Building blocks for the synthesis of glycosyl-myo-inositols involved in the insulin intracellular signalling process

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ABSTRACT

Glycosylation of (\pm) -1-O-benzyl-2,3:5,6-di-O-isopropylidene-*myo*-inositol (4) with 6-O-acetyl-4-Oallyl-2-azido-3-O-benzyl-2-deoxy- β -D-glucopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate (6) gave the 4-O-(2-amino-2deoxy- α -D-glucopyranosyl)-*myo*-inositol derivative (9) as a mixture of diastereoisomers which could be resolved by chromatography. Likewise α -glycosylation of 4 with 6-O-acetyl-2-azido-3-O-benzoyl-2-deoxy-4-O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- β -D-galactopyranosyl)-D-glucopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate (10) gave the corresponding pseudotrisaccharide derivative 16 as a mixture of diastereomers which could be resolved partially by chromatography. α -Glycosylation of enantiomerically pure 2,3:5,6- (18) and 2,3:4,5-di-O-isopropylidene-1-O-menthoxycarbonyl-*myo*-inositol (19) with 3,4,6-tri-O-acetyl-2-azido-2deoxy-D-glucopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate (20) gave the pseudodisaccharide derivatives 21 and 22, respectively. Likewise, α -glycosylation of 18 with 10 afforded a pseudotrisaccharide derivative (23).

INTRODUCTION

Insulin stimulates the phospholipase C-catalysed hydrolysis of glycosyl phosphatidylinositols in a variety of cells¹⁻³. The released glycosyl-myo-inositol may act as an insulin mediator on the basis of insulin-dependent regulation of glycosyl phosphatidylinositol turnover⁴⁻⁸, the ability of these glycosyl-myo-inositols to mimic some of the short-term effects of the hormone⁹⁻¹³, and the selective blocking of some of the actions of insulin by anti-inositol glycan antibodies¹⁴. At least two structurally distinct mediators of this type have been reported^{15,16}. Mato et al.¹⁵ reported that a compound which inhibited c-AMP-dependent protein kinase contained myo-inositol or chiro-inositol, 2-amino-2-deoxyglucose, galactose, and phosphate. Larner et al.¹⁶ obtained a compound which stimulated pyruvate dehydrogenase kinase and contained D-chiro-inositol, 2-amino-2-deoxyglactose, mannose, and phosphate. These compounds seem to be related to the glycosyl

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phosphatidylinositols which anchor protein, polysaccharide, or small oligosaccharides to the outer face of cellular membranes through a covalent linkage^{1,17-22}. However, the complete structures of these mediators have not been elucidated.

The effective preparation of building blocks for the synthesis of these inositolcontaining oligosaccharides would permit the preparation, for biological investigation, of pure compounds whose structures could be varied at will. In this context, we have reported on the preparation of *myo*- and D-chiro-inositol derivatives to be used in the synthesis of glycosylinositols²³⁻²⁶, and we now report on the synthesis of variously substituted 2-amino-2-deoxyglycosyl and lactosaminyl derivatives of *myo*-inositol. Since it has been suggested²⁷ that 4- (1) and 6-O-(2-amino-2-deoxy- α -D-glucopyranosyl)-*myo*-inositol (2) fragments could exist in the structure of the glycosyl-*myo*-inositol mediators, syntheses have been developed for each structural type. Syntheses of fragments^{28,29} and of the complete glycosyl phosphatidylinositol anchor³⁰ of the variant surface glycoprotein of *Trypanosoma brucei*³¹ and other related oligosaccharide fragments containing *myo*- or D-chiro-inositol have been described³²⁻³⁴.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The synthesis of the fragments 1 and 2 was envisaged from 1-O-substituted myo-inositol. We have used^{25,26} a modification of the transmetallation reaction of borylated carbohydrates with tributyltinacetylacetonate³⁵ or dibutyltinbis(acetyl-acetonate)³⁶ for the regioselective alkylation and acylation of myo-inositol. Thus, myo-inositol gave (\pm) -1-O-benzyl-myo-inositol (3, 80%) from hexa-O-diethylboryl-myo-inositol in a one-pot procedure²⁶. Isopropylidenation³⁷ of 3 gave (\pm) -1-O-benzyl-2,3:5,6- (4) and -2,3:4,5-di-O-isopropylidene-myo-inositol (5). It was hoped that, following glycosylation of 4 and 5, the diastereomers could be separated, thus avoiding the need to resolve the racemates 4 and 5.

Glycosylation by the trichloroacetimidate procedure^{38,39} gave the best yields and α -stereoselectivity. 6-O-Acetyl-4-O-allyl-2-azido-3-O-benzyl-2-deoxy- β -D-gluco-pyranosyl trichloroacetimidate (6) was prepared⁴⁰ from 1,6-di-O-acetyl-4-O-allyl-2-azido-3-O-benzyl-2-deoxy-D-glucopyranose^{41,42} (7), readily available⁴² from 1,6-anhydro-2,3-O-benzylidene- β -D-mannopyranose (8). Reaction of 4 with 6 in dichloromethane, using trimethylsilyl triflate as the promoter, gave the 4-O- α -gly-cosylated derivative 9 (71%) as a mixture of diastereomers that could be resolved by repeated chromatography.

A similar approach involved 6-O-acetyl-2-azido-3-O-benzoyl-2-deoxy-4-O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- β -D-galactopyranosyl)-D-glucopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate (10), prepared from 8⁴² by the following steps: mercuric salt-promoted glycosylation with 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- α -D-glucopyranosyl bromide to give 1,6-anhydro-2,3-O-benzylidene-4-O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- β -D-galactopyranosyl)- β -D-mannopyranose (11, 51%), oxidative opening of the benzylidene acetal⁴² using 2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone (DDQ) to afford 1,6-anhydro-3-O-ben-



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zoyl-4-*O*-(2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl)-β-D-mannopyranose (12, 72%), treatment with trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride and then with sodium azide to yield 1,6-anhydro-2-azido-3-*O*-benzoyl-2-deoxy-4-*O*-(2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl)-β-D-glucopyranose (13, 92%), acetolysis of the 1,6-anhydro ring to give 1,6-di-*O*-acetyl-2-azido-3-*O*-benzoyl-2-deoxy-4-*O*-(2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl)-D-glucopyranose (14, 88%), selective deacylation⁴³ to give 6-*O*-acetyl-2-azido-3-*O*-benzoyl-2-deoxy-4-*O*-(2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl)-D-glucopyranose (15, 99%), and final treatment with trichloroacetonitrile and potassium carbonate⁴⁴.





