SYNTHESIS OF A NONA- AND AN UNDECA-SACCHARIDE THAT FORM PART OF THE COMPLEX TYPE OF CARBOHYDRATE MOIETY OF GLYCO-PROTEINS*

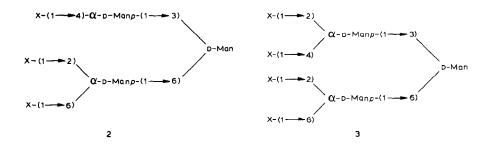
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ABSTRACT

Silver trifluoromethanesulfonate-promoted condensation of 3,6-di-O-acetyl-2-deoxy-2-phthalimido-4-O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- β -D-galactopyranosyl)- β -D-glucopyranosyl bromide with benzyl 2,4-di-O-benzyl-6-O-(3,4-di-O-benzyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl)-3-O-(3,6-di-O-benzyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl)- α -D-mannopyranoside gave nonasaccharide and undecasaccharide derivatives. The nonasaccharide **2** and the undecasaccharide **3** were obtained by removal of the protecting groups followed by Nacetylation.



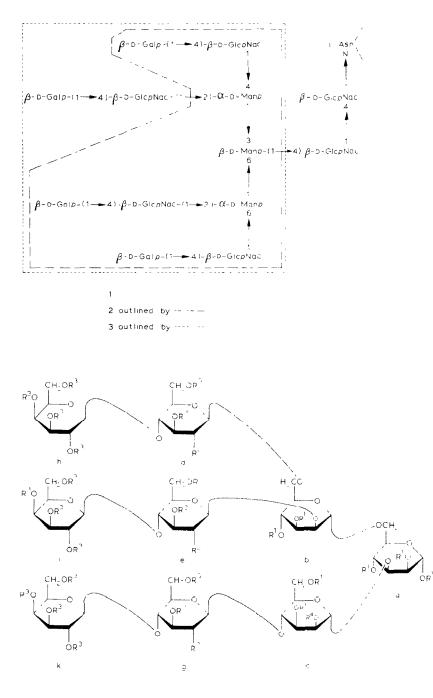
 $X = \beta - D - Galp - (1 - 4) - \beta - D - GlcpNAc -$

INTRODUCTION

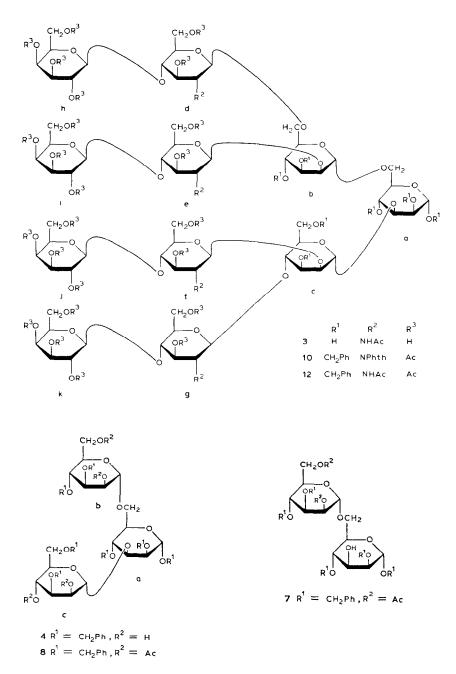
The N-glycosylically linked carbohydrate portions in glycoproteins are of two major types, namely, high-mannose (oligomannosidic) and complex (N-acetyl-D-lactosaminic)¹. The latter type has been found with two, three, or four N-acetyl-D-lactosaminyl residues which usually are substituted with N-acetylneuraminic acid (sialic acid) on the D-galactosyl groups. Structure **1** is a representative example of

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	R ¹	R ²	R3	R,
2	H	NHAc	н	ч
9	CH ₂ Ph	NPhth	$\Delta \subset$	н
11	CH ₂ Ph	NHAC	Ac	Ac



such a carbohydrate portion without sialic acid groups. Several syntheses of oligosaccharides derived from these structures have been reported²⁻¹³.

