0$  Hz,  $J_{7b,7a} = 10.5$  Hz, H-7b), 3.84 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{4,3} = 8.0$  Hz,  $J_{4,5} = 9.0$  Hz, H-4), 3.84 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{1b,1a} = 11.5$  Hz,  $J_{1b,2} = 4.0$  Hz, H-1b), 3.68 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{5,4} = 9.0$ Hz,  $J_{5,6} = 5.5$  Hz, H-5), 3.63 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{3,2} = 9.0$  Hz,  $J_{3,4} = 8.5$ Hz, H-3), 3.37 (ddd, 1 H,  $J_{6,5} = 5.5$  Hz,  $J_{6,7a} = 6.0$  Hz,  $J_{6,7b} = 3.0$ Hz, H-6), 3.24 (s, 1 H, OH), 3.10 (ddd, 1 H,  $J_{2,1a} = 3.0$  Hz,  $J_{2,1b}$ = 4.0 Hz,  $J_{2,3}$  = 9.0 Hz, H-2). <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  = 141.7, 140.4, 140.2, 139.8, 139.5, 129.3-127.4, 84.1, 80.2, 79.7, 75.3, 75.1, 73.6, 72.5, 66.7, 61.9, 60.0, 57.1, 53.2. MALDI-TOF MS: 644.8 (M + H), 666.9 (M + Na). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{42}H_{45}NO_5$  (643.3): C, 78.35; H, 7.05; N, 2.18. Found: C, 78.51; H, 7.06; N, 2.19.

N-Benzyl-2,6-dideoxy-2,6-imino-3,4,5,7-tetra-O-benzyl-Lglycero-D-talo-heptitol (11b). Column chromatography with 6:1 cyclohexane-AcOEt afforded **11b** (33 mg, 36%) as a syrup.  $[\alpha]_D$ = 10.3 (c 1.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.35–7.00 (m, 25 H, 5Ph), 4.58 and 4.49 (2 d, 2 H, J = 12.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.43 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.37 and 4.33 (2 d, 2 H, J = 11.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.16 and 4.12 (2 d, 2 H, J = 11.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.10 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{5.4} = 6.0$ Hz,  $J_{5,6} = 3.0$  Hz, H-5), 4.06 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{3,2} = 8.0$  Hz,  $J_{3,4} = 2.5$ Hz, H-3), 3.91 and 3.82 (2 d, 2 H, J = 16.0 Hz, N-CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 3.78 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{4,3} = 2.5$  Hz,  $J_{4,5} = 6.0$  Hz, H-4), 3.76 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{1a,1b}$ = 11.5 Hz,  $J_{1a,2}$  = 3.5 Hz, H-1a), 3.75 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{7a,6}$  = 6.0 Hz,  $J_{7a,7b} = 11.5$  Hz, H-7a), 3.63 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{1b,1a} = 11.5$  Hz,  $J_{1b,2} = 4.0$ Hz, H-1b), 3.56 (dd, 1H,  $J_{7b,6} = 6.0$  Hz,  $J_{7b,7a} = 11.5$  Hz, H-7b), 3.56 (ddd, 1 H,  $J_{6,5} = 3.0$  Hz,  $J_{6,7a} = 6.0$  Hz,  $J_{6,7b} = 6.0$  Hz, H-6), 3.29 (ddd, 1 H,  $J_{2,1a} = 3.5$  Hz,  $J_{2,1b} = 4.0$  Hz,  $J_{2,3} = 8.0$  Hz, H-2), 2.61 (s, 1 H, OH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 141.7, 139.4, 139.1, 138.8, 128.6-126.9, 76.1, 75.3, 73.7, 73.1, 72.7, 72.2, 70.4, 63.0, 60.5, 59.5, 58.1. MALDI-TOF MS: 667.4 (M + Na). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>45</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> (643.3): C, 78.35; H, 7.05; N, 2.18. Found: C, 78.26; H, 7.05; N, 2.16.

