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Stereoselective syntheses of the O, N-protected subunits of the tunicamycins ^{1,2}

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Abstract

The synthesis of the title compounds is described, i.e. coupling of the ylide, generated from the iodophosphonium salt of protected *N*-phthaloyl-D-galactosamine with 2,3-*O*-isopropylidene D-*ribo*-aldehyde afforded an undecose in high yield. Hydroboration-oxidation reaction of the olefinic linkage in the undecose led to the desired tunicamine, as the predominant product. After conversion of the latter to a glycosyl acceptor, this was assembled with the fully protected 2-oxyimino-2-deoxy- α -D-*arabino*-hexopyranosyl bromide, leading to a trehalose-type α , β -disaccharide. © 1997 Elsevier Science Ltd.

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1. Introduction

Tunicamycins have been demonstrated [2] as potential inhibitors of glycosidase processing enzymes. Their structures are of particular interest, because they are composed of the eleven-carbon atoms tunicamine, connected by a trehalose-type linkage with *N*-acetyl-D-glucosamine, and by a nucleoside-type linkage with the uracil unit. Besides, tunicamine possesses the structure of a *C*-disaccharide owing to the C-C linkage between the terminal atoms of Dgalactosamine and D-ribose. This structural complexity coupled with its biological properties has made tunicamycin an attractive target for a number of synthetic efforts [3]. Here we describe a novel synthetic approach to the tunicamycin subunits preceded by our model studies on the preparation of deaminotunicaminyl uracil [4], and α,β -nonreducing disaccharides related to tunicamycin [5].



2. Results and discussion

In formulating a general strategy for the synthesis of tunicamine, being a central part of tunicamycins

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Scheme 1. (a) HBr, AcOH; (b) *t*-BuOH, AgOTf, sym.-collidine, CH_2Cl_2 , -20 °C; (c) NaOMe, MeOH, 10 min; (d) acetone, $CuSO_4$, CSA; (e) Tf₂O, pyridine, CH_2Cl_2 ; (f) *n*-Bu₄NI, DMF; (g) PPh₃, sulfolane.

we recognized the potential of the Wittig reaction to generate the unsaturated aminoundecose from the terminal monosaccharide iodophosphonium ylide and the terminal sugar aldehyde [6]. In such an approach the synthesis of tunicamine could be simplified to the coupling of two sugar components, 'tail by tail', i.e. the 6-phosphonium iodide of O,N-protected Dgalactosamine (Scheme 1) with an aldehyde derived from D-ribofuranoside, thus leading to the undecose **8** (Scheme 2), and subsequent hydration of its double bond in a stereo- and regio-selective manner [4].

Construction of the key compound, undecose 8 necessitated the preparation of the suitably protected Wittig partners. Assuming that tunicamine should be used further as a glycosylic acceptor in a condensation process with the glucosaminyl donor, the amino



Scheme 2. (a) HMDSLi, THF-HMPA; (b) H_2 , Pd-C; (c) $BH_3 \cdot THF$; H_2O_2 , OH^- .

group in the galactosamine was blocked with the phthaloyl residue. Its stereodirecting role in a creation of the desired β -glycosidic linkage from the side of the glycosylic acceptor, presumably because of steric interactions, was well documented in our previous studies on the synthesis of α , β -trehaloses [5].

For protection of the anomeric hydroxyl group in 1 the readily removable [7] t-butyl residue was used. As outlined in Scheme 1, the *t*-butyl glycoside 2 was obtained in 85% yield as the only isolated product. Sequential deacetylation-isopropylidenation of 2 afforded 3a accompanied by its 4,6-di-O-isopropylidene derivative **3b** easily convertible (by treatment with catalytic amount of camphorosulfonic acid in acetone) to **3a**. Attempts at direct iodination [8] of **3a** to 5 either failed or gave the iodide 5 in a low yield. Therefore the 6-OH group in 3a was converted to the O-triflate 4 (92% yield) which underwent reaction with *n*-Bu₄NI in DMF to afford 5 (82% yield) and subsequently was readily converted into the phosphonium iodide 6 (92%) by heating with triphenylphosphine in sulfolane.

In keeping with earlier observations on the relative sensitivity of the phthalimido group towards bases, generation of the ylide from 6 required a milder base then n-BuLi, earlier used in the Wittig reaction of sugars [6,9,10]. Moreover, the ylide should be generated under modified conditions making possible its immediate trapping with the aldehyde 7; as a conseguence the well known β -elimination process, characteristic for compounds with the vicinal β -alkoxy substituent [11] should be avoided. With this in mind, the reaction was conducted by dropwise addition of HMDSLi (1 M solution in hexane) to a mixture of 6 and aldehyde 7 in HMPA-THF solvents at -70 °C (Scheme 2); as the result the desired undecose 8 was isolated in high yield (76%) after chromatography; no other reaction products were discernible. The configuration of the chiral centres C-5 (D-galacto) and C-4 (D-ribo) of the parent monosaccharides 6 and 7, respectively, was preserved in product 8, as indicated by its ¹H NMR data ($J_{3,4} < 0.5$; $J_{7,8}$ 2.3 Hz). The Z-configuration of the C-5-C-6 olefinic linkage was confirmed by coupling constants $J_{5.6}$ 11.2 Hz, this being in full agreement with that reported by Secrist for an analogous deaminoundecose [6].

This high-yielding synthesis of the undecose 8, employing 6-phosphonium iodide 6, is the first example of a successful Wittig reaction in amino sugar chemistry. Previous attempts at such a condensation have been reported [10] but they failed. This represents a particularly attractive target for introduction of different functions across the double bond which could lead to a new class of the eleven-carbon amino sugars. The first one which we obtained was 5-deoxytunicamine 9, simply formed by catalytic hydrogenation of 8.

