Synthesis of the oligosaccharides α -D-Glcp-(1 \rightarrow 4)-D-Xylp, α -D-Xylp-(1 \rightarrow 4)-D-Glcp, α -D-Glcp-(1 \rightarrow 4)- α -D-Glcp-(1 \rightarrow 4)-D-Xylp, α -D-Glcp-(1 \rightarrow 4)- α -D-Xylp-(1 \rightarrow 4)-D-Glcp, and α -D- $Xvlp-(1\rightarrow 4)-\alpha$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow 4$)-D-Glcp

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ABSTRACT

Syntheses are described of the disaccharides, α -D-Glcp-(1 \rightarrow 4)-D-Xylp, α -D-Xylp-(1 \rightarrow 4)-D-Glcp, and α -D-Xylp-(1 \rightarrow 4)-D-Xylp, and the trisaccharides, α -D-Glcp-(1 \rightarrow 4)- α -D-Glcp-(1 \rightarrow 4)-D-Xylp, α -D-Glcp-(1 \rightarrow 4)-D-Xylp, α -D-Glcp-(1 \rightarrow 4)-D-Xylp, α -D-Glcp-(1 \rightarrow 4)-D-Xylp, α -D-Glcp-(1 \rightarrow 4)-D-Glcp as analogues of glucoamy-lase and soybean beta-amylases substrates.

INTRODUCTION

In the previous paper¹, we reported the synthesis of the tetrasaccharide $O-\alpha$ -D- $Glcp-(1\rightarrow 4)-O-\alpha-D-Xylp-(1\rightarrow 4)-O-\alpha-D-Xylp-(1\rightarrow 4)-D-Glcp$, which was found to be a competitive inhibitor useful for elucidating the binding mode of substrates to the active sites of Taka-amylase A (alpha amylase from Asperaillus oryzae) and porcine pancreatic alpha amylase². In order to obtain further information on the binding of substrates to the catalytic sites of such exo-amylases as gluco-³ [EC 3.2.1.3] and soybean beta $amylase^{4}$ [EC 3.2.1.2], we required, as substrate analogues for these enzymes, synthetic di- and tri-saccharides in which one of the D-glucose units in maltose or maltotriose is replaced by a D-xylose residue, namely, $O - \alpha - D$ -glucopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 4)$ -D-xylopyranose (1), $O - \alpha$ -D-xylopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 4)$ -D-glucopyranose (2), $O - \alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 4)$ - $O-\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 4)$ -D-xylopyranose (4), $O-\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 4)$ - $O-\alpha$ -D-xylopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 4)$ -D-glucopyranose (5), and O- α -D-xylopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 4)$ -O- α -D- $(1 \rightarrow 4)$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 4)$ -D-glucopyranose (6), and also O- α -D-xylopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 4)$ -D-xylopyranose (3). The disaccharide 1 has previously been prepared from β -D-glucopyranosyl phosphate and D-xylose by the action of the enzyme from *Neisseria* meningitidis⁵, and 3 has been synthesized chemically⁶. The trisaccharide 4 has been obtained enzymically as its methyl α -glycoside⁷.

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We now report the synthesis of di- (1 and 2) and tri-saccharides (4-6). The synthesis of 3 by a reaction sequence alternative to that reported⁶ is also described.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Glycosylation of benzyl 2,3-anhydro- β -D-ribopyranoside⁸ (8) with 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyl- α -D-glucopyranosyl chloride¹ (7) in ether in the presence of silver perchlorate⁹ and 2,4,6-trimethylpyridine gave the α - (9, 69%) and β -(1 \rightarrow 4)-linked disaccharide



derivative 10 (12%), after column chromatography. In the ¹³C-n.m.r. spectra of 9 and 10, the signals for C-1' appeared at 95.4 and 103.4 p.p.m., indicating¹⁰ the configurations at C-1' in 9 and 10 to be α and β , respectively. Opening of the anhydro ring in 9 by treatment with benzyl alcoholate anion in benzyl alcohol¹¹ afforded 80% of 11, which was hydrogenolyzed catalytically over Pd–C to give known 1, further characterized by

conversion (acetic anhydride-sodium acetate¹²) into the crystalline β -heptaacetate 12.

Benzylation of methyl 1-thio- β -D-xylopyranoside¹ (13) with benzyl bromide and sodium hydride in *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide¹³ afforded 92% of methyl 2,3,4-tri-*O*benzyl-1-thio- β -D-xylopyranoside (14). Condensation of benzyl 2,3,6-tri-*O*-benzyl- β -Dglucopyranoside¹⁴ (17) with 14 in ether in the presence of methyl trifluoromethanesulfonate¹⁵ (methyl triflate) and molecular sieve afforded the α - (18, 20%) and β -(1 \rightarrow 4)-linked disaccharide derivative 20 (51%) after column chromatography. The α and β configurations at C-1' in 18 and 20 were apparent¹⁰ from the ¹³C-n.m.r. signals for C-1' at 96.4 and 103.0 p.p.m., respectively. Reaction of 17 with 14 in 1,2-dichloroethane and *N*,*N*-dimethylfromamide in the presence of cupric bromide, tetrabutylammonium bromide, and molecular sieve¹⁶ gave 18 (52%) and 20 (20%), after column chromatography. Catalytic hydrogenolysis of 18 provided 2, characterized as the crystalline β -heptaacetate 19.