We now report the synthesis of the nonasaccharide 2 and undecasaccharide 3. These oligosaccharides constitute parts of the most highly branched carbohydrate portions of the complex type of glycoprotein (*i.e.*, structure 1). Such structural elements have been found, for instance, in orosomucoid (x_1 -acid glycoprotein), which is present in human blood serum^{1,14}.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

For the preparation of **2** and **3**, a block synthesis was used. The trisaccharide derivative benzyl 2,4-di-*O*-benzyl-6-*O*-(3,4-di-*O*-benzyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl)-3-*O*-(3,6-di-*O*-benzyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl)- α -D-mannopyranoside (**4**) was condensed with 3,6-di-*O*-acetyl-2-deoxy-2-phthalimido-4-*O*-(2,3,4.6-tetra-*O*-acetyl- β -D-galacto-pyranosyl)- β -D-glucopyranosyl bromide^{2,3} (**5**).

The preparation of the blocked mannotrisaccharide **4** required two glycosylations. 1,2,6-Tri-*O*-acetyl-3,4-di-*O*-benzyl- α -D-mannopyranose¹⁰ was treated with hydrogen bromide in dichloromethane to give 2,6-di-*O*-acetyl-3,4-di-*O*-benzyl-Dmannopyranosyl bromide (**6**). Bromide **6** was condensed with benzyl 2,4-di-*O*-benzyl- α -D-mannopyranoside⁷, using silver trifluoromethanesulfonate(silver triflate)–2,4,6trimethylpyridine as promoter^{16,17}. The disaccharide **7** was obtained in 37 °₀ yield after chromatography on silica gel. That a (1→6)-linked disaccharide derivative had been obtained was indicated by its ¹³C-n.m.r. spectrum, in which only one signal at $\delta \sim 63$ was discernible, *i.e.*, the other primary hydroxyl group was glycosylated.

2,4-Di-O-acetyl-3,6-di-O-benzyl-D-mannopyranosyl bromide¹³ was condensed with **7** by the foregoing procedure, to yield, after chromatography, the trisaccharide derivative **8** (59°,). The ¹³C-n.m.r. spectrum of **8** showed, *inter alia*, three signals in the anomeric region at δ 99.8 (¹J_{C-1,H-1} 169 Hz), 98.0 (¹J_{C-1,H-1} 172 Hz), and 96.2 (¹J_{C-1,H+1} 169 Hz). These coupling constants indicate¹⁸ that both glycosylations gave x-D-mannosidic linkages. Compound **8** was O-deacetylated with sodium methoxide in methanol to give **4** (77°,).

Bromide $5^{2,3}$ was condensed with 4, using silver triflate-2,4,6-trimethylpyridine as promoter^{16,17} Chromatography of the products gave the pure nonasaccharide derivative 9 (29°₀) and contaminated undecasaccharide derivative 10. Attempted further purification of 10 was unsuccessful.

The 2-deoxy-2-phthalimido groups in 9 were exchanged for 2-acetamido-2deoxy groups by treatment with hydrazine hydrate followed by acetic anhydride– pyridine, to give, after chromatography, 11 (61 $^{\circ}_{0}$). Similar treatment of crude 10 gave, after chromatography, pure 12. The yield of 12 from 4 for the condensation and hydrazinolysis–acetylation reactions was 5.3 $^{\circ}_{0}$.

The protecting groups were removed from **11** and **12** by treatment with methanolic sodium methoxide followed by catalytic hydrogenolysis (Pd/C), to give, after gel filtration and freeze-drying, amorphous **2** and **3** in yields of 77 and 67°_{0} , respectively.

The structures of **2** and **3** were evident from their ¹H- and ¹³C-n.m.r. spectra, which appeared as expected from comparisons with related natural and synthetic compounds^{2,3,5,7,8,13,19}. Methylation analysis²⁰ of the alditol of **2** gave 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-methyl-D-galactose, 2-deoxy-3,6-di-*O*-methyl-2-*N*-methylacetamido-D-gluco-

se, 2,3,6-tri-O-methyl-D-mannose, 3,4-di-O-methyl-D-mannose, and 1,2,4,5-tetra-O-methyl-D-mannitol. Methylation analysis of the alditol of 3 gave the same methyl ethers except that 2,3,6-tri-O-methyl-D-mannose was replaced by 3,6-di-O-methyl-D-mannose.

