

SYNTHESIS AND IMMUNOADJUVANT ACTIVITY OF 2,2'-O-[2,2'-DIACETAMIDO-2,3,2',3'-TETRADEOXY-6,6'-DI-O-(2-TETRADECYL-HEXADECANOYL)- α,α' -TREHALOSE-3,3'-DIYL]BIS(*N*-D-LACTOYL-L-ALANYL-D-ISOGLUTAMINE)*

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ABSTRACT

The disaccharide of 6-*O*-(2-tetradecylhexadecanoyl)muramoyl dipeptide coupled through an α -(1 \leftrightarrow 1)- α linkage, named in the title, and an analog bearing a single peptide moiety, have been synthesized from 2,2'-diazido-2,2'-dideoxy- α,α' -trehalose. The immunoadjuvant activities of the products were examined.

INTRODUCTION

Trehalose 6,6'-dimycolate (TDM), a mycobacterial glycolipid, was found to have a variety of biological activities. In the course of chemical and immunopharmacological investigation of TDM^{2,3} it has been reported that TDM shows potent antitumor activity in combination with 6-*O*-stearoyl-*N*-acetylmuramoyl dipeptides³. In this paper, we describe the synthesis and immunoadjuvant activity of 2,2'-*O*-[2,2'-diacetamido-2,3,2',3'-tetraideoxy-6,6'-di-*O*-(2-tetradecylhexadecanoyl)- α,α' -trehalose-3,3'-diyl]bis(*N*-D-lactoyl-L-alanyl-D-isoglutamine), which has structural features related to both TDM and *N*-acetylmuramoyl dipeptide (MDP).

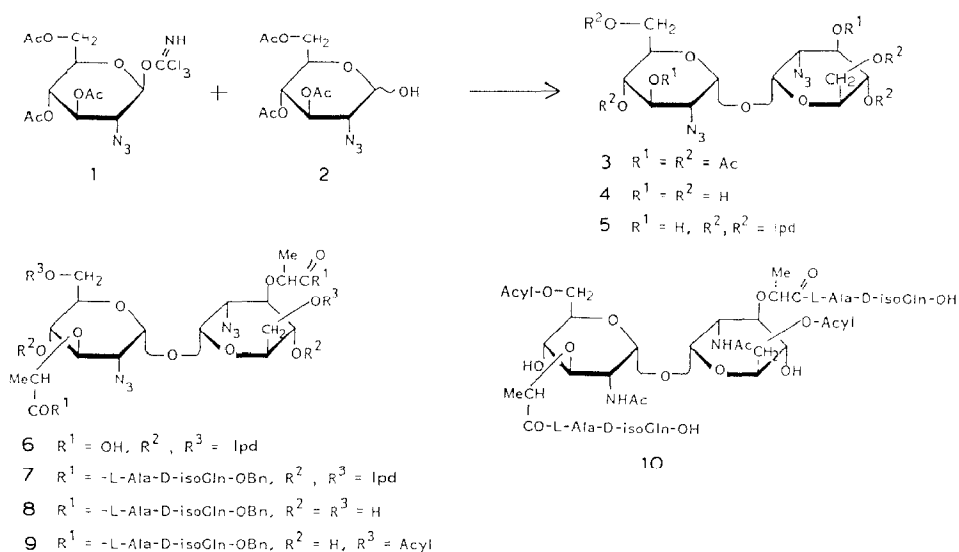
RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The synthesis of nitrogenous disaccharides structurally related to α,α' -trehalose has been performed by two types of procedures. One involves the introduction of nitrogen into α,α' -trehalose^{4–6}, and the other the coupling of nitrogenous glucose derivatives⁷. In the present work, we synthesized the desired nitrogenous α,α' -trehalose, which is the important intermediate for the preparation of the title compound, by the latter method. Condensation of 3,4,6-tri-*O*-acetyl-2-azido-2-deoxy- β -D-glucopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate⁸ (**1**) with 3,4,6-tri-*O*-acetyl-2-azido-