2,3,4-Tri-O-benzyl-D-xylopyranose¹⁷ (15) was converted with oxalyl chloride and N,N-dimethylformamide in dichloromethane¹⁸ into the corresponding α -chloride 16, which was coupled with 8 in ether in the presence of silver perchlorate and 2,4,6-trimethylpyridine to give the α - (21, 41%) and β -(1 \rightarrow 4)-linked disaccharide derivative 22 (40%), after column chromatography. The α and β configurations at C-1' in 21 and 22 were clear from the ¹³C-n.m.r. signals for C-1' at 95.4 and 104.2 p.p.m., respectively. Treatment of 21 with benzyl alcoholate anion, as before, gave 23, which was hydrogenolyzed to afford 3, whose ¹³C-n.m.r. spectrum was identical with that reported¹⁹. The disaccharide 3 was further characterized as the crystalline β -hexaacetate^{6.20} 24.



Reaction of 8 with hepta-O-benzyl- α -maltosyl chloride²¹ (25), promoted by silver perchlorate as before, gave, after column chromatography, the trisaccharide derivative 26 (63%), the ¹³C-n.m.r. spectrum of which contained the signal for C-1' at 95.1 p.p.m.

Treatment of 26 with benzyl alcoholate anion gave 27, hydrogenolysis of which provided 4.

The synthesis of 5 was achieved by two routes. In the first, reaction of benzyl O-(2,3-di-O-benzyl- α -D-xylopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 4)-2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl- β -D-glucopyranoside¹ (28) with 7, catalyzed by silver perchlorate as before, afforded the trisaccharide derivative 29 (73%), the ¹³C-n.m.r. spectrum of which contained the signal for C-1" at 98.8 p.p.m. Hydrogenolysis of 29 furnished 5.



In a second route, 2,3,4-tri-O-benzoyl- β -D-arabinopyranosyl bromide²² (30) was treated with sodium methanethiolate in aqueous acetone to afford 74% of methyl 2,3,4-tri-O-benzoyl-1-thio- α -D-arabinopyranoside (31), which was condensed with 17 in dichloromethane in the presence of dimethyl(methylthio)sulfonium triflate²³ (DMTST) and molecular sieve to give benzyl O-(2,3,4-tri-O-benzoyl- α -D-arabinopyranosyl)- $(1 \rightarrow 4)$ -2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (32, 80%), after column chromatography. The disaccharide derivative 32 was transformed into benzyl O-(2,3-anhydro- α -D-ribopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 4)-2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (37) bv а reaction sequence involving O-debenzoylation (\rightarrow 33), treatment with 2,2-dimethoxvpropane-p-toluenesulfonic acid in N,N-dimethylformamide (\rightarrow 34), methanesulfonylation (\rightarrow 35), O-deisopropylidenation (\rightarrow 36), and treatment with sodium methoxide⁸. Silver perchlorate-promoted glycosylation of 37 with 7, as before, gave, after column chromatography, the trisaccharide derivative 38 (67%), the ¹³C-n,m.r. spectrum of which showed the signal for C-1" at 96.3 p.p.m. Opening of the epoxy ring in 38, as before, afforded 39, hydrogenolysis of which provided 5.

Removal of the benzylidene group from benzyl 2,3,6,2',3'-penta-O-benzyl-4',6'-O-benzylidene- β -maltoside²⁴ (40) with aqueous acetic acid gave 2,3,6,2',3'-penta-Obenzyl- β -maltoside (41). Selective benzylation at HO-6' in 41 via the stannylene derivative in benzene with benzyl bromide in the presence of tetrabutylammonium bromide²⁵ gave 86% of benzyl 2,3,6,2',3',6'-hexa-O-benzyl- β -maltoside (42). Glycosylation of 42 with 14, assisted by cupric bromide-tetrabutylammonium bromide as before, afforded the trisaccharide derivative 43 (48%), the ¹³C-n.m.r. spectrum of which contained the





signal for C-1" at 96.5 p.p.m. Hydrogenolysis of 43 furnished 6.

The di- (1-3) and tri-saccharides (4-6) were homogeneous by l.c., and gave ¹H-and ¹³C-n.m.r. spectra, consistent with the structures assigned.



EXPERIMENTAL

General methods. — Unless stated otherwise, these were as described¹. N.m.r. spectra (¹H, 90 MHz; ¹³C, 22.6 MHz) were recorded with a Hitachi R-90H spectrometer for solutions in CDCl₃ and (CD₃)₂SO (internal Me₄Si). N.m.r. spectra (¹H, 270 MHz; ¹³C, 67.8 MHz) of **1–6** were recorded with a Jeol JNM GX-270 spectrometer for solutions in D₂O (¹H, external Me₄Si; ¹³C, internal MeOH, δ_{MeeSi} 49.8)

Benzyl O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyl- α - and β -D-glucopyranosyl)- $(1 \rightarrow 4)$ -2,3-anhydro- β -D-ribopyranoside (9 and 10). — A solution of 7 (4.36 g, 7.8 mmol) in ether (50 mL) was added dropwise at 0° to a stirred mixture of 8 (1.35 g, 6.1 mmol), AgClO₄ (2.27 g, 10.9 mmol), and 2,4,6-trimethylpyridine (1.59 mL, 12.1 mmol) in ether (100 mL) with exclusion of moisture and light. The mixture was allowed to reach room temperature and stirred overnight at room temperature. Insoluble material was collected on a layer of Celite and washed with PhMe. The combined filtrate and washings were washed

successively with cold dil. HCl, aq. NaHCO₃, and water, dried, and evaporated. The residue was subjected to column chromatography ($30:1 \rightarrow 20:1$ benzene–EtOAc, stepwise). Eluted first was **9** (3.12 g, 69%), m.p. 83–84° (from ether–hexane), $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} + 48^{\circ}$ (*c* 1.2, CHCl₃); $R_{\rm F}$ 0.51 (t.l.c. in 10:1 benzene–EtOAc); ¹³C-n.m.r. (CDCl₃): δ 95.4 (C-1'), 94.4 (C-1), 68.0 (C-6'), 59.5 (C-5), 52.7 (C-3), and 49.45 (C-2).