Biological experiments performed with these oligosaccharides will be reported elsewhere.

EXPERIMENTAL

General methods. — These were as described earlier³. Elemental analyses were not obtained for syrupy products, but they were shown to be pure by chromatography and n.m.r. spectroscopy.

2,6-Di-O-acetyl-3,4-di-O-benzyl-D-mannopyranosyl bromide (6). — 1,2,6-Tri-O-acetyl-3,4-di-O-benzyl- α -D-mannopyranose¹⁵ (1.97 g) was stirred in dichloromethane (75 mL) saturated with hydrogen bromide, for 25 min at 0°. The solution was concentrated to dryness, yielding crude **6** as a syrup which was used in the next step. T.l.c.: R_F 0.67 (toluene-ethyl acetate, 3:1). The ¹H-n.m.r. spectrum (99.60 MHz, CDCl₃) contained, *inter alia*, a doublet at δ 6.33 (~0.9 H, $J_{1,2}$ 1.2 Hz), indicating that mainly α -bromide had been obtained.

Benzyl 2,4-di-O-benzyl-6-O-(2,6-di-O-acetyl-3,4-di-O-benzyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl)- α -D-mannopyranoside (7). — Silver triflate (1.54 g), 2,4,6-trimethylpyridine (343 mg), and ground molecular sieves (~5 g, 3Å) were added to a solution of benzyl 2,4-di-O-benzyl- α -D-mannopyranoside⁷ (1.70 g) in dichloromethane (50 mL), and the mixture, under nitrogen, was cooled to -25° . Bromide 6 [from 1,2,6-tri-O-acetyl-3,4-di-O-benzyl- α -D-mannopyranose (1.97 g) (see above)] in dichloromethane (10 mL) was added during 20 min with sturring. The mixture was allowed to attain room temperature and pyridine (0.5 mL) was added. The mixture was filtered and the solution was washed with dilute aqueous sodium thiosulfate, dilute hydrochloric acid, water, saturated aqueous sodium hydrogencarbonate, and water, and concentrated. The product was purified on silica gel with light petroleum-ethyl acetate (2:1), to yield 7 as a syrup (1.24 g, 37°_{0}), $[\alpha]_{578}^{22} + 52^{\circ}$ (c 1.1, chloroform); t.1.c. (solvent as above): $R_{\rm F}$ 0.41; ¹³C-n.m.r. (25.05 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 20.8, 21.0 (OAc), 63.2 (C-6'), 66.6-78.5 (CH₂Ph, C-6, ring C), 95.7 (C-1), 97.7 (C-1'), 126.9-138.3 (aromatic), 169.9, and 170.6 (C=O).

Benzyl 2,4-di-O-benzyl-3-O-(2,4-di-O-acetyl-3,6-di-O-benzyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl)-6-O-(2,6-di-O-acetyl-3,4-di-O-benzyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl)- α -D-mannopyranoside (8). — Compound 7 (1.10 g) and 2,4-di-O-acetyl-3,6-di-O-benzyl-D-mannopyranosyl bromide¹³ (954 mg) were condensed by using silver triflate (771 mg) and 2,4,6trimethylpyridine (108 mg) as promoter, as described for the preparation of 7. The product was purified on silica gel with light petroleum–ethyl acetate (2:1), to yield 8 as a syrup (972 mg, 59%), $[\alpha]_{578}^{22}$ +33° (c 0.4, chloroform); t.l.c. (solvent as above): $R_{\rm F}$ 0.34; ¹³C-n.m.r. (25.05 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 20.6, 20.7, 20.9 (OAc), 63.3 (C-6^b), 65.2-77.5 (CH₂Ph, C-6's, ring C), 96.2 (C-1^a, ¹J_{C-1,H-1} 169 Hz), 98.0 (C-1^b, ${}^{1}J_{C^{-1},H^{-1}}$ 172 Hz), 99.8 (C-1°, ${}^{1}J_{C^{-1},H^{-1}}$ 169 Hz), 127.4–138.4 (aromatic), 169.5, and 169.8 (C=O).