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2-deoxy-D-glucopyranose (**2**), obtained from the α -isomer of **1**, in the presence of trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate afforded 3,4,6,3',4',6'-hexa-*O*-acetyl-2,2'-diazido-2,2'-dideoxy- α,α' -trehalose (**3**; 12% yield) and its α,β isomer (50%). Deacetylation of **3** and subsequent isopropylidenation gave 2,2'-diazido-2,2'-dideoxy-4,6:4',6'-di-*O*-isopropylidene- α,α' -trehalose (**5**) in high yield. Compound **5** was condensed with L-2-chloropropionic acid (5 equiv.) in dry *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF) to give the corresponding 3,3'-di-*O*- and 3-*O*-(D-1-carboxyethyl) derivatives (**6** and **11**). The coupling of **6** and **11** with L-alanyl-D-isoglutamine benzyl ester was conducted with dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC) and *N*-hydroxysuccinimide (HOSu) as the activating agents to give 2,2'-*O*-(2,2'-diazido-2,3,2',3'-tetra-deoxy-4,6:4',6'-di-*O*-isopropylidene- α,α' -trehalose-3,3'-diyl)bis(*N*-D-lactoyl-L-alanyl-D-isoglutamine benzyl ester) (**7**) and *N*-[2-*O*-(2-azido-2-deoxy-4,6-*O*-isopropylidene- α -D-glucopyranosid-3-yl)-D-lactoyl]-L-alanyl-D-isoglutamine benzyl ester (**12**) in 14% and 26% yields, respectively, based on the compound **5**. Hydrolysis of the isopropylidene groups from **7** and **12** under mild acidic conditions gave the corresponding 4,6-diol derivatives **8** and **13** quantitatively. The ^1H -n.m.r. data indicated that products **8** and **13** were pure even with respect to the stereochemistry of the lactoyl groups.

The introduction of the 2-tetradecylhexadecanoyl group into the primary positions of **8** and **13** was performed by using the free carboxylic acid in the presence of 4-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP) and 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (water soluble carbodiimide, WSC), instead of by the displacement reaction of the potassium salt of the carboxylic acid on the

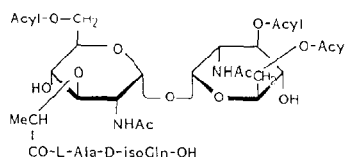
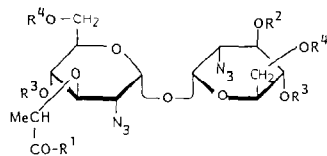


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tosylates of the primary alcohol functions⁹. Treatment of **8** with 2-tetradecylhexadecanoic acid (2.5 equiv.) in the presence of DMAP and WSC in dry DMF for 3 h at 40° gave the 6,6'-di-*O*-acyl derivative (**9**) in 62% yield. On the other hand, compound **13** was converted into the 6,3',6'-tri-*O*-acyl derivative **14** under the same conditions. The final products (**10** and **15**) were obtained by the hydrogenation of compounds **9** and **14** in the presence of palladium black in a mixture of tetrahydrofuran and acetic anhydride. The i.r. spectra showed the disappearance of the azido and benzyl groups.



- 11** $R^1 = \text{OH}$, $R^2 = \text{H}$, R^3 , $R^4 = \text{Ipd}$
12 $R^1 = -\text{L-Ala-D-isoGln-OBn}$, $R^2 = \text{H}$, R^3 , $R^4 = \text{Ipd}$
13 $R^1 = -\text{L-Ala-D-isoGln-OBn}$, $R^2 = R^3 = R^4 = \text{H}$
14 $R^1 = -\text{L-Ala-D-isoGln-OBn}$, $R^2 = R^4 = \text{acyl}$, $R^3 = \text{H}$