*N*-Benzyl-2,6-dideoxy-2,6-imino-3,4,5,7-tetra-*O*-benzyl-Lglycero-D-galacto-heptitol (12b). Column chromatography with 4:1 cyclohexane–AcOEt afforded 12b (29 mg, 31%) as a syrup. [α]<sub>D</sub> = -35.8 (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $\delta$  = 7.40–7.15 (m, 25 H, 5Ph), 4.73–4.35 (8 d, 8 H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.12 (dd, 1 H, J<sub>3,2</sub> = J<sub>3,4</sub> = 5.0 Hz, H-3), 4.05 (t, 1 H, J<sub>1a,1b</sub> = J<sub>1a,2</sub> = 10.0 Hz, H-1a), 3.92 and 3.68 (2 d, 2 H, J = 14.0 Hz, N–CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 3.92 (dd, 1 H, J<sub>4,3</sub> = 5.0 Hz, J<sub>4.5</sub> = 9.0 Hz, H-4), 3.80 (bs, 1 H, H-5), 3.74 (dd, 1 H, J<sub>7a,6</sub> = 6.0 Hz, J<sub>7a,7b</sub> = 9.0 Hz, H-7a), 3.69 (dd, 1 H, J<sub>7b,6</sub> = 6.5 Hz, J<sub>7b,7a</sub> = 9.0 Hz, H-7b), 3.66 (dd, 1 H, J<sub>1b,1a</sub> = 10.0 Hz, J<sub>1b,2</sub> = 4.5 Hz, H-1b), 3.56 (m, 1 H, H-6), 3.10 (ddd, 1 H, J<sub>2,1a</sub> = 10.0 Hz, J<sub>2,1b</sub> = 4.5 Hz, J<sub>2,3</sub> = 5.0 Hz, H-2), 2.45 (s, 1 H, OH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  = 140.9, 138.4, 128.6, 128.3, 127.7, 127.6, 127.0, 73.3, 73.0, 72.8, 71.5, 68.4, 60.4, 58.5, 53.4, 26.9, 21.0, 14.8. MALDI-TOF MS: 644.7 (M + H), 666.6 (M + Na). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{42}H_{45}NO_5$  (643.3): C, 78.35; H, 7.05; N, 2.18. Found: C, 78.29; H, 7.11; N, 2.23.

N-Benzyl-2,6-dideoxy-2,6-imino-3,4,5,7-tetra-O-benzyl-Lglycero-L-gluco-heptitol (11c). Column chromatography with 4:1 cyclohexane–AcOEt afforded **11c** (34 mg, 37%) as a syrup.  $[\alpha]_D$ = 17.4 (c 0.8, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (acetone- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 7.42 - 7.06$  (m, 25 H, 5Ph), 4.72 and 4.64 (2 d, 2 H, J = 12.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.67 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.62 and 4.57 (2 d, 2 H, J = 12.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.33 and 4.29 (2 d, 2 H, J = 11.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.25 (dd, 1 H, J<sub>3,2</sub> = 4.5 Hz,  $J_{3,4} = 7.5$  Hz, H-3), 4.18 and 4.06 (2 d, 2 H, J = 15.0 Hz, N-CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.07 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{5,4} = 3.0$  Hz,  $J_{5,6} = 5.5$  Hz, H-5), 3.99 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{4,3} = 7.5$  Hz,  $J_{4,5} = 3.0$  Hz, H-4), 3.71 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{1a,1b}$ = 11.0 Hz,  $J_{1a,2}$  = 7.0 Hz, H-1a), 3.64 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{7a,6}$  = 5.0 Hz,  $J_{7a,7b} = 9.5$  Hz, H-7a), 3.55 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{7b,6} = 5.5$  Hz,  $J_{7b,7a} = 9.5$ Hz, H-7b), 3.52 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{1b,1a} = 11.0$  Hz,  $J_{1b,2} = 7.0$  Hz, H-1b), 3.38 (ddd, 1 H,  $J_{6,5} = J_{6,7b} = 5.5$  Hz,  $J_{6,7a} = 5.0$  Hz, H-6), 3.34 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{2,1a} = J_{2,1b} = 7.0$  Hz,  $J_{2,3} = 4.5$  Hz, H-2). <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $(C_6D_6): \delta = 140.8, 139.1, 139.0, 138.8, 138.3, 128.4 - 126.9, 76.2,$ 75.9, 73.2, 72.8, 72.1, 72.0, 70.1, 61.5, 61.1, 59.8, 59.5. MALDI-TOF MS: 666.7 (M + Na). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{42}H_{45}NO_5$  (643.3): C, 78.35; H, 7.05; N, 2.18. Found: C, 78.45; H, 7.03; N, 2.18.