Anal. Calc. for C₄₆H₄₈O₉: C, 74.17; H, 6.50. Found: C, 74.30; H, 6.57.

Eluted next was 10 (0.54 g, 12%), m.p. 127–128° (from EtOH), $[\alpha]_{p}^{25} + 6^{\circ}$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃); $R_{\rm F}$ 0.42 (t.l.c. in 10:1 benzene–EtOAc); ¹³C-n.m.r. (CDCl₃): δ 103.4 (C-1'), 94.6 (C-1), 69.1 (C-6'), 59.0 (C-5), 53.1 (C-3), and 51.8 (C-2).

Found: C, 74.26; H, 6.54.

Benzyl O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyl- α -D-glucopyranosyl)- $(1 \rightarrow 4)$ -3-O-benzyl- β -Dxylopyranoside (11). — Sodium hydride (0.74 g) was added portionwise and with stirring to benzyl alcohol (50 mL) and, when a clear solution had been formed, compound 9 (2.29 g) was added to the resulting solution of benzyl alcoholate anion in benzyl alcohol. The mixture was stirred for 5 h at 100°, and then cooled, diluted with MeOH, deionized with Amberlite IR-120 (H⁺) resin, filtered, and the filtrate evaporated. Column chromatography (20:1 benzene–EtOAc) of the residue afforded 11 (2.11 g, 80%), m.p. 83–85° (from ether–hexane), $[\alpha]_D^{25} + 12°$ (c 0.8, CHCl₃); ¹³C-n.m.r. (CDCl₃): δ 101.3 (C-1) and 97.9 (C-1').

Anal. Calc. for C₅₃H₅₆O₁₀: C, 74.63; H, 6.62. Found: C, 74.80; H, 6.53.

O-α-D-Glucopyranosyl-(1→4)-D-xylopyranose (1). — A solution of 11 (1.82 g) in 2-methoxyethanol (30 mL) was hydrogenated in the presence of 10% Pd–C (1 g) at normal pressure overnight at room temperature. The suspension was filtered through a Celite pad and washed with 50% MeOH, and the combined filtrate and washings were evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (30:10:1 CHCl₃– MeOH–H₂O) to give amorphous 1 (0.59 g, 88%), $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +93° (c 1.3, H₂O); lit.⁵ +94.5° (c 1.88, H₂O); R_{maltose} 0.93 (l.c.); n.m.r. (D₂O): ¹H, δ 5.15 (d, 0.4 H, J_{1,2} 3.7 Hz, H-1α), 5.11 (d, 1 H, J_{1',2'} 4.0 Hz, H-1'), and 4.53 (d, 0.6 H, J_{1,2} 7.9 Hz, H-1β); ¹³C, δ 100.9 (C-1'), 97.3 (C-1β), 92.85 (C-1α), 79.05 (C-4), 75.7, 74.7, 73.7, 73.2, 72.45, 72.05, 70.4, 65.1 (C-5β), 61.5 (C-6'), and 60.9 (C-5α).

O-(2,3,4,6-Tetra-O-*acetyl*-α-D-glucopyranosyl)-(1→4)-1,2,3-tri-O-acetyl-β-D-xylopyranose (12). — Compound 1 (0.15 g) was acetylated with Ac₂O (1.5 mL) and NaOAc (0.1g) under reflux for 20 min. Crystallization of the product from MeOH gave 12 (0.24 g, 83%), m.p. 174–175°, $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ +62° (c 1.6, CHCl₃); n.m.r. (CDCl₃): ¹H, δ 5.71 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 6.8 Hz, H-1) and 2.09–2.01 (4 s, 21 H, 7 OAc): ¹³C, δ 170.2–168.6 (C=O), 96.4 (C-1'), 91.8 (C-1), 73.55 (C-4), 63.8 (C-5'), 62.0 (C-6), and 20.7 and 20.5 (COCH₃).

Anal. Calc. for C₂₅H₃₄O₁₇: C, 49.51; H, 5.65. Found: C, 49.46; H, 5.71.

Methyl 2,3,4-tri-O-benzyl-1-thio- β -D-xylopyranoside (14). — A solution of 13 (1.50 g) in N,N-dimethylformamide (25 mL) was treated with NaH (1.80 g; 50% mineral oil) for 1 h at room temperature and then cooled to 0°. Benzyl bromide (4 mL) was added dropwise and the mixture was stirred for 3 h at room temperature. Methanol was added to decompose the excess of hydride, most of the solvent was evaporated, and a solution of the residue in CH₂Cl₂ was washed with water, dried, and evaporated.

Column chromatography (4:1 hexane–EtOAc) of the residue afforded 14 (3.45 g, 92%), m.p. 66.5–68° (from hexane), $[\alpha]_{p}^{26} + 1^{\circ}$ (c 1.3, CHCl₃); ¹³C-n.m.r. (CDCl₃); δ 138.4, 137.9, and 137.8 (aromatic C-1), 86.0 (C-1), 67.4 (C-5), and 12.8 (SMe).

Anal. Calc. for C₂₇H₃₀O₄S: C, 71.97; H, 6.71. Found: C, 72.11: H, 6.70.

Benzyl O-(2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl- α - and β -D-xylopyranosyl)- $(1 \rightarrow 4)$ -2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (18 and 20). — (a) A mixture of 14 (0.38 g, 843 μ mol), 17 (0.35 g, 647 μ mol), and powdered molecular sieve 4A (3 g) in ether was stirred for 30 min at room temperature under Ar and cooled to 0°. Methyl triflate (0.48 mL, 4.2 mmol) was injected through a rubber septum and the mixture was stirred for 5 h at room temperature. Triethylamine (1.3 mL) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature, and filtered through a Celite pad which was washed with PhMe. The combined filtrate and washings were evaporated and the residue was subjected to column chromatography (50:1 \rightarrow 30:1 benzene-EtOAc, stepwise) to give 18 (0.12 g, 20%) and 20 (0.31 g, 51%).

