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Syntheses of spacer-armed carbohydrate components of the *Mycobacterium avium* serocomplex serovar 8¹János Kerékgyártó^a, Károly Ágoston^a, Gyula Batta^b, Zoltán Szurmai^{a,*}^a Institute of Biochemistry, L. Kossuth University, P.O. Box 55, H-4010 Debrecen, Hungary^b Research Group for Antibiotics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, L. Kossuth University, P.O. Box 70, H-4010 Debrecen, Hungary

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Abstract

p-Nitrophenyl glycosides of 3-*O*-Me- β -D-Glcp-(1 \rightarrow 3)- α -L-Rhap, α -L-Rhap-(1 \rightarrow 2)-6-deoxy- α -L-Talp, and 3-*O*-Me- β -D-Glcp-(1 \rightarrow 3)- α -L-Rhap-(1 \rightarrow 2)-6-deoxy- α -L-Talp have been prepared, related to *Mycobacterium avium*. Various glycosylation methods have been used for the formation of the interglycosidic linkages. The *p*-nitrophenyl derivatives were converted into *p*-isothiocyanatophenyl glycosides, capable of forming neoglycoproteins. © 1997 Elsevier Science Ltd.

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Over the last decade, a number of oligosaccharides related to *Mycobacteria* have been synthesized in our laboratory [1–5]. It is known that *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* and *M. leprae* are responsible for human tuberculosis and leprosy, respectively. Recently, there has been growing interest in the *Mycobacterium avium*–*M. intracellulare*–*M. scrofulaceum* (MAIS) serocomplex because several serovariants, as opportunistic pathogens, cause infections among people with acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) [6]. The surface glycolipid of MAIS serovariant 8 has the following oligosaccharide component [7]: 4,6-*O*-Pyr-3-*O*-Me- β -D-Glcp-(1 \rightarrow 3)- α -L-Rhap-(1 \rightarrow 2)-6-

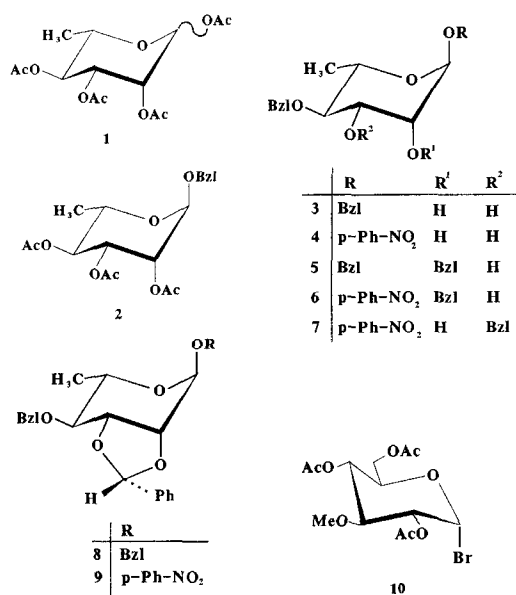
deoxy- α -L-Talp. This pyruvylated trisaccharide has been prepared in our laboratory by a 2 + 1 block synthesis as the *p*-trifluoroacetamidophenyl glycoside [5]. Now we describe the spacer-armed non-pyruvylated di- and trisaccharides, as *p*-isothiocyanatophenyl glycosides.

For the preparation of the 3-*O*-Me- β -D-Glcp-(1 \rightarrow 3)-L-Rhap disaccharide glycoside, first suitably protected precursors were synthesized. Benzyl 4-*O*-benzyl- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (**3**) [8] and *p*-nitrophenyl 4-*O*-benzyl- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (**4**) [3] were prepared from the corresponding 2,3-*O*-isopropylidene acetals by acid hydrolysis. One compound in the well-known reaction sequence, namely, benzyl 2,3,4-tri-*O*-acetyl- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (**2**) [9], was synthesized directly from tetra-*O*-acetyl-L-rhamnose (**1**) in dry dichloromethane using boron trifluoride etherate as the promoter. It is known that **3** can be

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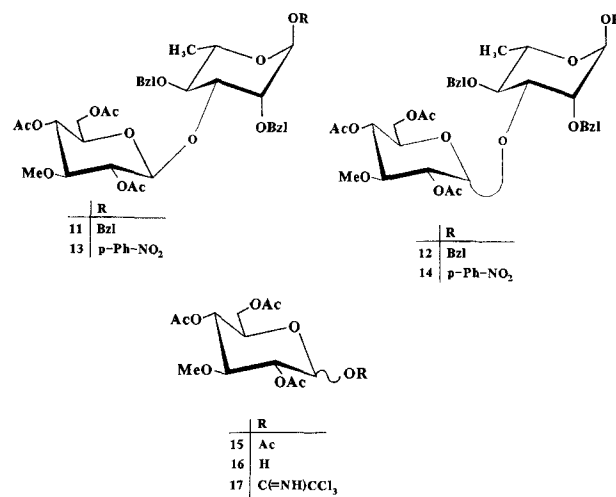
converted into the 2,4-di-*O*-benzyl derivative (**5**) by employing a phase-transfer-catalysed reaction [10] in a good yield. However, using the same conditions, compound **4** with benzyl bromide gave a mixture of the corresponding tri-*O*-benzyl, 2,4-di-*O*-benzyl (**6**), and 3,4-di-*O*-benzyl (**7**) derivatives in a molar ratio of 2:3:3 (TLC). Better selectivities were observed with a kinetically controlled benzylidenation [11] of **3** and **4**, yielding benzyl *endo*-2,3-*O*-benzylidene (**8**) and *p*-nitrophenyl *endo*-2,3-*O*-benzylidene- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (**9**), respectively. Reductive ring-opening of **8** and **9** with the lithium aluminium hydride–aluminium chloride reagent [8] at ambient temperature then resulted almost exclusively in the 2,4-di-*O*-benzyl isomers **5** and **6**, respectively. It has to be noted that in the case of **9** a prolonged reaction time of 30 min causes the reduction of the nitro group.



Glycosylation of **5** with **10** [12] under *Helferich* conditions gave a mixture of **11** and **12** in a molar ratio of 10:1, demonstrating a non-exclusive stereoselectivity. Almost the same result was observed in the case of **6**, whereby a mercuric bromide-promoted reaction [13] with **10** yielded a 5:1 mixture of **13** and **14**.