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Trimethylsilyl triflate-promoted reaction of 4 with 10 gave the 4-O- α -glycosylated derivative 16 (80%) as a mixture of diastereomers which was resolved partially by chromatography. The diastereomer having the higher $R_{\rm F}$ value was obtained pure, and its configuration was established unequivocally by application in sequence of O-deacylation, azide reduction, acetylation, hydrogenolysis of the



benzyl group, and acetylation, which gave 24 identical with the product obtained from the enantiomerically pure *myo*-inositol derivative (see below). As with 9, the preparation of 16 was tedious, laborious, and of limited practical use.

Therefore, the mixture of enantiomers of 1-O-substituted myo-inositol was resolved prior to glycosylation. Regioselective mono-O-acylation of hexa-O-diethylboryl-myo-inositol, using the boron-tin transmetallation procedure²⁶, can be performed with a chiral electrophile. Thus, the pure diastereomer 1-O-menthoxycarbonyl-myo-inositol (17) could be obtained in 30% overall yield²⁶. Isopropylidenation²⁶ of 17 gave the 2,3:5,6- (18) and the 2,3:4,5-diacetal (19). Glycosylation of 18 with 3,4,6-tri-O-acetyl-2-azido-2-deoxy-D-glucopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate (20), prepared by diazo transfer from trifluoromethanesulfonyl azide to 2-amino-2-deoxy-D-glucose⁴⁵, gave 1-O-menthoxycarbonyl-4-O-(3,4,6-tri-O-acetyl-2-azido-2-deoxy- α -D-glucopyranosyl)-myo-inositol (21, 88%). Likewise, glycosylation of 19 with 20 afforded 2,3:4,5-di-O-isopropylidene-1-O-menthoxycarbonyl-6-O-(3,4,6-tri-O-acetyl-2-azido-2-deoxy- α -D-glucopyranosyl)-myo-inositol (22, 51%). In the latter reaction, the formation of 21 was detected (TLC and ^{1}H NMR spectroscopy). In an attempt to improve the yield, 20 was added progressively to 19, but partial isomerisation of 19 occurred and 21 and 22 were obtained in yields of 45 and 39%, respectively.

Glycosylation of 18 with 10 gave the optically pure pseudotrisaccharide derivative 23 (47%); which was converted, by the sequence of reactions applied above to 16, into 24 ($[\alpha]_D + 35^\circ$).

The above results indicate that glycosylation of the diacetals of enantiomerically pure 1-O-menthoxycarbonyl-myo-inositol (17) with trichloroacetimidates of 2-azido-2-deoxy sugars constitutes a convenient route to fragments of glycosyl-myo-inositols involved in insulin action, and its application for the synthesis of biologically active oligosaccharides containing myo-inositol 1-phosphate is being investigated.

EXPERIMENTAL

General methods.—Meltings points were determined on a Kofler hot-stage apparatus and are uncorrected. TLC was performed on Silica Gel GF_{254} (Merck)

with detection by charring with H_2SO_4 or phosphomolybdic acid. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (70–230 mesh, Merck). The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded with a Varian XL-300 or Bruker AM-200 spectrometer. Optical rotations were measured with a Perkin–Elmer 241 MC polarimeter.

 (\pm) -4-O-(6-O-Acetyl-4-O-allyl-2-azido-3-O-benzyl-2-deoxy- α -D-glucopyranosyl)-1-O-benzyl-2,3:5,6-di-O-isopropylidene-myo-inositol (9).—To a solution of (\pm) -1-O-benzyl-2,3:5,6-di-O-isopropylidene-myo-inositol³⁷ (4; 0.110 g, 0.314 mmol) and 6-O-acetyl-4-O-allyl-2-azido-3-O-benzyl-2-deoxy-β-D-glucopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate⁴⁰ (6; 0.208 g, 0.398 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) at -30° under Ar was added dropwise a solution of trimethylsilyl triflate (0.005 mL, 0.025 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (0.06 mL). After a further 1 h, NaHCO₃ and then satd aq NaHCO₃ (20 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) were added. The aqueous phase was washed with CH_2Cl_2 (2 × 50 mL), and the combined organic phases were washed with water (100 mL) and brine (100 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Column chromatography (3:1 hexane-EtOAc) of the residue (0.360 g) gave 9, isolated as a syrup (0.159 g, 71%). Repeated preparative TLC (4:1 hexane-EtOAc) gave the pure faster-moving diastereomer as a syrup which had $[\alpha]_D + 125^\circ$ (c 0.85, CHCl₃). NMR data (CDCl₃): ¹H (300 MHz), δ 7.40–7.28 (m, 10 H, 2 Ph), 5.90–5.79 (m, 1 H, CH₂=CHCH₂), 5.35 (d, 1 H, $J_{1',2'}$ 3.6 Hz, H-1'), 5.26–5.12 (m, 2 H, CH₂=CHCH₂), 4.82 (ABq, 2 H, CH₂Ph), 4.81 (ABq, 2 H, CH₂Ph), 4.36 (dd, 1 H, $J_{5'.6'a}$ 3, $J_{6'a.6'b}$ 12.3 Hz, H-6'a), 4.31–3.88 (m, 8 H, H-3,4,6,3',5',6'b, and $CH_2 = CHCH_2$), 4.27 (t, 1 H, $J_{1,2} = J_{2,3} = 4.4$ Hz, H-2), 3.44 (t, 1 H, $J_{3',4'} = J_{4',5'} = 9.2$ Hz, H-4'), 3.36 (dd, 1 H, J 10.6 and 9.5 Hz, H-5), 3.27 (dd, 1 H, J_{2'3'} 10.3 Hz, H-2'), 2.06 (s, 3 H, Ac), 1.51, 1.43, 1.30 (3 s, 12 H, 2 CMe₂); ¹³C (50 MHz), δ 170.7, 137.90, 137.8, 134.3, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 117.5, 112.6, 110.0, 96.3, 79.7, 79.3, 78.7, 77.6, 77.2, 76.0, 75.4, 74.1, 74.0, 71.9, 68.7, 63.0, 62.6, 28.2, 27.0, 26.9, 25.8, 20.8.

