Note

Synthesis of 1,6-anhydro-2,3-dideoxy- β -D-*erythro*- and -*threo*-hex-2-enopyranose from 3,4-di-O-substituted glycals by a facile intramolecular Ferrier reaction*

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The 1,6-anhydro-2,3-dideoxy- β -D-erythro-/-threo-hex-2-enopyranoses 7–12 are valuable synthons for the preparation of structurally diverse natural products¹⁻⁴, because (a) the rigid [3.2.1]bicyclic framework facilitates highly stereo- and regio-selective reactions^{2c}, (b) each contains a reactive double bond and allylic hydroxyl group, (c) the locked conformation facilitates the generation of stereo centres which are opposite in configuration to those generated from compounds with conventional ${}^{4}C_{1}$ conformations, and (d) the internal acetal reduces the number of protecting groups that are required. Compounds 7–12 have been prepared by low-yielding, multi-step procedures starting from 1,6-anhydrogalactopyranose^{4c,4d}.

We now report on a new, general, and efficient route to the 1,6-anhydro-2,3dideoxy- β -D-erythro- (7-9) and - β -D-threo-hex-2-enopyranoses (10-12) from the easily accessible 3,4-di-O-substituted glycals 1-6, which involves a novel "intramolecular" Ferrier reaction^{5,6}.

Thus, 3,4-di-O-acetyl- (1), 3,4-di-O-benzoyl- (2), and 3,4-di-O-benzyl-D-glucal (3) were each reacted in dry dichloromethane at 0° with a catalytic amount of boron trifluoride etherate to give 4-O-acetyl-1,6-anhydro-2,3-dideoxy- β -D-erythro-hex-2-enopyranose (7), 1,6-anhydro-4-O-benzoyl-2,3-dideoxy- β -D-erythro-hex-2-enopyranose (8), and 1,6-anhydro-4-O-benzyl- β -D-erythro-hex-2-enopyranose (9), respectively, in yields of 85–90%. Likewise, 3,4-di-O-acetyl- (4), 3,4-di-O-benzoyl- (5), and 3,4-di-O-benzyl-D-galactal (6) gave 4-O-acetyl-1,6-anhydro-2,3-dideoxy- β -D-threo-hex-2-enopyranose (11), and 1,6-anhydro-4-O-benzyl-2,3-dideoxy- β -D-threo-hex-2-enopyranose (11), and 1,6-anhydro-4-O-benzyl-2,3-dideoxy- β -D-threo-hex-2-enopyranose (12), respectively, in yields of 80–86%.

Compounds 7-12 were characterised by comparison of the ¹H-n.m.r. data with those⁴ of 1,6-anhydro-2,3-dideoxy- β -DL-*erythro*- and - β -DL-*threo*-hex-2-enopyranose.

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The signal for C-1 at $\delta \sim 95.0$ in the ¹³C-n.m.r. spectra of 7–12 further confirmed the presence of the 1,6-anhydropyranose ring. There was no evidence for the formation of products resulting from intermolecular Ferrier reaction or allylic rearrangement.

EXPERIMENTAL

General methods. — N.m.r. spectra (¹H, 90 and 300 MHz; ¹³C, 22.63 MHz) were recorded for solutions in CDCl₃ (internal Me₄Si) with Bruker WH-90-FT and Varian MSL-300 spectrometers. Optical rotations were measured on a JASCO DIP-181 polarimeter on 1% solutions in CHCl₃. Silica gel (60–120 mesh, Acme) was used for column chromatography, together with 4:1 hexane–ethyl acetate. T.l.c. was performed on Silica Gel G (Acme) with detection by charring with H₂SO₄.

General procedure for intramolecular Ferrier reactions. — Boron trifluoride etherate (1 mmol) was added to a solution of the substrate (1-6, 10 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (35 mL) at 0° and the mixture was allowed to reach room temperature. After completion of the reaction (usually 1 h), solid anhydrous K_2CO_3 (1 g) was added, the mixture was stirred for 30 min, diluted with more dichloromethane (200 mL), washed with water, and dried (Na₂SO₄), and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was washed through a bed of silica gel (40 g) with 4:1 hexane-ethyl acetate to yield 7-12 (80-90%).