In order to get a better yield and a higher stereoselectivity in the preparation of the disaccharide derivative **11**, the imidate procedure [14] was applied. 1,2,4,6-Tetra-*O*-acetyl-3-*O*-methyl-D-glucopyranose (**15**) [12] was converted into 2,4,6-tri-*O*-acetyl-3-*O*-methyl-D-glucopyranose (**16**) using hydrazine acetate [15], and the corresponding imidate **17** was produced

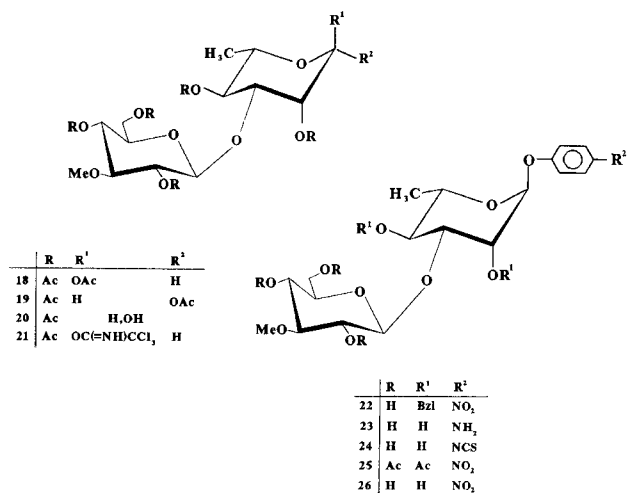
using trichloroacetonitrile and 1,8-diazabicyclo-[5.4.0]undec-7-ene [16]. Then, the glycosyl donor **17** was coupled with **5** in the presence of trimethylsilyl triflate (0.2 equiv) and 4 Å molecular sieves (pellets) at -40°C . It is noteworthy that *powdered* molecular sieves removed the catalyst from the reaction mixture. The reaction was stereospecific, but a little by-product was formed with higher chromatographic mobility.



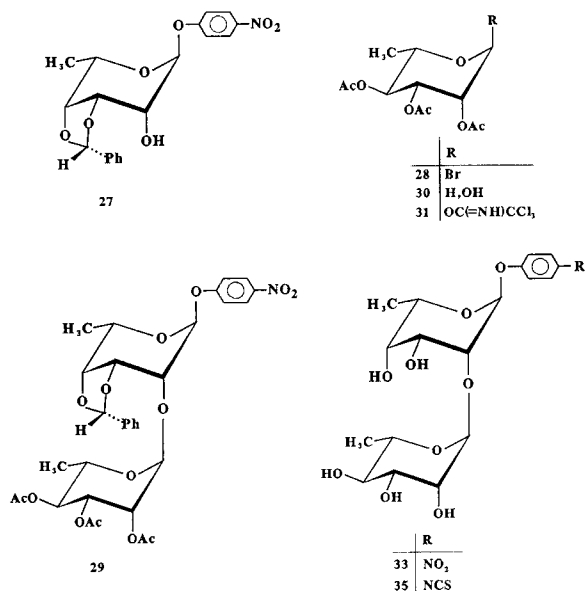
The silver triflate-promoted [17] reaction of **5** with **10** gave exclusively disaccharide derivative **11** in a good yield. Hydrogenolysis (Pd-C, H₂) of **11** and conventional acetylation of the product afforded (2,4,6-tri-*O*-acetyl-3-*O*-methyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 3)-1,2,4-tri-*O*-acetyl-L-rhamnopyranose as a mixture of the anomers **18** and **19**, and both compounds were isolated and characterised. Compound **18** was converted into **20** by hydrazine acetate, then the corresponding imidate **21** was formed by treatment with trichloroacetonitrile.

In order to prepare 3-*O*-Me- β -D-Glcp-(1 \rightarrow 3)-L-Rhap with a *p*-isothiocyanatophenyl aglycone, compound **13** was deacetylated with sodium methoxide (2.5 equiv) in methanol (\rightarrow **22**) [18]. Reduction of the nitro and benzyl groups in a one pot reaction (Pd-C, H₂, 80% ethanol) gave **23** with 10% impurity. The crude product was reacted with thiophosgene in the presence of BaCO₃ (\rightarrow **24**) [19], but the impurity could not be removed either by chromatography or by crystallization. Following an other route, pure **24** was prepared from **18** by reaction with *p*-nitrophenol (boron trifluoride etherate; dichloromethane, \rightarrow **25**) and subsequent deacetylation, yielding firstly the *p*-nitrophenyl glycoside **26**. Then, reduction of the nitro

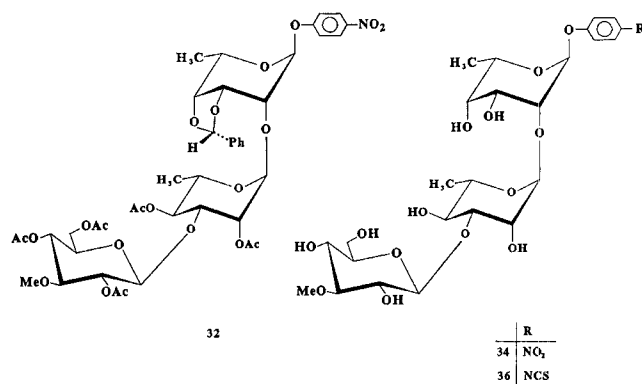
group and reaction with thiophosgene gave the spacer-armed disaccharide **24**.



The silver triflate-promoted glycosylation of *p*-nitrophenyl *endo*-3,4-*O*-benzylidene-6-deoxy- α -L-talopyranoside (**27**) with 2,3,4-tri-*O*-acetyl- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl bromide (**28**) at -40°C gave a complex reaction mixture. In order to prepare the disaccharide **29**, glycosyl donor **28** was converted into imidate **31** by reaction with water in the presence of silver oxide (\rightarrow **30**), followed by treatment with trichloroacetonitrile. Coupling of **27** with the rhamnosyl donor **31** at -40°C gave **29** in an excellent yield (94%). It is noteworthy that under these conditions cleavage or isomerisation of the dioxolane-type benzylidene group have not been observed.



