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Modifying the Regioselectivity of Glycosynthase Reactions Through Changes in the Acceptor*

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Successful glycosynthase-mediated reactions have been performed on 6-O-benzyl-, 6-O-(4-nitrobenzyl)-, and 6-O-benzyl-D-glucopyranose to give 1,2- β - and 1,3- β -D-glycosylated products; 4-O-benzyl-D-xylopyranose gave only a 1,2- β -glycosylated product. A rationale is presented for these rather unusual results.

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Introduction

Glycosynthases, which are mutant glycoside hydrolases that are capable of making but not breaking the glycosidic linkage, are currently available for the construction of β -1,3-, β -1,4-, β -1,6-, and α -1,4-linked oligosaccharides.^[1-11] Generally, the choice of donor sugar in the glycosylation process is guided by the structure of the natural substrate for the original glycoside hydrolase, while the acceptor is often an aryl glycoside that exhibits good binding in both the +1 and +2 subsites of the original glycoside hydrolase (and glycosynthase).^[1]

Like glycoside hydrolases, which are used in the *trans*glycosylation mode for the construction of the glycosidic linkage, glycosynthases are capable of constructing linkages for which they were not designed. For example, although the glycosynthase (Abg E358S) derived from a β -glucosidase isolated from an *Agrobacterium* sp. predictably presided over the construction of a β -1,4-linkage when α -D-glucopyranosyl fluoride was treated with 4-nitrophenyl β -D-glucopyranoside, when the acceptor was changed to 4-nitrophenyl β -Dxylopyranoside, a β -1,3-linkage was obtained (Scheme 1).^[3] It occurred to us that it might be possible to increase this 'structural infidelity' of glycosynthases by employing aryl ethers or esters as acceptors, rather than aryl glycosides. Our premise was that a molecule such as 6-*O*-benzyl-D-glucopyranose would perhaps present an alternative hydroxyl group (from an aryl β -D-glucopyranoside) for functionalization by the glycosyl donor, that is, if it actually did bind to the active site of a glycosynthase (Scheme 2).

In order to test our hypothesis, we prepared 6-*O*-benzyl-**1**, 6-*O*-benzyl-**2**, and 6-*O*-(4-nitrobenzyl)-D-glucopyranose **3** (Scheme 3). It was found that it was best to isolate the two ethers (**1** and **3**) as their tetraacetates (**4** and **5**), a feat which was not possible with ester **2**. To our delight, the treatment of all three of the free sugars (**1**, **2**, and **3**) with α -D-galactopyranosyl fluoride (to prevent higher saccharide formation^[3]) in the presence of the glycosynthase Abg E358S resulted in the formation of mixtures of disaccharides that had either β -1,3- or β -1,2-linkages (Table 1) rather than the characteristic β -1,4-linkage observed when an aryl β -D-glucopyranoside was the acceptor.^[3] Once again,



Scheme 1. (a) Abg E358S, NH₄HCO₃, H₂O.

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R = Bn, Bz, or $CH_2C_6H_4NO_2-4$

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Scheme 3. (a) $(Bu_3Sn)_2O$, PhMe, then BnBr, BzCl or 4-NO₂C₆H₄CH₂Br; (b) CF₃CO₂H/H₂O (4:1); (c) Ac₂O, pyridine for 1 and 3.



the disaccharides described here were best isolated as their per-acetates. Two of the reactions were repeated with α -D-glucopyranosyl fluoride as the donor and, again, the β -1,3- and β -1,2-linked disaccharides were the major products (Table 1).

Encouraged by these early results, we prepared 6-*O*-benzyl-D-galactopyranose $5^{[12]}$ (Scheme 4), 2-acetamido-6-*O*-benzoyl-2-deoxy-D-glucopyranose 6 (Scheme 5), and 6-*O*-benzoyl-D-glucal $7^{[13]}$ (Scheme 4). Unfortunately, none of these molecules acted as acceptors in our glycosynthase reactions with α -D-galactopyranosyl fluoride. However, it still seemed worthwhile to investigate the ability of sugars functionalized at positions other than O1 and O6 to act as acceptors in glycosynthase reactions. Thus, we prepared



Scheme 5. (*a*) Et₂NH, EtOH, then Ac₂O, pyridine, then BnOH, TMSOTf, CH₂Cl₂; (*b*) Na, MeOH, then BzCl, pyridine, CH₂Cl₂, -20° C; (*c*) H₂, Pd/C, MeOH.





Scheme 7. (*a*) PhSH, Et₂OBF₃, CH₂Cl₂, then Na, MeOH, then 2-methoxypropene, CSA, DMF; (*b*) BnBr, NaH, DMF, then H_3O^+ , MeOH; (*c*) NBS, H_3O^+ , MeCN.

4-*O*-benzyl- 8,^[14] 3-*O*-benzyl- 9,^[15] and 2-*O*-benzyl-D-glucopyranose $10^{[16]}$ (Scheme 6), but once again, none of these free sugars acted as acceptors in glycosynthase-mediated reactions.

Finally, we prepared 4-*O*-benzyl-D-xylopyranose **11** (Scheme 7), which subsequently acted as an acceptor in the glycosynthase reaction to provide a single β -1,2-linked disaccharide derivative (Table 1).

Discussion

How can one rationalize the successful glycosynthasemediated reactions reported here? For an acceptor such as 4-nitrophenyl β -D-glucopyranoside, binding to the active site of the glycosynthase is predictable and it is the 4-OH group that is correctly positioned for glycosylation to occur (Fig. 1*a*). For 4-nitrophenyl β -D-xylopyranoside, the mode of binding is likely to be similar (glycosyl moiety in the +1 site and aryl group in the +2 site), but the absence of a primary hydroxyl group allows a certain degree of positional freedom (through a 'flip' or translocation of the pyranose ring), and



Table 1. The glycosylation of various acceptors with glycosynthase Abg E358S



thus allows the 3-OH group to be presented for glycosylation (Fig. 1*b*).