Anal. Calcd for C₃₇H₄₇N₃O₁₁: C, 62.61; H, 6.67; N, 5.72. Found: C, 62.51; H, 6.47; N, 5.60.

The slower-moving diastereomer, isolated as a syrup, had $[\alpha]_D + 37^\circ$ (c 0.98, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR data (300 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 7.48–7.10 (m, 10 H, 2 Ph), 5.88–5.77 (m, 1 H, CH₂=CHCH₂), 5.69 (d, 1 H, $J_{1',2'}$ 3.5 Hz, H-1'), 5.23–5.00 (m, 2 H, CH₂=CHCH₂), 4.87–4.67 (ABq, 4 H, 2 CH₂Ph), 4.66–4.00 (m, 10 H, H-2,3,6, H-4 or H-3', H-4',5',6'a,6'b, and CH₂=CHCH₂), 3.53 (dd, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 3.9, $J_{1,6}$ 10.1 Hz, H-1), 3.45 (dd, 1 H, J 8.9 and 9.9 Hz, H-4 or H-3'), 3.48 (dd, 1 H, J 10.9 and 9.4 Hz, H-5), 3.23 (dd, $J_{2',3'}$ 10.3 Hz, H-2'), 1.80 (s, 3 H, Ac), 1.50, 1.39, 1.38, 1.26 (4 s, each 3 H, 2 CMe₂).

Anal. Found: C, 62.90; H, 6.52; N, 5.77.

1,6-Anhydro-2,3-O-benzylidene-4-O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- β -D-galactopyranosyl)- β -D-mannopyranose (11).—To a mixture of $\mathbf{8}^{42}$ (0.850 g, 3.4 mmol), mercuric bromide (1.2 g, 3.4 mmol), mercuric cyanide (0.85 g, 3.4 mmol), and 4A molecular sieves (2 g) in dry benzene (30 mL) was added 2,3,4,6,-tetra-O-acetyl- α -D-galactopyranosyl bromide (3.35 g, 8.1 mmol) with stirring under Ar. The reaction was

continued at 60° for 24 h, and the mixture was then filtered through Celite, diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (300 mL), washed with aq KI (200 mL), aq NaHCO₃ (150 mL), water (150 mL), and brine (150 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Column chromatography (3.5:1 hexane-acetone) of the residue gave 11 (1.0 g, 51%) as a 1:1 exo-endo mixture, $[\alpha]_D = 23^\circ$ (c 0.3, CHCl₃). NMR data (CDCl₃): ¹H (300 MHz), δ 7.68–7.35 (m, 10 H, 2 Ph), 6.29 (s, 1 H, CHPh exo), 5.74 (s, 1 H, CHPh endo), 5.51 (t, 1 H, J_{1.2} 1.7 Hz, H-1), 5.48 (d, 1 H, J_{1.2} 2.9 Hz, H-1), 5.41 and 5.39 (2 dd, 1 H, J_{3'4'} 3.4, J_{4'5'} 1.1 Hz, H-4'), 5.26 and 5.23 (2 dd, 1 H, J_{1'2'} 8.1, J_{2'3'} 10.5 Hz, H-2'), 5.05 and 5.03 (2 dd, 1 H, H-3'), 4.69 and 4.66 (2 d, 1 H, H-1'), 4.57 (m, 2 H, 2 H-5'), 4.37 (m, 2 H, H-3), 4.26–4.06 (m, 9 H, 2 H-2,5,6'a,6'b and H-6*endo*), 4.01 (dd, 1 H, J_{5,6endo} 1.5, J_{6endo,6exo} 7.5 Hz, H-6endo), 3.96-3.88 (m, 2 H, 2 H-4), 3.84 (dd, 1 H, $J_{5,6exo}$ 6.2 $J_{6endo,6exo}$ 7.4 Hz, H-6exo), 3.83 (dd, 1 H, $J_{5,6exo}$ 6.2, J_{6endo,6exo} 7.4 Hz, H-6exo), 2.17, 2.15, 2.09, 2.07, 2.03, 2.00, 1.99, 1.97 (8 s, each 3 H, Ac); 13 C (50 MHz), δ 170.12, 170.04, 169.33, 139.74, 136.09, 129.75, 129.08, 128.38, 128.33, 127.49, 125.92, 104.92, 104.33, 100.48, 100.29, 99.87, 99.03, 76.67, 76.52, 76.34, 74.37, 73.30, 73.06, 72.85, 71.37, 70.99, 70.65, 68.64, 68.59, 68.31, 67.18, 67.11, 66.89, 64.81, 64.22, 61.22, 20.67, 20.54, 20.47.

Anal. Calcd for C₂₇H₃₂O₁₄: C, 55.86; H, 5.52. Found: C, 55.57; H, 5.74.