Benzyl 2,4-di-O-benzyl-6-O-(3,4-di-O-benzyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl)-3-O-(3,6-di-O-benzyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl)- α -D-mannopyranoside (4). --- A catalytic amount of sodium was added to a solution of **8** (910 mg) in methanol (50 mL). The mixture was left at room temperature overnight, neutralised with acetic acid, and concentrated to dryness. The product was purified on silica gel with toluene- ethyl acetate (1:2), to give **4** as a syrup (613 mg, 77°₀), $[\alpha]_{578}^{22} + 38^{\circ}$ (c 0.5, chloroform); t.l.c. (solvent as above): $R_{\rm F}$ 0.53; ¹³C-n.m.r. (25.05 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 01.4 (C-6^b), 67.2-79.5 (CH₂Ph, C-6's, ring C), 96.5 (C-1^a), 100.0 (C-1^b), 102.2 (C-1^s), and 127.6-138.8 (aromatic).

Benzyl 2,4-di-O-benzyl-6-O-{3,4-di-O-benzyl-2,6-di-O-[O-2,3,4,6-tetra-O-ace $tyl-\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl)- $(1 \rightarrow 4)$ -(3.6-di-O-acetyl-2-deoxy-2-phthalimido- β -D-glucopyranosyl]- α -D-mannopyranosyl-3-O-{O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- β -D-galactopyranosvl)- $(1 \rightarrow 4)$ -O-(3, 6-di-O-acetvl-2-deoxv-2-phthalimido- β -D-glucopyranosvl)- $(1 \rightarrow 4)$ - $(3,6-di-O-benzyl-\alpha-D-mannopyranosyl)$ ¹- α -D-mannopyranoside (9) and benzyl 2,4-di-O-henzyl-6-O-{3,4-di-O-benzyl-2,6-di-O-[O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl)- $(1 \rightarrow 4)$ -(3, 6-di-O-acetyl-2-deoxy-2-phthalimido- β -D-glucopyranosyl)]- α -D-mannopyranosyl]-3-O-{3,6-di-O-henzyl-2,4-di-O-[O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-B-D-galactopyranosyl)- $(1 \rightarrow 4)$ -(3, 6-di-O-acetyl-2-deoxy-2-phthalimido- β -D-glacopyranosyl)]- α -Dmannopyranosyl¹, α -D-mannopyranoside (10). -- A mixture of silver triflate (1.50 g), 2,4,6-trimethylpyridine (0.71 g), compound 4 (483 mg), and ground molecular sieves $(3.0 \text{ g}, 3\text{\AA})$ in dichloromethane (75 mL) was cooled to -25° under nitrogen. Bromide $5^{2,3}$ (2.68 g) in dichloromethane (32 mL) was added in four portions after 0, 1, 2, and 4 h. After each addition, the mixture was allowed to attain room temperature and was then cooled to -25° before the next addition. After the last addition, the mixture was allowed slowly to attain room temperature overnight. After work-up, the product was purified on silica gel with chloroform-ethyl acetate-methanol (32:63.5), to yield 9 as a syrup (396 mg, 29%) and impure 10 as a syrup (705 mg). Compound 9 had $[\alpha]_{578}^{22}$ + 19° (c 0.5, chloroform); t.l.e. (solvent as above). $R_{\rm F}$ 0.50; ¹³C-n.m.r. (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 20.6 (OAc), 55.1, 55.9 (3 C, C-2^{d,e/g}), 60.9-78.8 (CH₂Ph, C-6's, ring C), 96.7 (C-1^a), 96.8 (C-1^e), 97.6 (C-1^b), 98.1 (C-1^a), 98.7 (C-1^d), 101.2 (4 C, C-1^{c,h,i,k}), 123.4-138.6 (aromatic), and 167.2-170.2 (C=O). The crude 10 showed $R_{\rm F}$ 0.35 in t.f.c., but several minor components ($R_{\rm F} \sim 0.20$ -0.40) were discernible. The ¹³C-n.m.r. spectrum showed several unidentified peaks which made definite assignments uncertain. The crude material was used in the next reaction.

