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# Acidic Opening of the Dihydropyran Ring of Hexa-O-acetyl-D-lactal and Subsequent Chain Elongation. Novel Approach to the Synthesis of Low Molecular Weight O-Glycosides Containing a Diacetoxypolyene Aglycone Moiety

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Low molecular weight O-glycosides containing a diacetoxypolyene aglycone moiety were prepared by chain elongation with phosphoranes or with a phosphonate of (2E,4S,5R)-5,6-diacetoxy-4-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranyloxy)-2-hexenal (2), which was prepared from hexa-O-acetyl-D-lactal by acidic ring opening and subsequent acetylation.

The acidic opening of glycal acetates according to the method modified by Perlin<sup>1</sup> has found use in the synthesis of biologically active compounds.<sup>2-4</sup> No similar transformations using hexa-O-acetyl-D-lactal are known.

We report herein the acidic opening of the hydropyran ring of hexa-O-acetyl-D-lactal (1), which after acetylation gave (2E,4S,5R)-5,6-diacetoxy-4-(2,3,4,6-tetra-Oacetyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranyloxy)-2-hexanal (2) in 71 % yield. This transformation of compound 1 provided a novel approach to a synthesis of low molecular weight Oglycosides. Chain extension of 2 with phosphoranes 3 and phosphonate 5 gave O-glycosides containing a diacetoxypolyene aglycone moiety. The reaction of aldehyde 2 with ethoxycarbonylmethylenetriphenylphosphorane (3a) is unusually easy; it is completed in a few minutes and gives compound 4a in a 68% yield. The aldehyde 2 and nonstabilized alkylidenephosphoranes 4b-f also react readily. In all cases, the formation of the olefination products 4b-f, obtained as a mixture of geometric isomers at the 5,6-double bond (isomer composition was not analyzed), was complete within 20 minutes at -78 °C. In contrast, (2E,4S,5R)-4,5,6-triacetoxy-2-

$$R^{1} = \begin{pmatrix} AcO \\ AcO \\ AcO \\ OAc \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3.4 & R^{2} \\ a & CO_{2}Et \\ b & \\ c & CH_{3} \\ d & \\ f & \\ \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} AcO \\ AcO \\ AcO \\ AcO \\ OAc \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3.4 & R^{2} \\ AcO \\ Ac$$

hexenal<sup>1</sup> (a product of D-glycal opening) gives ethyl (2E,4E,6S,7R)-6,7,8-triacetoxy-2,4-octadienoate in 6 hours under the same conditions. Likewise the reaction of (2E,4R,5R)-4,5,6-triacetoxy-2-hexenal (a product of D-galactal opening) with heptylidenetriphenylphosphorane (3b) proceeds slowly at -78 °C and yields (2R,3R,4E,6Z)-1,2,3-triacetoxy-4,6-tridecadiene<sup>4</sup> only after 2 hours at room temperature. Aldehyde 2 thus appears to react easily due to the presence of the sugar substituent. The olefination of aldehyde 2 with dimethyl 2-oxoheptylphosphonate (5) in the presence of alkali yields (2R,3S,4E)-1,2-diacetoxy-3-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acet yl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranyloxy)-4,6-tridecadien-8-one (6) (48% yield).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra were obtained using a Jeol FX-90Q spectrometer (22.5 MHz). Optical rotations were measured on a Perkin-Elmer-141 polarimeter. The products were analyzed by TLC on Silufol UV-254 (CSR) plates. Hexa-O-acetyl-D-lactal 1 (99.9%) was prepared by literature method.<sup>5</sup> Nonstabilized phosphoranes 3b-d were produced from the corresponding phosphonium bromides, prepared by heating commercial heptyl, ethyl and, 4methylpentyl bromides with triphenylphosphine in acetonitrile; phosphorane 3e was produced from butoxyphenyl)ethyl]triphenylphosphonium bromide<sup>6</sup> and phosphorane 3f was produced from [(Z)-3-nonenyl]triphenylphosphium tosylate. The yields are for chromatographically pure products.

