Synthesis of 3-(Glycosyloxymethyl)isocoumarins and (S)-3-(Glycosyloxymethyl)-3,4-dihydroisocoumarins by Coupling of Propargyl Glycosides with 2-Iodobenzoic Acid Mediated by Palladium Complex and Zinc Chloride

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Abstract: Palladium-catalyzed coupling of propargyl glycosides with *o*-iodobenzoic acid leads to the selective syntheses of hitherto unknown, novel isocoumarin glycosides in 43–55% yields. We have observed that reduction of the keto acids to the corresponding alcohols was highly stereospecific due to the neighboring glycosyl substitution and leads to the formation of (*S*)-3-(glycosyloxymeth-yl)-3,4-dihydroisocoumarins in 21–37% overall yield.

Key words: palladium-catalyzed coupling, propargyl glycosides, 2-iodobenzoic acid, isocoumarin glycosides, (*S*)-3-(glycosyloxy-methyl)-3,4-dihydroisocoumarins, antifungal

Isocoumarins and 3,4-dihydroisocoumarins are naturally occurring lactones that display a wide range of biological activities,^{1,2} such as antibacterial,³ anti-inflammatory,⁴ antiulcer,⁵ antifungal (plant pathogenic fungi),⁶ sweetening⁷ and anti-trail pheromonal effects.^{1,2,8} Notable among them are 3-hydroxymethylisocoumarin antibiotic cytogenin,^{5,9} several 3-alkylisocoumarin derivatives,^{6b} and 3-hydroxylated amino acid side-chain substituted dihydroisocou-AI-77-B,¹⁰ marin derivative 3-aminoalkyldihydroisocoumarin viz., amicoumacins and 3-aryldihydroisocoumarin viz., phyllodulcin.^{2a,11} Recently, the 3-aryl and -alkyl side-chain was shown to be a prerequisite for high antifungal activity against rice blast fungus pyricularia grisea.⁶ As a part of our ongoing investigation, and considering the wealth of bioactivities found in isocoumarin derivatives, we decided to examine the synthesis and antifungal properties of hitherto-unknown isocoumarin and 3,4-dihydroisocoumarin glycoside scaffolds. Because of

isocoumarin glycoside frame-work bearing labile <i>O</i> -gly- cosidic linkage and protecting groups, we considered pal-
ladium-catalyzed cross-coupling methodologies that have
become increasingly important for carbon–carbon bond formation in organic synthesis. ¹² Of these, palladium-
phosphine complex and zinc chloride system, as reported by Chang and co workers for coupling of 2 iodobenzoic
acid and methyl 2-iodobenzoate with internal alkynes to prepare selectively isocoumaring rather than phthalides
was selected. ¹³
As a starting point for this study, the propargyl glycoside derivatives 1a–e required for the coupling reaction were

the mild reaction conditions typically required to build

derivatives **1a–e** required for the coupling reaction were synthesized by literature-described methods and fully characterized.¹⁴ Compound **1a** was prepared by reaction of β -D-glucose pentaacetate with propargyl alcohol/ BF₃·OEt₂^{14a} and compounds **1b–e** by O-alkylation of the appropriate sugar alcohols with propargyl bromide/ NaH.^{14b}

With the required propargyl glycosides in hand, the coupling reaction of propargyl glucoside derivative **1a** with 2iodobenzoic acid (**2**) was studied. Thus, reaction of **1a** and **2** in presence of Pd(PPh₃)₄ (5% mol), ZnCl₂ (1 mol equiv) and Et₃N (5 mol equiv) in DMF at 100 °C under nitrogen for eight hours gave 3-glucopyranosyloxymethylisocoumarin **3a** (Table 1) in moderate yield (55%) (Scheme 1).¹³

The isocoumarin glycoside derivative **3a** was characterized from ¹H NMR spectrum by the appearance of H-4 at $\delta = 6.50$ as a singlet and the anomeric proton H-1' at 4.44

Entry	Propargyl glycoside	Product	Yield (%)	Mp (°C)	$\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{27}$
1	1a	3a	55	114–115	-18.9 (c = 0.5, MeOH)
2	1b	3b	45	syrup	$-30.3 (c = 0.1, CH_2Cl_2)$
3	1c	3c	44	93–94	+51.2 ($c = 0.05$, CH_2Cl_2)
4	1d	3d	43	136–138	$-28.0 (c = 0.1, CH_2Cl_2)$
5	1e	3e	45	134–136	$-55.8 (c = 1.0, CH_2Cl_2)$

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Scheme 1 Reagents and conditions: (i) $Pd(Ph_3P)_4$ (5 mol%), $ZnCl_2$ (1 equiv), Et_3N (5 equiv), DMF, 100 °C, 8 h; (ii) aq 5% KOH, EtOH, reflux, 4 h; (iii) NaBH₄, aq 1% NaOH, r.t., 2 h; (iv) Ac₂O, reflux, 2 h

as a doublet $(J_{1',2'} = 9.1 \text{ Hz})$, and ¹³C NMR spectrum by the appearance of C-1 at $\delta = 162.2$, C-3 at 121.1, C-4 at 105.1, C-1' at 100.5. Interestingly, the sensitive ester protecting groups of the sugar were tolerant of the reaction conditions.

After finding a suitable method for the synthesis of isocoumarin glycoside derivative **3a**, we have explored the applicability of this methodology for general synthesis of several other isocoumarin glycosides. Thus, reaction of propargyl galactoside derivative **1b** with 2-iodobenzoic acid (2) under the same conditions for eight hours afforded 3-galactosyloxymethylisocoumarin 3b (Table 1) in moderate yield (45%) (Scheme 1).¹³ The sensitive isopropylidene protecting groups were tolerant of the reaction conditions. The isocoumarin galactoside derivative 3b was characterized from ¹H NMR spectrum by the appearance of H-4 at $\delta = 6.63$ as a singlet and the anomeric proton H-1' at 5.51 as a doublet ($J_{1',2'} = 3.8$ Hz), and ¹³C NMR spectrum by the appearance of C-1 at $\delta = 162.2$, C-3 at 122.7, C-4 at 103.9, C-1' at 96.3, and also from IR spectrum by the appearance of carbonyl absorption at 1731 cm⁻¹ characteristic of isocoumarin.