The D-glucopyranoses 1-3 (Scheme 3) presumably bind in an alternative mode, whereby the functional group at O6 occupies the aglycon (+2) site, while the glycosyl moiety is rotated into the +1 site. Although these molecules have lost any contribution to binding that involves hydrogen bonding of the 6-OH group, compensation may be provided through hydrophobic interactions involving the aromatic ring in the +2 site. Therefore, the glycosyl moiety (which lacks a primary hydroxyl group) presents either the 2-OH group (Fig. 1c) or the 3-OH group (Fig. 1d) for glycosylation. The other positive result, namely the glycosylation of 4-O-benzyl-D-xylopyranose 11, may be rationalized in similar terms, that is, the benzyl ether binds in the +2 site and so presents the 2-OH group of the sugar for glycosylation (Fig. 1e).

One final observation in the glycosynthase-mediated transformations described here is the lack of formation of higher oligosaccharides (tri- and tetra-saccharides). Normally, the initial product of glycosylation (usually a disaccharide) is a good (or even better) acceptor, and so further glycosylation occurs to give higher oligosaccharides. The 'unnatural' β -1,2- and β -1,3-linked products described here are obviously poor acceptors and so further glycosylation is discouraged, even in the presence of the 'natural' donor, α -D-glucopyranosyl fluoride.

Our next intention is to apply some of the principles established here to extend the scope of the recently developed thioglycoligases.^[17]

Experimental

General experimental procedures have been given previously.^[18]

Tetra-O-acetyl-6-O-benzyl-D-glucopyranose 4

(i) Bis(tributyltin) oxide (3.2 g, 5.4 mmol) was added to 1,2-*O*-isopropylidene- α -D-glucofuranose (1.0 g, 4.5 mmol) in toluene (50 mL) and the mixture was heated at reflux for 24 h. Benzyl bromide (1.1 g, 6.3 mmol) was then added and the solution was refluxed for a further 2 h. Concentration of the mixture left a brown residue that, after flash chromatography (EtOAc/light petroleum 2:3), furnished 6-*O*-benzyl-1,2-*O*-isopropylidene- α -D-glucofuranose (1.3 g, 92%) as an oil. The ¹H NMR spectrum of this oil was consistent with that reported.^[19]

(ii) 6-*O*-Benzyl-1,2-*O*-isopropylidene- α -D-glucofuranose (1.3 g, 4.1 mmol) was added to a trifluoroacetic acid/H₂O (4:1, 15 mL) mixture and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Concentration of the solution gave a brown residue that was dissolved in pyridine (20 mL). Acetic anhydride (20 mL) was then added and after 1 h the solution was quenched with MeOH (10 mL) and concentrated. Usual workup (EtOAc) followed by flash chromatography (EtOAc/light petroleum, 3:7) gave tetra-*O*-acetyl-6-*O*-benzyl-D-glucopyranose **4** (1.7 g, 92%) as an oil. The ¹H NMR spectrum of this oil was consistent with that reported.^[20]

6-O-Benzoyl-D-glucopyranose 2

(i) Following the procedure described in (i) above, but using benzoyl chloride (890 mg) instead of benzyl bromide, gave 6-*O*-benzoyl-1,2-*O*-isopropylidene- α -D-glucofuranose^[21] (87%) as an oil.

(ii) 6-O-Benzoyl-1,2-O-isopropylidene- α -D-glucofuranose (1.3 g, 4.0 mmol) was added to a trifluoroacetic acid/H₂O (4:1, 15 mL) mixture and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Concentration of the mixture gave a brown residue that, upon flash chromatography (MeOH/CHCl₃, 3:7), gave tetrol **2** (1.1 g, 94%) as an oil. The ¹H NMR spectrum of this oil was consistent with that reported.^[22]

Tetra-O-acetyl-6-O-(4-nitrobenzyl)-D-glucopyranose 5

(i) Following the procedure described in (i) above for **4**, but using 4-nitrobenzyl bromide (1.4 g) instead of benzyl bromide, gave 1,2-*O*-isopropylidene-6-*O*-(4-nitrobenzyl)- α -D-glucofuranose (91%) as an oil, [α]_D -1.9 (Found (FAB): *m*/*z* 356.1363. C₁₆H₂₁NO₈ requires [M + H]⁺ 356.1345). δ _H (300 MHz) 8.21 and 7.50 (4H, AA'BB', Ar), 5.95 (d, *J*_{1,2} 3.7, H1), 4.70 (s, *CH*₂Ar), 4.54 (d, H2), 4.36 (d, *J*_{3,4} 2.8, H3), 4.24 (ddd, *J*_{4,5} 6.5, *J*_{5,6} 5.7 and 3.3, H5), 4.13 (dd, H4), 3.82 (dd, *J*_{6,6} 10.3, H6), 3.71 (dd, H6), 1.49 and 1.33 (6H, 2 s, Me). δ _C (75.5 MHz) 148.3, 145.1, 127.8, and 123.8 (6C, Ar), 111.8 (*CM*e₂), 104.9 (C1), 85.1, 79.5, 75.7, and 69.4 (C2, C3, C4, and C5), 72.3 and 71.8 (C6 and *C*H₂Ar), 26.8 and 26.1 (2C, Me).

(ii) Following the procedure described in (ii) above for 4, 1,2-O-isopropylidene-6-O-(4-nitrobenzyl)-α-D-glucofuranose (1.5 g, 4.2 mmol) gave tetra-O-acetyl-6-O-(4-nitrobenzyl)-D-glucopyranose 5 (1.9 g, 93%) as an oil (Found: C 52.3, H 5.2, m/z 484.1435, C₂₁H₂₅NO₁₂ requires C 52.2, H 5.2%, [M + H]^{+•} 484.1455). δ_H (600 MHz) 8.19 and 7.49 (4H, AA'BB', Ar), 6.33 (d, J_{1,2} 3.7, H1α), 5.70 (d, J_{1,2} 7.5, H1β), 5.47 (dd, J_{3.4} 10.0, H3α), 5.27–5.20 (m, H3β, H4α, and H4β), 5.13 (dd, J_{2,3} 9.9, H2β), 5.07 (dd, J_{2,3} 10.0, H2α), 4.65 and 4.57 (AB, J 13.1, CH2Ar), 4.07 (ddd, J4.5 9.2, J5.6 4.5 and 2.6, H5a), 3.82 (ddd, J4.5 9.3, J_{5,6} 2.7 and 4.5, H5β), 3.68 (dd, J_{6,6} 11.1, H6α), 3.64 (dd, H6α), 3.60-3.56 (m, H6β), 2.17, 2.10, 2.03, 2.02, 2.01, 1.98, and 1.97 (12H, 7s, Me). δ_C (150.8 MHz) 170.1, 169.4, 169.2, and 169.0 (4C, C=O), 145.2, 145.2, 127.8, 123.6, and 123.6 (6C, Ar), 91.8 (C1β), 89.1 (C1α), 73.9 (C5β), 72.9 (C4α), 72.4 and 72.3 (CH₂Ar), 71.1 (C5α), 70.2 (C2β), 69.9 (C3α), 68.2 (C2α), 68.7 and 68.7 (C6α and C6β), 68.4 and 68.4 (C3β and C4β), 20.8, 20.8, 20.6, 20.6, 20.5, 20.5, and 20.4 (4C, Me).