In order to prepare the desired tunicamine from 8, the addition of one hydroxyl group at C-5 (5R) was necessary. For this purpose a hydroboration-oxidation procedure was applied (Scheme 2). Thus, undecose 8 was treated with $BH_3 \cdot THF$ complex at 0 °C for 1 h. Subsequently, careful oxidation of the reaction products with hydrogen peroxide under alkaline conditions at 0 °C led to the diastereomeric mixture of alcohols that, after acetylation, was separated by chromatography. All the stereoisomers 10a-13a were formed in a ratio 61:10:21:8 (10a:11a:12a:13a, respectively). Their structure were deduced from ¹H NMR data, being for tunicamine derivative 10b(5R)identical with those reported [3e], and for 11b-13b comparable to those of analogous compounds [4,12]. Further evidence for the structure of 10b was gained from a single crystal X-ray determination [13]. It is worth noting that the stereo- and regio-chemical outcome of the hydroboration-oxidation reaction of olefin 8 was unpredictable (lack of evident intra- or inter-molecular stereodirecting factors [14,15]). Nevertheless, the formation of the desired isomer 10a (tunicamine) was highly favoured (61%). This may result from initial coordination of boron by the oxygen atom of the furanose ring.

Approaching the synthesis of a non-reducing disaccharide subunit composed of α -D-glucosamine and β -tunicamine we adopted the previously elaborated methodology [5]. We then established that α, β -configuration of the glycosylation reaction products is controlled by C-2 protecting groups both in the glycosyl donor and acceptor. Thus, the glycosyl donor with C-2 (benzoyloxy-imino) substituent (a precursor of the amino group) led to the α -linkage, whereas the glycosyl acceptor with C-2 phthalimido substituent formed the β glycosidic linkage. Hence, preparation of suitably protected glycosyl partners were required.

In the first stage, hydrolysis of the anomeric *t*-butyl group in tunicamine **10b** was attempted under the described condition [7] using CF₃COOH in dichloromethane at -10 °C \rightarrow rt. This approach failed; instead the *O*-isopropylidene ring was cleaved. The hydrolysis was succeeded in a mixture of CF₃COOH and acetone (1:1) at 40 °C to give the glycosyl acceptor **14** (Scheme 3). Condensation of **14** with the bromide **15** [16] promoted by AgOTf and

sym.-collidine at -78 °C proceeded smoothly to furnish unexpectedly a mixture of two products which were separated by chromatography to give the desired α,β -disaccharide 16a (Scheme 3), and its β , β -anomer **16b** in a ratio 2.5:1, respectively. Such a stereochemical outcome of glycosylation drastically differed from that of coupling of the analogues partners yielding α,β -glycosides exclusively [5]. To complete those experiments, the bromide 15 was coupled with 18, to give rise to two products 19 and 20 in a ratio 3:1, respectively (Scheme 4). This revealed a conformational aspect of control on the stereochemistry of a trehalose linkage formation. Presumably, the rigid conformation of the galactopyranose ring in 14 and 17 owing to 3,4-O-isopropylidene protection, or the isopropylidene ring itself, causes a steric hindrance for the α -attack of the glycosylation agent. This observation corroborates previous data [5] on stereodirecting factors of α, β -linkage formation in nonreducing disaccharides related to tunicamycin.

In conclusion, a new synthesis of tunicamine is described in a straightforward procedure permitting preparation of various amino undecoses from readily available substrates in two steps. The stereoselective formation of the tunicamine-disaccharide subunit with



Scheme 4.



Scheme 3.

differently blocked amino functions is also noteworthy as it allows for introduction of the desired acyl residues. A stereospecific conversion of 2-benzoyloxyimno-2-deoxy- α -D-*arabino* unit in compound **16a** to the glucosamine is accessible by the previously elaborated method for the analogous disaccharides [5,17].

3. Experimental

General methods.—Optical rotations were determined with a JASCO DIP-360 digital polarimeter on solution in CHCl₃. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker AM-500 (500 MHz) for solution in CDCl₃ (internal Me₄Si). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured on a AMD-604 mass spectrometer. Melting points were measured on a Kofler hot-stage and are uncorrected. Reactions were monitored by TLC on Silica Gel 60 F_{254} plates (Merck), and column chromatography was performed on Silica Gel G (Merck 230–400 mesh).

t-Butyl 3,4,6-tri-O-acetyl-2-deoxy-2-N-phthaloyl-β-Dgalactopyranoside (2a).—To a solution of 1 [16] (8.5 g, 17.8 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (250 mL) was added HBr (4.1 M solution in CH₃COOH, 6.5 mL, 26.6 mmol) at 0 °C. The ice bath was removed and the mixture was stirred for 4 h, whereupon dry toluene (ca. 10 mL) was added and solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was filtered through alkaline Al_2O_3 in vacuo by the use of dry toluene as the eluant, to provide the crude bromide which was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL). This solution was added dropwise to a mixture of t-BuOH (2.8 g, 35 mmol), AgOTf (6.3 g, 24.5 mmol), and sym.-collidine (2.5 mL, 18.8 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (100 mL) at -20 °C. The mixture was stirred for 2 h at 0 °C, then quenched with saturated aq Na₂S₂O₃, and washed successively with H_2O , aq HCl (1 M), and H_2O . Isolation of the product by chromatography using hexane-EtOAc (3:1) as eluant gave the β -glycoside **2a** as an amorphous powder (7.4 g, 85%): $[\alpha]_{D}$ -15.5° (c 2.1, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.10 (s, 9 H, *t*-Bu), 1.86, 2.05, 2.18 (3s, 3 × 3 H, 3 × Ac), 4.05–4.30 (m, 3 H, H-5, H-6a, H-6b), 4.53 (dd, 1 H, H-2), 5.40 (d, 1 H, H-1), 5.48 (bd, 1 H, H-4), 5.89 (dd, 1 H, H-3), 7.70-7.90 (m, 4 H, *N*-Phth); $J_{1,2}$ 8.4, $J_{2,3}$ 11.5, $J_{3,4}$ 3.5, $J_{4,5} < 0.8$ Hz. HRMS (EI) Calcd for $C_{21}H_{20}NO_9$ (M-O-t-Bu)⁺: 418.1138. Found: 418.1140.

