# Synthesis of Building Blocks for Carba-oligosaccharides: 5a'-Carbamaltose and 5a'-Carbacellobiose, and 5a-Carba- $\beta$ -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 4)$ -D-glucopyranose<sup>†</sup>

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**Abstract**: Practical synthesis of ether-linked 5a'-carbamaltose and -cellobiose, and the related carbadisaccharide starting from a sole condensate of the 1,2-anhydro-3-*O*-benzyl-4,6-*O*-benzylidene-5a-carba- $\beta$ -D-mannopyranose and methyl 2,3,6-tri-*O*-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside is described.

**Key words**: cyclitols, carbohydrate mimics, pseudo-oligosaccharides, carba-oligosaccharides, ether-linked 5a-carbadisaccharides

In recent years, much attentions have been focused on the chemistry and biochemistry of 5a-carbaoligosaccharides,<sup>1</sup> with extensive synthetic studies carried out.<sup>2</sup> In fact, the imino-linked 5a-carbaoligosaccharide validamycins,3 and acarbose<sup>4</sup> and modified carba-amino sugar voglibose<sup>5</sup> have been widely used as agricultural antibiotics to control sheath blight of rice plant, and as an effective clinical remedy for treatment of diabetes, respectively. Etherlinked oligosaccharides<sup>6,7</sup> have been shown to act as substrate analogs<sup>7</sup> for some glycosyltransferases involved in oligosaccharide-chain biosynthesis. Because of their stability with regard to various glycosidases in vivo and an expected non-toxic nature for mammals, ether-linked carba-oligosaccharides might be expected to become one of the major subject for development of biologically active carbohydrate mimics as well as useful research tools for glycobiology.





5a-carba-α-D-Glcp-(1-4)-α-D-Glcp

5a-carba-β-D-Glcp-(1-4)-α-D-Glcp





Figure 1

Methyl 5a'-carba- $\alpha$ -maltose has previously been synthesized<sup>8</sup> starting from the coupling product (45%) of

1,2-anhydro-3,4,6-tri-*O*-benzyl-5a-carba- $\beta$ -D-manno-pyranose<sup>9</sup> (**4**) and methyl 2,3,6-tri-*O*-benzyl- $\alpha$ -Dglucopyranoside<sup>10</sup> (**10**), with successful oxidation of the 2'-OH group followed by reduction with NaBH<sub>4</sub>. However, under the basic conditions required to induce epimerization at the C-1 anomeric position ( $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ ), the benzylprotected 5a-carba-hexulopyranose portion was found to be rather unstable, featuring  $\beta$ -elimination to give  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated ketones. Thus there has been a focus on incorporation of the 4',6'-*O*-benzylidene function ( $\rightarrow$ **5**) into the carba-sugar moiety to hinder this undesired elimination reaction and facilitate smooth configurational inversion at C-1 under basic conditions.



#### Figure 2

We would like to describe here the established procedure to access carbamaltose, carbacellobiose, and related carbadisaccharides of biological interest, by use of the condensate **11** of 1,2-anhydro-3-*O*-benzyl-4,6-*O*-benzylidene-5a-carba- $\beta$ -D-mannopyranose (**5**) and the 4-OH unprotected acceptor **10**. Acetolysis of methyl 5a-carba-hexopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside derivatives readily afforded the corresponding 5a'-carbadisaccharide peracetates in high yields. The  $\beta$ -*allo*-type epoxide **6** of this kind has been found to react similarly with methyl



#### Scheme

2-acetamido-3,6-di-O-benzyl-2-deoxy- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside to furnish the coupling product (40%).<sup>11</sup> Compound **6** should be a versatile donor for incorporation of 5a-carba- $\alpha$ -galactopyranose residues into oligosaccharide-chains.

Alternatively, attempted direct incorporation of 5a-carba- $\beta$ -glucose or - $\beta$ -galactose residue into oligosaccharidechains has been attempted to generate the donors<sup>12</sup> such as the  $\alpha$ -1,2-anhydro-5a-carba-hexopyranose derivatives **7**– **9**, but, under the influence of an oxide anion, all  $\alpha$ -epoxides tested underwent elimination reaction at 5a-methylene,<sup>13</sup> giving  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated ketones mainly, and no substitution products are formed.