N-Benzyl-2,6-dideoxy-2,6-imino-3,4,5,7-tetra-O-benzyl-Lglycero-L-manno-heptitol (12c). Column chromatography with 4:1 cyclohexane–AcOEt afforded **12c** (46 mg, 50%) as a syrup.  $[\alpha]_D$  $= -1.6 (c \ 0.5, \text{CHCl}_3)$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = 7.40 - 7.00 (m, 25 \text{ H}, 100 \text{ H})$ 5Ph), 4.74 and 4.53 (2 d, 2 H, J = 12.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.47 and 4.40  $(2 d, 2 H, J = 12.0 Hz, CH_2Ph), 4.39 (s, 2 H, CH_2Ph), 4.13 (s, 2$ 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.11 and 3.81 (2 d, 2 H, J = 14.0 Hz, N-CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.04 (t, 1 H,  $J_{3,2} = J_{3,4} = 7.0$  Hz, H-3), 4.00 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{5,4} = 3.0$ Hz,  $J_{5,6} = 5.5$  Hz, H-5), 3.94 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{1a,1b} = 11.0$  Hz,  $J_{1a,2} = 5.5$ Hz, H-1a), 3.83 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{4,3} = 7.0$  Hz,  $J_{4,5} = 3.0$  Hz, H-4), 3.74 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{1b,1a} = 11.0$  Hz,  $J_{1b,2} = 4.5$  Hz, H-1b), 3.57 (ddd, 1 H,  $J_{6,5} = 5.5$  Hz,  $J_{6,7a} = 5.5$  Hz,  $J_{6,7b} = 6.0$  Hz, H-6), 3.47 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{7a,6} = 5.5$  Hz,  $J_{7a,7b} = 11.0$  Hz, H-7a), 3.38 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{7b,6} = 5.5$ Hz,  $J_{7b,7a} = 11.0$  Hz, H-7b), 3.03 (ddd, 1 H,  $J_{2,1b} = 4.5$  Hz,  $J_{2,1a} =$ 5.5 Hz,  $J_{2,3} = 7.0$  Hz, H-2). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = 140.9$ , 139.4,  $139.3, 139.2, 138.7, 128.9 {-} 127.2, 79.4, 77.1, 74.6, 74.1, 73.2, 72.1,$ 71.8, 68.1, 61.3, 59.9, 56.0, 52.6. MALDI-TOF MS: 644.7 (M + H), 666.8 (M + Na). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{42}H_{45}NO_5$  (643.3): C, 78.35; H, 7.05; N, 2.18. Found: C, 78.49; H, 7.08; N, 2.17.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of 2,6-Dideoxy-2,6iminoheptitol Hydrochlorides 13a-c, 14a-c. To a solution of piperidine homoiminosugar 11a-c, 12a-c (80 mg, 0.12 mmol) in a 2:1 mixture of MeOH and THF (3.0 mL) was added Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (80 mg). After the reaction flask was purged with hydrogen, 7 drops of 6 M HCl were added, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 days at room temperature under hydrogen (100 psi). The mixture was then filtered through a pad of Celite, concentrated, and eluted from a column of Sephadex LH-20 (2 × 60 cm) with MeOH to afford the corresponding pure heptitol hydrochlorides 13a-c, 14a-c.