2-Acetamido-6-O-benzoyl-2-deoxy-D-glucopyranose 6

(i) Benzoyl chloride (145 mg, 1.10 mmol) in DMF (5 mL) was added dropwise to benzyl 2-acetamido-2-deoxy- β -D-glucopyranoside^[23] (250 mg, 0.810 mmol) and pyridine (0.10 mL, 1.1 mmol) in DMF (15 mL) at -30° C and the solution was stirred for 30 min. The mixture was quenched by the addition of MeOH (10 mL) and then concentrated. Flash chromatography of the residue (MeOH/CHCl₃, 1:9) gave *benzyl 2-acetamido-6-O-benzoyl-2-deoxy-\beta-D-glucopyranoside* (290 mg, 87%) as colourless crystals, mp 187–190°C (EtOH), [α]_D+26.1° (Found: C 63.3, H 6.2, *m/z* 416.1723. C₂₂H₂₅NO₇ requires C 63.6, H 6.1%, [M + H]⁺⁺ 416.1709). δ _H (500 MHz) 8.09–8.06, 7.63–7.59, 7.51–7.47, and 7.27–7.23 (10H, 4 m, Ph), 4.77 and 4.55 (AB, *J* 12.2, CH₂Ph), 4.69 (dd, *J*_{5,6} 3.7, *J*_{6,6} 12.3, H6), 4.51 (dd, *J*_{5,6} 5.9, H6), 4.49 (d, *J*_{1,2} 8.4, H1), 3.75 (ddd, *J*_{2,3} 8.0, *J*_{2,NH} 2.7, H2), 3.58 (ddd, *J*_{4,5} 1.10, H5), 3.49 (m, H3 and H4), 1.95 (s, Me). δ _C (125.7 MHz) 173.7 and 167.9 (2C, C=O), 138.9, 134.4, 131.4, 130.6, 129.6, 129.3, 128.9, 124.4, 131.4, 130.6, 129.6, 129.3, 128.9, 12

and 128.7 (Ph), 101.6 (C1), 75.8, 75.5, and 72.3 (C3, C4, and C5), 71.5 (CH₂Ph), 65.1 (C6), 57.4 (C2), 22.9 (Me).

(ii) The above benzoate (250 mg, 0.60 mmol) and palladium-oncarbon (20 mg of 10%) in MeOH (15 mL) were stirred vigorously under H₂ (1 atm) for 24 h. The mixture was then filtered through Celite, the filtrate was concentrated, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (MeOH/CHCl₃, 1:4) to give hemiacetal 6 (195 mg) as an oil, $[\alpha]_{D}$ +37.7° (equilibrium) (Found: m/z 326.1224. C₁₅H₁₉NO₇ requires $[M + H]^{+ \circ}$ 326.1239). $\delta_{\rm H}$ (600 MHz) 8.03–7.99, 7.60–7.57, and 7.48–7.43 (3 m, Ph), 5.13 (d, $J_{1,2}$ 3.4, H1 α), 4.66 (m, H1 β and H6 α), 4.61 (dd, J_{5.6} 1.9, J_{6.6} 12.7, H6β), 4.47 (m, H6α and H6β), 4.14 (ddd, $J_{4,5}$ 10.0, $J_{5,6}$ 5.1, H5 β), 3.91 (dd, $J_{2,3}$ 8.9, H2 α), 3.78 (dd, $J_{3,4}$ 9.0, H3 α), 3.67 (dd, $J_{1,2} \approx J_{2,3}$ 9.0, H2 β), 3.64 (ddd, $J_{4,5}$ 9.9, $J_{5,6}$ 5.6 and 1.8, H5 α), 3.51 (m, H3 β , H4 α , and H4 β), 1.99 (s, Me). δ_{C} (150.8 MHz) 174.2, 173.7, 168.0, and 167.9 (2C, C=O), 134.4, 134.3, 132.1, 131.2, 130.5, 130.4, 129.5, and 128.9 (Ph), 97.0 (C1B), 92.6 (C1a), 75.8 (C3B), 75.4 (C5a), 72.5 (C3a and C4b), 72.1 (C4a), 70.8 (C5b), 65.3 (C6a), 65.2 (C6 β), 58.7 (C2 β), 55.8 (C2 α), 22.9 and 22.7 (Me).

4-O-Benzyl-D-xylose 11

(i) Sodium hydride (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 120 mg, 2.8 mmol) and benzyl bromide (0.34 mL, 2.8 mmol) were added to phenyl 2,3-*O*-isopropylidene-1-thio-β-D-xyloside^[24] (400 mg, 1.40 mmol) in DMF (10 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h before being quenched by the addition of MeOH (10 mL). Concentration of the mixture followed by a usual workup (EtOAc) and flash chromatography (EtOAc/light petroleum 17:83) of the crude product gave phenyl 4-O-benzyl-2,3-O-isopropylidene-1-thio-β-D-xyloside (530 mg, 89%) as a solid, $[\alpha]_D - 32.9^\circ$ (Found: m/z 373.1465. $C_{21}H_{24}O_4S$ requires $[M+H]^{+\bullet}$ 373.1473). $\delta_{\rm H}$ (600 MHz) 7.56–7.54 and 7.34–7.30 (10H, 2 m, Ph), 4.81 (d, J_{1,2} 9.4, H1), 4.80 and 4.59 (AB, J 11.9, CH₂Ph), 4.10 (dd, J_{4.5} 5.1, J_{5.5} 11.9, H5), 3.76 (ddd, J_{3.4} 9.0, J_{4.5} 8.7, H4), 3.66 (dd, J_{2,3} 9.1, H3), 3.28 (dd, H5), 3.24 (dd, H2), 1.49 and 1.46 (6H, 2 s, Me). $\delta_{\rm C}$ (150.8 MHz) 137.9, 132.8, 131.9, 128.8, 128.4, 128.0, 127.8, and 127.7 (Ph), 111.2 (CMe₂), 85.3 (C1), 82.5, 75.5, and 75.3 (C2, C3, and C4), 72.1 (CH₂Ph), 68.3 (C5), 26.7 and 26.6 (2C, Me).