t-Butyl 2-deoxy-2-N-phthaloyl- β -D-galactopyranoside (2b).—To a solution of 2a (7.2 g, 14.65 mmol) in abs MeOH (80 mL), cooled to 0 °C, was slowly added NaOMe (1 g, 18.5 mmol) while stirring. After 10 min solid NH₄Cl (~ 2.0 g) was added, and oxygen was bubbled during 1 h. Methanol was evaporated, and the residue redissolved in CHCl₃ (100 mL) was filtered through Celite. Removal of the solvent left the crude product **2b** (5.5 g) as an amorphous powder: $[\alpha]_D - 16.2^\circ$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃ with D₂O): δ 1.06 (s, 9 H, *t*-Bu), 3.75 (~ t, 1 H, H-5), 3.48 (~ d, 2 H, H-6a, H-6b), 4.14 (bd, 1 H, H-4), 4.26 (dd, 1 H, H-2), 4.50 (dd, 1 H, H-3), 5.26 (d, 1 H, H-1), 7.67–7.88 (m, 4 H, *N*-Phth); $J_{1,2}$ 8.3, $J_{2,3}$ 11.1, $J_{3,4}$ 3.4, $J_{5,6a} = J_{5,6b} \sim 6.0$ Hz.

t-Butyl 2-deoxy-2-N-phthaloyl-3,4-O-isopropylideneand 4,6-O-isopropylidene- β -D-galactopyranoside (**3a**) and **3b**), respectively.—Anhydrous CuSO₄ (16 g) and camphorosulfonic acid (200 mg) were added to a solution of **2b** (5.5 g) in acetone, and the mixture was stirred for 24 h at room temperature. After neutralisation with solid NaHCO₃, acetone was removed to give a syrup, composed of two products which were separated by chromatography (hexane-EtOAc, 2:1). Eluted first was **3a** (3.4 g, 57%): mp 202-203 °C; $[\alpha]_{D}$ + 14.6° (c 1.7, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.10 (s, 9 H, *t*-Bu), 1.32, 1.63 (2s, 2 × 3 H, *i*-Pr), 2.08 (dd, 1 H, OH), 3.86 (\sim ddd, 1 H, H-5), 3.97-4.14 (m, 2 H, H-6a, H-6b), 4.22 (dd, 1 H, H-4), 4.28 (t, 1 H, H-2), 4.91 (dd, 1 H, H-3), 5.22 (d, 1 H, H-1), 7.70–7.90 (m, 4 H, N-Phth); $J_{1,2}$ 8.7, $J_{2,3}$ 9.2, $J_{3,4}$ 5.1, $J_{4,5}$ 1.8, $J_{5,6a}$ 7.5, $J_{5,6b}$ 9.7 Hz. HRMS (EI) Calcd for $C_{17}H_{18}NO_6$ (M-O-t-Bu)⁺: 332.1134. Found: 332.1135.

Eluted second was **3b** (1.5 g, 25%): amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D - 20.0^\circ$ (c 1.7, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.09 (s, 9 H, *t*-Bu), 1.49, 1.53 (2s, 2 × 3 H, *i*-Pr), 2.51 (d, 1 H, OH), 3.48 (m, 1 H, H-5), 3.95 (dd, 1 H, H-6a), 4.13 (dd, 1 H, H-6b), 4.22 (dd, 1 H, H-4), 4.34 (dd, 1 H, H-2), 4.56 (ddd, 1 H, H-3), 5.24 (d, 1 H, H-1), 7.68–7.92 (m, 4 H, Ar); $J_{1.2}$ 8.2, $J_{2.3}$ 11.0, $J_{3.4}$ 4.1, $J_{4.5}$ 1.0, $J_{6a.5}$ 1.7, $J_{6b.5}$ 2.3, $J_{6a.6b}$ 12.7 Hz. HRMS (EI) Calcd for C₁₇H₁₈NO₆ (M–O–*t*-Bu)⁺: 332.1134. Found: 332.1135.

Compound **3b** was transformed into **3a** by treatment with camphorosulfonic acid in acetone followed by isolation in the above described manner.

t-Butyl 2-deoxy-2-N-phthaloyl-3,4-O-isopropylidene-6-O-(trifluorometanesulfonyl)- β -D-galactopyranoside (4).—Freshly distilled Tf₂O (2.25 mL, 14.9 mmol) was slowly added to a solution of pyridine (1.2 mL, 14.9 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (80 mL) at -20 °C. Compound **3a** (2.8 g, 66.9 mmol) dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ was added and the mixture was allowed to attain room temperature. After 2 h the solution was washed with aq HCl (0.1 M), aq NaHCO₃, H₂O, and dried. Removal of the solvent left a syrup, that was purified by filtration through silica gel (hexane–EtOAc, 3:1) to afford the crystalline **4** (3.4 g, 92%): mp – decomp > 105 °C; $[\alpha]_D$ +13.2° (c 1.7, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.10 (s, 9 H, *t*-Bu), 1.31, 1.63 (2s, 2 × 3 H, *i*-Pr), 4.21 (dd, 1 H, H-4), 4.27 (t, 1 H, H-2), 4.31 (m, 1 H, H-5), 4.71–4.85 (m, 2 H, H-6a, H-6b), 4.92 (dd, 1 H, H-3), 5.24 (d, 1 H, H-1), 7.70–7.90 (m, 4 H, *N*-Phth); $J_{1,2}$ 8.7, $J_{3,2}$ 9.0, $J_{3,4}$ 5.1, $J_{4.5}$ 2.0 Hz. HRMS (LSIMS-NBA) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₇F₃NO₈S (M–O–*t*-Bu)⁺: 464.0627. Found: 464.0621.