The scope of the reaction was further extended for coupling of propargyl glycoside derivatives **1c**, **1d** and **1e** with **2**. Thus, coupling of propargyl mannofuranoside derivative 1c with 2 under the same reaction conditions afforded the corresponding 3-mannofuranosyloxymethylisocoumarin derivative 3c in 44% yield (Table 1). Once again similar yields were obtained due to the presence of labile isopropylidene protecting groups present on the sugar. In an analogous manner, coupling of propargyl glucofuranose derivative 1d with 2 gave the corresponding 3glucofuranosyloxymethylisocoumarin derivative 3d in 43% yield, and 1e with 2 gave 3-fructopyranosyloxymethylisocoumarin derivative **3e** in 45% yield (Table 1). The lower yields are reflective of sensitive cyclohexylidene protecting groups of the sugar. The spectroscopic features of isocoumarin glycosyl derivatives 3c, 3d and 3e were analogous to products 3a and 3b and fully supported the assigned structures. The reaction conditions were tolerant of ester, isopropylidene and cyclohexylidene protecting groups present on the propargyl glycoside derivatives **1a–e**.

Next, we turned our attention to transform isocoumarin glucosides 3a-e to the corresponding 3-glycosyloxymethyl-3,4-dihydroisocoumarin glycoside derivatives 6a-e by a sequence of alkaline hydrolysis, reduction and cyclization reactions. Thus, reaction of 3a-e in aqueous 5% potassium hydroxide in ethanol at reflux temperature for four hours gave the corresponding lactone ring-opened keto acids 4b-e, respectively, in good yields (63–83%). Compound **4a** could not be isolated under these reaction conditions probably due to hydrolysis of alkali labile ester groups of the sugar. The keto acid **4b** was characterized from ¹H NMR spectrum by the appearance of H-1' at δ = 5.48 ($J_{1',2'}$ = 3.7 Hz) as a doublet, methylene protons adjacent to carbonyl group at 3.69 (1 H) and 3.55 (1 H) as ABtype doublets (J_{gem} = 12.0 Hz), benzyl protons (2 H) at 3.20 (1 H) and 3.17 (1 H) as AB-type doublets (J_{gem} = 14.0 Hz) and by the appearance of carbonyl absorptions at 1725 and 1693 cm⁻¹ in the IR spectrum. The keto acids **4c**, **4d** and **4e** were fully characterized analogous to **4b**.

The critical reduction step of keto acids **4b–e** was carried out with sodium borohydride in aqueous 1% NaOH at room temperature for twohours to afford the corresponding alcohols **5b–e** in good yields (69–85%).^{6a} The hydroxy acids 5b-e could not be characterized by NMR analysis due to rapid cyclization to the corresponding dihydroisocoumarin glycosides **6b–e** during work-up. The hydroxy acids **5b–e** were alternatively cyclized by heating to reflux in Ac₂O for two hours to isolate the corresponding 3-glycosyloxymethyl-3,4-dihydroisocoumarins 6b-e in good yields (78–82%). The dihydroisocoumarin derivatives **6b–e** were found to be nearly single isomers by ¹H NMR spectra and were purified by column chromatography. The 3,4-dihydroisocoumarin glycoside derivative 6b was characterized from ¹H NMR spectrum from the appearance of H-1' at $\delta = 5.45$ (d, $J_{1', 2'} = 3.5$ Hz), H-3 as a multiplet at 4.70-4.60, H-4 at 3.20-2.95 as a multiplet, and ¹³C NMR spectrum from the appearance of C-1 at δ = 164.9, C-1' at 96.3, and from the lactone carbonyl absorption at 1724 cm⁻¹ in the IR spectrum. The 3, 4-dihydroisocoumarin glycosides 6c-e were characterized in a similar way from the ¹H NMR spectra.

The absolute configuration of the dihydroisocoumarin glycosides **6b–e** was determined as *S* at C-3 by analysis of their CD spectra^{15a} and by direct comparison with related compounds of known stereochemistry, such as (*S*)-3-(hydroxymethyl)-5,7-dimethoxydihydroisocoumarin.^{15b} The compounds **6b–e** showed the CD bands at 296–286, 288–277, 244–237, 227–222 and 205–204 nm, with negative sign. The selectivity observed for stereospecific reduction of keto acids could be attributed to the neighboring glycosyl substitution and thus, this methodology has advantages over the existing methods.

In summary, a general synthesis of novel isocoumarin glycosides **3a–e** and (*S*)-3-glycosyloxymethyl-3,4-dihydroisocoumarins **6b–e** in moderate yields (21–37%) has been achieved by palladium/ZnCl₂ mediated coupling of various terminal acetylene glycosides with 2-iodobenzoic acid (**2**). It was established that the reaction conditions are selective to afford isocoumarins; they are also mild, and tolerant of sensitive isopropylidene, cyclohexylidene and acetate protecting groups of the glycosides. Isocoumarin glycosides **3a–e**, upon alkaline hydrolysis, stereospecific reduction, and cyclization, give the corresponding (*S*)-3-glycosyloxymethyl-3,4-dihydroisocoumarins **6b–e** in good yields, except the glycoside **6a** which bears acetate protecting groups. This approach in principle is applicable to the synthesis of other chiral 3,4-dihydroisocoumarins. We have examined antifungal activity of all the new compounds against five pathogens, however none showed appreciable activity.