1,6-Anhydro-3-O-benzoyl-4-O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl)-β-Dmannopyranose (12).—To a solution of 11 (2.06 g, 3.55 mmol) in 8:1 CH₂Cl₂-water (9 mL) was added a suspension of DDQ (2.45 g, 10.92 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (8 mL) in the dark, at room temperature, and under Ar. The mixture was stirred for 3 days. Dichloromethane (200 mL) was added, and the organic layer was washed with aq NaHCO₃ (150 mL), water (150 mL), and brine (150 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Column chromatography (2:1 hexane-acetone) of the residue gave **12** (1.51 g, 71%), mp 189–191° (from EtOH–hexane), $[\alpha]_{\rm D} = 50.9^{\circ}$ (c 0.95, CHCl₃). NMR data (CDCl₃): ¹H (300 MHz), δ 8.07–7.44 (m, 5 H, Ph), 5.70 (dq, 1 H, J 1.7, 3.1, and 5.6 Hz, H-3), 5.48 (bs, 1 H, H-1), 5.42 (dd, 1 H, $J_{3',4'}$ 3.5, $J_{4',5'}$ 1.1 Hz, H-4'), 5.29 (dd, 1 H, J_{2',3'} 10.5, J_{1',2'} 7.9 Hz, H-2'), 5.07 (dd, 1 H, H-3'), 4.79 (d, 1 H, H-1'), 4.51 (m, 1 H, H-5), 4.22 (dd, 1 H, J_{5',6'a} 7.2, J_{6'a,6'b} 11.4 Hz, H-6'a), 4.19 (dd, 1 H, J_{5',6'b} 5.9 Hz, H-6'b), 4.10 (dd, 1 H, J_{5,6endo} 0.6, J_{6endo,6exo} 7.8 Hz, H-6endo), 4.05 (m, 1 H, H-5'), 3.97 (m, 1 H, H-2), 3.87 (t, 1 H, H-4), 3.87 (dd, 1 H, J_{5,6exo} 5.7, J_{6endo,6exo} 7.9 Hz, H-6exo), 2.29 (d, 1 H, OH), 2.14, 2.02, 1.98, 1.96 (4 s, each 3 H, Ac); ¹³C (50 MHz), δ 170.4, 170.2, 170.0, 169.2, 165.5, 133.7, 129.6, 129.1, 128.7, 78.5, 73.8, 71.2, 70.8, 70.4, 66.9, 67.0, 65.8, 64.9, 61.3, 20.7, 20.6, 20.5.

Anal. Calcd for C₂₇H₃₂O₁₅: C, 54.36; H, 5.37. Found: C, 54.18; H, 5.50.

1,6-Anhydro-2-azido-3-O-benzoyl-2-deoxy-4-O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-β-D-galactopyransoyl)-β-D-glucopyranose (13).—A solution of triflic anhydride (0.75 mL, 4.45 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) was added at -10° under Ar to a stirred solution of pyridine (0.41 mL, 5.19 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (14 mL). After 10 min, a solution of 12 (1.33 g, 2.23 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) was added and stirring under Ar was continued for 2 h at 0°. Aqueous NaHCO₃ and CH₂Cl₂ were added, the aqueous layer was washed with CH₂Cl₂, and the combined organic layers were washed with water and brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. To a solution of the residue in N,N-dimethylformamide (60 mL) was added sodium azide (1.44 g, 22.2 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 h, then concentrated. A solution of the residue in CH₂Cl₂ was washed with water and brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Column chromatography (2.5:1 \rightarrow 1.5:1 hexane–EtOAc) of the residue gave 13 (1.28 g, 92%), mp 130–132° (from hexane–EtOAc), $[\alpha]_D - 1.2°$ (c 0.65, CHCl₃). NMR data (CDCl₃): ¹H (300 MHz), δ 8.05–7.43 (m, 5 H, Ph), 5.52 (bs, 1 H, H-1), 5.49 (m, 1 H, H-3), 5.40 (dd, 1 H, $J_{3',4'}$ 3.4, $J_{4',5'}$ 1.1 Hz, H-4'), 5.31 (dd, 1 H, $J_{1',2'}$ 8.0, $J_{2',3'}$ 10.4 Hz, H-2'), 5.07 (dd, 1 H, H-3'), 4.88 (d, 1 H, H-1'), 4.67 (m, 1 H, H-5), 4.19 (m, 2 H, 2 H-6'), 4.15 (dd, 1 H, $J_{5,6endo}$ 0.9, $J_{6endo,6exo}$ 7.7 Hz, H-6endo), 4.02 (m, 1 H, H-5'), 3.88 (dd, 1 H, $J_{5,6exo}$ 6.0, $J_{6endo,6exo}$ 7.7 Hz, H-6exo), 3.80 (bs, 1 H, H-4), 3.40 (bs, 1 H, H-2), 2.06, 2.00, 1.99, 1.55 (4 s, each 3 H, 4 Ac); ¹³C (50 MHz), δ 171.3, 170.1, 170.0, 169.1, 165.0, 133.7, 129.7, 129.1, 128.6, 100.6, 100.1, 75.4, 73.7, 71.2, 71.0, 70.4, 68.8, 67.0, 65.0, 61.4, 58.7, 20.5.

Anal. Calcd for C₂₇H₃₁N₃O₁₄: C, 52.17; H, 5.03; N, 6.76. Found: C, 51.98; H, 4.82; N, 6.49.