**2,6-Dideoxy-2,6-imino-L**-glycero-D-ido-heptitol Hydrochloride (13a). 13a (26 mg, 92%) as an amorphus solid.  $[\alpha]_D = 0.0$  (*c* 0.8, MeOH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta = 4.02$  (t, 1 H,  $J_{4,3} = J_{4,5} = 3.0$  Hz, H-4), 3.98 (m, 2 H, H-3 and H-5), 3.89 (m, 4 H, H-1a and H-1b, H-7a and H-7b), 3.55 (m, 2 H, H-2 and H-6). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta = 68.8, 67.7, 59.9, 58.1$ . MALDI-TOF MS: 193.8 (M<sub>amine</sub>), 215.6 (M<sub>amine</sub> + Na). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClNO<sub>5</sub> (229.1): C, 36.61; H, 7.02; N, 6.10. Found: C, 36.57; H, 7.03; N, 6.11.

**2,6-Dideoxy-2,6-imino-L**-*glycero-D*-*gulo*-heptitol Hydrochloride (14a). 14a (25 mg, 89%) as an amorphus solid.  $[\alpha]_D = -38.2$ (*c* 0.8, MeOH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta = 3.99$  (dd, 1 H,  $J_{1a,1b} =$ 13.0 Hz,  $J_{1a,2} = 5.5$  Hz, H-1a), 3.97 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{7a,6} = 6.0$  Hz,  $J_{7a,7b} =$ 12.5 Hz, H-7a), 3.89 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{7b,6} = 6.5$  Hz,  $J_{7b,7a} =$  12.5 Hz, H-7b), 3.87 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{1b,1a} =$  13.0 Hz,  $J_{1b,2} =$  3.5 Hz, H-1b), 3.85 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{5,4} = 8.5$  Hz,  $J_{5,6} = 5.5$  Hz, H-5), 3.68 (t, 1 H,  $J_{4,3} = J_{4,5}$  = 8.5 Hz, H-4), 3.63 (ddd, 1 H,  $J_{6,5} = 5.5$  Hz,  $J_{6,7a} = 6.0$  Hz,  $J_{6,7b} = 6.5$  Hz, H-6), 3.61 (t, 1 H,  $J_{3,2} = J_{3,4} = 8.5$  Hz, H-3), 3.39 (ddd, 1 H,  $J_{2,1a} = 5.5$  Hz,  $J_{2,1b} = 3.5$  Hz,  $J_{2,3} = 8.5$  Hz, H-2). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta = 73.8$ , 69.9, 69.3, 58.2, 58.1, 57.5, 57.1. MALDI-TOF MS: 216.3 (M<sub>amine</sub> + Na). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClNO<sub>5</sub> (229.1): C, 36.61; H, 7.02; N, 6.10. Found: C, 36.68; H, 7.01; N, 6.10.

**2,6-Dideoxy-2,6-imino-L**-*glycero*-D-*talo*-heptitol Hydrochloride (13b). 13b (16 mg, 56%) as an amorphus solid.  $[\alpha]_D = 30.8$  (*c* 0.9, H<sub>2</sub>O) [lit.<sup>20</sup>  $[\alpha]_D = 31.1$  (*c* 1.0, H<sub>2</sub>O)]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O):  $\delta = 3.96-3.89$  (m, 3 H), 3.82-3.62 (m, 4 H), 3.51-3.42 (m, 1 H), 3.24 (m, 1 H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O) spectrum was consistent with that reported in the literature.<sup>20</sup> MALDI-TOF MS: 194.2 (M<sub>amine</sub> + H). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>16</sub>CINO<sub>5</sub> (229.1): C, 36.61; H, 7.02; N, 6.10. Found: C, 36.59; H, 7.00; N, 6.09.