Melting points were determined by using Fisher John's melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on a Thermo Nicolet Nexus 670 FT-IR spectrometer. FAB Mass Spectra were recorded on an AUTO SPEC-M (Manchester, UK) mass spectrometer. ¹H NMR spectra in CDCl₃ were recorded at 300 MHz on a Bruker Avance and at 400 MHz on a Unity FT-NMR spectrometer with TMS as an internal standard (chemical shifts in δ , ppm). ¹³C NMR spectra in CDCl₃ were recorded exclusively at 300 MHz on a Bruker Avance FT-NMR spectrometer. Optical rotations were measured with a JASCO DIP-370 instrument. All CD spectra were recorded on JASCO 810 spectrophotometer on methanolic solutions of products. For column chromatography, silica gel 60–120 mesh was used. For TLC, silica gel 60 F₂₅₄ (Merck) was used.

1,2:5,6-Di-O-cyclohexylidene-3-O-(prop-2-ynyl)-α-D-glucofuranoside (1d)

To a solution of 1,2:5,6-di-*O*-cyclohexylidene- α -D-glucofuranose (5.0 g, 14.7 mmol) in DMF (10 mL) at 5 °C was added NaH (0.9 g, 37.5 mmol) and the mixture was stirred for 15 min. The mixture was cooled to 0 °C and propargyl bromide (1.75 g, 14.7 mmol) was added dropwise. The mixture was brought to r.t. and stirred for 2 h. The reaction was quenched by the addition of MeOH (0.5 mL), diluted with H₂O (100 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (2 × 50 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with H₂O (2 × 50 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated on a rotary evaporator to obtain **1d**; yield: 4.2 g (76%); colorless syrup; [α]_D²⁷ +2.0 (*c* = 0.5, CH₂Cl₂).

IR (film): 2118 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.81 (d, $J_{1,2}$ = 3.9 Hz, 1 H, H-1), 4.52 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 4.27 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 2 H, OCH₂), 4.21 (m, 1 H, H-4), 4.15–3.90 (m, 4 H, H-3,5,6,6'), 2.42 (t, J = 1.2 Hz, 1 H, C=CH), 1.75–1.30 (m, 20 H, cyclohexylidene).

ESI MS: $m/z = 401 [M + Na]^+$, 379 [M + H]⁺.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{21}H_{30}O_6$: C, 66.64; H, 7.98. Found: C, 66.82; H, 7.89.

1,2:4,5-Di-O-cyclohexylidene-3-O-(prop-2-ynyl)- α -D-fructo-pyranoside (1e)

To a solution of 1,2:4,5-di-*O*-cyclohexylidene- α -D-fructopyranose (5.1 g, 15.0 mmol) in DMF (12 mL) at 5 °C was added NaH (0.9 g, 37.5 mmol) and the mixture was stirred for 15 min. The mixture was cooled to 0 °C and propargyl bromide (1.75 g, 14.7 mmol) was added dropwise. The mixture was brought to r.t. and stirred for 2 h. The reaction was quenched by addition of MeOH (0.6 mL), diluted with H₂O (100 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (2 × 50 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with H₂O (2 × 50 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated on a rotary evaporator to obtain **1e**; yield: 4.1 g (72%); colorless syrup; [α]_D²⁷ –38.5 (*c* = 1.00, CHCl₃).

IR (film): 2357 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 4.41 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 2 H, OCH₂), 4.30–4.15 (m, 3 H, H-4,5,6), 4.08 (d, $J_{1,1'} = 13.1$ Hz, 1 H, H-1), 3.96 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1 H, H-1'), 3.84 (d, $J_{6,6'} = 8.7$ Hz, 1 H, H-6'), 3.66 (d, $J_{3,4} = 7.3$ Hz, 1 H, H-3), 2.37 (t, J = 1.2 Hz, 1 H, C≡CH), 1.80–1.25 (m, 20 H, cyclohexylidene).

ESI MS: $m/z = 401 [M + Na]^+$, 379 $[M + H]^+$.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{21}H_{30}O_6$: C, 66.64; H, 7.98. Found: C, 66.83; H, 7.82.

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3-[1-(2,3,4,6-Tetra-*O*-acetyl-β-D-glucopyranosyloxymethyl)]isocoumarin (3a)

To a solution of 2-iodobenzoic acid (**2**; 3.7 g, 15.0 mmol) in DMF (5 mL) was added prop-2-ynyl (2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl)- β -D-glu-copyranoside (**1a**; 7.68 g, 18.0 mmol), Et₃N (7.59 g, 75.0 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.87 g, 0.75 mmol), and ZnCl₂ (2.04 g, 15.0 mmol) under N₂ and heated to 100 °C for 8 h. The mixture was column chromatographed [SiO₂, EtOAc–hexane (1:9)] to isolate **3a**; yield: 4.2 g (55%); colorless solid; mp 114–115 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{27}$ –18.2 (c = 0.5, MeOH).

IR (KBr): 1760, 1720 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.25 (d, $J_{7,8}$ = 7.7 Hz, 1 H, H-8), 7.65 (dd, $J_{6,7}$ = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, H-7), 7.50 (dd, $J_{5,6}$ = 7.7 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 7.38 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 6.50 (s, 1 H, H-4), 5.25–5.05 (m, 3 H, H-2',3',4'), 4.68–4.60 (m, 1 H, H-6'), 4.44 (d, $J_{1',2'}$ = 9.1 Hz, 1 H, H-1'), 4.35–4.25 (m, 1 H, H-6''), 4.15–4.05 (m, 2 H, CH₂O), 3.78– 3.70 (m, 1 H, H-5), 2.10, 2.04, 2.00, 1.96 (4 s, 12 H, OCOCH₃).

¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 170.9, 170.4, 169.7 × 2 (4 × OCOCH₃), 162.2 (C-1), 152.5 (C-8a), 136.8 (C-4a), 135.3, 130.1, 128.7, 126.2 (arom), 121.1 (C-3), 105.1 (C-4), 100.5 (C-1'), 73.0, 72.4, 71.6, 68.7, 67.4 (C-2',3',4',5',6'), 62.2 (CH₂O), 20.9 × 2, 20.8 × 2 (4 × CH₃).