1,6-Di-O-acetyl-2-azido-3-O-benzoyl-2-deoxy-4-O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-β-Dgalactopyranosyl)- α , β -D-glucopyranose (14).—To a solution of 13 (1.20 g, 1.93) mmol) in acetic anhydride (42 mL) was added trifluoroacetic acid (2.1 mL, 27.40 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 days. 1:1 Toluene-EtOAc was added and the mixture was concentrated. Column chromatography (2:1 hexane-acetone) of the residue gave 14 (1.23 g, 88%) as a 3:2 α , β -mixture, $[\alpha]_{\rm D}$ +45° (c 1.2, CHCl₃). NMR data (CDCl₃): ¹H (300 MHz), δ 8.14–7.45 (m, 5 H, Ph), 6.28 (d, 0.6 H, $J_{1,2}$ 3.7 Hz, H-1 α), 5.70 (dd, 0.6 H, $J_{2,3}$ 9.0, $J_{3,4}$ 10.6 Hz, H-3), 5.57 (d, 0.4 H, J_{1,2} 8.5 Hz, H-1β), 5.34 (dd, 0.4 H, J_{2,3} 9.0, J_{3,4} 10.3 Hz, H-3), 5.13 (dd, 1 H, J_{3',4'} 3.4, J_{4',5'} 0.9 Hz, H-4'), 5.05 (dd, 0.6 H, J_{1',2'} 7.8, J_{2',3'} 10.2 Hz, H-2'), 5.01 (dd, 0.4 H, $J_{1',2'}$ 7.8, $J_{2',3'}$ 10.3 Hz, H-2'), 4.84 (dd, 0.6 H, H-3'), 4.83 (dd, 0.4 H, H-3'), 4.45 (d, 0.6 H, H-1'), 4.43 (d, 0.4 H, H-1'), 4.47-4.38 (m, 2 H, 2 H-6a), 4.12 (dd, 0.8 H, $J_{5,6b}$ 4.9, $J_{6a,6b}$ 12.2 Hz, H-6b), 4.11 (dd, 1.2 H, $J_{5,6b}$ 4.4, J_{6a,6b} 12.0 Hz, H-6b), 4.04 (ddd, 0.6 H, J_{4,5} 11.7, J_{5.6a} 1.9 Hz, H-5), 3.92 (t, 0.6 H, J_{4.5} 10.0 Hz, H-4), 3.90 (t, 0.4 H, J_{4.5} 9.1 Hz, H-4), 3.80 (ddd, 0.4 H, H-5), 3.72 (dd, 0.4 H, H-2), 3.62 (dd, 0.6 H, H-2), 3.58-3.45 (m, 2 H, H-5',6'b), 3.37-3.30 (m, 1 H, H-6'a), 2.23, 2.19, 2.13, 2.02, 1.98, 1.97, 1.95, 1.94, 1.93, 1.92 (10 s, 6 Ac); ¹³C (50 MHz), § 170.2, 170.0, 169.8, 169.1, 168.9, 168.6, 168.4, 164.8, 164.7, 133.5, 129.7, 129.5, 128.5, 100.9, 100.1, 92.6, 90.1, 75.7, 75.3, 73.6, 72.3, 70.8, 70.7, 70.6, 70.5, 69.2, 69.1, 66.3, 66.2, 63.1, 61.7, 61.6, 60.7, 60.1, 59.8, 26.8, 20.9, 20.7, 20.5, 20.4.

Anal. Calcd for C₃₁H₃₇N₃O₁₇: C, 51.45; H, 5.15; N, 5.81. Found: C, 51.25; H, 5.02; N, 5.70.

6-O-Acetyl-2-azido-3-O-benzoyl-2-deoxy-4-O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl)-α,β-D-glucopyranose (15).—Hydrazine acetate (0.159 g, 1.73 mmol) was added to a solution of 14 (0.90 g, 1.24 mmol) in dry N,N-dimethylformamide (7 mL) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 h. Dichloromethane and water were added, the aqueous phase was washed twice with CH_2CI_2 , and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried (Na_2SO_4) , and concentrated. Column chromatography (2 : 1 hexane–acetone) of the residue gave **15** (0.84 g, 99%) as a 3 : 2 α , β -mixture. NMR data (CDCI₃): ¹H (300 MHz), δ 8.10–7.39 (m, 5 H, Ph), 5.73 (t, 0.6 H, J 10.3 Hz, H-3), 5.35 (d, 0.6 H, $J_{1,2}$ 3.6 Hz, H-1 α), 5.24 (t, 0.4 H, J 10.2 Hz, H-3), 5.09 (m, 1 H, H-4'), 5.02 (dd, 0.6 H, J 7.3 Hz, H-2'), 4.98 (dd, 0.4 H, $J_{1',2'}$ 7.7, $J_{2',3'}$ 10.5 Hz, H-2'), 4.80 (dd, 0.6 H, $J_{2',3'}$ 10.4, $J_{3',4'}$ 3.4 Hz, H-3'), 4.79 (dd, 0.4 H, $J_{2',3'}$ 10.4, $J_{3',4'}$ 3.3 Hz, H-3'), 4.74 (d, 0.4 H, $J_{1,2}$ 7.8 Hz, H-1 β), 4.25 (m, 2 H, H-1',6), 4.24 (m, 0.6 H, H-5), 4.07 (dd, 0.6 H, $J_{5,6}$ 4.4, $J_{6a,6b}$ 12.2 Hz, H-6), 4.03 (dd, 0.4 H, $J_{5,6}$ 5.1, $J_{6a,6b}$ 12.2 Hz, H-6), 3.84 (t, 0.6 H, J 9.8 Hz, H-4), 3.81 (t, 0.4 H, J 9.1 Hz, H-4), 3.66 (m, 0.4 H, H-5), 3.54–3.24 (m, 4 H, H-2,5',6'a,6'b), 2.07, 1.94, 1.91, 1.87, 1.86 (5 s, each 3 H, 5 Ac); ¹³C (50 MHz), δ 170.51, 170.10, 169.96, 169.10, 164.99, 164.92, 133.41, 129.79, 128.46, 100.65, 96.140, 92.22, 76.36, 75.93, 72.88, 72.55, 70.94, 70.49, 69.27, 68.38, 62.12, 61.96, 59.99, 20.85, 20.67, 20.43.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{29}H_{35}N_3O_{16}$: C, 51.10; H, 5.18; N, 6.16. Found: C, 50.85; H, 5.40; N, 6.13.

6-O-Acetyl-2-azido-3-O-benzoyl-2-deoxy-4-O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl)-α,β-D-glucopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate (10).—To a solution of 15 (0.19 g, 0.28 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) were added trichloroacetonitrile (0.10 mL, 0.99 mmol) and dry K₂CO₃ (0.040 g, 0.289 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature under Ar for 90 min, then filtered through Celite, and concentrated. Compound 10 was used in the next step without further purification or after flash-column chromatography (2:1 hexane-acetone); α,β-ratio, 1:3.8 (¹H NMR data).