(ii) Concentrated HCl (0.2 mL) was added to phenyl 4-*O*-benzyl-2,3-*O*-isopropylidene-1-thio- β -D-xyloside (500 mg, 1.3 mmol) in MeOH (10 mL) and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The solution was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (EtOAc/light petroleum 1:1) to give *phenyl* 4-O-*benzyl-1-thio-\beta-D-xyloside* (430 mg, 97%) as plates, mp 119–120°C (EtOAc/light petroleum), [α]_D –57.1° (Found: C 65.1, H 6.0, *m/z* 333.1141. C₁₈H₂₀O₄S requires C 65.0, H 6.1%, [M + H]⁺⁺ 333.1160). δ _H (300 MHz) 7.51–7.47 and 7.35–7.25 (10H, 2 m, Ph), 4.73 and 4.60 (AB, *J* 11.7, CH₂Ph), 4.54 (d, *J*_{1,2} 9.4, H1), 3.99 (dd, *J*_{4,5} 4.9, *J*_{5,5} 11.3, H5), 3.50 (dd, *J*_{2,3} 8.8, H2), 3.38 (ddd, *J*_{3,4} 8.7, *J*_{4,5} 8.6, H4), 3.22–3.18 (m, H3 and H5). δ _C (75.5 MHz) 139.8, 134.7, 133.1, 129.9, 129.3, 128.9, 128.7, and 128.5 (Ph), 89.9 (C1), 78.6, 78.4, and 74.0 (C2, C3, and C4), 73.7 (CH₂Ph), 68.3 (C5).

(iii) *N*-Bromosuccinimide (170 mg, 0.94 mmol) was added to a solution of phenyl 4-*O*-benzyl-1-thio- β -D-xyloside (310 mg, 0.94 mmol) and concentrated HCl (0.1 mL) in CH₃CN/H₂O (19:1, 16 mL). The mixture was then stirred for 30 min and subsequently quenched with pyridine (10 mL). Evaporation of the solvents followed by flash chromatography (MeOH/CHCl₃, 1:9) of the residue gave hemiacetal **11** (180 mg, 80%) as colourless crystals. The ¹³C NMR spectrum was consistent with that reported.^[25]

General Procedure for the Glycosynthase (E358S)-Mediated Glycosylation of 6-O-Benzyl-D-glucopyranose **1** and 6-O-(4-Nitrobenzyl)-D-glucopyranose **3**

A few drops of NaOMe in MeOH (1.5 M) were added to a mixture of tetra-*O*-acetyl- α -D-galactopyranosyl or -glucopyranosyl fluoride and tetra-*O*-acetyl-6-*O*-benzyl-D-glucopyranose **4** or tetra-*O*-acetyl-6-*O*-(4-nitrobenzyl)-D-glucopyranose **5** in MeOH and the solution was stirred for 30 min. The mixture was quenched with resin (Amberlite IR-120, H⁺), filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was dissolved in NH₄HCO₃ solution (3 mL of 150 mM), Abg E358S (2 mg)

was added, and the solution was kept at 25° C for 7 days. The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure, the residue was dissolved in Ac₂O (5 mL) that contained NaOAc (50 mg), and the solution was heated at reflux for 10 min. The reaction was quenched by the addition of ice/water. Usual workup (CH₂Cl₂) followed by flash chromatography (EtOAc/light petroleum, 1:4 to 1:1) gave the appropriate per-acetylated disaccharides.

1,3,4-Tri-O-acetyl-6-O-benzyl-2-O-(tetra-O-acetylβ-D-galactopyranosyl)-β-D-glucose and 1,2,4-Tri-O-acetyl-6-O-benzyl-3-O-(tetra-O-acetylβ-D-galactopyranosyl)-β-D-glucose

Utilizing the above general procedure, tetra-O-acetyl-α-D-galactopyranosyl fluoride (275 mg, 0.79 mmol) and tetra-O-acetyl-6-O-benzyl-D-glucopyranose 4 (230 mg, 0.52 mmol) firstly gave 1,3,4-tri-O-acetyl-6-O-benzyl-2-O-(tetra-O-acetyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl)-β-Dglucose (200 mg, 53%) as an oil (Found: m/z 727.2385. C₃₃H₄₂O₁₈ requires $[M + H]^{+\bullet}$ 727.2449). $\delta_{\rm H}$ (600 MHz) 7.31–7.25 (m, Ph), 5.63 (d, $J_{1,2}$ 8.0, H1), 5.33 (dd, $J_{4',5'}$ 1.1, $J_{3',4'}$ 3.5, H4'), 5.17 (dd, $J_{2,3}$ 9.3, $J_{3,4}$ 10.0, H3), 5.10 (dd, $J_{4,5}$ 9.8, H4), 5.08 (dd, $J_{1',2'}$ 8.0, $J_{2',3'}$ 10.4, H2'), 4.91 (dd, H3'), 4.58 (d, H1'), 4.55 and 4.40 (AB, J 12.2, CH₂Ph), 4.11 (dd, J_{5',6'} 6.1, J_{6',6'} 11.8, H6'), 4.06 (dd, J_{5',6'} 9.9, H6'), 3.92 (ddd, H5'), 3.81 (dd, H2), 3.70 (ddd, J_{5.6} 3.9 and 2.6, H5), 3.56 (dd, J_{6.6} 11.1, H6), 3.47 (dd, H6), 2.12, 2.09, 2.06, 2.02, 1.99, 1.94, and 1.84 (21H, 7 s, Me). S_C (150.8 MHz) 170.3, 170.1, 170.1, 169.9, 169.6, 169.3, and 168.8 (7C, C=O), 137.4, 128.3, 127.9, and 127.7 (Ph), 101.1 (C1'), 91.7 (C1), 76.9 (C2), 75.0 (C5'), 74.7 (C3), 73.5 (C5), 73.4 (CH₂Ph), 70.9 (C3'), 68.6 and 68.5 (C4 and C2'), 67.3 (C6), 66.8 (C4'), 61.2 (C6'), 20.9, 20.7, 20.7, 20.5, 20.4, 20.4, and 20.4 (7C, Me).