4-O-Acetyl-1,6-anhydro-2,3-dideoxy-β-D-*erythro*-hex-2-enopyranose (7), isolated as a syrup (85%), had $[\alpha]_D$ +190°. N.m.r. data: ¹H, δ 3.45 (dd, 1 H, $J_{6exo,6endo}$ 8.0, $J_{5,6endo}$ 1.6 Hz, H-6*endo*), 3.92 (dd, 1 H, $J_{5,6exo}$ 6.5 Hz, H-6*exo*), 4.65–4.9 (m, 2 H, H-4,5), 5.5 (dd, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 3.4, $J_{1,3}$ 0.8 Hz, H-1), 5.71 (dddd, 1 H, $J_{2,3}$ 9.5, $J_{3,4}$ 4.5, $J_{3,5}$ 1.7 Hz, H-3), 6.15 (ddd, 1 H, $J_{2,4}$ 0.9 Hz, H-2); ¹³C, δ 20.6 (q, OCOCH₃), 63.2 (t, C-6), 67.9, 73.4 (2 d, C-4,5), 95.2 (d, C-1), 122.8, 128.5 (2 d, C-2,3), and 173.7 (s, OCOCH₃).

Anal. Calc. for C₈H₁₀O₄: C, 65.20; H, 5.89. Found: C, 56.14; H, 5.81.

4-O-Acetyl-1,6-anhydro-2,3-dideoxy-β-D-*threo*-hex-2-enopyranose (10), isolated as a syrup (81%), had $[\alpha]_D$ – 13.5°. N.m.r. data: ¹H, δ 2.05 (s, 3 H, OAc), 3.82 (ddd, 1 H, $J_{6exo,6endo}$ 7.8, $J_{5,6exo}$ 6.4, $J_{4,6exo}$ 1.3 Hz, H-6exo), 4.1 (ddd, 1 H, $J_{5,6endo}$ 1.6, $J_{1,6endo}$ 0.5 Hz, H-6endo), 4.64 (dddd, $J_{3,4}$ 1.3, $J_{4,5}$ 4.7 Hz, H-5), 5.48–6.0 (m, 4 H, H-1,2,3,4); ¹³C, δ 64.1 (t, C-6), 68.7, 79.5 (2 d, C-4,5), 95.3 (d, C-1), 127.1, 128.7 (2 d, C-2,3), and 174.1 (s, OCOCH₃).

Anal. Found: C, 56.11; H, 5.79.

1,6-Anhydro-4-*O*-benzoyl-2,3-dideoxy-β-D-*erythro*-hex-2-enopyranose (**8**), isolated as a syrup (84%), had $[\alpha]_D$ + 150°. N.m.r. data: ¹H (300 MHz): δ 3.55 (dd, 1 H, $J_{6exo,6endo}$ 8.0, $J_{5,6endo}$ 1.9 Hz, H-6endo), 3.95 (dd, 1 H, $J_{5,6exo}$ 6.5 Hz, H-6exo), 4.79 (dddd, 1 H, $J_{4,5}$ 1.1, $J_{3,5}$ 1.8 Hz, H-5), 4.97 (ddd, 1 H, $J_{3,4}$ 4.3, $J_{2,4}$ 1.0 Hz, H-4), 5.57 (dd, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 3.5, $J_{1,3}$ 0.6 Hz, H-1), 5.85 (dddd, 1 H, $J_{2,3}$ 9.6 Hz, H-3), 6.18 (ddd, 1 H, H-2), 7.35–8.1 (m, 5 H, Ph); ¹³C, δ 62.7 (t, C-6), 68.0, 73.8 (2 d, C-4,5), 95.0 (d, C-1), 122.1, 127.7, 129.4, 132.3, 132.8 (C-2,3 and aromatic), and 165.5 (s, OCOPh).

Anal. Calc. for C₁₃H₁₂O₄: C, 66.99; H, 5.19. Found: C, 66.86; H, 5.11.