Reaction of **27** with the disaccharide imidate **21** yielded the fully protected trisaccharide **32** in a good yield (73%). Deprotection of disaccharide **29** and trisaccharide **32** (deacylation, then acid hydrolysis) gave the *p*-nitrophenyl glycosides **33** and **34**, respectively. The *p*-nitrophenyl group was converted into the *p*-isothiocyanatophenyl group as described for the preparation of **24**, to give the spacer-armed di- (**35**) and trisaccharides (**36**).



The structures of the deprotected compounds **24**, **26**, **33**, **34**, **35**, and **36** were confirmed by ^{13}C NMR spectroscopy. These compounds have been used for the preparation of the neoglycoproteins, which will be published in a separate paper.

Experimental

General.—Melting points (uncorrected) were determined on a Kofler hot-stage apparatus. Optical rotations were measured with a Perkin–Elmer 241 polarimeter. NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker WP-200 SY or 400 AM spectrometer for solutions in CDCl_3 (internal Me_4Si) or in D_2O (internal 1,4-dioxane). In the case of compound **34** COSY and HETCOR spectra were acquired at 200 MHz. A HMBC spectrum was recorded with a Bruker DRX 500 instrument to reveal long-range proton–carbon connectivities. Interglycosidic linkages were unequivocally proved by this method [20]. The reactions were monitored by TLC on Kieselgel 60 F₂₅₄ (Merck, Darmstadt) with detection by charring with H_2SO_4 . Kieselgel 60 (Merck) was used for short-column chromatography. The original procedure was used for the regioselective ring-opening reaction of **8** (\rightarrow **5**) with the $\text{LiAlH}_4\text{–AlCl}_3$ reagent [8] and for the preparation of compound **27** [4].

Benzyl 2,3,4-tri-O-acetyl- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (2).—To a solution of 1,2,3,4-tetra-O-acetyl-L-rhamnopyranose (**1**; 39.5 g, 118.9 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (100 mL) were added 4 Å molecular sieves (10 g pellets) and benzyl alcohol (20.7 mL, 200 mmol), and the mixture was stirred under Ar for 30 min. After the addition of $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$ (24.6 mL, 200 mmol) at 0 °C, the mixture was stirred for 2 h at 0 °C, then at ambient temperature overnight. Pyridine (20 mL) was added, and the mixture was filtered through Celite, then the cake was washed with CH_2Cl_2 (2 \times 50 mL). The combined filtrates were washed with aq 5% NaHCO_3 (2 \times 50 mL) and water (3 \times 50 mL), dried, and concentrated. The crystalline residue was recrystallized from EtOH to give **2** (17.48 g, 38.6%); mp 108–110 °C, lit. 110 °C [9]; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} -75^\circ$ (c 0.52, CHCl_3), lit. -73° (CHCl_3) [9]; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 7.38–7.32 (m, 5 H, Ph), 5.34 (dd, 1 H, $J_{3,4}$ 10 Hz, H-3), 5.28 (dd, 1 H, $J_{2,3}$ 3.5 Hz, H-2), 5.08 (t, 1 H, $J_{4,5}$ 10 Hz, H-4), 4.80 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 1.6 Hz, H-1), 4.63 (dd, 2 H, PhCH_2), 3.91 (m, 1 H, $J_{5,6}$ 6.2 Hz, H-5), 2.13, 2.05, and 1.98 (3 s, each 3 H, 3 Ac), 1.21 (d, 3 H, CMe). The mother liquor was concentrated and subjected to column chromatography (99:1 \rightarrow 95:5 CH_2Cl_2 –EtOAc) yielding an additional amount of **2** (13.78 g, 30.5%). Overall yield: 69.1%.

Benzyl 4-O-benzyl-endo-2,3-O-benzylidene- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (8).—To a solution of benzyl 4-O-benzyl- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (**3**; 3.44 g, 10 mmol) in α,α -dimethoxytoluene (15 mL) was added *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (150 mg), and the mixture was stirred for 20 min at room temperature. Then, the mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (160 mL), washed with aq 5% NaHCO_3 (2 \times 25 mL) and water (3 \times 25 mL), dried, filtered, and concentrated. Column chromatography (hexane \rightarrow 7:3 hexane–EtOAc) of the residue yielded **8** (3.42 g, 79%); mp 52–54 °C (from hexane), lit. 53–54 °C [8]; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} -63^\circ$ (c 1, CHCl_3), lit. -57° (CHCl_3) [8]; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 7.50–7.22 (m, 15 H, 3 Ph), 5.91 (s, 1 H, PhCH), 5.18 (s, 1 H, H-1), 4.84–4.42 (m, 5 H, 2 PhCH_2 and H-3), 4.28 (d, 1 H, H-2), 3.82 (m, 1 H, H-5), 3.27 (dd, 1 H, H-4), 1.26 (d, 3 H, CMe).

***p*-Nitrophenyl 4-O-benzyl-endo-2,3-O-benzylidene- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (9).**—To a solution of *p*-nitrophenyl 4-O-benzyl- α -L-rhamnopyranoside [**3**] (**4**; 1126 mg, 3 mmol) in α,α -dimethoxytoluene (4 mL) was added *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (100 mg) and the mixture was stirred for 15 min at room temperature, then worked-up as described for **8**. Column chromatography (hexane \rightarrow 7:3 hexane–EtOAc) of the

residue yielded **9**, isolated as a syrup (1126 mg, 81%); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} -133^\circ$ (c 0.11, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 8.21 (d, 2 H, aromatic), 7.56–7.10 (m, 12 H, aromatic), 5.99 (s, 1 H, PhCH), 5.93 (s, 1 H, H-1), 4.90–4.46 (m, 4 H, PhCH_2 , H-2,3), 3.78 (m, 1 H, H-5), 3.34 (dd, 1 H, H-4), 1.20 (d, 3 H, CMe). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_7$: C, 67.37; H, 5.44. Found: C, 67.51; H, 5.40.