Benzyl 2,4-di-O-benzyl-6-O- $\{3,4-di$ -O-benzyl-2,6-di-O- $\{O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-ace-tyl-\beta-D-galactopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 4)-(2-acetamido-3,6-di-O-acetyl-2-deoxy-ll-D-glucopyranosyl)]-\alpha-D-mannopyranosyl}-3-O-{O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-\beta-D-galactopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 4)-O-(2-acetamido-3,6-di-O-acetyl-2-deoxy-\beta-D-glucopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 4)-(2-O-acetyl-3,6-di-O-acetyl-2-deoxy-\beta-D-glucopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 4)-(2-O-acetyl-3,6-di-O-benzyl-\alpha-D-mannopyranosyl)}-\alpha-D-mannopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 4)-(2-O-acetyl-3,6-di-O-benzyl-\alpha-D-mannopyranosyl)}-\alpha-D-mannopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 4)-(2-O-acetyl-3,6-di-O-benzyl-\alpha-D-mannopyranosyl)}-\alpha-D-mannopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 4)-(2-O-acetyl-3,6-di-O-benzyl-\alpha-D-mannopyranosyl)}-\alpha-D-mannopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 4)-(2-O-acetyl-3,6-di-O-benzyl-\alpha-D-mannopyranosyl)}-\alpha-D-mannopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 4)-(2-O-acetyl-3,6-di-O-benzyl-\alpha-D-mannopyranosyl))-(1 \rightarrow 4)-(2-O-acetyl-3,6-di-O-benzyl-\alpha-D-mannopyranosyl))-(1 \rightarrow 4)-(2-O-acetyl-3,6-di-O-benzyl-\alpha-D-mannopyranosyl))-(1 \rightarrow 4)-(2-O-acetyl-3,6-di-O-benzyl-\alpha-D-mannopyranosyl))-(1 \rightarrow 4)-(2-Acetyl-3,6-di-O-benzyl-\alpha-D-mannopyranosyl))-(1 \rightarrow 4)-(2-Acetyl-3,6-di-O-acetyl-3,6-di-O-acetyl-3,6-di-O-acetyl-3,6-di-O-acety$

to dryness. The residue was acetylated with acetic anhydride-pyridine (45 mL, 2:1) at 100° for 1 h. After concentration, the product was purified on silica gel with chloroform-acetone (3:2), to yield 11 as a syrup (154 mg, 61%), $[\alpha]_{578}^{22} + 15^{\circ}$ (c 0.3, chloroform); t.l.c. (solvent as above): $R_{\rm F}$ 0.53; ¹³C-n.m.r. (25.05 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 20.5–24.8 (NHAc, OAc), 54.4, 54.6 (3 C, C 2^{d, e.g}), 61.0–78.6 (CH₂Ph, C-6's, ring C), 96.8 (C-1^a), 97.9, 98.1 (2 C, C-1^{b, e}), 99.5 (C-1^c), 100.9, 101.4 (5 C, C-1^{d, g, h, i, k}), 126.8–139.2 (aromatic), and 169.0–171.8 (C=O).

Benzyl 2,4-di-O-benzyl-6-O-{3,4-di-O-benzyl-2,6-di-O-[O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- β -D-galactopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 4)-(2-acetamido-3,6-di-O-acetyl-2-deoxy- β -D-glucopyranosyl)]- α -D-mannopyranosyl}-3-O-{3,6-di-O-benzyl-2,4-di-O-[O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-Oacetyl- β -D-galactopyranosyl]-(1 \rightarrow 4)-(2-acetamido-3,6-di-O-acetyl-2-deoxy- β -D-glucopyranosyl)]- α -D-mannopyranosyl}- α -D-mannopyranoside (12). — Crude 10 (690 mg) was treated sequentially with hydrazine hydrate and acetic anhydride-pyridine, as described above for the preparation of compound 11. The product was purified on silica gel with chloroform-acetone (3:2), to yield 12 as a syrup (80 mg, 5.3% from 4), [α]²²₅₇₈ +0.4° (c 0.5, chloroform); t.l.c. (solvent as above): $R_{\rm F}$ 0.32; ¹³C-n.m.r. (25.05 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 20.6–23.5 (OAc, NHAc), 53.9–54.6 (4 C, C-2^{d,e,f,g}), 60.9– 78.5 (CH₂Ph, C-6's, ring C), 96.7 (C-1^a), 97.5, 97.9 (2 C, C-1^{b,e}), 99.4 (C-1^f), 100.0 (C-1^c)</sup>, 100.8, 101.1, 101.4 (6 C, C-1^{d,g,h,i,j,k}), 126.2–139.3 (aromatic), and 169.2– 170.5 (C=O).