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TABLE I

ADJUVANT ACTIVITY OF MDP ANALOGS ON DELAYED-TYPE HYPERSENSITIVITY TO ABA-*N*-ACETYLTYROSINE IN GUINEA PIGS

Compound	Dose (μg)	Skin reaction to 50 μg of ABA-BSA ^a (diameter in mm \pm s.e.) ^b at	
		24 h	48 h
10	10	8.6 \pm 2.9	0
	100	21.2 \pm 0.6	17.7 \pm 1.9
15	10	3.6 \pm 0.2	0
	100	9.2 \pm 5.1	5.0 \pm 5.0
MDP	10	19.8 \pm 1.0	15.7 \pm 0.9
	100	20.1 \pm 0.2	17.3 \pm 0.3
Control^c		3.9 \pm 0.6	0

^aAzobenzene arsonate-*N*-acetyl-L-tyrosine-bovine serum albumin. ^bThe data indicate the average diameter \pm the standard error (s.e.) of the skin reaction (induration) of four guinea pigs. ^cABA-*N*-acetyltyrosine in Freund's incomplete adjuvant.

TABLE II

In situ ACTIVATION OF MOUSE PERITONEAL MACROPHAGES BY ADMINISTRATION OF MDP ANALOGS

Compounds ^a	Dose ^b (μ g)	Radioactivity in viable target cells (c.p.m. \pm s.d.) ^c
10	50	314 \pm 55 (92%) ^d
15	50	460 \pm 89 (88%)
TDM	50	476 \pm 68 (88%)
Tumor cells alone		3898 \pm 110

^aMice were injected i.p. with the compounds indicated 5 days before harvest of the macrophages. ^bAll samples were suspended in phosphate-buffered saline (PBS). ^cTarget cells (B16-BL6) labeled with [¹²⁵I]deoxyuridine were plated into culture wells to obtain in initial target:effector-cell ratio of 1:10. After 72 h the culture wells were washed twice with PBS and the adherent viable cells were lysed with 0.1 mL of 0.5M NaOH. The radioactivity of the lysate was measured in a gamma counter. ^dProportion (in %) of tumor cells destroyed by macrophages.

The immunoadjuvant activities of the compounds thus prepared were examined using induction of delayed-type hypersensitivity (DTH) to *N*-acetyl-L-tyrosine-3-azobenzene-4'-arsonate (azobenzene arsonate-*N*-acetyltyrosine, ABA-*N*-acetyltyrosine) in guinea-pigs¹⁰ as the characteristic activity of MDP, and the *in situ* activation of mouse peritoneal macrophages¹¹ as that of TDM. Compound **10** showed weak but distinct activity on DTH, while compound **15** was inactive (Table I). Both **10** and **15** exhibited macrophage-activating activity as strong as that of TDM (Table II).

EXPERIMENTAL

General methods. — Melting points were determined with a Yanagimoto micro melting-point apparatus and are uncorrected. Specific rotations were determined with a Union PM-201 polarimeter, and i.r. spectra were recorded with a Jasco A-100 spectrophotometer. ¹H-N.m.r. spectra were recorded at 270 MHz with a JEOL JNM-GX-270 spectrometer, for solutions in chloroform-*d* unless otherwise noted. T.l.c. was performed on Silica Gel 60 (Merck, aluminum sheets), and column chromatography on silica gel (Wako Co., 200 or 300 mesh) with the solvent systems (v/v) specified.

3,4,6-Tri-O-acetyl-2-azido-2-deoxy-D-glucopyranose (2). — A solution of 3,4,6-tri-*O*-acetyl-2-azido-2-deoxy- α -D-glucopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate⁸ (100 mg) in 80% aqueous acetone (5 mL) was treated with Amberlite IR-120 (H⁺) ion-exchange resin for 3 h at room temperature. After the resin was filtered off, the filtrate was concentrated. The residue obtained was chromatographed on a column of silica gel with 50:1 dichloromethane-methanol to give **2** (73 mg, quant.) as an anomeric mixture (α : β 7:3); i.r. (neat): ν_{\max} 3400 (broad, OH), 2100 (azide), and 1750 cm⁻¹ (ester); ¹H-n.m.r. data (CDCl₃): δ 2.0–2.2 (m, 9 H, 3 CH₃CO), 3.41 (dd, 0.7 H, *J*_{1,2} 3.3, *J*_{2,3} 10.2 Hz, H-2 α), 3.50 (dd, 0.3 H, *J*_{1,2} 8.0, *J*_{2,3} 10.2 Hz, H-2 β),

4.1–4.7 (m, 3 H, H-5,6a,6b), 4.75 (d, 0.3 H, H-1 β), 5.0–5.2 (m, 1.3 H, H-2 β ,4), 5.40 (d, 0.7 H, H-1 α), and 5.54 (dd, 0.7 H, $J_{3,4}$ 9.2 Hz, H-3 α).