Coupling of **5** (2 molar equivalents) and an oxide anion generated from **10** by treatment with sodium hydride in DMF was carried out in the presence of 15-crown-5 ether overnight at 50 °C to give the condensate **11**, which, without further purification, was acetylated with acetic anhydride in pyridine to afford the 2'-acetate **11a** (60%). Formation of other condensates was not detected. The 5a-carba- $\alpha$ -manno configuration was supported by the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum, which revealed a broad doublet ( $\delta = 4.10$  ppm,  $J_{1',2'} = J_{1',5a'(eq)} = ~0$  Hz,  $J_{1',5a'(ax)} = 2.6$  Hz) due to 1'-proton.

Compound **11** regenerated from **11a** by Zemplén de-*O*-acetylation<sup>14</sup> was treated with acetic anhydride in DMSO at room temperature to give the ketone **12** (72%). Epimerization at C-1' was effected by treatment of **12** with DBU

in toluene for 1.5 h at 70 °C to afford about a 1:2 equilibrium mixture, which was readily separable by silica gel chromatography to give the 1'-epimer **13** (56%), along with **12** (26%). These ketones are also thought to be potential intermediates for 2-amino-2-deoxy-5a-carbahex-opyranosyl-oligosaccharides.

Reduction of **12** with sodium borohydride in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/ MeOH at 0 °C gave a mixture of new disaccharide derivative **14** (66%), along with **11** (22%). These proved readily separable on a silica gel column and the structure of **14** was established by the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of its 2'-acetate **14a**, with a doublet of doublets ( $\delta = 4.93$  ppm,  $J_{1',2'} = 3.7$ Hz,  $J_{2',3'} = 10.0$  Hz) attributable to the 2'-proton.

Acetolysis<sup>15</sup> of **14a** with acetic anhydride with ferric chloride for 3 h at <-20 °C, followed by hydrogenolysis in the presence of 10% Pd/C under atmospheric pressure of hydrogen and subsequent conventional acetylation, afforded 5a'-carbamaltose octaacetate **1a** in a 72% overall yield. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum supported the proposed structure, demonstrating it to be a 3:1 mixture of the  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -anomers.

Similar reduction of **13** with NaBH<sub>4</sub> produced, after chromatography, two new disaccharides **15** (43%) and **16** (44%) without selectivity.<sup>16</sup> These were converted into the 2'-acetates **15a** and **16a**, respectively, the assigned structures of which were fully supported by the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra. Similar acetolysis of **15a** and **16a**, followed by hydrogenolysis and subsequent acetylation, afforded the respective peracetyl 5a'-carbacellobiose **2a** ( $\alpha$ -: $\beta$ -anomer = 6:1)<sup>17</sup> and 5a-carba- $\beta$ -D-Manp-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-D-Glcp **3a** ( $\alpha$ -: $\beta$ -anomer = 6:1) in 79% and 60% yields, respectively.

The 5a'-carbamaltose and -cellobiose thus obtained have now been assayed for enzyme-inhibitory activity and, interestingly, for possible substrate analogs for amylases and cellulases<sup>18</sup> to furnish unique oligo- and polysaccharides incorporating 5a-carba-D-glucopyranose residues.<sup>19</sup>

Specific rotations: Jasco DIP-370 polarimeter, 1-dm cells. IR spectra: Jasco A-202 or FT-IR-200. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra: Jeol JNM GSX-270 f.t. (270 MHz) and Jeol Lambda-300 (300 MHz); solvent: CDCl<sub>3</sub>; internal standard: TMS. TLC: Silica Gel 60 GF (E. Merck, Darmstadt); detection by charring with concd H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Column chromatography: Silica gel 60 K070 (Katayama Chemicals, Osaka) and Wakogel C-300 (silica gel, 300 Mesh, Wako Chemical, Osaka). Organic solutions, after drying (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), were concentrated <50 °C at diminished pressure.

### Methyl (2-O-Acetyl-3-O-benzyl-4,6-O-benzylidene-5a-carba- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl)-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside (11a)