t - Butyl 2, 6 - dideoxy - 2 - N - phthaloyl - 3, 4 - O isopropylidene - 6 - iodo - β - D - galactopyranoside (5).—After heating of 4 (3.3 g, 6.14 mmol) with $n-Bu_4 NI (5.0 \text{ g}, 13.5 \text{ mmol})$ in DMF (50 mL) for 1.5 h at 60 °C the mixture was poured into H_2O (500 mL), and the product was extracted with ether. The extract was washed with satd aq Na₂S₂O₃, H₂O, and concentrated to dryness. Chromatography (hexane-EtOAc, 4:1) gave the iodide 5 as a crystals (2.6 g, 82%): mp 137 °C; $[\alpha]_{D}$ + 24.6° (c 1.9, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.18 (s, 9 H, t-Bu), 1.38, 1.68 (2s, 2×3 H, *i*-Pr), 3.44–3.59 (m, 2 H, H-6a, H-6b), 4.15 (ddd, 1 H, H-5), 4.31 (t, 1 H, H-2), 4.40 (dd, 1 H, H-4), 4.93 (dd, 1 H, H-3), 5.10 (d, 1 H, H-1), 7.75–7.94 (m, 4 H, N-Phth); $J_{1,2}$ 8.7, $J_{3,2}$ 9.2, $J_{3,4}$ 5.1, $J_{4,5}$ 2.0, $J_{5,6a}$ 5.9, $J_{5,6b}$ 7.9 Hz. HRMS (EI) Calcd for $C_{17}H_{17}INO_5 (M-O-t-Bu)^+$: 442.0151. Found: 442.0148.

t - Butyl 2, 6 - dideoxy - 2 - N - phthaloyl - 3, 4 - O isopropylidene - 6 - (triphenylphosphonioiodo) - β - D galactopyranoside (6).—To a solution of 5 (0.96 g, 1.86 mmol) in sulfolane (10 mL) was added PPh₃ (2.5 g, 9.5 mmol) at 80 °C, then the temperature was raised to 110 °C. Heating was continued for 5 h. After cooling the reaction mixture was diluted with $CHCl_3$ (10 mL), and added dropwise to ether (2.5 L) with vigorous stirring, then left for 16 h; white precipitate was formed, separated by filtration. The mother liquor was concentrated and we proceeded as above; the title 6 was obtained in 92% yield altogether (1.33 g): mp 177–179 °C; $[\alpha]_{D}$ + 30.3° (c 1.6, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.58 (s, 9 H, t-Bu), 1.41, 1.61 (2s, 2×3 H, i-Pr), 3.80 (dt, 1 H, H-6a), 4.22 (t, 1 H, H-2), 4.60 (m, 1 H, H-5), 4.88 (d, 1 H, H-1), 4.89 (dd, 1 H, H-3), 5.06 (dd, 1 H, H-4), 5.20 (dt, 1 H, H-6b), 7.56–8.00 (m, 19 H, Ar); $J_{1,2}$ 9.5, $J_{3,2}$ 9.6, $J_{3,4}$ 4.9, $J_{4,5}$ 1.9, $J_{6a,5}$ 10.0, $J_{6a,6b}$ 16.0, J_{6a,P} 10.0, J_{6b,5} 2.6, J_{6b,P} 15.6 Hz. HRMS (EI) Calcd for $C_{39}H_{41}NO_6P$ (M + I)⁺: 650.2672. Found: 650.2673.

 $(Z) - 1 - (Benzyl 2, 3 - O - isopropylidene - \beta - D - ribo$ tetrafuranosid-4-yl)-2-(t-butyl 2-deoxy-2-N-phthaloyl-3,4-O-isopropylidene- α -D-galacto-pentopyranos-5yl)ethylene (8).—To a solution of 6 (0.8 g, 1.05 mmol) and the aldehyde 7 [4] (0.43 g, 1.55 mmol) in a mixture of THF-HMPA (5:1, 24 mL) cooled to -78 °C lithium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide (1.0 mL, 1 M solution in hexane) was added dropwise under Ar. The temperature was allowed to rise to -10 °C during 1 h period, whereupon satd aq NH₄Cl was added, and stirring was continued for 1 h at rt. Extraction with ether and subsequent chromatography (hexane-EtOAc, 4:1) gave the olefin 8 (0.52 g, 76%)as an amorphous powder: $[\alpha]_D - 32.0^\circ$ (c 1.4, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.09 (s, 9 H, t-Bu), 1.27, 1.31, 1.52, 1.62 (4s, 4×3 H, $2 \times i$ -Pr), 4.30 (t, 1 H, H-10), 4.33 (dd, 1 H, H-8), 4.37 and 4.68 (ABq, 2 H, CH, Ph, J 11.2 Hz), 4.70, 4.76 (2d, 2 H, H-2, H-3), 4.83 (m, 1 H, H-7), 4.92 (dd, 1 H, H-9), 5.03 (bd, 1 H, H-4), 5.19 (s, 1 H, H-1), 5.27 (d, 1 H, H-11), 5.80 (ddd, 1 H, H-5), 5.97 (ddd, 1 H, H-6), 7.28–7.38 (m, 5 H, Ph), 7.69–7.89 (m, 4 H, *N*-Phth); $J_{2,3}$ 5.9, $J_{5,4}$ 9.1, $J_{5,6}$ 11.1 (*Z*), $J_{5,7}$ 1.1, $J_{6,4}$ 1.1, $J_{6,7}$ 8.2, $J_{8,7}$ 2.3, $J_{8,9}$ 5.1, $J_{9,10}$ 9.3, $J_{11,10}$ 8.7 Hz. HRMS (EI) Calcd for $C_{35}H_{40}NO_{10}$ (M-CH₃)⁺: 634.2652. Found: 634.2657.