Compound 18, syrup, had $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} + 13^{\circ}$ (c 1.5, CHCl₃); R_{F} 0.55 (t.l.c. in 15:1 benzene–EtOAc); ¹³C-n.m.r. (CDCl₃): δ 102.1 (C-1), 96.4 (C-1'), 84.6 (C-4), 69.3 (C-6), and 60.9 (C-5').

Anal. Calc. for C₆₀H₆₂O₁₀: C, 76.41; H, 6.63. Found: C, 76.58; H, 6.81.

Compound 20 had m.p. 109.5–110.5° (from ether–hexane), $[\alpha]_{p}^{25} + 10^{\circ}$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃); $R_{\rm F}$ 0.43 (t.l.c. in 15:1 benzene–EtOAc); ¹³C-n.m.r. (CDCl₃): δ 103.0 (C-1'), 102.35 (C-1), 84,0 (C-4), 68.1 (C-6), and 63.5 (C-5').

Found: C, 76.27; H, 6.70.

(b) A mixture of CuBr₂ (1.63 g, 7.3 mmol), Bu₄NBr (0.31 g, 961 μ mol), and powdered molecular sieve 4A (5 g) in 1,2-dichloroethane (15 mL) and N,N-dimethylformamide (5 mL) was stirred for 1 h under Ar at room temperature. A solution of 14 (2.19 g, 4.9 mmol) and 17 (1.75 g, 3.2 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (10 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 2 days at room temperature. Insoluble material was collected on a Celite pad and washed with CH₂Cl₂. The combined filtrate and washings washed successively with aq. NaHCO₃ and water, dried, and evaporated. Column chromatography of the product, as described in *a*, gave 18 (1.59 g, 52%) and 20 (0.61 g, 20%).

O-α-D-Xylopyranosyl-(1→4)-D-glucopyranose (2). — Hydrogenolysis of **18** (1.44 g) followed by column chromatography of the product, as described for the preparation of **1**, afforded amorphous **2** (0.41 g, 85%), $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ + 123° (*c* 1.5, H₂O); $R_{maltose}$ 0.91 (l.c.); n.m.r. (D₂O): ¹H, δ 5.34 (d, 1 H, $J_{1',2'}$ 3.7 Hz, H-1'), 5.19 (d, 0.4 H, $J_{1,2}$ 4.0 Hz, H-1α), and 4.62 (d, 0.6 H, $J_{1,2}$ 7.9 Hz, H-1β); ¹³C, δ 100.6 and 100.55 (C-1'), 96.7 (C-1β), 92.8 (C-1α), 77.7 and 77.5 (C-4), 77.15, 75.5, 74.9, 74.2, 73.9, 72.7, 72.2, 70.9, 70.05, 62.9 (C-5'), 61.6 (C-6β), and 61.5 (C-6α).

O-(2,3,4-Tri-O-acetyl-α-D-xylopyranosyl)-(1→4)-1,2,3,6-tetra-O-acetyl-β-D-glucopyranose (19). — Acetylation of 2 (0.13 g), as described for 1, afforded 19 (0.21 g, 84%), m.p. 196–197° (from EtOH), $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ + 40° (c 1.2, CHCl₃); n.m.r. (CDCl₃: ¹H, δ 5.75 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 8.1 Hz, H-1) and 2.21–1.96 (4 s, 21 H, 7 OAc); ¹³C, δ 170.25–168.5 (C=O), 95.9 (C-1'), 91.25 (C-1), 75.2 (C-4), 59.4 (C-5'), 62.5 (C-6), and 20.8 and 20.6 (COCH₃). Anal. Calc. for C₂₅H₃₄O₁₇: C, 49.51; H, 5.65. Found: C, 49.47; H, 5.70. Benzyl O-(2,3,4-tri-O-benzyl- α - and β -D-xylopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 4)-2,3-anhydro- β -Dribopyranoside (21 and 22). — A solution of oxalyl chloride (1.7 mL) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) was added dropwise at 0° to a solution of 15 (3.35 g) in CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) containing N,N-dimethylformamide (0.2 mL). The mixture was kept for 30 min at room temperature and then evaporated. A solution of the residue in 1:1 hexane–EtOAc (20 mL) was filtered through a layer of silica gel (7 g) and the layer was washed with 1:1 hexane– EtOAc (20 mL). The combined filtrate and washings were evaporated to give 2,3,4-tri-O-benzyl- α -D-xylopyranosyl chloride (16) as a syrup (3.22 g, 92%), $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ +90° (c 1.2, CHCl₃), which was used in the glycosylation step without purification. N.m.r. (CDCl₃): ¹H, δ 5.90 (d, 1 H, J₁₂ 3.7 Hz, H-1); ¹³C, δ 93.6 (C-1).

A mixture of 8 (1.15 g, 5.2 mmol), $AgClO_4$ (1.95 g, 9.4 mmol), and 2,4,6-trimethylpyridine (1.36 mL, 10.3 mmol) in ether (100 mL) was treated with a solution of 16 (2.95 g, 6.7 mmol) in ether (30 mL) and processed as described for the reaction of 8 with 7. Column chromatography (50:1 \rightarrow 20:1 benzene–EtOAc, stepwise) of the product gave 21 (1.32 g, 41%) and 22 (1.30 g, 40%).

Compound 21, syrup, had $[\alpha]_{p}^{25} + 41^{\circ}$ (c 0.9, CHCl₃), R_{F} 0.55 (t.l.c. in 10:1 benzene–EtOAc); ¹³C-n.m.r. (CDCl₃): δ 95.4 (C-1'), 94.4 (C-1), 60.4 (C-5'), 59.5 (C-5), 52.6 (C-3), and 49.4 (C-2).