To a suspension of 60% NaH (258 mg, 6.45 mmol) in DMF (2.5 mL) was added a solution of methyl 2,3,6-tri-*O*-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside<sup>10</sup> (**10**, 1.00 g, 2.15 mmol) in DMF (7.5 mL) and 15-crown-5 ether (1.3 mL, 6.5 mmol) at 0 °C, followed by stirring for 1.5 h at r.t. A solution of 1,2-anhydro-3-*O*-benzyl-4,6-*O*-benzylidene-5a-carba- $\beta$ -D-mannopyranose<sup>9</sup> (**5**, 1.46 g, 4.31 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 15 h at 50 °C. After cooling to 0 °C, the mixture was treated with a small amount of MeOH and then diluted with EtOAc (250 mL). The solution was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 50 mL), dried, and evaporated to dryness. The residue was treated with acetic anhydride (9 mL) in pyridine (17 mL) for 17 h at 25 °C. After treatment with MeOH, the mixture was evaporated and the residue was chromatographed on a silica gel column (150 g; EtOAc/toluene, 1:20) to give **11a** (1.05 g, 60%) as a white syrup,  $[\alpha]_D^{28} = +22^\circ$  (*c* 1.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 1.16$  [ddd, 1H,  $J_{1',5a'(ax)} = 2.6$ ,  $J_{5',5a'(ax)} = J_{5a'gem} = 14.1$  Hz, 5a'(ax)-H], 1.55 [br d, 1H, 5a'(eq)-H], 1.98 (s, 3H, Ac), 2.14 (m, 1H, 5'-H), 3.36 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.52–3.98 (m, 8H, 2-H, 3-H, 4-H, 5-H, 6,6-CH<sub>2</sub>, 4'-H, 6'a-H), 3.87 (br dd, 1H,  $J_{2',3'} = \sim 0, J_{3',4'} = 8.9$  Hz, 3'-H), 3.95 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5',6'a} = 4.3, J_{6'gem} = 10.9$  Hz, 6'b-H), 4.10 [br d, 1H  $J_{1',5a'(ax)} = 2.6$  Hz, 1'-H], 4.60 (m, 1H, 1-H), 4.55 and 4.68 (ABq,  $J_{gem} = 12.0$  Hz), 4.61 (m, 4H), 4.82 and 5.05 (ABq,  $J_{gem} = 11.4$  Hz) (4 × CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 5.59 (s, 1H, CHPh), 5.64 (br s, 1H, 2'-H), 7.20–7.53 (m, 25H, 5 × Ph).

Anal. Calcd for  $C_{56}H_{57}O_{11}$  (845.0): C, 72.49; H, 6.68. Found: C, 72.36; H, 6.68.

#### Methyl (3-O-Benzyl-4,6-O-benzylidene-5a-carba-α-D-*arabino*hex-2-ulopyranosyl)-(1→4)-2,3,6-tri-*O*-benzyl-α-D-glucopyranoside (12)

To a solution of **11a** (1.07 g, 1.27 mmol) in MeOH (11 mL) was added 1 M sodium methoxide/MeOH (2 mL) for 17 h at 25 °C. After neutralization with Amberlite IR-120B (H<sup>+</sup>), the mixture was evaporated to dryness. The residue was treated with acetic anhydride (3.2 mL) in DMSO (18.6 mL) for 17 h at 25 °C. After treatment with MeOH at 0 °C to destroy excess acetic anhydride, the mixture was diluted with EtOAc (240 mL), washed thoroughly with H<sub>2</sub>O, dried, and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed on a silica gel column (90 g; EtOAc/toluene, 1:30) to give **12** (0.72 g, 72%) as a colorless syrup,  $[\alpha]_D^{28} = -6.3^{\circ}$  (*c* 1.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.91$  [ddd, 1H,  $J_{1',5a'(ax)} = 2.4$ ,  $J_{5',5a'(ax)} = 9.5$ ,  $J_{5a''gem} = 14.4$  Hz, 5a'(ax)-H], 1.64 [ddd, 1H,  $J_{1',5a'(eq)} = J_{5',5a'(eq)} = 2.9$  Hz, 5a'(eq)-H], 2.44 (m, 1H, 5'-H), 3.28 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.41-3.65 (m, 7H, 2-H, 3-H, 4-H, 6,6-CH<sub>2</sub>, 4'-H, 6'a-H), 3.76 (m, 1H, 5-H), 3.99 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5',6'a} = 4.4$ ,  $J_{6'gem} = 11.0$  Hz, 6'b-H), 4.16 (d, 1H,  $J_{3,4} = 9.5$  Hz, 3'-H), 4.18 [dd, 1H,  $J_{1',5a'(eq)} = 2.9$  Hz, 1'-H], 4.47 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2} = 3.7$  Hz, 1-H), 4.40-4.50 (m, 3H) and 4.58-4.65 (m, 5H) ( $4 \times CH_2$ Ph), 5.45 (s, 1H, CHPh), 7.09-7.47 (m, 25H,  $5 \times$ Ph).