***p*-Nitrophenyl 2,4-di-O-benzyl- (6) and *p*-nitrophenyl 3,4-di-O-benzyl- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (7).**—**Procedure A.**—A mixture of *p*-nitrophenyl-4-O-benzyl- α -L-rhamnopyranoside [**3**] (**4**; 751 mg, 2 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL), aq 20% NaOH (10 mL), tetrabutylammonium bromide (0.64 g, 2 mmol), and benzyl bromide (0.29 mL, 2.4 mmol) was vigorously stirred overnight at room temperature. Then, the mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (60 mL), and the organic layer was separated and washed with water (4 \times 20 mL), dried (MgSO_4), and concentrated. Column chromatography (98:2 CH_2Cl_2 –acetone) of the residue gave **6** (257 mg, 27.6%) and **7** (240 mg, 25.8%). Compound **6** had $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} -80.6^\circ$ (c 1.39, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 8.17 and 7.07 (2 d, each 2 H, aromatic), 7.43–7.22 (m, 10 H, aromatic), 5.58 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 1 Hz, H-1), 4.95–4.63 (m, 4 H, 2 PhCH_2), 4.13 (m, 1 H, after addition of D_2O dd, $J_{2,3}$ 3.8, $J_{3,4}$ 9 Hz, H-3), 3.95 (dd, 1 H, H-2), 3.68 (m, 1 H, H-5), 3.43 (t, 1 H, H-4), 2.41 (d, 1 H, OH, disappeared after addition of D_2O), 1.29 (d, 3 H, CMe). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_7$: C, 67.08; H, 5.85. Found: C, 67.19; H, 5.92. Compound **7** had $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} -55.9^\circ$ (c 0.86, CHCl_3); Anal. Found: C, 67.26; H, 5.87.

Procedure B.—To a solution of **9** (927 mg, 2 mmol) in 1:1 Et_2O – CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) was added, with stirring, a solution of LiAlH_4 (114 mg, 3 mmol) and AlCl_3 (400 mg, 3 mmol) in Et_2O (10 mL), and stirring was continued for an additional 10 min. The mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (60 mL) and the excess reagent was decomposed with EtOAc (5 mL), and $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3$ was precipitated with water (5 mL). The organic layer was decanted, washed with water (2 \times 15 mL), dried (MgSO_4), and concentrated. The residue contained **6** and **7** in a molar ratio of 9:1 (TLC). Compound **6** was isolated by column chromatography yielding 735 mg (78.9%).

Benzyl (2,4,6-tri-O-acetyl-3-O-methyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 3)- (11) and benzyl (2,4,6-tri-O-acetyl-3-O-methyl- α -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 3)-2,4-di-O-benzyl- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (12).—**Procedure A.**—A solution of **5** (869 mg, 2 mmol) and $\text{Hg}(\text{CN})_2$ (606 mg, 2.4 mmol) in dry toluene (10 mL)

and nitromethane (10 mL) was concentrated to half its volume at atmospheric pressure. After cooling, 920 mg (2.4 mmol) of 2,4,6-tri-*O*-acetyl-3-*O*-methyl- α -D-glucopyranosyl bromide (**10**) [12] was added, and the mixture was stirred for 2 h at 50 °C, then diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (40 mL). After filtration, the filtrate was washed with aq 5% KI (2 \times 10 mL) and water (2 \times 10 mL), dried (MgSO₄), and concentrated. The products were separated by column chromatography (95:5 CH₂Cl₂–EtOAc) yielding 1017 mg (69%) of **11** and 98 mg (6.6%) of **12**. Compound **11** had $[\alpha]_D -57^\circ$ (*c* 1.39, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.43–7.20 (m, 15 H, aromatic), 5.16–4.91 (m, 2 H, H-2',4'), 4.87–4.51 (m, 7 H, 3 PhCH₂ and H-1), 4.40 (d, 1 H, *J*_{1',2'} 8 Hz, H-1'), 3.42 (s, 3 H, OMe), 2.10, 1.89, and 1.81 (3 s, each 3 H, 3 Ac), 1.27 (d, 3 H, CMe). Anal. Calcd for C₄₀H₄₈O₁₃: C, 65.20; H, 6.57. Found: C, 65.00; H, 6.52. Compound **12** had $[\alpha]_D +18^\circ$ (*c* 0.53, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.43–7.20 (m, 15 H, aromatic), 5.31 (d, 1 H, *J*_{1',2'} 3.6 Hz, H-1'), 5.07–4.38 (m, 9 H, 3 PhCH₂, H-1,2',4'), 3.44 (s, 3 H, OMe), 1.99, 1.98, and 1.84 (3 s, each 3 H, 3 Ac), 1.33 (d, 3 H, CMe). Anal. Found: C, 65.39; H, 6.58.

Procedure B. — To a solution of 1,2,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl-3-*O*-methyl-D-glucopyranose [12] (**15**; 4.25 g, 11.73 mmol) in dry DMF (12 mL) was added hydrazine acetate [15] (1.30 g, 14.1 mmol) and the mixture was kept for 20 min at 50 °C. After cooling, the mixture was diluted with EtOAc (300 mL) and washed with aq 5% NaCl (3 \times 40 mL). The combined washings were extracted with EtOAc (40 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with water (40 mL), dried, filtered, and concentrated. The obtained crude 2,4,6-tri-*O*-acetyl-3-*O*-methyl-D-glucopyranose (**16**) was dissolved in dry CH₂Cl₂ (40 mL), then trichloroacetonitrile (11.73 mL, 117 mmol) and 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene [16] (2.39 mL, 16 mmol) were added. The mixture was stirred for 20 min, then concentrated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (9:1 CH₂Cl₂–EtOAc containing 0.5% Et₃N) to yield 2,4,6-tri-*O*-acetyl-3-*O*-methyl- α -D-glucopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate (**17**), isolated as a syrup (3.28 g, 60.2%). Only the pure fractions, free of UV active impurities, were collected; $[\alpha]_D +85.7^\circ$ (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 8.67 (s, 1 H, NH), 6.52 (d, 1 H, *J*_{1,2} 3.8 Hz, H-1), 5.12 (t, 1 H, *J*_{4,5} 10 Hz, H-4), 5.03 (dd, 1 H, *J*_{2,3} 10 Hz, H-2), 4.27–4.04 (m, 3 H, H-5,6a,6b), 3.82 (t, 1 H, *J*_{3,4} 10 Hz, H-3), 3.50 (s, 3 H, OMe), 2.12 and 2.08 (2 s, 3,6 H, 3 Ac).