FAB MS: $m/z = 507 [M + H]^+$.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{24}H_{26}O_{12}$: C, 56.92; H, 5.20. Found: C, 57.12; H, 5.11.

3-[6-(1,2:3,4-Di-*O*-isopropylidene-α-D-galactopyranosyloxymethyl)]isocoumarin (3b)

To a solution of 2-iodobenzoic acid (**2**; 4.0 g, 16.1 mmol) in DMF (16 mL) was added 1,2:3,4-di-*O*-isopropylidene-6-*O*-(prop-2-ynyl)- α -D-galactopyranoside (**1b**; 4.8 g, 16.1 mmol), Et₃N (8.0 g, 80 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.96 g, 0.8 mmol), and ZnCl₂ (2.18 g, 16 mmol) under N₂ and heated to 100 °C for 8 h. The mixture was chromatographed [SiO₂, EtOAc-hexane (1:3)] to isolate **3b**; yield: 3.06 g (45%); colorless syrup; [α]_D²⁷ -30.3 (*c* = 0.1, CH₂Cl₂).

IR (film): 1731 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.27 (d, $J_{7,8}$ = 7.5 Hz, 1 H, H-8), 7.67 (dd, $J_{6,7}$ = 7.7 Hz, 1 H, H-7), 7.47 (dd, $J_{5,6}$ = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 7.38 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 6.63 (s, 1 H, H-4), 5.51 (d, $J_{1',2'}$ = 3.8 Hz, 1 H, H-1'), 4.61 (dd, $J_{3,4}$ = 3.4 Hz, $J_{2,3}$ = 8.5 Hz, 1 H, H-3'), 4.43, 4.35 (AB-type doublet, J_{gem} = 10.5 Hz, 2 H, OCH₂), 4.30–4.20 (m, 2 H, H-2',4'), 3.97 (m, 1 H, H-5'), 3.85–3.60 (m, 2 H, H-6',6''), 1.52, 1.41, 1.32, 1.21 [4 s, 12 H, 2 × (CH₃)₂CO₂].

 ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 162.2 (C-1), 153.6 (C-8a), 136.8 (C-4a), 134.7, 129.6, 128.1, 125.6 (arom), 122.7 (C-3), 109.3, 108.6 (2 \times Me_2CO_2), 103.9 (C-4), 96.3 (C-1'), 71.1, 70.7, 70.5, 69.9, 69.3, 66.9 (C-2',3',4',5',6' and CH_2O), 26.0, 25.9, 24.9, 24.4 [2 \times (CH₃)₂CO₂].

FAB MS: $m/z = 419 [M + H]^+$.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{22}H_{26}O_8$: C, 63.14; H, 6.26. Found: C, 63.28; H, 6.17.

3-(2,3:5,6-Di- ${\it O}$ -isopropylidene- β -D-mannofuranosyloxymethyl)isocoumarin (3c)

To a solution of 2-iodobenzoic acid (**2**; 4.0 g, 16.0 mmol) in DMF (16 mL) was added prop-2-ynyl 2,3:5,6-di-*O*-isopropylidene- β -D-mannofuranoside (**1c**; 4.77 g, 16.0 mmol), Et₃N (8.09 g, 80.0 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.93 g, 0.8 mmol), and ZnCl₂ (2.18 g, 16.0 mmol) under N₂ and heated to 100 °C for 8 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was chromatographed [SiO₂, EtOAc–hexane (1:19)] to isolate **3c**; yield: 2.96 g (44%); colorless solid; mp 93–94 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{27}$ +51.2 (*c* = 0.5, CH₂Cl₂).

IR (KBr): 1732 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.25 (d, $J_{7,8}$ = 7.5 Hz, 1 H, H-8), 7.70 (t, $J_{7,8} = J_{6,7}$ = 7.5 Hz, 1 H, H-7), 7.50 (t, $J_{6,7} = J_{5,6}$ = 7.5 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 7.40 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 6.44 (s, 1 H, H-4), 5.08 (d, $J_{1',2'}$ = 3.1 Hz, 1 H, H-1'), 4.79 (dd, $J_{2',3'}$ = 3.3 Hz, 1 H, H-2'), 4.66 (dd, $J_{3',4'}$ = 5.5 Hz, 1 H, H-3'), 4.51 (m, 1 H, H-4'), 4.30 (AB-type doublet, J_{gem} = 10.3 Hz, 1 H, OCH₂), 4.10–3.95 (m, 3 H, H-5',6',6''), 1.46, 1.38, 1.34, 1.30 [4 s, 12 H, 2 × (CH₃)₂CO₂].

¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 162.0 (C-1), 152.7 (C-8a), 136.5 (C-4a), 134.8, 129.7, 128.5, 125.6 (arom), 120.8 (C-3), 112.8, 109.2 (2 × Me₂CO₂), 106.0 (C-1'), 104.6 (C-4), 85.0, 80.8, 79.4, 73.0, 67.6, 65.1 (C-2',3',4',5',6', CH₂O), 26.8, 25.8, 25.1, 24.5 [2 × (CH₃)₂CO₂].

FAB MS: $m/z = 419 [M + H]^+$.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{22}H_{26}O_8$: C, 62.84; H, 6.71. Found: C, 62.95; H, 6.79.

3-[3-(1,2:5,6-Di-*O*-cyclohexylidene-α-D-glucofuranosyloxymethyl)]isocoumarin (3d)

To a solution of 2-iodobenzoic acid (**2**; 4.0 g, 16.1 mmol) in DMF (16 mL) was added 1,2:5,6-di-*O*-cyclohexylidene-3-*O*-(prop-2-ynyl)- α -D-glucofuranoside (**1d**; 6.1 g, 16.1 mmol), Et₃N (8.09 g, 80 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.93 g, 0.8 mmol), and ZnCl₂ (2.18 g, 16.0 mmol) under N₂ and heated to 100 °C for 8 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After work-up, the residue obtained was column chromatographed [SiO₂, EtOAc–hexane (1:9)] to isolate **3d**; yield: 3.47 g (43%); white solid; mp 136–138 °C; [α]_D²⁷ –28.0 (*c* = 0.1, CH₂Cl₂).