6-O- $\{2, 6-di$ -O- $[O-\beta-D-galactopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 4)-(2-acetamido-2-deoxy-\beta-D-glu$ copyranosyl]- α -D-mannopyranosyl}-3-O-{O- β -D-galactopyranosyl-($1 \rightarrow 4$)-O-(2-acetamido-2-deoxy- β -D-glucopyranosyl)- $(1 \rightarrow 4)$ - α -D-mannopyranosyl}-D-mannose (2). — A catalytic amount of sodium was added to a solution of 11 (124 mg) in methanol (20 mL). The mixture was left at room temperature overnight, neutralised with acetic acid, and concentrated to dryness. The product was dissolved in 90 % aqueous acetic acid (50 mL) and hydrogenolysed at 400 kPa over 10% palladium-on-charcoal (220 mg) overnight. After filtration, the product was de-salted on a column (2.5 \times 90 cm) of Sephadex G-25 by elution with water. After freeze-drying, 2 was obtained as an amorphous powder (51 mg, 77%), $[\alpha]_{578}^{22}$ +5° (c 0.2, water); ¹H-n.m.r. (99.60 MHz, D_2O , 85°): δ 2.05, 2.08 (2 s, 3 H, 6 H, NHAc), 4.46 (d, 3 H, $J_{1,2}$ 7.5 Hz, H-1^{h,i,k}), 4.60 (broad d, 3 H, $J_{1,2} \sim 8$ Hz, H-1^{d,e,g}), 4.87 (broad s, 1.4 H, H-1^b and H-1^a β), and 5.12 (broad s, 1.6 H, H-1^c and H-1^a α); ¹³C-n.m.r. (25.05 MHz, D₂O): δ 23.4, 23.6, 23.7 (3 C, NHAc), 56.4 (3 C, C-2^{d,e,g}), 61.3-79.8 (C-6's, ring C), 95.0 (0.3 C, C-1^aβ), 95.4 (0.7 C, C-1^aα), 98.1 (C-1^b), 100.8 (C-1^e), 102.6 (2 C, C-1^{d,g}), 103.1 (C-1^c), 104.1 (3 C, C-1^{h,i,k}), 175.5, and 175.7 (3 C, C=O).

6-O-{2,6-di-O-[O-β-D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)-(2-acetamido-2-deoxy-β-D-glucopyranosyl)]-α-D-mannopyranosyl}-3-O-{2,4-di-O-[O-β-D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)-(2-acetamido-2-deoxy-β-D-glucopyranosyl)]-α-D-mannopyranosyl}-D-mannose (3). — Compound 12 (74 mg) was treated with sodium methoxide in methanol, followed by catalytic hydrogenolysis, as described above for the preparation of compound 2. After de-salting and freeze-drying, the undecasaccharide 3 was obtained as an amorphous powder (27 mg, 67%), $[\alpha]_{578}^{22}$ +3° (c 0.4, water); ¹H-n.m.r. (99.60 MHz, D₂O, 85°): δ 2.02 (s, 12 H, NHAc), 4.51 (d, 4 H, $J_{1,2}$ 7.5 Hz, H-1^{h,i,j,k}), 4.60 (broad d, 4 H, $J_{1,2} \sim 8$ Hz, H-1^{d,e,f,g}), 4.85 (broad s, 1.3 H, H-1^b and H-1^a β), and 5.12 (broad s, 1.7 H, H-1^e and H-1^a α); ¹³C-n.m.r. (25.05 MHz, D₂O). δ 23.7, 24.0 (4 C, NHAc), 56.5, 56.7 (4 C, C-2^{d,e,f,g}), 61.7–80.4 (C-6's, ring C), 95.3 (0.3 C, C-1^a β), 95.7 (0.7 C, C-1^a α), 98.6 (C-1^b), 100.5 (C-1^e), 101.2 (2 C, C-1^{e,f}), 102.9 (2 C, C-1^{d,g}), 104.5 (4 C, C-1^{h,i,j,k}), and 175.4–176.1 (4 C, C==O).

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