A solution of **5** (435 mg, 1 mmol) and **17** (558 mg,

1.2 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (8 mL), containing 4 Å molecular sieves (2 g pellets), was cooled to –40 °C under Ar. Then, a solution of Me₃SiOTf (19.3 μ L, 0.1 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) was added dropwise and the mixture was stirred for 30 min at –40 °C. After the addition of pyridine (1 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL), the mixture was filtered through Celite, the filtrate was washed with aq 5% NaHCO₃ (10 mL) and water (2 \times 10 mL), dried, and concentrated and co-concentrated with toluene (3 \times 20 mL). The residue was purified by column chromatography (95:5 CH₂Cl₂–EtOAc) to give pure **11** (575 mg, 78%); $[\alpha]_D -55.5^\circ$ (*c* 0.82, CHCl₃). A by-product with higher chromatographic mobility was also isolated (38 mg).

Procedure C. — To a stirred solution of **5** (435 mg, 1 mmol) and **10** (460 mg, 1.2 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (8 mL) was added 4 Å powdered molecular sieves (1 g), and the mixture was stirred under Ar for 15 min. A solution of silver triflate [17] (308 mg, 1.2 mmol) in 8 mL dry toluene was added to the mixture over a period of 5 min at –50 °C. Stirring was continued for an additional hour while the temperature was raised to –40 °C. The mixture was neutralized with pyridine, diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL), and filtered through Celite. The filtrate was washed with aq 10% sodium thiosulfate (2 \times 20 mL) and water (2 \times 20 mL), dried, and evaporated. The product was purified by column chromatography giving pure **11** (659 mg, 89.4%); $[\alpha]_D -54.4^\circ$ (*c* 0.40, CHCl₃).

p-Nitrophenyl (2,4,6-tri-*O*-acetyl-3-*O*-methyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 3)- (13**) and p-nitrophenyl (2,4,6-tri-*O*-acetyl-3-*O*-methyl- α -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 3)-2,4-di-*O*-benzyl- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (**14**).** — A mixture of **6** (400 mg, 0.859 mmol), dry CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL), 2,4,6-tri-*O*-acetyl-3-*O*-methyl- α -D-glucopyranosyl bromide (**10**) [12] (395 mg, 1.03 mmol), and 4 Å powdered molecular sieves (1 g), was stirred under Ar for 15 min. Then, HgBr₂ (371 mg, 1.03 mmol) was added [13] and stirring was continued for 2 days at room temperature. The mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL), filtered, and the filtrate was washed with aq 5% KI (2 \times 15 mL), dried (MgSO₄), and concentrated. Column chromatography (95:5 CH₂Cl₂–EtOAc) of the residue gave amorphous **13** (292 mg, 44.3%); $[\alpha]_D -79^\circ$ (*c* 0.47, CHCl₃); NMR data (CDCl₃): ¹H (400 MHz), δ 8.15 and 7.03 (2 d, each 2 H, aromatic), 7.44–7.25 (m, 10 H, aromatic), 5.43 (d, 1 H, *J*_{1,2} 1.9 Hz, H-1), 5.12 (dd, 1 H, H-2'), 5.03 (t, 1 H, H-4'), 4.86 (d, 1 H, *J*_{1',2'} 8.0 Hz, H-1'), 4.90–4.54 (m, 4 H, 2 PhCH₂), 4.19–4.05 (m, 4 H,

H-2,3,6a',6b'), 3.65–3.60 (m, 3 H, H-4,5,5'), 3.48 (t, 1 H, H-3'), 3.41 (s, 3 H, OMe), 2.11, 1.95, and 1.91 (3 s, each 3 H, 3 Ac), 1.20 (d, 3 H, CMe); ^{13}C (100.6 MHz), δ 101.93 (C-1'), 96.62 (C-1), 58.91 (OMe). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{45}\text{NO}_{15}$: C, 61.01; H, 5.91. Found: C, 60.82; H, 5.97.

Further elution gave **14** (92 mg, 13.9%); mp 176–177 °C (from cyclohexane–EtOH); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} -6^\circ$ (*c* 0.60, CHCl_3); NMR data (CDCl_3): ^1H (400 MHz), δ 8.17 and 7.07 (2 d, each 2 H, aromatic), 7.41–7.27 (m, 10 H, aromatic), 5.49 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 2.2 Hz, H-1), 5.38 (d, 1 H, $J_{1',2'}$ 3.7 Hz, H-1'), 5.02 (dd, 1 H, H-4'), 4.86 (dd, 1 H, H-2'), 4.92–4.58 (m, 4 H, 2 PhCH_2), 4.21 (dd, 1 H, H-3), 4.13 (m, 1 H, H-5'), 4.00–3.92 (m, 3 H, H-2,6a',6b'), 3.77–3.69 (m, 3 H, H-3',4,5), 3.44 (s, 3 H, OMe), 2.02, 1.96, and 1.90 (3 s, each 3 H, 3 Ac), 1.30 (d, 3 H, CMe); ^{13}C (100.6 MHz), δ 96.16 (C-1), 92.41 (C-1'), 60.17 (OMe). A mixture of **13** and **14** (125 mg, 18.9%) was also isolated.