Anal. Calcd for  $C_{49}H_{52}O_{10}$  (801.0): C, 73.48; H, 6.54. Found: C, 73.26; H, 6.46.

### Methyl (3-O-Benzyl-4,6-O-benzylidene-5a-carba- $\alpha$ -D-manno-(11) and -glucopyranosyl)-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside (14)

To a solution of **12** (1.27 g, 1.59 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH (10:1, 25 mL) was added NaBH<sub>4</sub> (0.40 g, 9.5 mmol), and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at 0 °C. TLC (EtOAc/toluene, 1:4) showed the appearance of two components ( $R_F$  = 0.38 and 0.51) and the disappearance of **12** ( $R_F$  = 0.58). The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (250 mL), washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, dried, and evaporated. The residue was chromatographed on a silica gel column (120 g; EtOAc/hexane, 1:6) to give **11** (0.28 g, 22%) and **14** (0.84 g, 66%) as syrups.

#### 11:

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 1.25 [m, 1H, 5a'(eq)-H], 1.39 [m, 1H, 5a'(ax)-H], 2.29 (m, 1H, 5'-H), 3.38 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.51–3.99 (m, 10H, 2-H, 3-H, 4-H, 5-H 6,6-CH<sub>2</sub>, 3'-H,. 4'-H, 6',6'-H<sub>2</sub>), 4.15 (m, 2H, 1'-H, 2'-H), 4.61 (m, 1H, 1-H), 4.39–4.73 (m, 4H), 4.70 and 4.87 (ABq,  $J_{\rm gem}$  = 10.7 Hz), and 4.70–5.05 (ABq,  $J_{\rm gem}$  = 10.7 Hz) (4 × CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 5.63 (s, 1H, CHPh), 7.53 (m, 25H, 5 × Ph).

#### 14:

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{18} = -9.4^{\circ} (c \ 0.68, \text{CHCl}_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.71$  [ddd, 1H,  $J_{1',5a'(ax)} = 1.8$ ,  $J_{5',5a'(ax)} = J_{5a'gem} = 14.0$  Hz, 5a'(ax)-H], 1.37 [ddd, 1H,  $J_{1',5a'(ax)} = J_{5',5a'(ax)} = 2.9$  Hz, 5a'(eq)-H], 2.11 (m, 1H, 5'-H), 3.38 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.40-3.47 (m, 3H, 2'-H, 4'-H, 6'b-H), 3.52 (dd, 1H,  $J_{2',3'} = J_{3',4'} = 9.4$  Hz, 3'-H), 3.66-3.71 (m, 4H, 2-H, 3-H, 4-H, 6a-H), 3.90-4.03 (m, 4H, 5-H, 6b-H, 1'-H, 6'a-H), 4.20 and 4.26 (ABq,  $J_{gem} = 11.0$  Hz), 4.55 and 4.66 (ABq,  $J_{gem} = 11.0$  Hz) and 4.48 and 4.68 (ABq,  $J_{gem} = 12.2$  Hz) ( $3 \times CH_2$ Ph), 4.60 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2} = 3.4$  Hz, 1-H), 5.52 (s, 1H, *CH*Ph), 7.19-7.50 (m, 25H,  $5 \times$ Ph).

Anal. Calcd for  $C_{49}H_{54}O_{10}$  (803.0): C, 73.30; H, 6.78. Found: C, 73.22; H, 6.81.

### Methyl (2-O-Acetyl-3-O-benzyl-4,6-O-benzylidene-5a-carba- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside (14a)

Compound **14** (31 mg, 0.039 mmol) was treated with acetic anhydride (0.5 mL) and pyridine (1 mL) for 17 h at 25 °C. The reaction mixture was processed in the usual manner and the product was chromatographed on a silica gel column (3 g; EtOAc/toluene, 1:20) to give **14a** (29 mg, 92%) as a syrup,  $[\alpha]_D^{28} = +23^{\circ}$  (*c* 1.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.90$  [ddd, 1H,  $J_{1',5a'(ax)} = 1.6$ ,  $J_{5',5a'(ax)} = J_{5a'gem} = 14.8$  Hz, 5a' (ax)-H], 1.84 [ddd, 1H,  $J_{1',5a'(eq)} = J_{5',5a'(eq)} = 3.5$  Hz, 5a'(eq)-H], 2.00 (s, 3H, Ac), 2.15 (m, 1H, 5'-H), 3.38 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.48 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3',4'} = J_{4',5'} = 11.1$  Hz, 4-H), 3.70–3.78 (m, 3H, 2-H, 6-H, 6'b-H), 3.82 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,6a} = 2.9$ ,  $J_{6gem} = 10.3$  Hz, 6a-H), 3.89–3.98 (m, 3H, 3-H, 3'-H, 6'a-H), 4.59–4.73 (m, 6H, 1-H, 1'-H, 2 × CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.93 (dd, 1H,  $J_{1',2'} = 3.7$ ,  $J_{2',3'} = 10.0$  Hz, 2'-H), 4.54 and 4.85 (ABq,  $J_{gem} = 11.6$  Hz) and 4.65 and 5.01 (ABq,  $J_{gem} = 10.7$  Hz) (2 × CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 5.59 (s, 1H, CHPh), 7.22–7.72 (m, 25H, 5 × Ph).