1-O-Acetyl-5-C-(t-butyl 2,6-dideoxy-2-N-phthaloyl-3, 4-O-isopropylidene- β -D-galactopyranosid-6-yl)-5deoxy-2,3-O-isopropylidene- β -D-ribofuranose (9).—A solution of olefin 8 (60 mg, 0.119 mmol) in EtOH (10 mL) was hydrogenated with H_2 in presence of Pd-C (10%, 30 mg) for 24 h. After filtration and evaporation to dryness, the residue was treated with a mixture of pyridine and Ac₂O. Usual work-up followed by chromatography (hexane-EtOAc, 3:1) gave **9** (35 mg, 58%) as an oil: $[\alpha]_D - 12.9^\circ$ (c 0.7, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.07 (s, 9 H, t-Bu), 1.31, 1.33, 1.50, 1.62 (4s, 4×3 H, $2 \times i$ -Pr), 1.64–1.87 (m, 3 H, H-5a, H-5b, H-6), 2.07 (s, 3 H, Ac), 3.87 (ddd, 1 H, H-7), 4.08 (dd, 1 H, H-8), 4.22 (t, 1 H, H-10), 4.33 (dd, 1 H, H-4), 4.59 (dd, 1 H, H-3), 4.73 (d, 1 H, H-2), 4.82 (dd, 1 H, H-9), 5.15 (d, 1 H, H-10), 6.21 (s, 1 H, H-1), 7.68–7.89 (2m, 2×2 H, N-Phth); $J_{2,3}$ 5.9, $J_{3,4}$ 0.5, $J_{4,5a}$ 6.1, $J_{4,5b}$ 9.5, $J_{7,6a}$ 3.4, $J_{7,6b}$ 10.2, $J_{7,8}$ 1.9, $J_{8,9}$ 5.1, $J_{9,10}$ 9.2, $J_{11,10}$ 8.7 Hz. HRMS (EI) Calcd for C₃₀H₃₈NO₁₁ (M-CH₃)⁺: 588.2444. Found: 588.2439.

Hydroboration-oxidation of (Z)-1-(benzyl 2,3-Oisopropylidene- β -D-ribo-tetrafuranosid-4-yl-2-(t-butyl 2-deoxy-2-N-phthaloyl-3,4-O-isopropylidene- α -D- galacto-pentopyranos-5-yl)ethylene (8).—To a solution of 8 (0.43 g, 0.66 mmol) in abs THF (20 mL) was added dropwise B_2H_6 (6 mL, 1.2 M in THF) at -20 °C, and the mixture was stirred for 0.5 h at 0 °C. Then MeOH (20 mL) was slowly added, followed by aq NaOH (2 mL, 25%) and H_2O_2 (2 mL, 40%). After keeping the reaction for 1 h at 0 °C it was poured into satd aq NH₄Cl. Extraction with ether, and chromatography (hexane–EtOAc, 2:1) of the extract gave three fractions: (1) a mixture of two isomers **11a** and **12a**; (2) isomer **10a** (0.16 g, 34%); (3) isomer **13a** (23 mg, 4.5%).

Characteristic data for benzyl-5-C-(t-butyl 2,6-dideoxy-2-N-phthaloyl-3,4-O-isopropylidene- β -D-galactopyranosid-6-yl)-2,3-O-isopropylidene- β -D-allopentofuranoside (10a): crystals; mp 207-208 °C; $[\alpha]_{\rm D} = -17.3^{\circ}$ (c 1.2, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.07 (s, 9 H, *t*-Bu), 1.31, 1.33, 1.48, 1.63 $(4s, 4 \times 3 \text{ H}, 2 \times i\text{-Pr}), 1.72 \text{ (ddd, 1 H, H-6a)}, 2.19$ (m, 1 H, H-6b), 4.03 (m, 1 H, H-5), 4.09 (dd, 1 H, H-8), 4.20 (dt, 1 H, H-7), 4.26 (t, 1 H, H-10), 4.32 (d, 1 H, H-4), 4.56 and 4.76 (ABq, 2 H, CH₂Ph, J 11.5 Hz), 4.67 (d, 1 H, H-3), 4.86 (dd, 1 H, H-9), 4.89 (d, 1 H, H-2), 5.18 (s, 1 H, H-1), 5.18 (d, 1 H, H-11), 7.28–7.37 (m, 5 H, Ph), 7.68–7.89 (m, 4 H, N-Phth); $J_{2,3}$ 6.0, $J_{4,5}$ 1.4, $J_{6a,5}$ 2.2, $J_{6a,6b}$ 14.2, $J_{6a,7}$ 11.1, $J_{7.6b}$ 1.7, $J_{8.7}$ 1.9, $J_{8.9}$ 5.1, $J_{9,10}$ 9.2, $J_{11,10}$ 8.7 Hz. HRMS (EI) Calcd for $C_{35}H_{42}NO_{11}$ (M–CH₃)⁺: 652.2758. Found: 652.2760.

Characteristic data for (**10b**): crystals; mp 190–191 °C; $[\alpha]_D - 27.8^\circ$ (c 1.1, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.06 (s, 9 H, *t*-Bu), 1.31, 1.33, 1.48, 1.62 (4s, 4 × 3 H, 2 × *i*-Pr), 1.87 (ddd, 1 H, H-6a), 2.02 (s, 3 H, Ac), 2.45 (ddd, 1 H, H-6b), 3.86 (dt, 1 H, H-7), 4.04 (dd, 1 H, H-8), 4.24 (t, 1 H, H-10), 4.25 (dd, 1 H, H-4), 4.47 and 4.73 (ABq, 2 H, CH₂Ph, *J* 12.2 Hz), 4.67 (d, 1 H, H-3), 4.77 (dd, 1 H, H-3), 4.85 (dd, 1 H, H-9), 5.13 (d, 1 H, H-11), 5.14 (s, 1 H, H-1), 5.35 (ddd, 1 H, H-5), 7.28–7.40 (m, 5 H, Ph), 7.65–7.90 (m, 4 H, *N*-Phth); *J*_{2,3} 6.0, *J*_{3,4} 1.2, *J*_{5,4} 6.2, *J*_{5,6a} 10.0, *J*_{5,6b} 2.0, *J*_{6a,6b} 15.2, *J*_{6a,7} 2.1, *J*_{6b,7} 10.4, *J*_{8,7} 2.0, *J*_{8,9} 5.1, *J*_{9,10} 9.3, *J*_{11,10} 8.7 Hz. HRMS (EI) Calcd for C₃₇H₄₄NO₁₂ (M–CH₃)⁺: 694.2864. Found: 694.2867.