(2,4,6-Tri-O-acetyl-3-O-methyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 3)-1,2,4-tri-O-acetyl- α - (18) and β -L-rhamnopyranose (19).—Compound **11** (1 g) was hydrogenated over Pd–C (100 mg) in 10:1 EtOH–HOAc (33 mL) for 2 days. After filtration, the filtrate was concentrated and co-concentrated with toluene (3 \times 15 mL). The residue was conventionally acetylated in 1:1 pyridine–Ac₂O (30 mL), and the product was purified by column chromatography (7:3 CH_2Cl_2 –EtOAc) to yield **18** (0.57 g, 71%) and **19** (64 mg, 8%). Compound **18** had mp 185–187 °C (from EtOH); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} -36.5^\circ$ (*c* 0.72, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 5.99 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 2 Hz, H-1), 5.17 (dd, 1 H, $J_{2,3}$ 3.8 Hz, H-2), 5.11 (t, 1 H, $J_{4,5}$ 10 Hz, H-4), 5.05 (t, 1 H, $J_{4',5'}$ 9.8 Hz, H-4'), 4.93 (dd, 1 H, $J_{2',3'}$ 9.8 Hz, H-2'), 4.55 (d, 1 H, $J_{1',2'}$ 8 Hz, H-1'), 4.15 (d, 2 H, H-6a',6b'), 4.06 (dd, 1 H, $J_{3,4}$ 10 Hz, H-3), 3.81 (m, 1 H, H-5), 3.57 (m, 1 H, H-5'), 3.44 (t, 1 H, $J_{3',4'}$ 9.8 Hz, H-3'), 3.37 (s, 3 H, OMe), 2.13, 2.12, 2.10, and 2.09 (4 s, 6,3,3,6 H, 6 Ac), 1.19 (d, 3 H, CMe). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{36}\text{O}_{16}$: C, 50.67, H, 6.12. Found: C, 50.50; H, 6.11. Compound **19** had mp 178–180 °C (from EtOH); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} +4.3^\circ$ (*c* 0.28, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 5.72 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 1.2 Hz, H-1), 5.44 (dd, 1 H, $J_{2,3}$ 3.5 Hz, H-2), 5.08–4.94 (m, 2 H, H-4,4'), 4.88 (dd, 1 H, $J_{2',3'}$ 9.7 Hz, H-2'), 4.48 (d, 1 H, $J_{1',2'}$ 7.8 Hz, H-1'), 4.11 (d, 2 H, H-6a',6b'), 3.79 (dd, 1 H, $J_{3,4}$ 9.8 Hz, H-3), 3.60–3.44 (m, 2 H, H-5,5'), 3.39 (t, 1 H, $J_{3',4'}$ 9.5 Hz, H-3'), 3.33 (s, 3 H, OMe), 2.12, 2.08, 2.06, 2.05, 2.04, and 2.03 (6 s, each 3 H, 6 Ac), 1.22 (d, 3 H, CMe). Anal. Found: C, 50.52; H, 6.15.

(2,4,6-Tri-O-acetyl-3-O-methyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 3)-2,4-di-O-acetyl- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl

trichloroacetimidate (21).—Compound **18** (450 mg, 0.76 mmol) was converted into imidate **21**, via **20**, as described for the preparation of **17** from **15**. Yield: 314 mg (59.5%); mp 149–156 °C; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} -33^\circ$ (*c* 0.80, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 8.74 (bs, 1 H, NH), 6.20 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 1.5 Hz, H-1), 5.35 (dd, 1 H, H-2), 5.21–4.91 (m, 3 H, H-4,2',4'), 4.56 (d, 1 H, $J_{1',2'}$ 7.8 Hz, H-1'), 4.19–4.07 (m, 3 H, H-3,6a',6b'), 3.95 (m, 1 H, H-5), 3.58 (m, 1 H, H-5'), 3.44 (t, 1 H, H-3'), 3.37 (s, 3 H, OMe), 2.16, 2.14, 2.12, 2.10, and 2.09 (5 s, each 3 H, 5 Ac), 1.22 (d, 3 H, CMe). This compound was used for the next step without further purification.

p-Nitrophenyl (3-O-methyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 3)-2,4-di-O-benzyl- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (22).—To a solution of **13** (307 mg, 0.4 mmol) in dry MeOH (50 mL) was added NaOMe (54 mg, 1 mmol), and the mixture was kept for 3 days at ambient temperature. The solution was neutralized with Amberlite IR 120 (H^+) resin, filtered, and concentrated. Column chromatography (8:2 CH_2Cl_2 –acetone) of the residue gave glassy **22** (160 mg, 62.3%); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} -103^\circ$ (*c* 0.43, MeOH); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 8.19 (d, 2 H, aromatics), 7.42–7.23 (m, 10 H, aromatics), 7.08 (d, 2 H, aromatics), 4.85–4.43 (m, 5 H, H-1 and 2 PhCH_2), 4.37 (d, 1 H, $J_{1',2'}$ 7.6 Hz, H-1'), 3.53 (s, 3 H, OMe), 2.68 (bs, 1 H, OH), 1.70 (bs, 2 H, 2 OH), 1.23 (d, 3 H, CMe). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{39}\text{NO}_{12}$: C, 61.77; H, 6.13. Found: C, 61.92; H, 6.10.

Attempted preparation of *p*-isothiocyanatophenyl (3-O-methyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 3)- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (24).—Compound **22** (64 mg, 0.1 mmol) was hydrogenated over Pd–C (120 mg) in aq 80% EtOH (15 mL) and the reaction was monitored by TLC. Conversion of the nitro group into an amino group was rather quick (9:1 CH_2Cl_2 –MeOH), but the removal of the benzyl groups was not completed within days (8:2 CH_2Cl_2 –MeOH). After 4 days, the catalyst was filtered out, the pH of the filtrate was adjusted to 8 with BaCO_3 and maintained at 8 by adding BaCO_3 whilst thiophosgene (0.2 mL) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. Filtration and concentration yielded a slightly coloured syrup, which was purified by column chromatography (95:5 CH_2Cl_2 –MeOH) to give an impure material (37 mg) which could not be purified either by repeated chromatography or by crystallization (from EtOH or EtOAc–MeOH).

p-Nitrophenyl (2,4,6-tri-O-acetyl-3-O-methyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 3)-2,4-di-O-acetyl- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (25).—To a stirred mixture of **18** (148 mg, 250 μmol), *p*-nitrophenol (52 mg, 375 μmol), 4