Anal. Calc. for $C_{12}H_{17}N_3O$ (331.28): C, 43.51; H, 5.17; N, 12.68. Found: C, 43.33; H, 5.00; N, 12.51.

3,4,6,3',4',6'-Hexa-*O*-acetyl-2,2'-diazido-2,2'-dideoxy- α,α' -trehalose (3) and its α,β -isomer. — Compound **2** (500 mg, 1.51 mmol) and 3,4,6-tri-*O*-acetyl-2-azido-2-deoxy- β -D-glucopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate (**1**; 750 mg, 1.58 mmol) were dissolved in dichloromethane (30 mL), and the mixture was stirred for 24 h at room temperature in the presence of Drierite (1 g). The mixture was cooled to 0°, then trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (0.04 mL in 0.3 mL of dichloromethane, 0.02 mmol) was added. After 1 h, the reaction mixture was treated with excess solid sodium hydrogencarbonate and aqueous sodium hydrogencarbonate solution. Filtration from the insoluble materials gave a mixture to which dichloromethane was added, then the organic layer was washed with water, dried with sodium sulfate, and concentrated. The oily residue was chromatographed on a column of silica gel with 3:1 hexane–ethyl acetate to afford **3** (117 mg, 12%) and its α,β -isomer (488 mg, 50%). Compound **3** had $[\alpha]_D +163.2^\circ$ (c 0.4, dichloromethane); i.r. (neat): ν_{\max} 2100 (azide) and 1750 cm^{-1} (ester); ^1H -n.m.r. data (CDCl_3): δ 2.06, 2.09, 2.10 (3 s, 9 H, 3 CH_3CO), 3.74 (dd, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 3.66, $J_{2,3}$ 10.26 Hz, H-2), 4.11 (dd, 1 H, $J_{5,6}$ 3.3, J_{gem} 13.55 Hz, H-6a), 4.24–4.32 (m, 2 H, H-5,6b), 5.08 (t, 1 H, $J_{3,4} = J_{4,5} = 9.52$ Hz, H-4), 5.19 (d, 1 H, H-1), and 5.44 (dd, 1 H, H-3).

Anal. Calc. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_6\text{O}_{15}$ (644.55): C, 44.72; H, 5.00; N, 13.04. Found: C, 44.63; H, 5.07; N, 13.07.

The α,β isomer had m.p. 146.0–148.0°, $[\alpha]_D +63.9^\circ$ (c 0.6, dichloromethane).

2,2'-D-Azido-2,2'-dideoxy-4,6:4',6'-di-*O*-isopropylidene- α,α' -trehalose (5). — To a solution of **3** (100 mg) in methanol (5 mL) was added 28% sodium methoxide in methanol (1 drop), and after 1 h the solution was treated with Amberlite IR-120 (H^+) resin to remove the base. The resin was filtered off, and the filtrate and washings were concentrated to give **4**. This was taken up in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF; 5 mL), 2,2-dimethoxypropane (2 mL) and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (25 mg) were added, the mixture was stirred for 12 h at room temperature, and then neutralized with triethylamine. After concentration the residue was chromatographed on a column of silica gel with 100:1 dichloromethane–methanol to afford compound **5** (60 mg, 82% based on **3**); $[\alpha]_D +129.6^\circ$ (c 1.0, dichloromethane); i.r.: ν_{\max} 3400 (broad, OH), 2100 (azide), and 850 cm^{-1} (Me_2C); ^1H -n.m.r. data (CDCl_3): δ 1.46, 1.53 (2 s, 12 H, 4 CCH_3), 3.39 (dd, 2 H, $J_{1,2}$ 3.70, $J_{2,3}$ 9.90 Hz, H-2,2'), 3.59 (t, 2 H, $J_{3,4} = J_{4,5} = 9.20$ Hz, H-4,4'), 3.76–3.92 (m, 6 H, H-5,6a,6b,5',6'a,6'b), 4.13 (t, 2 H, H-3,3'), and 5.12 (d, 2 H, H-1,1').