IR (KBr): 1728 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.28 (d, $J_{7,8}$ = 7.7 Hz, 1 H, H-8), 7.72 (t, $J_{7,8}$ = $J_{6,7}$ = 7.7 Hz, 1 H, H-7), 7.52 (t, $J_{6,7}$ = $J_{5,6}$ = 7.7 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 7.40 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 6.62 (s, 1 H, H-4), 5.84 (d, $J_{1',2'}$ = 3.7 Hz, 1 H, H-1'), 4.60 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1 H, H-2'), 4.52, 4.45 (AB-type doublet, J_{gem} = 10.1 Hz, 2 H, OCH₂), 4.35–4.30 (m, 1 H, H-3'), 4.15–4.00 (m, 4 H, H-4',5',6',6''), 1.73–1.35 (m, 20 H, cyclohexylidene).

 ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 161.9 (C-1), 152.9 (C-8a), 136.6 (C-4a), 134.7, 129.6, 128.3, 125.5 (arom), 120.7 (C-3), 112.6, 109.7 (2 \times CO₂), 105.9 (C-1'), 103.4 (C-4), 82.3 \times 2, 81.2, 71.8, 68.3, 67.2 (C-2',3',4',5',6', CH₂O), 35.6, 34.7, 25.0, 23.4 (cyclohexylidene).

FAB MS: $m/z = 498 [M + H]^+$.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{28}H_{33}O_8$: C, 67.59; H, 6.68. Found: C, 67.72; H, 6.73.

3-[3-(1,2:4,5-Di-O-cyclohexylidene- α -D-fructopyranosyloxy-methyl)]isocoumarin (3e)

To a solution of 2-iodobenzoic acid (**2**; 3.0 g, 12.0 mmol) in DMF (12 mL) was added 1,2:4,5-di-*O*-cyclohexylidene-3-*O*-(prop-2-yn-yl)- α -D-fructopyranoside (**1e**; 4.5 g, 12.0 mmol), Et₃N (6.00 g, 60.0 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.70 g, 0.6 mmol), and ZnCl₂ (1.60 g, 12 mmol) under N₂ and heated to 100 °C for 8 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was worked up and the residue obtained was column chromatographed [SiO₂, neat hexane] to isolate **3e**; yield: 2.70 g (45%); colorless solid; mp 134–136 °C; [α]_D²⁷–55.8 (*c* = 1.0, CH₂Cl₂).

IR (KBr): 1737 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.24 (d, $J_{7,8}$ = 7.7 Hz, 1 H, H-8), 7.65 (dd, $J_{6,7}$ = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, H-7), 7.47 (dd, $J_{5,6}$ = 7.8 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 7.35 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 6.52 (s, 1 H, H-4), 4.78, 4.50 (ABtype doublet, J_{gem} = 13.6 Hz, 2 H, OCH₂), 4.35 (dd, $J_{3',4'}$ = 7.2 Hz, $J_{4',5'}$ = 4.8 Hz, 1 H, H-4'), 4.20–4.05 (m, 2 H, H-5',6'), 4.12 (d, $J_{1',1''}$ = 12.5 Hz, 1 H, H-1', merged), 3.96 (d, $J_{6',6''}$ = 7.95 Hz, 1 H, H-

1"), 3.91 (d, $J_{6'.6''}$ = 7.95 Hz, 1 H, H-6"), 3.47 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, H-3'), 1.80–1.20 (m, 20 H, cyclohexylidene).

¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 162.1 (C-1), 152.1 (C-8a), 136.7 (C-4a), 134.8, 129.7, 128.2, 125.6 (arom), 121.0 (C-3), 112.9, 109.9 $(2 \times CO_2)$, 104.7 (C-4), 103.7 (C-2'), 77.6, 77.0, 73.5, 71.5, 68.8, 60.4 (C-1',3',4',5',6', CH₂O), 38.0, 36.5, 35.4, 24.9, 23.8, 23.6 (cyclohexylidene).

FAB MS: m/z = 521 [M + Na].

Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₃₃O₈: C, 67.18; H, 7.24. Found: C, 67.27; H, 7.16.

2[3-{6-(1,2:3,4-Di-O-isopropylidene-α-D-galactopyranosyl)-2oxopropyl)}]benzoic Acid (4b)

To a solution of 3b (3.24 g, 7.7 mmol) in EtOH (144 mL) was added aq 5% KOH (270 mL) and refluxed for 4 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was cooled to r.t., acidified with 10% aq HCl (90 mL), and extracted with $CH_2Cl_2~(2\times 40~mL)$ and EtOAc (2 $\times\,25~mL).$ The combined organic phases were washed with $H_2O(2 \times 20 \text{ mL})$, dried (Na_2SO_4) and evaporated on a rotary evaporator to obtain the title compound **4b**; yield: 2.82 g (84%); colorless syrup; $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{27}$ -23.4 $(c = 0.25, \text{CHCl}_3).$

IR (KBr): 1725, 1693 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.10 (d, $J_{5,6}$ = 7.1 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 7.51 (dd, $J_{4,5}$ = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 7.40 (dd, $J_{3,4}$ = 7.1 Hz, 1 H, H-4), 7.18 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1 H, H-3), 5.48 (d, $J_{1',2'} = 3.7$ Hz, 1 H, H-1'), 4.59 (m, 1 H, H-3'), 4.40–3.70 (m, 5 H, H-2',4',5',6',6''), 3.69, 3.55 (AB-type doublet, $J_{gem} = 12.0$ Hz, 2 H, OCH₂CO), 3.20, 3.17 (ABtype doublet, $J_{\text{gem}} = 14.0 \text{ Hz}, 2 \text{ H}, C_6 \text{H}_5 \text{C} H_2$, 1.56, 1.51, 1.48, 1.43 $[4 \text{ s}, 12 \text{ H}, 2 \times (\text{CH}_3)_2 \text{CO}_2].$

¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 204.7$ (C=O), 165.1 (CO₂H), 136.3, 133.6, 130.1, 129.0, 127.3, 127.2 (arom), 109.1, 108.2 (2 × Me₂CO₂), 96.1 (C-1'), 71.0, 70.7 × 2, 70.5, 70.3, 66.8 (C-2',3',4',5',6', OCH₂CO), 36.2, 25.9, 25.8, 24.8, 24.3 [PhCH₂CO, × $(CH_3)_2CO_2].$

ESI MS: $m/z = 459 [M + Na]^+, 437 [M + H]^+.$

Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₂₁O₉: C, 60.54; H, 6.47. Found: C, 60.67; H, 6.38.