### (2E,4S,5R)-5,6-Diacetoxy-4-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranyloxy)-2-hexenal (2):

To a solution of lactal 1 (0.79 g, 1.4 mmol) in dioxane (5 mL), 0.01 N  $H_2SO_4$  (15 mL) and  $HgSO_4$  (0.02 g) are added sequentially. The mixture is stirred for 2h at 25°C and extracted with  $CH_2CI_2$  (3×20 mL); the combined extract is dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and the solvent is evaporated. Pyridine (10 mL) and  $Ac_2O$  (0.5 mL) are added to the residue (0.56 g). After 4h, the mixture is diluted with EtOAc (20 mL) and washed with 5% aq HCl (1×10 mL) and  $H_2O$  (2×20 mL). The organic layer is dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and the residue is chromatographed on silica EtOAc/hexane, 2:1); yield: 0.57 g (71%);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} + 46.7^{\circ}$  (c = 1.64, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>15</sub> calc. C 51.43 H 5.76 (560.3) found 51.45 5.74

 $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS):  $\delta = 20.64, 20.81$  (q, 6CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 61.41 (t, C-6') 64.71 (t, C-6), 67.02 (d, C-4'), 68.80 (d, C-2'), 70.71 (d, C-3'), 71.02 (d, C-5'), 71.46 (d, C-5), 80.73 (d, C-4), 101.91 (d, C-1'), 133.56 (d, C-2), 152.46 (d, C-3), 169.63, 170.07, 170.23, 170.40, 171.26 8s, 6COCH<sub>3</sub>), 193.15 (d, C-1).

# Ethyl (4E,6S,7R)-7,8-Diacetoxy-6-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranyloxy]-2,4-octadienoate (4a)

Ethoxycarbonylmethylenetriphenylphosphorane (3a; 0.14 g, 0.41 mmol) is added to aldehyde 2 (0.12 g, 0.21 mmol) in dry THF (8 mL), and the mixture stirred for 10 min at 25 °C. The solvent is distilled, and the residue is chromatographed on silica (EtOAc/hexane, 2:1); yield: 0.13 g (66 %);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} + 36.1^\circ$  (c = 2.02, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>16</sub> calc. C 53.33 H 6.07 (630.6) found 53.37 6.05

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS):  $\delta$  = 14.25 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.64, 20.78, 20.91 (q, 6CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 60.41 (t, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 61.76 (t, C-8), 70.71 (d, C-3'), 70.87 (d, C-5'), 72.33 (d, C-7), 79.65 (d, C-6), 107.64 (d, C-7'),

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123.04 (d, C-3), 130.95 (d, C-4), 136.97 (d, C-5), 142.71 (d, C-2), 166.50 (s, C-1), 169.37, 169.80, 170.02, 170.18, 170.28 (s, 6CH<sub>3</sub>CO).

#### Glycosides (4b-f); General Procedure:

A 0.84 M solution of BuLi in hexane (0.62 mL, 0.52 mmol) is added to a stirred suspension of the phosphonium salt (0.54 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL) under Ar at  $-78\,^{\circ}$ C to give the corresponding phosphorane. After 15 min, a solution of aldehyde 2 (0.2 g, 0.36 mmol) in THF (1 mL) is added dropwise to the phosphorane solution, which is then kept at  $-78\,^{\circ}$ C for 15-20 min, diluted with EtOAc (10 mL), and washed with 5% aq HCl (5 mL). The organic layer is Et<sub>2</sub>O, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and evaporated. The residue is chromatographed on silica (EtOAc/hexane, 2:1) to give the desired glycosides.

(2R,3S,4E)-1,2-Diacetoxy-3-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-galacto-pyranyloxy)-4,6-tridecadiene (4b); yield: 0.14 g (62%);  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  + 15.8° (c = 1.4, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>14</sub> calc. C 57.93 H 7.21 (642.7) found 58.01 7.19

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS):  $\delta$  = 14.03 (q, C-13), 20.64, 20.86 (q, 6CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 22.59 (t, C-12), 27.85 (t, C-8), 28.93 (t, C-9), 29.47 (t-C-10), 31.70 (t, C-11), 61.37 (t, C-6'), 62.09 (t, C-1), 10.81 (d, C-3'), 10.81 (d, C-5'), 72.60 (d, C-2), 80.47 (d, C-3), 101.15 (d, C-1'), 127.22, 127.92, 129.49, 134.42 (d, C4-C7), 170.18, 170.26, 170.44 (s, 6CH<sub>3</sub>CO).

(2R,3S,4E)-1,2-Diacetoxy-3-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-galacto-pyranyloxy)-4,6-octadiene (4c); yield: 0.06 g (31 %);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} + 17.9^\circ$  (c = 0.56, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>14</sub> calc. C 54.54 H 6.34 (572.6) found 54.76 6.32

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS):  $\delta$  = 13.49 (q, C-8), 20.09, 20.64 (q, 6CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 61.39 (d, C-6'), 62.09 (t, C-1), 70.87 (d, C-5'), 72.65 (d, C-2), 80.78 (d, C-3), 101.21 (d, C-1'), 127.81, 128.24 (d, C-6-C-7), 128.35 (d, C-4), 129.21 (d, C-5), 169.35, 170.13, 170.39, 178.04 (s, 6CH<sub>3</sub>CO).