Anal. Calc. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_6\text{O}_9$ (472.26): C, 45.76; H, 5.97; N, 17.79. Found: C, 45.59; H, 6.18; N, 17.76.

2,2'-*O*-(2,2'-Diazido-2,3,2',3'-tetra-deoxy-4,6:4',6'-di-*O*-isopropylidene- α,α' -trehalose-3,3'-diyl)bis(*N*-D-lactoyl-L-alanyl-D-isoglutamine benzyl ester) (3) and

N-[2-O-(2-azido-2-deoxy-4,6-O-isopropylidene- α -D-glucopyranosyl 2-azido-2,3-dideoxy-4,6-O-isopropylidene- α -D-glucopyranosid-3-yl)-D-lactoyl]-L-alanyl-D-isoglutamine benzyl ester (**12**). — To a stirred solution of **5** (200 mg, 0.42 mmol) in DMF (10 mL) was added 60% suspension of sodium hydride in oil (66 mg of NaH, 2.75 mmol) at room temperature. The mixture was kept for 1 h, then L-2-chloropropionic acid (0.2 mL, 2.2 mmol) was added with stirring. The mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature, and concentrated. The residue was extracted with dichloromethane, and the extract was successively washed with 2M hydrochloric acid and water, dried (sodium sulfate), and concentrated to a syrup. The syrup was chromatographed on a column of silica gel with 25:1 dichloromethane–methanol to give a mixture of **6** and **11** (150 mg).

To a solution of the foregoing mixture of **6** and **11** in dry 1,4-dioxane (6 mL) were added, with stirring, *N*-hydroxysuccinimide (HOSu; 120 mg, 1.04 mmol) and dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC; 240 mg, 1.17 mmol), and the mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. L-Alanyl-D-isoglutamine benzyl ester trifluoroacetate (300 mg, 0.66 mmol) and triethylamine (1 drop) were added to the mixture, which was further stirred for 1 h at room temperature, then the precipitate was filtered off and washed with 1,4-dioxane. The filtrate and washings were combined and concentrated to a syrup, which was chromatographed on a column of silica gel with (a) 50:1 and (b) 25:1 dichloromethane–methanol. Eluants *a* and *b* afforded compound **7** (76 mg, 14%) and **12** (100 mg, 26%), respectively. Compound **7** had $[\alpha]_D +51.7^\circ$ (*c* 1.5, dichloromethane); i.r.: ν_{\max} 3350 (NH), 2120 (azide), 1740 (ester), 1680, 1540 (amide), and 860 cm^{-1} (Me_2C).

Anal. Calc. for $\text{C}_{60}\text{H}_{76}\text{N}_{12}\text{O}_{21}$ (1195.25): C, 54.26; H, 6.24; N, 14.06. Found: C, 54.33; H, 6.34; N, 13.98.

Compound **12** had $[\alpha]_D +73.7^\circ$ (*c* 2.0, dichloromethane); i.r.: ν_{\max} 3400 (OH and NH), 2130 (azide), 1740 (ester), 1660, 1540 (amide), and 860 cm^{-1} (Me_2C).

Anal. Calc. for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{51}\text{N}_9\text{O}_{15}$ (833.85): C, 51.86; H, 6.17; N, 15.12. Found: C, 51.75; H, 6.09; N, 15.36.