Next to elute was 1,2,4-tri-*O*-acetyl-6-*O*-benzyl-3-*O*-(tetra-*O*-acetyl- β -D-galactopyranosyl)- β -D-glucose (120 mg, 33%), which was isolated as an oil (Found: *m*/z 727.2445. C₃₃H₄₂O₁₈ requires [M + H]^{+•} 727.2449). $\delta_{\rm H}$ (600 MHz) 7.31–7.23 (m, Ph), 5.60 (d, $J_{1,2}$ 8.2, H1), 5.32 (dd, $J_{3',4'}$ 3.5, $J_{4',5'}$ 1.0, H4'), 5.09 (dd, $J_{2,3}$ 7.9, H2), 5.05 (dd, $J_{1',2'}$ 8.0, $J_{2',3'}$ 10.4, H2'), 4.99 (dd, $J_{3,4}$ 7.9, $J_{4,5}$ 9.8, H4), 4.91 (dd, H3'), 4.54 (d, H1'), 4.51 and 4.49 (AB, *J* 12.0, CH₂Ph), 4.11 (dd, $J_{5',6'}$ 6.8, $J_{6',6'}$ 11.0, H6'), 4.06 (dd, $J_{5',6'}$ 8.8, H6'), 4.00 (ddd, H5'), 3.86 (dd, H3), 3.75 (ddd, $J_{5,6}$ 4.9 and 2.9, H5), 3.56 (dd, $J_{6,6}$ 11.0, H6), 3.49 (dd, H6), 2.11, 2.07, 2.05, 2.03, 1.99, 1.94, and 1.93 (21H, 7 s, Me). $\delta_{\rm C}$ (150.8 MHz) 170.3, 170.1, 170.1, and 168.7 (7C, C=O), 137.5, 128.2, 127.8, and 127.6 (Ph), 101.1 (C1'), 91.8 (C1), 78.4 (C5'), 74.1 (C5), 73.4 (CH₂Ph), 72.0 (C2), 70.9 (C3'), 70.4 (C3), 68.5 and 68.5 (C4 and C2'), 68.3 (C6), 66.7 (C4'), 60.9 (C6'), 20.9, 20.7, 20.7, 20.5, 20.4, 20.4, and 20.3 (7C, Me).

1,3,4-Tri-O-acetyl-6-O-(4-nitrobenzyl)-2-O-(tetra-O-acetylβ-D-galactopyranosyl)-β-D-glucose and 1,2,4-Tri-O-acetyl-6-O-(4-nitrobenzyl)-3-O-(tetra-O-acetyl-

 β -*D*-galactopyranosyl)- β -*D*-glucose Utilizing the above general procedure, tetra-*O*-acetyl- α -D-

galactopyranosyl fluoride (275 mg, 0.79 mmol) and tetra-O-acetyl-6-O-(4-nitrobenzyl)-D-glucopyranose 5 (250 mg, 0.52 mmol) firstly gave 1,3,4-tri-O-acetyl-6-O-(4-nitrobenzyl)-2-O-(tetra-O-acetyl-β-Dgalactopyranosyl)- β -D-glucose (190 mg, 47%) as an oil (Found: m/z772.2224. C₃₃H₄₁NO₂₀ requires $[M + H]^{+\bullet}$ 772.2300). $\delta_{\rm H}$ (600 MHz) 8.19 and 7.46 (4H, AA'BB', Ar), 5.65 (d, J_{1,2} 8.0, H1), 5.35 (dd, J_{3',4'} 3.5, $J_{4',5'}$ 1.1, H4'), 5.24 (dd, $J_{2,3}$ 8.9, $J_{3,4}$ 9.3, H3), 5.14 (dd, $J_{1',2'}$ 8.0, J_{2',3'} 9.9, H2'), 5.06 (dd, J_{4,5} 8.4, H4), 4.94 (dd, H3'), 4.65 and 4.63 (AB, *J* 13.2, C*H*₂Ar), 4.59 (d, H1'), 4.13 (dd, *J*_{5',6'} 3.4, *J*_{6',6'} 10.9, H6'), 4.05 (dd, J_{5',6'} 6.4, H6'), 3.98 (ddd, H5'), 3.84 (dd, H2), 3.68 (dd, J_{5,6} 2.4, J_{6,6} 11.1, H6), 3.65 (ddd, J_{5,6} 4.1, H5), 3.56 (dd, H6), 2.11, 2.09, 2.08, 2.05, 2.01, 1.99, and 1.95 (21H, 7 s, Me). $\delta_{\rm C}$ (150.8 MHz) 170.4, 170.3, 170.1, 170.1, 169.9, 169.3, and 168.8 (7C, C=O), 147.4, 145.2, 127.8, and 123.6 (6C, Ar), 101.3 (C1'), 91.8 (C1), 75.3 (C5), 74.4 (C5'), 73.5 (C3), 72.3 (CH₂Ar), 70.9 (C3'), 69.1 (C4), 68.6 (C2'), 68.5 (C6), 67.8 (C2), 66.8 (C4'), 61.1 (C6'), 20.8, 20.7, 20.6, 20.5, and 20.4 (7C, Me).