**2,6-Dideoxy-2,6-imino-**L*-glycero-*D*-galacto-*heptitol Hydrochloride (14b). 14b (25 mg, 88%) as an amorphus solid.  $[\alpha]_D =$ -39.4 (*c* 0.7, MeOH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O):  $\delta = 4.04-3.99$  (m, 2 H), 3.85 (dd, 1 H, J = 4.5 Hz, J = 12.0 Hz), 3.75-3.60 (m, 5 H), 3.45 (t, 1 H,  $J_{3,2} = J_{3,4} = 6.0$  Hz, H-3). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O):  $\delta = 69.1$ , 66.1, 65.9, 58.2, 55.4, 55.3, 55.0. MALDI-TOF MS: 217.7 (M<sub>amine</sub> + Na). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>16</sub>CINO<sub>5</sub> (229.1): C, 36.61; H, 7.02; N, 6.10. Found: C, 36.55; H, 6.97; N, 6.01.

**2,6-Dideoxy-2,6-imino-L**-*glycero-L*-*gluco*-heptitol Hydrochloride (13c). 13c (24 mg, 87%) as an amorphus solid.  $[\alpha]_D = -20.0$ (*c* 0.3, MeOH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta = 4.02-3.92$  (m, 4 H), 3.87-3.80 (m, 3 H), 3.51 (t, 1 H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O):  $\delta = 70.6$ , 68.3, 64.7, 59.9, 59.4, 57.8, 57.1. MALDI-TOF MS: 217.6 (M<sub>amine</sub> + Na). Anal. Calcd for  $C_7H_{16}CINO_5$  (229.1): C, 36.61; H, 7.02; N, 6.10. Found: C, 36.58; H, 6.93; N, 6.03.

Compound **13c** was previously characterized as a free amine.<sup>21</sup> Therefore, the hydrochloride **13c** was dissolved in a minimum of water and stirred with DOWEX 1X8–200 ion-exchange resin until pH = 11.55. After filtration, the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum to give the free amine.  $[\alpha]_D = -40.7$  (c 0.7, H<sub>2</sub>O) [lit.<sup>21</sup>  $[\alpha]_D = -41.0$  (c 0.69, H<sub>2</sub>O)]. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were identical to those reported in the literature.<sup>21</sup>

**2,6-Dideoxy-2,6-imino-L**-*glycero-L-manno*-heptitol Hydrochloride (14c). 14c (24 mg, 86%) as an amorphus solid.  $[\alpha]_D = -19.9$  (*c* 1.6, MeOH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta = 4.04$  (dd, 1 H,  $J_{5,4} = 3.0$  Hz,  $J_{5,6} = 6.5$  Hz, H-5), 4.00 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{1a,1b} = 12.0$  Hz,  $J_{1a,2} = 8.0$  Hz, H-1a), 3.92 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{7a,6} = 4.5$  Hz,  $J_{7a,7b} = 12.0$  Hz, H-7a), 3.90 (t, 1 H,  $J_{3,2} = J_{3,4} = 6.5$  Hz, H-3), 3.87 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{1b,1a} = 12.0$  Hz,  $J_{1b,2} = 4.0$  Hz, H-1b), 3.84 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{7b,6} = 7.0$  Hz,  $J_{7b,7a} = 12.0$  Hz, H-7b), 3.80 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{4,3} = 6.5$  Hz,  $J_{4,5} = 3.0$  Hz, H-4), 3.50 (ddd, 1 H,  $J_{6,5} = 6.5$  Hz,  $J_{6,7a} = 4.5$  Hz,  $J_{6,7b} = 7.0$  Hz, H-4), 3.6 (m, 1 H, H-2). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta = 71.7$ , 67.9, 67.0, 60.0, 58.4, 57.6. MALDI-TOF MS: 215.7 (M<sub>amine</sub> + Na). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClNO<sub>5</sub> (229.1): C, 36.61; H, 7.02; N, 6.10. Found: C, 36.69; H, 7.03; N, 6.12.

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