1,6-Anhydro-4-*O*-benzoyl-2,3-dideoxy-β-D-*threo*-hex-2-enopyranose (11), isolated as a syrup (82%), had $[\alpha]_D = 8.2^\circ$. N.m.r. data: ¹H, δ 3.91 (ddd, 1 H, $J_{5exo,6endo}$ 7.8, $J_{5,6exo}$ 6.4, $J_{4,6exo}$ 1.4 Hz, H-6exo), 4.2 (ddd, 1 H, $J_{5,6endo}$ 1.5, $J_{1,6}$ 0.5 Hz, H-6endo), 4.75 (dddd, 1 H, $J_{3,4}$ 1.3, $J_{4,5}$ 4.6 Hz, H-5), 5.45 (dd, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 3.1, $J_{1,3}$ 0.8 Hz, H-1), 5.7–5.90 (m, 3 H, H-2,3,4), 7.35–8.15 (m, 5 H, Ph); ¹³C, δ 64.9 (t, C-6), 69.1, 78.7 (2 d, C-4,5), 95.1 (d, C-1), 127.3, 128.5 (2 d, C-2,3), and 165.2 (s, OCOPh).

Anal. Found: C, 66.83; H, 5.08.

1,6-Anhydro-4-*O*-benzyl-2,3-dideoxy-β-D-*erythro*-hex-2-enopyranose (9), isolated as a syrup (80%), had $[\alpha]_D$ + 149°. N.m.r. data: ¹H, δ 3.35 (dd, 1 H, $J_{6exo,6endo}$ 8.0, $J_{5,6endo}$ 1.7 Hz, H-6*endo*), 3.45 (ddd, 1 H, $J_{3,4}$ 4.3, $J_{4,5}$ 1.1, $J_{2,4}$ 1.0 Hz, H-4), 3.83 (dd, 1 H, $J_{5,6exo}$ 6.3 Hz, H-6*exo*), 4.2–4.8 (m, 3 H, H-5 and OCH₂Ph), 5.54 (dd, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 3.5, $J_{1,3}$ 0.9 Hz, H-1), 5.75 (dddd, 1 H, $J_{2,3}$ 9.5, $J_{3,5}$ 1.7 Hz, H-3), 6.12 (ddd, 1 H, H-2), 7.2–7.4 (m, 5 H, Ph); ¹³C, δ 62.8 (t, C-6), 70.3, 72.8, 73.9 (2 d, t, C-4,5 and OCH₂Ph), 95.1 (d, C-1), 122.0–130.0 (C-2,3 and aromatic).

Anal. Calc. for C₁₃H₁₄O₃: C, 71.32; H, 6.45. Found: C, 71.25; H, 6.36.

1,6-Anhydro-4-*O*-benzyl-2,3-dideoxy-β-D-*threo*-hex-2-enopyranose (12), isolated as a syrup (82%), had $[\alpha]_D = 9.5^\circ$. N.m.r. data: ¹H, δ 3.87 (ddd, 1 H, $J_{6exo,6endo}$ 7.9, $J_{5,6exo}$ 6.3, $J_{4,6exo}$ 1.4 Hz, H-6exo), 4.15 (ddd, 1 H, $J_{5,6endo}$ 1.6, $J_{1,6endo}$ 0.5 Hz, H-6endo), 4.25–4.65 (m, 4 H, H-4,5, and OCH₂Ph), 5.38 (dd, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 3.1, $J_{1,3}$ 0.7 Hz, H-1), 5.65 (ddd, 1 H, $J_{2,3}$ 9.9, $J_{3,4}$ 2.0 Hz, H-3), 5.86 (ddd, 1 H, $J_{2,4}$ 1.4 Hz, H-2), 7.2–7.4 (m, 5 H, Ph); ¹³C, δ 64.5 (t, C-6), 69.5, 73.9, 78.2 (t, 2 d, C-4,5 and OCH₂Ph), 95.0 (d, C-1), 127.2, 128.6 (2 d, C-2,3), and 121.0–132.0 (aromatic).

Anal. Found: C, 71.21; H, 6.34.

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