Anal. Calcd for  $C_{51}H_{56}O_{11}$  (845.0): C, 72.49; H, 6.68. Found: C, 72.24; H, 6.59.

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### (2,3,4,6-Tetra-O-acetyl-5a-carba- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-1,2,3,6-tetra-O-acetyl-D-glucopyranose (1a)

To a stirred solution of **14a** (566 mg, 0.70 mmol) in acetic anhydride (17 mL) was added ferric (III) chloride (17 mg, 0.11 mmol) at -20 °C, and the mixture was stirred for a further 3 h at the same temperature. TLC (EtOAc/toluene, 1:2) showed a disappearance of **14a** ( $R_F = 0.54$ ) and formation of two components ( $R_F = 0.21$  and 0.37). The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (300 mL) and the solution was washed with sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O, dried, and evaporated. The residue was dissolved in EtOH (17 mL), and the solution was hydrogenated in the presence of 10% Pd/C in the presence of two drops of 1 M hydrochloric acid for 17 h at 25 °C. The catalyst was removed by filtration and the filtrate was evaporated. The residue was acetylated in the usual manner and the product was chromatographed on a silica gel column (30 g, acetone/toluene, 1:6) to give an anomeric mixture (343 mg, 72%) of **1a** as a white solid,  $[\alpha]_D^{19} = +77^\circ$  (*c* 0.55, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 1.50 [m, 1H, 5a'(ax)-H], 1.90–2.16 (s, each 3H, 8 × Ac), 3.71 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3,4}=J_{4,5}=9.7$  Hz, 4-H), 3.80 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5',6'a}=2.8$ ,  $J_{6'gem}=11.3$  Hz, 6'a-H), 4.01 (m, 1H, 4-H), 4.04 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5',6'b}=3.8$  Hz, 6'b-H), 4.13 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,6a}=3.4$ ,  $J_{6gem}=12.4$  Hz, 6a-H), 4.20 (m, 1H, 1'-H), 4.34 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,6b}=2.2$  Hz, 6b-H), 4.72 (dd, 1H,  $J_{1',2'}=3.2$ ,  $J_{2',3'}=10.3$  Hz, 2'-H), 4.90 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3,4}=9.7$  Hz, 3-H), 5.24 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3',4'}=9.8$  Hz, 3'-H), 5.43 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3,4}=9.7$  Hz, 3-H), 5.66 (d, 1H,  $J_{1\beta,2}=8.3$  Hz, 1β-H), 6.16 (d, 1H,  $J_{1\alpha,2}=3.7$  Hz1α-H) (α:β ~ 3:1).

Anal. Calcd for  $C_{29}H_{40}O_{18}$  (676.6): C, 51.48; H, 5.96. Found: C, 51.63; H, 6.03.

### Methyl (3-O-Benzyl-4,6-O-benzylidene-5a-carba- $\beta$ -D-arabino-hex-2-ulopyranosyl)-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside (13)

To a solution of **12** (675 mg, 0.84 mmol) in toluene (13 mL) was added DBU (250 mg, 1.68 mmol), and the mixture was stirred for 1.5 h at 70 °C. TLC (EtOAc/toluene, 1:4) revealed the formation of a new component ( $R_{\rm F}$  = 0.33). The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (100 mL), washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, dried, and evaporated. The residue was chromatographed on a silica gel column (70 g; EtOAc/toluene, 1:30) to give **12** (178 mg, 26%) and **13** (340 mg, 56%) as syrups.