Next to elute was 1,2,4-tri-*O*-acetyl-6-*O*-(4-nitrobenzyl)-3-*O*-(tetra-*O*-acetyl- β -D-galactopyranosyl)- β -D-glucose (115 mg, 29%), which was isolated as an oil (Found: *m*/z 772.2276. C₃₃H₄₁NO₂₀ requires [M + H]^{+•} 772.2300). $\delta_{\rm H}$ (600 MHz) 8.16 and 7.47 (4H, AA'BB', Ar), 5.59 (d, $J_{1,2}$ 8.4, H1), 5.33 (dd, $J_{3',4'}$ 3.5, $J_{4',5'}$ 1.0, H4'), 5.08–5.05 (m, H2 and H2'), 5.00 (dd, $J_{3,4}$ 9.5, $J_{4,5}$ 9.9, H4), 4.94 (dd, $J_{2',3'}$ 10.4, H3'), 4.60 and 4.58 (AB, *J* 13.4, CH₂Ar), 4.55 (d, $J_{1',2'}$ 8.0, H1'), 4.15 (dd, $J_{5',6'}$ 3.9, $J_{6',6'}$ 11.1, H6'), 4.04 (dd, $J_{5',6'}$ 6.4, H6'), 3.95 (dd, $J_{2,3}$ 9.4, H3), 3.90 (ddd, H5'), 3.76 (ddd, $J_{5,6}$ 2.6 and 2.5, $J_{6,6}$ 11.3, H5), 3.62 (dd, H6), 3.56 (dd, H6), 2.16, 2.11, 2.08, 2.02, 2.00, 1.99, and 1.94 (21H, 7 s, Me). $\delta_{\rm C}$ (150.8 MHz) 170.3, 170.1, 170.1, 170.0, 169.3, 169.1, and 168.9 (7C, C=O), 147.3, 145.3, 127.8, and 123.5 (6C, Ar), 101.1 (C1'), 91.8 (C1), 78.3 (C3), 74.2 (C5), 72.3 (CH₂Ar), 70.9 (C3'), 70.5 (C5'), 69.0 (C6), 71.3, 68.7, and 68.3 (C2, C4, and C2'), 66.7 (C4'), 60.9 (C6'), 20.8, 20.7, 20.7, 20.5, 20.4, 20.4, and 20.3 (7C, Me).

1,3,4-Tri-O-acetyl-6-O-benzyl-2-O-(tetra-O-acetylβ-D-glucopyranosyl)-β-D-glucose and 1,2,4-Tri-O-acetyl-6-O-benzyl-3-O-(tetra-O-acetylβ-D-glucopyranosyl)-β-D-glucose

Utilizing the above general procedure, tetra-O-acetyl-a-D-glucopyranosyl fluoride (180 mg, 0.52 mmol) and tetra-O-acetyl-6-O-benzyl-D-glucopyranose 4 (230 mg, 0.52 mmol) firstly gave 1,3,4-tri-O-acetyl-6-O-benzyl-2-O-(tetra-O-acetyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl)-β-D-glucose (147 mg, 39%) as an oil (Found: m/z 727.2455. C33H42O18 requires $[M + H]^{+\bullet}$ 727.2449). δ_{H} (600 MHz) 7.31–7.25 (m, Ph), 5.61 (d, $J_{1,2}$ 8.1, H1), 5.17-5.16 (m, H3 and H3'), 5.10-5.07 (m, H4 and H4'), 4.89 (dd, J_{1',2'} 8.0, J_{2',3'} 9.9, H2'), 4.55 (d, H1'), 4.45 and 4.40 (AB, J 12.5, CH₂Ph), 4.12 (dd, J_{5',6'} 2.7, J_{6',6'} 11.9, H6'), 4.06 (dd, J_{5',6'} 4.4, H6'), 3.83 (dd, J_{2,3} 9.9, H2), 3.71 (ddd, J_{4,5} 10.0, J_{5,6} 3.6 and 2.8, H5), 3.64 (ddd, *J*_{4',5'} 8.2, H5'), 3.58 (dd, *J*_{6.6} 11.0, H6), 3.46 (dd, H6), 2.14, 2.11, 2.07, 2.02, 1.99, 1.96, and 1.94 (21H, 7 s, Me). δ_C (150.8 MHz) 170.3, 170.1, 169.9, 169.2, and 168.6 (7C, C=O), 137.2, 128.1, 127.5, and 127.3 (Ph), 100.3 (C1'), 91.9 (C1), 76.8 (C2), 75.2, 68.9, 68.2, and 68.1 (C3, C4, C3', and C4'), 73.9 (C5), 73.1 (CH₂Ph), 71.8 (C5'), 71.0 (C2'), 67.1 (C6), 61.6 (C6'), 20.7, 20.7, 20.6, 20.5, 20.4, 20.4, and 20.2 (7C, Me).

Next to elute was 1,2,4-tri-*O*-acetyl-6-*O*-benzyl-3-*O*-(tetra-*O*-acetyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl)- β -D-glucose (120 mg, 32%), which was isolated as an oil (Found: *m/z* 727.2445. C₃₃H₄₂O₁₈ requires [M + H]^{+•} 727.2449). $\delta_{\rm H}$ (600 MHz) 7.38–7.25 (m, Ph), 5.62 (d, $J_{1,2}$ 8.2, H1), 5.14 (dd, $J_{2',3'}$ 10.0, $J_{3',4'}$ 10.0, H3'), 5.10–5.08 (m, H2 and H4'), 4.99 (dd, $J_{3,4}$ 7.9, $J_{4,5}$ 9.9, H4), 4.88 (dd, $J_{1',2'}$ 7.9, H2'), 4.59 (d, H1'), 4.48 and 4.44 (AB, *J*12.3, *CH*₂Ph), 4.19 (dd, $J_{5',6'}$ 2.9, $J_{6',6'}$ 11.3, H6'), 4.05 (dd, $J_{5',6'}$ 4.3, H6'), 3.84 (dd, $J_{2,3}$ 8.2, H3), 3.73 (ddd, $J_{5,6}$ 4.9 and 2.7, H5), 3.65 (ddd, $J_{4',5'}$ 8.8, H5'), 3.53 (dd, $J_{6,6}$ 11.2, H6), 3.51 (dd, H6), 2.09, 2.06, 2.05, 2.01, 1.99, 1.96, and 1.94 (21H, 7 s, Me). $\delta_{\rm C}$ (150.8 MHz) 170.8, 170.4, 170.2, 169.9, 169.6, 169.0, and 168.6 (7C, C=O), 137.4, 128.8, 128.0, and 127.1 (Ph), 100.7 (C1'), 91.9 (C1), 74.3 (C5), 73.3 (CH₂Ph), 70.9 (C3), 70.5 (C2'), 68.6 (C4), 68.4 (C6), 68.2 (C3'), 72.2 and 67.9 (C2, C4', and C5'), 61.8 (C6'), 20.8, 20.7, 20.6, 20.5, 20.4, 20.3, and 20.2 (7C, Me).