2[3-{1-(2,3:5,6-Di-O-isopropylidene-β-D-mannofuranosyl)-2oxopropyl)}]benzoic Acid (4c)

To a solution of 3c (3.24 g, 7.7 mmol) in EtOH (144 mL), was added aq 5% KOH (270 mL), and the mixture was refluxed for 4 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of reaction, the mixture was cooled to r.t., acidified with 10% aq HCl (90 mL), and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2 × 40 mL) and EtOAc $(2 \times 25 \text{ mL})$. The combined organic phases were washed with H₂O $(2 \times 20 \text{ mL})$, dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated on a rotary evaporator to obtain the title compound 4c; yield: 2.52 g (75%); colorless syrup; $[\alpha]_D^{27}$ +12.0 (*c* = 0.25, CH₂Cl₂).

IR (film): 3416, 1739, 1688 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.08 (d, $J_{5.6}$ = 7.5 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 7.55–7.15 (m, 3 H, H-3,4,5), 5.10–5.04 (2 d, $J_{1',2'}$ = 3.8 Hz, 1 H, H-1'), 4.95-4.25 (m, 5 H, H-2', 3', 4'-OCH₂CO), 4.10-3.80 (m, 3 H, H-5',6',6"), 3.30–2.95 (m, 2 H, PhC H_2 CO), 1.45 × 2, 1.34, 1.25 [4 s, $12 \text{ H}, 2 \times (\text{CH}_3)_2 \text{CO}_2].$

¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 205.1$ (C=O), 165.8 (CO₂H), 136.9, 130.6, 130.2, 127.4×2 (arom), 112.7, 109.2 (2 × Me₂CO₂), 106.3 (C-1'), 84.7, 80.3, 79.2, 73.0, 71.2, 66.4 (C-2', 3', 4', 5', 6', OCH₂CO), 29.5, 26.6, 25.7, 25.0, 24.3 [PhCH₂CO, 2×(CH₃)₂CO₂].

ESI MS: $m/z = 459 [M + Na]^+, 437 [M + H]^+.$

Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₂₈O₉: C, 60.54; H, 6.47. Found: C, 60.73; H, 6.55.

2[3-(1,2:5,6-Di-O-cyclohexylidene-a-D-glucofuranosyl)-2-oxopropyl]benzoic Acid (4d)

To a solution of 3d (3.08 g, 6.2 mmol) in EtOH (132 mL) was added 5% aq KOH (220 mL) and the mixture was refluxed for 4 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of reaction, the mixture was cooled to r.t., acidified with 10% aq HCl (176 mL), and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2 × 30 mL) and EtOAc $(2 \times 25 \text{ mL})$. The combined organic phases were washed with H₂O $(2 \times 50 \text{ mL})$, dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated on a rotary evaporator to obtain the title compound 4d; yield: 2.64 g (83%); colorless solid; mp 145–147 °C; $[\alpha]_{D}^{27}$ –16.0 (c = 0.25, CH₂Cl₂).

IR (film): 3418, 1726, 1695 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.05 (d, $J_{5.6}$ = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 7.58 (dd, $J_{4,5}$ = 7.1 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 7.42 (dd, $J_{3,4}$ = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, H-4), 7.18 (dd, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, H-3), 5.86 (2 d, $J_{1',2'} = 3.8$ Hz, 1 H, H-1'), 4.64-3.50 (m, 8 H, H-2',3',4',5',6',6", OCH₂CO), 3.20-2.90 (m, 2 H, PhCH₂), 1.85–1.30 (m, 20 H, cyclohexylidene).

¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 204.9$ (C=O), 164.3 (CO₂H), 136.0, 133.8, 130.2, 129.9, 128.5, 127.4 (arom), 112.7, 110.2 (2 × CO₂), 105.1 (C-1'), 82.1 × 2, 81.4 × 2, 72.5, 67.3 (C-2',3',4',5',6', OCH₂CO), 36.4, 36.2, 35.6, 34.3, 24.8, 24.7, 23.7 × 2 (cyclohexylidene, PhCH₂CO).

ESI MS: $m/z = 539 [M + Na]^+, 517 [M + H]^+.$

Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₃₆O₉: C, 65.10; H, 7.02. Found: C, 65.32; H, 7.09.

2[3-(1,2:4,5-Di-O-cyclohexylidene-α-D-fructopyranosyl)-2-oxopropyl]benzoic Acid (4e)

To a solution of 3e (2.30 g, 4.6 mmol) in EtOH (90 mL) was added 5% aq KOH (180 mL), and the mixture was refluxed for 4 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of reaction, the mixture was cooled to r.t., acidified with 10% aq HCl (120 mL), and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 25 mL) and EtOAc $(2 \times 25 \text{ mL})$. The combined organic phases were washed with H₂O $(2 \times 50 \text{ mL})$, dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated on a rotary evaporator to obtain the title compound 4e; yield: 1.51 g (63%); colorless solid; mp 140–142 °C, $[\alpha]_D^{27}$ –32.4 (c = 0.25, CHCl₃).