Å molecular sieves (1 g pellets), and dry CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL) under Ar was added $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$ (31 μL , 250 μmol). After 24 h an additional amount of $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$ (31 μL) was added, and stirring was continued for an additional day. Pyridine (1 mL) and CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL) were added, the mixture was filtered through Celite, and the filtrate was washed with aq 5% NaHCO_3 (2×10 mL) and water (3×10 mL), dried, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography to yield pure **25** (69 mg, 41%); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} -71.6^\circ$ (c 0.21, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 8.22–7.14 (2 d, 4 H, aromatics), 5.58 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 1.2 Hz, H-1), 5.34 (dd, 1 H, H-2), 5.22–4.91 (m, 3 H, H-4,2',4'), 4.61 (d, 1 H, $J_{1',2'}$ 8 Hz, H-1'), 4.28–4.10 (m, 3 H, H-3,6a',6b'), 3.87–3.57 (m, 2 H, H-5,5'), 3.48 (t, 1 H, H-3'), 3.38 (s, 3 H, OMe), 2.18, 2.13, 2.11, 2.09, and 2.08 (5 s, each 3 H, 5 Ac), 1.18 (d, 3 H, CMe). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{37}\text{NO}_{17}$: C, 51.86; H, 5.55. Found: C, 52.04; H, 5.60.

p-Nitrophenyl (3-O-methyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 3)- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (**26**).—Compound **25** (67 mg, 0.1 mmol) was deacetylated as described for the preparation of **22** from **13**. The product was purified by column chromatography (9:1 CH_2Cl_2 –MeOH) yielding **26**, isolated as a foam (30 mg, 65%); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} -119^\circ$ (c 0.52, MeOH); ^{13}C NMR (D_2O): δ 161.80 and 143.32 (aromatic-q), 127.01 and 117.72 (aromatic), 104.80 (C-1'), 98.81 (C-1), 86.14 (C-3'), 80.93 (C-3), 61.49 (C-6'), 60.63 (OMe), 17.72 (C-6). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_{12}$: C, 49.45; H, 5.90. Found: C, 49.67; H, 5.93.

p-Nitrophenyl endo-3,4-O-benzylidene-6-deoxy- α -L-talopyranoside (**27**).—This compound was prepared as described earlier [4]. The product was crystallized from hexane–EtOAc to give pure **27**; mp 89–90 $^\circ\text{C}$; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} -106.8^\circ$ (c 1.1, CHCl_3), lit. -106° (CHCl_3) [4].

p-Nitrophenyl (2,3,4-tri-O-acetyl- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 2)-endo-3,4-O-benzylidene-6-deoxy- α -L-talopyranoside (**29**).—A mixture of 2,3,4-tri-O-acetyl- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl bromide (**28**; 353 mg, 1 mmol), 'old' Ag_2O (463 mg, 2 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL) and water (0.1 mL) was stirred for 1 h at room temperature, then diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL), and filtered through Celite. The filtrate was washed with aq 10% $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ (5 mL) and water (3×5 mL), dried, and concentrated. The residue was converted into imidate **31** as described for **17**. Column chromatography (9:1 CH_2Cl_2 –EtOAc, containing 0.5% Et_3N) gave **31** (276 mg, 63%); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} -38.3^\circ$ (c 1.99, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 8.74 (bs, 1 H, NH), 6.20 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 2 Hz, H-1), 5.46 (dd, 1 H, $J_{2,3}$ 3.5

Hz, H-2), 5.37 (dd, 1 H, $J_{3,4}$ 10 Hz, H-3), 5.17 (t, 1 H, $J_{4,5}$ 10 Hz, H-4), 4.09 (m, 1 H, H-5), 2.19, 2.08, and 2.01 (3 s, each 3 H, 3 Ac), 1.28 (d, 3 H, CMe).

A solution of *p*-nitrophenyl endo-3,4-O-benzylidene-6-deoxy- α -L-talopyranoside (**27**) (93.3 mg, 250 μmol) and 2,3,4-tri-O-acetyl- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate (**31**; 163 mg, 375 μmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (4 mL), containing 4 Å molecular sieves (0.5 g pellets), was cooled to -40°C under Ar. A solution of Me_3SiOTf (9.7 μL , 50 nmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (1 mL) was added dropwise and the mixture was stirred for 20 min at -40°C . After the addition of pyridine (0.5 mL) and CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL), the mixture was filtered through Celite, the filtrate was washed with aq 5% NaHCO_3 (5 mL) and water (3×5 mL), dried, and concentrated and co-concentrated with toluene (3×10 mL). The product was purified by column chromatography (95:5 CH_2Cl_2 –EtOAc) to give **29** (152 mg, 94.2%); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} -91.5^\circ$ (c 1.18, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 8.24 and 7.14 (2 d, 4 H, aromatics), 7.67–7.40 (m, 5 H, Ph), 5.82 (s, 1 H, PhCH), 5.73 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 6.4 Hz, H-1), 5.30 (dd, 1 H, H-2'), 5.19 (dd, 1 H, $J_{2',3'}$ 3.5, $J_{3',4'}$ 10 Hz, H-3'), 5.06 (t, 1 H, H-4'), 5.06 (bs, 1 H, H-1'), 4.71 (dd, 1 H, $J_{2,3}$ 2.8, $J_{3,4}$ 8.2 Hz, H-3), 2.17, 1.99, and 1.93 (3 s, each 3 H, 3 Ac), 1.29 and 1.21 (2 d, each 3 H, 2 CMe). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{35}\text{NO}_{14}$: C, 57.67; H, 5.46. Found: C, 57.91; H, 5.50.

p-Nitrophenyl (2,4,6-tri-O-acetyl-3-O-methyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 3)-(2,4-di-O-acetyl- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 2)-endo-3,4-O-benzylidene-6-deoxy- α -L-talopyranoside (**32**).—Compound **27** (101 mg, 0.27 mmol) was reacted with imidate **21** (209 mg, 0.3 mmol) as described for **29**. Column chromatography of the crude product yielded amorphous **32** (178 mg, 72.8%); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} -86.8^\circ$ (c 0.99, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 8.24 and 7.14 (2 d, 4 H, aromatic), 7.67–7.40 (m, 5 H, aromatic), 5.81 (s, 1 H, PhCH), 5.67 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 6 Hz, H-1), 5.22 (dd, 1 H, H-2'), 5.12–4.65 (m, 4 H, H-1',4',2'',4''), 4.39 (d, 1 H, $J_{1'',2''}$ 7.8 Hz, H-1''), 3.48 (m, 1 H, H-5''), 3.34 (t, 1 H, H-3''), 3.32 (s, 3 H, OMe), 2.10, 2.04, 2.02, and 1.82 (4 s, 3,6,3,3 H, 5 Ac), 1.28 and 1.17 (2 d, each 3 H, 2 CMe). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{51}\text{NO}_{21}$: C, 55.69; H, 5.68. Found: C, 55.81; H, 5.73.