General Procedure for the Glycosynthase (E358S)-Mediated Glycosylation of Hemiacetals 2 and 11

A few drops of NaOMe in MeOH (1.5 M) were added to tetra-O-acetyl- α -D-galactopyranosyl or -glucopyranosyl fluoride in MeOH (5 mL) and the resultant solution was stirred for 30 min. The mixture was quenched with resin (Amberlite IR-120, H⁺), filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was dissolved in NH₄HCO₃ solution (3 mL of 150 mM), the hemiacetal and Abg E358S (2 mg) were added, and the solution was kept at 25°C for 7 days. The solution was then concentrated, the residue was dissolved in Ac₂O (5 mL) that contained NaOAc (50 mg), and the solution was heated at reflux for 10 min. The reaction was quenched by the addition of ice/water. Usual workup (CH₂Cl₂) followed by flash chromatography (EtOAc/light petroleum, 1:4 to 1:1) gave the appropriate per-acetylated disaccharide(s). *1,3,4-Tri*-O-acetyl-6-O-benzoyl-2-O-(tetra-O-acetylβ-D-galactopyranosyl)-β-D-glucose and *1,2,4-Tri*-O-acetyl-6-O-benzoyl-3-O-(tetra-O-acetylβ-D-galactopyranosyl)-β-D-glucose

Utilizing the above general procedure, tetra-*O*-acetyl- α -D-galactopyranosyl fluoride (270 mg, 0.77 mmol) and 6-*O*-benzoyl-D-glucopyranose **2** (140 mg, 0.51 mmol) firstly gave 1,3,4-tri-*O*-acetyl-6-*O*-benzoyl-2-*O*-(tetra-*O*-acetyl- β -D-galactopyranosyl)- β -D-glucose (87 mg, 41%) as an oil (Found: *m*/*z* 741.2275. C₃₃H₄₀O₁₉ requires [M + H]⁺⁺ 741.2242). $\delta_{\rm H}$ (600 MHz) 8.04–8.00, 7.57–7.54, and 7.45–7.43 (3 m, Ph), 5.72 (d, $J_{1,2}$ 7.9, H1), 5.35 (dd, $J_{3',4'}$ 3.5, $J_{4',5'}$ 1.1, H4'), 5.25 (dd, $J_{2,3}$ 9.3, $J_{3,4}$ 9.3, H3), 5.13 (dd, $J_{1',2'}$ 8.0, $J_{2',3'}$ 9.0, H2'), 5.09 (dd, $J_{4,5}$ 9.3, H4), 4.94 (dd, H3'), 4.60 (d, H1'), 4.45 (dd, $J_{5,6}$ 2.3, $J_{6,6}$ 12.4, H6), 4.38 (dd, $J_{5,6}$ 4.4, H6), 4.16 (dd, $J_{5',6'}$ 6.6, $J_{6',6'}$ 11.3, H6'), 4.06 (dd, $J_{5',6'}$ 6.8, H6'), 3.96 (ddd, H5), 3.87 (ddd, H5'), 3.85 (dd, H2), 2.18, 2.15, 2.06, 2.03, 2.02, 2.01, and 1.96 (21H, 7 s, Me). $\delta_{\rm C}$ (150.8 MHz) 170.4, 170.2, 170.1, 169.8, 169.6, 169.0, 168.7, and 166.0 (8C, C=O), 133.2, 129.7, 129.5, and 128.4 (Ph), 101.2 (C1'), 92.0 (C1), 77.0 (C2), 74.5 (C3), 72.4 (C5), 70.9 (C3'), 70.6 (C5'), 68.6 (C4), 68.3 (C2'), 66.8 (C4'), 62.2 (C6), 61.1 (C6'), 20.7, 20.6, 20.6, 20.5, 20.4, and 20.4 (7C, Me).

Next to elute was 1,2,4-tri-*O*-acetyl-6-*O*-benzoyl-3-*O*-(tetra-*O*-acetyl- β -D-galactopyranosyl)- β -D-glucose (64 mg, 30%), which was isolated as an oil (Found: *m*/z 741.2235. C₃₃H₄₀O₁₉ requires [M + H]^{+•} 741.2242). $\delta_{\rm H}$ (600 MHz) 8.05–8.03, 7.58–7.54, and 7.46–7.43 (3 m, Ph), 5.65 (d, *J*_{1,2} 7.9, H1), 5.34 (dd, *J*_{3',4'} 3.5, *J*_{4',5'} 1.1, H4'), 5.14 (dd, *J*_{3,4} 9.4, *J*_{4,5} 8.3, H4), 5.09 (dd, *J*_{2,3} 9.1, H2), 5.05 (dd, *J*_{1',2'} 8.0, *J*_{2',3'} 8.8, H2'), 4.95 (dd, H3'), 4.57 (d, H1'), 4.50 (dd, *J*_{5,6} 2.6, *J*_{6,6} 12.1, H6), 4.29 (dd, *J*_{5,6} 4.4, H6), 4.24 (dd, *J*_{5',6'} 5.9, *J*_{6',6'} 11.0, H6'), 4.19 (ddd, *J*_{5',6'} 3.0, H5'), 4.05 (dd, H3), 4.01 (dd, H6'), 3.93 (ddd, H5), 2.15, 2.13, 2.06, 2.03, 2.02, 1.99, and 1.95 (21H, 7 s, Me). $\delta_{\rm C}$ (150.8 MHz) 170.3, 170.2, 170.1, 169.3, 169.1, 169.0, 168.8, and 166.1 (8C, C=O), 133.1, 129.8, 129.5, and 128.4 (Ph), 101.2 (C1'), 91.8 (C1), 78.4 (C3), 72.8 (C5), 71.9 (C4), 71.0 (C3'), 70.2 (C5'), 68.7 (C2'), 68.1 (C2), 66.8 (C4'), 62.4 (C6), 60.9 (C6'), 20.7, 20.6, 20.5, 20.5, 20.5, and 20.4 (7C, Me).