(2R,3S,4E)-1,2-Diacetoxy-3-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-galacto-pyranyloxy)-10-methyl-4,6-undecadiene (4d); yield (6): 0.071 g (32%),  $[\alpha]_D^{20} + 23.8^{\circ}$  (c = 0.68 CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>42</sub>O<sub>14</sub> calc. C 56.57 H 6.89 (614.6) found 56.56 6.53

 $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS):  $\delta=20.67,\,20.94$  (q, 6CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 22.49 (q, C-11-C-12), 25.76 (t, C-8), 27.69 (t, C-9), 38.65 (d, C-10), 61.30 (t, C-6'), 62.06 (t, C-1), 70.70 (d, C-3'), 70.84 (d, C-5'), 72.65 (d, C-2), 80.78 (d, C-3), 101.2 (d, C-1'), 127.11 (d, C-5), 127.95, 129.41 (d, C-6-C-7), 134.56 (d, C-4), 169.33, 169.34, 170.13, 170.42 (s, 6CH<sub>3</sub>CO).

(2R,3S,4E)-1,2-Diacetoxy-8-(2-butoxyphenyl)-3-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-β-D-galactopyranyloxy)-4,6-octadiene (4e); yield: 0.12 g (32%); [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> + 7.4° (c = 3.4 CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>48</sub>O<sub>15</sub> calc. C 60.48 H 6.86 (720.8) found 60.61 6.59

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS):  $\delta$  = 13.87 (q, C-15), 19.40 (t, C-14), 20.59, 20.86 (q, 6CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 28.28 (t, C-8), 31.42 (t, C-13), 62.09 (t,

C-1), 67.56 (t, C-12), 70.76 (d, C-5'), 70.87 (d, C-3'), 72.49 (d, C-2), 80.73 (d, C-3), 101.05 (d, C-1'), 111.12, 120.33, 127.33, 128.68 (d, 4C<sub>arom</sub>), 127.98 (d-C-1), 128.57 (s, C<sub>arom</sub>-9), 129.28 (d, C-5), 129.49 (d, C-6), 131.93 (d, C-4), 159.59 (s, C<sub>arom</sub>-10), 169.31, 169.85, 170.07 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>CO).

(2R,3S,4E,9Z)-1,2-Diacetoxy-3-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranyloxy]-4,6,9-tetradecatriene (4f); yield: 0.1 g (32%);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} + 14.6^\circ$  (c = 1.6, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>14</sub> calc. C 59.26 H 7.08 (654.7) found 59.56 7.01

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS): δ = 14.03 (q, C-14), 20.64, 20.91 (q, 6CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 22.54 (t, C-13), 27.25 (t, C-8), 29.26 (t, C-11), 31.48 (t, C-12), 62.04 (t, C-1), 70.81 (d, C-3', C-5'), 72.60 (d, C-2), 80.67 (d, C-3), 101.21 (d, C-1'), 126.68 (d, C-5), 127.38 (d, C-7), 128.57 (t, C-9), 129.11 (d, C-10), 131.12 (d, C-6), 132.15 (d, C-4), 169.31, 169.91, 170.07, 170.28, 170.45 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>CO).

## (2R,3S,4E)-1,2-Diacetoxy-3-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranyloxy)-4,6-tridecadien-8-one (6):

Powdered KOH (0.03 g, 0.6 mmol) is added to a mixture of aldehyde 2 (0.24 g, 0.42 mmol) and dimethyl 2-oxoheptylphosphonate (5) (0.14 g, 0.64 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) at 25 °C. The mixture is stirred for 20 min, diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, and washed with 5% aq HCl (5 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (2 × 5 mL). The organic layer is dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and the residue is chromatographed on silica EtOAc/hexane, 3:1); yield: 0.13 g (48%);  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{20}$  + 26° (c = 4.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>44</sub>O<sub>15</sub> calc. C 56.70 H 6.75 (656.7) found 56.54 6.61

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS):  $\delta$  = 13.92 (q, C-13), 20.63, 20.81 (q, 6CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 22.43 (t, C-12), 23.89 (t, C-10), 31.42 (t, C-11), 40.74 (t, C-9), 61.28 (t, C-6′), 61.71 (t, C-1), 70.71 (d, C-3′), 70.87 (d, C-5′), 72.44 (d, C-2), 79.54 (d, C-3), 101.64 (d, C-1′), 131.01 (d, C-7), 131.44 (d, C-5), 137.56 (d, C-4), 140.38 (d, C-6), 169.30, 169.82, 170.01, 170.26, 170.38 (s, 6CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 200.57 (s, C-8).

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