Anal. Calc. for C₃₈H₄₀O₈: C, 73.06; H, 6.45. Found: C, 73.50; H, 6.31.

Compound **22** had m.p. 110–111° (from EtOH), $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} + 1°$ (c 1.1, CHCl₃); $R_{\rm F}$ 0.46 (t.l.c. in 10:1 benzene–EtOAc); ¹³C-n.m.r. (CDCl₃): δ 104.2 (C-1'), 94.5 (C-1), 63.8 (C-5'), 59.1 (C-5), 52.8 (C-3), and 61.6 (C-2).

Found: C, 73.17; H, 6.53.

Benzyl-O-(2,3,4-tri-O-benzyl- α -D-xylopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 4)-3-O-benzyl- β -D-xylopyranoside (23). — Compound 21 (1.16 g) was treated with benzyl alcoholate anion in benzyl alcohol as described for 9. Column chromatography (25:1 benzene–EtOAc) of the product gave 23 as a syrup (1.10 g, 81%), $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} + 4^{\circ}$ (c 1.1, CHCl₃); R_{F} 0.43 (t.1.c. in 10:1 benzene–EtOAc), ¹³C-n.m.r. (CDCl₃): δ 101.3 (C-1) and 97.9 (C-1').

Anal. Calc. for C₄₅H₄₈O₉: C, 73.75; H, 6.60. Found: C, 73.91; H, 6.49.

O-α-D-Xylopyranosyl-($1 \rightarrow 4$)-D-xylopyranose (3). — Hydrogenolysis of 23 (0.79 g) followed by column chromatography of the product, as described for the preparation of 1, gave amorphous 3 (0.27 g, 90%), $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} + 108^{\circ}$ (c 1.5, H₂O); lit.⁶ m.p. 170–178°, $[\alpha]_{D} + 109.5^{\circ}$; ¹H-n.m.r. (D₂O): δ 5.15 (d, 0.4 H, $J_{1,2}$ 3.7 Hz, H-1 α), 5.075 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 3.6 Hz, H-1'), and 4.53 (d, 0.6 H, $J_{1,2}$ 7.9 Hz, H-1 β). The ¹³C-n.m.r. spectrum was identical to that reported¹⁹.

O-(2,3,4-Tri-O-acetyl-α-D-xylopyranosyl)-(1→4)-1,2,3-tri-O-acetyl-β-D-xylopyranose (24). — Acetylation of 23, as described for 1, afforded 24 (0.17 g, 85%), m.p. 136–137° (from MeOH), $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ +46° (c 1.1, CHCl₃); lit. m.p. 135.5–136.5°, $[\alpha]_{D}$ +45.7° (ref. 6); m.p. 135°, $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ +44.4° (ref. 20).

Benzyl $O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyl-\alpha-D-glucopyranosyl)-(1\rightarrow 4)-O-(2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl-\alpha-D-glucopyranosyl)-(1\rightarrow 4)-2,3-anhydro-\beta-D-ribopyranoside (26) — A mixture of 8 (0.81 g, 3.6 mmol), AgC1O₄ (1.18 g, 5.7 mmol), and 2,4,6-trimethylpyridine (0.82 mL, 6.2 mmol) in ether (80 mL) was treated with a solution of 25 (4.70 g, 4.7 mmol) in$

ether (40 mL). Processing of the mixture as described for the reaction of 8 with 7, followed by column chromatography (30:1 benzene–EtOAc) of the product, afforded **26** as a syrup (2.70 g, 63%), $[\alpha]_D^{25} + 52^\circ$ (c 1.2, CHCl₃), R_F 0.53 (t.l.c. in 10:1 benzene–EtOAc); ¹³C-n.m.r. (CDCl₃): δ 96.6 (C-1"), 95.1 (C-1'), and 94.45 (C-1), 68.3 and 68.1 (C-6,6'), 59.5 (C-5), 52.7 (C-3), and 49.2 (C-2).

Anal. Calc. for C₇₃H₇₆O₁₄: C, 74.47; H, 6.51. Found: C, 74.60; H, 6.66.

Benzyl O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyl- α -D-glucopyranosyl)- $(1\rightarrow 4)$ -O-(2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl- α -D-glucopyranosyl)- $(1\rightarrow 4)$ -3-O-benzyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (27). — Treatment of 26 (2.50 g) with benzyl alcoholate anion in benzyl alcohol as described for 9, followed by column chromatography (20:1 benzene–EtOAc) of the product, gave 27 as a syrup (2.21 g, 81%), $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ +33° (c 1.5, CHCl₃); $R_{\rm F}$ 0.43 (t.l.c. in 10:1 benzene–EtOAc); ¹³C-n.m.r. (CDCl₃): δ 101.3 (C-1), 97.6 (C-1"), and 96.8 (C-1').

Anal. Calc. for C₈₀H₈₄O₁₅: C, 74.75; H, 6.59. Found: C, 75.08; H, 6.67.

O-α-D-Glucopyranosyl-(1→4)-O-α-D-glucopyranosyl-(1→4)-D-xylopyranose (4). — Hydrogenolysis of 27 (2.06 g) as described for 11, followed by column chromatography (15:10:1 → 5:5:1 CHCl₃-MeOH-H₂O, stepwise) of the product, afforded amorphous 4 (0.67 g, 88%), $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{23}$ + 141.5° (*c* 1.1, H₂O); *R*_{maltotriose} 0.90 (1.c.); n.m.r. (D₂O): ¹H, δ 5.36 (d, 1 H, $J_{1'',2''}$ 3.7 Hz, H-1″), 5.15 (d, 0.4 H, $J_{1,2}$ 7.9 Hz, H-1α), 5.12 (d, 1 H, $J_{1'2'}$ 3.7 Hz, H-1′), and 4.535 (d, 0.6 H, $J_{1,2}$ 7.9 Hz, H-1β); ¹³C, δ 100.7 and 100.6 (C-1′,1″), 97.3 (C-1β), 92.85 (C-1α), 79.1 (C-4′), 77.8 and 77.4 (C-4), 75.7, 74.7, 74.1, 73.8, 73.6, 72.6, 72.3, 70.05, 71.7, 70.2, 65.1 (C-5β), 61.4 (C-6,6′), and 60.9 (C-5α).