Characteristic data for *benzyl-5*-C-(t-*butyl 2-dide* oxy-2-N-phthaloyl-3,4-O-isopropylidene-D-glycero- β -D-galactopyranosid-6-yl)-5-deoxy-2,3-O-isopropylidene- β -D-ribofuranoside (**13a**): crystals; mp 202–203 °C; $[\alpha]_D - 15.3^\circ$ (c 1.2, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃ with D₂O): δ 1.03 (s, 9 H, *t*-Bu), 1.32, 1.33, 1.49, 1.59 (4s, 4 × 3 H, 2 × *i*-Pr), 1.79 (ddd, 1 H, H-5a), 2.21 (ddd, 1 H, H-5b), 3.71 (dd, 1 H, H-7), 4.26 (t, 1 H, H-10), 4.30 (dt, 1 H, H-6), 4.44 (dd, 1 H, H-8), 4.48 and 4.77 (ABq, 2 H, CH₂Ph), 4.55 (dd, 1 H, H-4), 4.71 (d, 1 H, H-2), 4.73 (dd, 1 H, H-3), 4.88 (dd, 1 H, H-9), 5.14 (d, 1 H, H-11), 5.18 (s, 1 H, H-1), 7.28–7.38 (m, 5 H, Ph), 7.69–7.90 (m, 4 H, N-Phth); $J_{2,3}$ 6.0, $J_{3,4} < 0.3$, $J_{4,5a}$ 5.3, $J_{4,5b}$ 9.6, $J_{5a,6}$ 9.5, $J_{5a,5b}$ 14.4, $J_{5b,6}$ 2.5, $J_{7,6}$ 8.3, $J_{7,8}$ 2.2, $J_{8,9}$ 5.2, $J_{9,10}$ 9.3, $J_{11,10}$ 8.7 Hz. HRMS (EI) Calcd for C $_{35}H_{42}NO_{11}$ (M–CH $_3$)⁺: 652.2758. Found: 652.2759.

Characteristic data for (**13b**): amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_{D} - 11.0^{\circ}$ (c 0.7, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.05 (s, 9 H, *t*-Bu), 1.19, 1.32, 1.48, 1.54 (4s, 4 × 3 H, 2 × *i*-Pr), 2.05 (ddd, 1 H, H-5a), 2.11 (s, 3 H, Ac), 2.39 (ddd, 1 H, H-5b), 3.99 (dd, 1 H, H-7), 4.23 (t, 1 H, H-10), 4.24 (dd, 1 H, H-8), 4.34 (dd, 1 H, H-4), 4.51 and 4.78 (ABq, 2 H, CH₂Ph, *J* 12.2 Hz), 4.66 (dd, 1 H, H-3), 4.72 (d, 1 H, H-2), 4.82 (dd, 1 H, H-9), 5.13 (s, 1 H, H-1), 5.15 (d, 1 H, H-11), 5.45 (ddd, 1 H, H-6), 7.28–7.40 (m, 5 H, Ph), 7.69–7.89 (m, 4 H, *N*-Phth); $J_{2,3}$ 5.9, $J_{3,4} < 0.4$, $J_{4,5a}$ 4.8, $J_{4,5b}$ 10.1, $J_{5a,6}$ 8.2, $J_{5a,5b}$ 14.5, $J_{5b,6}$ 3.0, $J_{6,7}$ 5.2, $J_{7,8}$ 2.0, $J_{9,8}$ 5.0, $J_{9,10}$ 9.2, $J_{11,10}$ 8.7 Hz.

A mixture of isomers 11a and 12a was acetylated, and the products were separated by chromatography (hexane-EtOAc, 3:1). Eluted first was benzyl 5-Oacetyl-5-C-(t-butyl 2,6-dideoxy-2-N-phthaloyl-3,4-Oisopropylidene-β-D-galactopyranosid-6-yl)-2,3-O-isopropylidene- α -L-talo-pentofuranoside (11b): (25 mg, 5%); amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_{\rm D} - 34.6^{\circ}$ (c 0.7, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.08 (s, 9) H, *t*-Bu), 1.28, 1.31, 1.49, 1.62 (4s, 4×3 H, $2 \times i$ -Pr), 2.07 (s, 3 H, Ac), 2.11-2.20 (m, 1 H, H-6a), 2.28 (ddd, 1 H, H-6b), 3.96 (dt, 1 H, H-7), 4.23 (dd, 1 H, H-8), 4.24 (t, 1 H, H-10), 4.34 (dd, 1 H, H-4), 4.43 and 4.71 (ABq, 2 H, CH₂Ph), 4.61 (d, 1 H, H-2), 4.74 (dd, 1 H, H-3), 4.83 (dd, 1 H, H-9), 5.17 (d, 1 H, H-11), 5.20 (s, 1 H, H-1), 5.19–5.23 (m, 1 H, H-5), 7.28–7.36 (m, 5 H, Ph), 7.66–7.90 (m, 4 H, *N*-Phth); $J_{2,3}$ 6.0, $J_{3,4}$ 1.8, $J_{4,5}$ 6.3, $J_{6b,5}$ 4.7, $J_{6b,7}$ 7.1, $J_{6b,6a}$ 14.2, $J_{7,6a}$ 7.1, $J_{7,8}$ 2.0, $J_{9,8}$ 5.1, $J_{9,10}$ 9.3, $J_{11,10}$ 8.7 Hz. HRMS (EI) Calcd for $C_{37}H_{44}NO_{12}$ (M-CH₃)⁺: 694.2860. Found: 694.2860.