#### 13:

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{21} = -1.8^{\circ} (c \ 1.1, \text{CHCl}_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 0.97 [ddd, 1H,  $J_{1',5a'(ax)}$  = 12.5,  $J_{5',5a'(ax)}$  =  $J_{5a'gem}$  = 12.7 Hz, 5a'(ax)-H], 1.66 (m, 1H, 5'-H), 1.79 [ddd, 1H,  $J_{1',5a'(eq)}$  = 6.6,  $J_{5',5a'(eq)}$  = 3.2 Hz, 5a'(eq)-H], 3.39 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.40 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5',6'a}$  = 2.9,  $J_{6'gem}$  = 11.7 Hz, 6'a-H), 3.48–3.54 (m, 3H, 2-H, 5-H, 4'-H), 3.81–3.97 (m, 6H, 3-H, 4-H, 6,6-H<sub>2</sub>, 3'-H, 6'b-H), 4.21 (dd, 1H, 1'-H), 4.56–4.80 (m, 6H), and 4.60 and 5.09 (ABq,  $J_{gem}$  = 11.7 Hz) (4 × CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 5.46 (s, 1H, CHPh), 7.22–7.41 (m, 25H, 5 × Ph).

Anal. Calcd for  $C_{49}H_{52}O_{10}$  (801.0): C, 73.48; H, 6.54. Found: C, 73.46; H, 6.47.

### Methyl (3-O-Benzyl-4,6-O-benzylidene-5a-carba- $\beta$ -D-gluco-(15) and $\beta$ -D-mannopyranosyl)-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside (16)

A solution of **13** (1.13 g, 1.4 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH (10:1) (23 mL) was treated with NaBH<sub>4</sub> (0.36 g, 9.4 mmol) for 2 h at 0 °C. TLC (EtOAc/toluene, 1:4) showed formation of new components ( $R_F = 0.18$  and 0.38) and disappearance of **13** ( $R_F = 0.50$ ). The reaction mixture was processed as for the preparation of **14**, and the products were chromatographed on a silica gel column (100 g, EtOAc/toluene, 1:10) to give **15** (0.48 g, 43%) and **16** (0.49 g, 44%) as syrups.

#### 15:

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{18} = +11^{\circ} (c \ 0.95, \text{CHCl}_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.71$  [ddd, 1H,  $J_{1',5a'(ax)} = J_{5',5a'(ax)} = 12.0, J_{5a'gem} = 12.9$  Hz, 5a'(ax)-H], 1.40 (m, 1H, 5'-H), 1.69 [ddd, 1H,  $J_{1',5a'(eq)} = J_{5',5a'(eq)} = 3.9$  Hz, 5a'(eq)-H], 3.09 (s, 1H, OH), 3.27 (dd, 1H,  $J_{2',3'} = J_{3',4'} = 10.9$  Hz, 3'-H), 3.30 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5',6'a} = 2.9, J_{6'gem} = 11.2$  Hz, 6'a-H), 3.37 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.38–3.46 (m, 3H, 1'-H, 2'-H, 4'-H), 3.51 (dd, 1H,  $J_{1,2} = 3.8, J_{2,3} = 9.5$  Hz, 2-H), 3.66–3.70 (m, 3H, 4-H, 5-H, 6a-H), 3.81 (m, 2H, 3-H, 6'b-H), 4.02 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,6b} = 2.4, J_{6gem} = 10.4$  Hz, 6b-H), 4.48 and 4.59 (ABq,  $J_{gem} = 11.5$  Hz,  $CH_2$ Ph), 4.60 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2} = 3.8$  Hz, 1-H), 4.60 and 5.07 (ABq,  $J_{gem} = 11.0$  Hz), 4.70 and 4.76 (ABq,  $J_{gem} = 11.4$ Hz), and 4.70 and 4.94 (ABq,  $J_{gem} = 11.4$  Hz) (3 ×  $CH_2$ Ph), 5.46 (m, 25H, 5 x Ph).

Anal. Calcd for  $C_{49}H_{54}O_{10}$  (803.0): C, 73.30; H, 6.78. Found: C, 73.19; H, 6.70.