Benzyl O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyl- α -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 4)-O-(2,3-di-O-benzyl- α -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 4)-2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (29). — The product obtained by treatment of a mixture of 28 (0.49 g, 574 μ mol), AgClO₄ (0.24 g, 1.2 mmol), and 2,4,6-trimethylpyridine (0.17 mL, 1.3 mmol) in ether (10 mL) with a solution of 7 (0.42 g, 751 μ mol) in ether (5 mL), as described previously, was subjected to column chromatography (30:1 benzene–EtOAc) to give 29 as a syrup (0.58 g, 73%), $[\alpha]_{\rm p}^{26}$ +28° (c 1.1, CHCl₃); $R_{\rm F}$ 0.43 (t.1.c. in benzene–EtOAc); ¹³C-n.m.r. (CDCl₃): δ 102.1 (C-1), 98.8 (C-1"), 96.3 (C-1'), 69.2 and 68.3 (C-6,6"), and 61.4 (C-5').

Anal. Calc. for C₈₇H₉₆O₁₅: C, 75.96; H, 6.59. Found: C, 76.15; H, 6.80.

Methyl 2,3,4-tri-O-benzoyl-1-thio- α -D-arabinopyranoside (31). — A solution of 30 (19.5 g) in acetone (75 mL) was added dropwise at 0° to a mixture of 15% aq. NaSMe (24 mL) and acetone (150 mL). The mixture was stirred for 40 min at room temperature and the acetone was evaporated. The residue was extracted with CHCl₃ and the extract was washed with water, dried, and evaporated. The residue was crystallized from EtOH and recrystallized from EtOH–acetone to give 31 (13.5 g, 74%), m.p. 119–120°, [α]_p²⁰ – 180° (*c* 1.1, CHCl₃); n.m.r. (CDCl₃): ¹H, δ 8.22–7.22 (m, 15 H, 3 Ph), 4.79 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 7.7 Hz, H-1), and 2.29 (s, 3 H, SMe); ¹³C, δ 165.3, 165.25, and 165.1 (C=O), 83.75 (C-1), 71.3, 68.8, and 68.5 (C-2,3,4), 65.8 (C-5), and 12.2 (SMe).

Anal. Calc. for C₂₇H₂₄O₇S: C, 65.84; H, 4.91. Found: C, 65.92; H, 5.06.

Benzyl O-(2,3,4-tri-O-benzoyl- α -D-arabinopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 4)-2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (32). — A solution of 31 (6.68 g, 13.6 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) was added dropwise at 0° under Ar to a stirred mixture of 17 (5.64 g, 10.4 mmol), DMTST (10.5 g, 40.6 mmol), and powdered molecular sieve 4A (60 g) in CH₂Cl₂ (200 mL). The mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature, filtered through a Celite pad, and the solids were washed with CH₂Cl₂. The combined filtrate and washings were washed successively with aq. NaHCO₃ and water, dried, and evaporated. Column chromatography (20:1 benzene–EtOAc) of the product gave amorphous **32** (10.28 g, 80%), $[\alpha]_{P}^{20}$ – 105° (c 1.1, CHCl₃); $R_{\rm F}$ 0.55 (t.1.c. in 10:1 benzene–EtOAc); ¹³C-n.m.r. (CDCl₃): δ 165.4, 165.3, and 165.0 (C=O), 102.0 (C-1), 100.5 (C-1'), 68.9 (C-6), and 63.3 (C-5').

Benzyl O-α-D-arabinopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 4)$ -2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl-β-D-glucopyranoside (33). — A solution of 32 (8.95 g) in MeOH (60 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) was treated with methanolic M NaOMe (0.1 mL) and kept for 2 h at room temperature. The solution was made neutral with Amberlite IR-120 (H⁺) resin, the mixture filtered, and the filtrate evaporated. Crystallization of the residue from EtOH afforded 33 (5.62 g, 92%), m.p. $171-173^{\circ}$, $[\alpha]_{D}^{26} + 10^{\circ}$ (c 0.2, CHCl₃); ¹³C-n.m.r. [(CD₃)₂SO]: δ 103.3 (C-1), 101.6 (C-1'), 69.4 (C-6), and 65.8 (C-5').

Anal. Calc. for C₃₉H₄₄O₁₀: C, 69.63; H, 6.59. Found: C, 69.75; H, 6.64.

Benzyl O-(3,4-O-isopropylidene- α -D-arabinopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 4)-2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (34). — A mixture of 33 (5.14 g), 2,2-dimethoxypropane (10 mL), and TsOH·H₂O (0.1 g) in N,N-dimethylformamide (20 mL) was stirred for 3 h at room temperature. The mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂, washed successively with aq. NaHCO₃ and water, dried, and evaporated. Crystallization of the residue from MeOH gave 34 (4.68 g, 86%), m.p. 136–137°. [α]₂₆²⁶ -9° (c 0.6, CHCl₃); n.m.r. (CDCl₃): ¹H, δ 7.39–7.20 (m, 20 H, 4 Ph), and 1.51 and 1.32 (2 s, each 3 H, CMe₂); ¹³C, δ 138.4, 138.1, 137.8, and 137.2 (aromatic C-1). 109.85 (CMe₂), 102.65 and 102.2 (C-1,1'), 69.4 (C-6), 63.2 (C-5'), and 27.9 and 25.9 (CMe₂).