Eluted second was *benzyl-5*-C-(t-*butyl* 6-O-*acetyl-*2-*deoxy*-2-N-*phthaloyl-3*,4-O-*isopropylidene*-L-*glycero*- β -D-*galactopyranosid*-6-*yl*)-5-*deoxy*-2,3-O-*isopropylidene*- β -D-ribo-*furanoside* (**12b**): (53 mg, 11%); crystals; mp 178 °C; $[\alpha]_D - 34.0^\circ$ (c 1.5, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.07 (s, 9 H, *t*-Bu), 1.19, 1.32, 1.48, 1.60 (4s, 4 × 3 H, 2 × *i*-Pr), 2.00–2.07 (m, 1 H, H-5a), 2.06 (s, 3 H, Ac), 2.14 (dd, 1 H, H-5b), 3.97 (dd, 1 H, H-7), 4.14 (dd, 1 H, H-8), 4.24 (t, 1 H, H-10), 4.33 (bt, 1 H, H-4), 4.50 and 4.75 (ABq, 2 H, CH₂Ph), 4.65 (dd, 1 H, H-3), 4.70 (d, 1 H, H-2), 4.80 (dd, 1 H, H-9), 5.14 (d, 1 H, H-11), 5.17 (s, 1 H, H-1), 5.49 (ddd, 1 H, H-6), 7.28–7.36 (m, 5 H, Ph), 7.67–7.88 (m, 4 H, *N*-Phth); $J_{2,3}$ 6.0, $J_{3,4} < 0.5$, $J_{4,5a}$ 7.3, $J_{5b,4}$ 7.0, $J_{5b,6}$ 4.7, $J_{5b,5a}$ 14.2, $J_{6,5a}$ 8.0, $J_{6,7}$ 6.8 $J_{8,7}$ 1.9, $J_{8,9}$ 5.0, $J_{9,10}$ 9.2, $J_{11,10}$ 8.7 Hz. HRMS (EI) Calcd for C₃₇H₄₄NO₁₂ (M–CH₃)⁺: 694.2864. Found: 694.2867.

Benzyl 5-O-acetyl-5-C-(2,6-dideoxy-2-N-phthaloyl-3, 4-O-isopropylidene-β-D-galactopyranos-6-yl)-2,3-Oisopropylidene - β - D - allo - pentofuranoside (14).—A solution of 10b (0.12 g, 0.169 mmol) and CF₃COOH (2 mL) in acetone (2 mL) was kept at 40 °C for 1.5 h, then neutralized with solid NaHCO₃, and filtered through Celite. Evaporation to dryness, followed by chromatography yielded 14 (65 mg, 59%) as an amorphous powder: $[\alpha]_{D} + 12.5^{\circ}$ (c 0.6, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃ with D_2O): δ 1.32, 1.33, 1.50, 1.63 (4s, 4×3 H, $2 \times i$ -Pr), 1.84 (ddd, 1 H, H-6a), 2.02 (s, 3 H, Ac), 2.51 (ddd, 1 H, H-6b), 3.80 (dt, 1 H, H-7), 4.05 (dd, 1 H, H-8), 4.17 (t, 1 H, H-10), 4.24 (dd, 1 H, H-4), 4.44 and 4.76 (ABq, 2 H, CH₂Ph, J 11.7 Hz), 4.69 (d, 1 H, H-2), 4.73 (dd, 1 H, H-3), 4.80 (dd, 1 H, H-9), 5.14 (d, 1 H, H-11), 5.19 (s, 1 H, H-1), 5.43 (ddd, 1 H, H-5), 7.28-7.41 (m, 5 H, Ph), 7.69–7.88 (m, 4 H, N-Phth); $J_{2,3}$ 6.0, $J_{3,4}$ 0.7, $J_{4,5}$ 6.9, $J_{5,6a}$ 10.5, $J_{5,6b}$ 2.2, $J_{6a,6b}$ 15.0, $J_{6a,7}$ 2.1, $J_{6b,7}$ 10.9, $J_{8,7}$ 2.0, $J_{8,9}$ 5.0, $J_{9,10}$ 9.1, $J_{10,11}$ 8.7 Hz (β). HRMS (EI) Calcd for C₃₃H₃₆NO₁₂ $(M-CH_3)^+$: 638.2237. Found: 638.2236.

Benzyl 5-O-acetyl-5-C-[3',4',6'-tri-O-benzoyl-2'- $(benzoyloxyimino) - 2' - deoxy - \alpha - D - arabino - hexopyra$ nosyl 2,6-dideoxy-2-N-phthaloyl-3,4-O-isopropylidene- β -D-galactopyranosid-6-yl]-2,3-O-isopropylidene- β -Dallo-pentofuranoside (16a) and benzyl 5-O-acetyl-5-C-[3',4',6'-tri-O-benzoyl-2'-(benzoyloxyimino)-2'-deoxy-B-D-arabino-hexopyranosyl 2,6-dideoxy-2-N-phthaloyl-3, 4-O-iso-propylidene-β-D-galactopyranosid-6-yl]-2,3-Oisopropylidene - β -D-allo-pentofuranoside (16b).—A solution of 14 (30 mg, 45.9 mmol), AgOTf (30 mg, 0.117 mmol), and sym. collidine (7 μ L) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL) containing 3 A molecular sieves $(\sim 50 \text{ mg})$, was stirred at rt for 1.5 h under Ar in a light-protected flask, whereupon the mixture was cooled to -78 °C and the solution of bromide 15 [16] (50 mg, 74.3 μ mol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) was added dropwise. Stirring at -78 °C was continued for 1.5 h, then the mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 and filtered through Celite. The filtrate was successively washed with H_2O , aq $Na_2S_2O_3$, 0.1 M HCl, and aq NaHCO₃. Evaporation of the solvent, followed by chromatography of the residue (hexane-EtOAc, 2:1) afforded β , β -disaccharide **16b** (11 mg, 19%) in the first fraction and the desired α,β -disaccharide (26 mg, 46%) 16a in the second fraction; characteristic data for **16a**: amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_{D}$ $+30.5^{\circ}$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.36, 1.38, 1.48, 1.72 (4s, 4 × 3 H, 2 × *i*-Pr), 1.84 (s, 3 H, Ac), 1.90 (ddd, 1 H, H-6a), 2.73 (ddd, 1 H, H-6b), 3.95 (dt, 1 H, H-7), 4.12 (dd, 1 H, H-8), 4.16-4.23 (m, 3 H, H-6'a, H-6'b, H-4), 4.48 (1/2 ABq, 1 H, 1/2 CH₂Ph, J_{AB} 12.3 Hz), 4.52 (t, 1 H, H-10), 4.79-4.85 (m, 4 H, H-2, H-9, H-5', 1/2 CH₂Ph), 4.95 (d, 1 H, H-3), 5.21 (s, 1 H, H-1), 5.34 (ddd, 1 H, H-5), 5.44 (d, 1 H, H-11), 5.89 (t, 1 H, H-4'), 6.09 (d, 1 H, H-3'), 6.39 (s, 1 H, H-1'), 7.28–8.03 (m, 24 H, Ph); $J_{3,2}$ 5.9, $J_{3,4}$ 0.8, $J_{5,4}$ 1.1, $J_{5.6a}$ 9.0, $J_{5.6b}$ 1.1, $J_{6a,6b}$ 12.8, $J_{6a,7}$ 2.3, $J_{6b,7}$ 10.8, $J_{8,7}$ 1.9, $J_{8,9}$ 4.9, $J_{11,10}$ 8.8 (β), $J_{3',4'}$ 10.3, $J_{4',5'}$ 10.2 Hz. HRMS (LSIMS) Calcd for $C_{68}H_{64}N_2O_{21}$ (M + Na)⁺: 1267.3901. Found: 1267.3899.