 (\pm) -4-O-[6-O-Acetyl-2-azido-3-O-benzoyl-2-deoxy-4-O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- β -D-galactopyranosyl)- α -D-glucopyranosyl]-1-O-benzyl-2,3:5,6-di-O-isopropylidenemyo-inositol (16).-To a solution of 4 (0.106 g, 0.303 mmol) and 10 (0.360 g, 0.364 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) under Ar at -24° was added dropwise 0.1 M trimethylsilyl triflate in CH_2Cl_2 (0.24 mL). The temperature of the stirred solution was allowed to rise slowly from -24° to -10° during 3 h, solid NaHCO₃ and aq NaHCO₃ were added, and the mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂. The aqueous phase was washed with CH_2Cl_2 and the combined organic layers were washed with water and with brine, dried (Na_2SO_4) , and concentrated. Column chromatography (2:1 hexane-acetone) of the residue gave 16 as a syrupy mixture (0.245 g, 80%) of diastereomers. Column chromatography (18:1 \rightarrow 9:1 CHCl₃-acetone) of the mixture gave the diastereomer of higher $R_{\rm F}$, mp 102-105°, $[\alpha]_{\rm D}$ + 102° (c 0.64, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR data (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.08-7.22 (m, 10 H, 2 Ph), 5.67 (dd, 1 H, $J_{3',4'}$ 9.0, $J_{2',3'}$ 10.7 Hz, H-3'), 5.37 (d, 1 H, $J_{1',2'}$ 3.5 Hz, H-1'), 5.08 (dd, 1 H, $J_{4'',5''}$ 1.0, $J_{3'',4''}$ 3.4 Hz, H-4"), 5.01 (dd, 1 H, $J_{1'',2''}$ 7.9, $J_{2'',3''}$ 10.4 Hz, H-2"), 4.79 (dd, 1 H, H-3"), 4.77 (AB q, 2 H, CH₂Ph), 4.49 (d, 1 H, H-1"), 3.38 (dd, 1 H, J_{5',6'a} 2.2, $J_{6'a,6'b}$ 12.1 Hz, H-6'a), 4.30 (m, 1 H, H-5'), 4.27 (t, 1 H, $J_{1,2} = J_{2,3} = 4.3$ Hz, H-2), 4.13 (dd, 1 H, J_{5',6'b} 3.3 Hz, H-6'b), 4.03 (dd, 1 H, J_{3.4} 6.7 Hz, H-3), 3.94 (t, 1

H, J 9.8 Hz, H-4' or H-6), 3.93 (t, 1 H, J 10.0 Hz, H-4' or H-6), 3.86 (dd, 1 H, $J_{4,5}$ 10.6 Hz, H-4), 3.72 (dd, 1 H, $J_{1,6}$ 10.1 Hz, H-1), 3.54 (m, 2 H, 2 H-6"), 3.37 (m, 1 H, H-5"), 3.36 (dd, 1 H, $J_{5,6}$ 9.4 Hz, H-5), 3.12 (dd, 1 H, H-2'), 2.06, 1.93, 1.90, 1.86 (4 s, each 3 H, 4 Ac), 1.49, 1.39, 1.36, 1.26 (4 s, each 3 H, 2 CMe₂).

Anal. Calcd for C₄₈H₅₉N₃O₂₁: C, 56.86; H, 5.86; N, 4.14. Found: C, 56.71; H, 5.76; N, 3.98.

Conversion of 16 into 4-O-[2-acetamido-3,6-di-O-acetyl-2-deoxy-4-O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- β -D-galactopyranosyl)- α -D-glucopyranosyl]-1,2,3,5,6-penta-O-acetylmyo-inositol (24).—The reactions were monitored by TLC and ¹H NMR spectroscopy without further characterisation. Compound 16 (30 mg, 0.0374 mmol) in MeOH (2 mL) was deacylated with methanolic M NaOMe (0.2 mL) at room temperature, and the mixture was neutralised with Amberlite IR-120 (H⁺) resin, filtered, and concentrated. A solution of the residue (26 mg) in MeOH (7 mL) was hydrogenated in the presence of Pd/C (10 mg) for 3 h at room temperature, then filtered through Celite, and concentrated. The residue was acetylated and the product was purified by column chromatography (4:1 EtOAc-hexane). The benzyl group was removed by hydrogenation of the product (25 mg) in the presence of Pd/C (10 mg) in 1:1 EtOAc-MeOH (6 mL) for 24 h at room temperature. The mixture was filtered through Celite and concentrated. A solution of the residue (24 mg) in MeOH (2 mL) was treated with Amberlite IR-120 (H^+) resin for 6 h at room temperature, then filtered, and concentrated. Column chromatography (6:1 CHCl₃-MeOH) of the residue (19 mg), acetylation of the product, and column chromatography (5:1 EtOAc-hexane) gave 24 (9 mg), mp 131–134°, $[\alpha]_{D}$ + 36° (c 0.29, CHCl₃). NMR data (CDCl₃): ¹H (300 MHz), δ 5.59 (d, 1 H, $J_{1',2'}$ 3.0 Hz, H-1'), 4.43 (d, 1 H, J_{1" 2"} 7.7 Hz, H-1"), 2.15, 2.11, 2.10, 2.02, 2.01, 1.98, 1.97, 1.95, 1.94, 1.93, 1.92, 1.91 (s, 12 Ac); 13 C (50 MHz), δ 171.0, 170.5, 170.3, 170.0, 169.8, 169.6, 169.2, 169.1, 168.9, 101.3, 97.3, 76.0, 73.0, 72.3, 71.0, 70.9, 70.6, 69.9, 69.7, 69.3, 68.9, 68.3, 68.1, 66.5, 61.5, 60.7, 51.9, 20.8, 20.6, 20.5.