16:

 $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{18} = +18^{\circ} (c \ 1.7, \text{CHCl}_3).$ 

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 1.34-1.39$  (m, 3H, 5'-H, 5a', 5a'-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.49 (s, 1H, OH), 3.26 (dd, 1H,  $J_{2',3'} = 2.4$ ,  $J_{3',4'} = 9.0$  Hz, 3'-H), 3.37 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.64–3.72 (m, 6H, 2-H, 4-H, 5-H, 6a-H, 1'-H, 6'a-H), 3.84–3.95 (m, 4H, 3-H, 6b-H, 4'-H, 6'b-H), 4.21 (br s, 1H, 2'-H), 4.47 and 4.64 (ABq,  $J_{gem} = 11.5$  Hz), and 4.56 and 4.65 (ABq,  $J_{gem} = 11.9$  Hz) (2 × CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.61 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2} = 3.4$  Hz, 1-H), 4.63 and 5.05 (ABq,  $J_{gem} = 11.0$  Hz), and 4.68 and 4.78 (ABq,  $J_{gem} = 12.5$  Hz) (2 × CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 5.53 (s, 1H, CHPh), 7.24–7.50 (m, 25H, 5 × Ph).

Anal. Calcd for  $C_{49}H_{54}O_{10}$  (803.0): C, 73.48; H, 6.54. Found: C, 73.37; H, 6.74.

### Methyl (2-O-Acetyl-3-O-benzyl-4,6-O-benzylidene-5a-carba- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1 $\!\rightarrow$ 4)-2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside (15a)

Compound **15** (110 mg, 0.14 mmol) was acetylated as for the preparation of **14a**, and the product was chromatographed on a silica gel column (10 g; EtOAc/toluene, 1:15) to give **15a** (102 mg, 88%) as a syrup,  $[\alpha]_D^{19} = +1.3^{\circ}$  (*c* 1.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.60$  [m, 1H, 5a'(ax)-H], 1.36 (m, 1H, 5'-H), 1.80 [m, 1H, 5a'(eq)-H], 1.82 (s, 3H, Ac), 3.11 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5',6'a} = J_{6'gem} = 11.3$  Hz, 6'a-H), 3.22 [dd, 1H,  $J_{1',2'} = J_{1',5a'(ax)} = 9.5$  Hz, 1'-H], 3.22 (dd, 1H,  $J_{2',3'} = J_{3',4'} = 9.5$  Hz, 3'-H), 3.29 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.35–3.51 (m, 5H, 2-H, 4-H, 5-H, 6a-H, 4'-H), 3.66 (dd, 1H,  $J_{2,3} = J_{3,4} = 9.3$  Hz, 3-H), 3.71 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,6b} = 2.9$ ,  $J_{6gem} = 10.7$  Hz, 6b-H), 3.78 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5',6'b} = 4.2$  Hz, 6'b-H), 4.51 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2} = 2.9$  Hz, 1-H), 4.32, 4.51, 4.53, 4.56, 4.61, 4.70, 4.79, 4.92 (ABq, 2 CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.84 (dd, 1H,  $J_{1',2'} = J_{2',3'} = 9.5$  Hz, 2'-H), 5.38 (s, 1H, CHPh), 7.17–7.42 (m, 25H, 5 Ph).

Anal. Calcd for  $C_{51}H_{56}O_{11}$  (845.0): C, 72.49; H, 6.68. Found: C, 72.28; H, 6.75.

## Methyl (2-O-Acetyl-3-O-benzyl-4,6-O-benzylidene-5a-carba- $\beta$ -D-mannopyranosyl)-(1 $\!\rightarrow\!4$ )-2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside (16a)

Compound **16** (112 mg, 0.14 mmol) was acetylated as for the preparation of **14a**, and the product was chromatographed on a silica gel column (10 g; EtOAc/toluene, 1:15) to give **16a** (115 mg, 97%) as a white syrup,  $[\alpha]_D^{28} = -7.2^\circ$  (*c* 1.3, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 1.32$  [m, 2H, 5'-H, 5a'(ax)-H], 1.62 [m, 2H, 5a' (eq)-H], 2.12 (s, 3H, Ac), 3.21 (dd, 1H,  $J_{2',3'} = 2.8$ ,  $J_{3',4'} = 9.6$  Hz, 3'-H), 3.37 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.41–3.81 (m, 10H), 4.60 (m, 1H, 1-H), 4.55–4.66 (m, 4H, 2 × CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.42, 4.51, 4.76, and 5.07 (ABq, 4H, 2 × CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 5.51 (s, 1H, CHPh), 5.59 (br s, 1H, 2'-H), 7.23–7.50 (m, 25H, 5 × Ph).

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Anal. Calcd for  $C_{51}H_{56}O_{11}$  (845.0): C, 72.49; H, 6.68. Found: C, 72.15; H, 6.68.