1,3,4-Tri-O-acetyl-6-O-benzoyl-2-O-(tetra-O-acetylβ-D-glucopyranosyl)-β-D-glucose and 1,2,4-Tri-O-acetyl-6-O-benzoyl-3-O-(tetra-O-acetylβ-D-glucopyranosyl)-β-D-glucose

Utilizing the above general procedure, tetra-O-acetyl-a-D-glucopyranosyl fluoride (180 mg, 0.51 mmol) and 6-O-benzoyl-D-glucopyranose 2 (140 mg, 0.51 mmol) firstly gave 1,3,4-tri-O-acetyl-6-O-benzoyl-2-O-(tetra-O-acetyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl)-β-D-glucose (91 mg, 43%) as an oil (Found: m/z 741.2239. C₃₃H₄₀O₁₉ requires [M + H]^{+•} 741.2242). δ_H (600 MHz) 8.03–7.99, 7.58–7.54, and 7.44–7.42 (3 m, Ph), 5.71 (d, J_{1,2} 7.8, H1), 5.47 (dd, J_{2,3} 9.4, J_{3,4} 9.5, H3), 5.16 (dd, J_{2',3'} 9.6, J_{3',4'} 9.5, H3'), 5.12 (dd, J_{4.5} 8.2, H4), 5.08 (dd, J_{4',5'} 8.6, H4'), 4.89 (dd, J_{1',2'} 7.9, H2'), 4.59 (d, H1'), 4.46 (dd, J_{5,6} 2.2, J_{6,6} 12.1, H6), 4.39 (dd, J_{5,6} 4.5, H6), 4.09–4.05 (3H, m, H5 and H6'), 3.86 (dd, H2), 3.64 (ddd, J5' 6' 4.4 and 2.8, H5'), 2.15, 2.11, 2.06, 2.03, 1.99, 1.97, and 1.96 (21H, 7 s, Me). δ_C (150.8 MHz) 170.7, 170.3, 170.2, 169.8, 169.6, 169.2, 168.6, and 166.0 (8C, C=O), 133.1, 129.6, 129.5, and 128.3 (Ph), 100.9 (C1'), 92.0 (C1), 78.3 (C3), 72.7 (C5), 72.0 (C4), 71.8 (C5'), 70.9 (C2'), 68.2 (C2), 68.2 (C3'), 68.0 (C4'), 62.3 (C6), 61.5 (C6'), 20.7, 20.65, 20.5, 20.5, 20.5, 20.4, and 20.3 (7C, Me).

Next to elute was 1,2,4-tri-*O*-acetyl-6-*O*-benzoyl-3-*O*-(tetra-*O*-acetyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl)- β -D-glucose (70 mg, 33%), which was isolated as an oil (Found: *m*/z 741.2237. C₃₃H₄₀O₁₉ requires [M + H]^{+•} 741.2242). $\delta_{\rm H}$ (600 MHz) 8.05–8.03, 7.55–7.53, and 7.47–7.43 (3 m, Ph), 5.64 (d, J_{1,2} 8.1, H1), 5.16–5.14 (m, H3' and H4), 5.10–5.08 (m, H2 and H4'), 4.88 (dd, J_{1',2'} 8.0, J_{2',3'} 9.4, H2'), 4.58 (d, H1'), 4.50 (dd, J_{5,6} 2.6, J_{6,6} 12.2, H6), 4.29 (dd, J_{5,6} 4.4, H6), 4.21 (dd, J_{5',6'} 2.9, J_{6',6'} 11.3, H6'), 4.10–4.06 (2H, m, H3 and H6'), 3.93 (ddd, J_{4,5} 8.3, H5), 3.63 (ddd, J_{4',5'} 8.5, J_{5',6'} 4.4, H5'), 2.12, 2.09, 2.04, 2.03, 2.02, 1.99, and 1.95 (21H, 7 s, Me). $\delta_{\rm C}$ (150.8 MHz) 170.4, 170.3, 170.1, 169.2, 169.0, 169.0, 168.7, and 166.2 (8C, C=O), 133.2, 129.8, 129.7, and 128.4 (Ph), 100.8 (C1'), 92.0 (C1), 78.4 (C3), 72.7 (C5), 71.9 (C5'),

71.9 (C4), 70.8 (C2'), 68.1 (C2 and C3'), 67.8 (C4'), 62.7 (C6), 61.5 (C6'), 20.7, 20.5, 20.5, 20.5, 20.4, 20.3, and 20.2 (7C, Me).

1,3-Di-O-acetyl-4-O-benzyl-2-O-(tetra-O-acetylβ-D-galactopyranosyl)-β-D-xylose

Utilizing the above general procedure, tetra-O-acetyl-a-D-galactopyranosyl fluoride (110 mg, 0.31 mmol) and 4-O-benzyl-D-xylose 11 (50 mg, 0.20 mmol) gave 1,3-di-O-acetyl-4-O-benzyl-2-O-(tetra-Oacetyl-\beta-D-galactopyranosyl)-\beta-D-xylose (76 mg, 56%) as an oil (Found: m/z 655.2229. C₃₀H₃₈O₁₆ requires [M + H]^{+•} 655.2238). $\delta_{\rm H}$ (600 MHz) 7.35-7.28 and 7.25-7.33 (2 m, Ph), 5.59 (d, J_{1,2} 7.3, H1), 5.33 (dd, *J*_{3',4'} 3.4, *J*_{4',5'} 1.1, H4'), 5.18 (dd, *J*_{2,3} 9.0, *J*_{3,4} 8.9, H3), 5.10 $(dd, J_{1',2'}, 9.8, J_{2',3'}, 10.5, H2'), 4.92 (dd, H3'), 4.55 (d, H1'), 4.57 and$ 4.49 (AB, J 12.2, CH₂Ph), 4.14 (dd, J_{5',6'} 6.9, J_{6',6'} 11.2, H6'), 4.04 (dd, J_{5',6'} 6.5, H6'), 3.95 (dd, J_{4,5} 4.9, J_{5,5} 11.7, H5), 3.85 (ddd, H5'), 3.66 (dd, H2), 3.52 (ddd, J_{4,5} 9.8, H4), 3.42 (dd, H5), 2.13, 2.73, 2.06, 2.04, 2.03, and 1.96 (18H, 6 s, Me). δ_C (150.8 MHz) 170.4, 170.2, 169.4, 169.4, and 168.8 (6C, C=O), 137.5, 128.5, 128.0, and 127.7 (Ph), 101.2 (C1'), 92.8 (C1), 76.8 (C2), 74.6 (C4), 74.4 (C3), 72.4 (CH₂Ph), 70.9 (C3'), 70.5 (C5'), 68.5 (C2'), 66.8 (C4'), 64.0 (C5), 61.1 (C6'), 21.0, 20.9, 20.9, 20.7, 20.6, and 20.5 (6C, Me).

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