Stereospecific synthesis of branched-chain sugars by a novel aldol-type cyclocondensation*

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ABSTRACT

A procedure for the preparation of branched-chain sugars having highly functionalised C-branches is reported. Reaction of furanos-3-uloses, pyranos-3-uloses, or pyranos-2-uloses with sodium cyanide followed by mesylation of the corresponding cyanohydrin afforded α -mesyloxynitriles which, on treatment with base, underwent aldol-type cyclocondensation to yield furanose-3-spiro-, pyranose-3-spiro-, and pyranose-2-spiro-5'-(4'-amino-1',2'-oxathiole-2',2'-dioxide) derivatives. Treatment of the furanose-3-spiro derivatives with methanolic sodium methoxide gave C-[(E)-1-amino-2-(methoxysulfonyl)vinyl] branchedchain sugars having the same configuration as the starting cyanohydrins.

INTRODUCTION

Sulfonate groups of carbohydrates¹ are good leaving groups which can participate in elimination^{2,3} and nucleophilic substitution reactions⁴. However, their utility in $S_N 2$ reactions at sp^3 carbon atoms of sterically crowded substrates is limited⁵. It is difficult to promote the displacement of some secondary sulfonates in the absence of anchimeric assistance⁶. Potentially useful synthons for the preparation of branched-chain sugars⁷ are α -mesyloxynitriles (cyanomesylates) which can be easily obtained by reaction of uloses with sodium cyanide followed by mesylation. These sulfonates have been used for the synthesis of rubranitrose, evernitrose, vancosamine, and other components of branched-chain sugar antibiotics⁷. The mesyl group behaves as a good leaving group in intramolecular S_N2 reactions.

We now report a simple method for the stereospecific synthesis of branched-chain sugars having a highly functionalised *C*-branch. In a preliminary account⁸, we reported the unexpected behaviour of tertiary cyanomesylates which, under basic conditions, underwent intramolecular aldol-type cyclocondensations to afford *C*-branched spiro derivatives. This new reaction is now reported in detail and extended to other sugar derivatives.

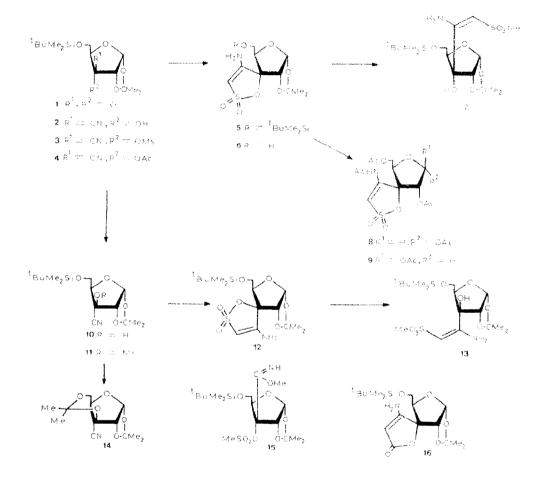
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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Reaction of 5-O-(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)-1.2-O-isopropylidene-z-D-crythropentofuranosid-3-ulose⁹ (1) with sodium cyanide and sodium hydrogencarbonate inether water (2:1) at room temperature afforded the cyanohydrin <math>2(94%). Compound 2 was epimerised to the thermodynamically more stable cyanohydrin 10 (89%) by treatment with 1.8-diazabicyclo[5,4,0]undec-7-ene (DBU) in acetonitrile.



The absolute configuration at C-3 of the epimeric cyanohydrins 2 and 10 was determined as follows. Removal of the 5-*O-tert*-butyldimethylsilyl group of 10 with methanolic 0.1M hydrogen chloride followed by reaction of the resulting 3,5-diol with acetone, *p*-toluenesulfonic acid, and triethyl orthoformate. gave the 3,5-*O*-isopropylidene derivative 14 (61%). Similar treatment of 2 did not afford any isopropylidene derivative. The *trans* relationship of HO-3 and HOCH₂-5 in the kinetic product 2 accords with the approach of the cyanide ion from the sterically less-hindered β -face of the ulose 1, opposite to the 1,2-*O*-isopropylidene group.

Reaction of 2 and 10 with mesyl chloride in pyridine gave the respective α mesyloxynitriles 3 (80%) and 11 (71%), treatment of which with DBU afforded the spiro derivatives 5 (76%) and 12 (71%), respectively. The formation of 5 and 12 can be explained by abstraction of a proton from the mesylate group, followed by nucleophilic attack of the resulting carbanion at the nitrile carbon atom. The imine formed initially undergoes base-catalysed tautomerism to the enamine. The unusual intramolecular aldol-type cyclocondensations $3 \rightarrow 5$ and $11 \rightarrow 12$ can also be effected with other base/solvent systems such as sodium hydroxide in acetonitrile and sodium hydride in dimethoxyethane. The use of a more nucleophilic base, such as sodium methoxide in methanol, afforded the α -mesyloxyiminoether 15 (61%) by nucleophilic attack at the CN group, and the formation of 5 was not detected. In these reactions, neither elimination nor substitution of the tertiary 3-O-mesyl group was observed. This finding contrasts with those for 3-sulfonates of furanoses^{2,3} and pyranoses¹⁰ which afford, by a trans elimination, 2,3- and 3,4-unsaturated sugars^{2,3,10}, as well as nucleophilic substitution products^{4,11}. Based on these precedents, the basic treatment of **3** and **11** should result in *trans* elimination of MsO-3 and H-2 and H-4, respectively. However, this MsO-3 is a very poor leaving group and did not behave as expected. This behaviour was also found for a variety of secondary sulfonyloxy groups of carbohydrates⁵.