#### (2,3,4,6-Tetra-*O*-acetyl-5a-carba-β-D-glucopyranosyl)-(1→4)-1,2,3,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl-D-glucopyranose (2a)

Compound **15a** (462 mg, 0.58 mmol) was treated with ferric chloride (14 mg, 0.09 mmol) in acetic anhydride (14 mL) for 1 h at -20 °C. The reaction mixture was processed as for the preparation of **1a**. The product was then hydrogenolyzed in the presence of 10% Pd/C, and acetylated in the usual manner. The product was chromatographed on a silica gel column (3 g, acetone/toluene, 1:8) to give **2a** (309 mg, 79%) as a white syrup,  $[\alpha]_D^{19} = +47^\circ$  (*c* 0.65, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 1.33 [m, 1H, 5a'(ax)-H], 1.80 (m, 1H, 5'-H), 1.98, 2.00, 2.02, 2.05, 2.06, 2.08, 2.12, and 2.19 (8s, each 3H, 8 × Ac), 2.25 [m, 1H, 5a'(eq)-H], 3.51 (m, 1H, 1'-H), 3.57 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3,4}=J_{4,5}=9.6$  Hz, 4-H), 3.84 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{4,5}=9.6$ ,  $J_{5,6a}=2.2$ ,  $J_{5,6b}=4.8$  Hz, 5-H), 3.88 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5',6'a}=2.9$ ,  $J_{6'gem}=11.5$  Hz, 6'a-H), 4.04 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5',6'b}=5.1$  Hz, 6'b-H), 4.11 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,6a}=4.8$ ,  $J_{6gem}=12.0$  Hz, 6a-H), 4.44 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,6b}=2.2$  Hz, 6b-H), 4.94–5.04 (m, 4H, 2-H, 2'-H, 3'-H, 4'-H), 5.37 (dd, 1H,  $J_{2,3}=J_{3,4}=9.6$  Hz, 3-H), 6.16 (d, 1H,  $J_{1a,2}=3.7$  Hz, 1α -H), 5.59 (d, 1H,  $J_{1\beta,2}=8.3$  Hz, 1β-H) (α:β ~ 6:1).

Anal. Calcd for  $C_{29}H_{40}O_{18}$  (676.6): C, 51.48; H, 5.96. Found: C, 51.37; H, 5.91.

#### (2,3,4,6-Tetra-O-acetyl-5a-carba-β-D-mannopyranosyl)-(1→4)-1,2,3,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl-D-glucopyranose (3a)

Compound **16** (40 mg, 0.050 mmol) was similarly subjected to acetolysis, hydrogenolysis, and acetylation. The peracetate was obtained by chromatography on a silica gel column (3 g, acetone/ toluene, 1:9) to give **3a** (20 mg, 60%) as a white syrup,  $[\alpha]_{D}^{21} = +46^{\circ} (c \ 0.60, CHCl_{3}).$ 

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 1.76$  [ddd, 1H,  $J_{1',5a'(eq)} = J_{5',5a'(eq)} = J_{5a'gem} = 12.6$  Hz, 5a'(ax)-H], 1.82–1.87 [m, 2H, 5'-H, 5a'(eq)-H], 1.97, 2.01, 2.04, 2.09, 2.12, 2.13, 2.14, and 2.17 (8s, each 3H, 8 × Ac), 3.73 (m, 1H, 1'-H), 3.74 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3,4} = J_{4,5} = 9.3$  Hz, 4-H), 3.94 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,6a} = 3.7$ ,  $J_{6gem} = 12.0$  Hz, 6a-H), 3.89–4.07 (m, 3H, 5-H, 6',6'-CH<sub>2</sub>). 4.44 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,6b} = 2.0$ Hz, 6b-H), 4.77 (dd, 1H,  $J_{2',3'} = 2.8$ ,  $J_{3',4'} = 10.3$  Hz, 3'-H), 4.99 (dd, 1H,  $J_{1a,2} = 3.7$ ,  $J_{2,3} = 10.4$  Hz, 2-H), 5.14 (dd, 1H,  $J_{4',5'} = 10.3$  Hz, 4'-H), 5.44 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3,4} = 9.3$  Hz, 3-H), 5.58 (br s, 1H, 2'-H), 5.68 (d, 1H,  $J_{1\beta,2} = 8.5$  Hz, 1β-H), 6.24 (d, 1H,  $J_{1a,2} = 3.7$  Hz, 1α-H) (α:β ~ 6:1).

Anal. Calcd for  $C_{29}H_{40}O_{18}$  (676.6): C, 51.48; H, 5.96. Found: C, 51.16; H, 5.97.

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