2,3 : 5,6-Di-O-isopropylidene-1-O-menthoxycarbonyl-4-O-(3,4,6-tri-O-acetyl-2azido-2-deoxy- α -D-glucopyranosyl)-myo-inositol (21).-To a solution of 18 (0.030 g, 0.068 mmol) and 20^{44,45} (0.044 g, 0.092 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) at -35° under Ar was added 0.1 M trimethylsilyl triflate in CH₂Cl₂ (0.006 mL). The mixture was stirred for 2 h and the temperature was allowed to rise slowly during this period to -15°. Solid and aq NaHCO₃ were added, the mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ the aqueous layer was washed twice with CH₂Cl₂, and the combined organic layers were washed with water and brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Column chromatography (6:1 hexane-EtOAc) of the residue gave 21 (0.044 g, 86%), mp 164-166° (from MeOH), $[\alpha]_D$ + 65° (c 0.54, CHCl₃). NMR data (CDCl₃): ¹H (300 MHz), δ 5.44 (dd, 1 H, J_{2',3'} 10.7, J_{3',4'} 9.4 Hz, H-3'), 5.42 (d, 1 H, J_{1',2'} 3.5 Hz, H-1'), 5.07 (t, 1 H, J_{4',5'} 10.0 Hz, H-4'), 4.88 (dd, 1 H, J_{1,2} 4.3, J_{1,6} 10.5 Hz, H-1), 4.69 (t, 1 H, J_{2,3} 4.6 Hz, H-2), 4.56 (td, 1 H, J 11.0, and 4.5 Hz, CHOCO), 4.36-4.29 (m, 2 H, H-5',6'), 4.17 (dd, 1 H, J 5.0, and 6.7 Hz, H-3), 4.01 (t, 1 H, J 9.6 Hz, H-6), 3.91 (dd, 1 H, J 6.8, and 10.8 Hz, H-4), 3.97 (m, 1 H, H-6'), 3.51 (dd, 1 H, J 9.5, 10.6 Hz, H-5), 3.28 (dd, 1 H, H-2'), 2.04, 2.03, 2.00 (3 s, each 3 H, 3 Ac), 1.47, 1.41, 1.40, 1.28 (4 s, each 3 H, 2 CMe₂), 0.88 (d, 3 H, J 6.6 Hz, CH₃CH), 0.84 (d, 3 H, J 7.1 Hz, CH₃CH), 0.75 (d, 3 H, J 6.9 Hz, CH₃CH); ¹³C (50 MHz), δ 170.7, 170.0, 169.6, 154.8, 133.2, 110.1, 96.5, 79.2, 79.1, 78.2, 78.0, 74.6, 73.3, 70.1, 68.0, 67.3, 61.4, 60.5, 47.2, 40.6, 33.9, 31.4, 28.1, 26.9, 26.7.

Anal. Calcd for C₃₅H₅₃N₃O₁₅: C, 55.62; H, 7.07; N, 5.56. Found: C, 55.90; H, 7.27; N, 5.28.

2,3: 4,5-Di-O-isopropylidene-1-O-menthoxycarbonyl-6-O-(3,4,6-tri-O-acetyl-2azido-2-deoxy- α -D-glucopyranosyl)-myo-inositol (22).—To a solution of 19 (0.150 g, 0.34 mmol) and 20 (0.220 g, 0.463 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) under Ar at -25° was added 0.1 M trimethylsilyl triflate in CH₂Cl₂ (0.018 mL). The mixture was stirred for 5 h and the temperature was allowed to rise slowly from -25° to 0° during this period. Work-up, as described for 21, afforded 22 (0.132 g, 51%) as a syrup, $[\alpha]_{D}$ + 63° (c 0.65, CHCl₃). NMR data (CDCl₃): ¹H (300 MHz), δ 5.45 (dd, 1 H, $J_{2',3'}$ 10.2, $J_{3',4'}$ 9.3 Hz, H-3'), 5.32 (d, 1 H, $J_{1',2'}$ 3.4 Hz, H-1'), 5.07 (t, 1 H, $J_{4'5'}$ 9.8 Hz, H-4'), 4.91 (t, 1 H, $J_{1,2} = J_{2,3} = 4.0$ Hz, H-2), 4.57 (dd, 1 H, $J_{1,6}$ 6.7 Hz, H-1), 4.52 (td, 1 H, J 11.7, and 4.1 Hz, CHOCOO), 4.36 (t, 1 H, J 7.5 Hz, H-6), 4.32 (dd, 1 H, J_{6a'.6b'} 12.6, J_{5'.6a'} 3.2 Hz, H-6'a), 4.21 (m, 1 H, H-5'), 4.04 (dd, 1 H, J 3.9, 8.5 Hz, H-3), 4.01 (dd, 1 H, J_{5',6'b} 2.2 Hz, H-6'b), 3.93 (dd, 1 H, J 7.8, 10.4 Hz, H-5), 3.54 (dd, 1 H, J 8.8, 10.5 Hz, H-4), 3.35 (dd, 1 H, H-2'), 2.06, 2.04, 2.01 (3 s, each 3 H, 3 Ac), 1.47, 1.43, 1.39, 1.31 (s, each 3 H each, 2 CMe₂), 0.89 (d, 3 H, J 6.5 Hz, CH₃CH), 0.84 (d, 3 H, J 8.1 Hz, CH₃CH), 0.74 (d, 3 H, J 7.0 Hz, CH₃CH); ¹³C (50 MHz), δ 170.6, 170.1, 169.5, 154.1, 112.7, 111.4, 97.2, 79.3, 77.5, 76.4, 76.2, 73.5, 70.5, 68.1, 67.7, 61.2, 60.7, 47.0, 40.5, 34.0, 31.9, 27.1, 27.0, 26.8, 26.0, 25.2, 23.2, 21.9, 20.6, 16.2.