Anal. Calc. for C₄₂H₄₈O₁₀: C, 70.77; H, 6.79. Found: C, 70.71; H, 6.85.

Benzyl O-(3,4-O-isopropylidene-2-O-methylsulfonyl- α -D-arabinopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 4)-2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (35). — A solution of 34 (4.44 g) in pyridine (20 mL) was cooled to 0°, treated with CH₃SO₂Cl (1.46 mL), and kept for 3 h at room temperature. The mixture was poured into ice–water and extracted with CHCl₃. The extract was washed successively with cold dil. HCl, aq. NaHCO₃, and water, dried, and evaporated. Column chromatography (15:1 benzene–EtOAc) of the product gave amorphous 35 (4.18 g, 84%), $[\alpha]_{D}^{26} - 15^{\circ}$ (c 1.2, CHCl₃); R_{F} 0.37 (t.l.c. in 10:1 benzene– EtOAc); n.m.r. (CDCl₃): ¹H, δ 7.39–7.19 (m, 20 H, 4 Ph), 3.05 (s, 3 H, OMs), and 1.56 and 1.32 (2 s, each 3 H, CMe₂); ¹³C, δ 138.8, 138.6, 138.2, and 137.1 (aromatic C-1), 110.6 (CMe₂), 102.0 (C-1), 99.0 (C-1'), 69.5 (C-6), 62.9 (C-5'), 39.2 (CH₃SO₂), and 27.6 and 26.0 (CMe₂).

Benzyl O-(2-O-methylsulfonyl- α -D-arabinopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 4)-2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (36). — To a solution of 35 (3.98 g) in AcOH (50 mL) at 90° was added water (20 mL) in small portions. The mixture was stirred for 20 min, and then cooled, and concentrated. The last traces of solvents were removed by repeated evaporation of PhMe from the residue, column chromatography of which then gave amorphous 36 (3.39 g, 90%), $[\alpha]_{D}^{26} + 1^{\circ}$ (c 1.4, CHCl₃); $R_{\rm F}$ 0.47 (t.l.c. in 9:1 benzene–EtOH); n.m.r. (CDCl₃): ¹H, δ 7.38–7.11 (m, 20 H, 4 Ph) and 3.01 (s, 3 H, OMs); ¹³C, δ 101.9 (C-1), 99.6 (C-1'), 68.75 (C-6), 65.8 (C-5'), and 38.6 (CH₃SO₂).

Benzyl O-(2,3-anhydro- α -D-ribopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 4)-2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (37). — Compound 36 (3.15 g) was dissolved in MeOH (60 mL) containing Na (0.3 g). The solution was kept overnight at room temperature, and then cooled, and made neutral with dil. H₂SO₄. The mixture was concentrated and the residue was extracted with CHCl₃. The extract was washed with water, dried, and evaporated. Crystallization of the residue from EtOH gave 37 (2.28 g, 83%), m.p. 129–130°, $[\alpha]_{D}^{26}$ +18° (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹³C-n.m.r. (CDCl₃): δ 102.4 (C-1), 94.8 (C-1'), 69.4 (C-6), 61.1 (C-5'), 54.7 (C-3'), and 53.3 (C-2').

Anal. Calc. for C₃₉H₄₂O₉: C, 71.54; H, 6.47. Found: C, 71.50; H, 6.45.

Benzyl (2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyl- α -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 4)-O-(2,3-anhydro- α -Dribopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 4)-2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (**38**). — The product obtained by treatment of a mixture of **37** (1.65 g, 2.5 mmol), AgClO₄ (1.02 g, 4.9 mmol), and 2,4,6-trimethylpyridine (0.71 mL, 5.4 mmol) in ether (40 mL) and 1,2-dimethoxyethane (15 mL) with a solution of **7** (1.83 g, 3.3 mmol) in ether (20 mL), as described previously, was subjected to column chromatography (30:1 \rightarrow 20:1 benzene–EtOAc, stepwise) to give **38** (1.80 g, 67%), m.p. 136–140° (from EtOH–CH₂Cl₂), [α]_D²⁵ + 53.5° (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹³C-n.m.r. (CDCl₃): δ 102.4 (C-1), 96.3 (C-1"), 94.2 (C-1'), 69.4 (C-6), 68.3 (C-6"), 58.25 (C-5'), 54.0 (C-3), and 50.4 (C-2).

Anal. Calc. for C₇₃H₇₆O₁₄: C, 74.47; H, 6.51. Found: C, 74.32; H, 6.44.

Benzyl (2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyl- α -D-glucopyranosyl)-($1 \rightarrow 4$)-O-(3-O-benzyl- α -Dxylopyranosyl)-($1 \rightarrow 4$)-2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (**39**). — The product obtained by treatment of **38** (1.61 g) with benzyl alcoholate anion in benzyl alcohol, as described for **9**, was subjected to column chromatography (20:1 benzene–EtOAc) to give **39** as a syrup (1.34 g, 76%), $[\alpha]_{p}^{25} + 21^{\circ}$ (c 1.4, CHCl₃); $R_{\rm F}$ 0.33 (t.l.c. in 10:1 benzene–EtOAc); ¹³C-n.m.r. (CDCl₃): δ 102.4 (C-1), 100.7 (C-1"), 97.9 (C-1'), 69.1 and 68.0 (C-6,6"), and 61.5 (C-5').

Anal. Calc. for C₈₀H₈₄O₁₅: C, 74.75; H, 6.59. Found: C, 74.95; H, 6.69.