p-Nitrophenyl α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 2)-6-deoxy- α -L-talopyranoside (**33**).—To a solution of **29** (129 mg, 0.2 mmol) in dry MeOH (4 mL) was added a catalytic amount of NaOMe. The mixture was kept at room temperature overnight, then neutralized with HOAc, and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in aq 60% HOAc (4 mL) and the solution was kept

Table 1

NMR data for trisaccharide **34** in D₂O (δ in ppm, J in Hz)

Sugar unit	Atom No.	δ , ¹³ C	δ , ¹ H	J , ¹ H
6-deoxy-Tal	1	97.86	5.70	$J_{1,2}$ 1.2
	2	76.94	4.05	$J_{2,3}$ 3.6
	3	66.28	4.16	$J_{3,4}$ 3.7
	4	71.87	3.67	$J_{4,5}$ 1.1
	5	69.16	3.99	$J_{5,6}$ 6.6
	6	16.06	1.10	
Rha	1	103.17	4.98	$J_{1',2'}$ 1.8
	2	70.36	4.27	$J_{2',3'}$ 3.3
	3	80.23	3.92	$J_{3',4'}$ 9.7
	4	71.70	3.55	$J_{4',5'}$ 9.7
	5	70.00	3.78	$J_{5',6'}$ 6.1
	6	17.49	1.20	
Glc	1	104.24	4.65	$J_{1'',2''}$ 8.1
	2	73.46	3.34	$J_{2'',3''}$ 9.5
	3	85.86	3.20	$J_{3'',4''}$ 9.5
	4	69.51	3.44	$J_{4'',5''}$ 9.5
	5	76.32	3.38	$J_{5'',6a''}$ 2.3 $J_{5'',6b''}$ 5.3
	6	61.09	3.81 (a) 3.65 (b)	
	Aromatic (q)	161.50		
		143.00		
	Aromatic	126.77	8.08	
		117.29	7.09	

for 20 min at 70 °C. After concentration and co-concentration with toluene (3 × 5 mL), the product was purified by column chromatography (75:25 CH₂Cl₂–MeOH) to give amorphous **33** (58 mg, 67%); $[\alpha]_D - 64^\circ$ (c 0.73, MeOH); ¹³C NMR (D₂O): δ 103.83 (C-1'), 98.39 (C-1), 77.57 (C-2), 17.75 (C-6'), 16.38 (C-6). Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₂₅NO₁₁: C, 50.11; H, 5.84. Found: C, 50.50; H, 5.86.

p-Nitrophenyl (3-O-methyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1 → 3)- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 → 2)-6-deoxy- α -L-talopyranoside (**34**).—To a solution of **32** (90.6 mg, 0.1 mmol) in dry MeOH (5 mL) was added NaOMe (8.1 mg, 0.15 mmol). The mixture was kept for 2 days at room temperature, then neutralized with Amberlite IR 120 (H⁺) resin, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in aq 60% HOAc (8 mL), and the solution was stirred for 20 min at 70 °C, then concentrated and co-concentrated with toluene (3 × 10 mL). The product was purified by column chromatography (9:1 CH₂Cl₂–MeOH) to give **34**, isolated as a foam (49 mg, 69%); $[\alpha]_D - 103^\circ$ (c 0.96, MeOH). For ¹H and ¹³C NMR data, see Table 1. Anal. Calcd for C₂₅H₃₇NO₁₆: C, 49.42; H, 6.14. Found: C, 49.76; H, 6.09.

p-Isothiocyanatophenyl (3-O-methyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1 → 3)- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (**24**).—Compound **26** (23.1 mg, 50 μ mol) was hydrogenated over Pd–C (8 mg) in aq 80% EtOH (4 mL) for 2 h, then the catalyst was filtered out. The pH of the filtrate was adjusted to 8 with BaCO₃ and maintained at 8 by adding BaCO₃ whilst thiophosgene (80 μ L) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. Filtration and concentration yielded a slightly coloured syrup. Column chromatography (9:1 CH₂Cl₂–MeOH) of the crude product gave **24** (15 mg, 63%); $[\alpha]_D - 72.8^\circ$ (c 0.75, MeOH); ¹³C NMR (D₂O): δ 128.07 (aromatic), 118.44 (aromatic), 104.48 (C-1'), 94.64 (C-1), 86.06 (C-3'), 61.54 (C-6'), 60.49 (OMe), 17.97 (C-6). FABMS(+): Calcd for C₂₀H₂₇NO₁₀S (473.49). Found: 473 [M]⁺.

p-Isothiocyanatophenyl α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 → 2)-6-deoxy- α -L-talopyranoside (**35**).—Compound **33** (21.6 mg, 50 μ mol) was converted into **35** as described for **24**. Column chromatography (9:1 CH₂Cl₂–MeOH) of the product yielded pure **35** (14.5 mg, 65%); $[\alpha]_D - 90.9^\circ$ (c 0.8, MeOH); ¹³C NMR (1:1 D₂O–Me₂SO-*d*₆): δ 104.33 (C-1'), 99.07 (C-1), 78.34 (C-2), 18.41 (C-6'), 17.10 (C-6). FABMS(+): Calcd for C₁₉H₂₅NO₉S (443.46). Found: 467 [M + 1 + Na]⁺.

p-Isothiocyanatophenyl (3-O-methyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1 → 3)- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 → 2)-6-deoxy- α -L-talopyranoside (**36**).—Compound **34** (30.4 mg, 50 μ mol) was converted into **36** as described for **24**. Column chromatography (85:15 CH₂Cl₂–MeOH) of the product gave pure **36** (18.2 mg, 59%); $[\alpha]_D - 85.7^\circ$ (c 1.89, MeOH); ¹³C NMR (D₂O): δ 103.52 (C-1''), 102.73 (C-1'), 97.48 (C-1), 60.35 (C-6''), 59.79 (OMe), 17.23 (C-6'), 15.84 (C-6). FABMS(+): Calcd for C₂₆H₃₇NO₁₄S (619.63). Found: 644 [M + 1 + Na]⁺.

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