2,2'-O-(2,2'-Diazido-2,3,2',3'-tetra-deoxy- α,α' -trehalose-3,3'-diyl)bis(*N*-D-lactoyl-L-alanyl-D-isoglutamine benzyl ester) (**8**). — A solution of **7** (100 mg) in 80% aqueous acetic acid (2 mL) was heated for 2 h at 45° , and then concentrated to give **8** in quantitative yield; $[\alpha]_D +81.1^\circ$ (*c* 0.4, 1:2 dichloromethane–methanol); i.r. ν_{\max} 3350 (OH and NH), 2120 (azide), 1730 (ester), 1660, and 1540 cm^{-1} (amide); ^1H -n.m.r. data (1:2 $\text{CDCl}_3\text{--CD}_3\text{OD}$): δ 1.40, 1.42 (2 d, 12 H, 4 CH_3CH), 1.93, 2.25 (2 m, 4 H, 2 $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CO}$ of isoGln), 2.47 (t, 4 H, 2 CH_2CO of isoGln), 3.30–3.85 (m, 12 H, H-2,3,4,5,6a,6b,2',3',4',5',6a', and 6b'), 4.31–4.57 (m, 6 H, 2 NHCH of isoGln and 4 CH_3CH), 5.11 (s, 4 H, 2 PhCH_2), 5.34 (d, 2 H, $J_{1,2} = J_{1',2'} = 3.67\text{ Hz}$, H-1,1'), and 7.33 (s, 10 H, Ph-H).

Anal. Calc. for $\text{C}_{48}\text{H}_{66}\text{N}_{12}\text{O}_{19}$ (1115.12): C, 51.70; H, 5.97; N, 15.07. Found: C, 51.53; H, 5.68; N, 14.94.

N-[2-O-(2-azido-2-deoxy- α -D-glucopyranosyl 2-azido-2,3-dideoxy- α -D-glucopyranosid-3-yl)-D-lactoyl]-L-alanyl-D-isoglutamine benzyl ester (**13**). — Compound

13 was synthesized from **12** in quantitative yield by the procedure described for **8**; $[\alpha]_D +113.7^\circ$ (*c* 0.6, 1:2 dichloromethane–methanol); i.r.: ν_{\max} 3400 (OH and NH), 2100 (azide), 1740 (ester), 1660, and 1540 cm^{-1} (amide); ^1H -n.m.r. data (1:2 CDCl_3 – CD_3OD): δ 1.41, 1.42 (2 d, 6 H, 2 CH_3CH), 1.92, 2.23 (2 m, 2 H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CO}$ of isoGln), 2.47 (t, 2 H, CH_2CO of isoGln), 3.29–3.91 (m, 12 H, H-2,3,4,5,6a,6b, 2',3',4',5',6a', and 6b'), 4.34–4.41 (m, 3 H, NHCH of isoGln and CH_3CH), 5.12 (s, 2 H, PhCH_2), 5.22, 5.33 (2 d, $J = 3.67$, $J = 3.30$ Hz, H-1,1'), and 7.34 (s, 5 H, Ph-H).

Anal. Calc. $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{43}\text{N}_9\text{O}_{15}$ (846.8): C, 47.81; H, 5.71; N, 16.73. Found: C, 48.07; H, 5.58; N, 16.63.

2,2'-*O*-[2,2'-Diazido-2,3,2',3'-tetra-deoxy-6,6'-di-*O*-(2-tetradecylhexadecanoyl)- α,α' -trehalose-3,3'-diyl]bis(*N*-D-lactoyl-L-alanyl-D-isoglutamine benzyl ester) (**9**). — To a solution of **8** (38.0 mg, 0.031 mmol) in dry DMF (4 mL) were added 2-tetradecylhexadecanoic acid (35.0 mg, 0.078 mmol), 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (water soluble carbodiimide, WSC; 23.9 mg, 0.12 mmol), and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (3.8 mg, 0.031 mmol), and the mixture was stirred for 3 h at 40° . After concentration of the mixture, the residue was chromatographed on a column of silica gel with 100:1 dichloromethane–methanol to afford compound **9** (40.0 mg, 62%); $[\alpha]_D +18.5^\circ$ (*c* 0.4, dichloromethane); i.r.: ν_{\max} 3300 (OH and NH), 2940, 2860 (methyl and methylene), 2100 (azide), 1740 (ester), 1650, and 1540 cm^{-1} (amide); ^1H -n.m.r. data (CDCl_3): δ 0.88 (t, 12 H, 4 CH_3CH_2), 5.10 (s, 4 H, 2 PhCH_2), 5.17 (d, 2 H, $J_{1,2} = J_{1',2'} = 2.93$ Hz, H-1,1'), and 7.33 (s, 10 H, Ph-H).