IR (KBr): 1727, 1695 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.10$ (d, $J_{5.6} = 7.4$ Hz, 1 H, H-6), 7.51 (dd, $J_{4,5}$ = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 7.42 (dd, $J_{3,4}$ = 7.4 Hz, 1 H, H-4), 7.18 (d, 1 H, H-3), 4.50-3.50 (m, 9 H, H-1',1", 3', 4', 5',6',6", OCH₂CO), 3.20–2.90 (m, 2 H, PhCH₂CO), 1.85–1.30 (m, 20 H, cyclohexylidene).

¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 204.7$ (C=O), 164.1 (CO₂H), 136.3, 133.7, 130.0, 128.3, 127.4×2 (arom), 112.6, 110.0 (2 × CO₂), 103.6 (C-2'), 76.4, 75.9, 75.6, 73.2, 71.4, 60.6 (C-1', 3', 4', 5', 6', OCH₂CO), 37.7, 35.2, 24.9, 24.8, 23.8, 23.6 (cyclohexylidene, $PhCH_2CO).$

ESI MS: $m/z = 539 [M + Na]^+, 517 [M + H]^+.$

Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₃₆O₉: C, 65.10; H, 7.02. Found: C, 65.32; H, 7.09.

(S)-3-[6-(1,2:3,4-Di-O-isopropylidene-α-D-galactopyranosyloxymethyl)]-3,4-dihydroisocoumarin (6b)

To a solution of compound 4b (1.3 g, 3.0 mmol) in 1% aq NaOH (34 mL) was added NaBH₄ (0.3 g) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 2 h at r.t. and acidified with 10% aq HCl (120 mL) and extracted with EtOAc $(2 \times 30 \text{ mL})$. The combined organic phases were washed with H_2O (2 × 15 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated on a rotary evaporator to obtain **5b** (1.05 g, 80) as a syrup. A solution of **5b** (0.9 g, 2 mmol) in Ac₂O (2 mL) was refluxed for 2 h. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was cooled, H₂O (10 mL) was added, stirred for 15 min, and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 20 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with H₂O, dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated on a rotary evaporator to obtain the title compound **6b**; yield: 0.7 g (81%); colorless syrup; $[\alpha]_D^{27}$ -46.0 (*c* = 0.25, CH₂Cl₂).

IR (film): 1724 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.06$ (d, $J_{7,8} = 7.7$ Hz, 1 H, H-8), 7.50 (dd, $J_{6,7} = 7.8$ Hz, 1 H, H-7), 7.37 (dd, $J_{5,6} = 7.7$ Hz, 1 H, H-6), 7.23 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 5.45 (d, $J_{1',2'} = 3.5$ Hz, 1 H, H-1'), 4.65 (m, 1 H, H-3), 4.55 (dd, $J_{3',4'} = 2.8$ Hz, $J_{4',5'} = 3.2$ Hz, 1 H, H-4'), 4.23 (m, 1 H, CH₂O), 3.95–3.60 (m, 5 H, H-2',3',5',6',6''), 3.20– 2.95 (m, 2 H, H-4), 1.52, 1.41, 1.31, 1.24 [4 s, 12 H, 2 × (CH₃)₂CO₂].

¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 164.9 (C-1), 138.9 (C-8a), 133.7, 130.2, 127.5 × 2 (arom), 125.0 (C-4a), 109.3, 108.5 (2 × Me₂CO₂), 96.3 (C-1'), 71.1, 70.6 × 2, 70.5 × 2, 67.0 (C-2',3',4',5',6', C-3, CH₂O), 36.7 (Ph*C*H₂) 26.1, 25.9, 24.9, 24.4 [2 × (CH₃)₂CO₂].

CD (MeOH): λ_{max} ($\Delta\epsilon$) = 277.2 (-0.37), 226.3 (-1.25), 205.0 nm (-0.53).

FAB MS: $m/z = 443 [M + Na]^+$.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{22}H_{28}O_8$: C, 62.84; H, 6.71. Found: C, 62.89; H, 6.68.

(S)-3-[1-(2,3:5,6-Di-O-isopropylidene-β-D-mannofuranosyloxymethyl)]-3,4-dihydroisocoumarin (6c)

To a solution of **4c** (1.6 g, 3.7 mmol) in 1% aq NaOH (45 mL) was added NaBH₄ (0.4 g) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 2 h at r.t., acidified with 10% aq HCl (80 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 × 30 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with H₂O (2 × 20 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated on a rotary evaporator to give **5c**; yield: 1.0 g (69%); colorless syrup. A solution of **5c** (0.8 g, 1.8 mmol) in Ac₂O (2 mL) was refluxed for 2 h. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was cooled to 15 °C, H₂O (10 mL) was added, stirred for 15 min, and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 20 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated on a rotary evaporator to afford a residue (1.24 g) that was column chromatographed [SiO₂, EtOAc–hexane (1:4)] to isolate the title compound **6c**; yield: 0.6 g (78%); colorless syrup; [α]_D²⁷ +23.5 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

IR (film): 1726 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.05 (d, $J_{7,8}$ = 7.4 Hz, 1 H, H-8), 7.54 (dd, $J_{6,7}$ = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, H-7), 7.40 (dd, $J_{5,6}$ = 7.7 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 7.20 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 5.01 (d, $J_{1',2'}$ = 2.3 Hz, 1 H, H-1'), 4.78 (m, 1 H, H-2'), 4.68 (m, 1 H, H-3), 4.56–4.08 (m, 3 H, H-3',4',5'), 4.00–3.80 (m, 3 H, H-6', CH₂O), 3.72 (m, 1 H, H-6''), 3.10–2.96 (m, 2 H, H-4), 1.45, 1.41, 1.37, 1.32 [4 s, 12 H, 2 × (CH₃)₂CO₂].

 ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 164.7 (C-1), 138.3 (C-8a), 133.8, 130.3, 127.7, 127.4 (arom), 124.5 (C-4a), 112.8, 109.2 (2 \times Me_2CO_2), 106.8 (C-1'), 84.9, 80.9, 79.4, 76.5, 73.1, 68.2, 66.8 (C-2',3',4',5',6', C-3, CH_2O), 35.8 (PhCH_2), 26.8, 25.9, 25.2, 24.5 [2 \times (CH_3)_2CO_2].