Characteristic data for **16b**: amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_D - 24.9^\circ$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.26, 1.41, 1.43, 1.61 (4s, 4 × 3 H, $2 \times i$ -Pr), 1.84 (s, 3 H, Ac), 1.90–1.97 (m, 1 H, H-6a), 2.33–2.40 (m, 1 H, H-6b), 3.95 (dt, 1 H, H-7), 4.02 (dd, 1 H, H-4), 4.13 (dd, 1 H, H-8), 4.29 and 4.46 (ABq, 2 H, CH₂Ph, J_{AB} 11.4 Hz), 4.43 (t, 1 H, H-10), 4.51 (d, 1 H, H-3), 4.59 (dd, 1 H, H-6'a), 4.61 (dd, 1 H, H-2), 4.79–4.85 (m, 2 H, H-5', H-9), 5.04 (s, 1 H, H-1), 5.49 (dt, 1 H, H-5), 5.65 (d, 1 H, H-11), 5.68 (dd, 1 H, H-4'), 6.10 (d, 1 H, H-3'), 6.59 (s, 1 H, H-1'), 7.28–8.03 (m, 24 H, Ph); $J_{2,3}$ 6.0, $J_{3,4}$ 1.3, $J_{4,5}$ 3.8, $J_{5,6a,b}$ 3.2 and 10.2, $J_{7,6a,b}$ 9.8 and 1.8, $J_{8,7}$ 1.7, $J_{8,9}$ 5.1, $J_{10,9}$ 8.8, $J_{11,10}$ 8.8, $J_{3',4'}$ 3.4, $J_{4',5'}$ 6.3, $J_{6'b,5}$ 5.4, $J_{6'b,6'a}$ 11.5 Hz.

6-O-Acetyl-2-N-phthaloyl-3,4-O-isopropylidene-β-Dgalactopyranose (18).—Hydrolysis of the anomeric *t*-butyl residue in 17 was performed according to procedure described for 14, to give the product 18 in 62% yield: $[\alpha]_D$ + 55.6° (c 1.3, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.33, 1.63, (2s, 2 × 3 H, *i*-Pr), 2.12 (s, 3 H, Ac), 4.14–4.27 (m, 3 H, H-2, H-4, H-5), 4.35–4.46 (m, 2 H, H-6a, H-6b), 4.76 (bs, 1 H, OH), 4.88 (dd, 1 H, H-3), 5.30 (d, 1 H, H-1), 7.68–7.91 (m, 4 H, *N*-Phth); $J_{1,2}$ 8.8, $J_{3,2}$ 9.2, $J_{3,4}$ 5.0 Hz. HRMS (EI) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₈NO₈ (M–CH₃)⁺: 376.1032. Found: 376.1032.

6 - O - Acetyl - 2 - deoxy - 2 - N - phthaloyl - 3, 4 - Oisopropylidene - β -D-galactopyranosyl 3, 4, 6 tri - Obenzoyl-2-(benzoyloxyimino)-2-deoxy- α -D-arabinohexopyranoside (**19**).—A solution of **18** (15 mg, 38.3 μ mol), AgOTf (20 mg, 77.8 μ mol), and sym.-col-

lidine (4.6 mg) in dry CH_2Cl_2 containing 3 A molecular sieves (~ 30 mg), was treated with bromide 15 (39 mg, 58 μ mol) according to the procedure described for 16. The reaction products were isolated by chromatography (hexane-EtOAc, 2:1). Eluted first was β , β -disaccharide **20** (4 mg, 10%, not characterised), then 19 (20 mg, 53%): amorphous powder; $[\alpha]_{D}$ +48.3° (c 1.8, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.35, 1.73 (2 s, 2 × 3 H, *i*-Pr), 2.18 (s, 3 H, Ac), 4.26 (dd, 1 H, H-4), 4.47–4.35 (m, 2H, H-5, H-6 a), 4.37 (dd, 1 H, H-6'a), 4.46 (t, 1 H, H-2), 4.63 (dd, 1 H, H-6b), 4.73 (dd, 1 H, H-3), 4.83 (dd, 1 H, H-6'b), 4.92 (dt, 1 H, H-5'), 5.66 (d, 1 H, H-1), 6.02 (t, 1 H, H-4'), 6.36 (d, 1 H, H-3'), 6.43 (s, 1 H, H-1'), 7.3–8.1 (m, 24 H, Ph); $J_{1,2}$ 8.9, $J_{2,3}$ 9.1, $J_{3,4}$ 4.9, $J_{4,5}$ 1.9, $J_{6b,5}$ 1.7, $J_{6a,6b}$ 11.1, $J_{3',4'}$ 9.9, $J_{4',5'}$ 10.2, $J_{6'a,5'}$ 2.2, $J_{6'b,5'}$ 2.5, $J_{6'a,6'b}$ 12.5 Hz. HRMS (LSIMS) Calcd for $C_{53}H_{46}N_2Na$ $(M + Na)^+$: 1005.2694. Found: 1005.2704.

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