Anal. Calc. for $\text{C}_{108}\text{H}_{182}\text{N}_{12}\text{O}_{21}$ (2090.74): C, 65.35; H, 9.24; N, 8.47. Found: C, 65.15; H, 9.35; N, 8.18.

N-{2-*O*-[2-azido-2-deoxy-3,6-di-*O*-(2-tetradecylhexadecanoyl)- α -D-glucopyranosyl 2-azido-2,3-dideoxy-6-*O*-(2-tetradecylhexadecanoyl)- α -D-glucopyranosid-3-yl]-D-lactoyl}-L-alanyl-D-isoglutamine benzyl ester (**14**). — Compound **14** was obtained from **13** in 63% yield by the procedure described for **9**; $[\alpha]_D +41.8^\circ$ (*c* 0.8, dichloromethane); i.r.: ν_{\max} 3400 (OH and NH), 2950, 2890 (methyl and methylene), 2140 (azide), 1750 (ester), 1670, and 1540 cm^{-1} (amide); ^1H -n.m.r. data (CDCl_3): δ 0.88 (t, 18 H, 6 CH_3CH_2), 5.12 (s, 2 H, PhCH_2), 5.20, 5.22 (2 d, 2 H, H-1,1'), 5.33 (t, 1 H, H-3), and 7.34 (s, 5 H, Ph-H).

Anal. Calc. for $\text{C}_{120}\text{H}_{217}\text{N}_9\text{O}_{17}$ (2058.14): C, 70.03; H, 10.63; N, 6.13. Found: C, 70.01; H, 10.33; N, 6.24.

2,2'-*O*-[2,2'-Diacetamido-2,3,2',3'-tetra-deoxy-6,6'-di-*O*-(2-tetradecylhexadecanoyl)- α,α' -trehalose-3,3'-diyl]bis(*N*-D-lactoyl-L-alanyl-D-isoglutamine) (**10**). — To a solution of **9** (40.0 mg) in tetrahydrofuran (10 mL) and acetic anhydride (1 mL) was added palladium black prepared from palladium chloride (50 mg), and the mixture was stirred for 12 h in a hydrogen atmosphere. The catalyst was filtered off and washed with tetrahydrofuran. The filtrate and washings were combined, and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed on a column of silica gel with 10:1 dichloromethane–methanol to give compound **10** (23.0 mg, 62%); $[\alpha]_D +19.1^\circ$

(*c* 0.2, dichloromethane); i.r.: ν_{\max} 3300 (OH and NH), 2930, 2850 (methyl and methylene), 1740 (ester), 1660, and 1540 cm^{-1} (amide).

Anal. Calc. for $\text{C}_{98}\text{H}_{178}\text{N}_8\text{O}_{23}$ (1836.54): C, 64.09; H, 9.77; N, 6.10. Found: C, 63.85; H, 9.51; N, 6.30.

N-{2-O-[2-acetamido-2-deoxy-3,6-di-O-(2-tetradecylhexadecanoyl)- α -D-glucopyranosyl 2-acetamido-2,3-dideoxy-6-O-(2-tetradecylhexadecanoyl)- α -D-glucopyranosid-3-yl]-D-lactoyl}-L-alanyl-D-isoglutamine (**15**). — Compound **15** was obtained from **14** by the procedure described for **10** in 74% yield; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} +24.0^\circ$ (*c* 0.6, dichloromethane); i.r.: ν_{\max} 3300 (OH and NH), 2930, 2850 (methyl and methylene), 1740 (ester), 1660, and 1540 cm^{-1} (amide).

Anal. Calc. for $\text{C}_{117}\text{H}_{219}\text{N}_5\text{O}_{19}$ (2000.05): C, 70.26; H, 11.04; N, 3.50. Found: C, 70.10; H, 11.33; N, 3.71.

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