CD (MeOH): λ_{max} ($\Delta \epsilon$) = 281.3 (-0.60), 237.5 (-1.25), 222.0 (-1.70), 205.2 nm (-3.10).

FAB MS: *m*/z = 443 [M + Na]⁺, 421 [M + H]⁺.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{22}H_{28}O_8{:}$ C, 62.84; H, 6.71. Found: C, 63.04; H, 6.62.

$(S) - 3 - [(1,2:5,6-Di\mathchar`opt] O-cyclohexylidene-a-D-glucofuranosyloxy-methyl)] - 3,4-dihydroisocoumarin (6d)$

To a solution of **4d** (1.0 g, 2 mmol) in 1% aq NaOH (30 mL) was added NaBH₄ (0.2 g) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 2 h at r.t.

and acidified with 10% aq HCl (80 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 × 30 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with H₂O (2 × 20 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated on a rotary evaporator to give **5c** (0.8 g, 79.6%) as a syrup. A solution of **5d** (0.5 g, 1 mmol) in Ac₂O (1 mL) was refluxed for 2 h. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was cooled to r.t., H₂O (1 mL) was added, stirred for 15 min and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 30 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with H₂O (2 × 10 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated on a rotary evaporator to obtain the crude compound (0.82 g). The crude compound **6d** was filtered on silica gel column to obtain the title compound **6d**; yield: 0.4 g (83%); syrup; $[\alpha]_D^{27}$ +4.9 (*c* = 0.75, CHCl₃).

IR (film): 1727 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.06 (d, $J_{7,8}$ = 7.7 Hz, 1 H, H-8), 7.51 (dd, $J_{6,7}$ = 7.8 Hz, 1 H, H-7), 7.38 (dd, $J_{5,6}$ = 7.7 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 7.21 (d, 1 H, H-5), 5.81 (d, $J_{1',2'}$ = 3.2 Hz, 1 H, H-1'), 4.70–4.65 (m, 1 H, H-3), 4.53 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1 H, H-2'), 4.50–3.80 (m, 6 H, H-3',4',5',6', CH₂O), 3.25 (dd, J_{gem} = 14.2 Hz, $J_{3,4}$ = 6.8 Hz, 1 H, H-4), 2.95 (dd, $J_{3,4'}$ = 3.0 Hz, 1 H, H-4), 1.70–1.20 (m, 20 H, cyclohexylidene).

 ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 165.2 (C-1), 138.8 (C-8a), 133.7, 130.4, 127.7, 127.5 (arom), 124.7 (C-4a), 112.7, 109.7 (2 \times CO₂), 104.9 (C-1'), 83.5, 83.3, 82.4, 81.4, 72.0, 71.6, 67.4 (C-2',3',4',5',6', CH₂O, C-3), 36.5 (PhCH₂), 29.9, 29.6, 24.9, 23.9, 23.6 (cyclohexy-lidene).

CD (MeOH): λ_{max} ($\Delta \epsilon$) = 286.4 (-0.46), 243.4 (-0.61), 222.2 (-1.50), 204.0 nm (-5.23).

FAB MS: $m/z = 523 [M + Na]^+$.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{28}H_{36}O_8$: C, 67.18; H, 7.24. Found: C, 67.38; H, 7.15.

(S)-3-[(1,2:4,5-Di-*O*-cyclohexylidene-α-D-fructopyranosyloxymethyl)]-3,4-dihydroisocoumarin (6e)

To a solution of **4e** (0.7 g, 1.4 mmol) in 1% aq NaOH (30 mL) was added NaBH₄ (0.15 g) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 2 h at r.t., acidified with 10% aq HCl (80 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 × 30 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with H₂O (2 × 20 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated on a rotary evaporator to afford **5e** (0.6 g, 85%) as a syrup. A solution of **5e** (0.5 g, 1 mmol) in Ac₂O (1 mL) was refluxed for 2 h. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was cooled to r.t., H₂O (1 mL) was added, stirred for 15 min and extracted with H₂O (2 × 10 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporator to obtain the title compound **6e**; yield: 0.4 g (83%); solid; mp 119–120 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{27}$ –58.0 (*c* = 0.25, CH₂Cl₂).

IR (KBr): 1730 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.10$ (d, $J_{7,8} = 7.5$ Hz, 1 H, H-8), 7.51 (dd, $J_{6,7} = 7.7$ Hz, 1 H, H-7), 7.35 (dd, $J_{5,6} = 7.5$ Hz, 1 H, H-6), 7.21 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 4.70–4.55 (m, 1 H, H-3), 4.30–3.60 (m, 8 H, H-1',1'',3',4',5',6',6'', OCH₂CO), 3.45 (dd, $J_{gem} = 13.0$ Hz, J = 10.2 Hz, 1 H, OCH₂), 3.10–2.90 (m, 2 H, PhCH₂), 1.80–1.10 (m, 20 H, cyclohexylidene).

¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 164.9 (C-1), 138.9 (C-8a), 133.8, 130.2, 127.4 × 2, (arom), 124.8 (C-4a), 112.7, 109.8 (2 × CO₂), 103.8 (C-2'), 76.9, 76.5, 73.4, 72.5, 71.4, 72.1 (C-1',3',4',5',6', CH₂O, C-3), 38.0 (PhCH₂), 36.4, 35.4, 30.1, 24.9, 23.9, 23.7 (cyclohexylidene).

CD (MeOH): λ_{max} ($\Delta \epsilon$) = 296.2 (-1.90), 244.2 (-1.19), 227.0 nm (-0.67).

FAB MS: $m/z = 523 [M + Na]^+$.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{28}H_{36}O_8$: C, 67.18; H, 7.24. Found: C, 67.38; H, 7.15.

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