Anal. Calcd for C₃₅H₅₃N₃O₁₅: C, 55.62; H, 7.07; N, 5.56. Found: C, 55.90; H, 7.27; N, 5.28.

4-O-[6-O-Acetyl-2-azido-3-O-benzoyl-2-deoxy-4-O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl)- α -D-glucopyranosyl]-2,3:5,6-di-O-isopropylidene-1-O-menthoxycarbonyl-myo-inositol (23).—To a solution of 18 (0.234 g, 0.529 mmol) and trichloroacetimidate 10 (0.500 g, 0.607 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (16 mL) under Ar at -28° was added dropwise 0.88 M trimethylsilyl triflate in CH₂Cl₂ (0.048 mL), and the mixture was stirred for 2 h. Solid and aq NaHCO₃ were added, the mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ the aqueous layer was washed twice with CH₂Cl₂, and the combined organic layers were washed with water and brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Column chromatography (2:1 hexane-EtOAc) of the residue gave 23 (0.250 g, 45.5%) isolated as a syrup, $[\alpha]_{D} - 61^{\circ}$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃). NMR data (CDCl₃): ¹H (300 MHz), δ 8.11–7.46 (m, 5 H, Ph), 5.74 (dd, 1 H, $J_{3'4'}$ 9.0, $J_{2'3'}$ 10.5 Hz, H-3'), 5.42 (d, 1 H, $J_{1',2'}$ 3.4 Hz, H-1'), 5.13 (dd, 1 H, $J_{3'',4''}$ 3.4, $J_{4'',5''}$ 0.8 Hz, H-4"), 5.07 (dd, 1 H, J_{1".2"} 7.7, J_{2".3"} 10.4 Hz, H-2"), 4.91 (dd, 1 H, J_{1.2} 4.3, J_{1.6} 10.4 Hz, H-1), 4.84 (dd, 1 H, $J_{2'',3''}$ 10.4, $J_{3'',4''}$ 3.4 Hz, H-3"), 4.72 (t, 1 H, $J_{2,3}$ 4.6 Hz, H-2), 4.59 (td, 1 H, J 4,6, 11.1 Hz, CHOCO), 4.55 (d, 1 H, H-1"), 4.44 (dd, 1 H, $J_{5',6'a}$ 2.1, $J_{6'a,6'b}$ 12.0 Hz, H-6'a), 4.36–4.31 (m, 1 H, H-5'), 4.22 (dd, 1 H, $J_{3,4}$ 6.6 Hz, H-3), 4.18 (dd, 1 H, $J_{5',6'b}$ 3.0 Hz, H-6'b), 3.95 (t, 1 H, J 9.8 Hz, H-4' or H-6), 3.94 (t, 1 H, J 9.8 Hz, H-4' or H-6), 3.93 (dd, 1 H, $J_{4,5}$ 10.9 Hz, H-4), 3.63–3.48 (m, 3 H, H-5,6"a,6"b), 3.43–3.38 (m, 1 H, H-5"), 3.20 (dd, 1 H, H-2'), 2.11, 1.99, 1.95, 1.91 (4 s, each 3 H, 4 Ac), 1.52, 1.41, 1.29 (3 s, 12 H, 2 CMe₂), 0.89 (d, 3 H, J 6.5 Hz, CH₃CH), 0.86 (d, 3 H, J 6.9 Hz, CH₃CH), 0.77 (d, 3 H, J 6.9 Hz, CH₃CH); ¹³C (50 MHz), δ 170.2, 168.9, 169.6, 168.9, 164.7, 153.7, 133.2, 129.7, 128.4, 113.0, 109.9, 100.5, 96.7, 79.1, 78.9, 78.5, 77.9, 75.9, 74.5, 73.3, 70.8, 70.4, 70.3, 69.2, 67.9, 66.1, 61.7, 60.8, 59.6, 47.1, 40.5, 33.9, 31.3, 28.0, 26.8, 26.5, 26.0, 25.4, 23.3, 21.8, 20.7, 20.5, 20.3, 16.2.

Anal. Calcd for C₅₂H₇₁N₃O₂₃: C, 56.46; H, 6.47; N, 3.80. Found: C, 56.70; H, 6.71; N, 3.90.

Conversion of 23 into 4-O-[2-acetamido-3,6-di-O-acetyl-2-deoxy-4-O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- β -D-galactopyranosyl)- α -D-glucopyranosyl]-1,2,3,5,6-penta-O-acetylmyo-inositol (24).—The reactions were monitored by TLC and ¹H NMR spectroscopy without further characterisation. Compound 23 (53 mg, 0.048 mmol) was deacylated with methanolic 0.2 M NaOMe (0.5 mL) for 20 h at room temperature. The mixture was neutralised with Amberlite IR-120 (H^+) resin, filtered, and concentrated. A solution of the residue (32 mg) in MeOH (10 mL) was hydrogenated in the presence of Pd/C (10 mg) overnight, then filtered through Celite, and concentrated, the residue was acetylated, and the product (34 mg) was purified by column chromatography (5:1 hexane-EtOAc). To a solution of product (20 mg) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.8 mL) was added trifluoroacetic acid (0.074 mL), the mixture was stirred for 6 h, then 1:1 toluene-EtOAc was added, and the solvents were evaporated. To a solution of the residue (22 mg) in MeOH (2 mL) was added toluene-p-sulfonic acid (2 mg), the mixture was stirred for 1 h, triethylamine was added, and the mixture was concentrated. Column chromatography (10:1)CHCl₃-MeOH) of the residue, acetylation, and column chromatography (5:1 EtOAc-hexane) gave 24 (4 mg), mp 132–135°, $[\alpha]_{D}$ + 35° (c 0.3, CHCl₃). The ¹H NMR data (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) were identical to those of the product described above.

Anal. Calcd for C₄₂H₅₇NO₂₇: C, 50.05; H, 5.70; N, 1.39. Found: C, 49.78; H, 5.66; N, 1.15.

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