O-α-D-Glucopyranosyl-(1→4)-O-α-D-xylopyranosyl-(1→4)-D-glucopyranose (5). — Hydrogenolysis of **29** (0.37 g) followed by column chromatography of the product, as described for the preparation of **4**, gave amorphous **5** (0.12 g, 85%), $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ + 142° (*c* 1.4, H₂O); $R_{\text{maltotriose}}$ 0.94 (l.c.); n.m.r. (D₂O): ¹H, δ 5.31 (d, 1 H, $J_{1'',2''}$ 3.7 Hz, H-1''), 5.18 (d, 0.4 H, $J_{1,2}$ 4.0 Hz, H-1α), 5.10 (d, 1 H, $J_{1',2'}$ 4.0 Hz, H-1'), and 4.61 (d, 0.6 Hz, $J_{1,2}$ 7.9 Hz, H-1β); ¹³C, δ 100.85 (C-1''), 100.4 and 100.3 (C-1'), 96.7 (C-1β), 92.8 (C-1α), 78.8 (C-4'), 78.0 and 77.75 (C-4), 77.1, 75.4, 74.9, 74.1, 73.7, 73.3, 72.7, 72.45, 72.3, 72.2, 70.8, 70.4, 62.0 (C-6''), 61.6 (C-6β), and 61.5 (C-5', 6α).

Compound 5(0.41 g, 85%) was also obtainable from 39(1.12 g) by an analogous procedure.

Benzyl $O-(2,3-di-O-benzyl-\alpha-D-glucopyranosyl)-(1\rightarrow 4)-2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl-\beta-D$ glucopyranoside (41). — A solution of 40 (4.13 g) in AcOH (50 mL) and acetone (25 mL)was boiled under reflux, water (25 mL) was added dropwise, and the mixture was stirredfor 40 min under reflux. Processing of the mixture, as described for 35, and crystalliza $tion of the residue from EtOH gave 41 (3.31 g, 88%), m.p. 113–114°, <math>[\alpha]_{D}^{25} + 13^{\circ}$ (c 1.1, CHCl₃); ¹³C-n.m.r. (CDCl₃): δ 102.1 (C-1), 96.3 (C-1'), 68.8 (C-6), and 62.1 (C-6'). Anal. Calc. for C₅₄H₅₈O₁₁: C, 73.45; H, 6.62. Found: C, 73.52; H, 6.70.

Benzyl O-(2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl- α -D-glucopyranosyl)- $(1 \rightarrow 4$)-2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (42). — A mixture of 41 (3.15 g) and Bu₂SnO (0.98 g) in benzene (60 mL) was boiled for 2 h under reflux with azeotropic removal of water. Tetrabutylammonium bromide (1.31 g) and PhCH₂Br (0.92 mL) were added and the mixture was stirred overnight under reflux. The mixture was evaporated and a solution of the residue in CH₂Cl₂ was washed with water, dried, and evaporated. Column chromatography (20:1 benzene–EtOAc) of the product gave 42 as a syrup (2.98 g, 86%), $[\alpha]_p^{25} + 12^\circ$ (c 1.3, CHCl₃); R_F 0.43 (t.1.c. in 10:1 benzene–EtOAc); ¹³C-n.m.r. (CDCl₃): δ 102.2 (C-1), 96.5 (C-1'), and 69.7 and 69.2 (C-6,6').

Anal. Calc. for C₆₁H₆₄O₁₁: C, 75.29; H, 6.63. Found: C, 75.51; H, 6.79.

Benzyl O-(2,3,4-tri-O-benzyl- α -D-xylopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 4)-O-(2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl- α -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 4)-2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (43). — The product obtained by treatment of a mixture of 42 (2.18 g, 2.2 mmol), CuBr₂ (1.12 g, 5 mmol), Bu₄NBr (0.28 g, 840 μ mol), and powdered molecular sieve 4A (5 g) in 1,2-dichloroethane (25 mL) and N,N-dimethylformamide (5 mL) with 14 (1.51 g, 3.4 mmol), as described previously, was subjected to column chromatography (30:1 benzene–EtOAc) to give 43 as a syrup (1.47 g, 48%), $[\alpha]_D^{25} + 35^\circ$ (c 1.5, CHCl₃); R_F 0.45 (t.l.c. in 15:1 benzene–EtOAc); ¹³C-n.m.r. (CDCl₃): δ 102.2 (C-1), 96.5 (C-1"), 96.2 (C-1'), 69.0 (C-6,6'), and 60.8 (C-5').

Anal. Calc. for C₈₇H₉₉O₁₅: C, 75.96; H, 6.59. Found: C, 76.27; H, 6.67.

O-α-D-Xylopyranosyl-(1→4)-O-α-D-glucopyranosyl-(1→4)-D-glucopyranose (6). — Hydrogenolysis of 43 (1.29 g), followed by column chromatography of the product as described for the preparation of 4, gave amorphous 6 (0.37 g, 84%), $[\alpha]_{10}^{23}$ + 152° (c1.05, H₂O); $R_{\text{maltotriose}}$ 0.84 (l.c.); n.m.r. (D₂O): ¹H, δ 5.38 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 4.0 Hz, H-1 or 1″), 5.345 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 3.05 Hz, H-1′ or 1″), 5.20 (d, 0.4 H, $J_{1,2}$ 4.0 Hz, H-1α), and 4.63 (d, 0.6 H, $J_{1,2}$ 7.9 Hz, H-1β); ¹³C, δ 100.8 (C-1″), 100.5 and 100.4 (C-1′), 96.7 (C-1β), 92.8 (C-1α), 78.0, 77.8, and 77.5 (C-4,4′), 77.1, 75.5, 74.9, 74.3, 74.1, 73.9, 72.65, 72.5, 72.4, 72.2, 72.1, 70.85, 70.0, and 63.0, 61.6, and 61.4 (C-6,6′,5″).

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