The spirocyclic sulfonate group was relatively stable under acidic conditions. Thus, treatment of **5** with methanolic 0.1M hydrogen chloride removed the silyl group and gave **6** (86%). Acetylation of **6** followed by treatment with aqueous trifluoroacetic acid removed the 1,2-O-isopropylidene group to give an α , β -mixture that was characterised as the α - (**8**) and β -tetra-acetate (**9**).

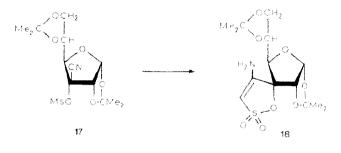
The spiro derivatives 5 and 12 were stable under the basic non-nucleophilic conditions used in their preparation. However, treatment of 5 and 12 with a nucleophilic base, such as methanolic sodium methoxide, afforded the 3-C-branched-chain sugars 7 (70%) and 13 (64%), respectively. Thus, the sequences $2 \rightarrow 7$ and $10 \rightarrow 13$ result in the transformation of a cyanide group of a cyanohydrin into a highly functionalised *E*-aminovinylsulfonate derivative with retention of the configuration at the carbon atom α to the cyano group.

The structures of the new compounds were established from their analytical and spectroscopic data. The ¹H-n.m.r. spectra of the spiro derivatives **5** and **12** contained no signal for a mesylate group, but there were two new singlets (4.74 and 5.57 p.p.m. for **5**, 4.67 and 5.41 p.p.m. for **12**). The highfield signals disappeared on rapid exchange with D_2O and were assigned to the NH_2 group. The downfield singlets that disappeared on slow exchange with D_2O were assigned to H-3'*. The slow exchange could be due to an imine–enamine tautomeric equilibrium.

The ¹H-n.m.r. spectra of the branched-chain derivatives 7 and 13 contained singlets at 3.75 and 3.76 p.p.m., respectively, for a MeOSO₂ group, and the ¹³C-n.m.r. spectra contained corresponding signals at 54.75 and 54.80 p.p.m., respectively. The i.r. spectra and elemental analyses were in agreement with the proposed structures.

^{*} Although the oxathiole ring has priority over the tetrahydrofuran or tetrahydropyran, primes have been used in the numbering of the oxathiole ring in order to keep the same numbering system for the furanose and pyranose rings.

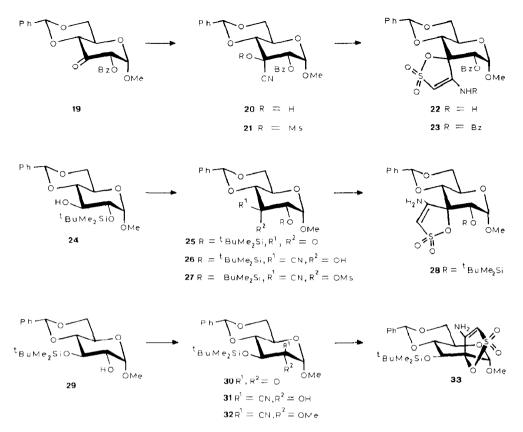
This new reaction was also applied to 3-*C*-cyano-1,2:5.6-di-*O*-isopropylidene-3-*O*-mesyl- α -D-allofuranose¹² (17). Treatment of 17 with DBU in acetonitrile effected the aldol-type cyclocondensation reaction to afford the spiro derivative 18 (66%). The ¹H-n.m.r. spectrum of 18 contained two new singlets at 6.43 and 5.63 p.p.m. assigned to NH₂ and H-3', respectively.



Finally, the reaction was applied to the α -mesyloxynitriles obtained from hexopyranosid-3- (19¹³), and -2-uloses (25 and 30). The uloses 25 (77%) and 30 (82%) were obtained by reaction of methyl 4,6-O-benzylidene- α -D-glucopyranoside with *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride in pyridine followed by oxidation of the products, 24 and 29, respectively, with CrO₃-pyridine. The cyanomesylate 21 was obtained from 19 under conditions of thermodynamic control. Thus, treatment of 19 with sodium cyanide in tetrahydrofuran water (2:1) for 5 h at room temperature in the presence of sodium hydrogenearbonate, followed by mesylation of the intermediate cyanohydrin 20, afforded 21. The cyanomesylates 27 and 32 were prepared from the uloses 25 and 30, respectively, by treatment with sodium cyanide in ether-water (2:1) for 24 h at room temperature, followed by mesylation of the respective cyanohydrins 26 and 31. The cyanohydrins 20, 26, and 31 were not isolated, but their absolute configurations were assumed to be the same as those of the corresponding cyanomesylates, as in previous mesylations of cyanohydrins, no epimerisation was observed^{8,13,14,16}.

Only one of the two possible epimeric cyanomesylates was obtained in each reaction. Since the only difference between **19** and **25** is the 2-substituent, the different stereochemistry of the two cyanomesylates obtained from them, **21** (*gluco*) and **27** (*allo*). respectively, could be due to the steric (silyl group) and/or neighboring (benzoyl) group participating effects, which may oppose and favour, respectively, the formation of the thermodynamic (*gluco*) product.

According to related additions of hydrogen cyanide to methyl 4,6-*O*-benzylidene-2-deoxy- α -D-*erythro*-hexopyranosid-3-uloses, the compound with the equatorial (**27**) and axial CN (**21**) should be^{16,17} the products of kinetic and thermodynamic control, respectively. However, under similar conditions of thermodynamic control, methyl 2,6-dideoxy-4-*O*-methyl- α -D-*threo*-hexopyranosid-3-ulose afforded the corresponding D-*xylo*-cyanohydrin (cyanomesylate) in which the CN group is equatorial¹⁸.



Treatment of the cyanomesylates 27 and 32 with DBU in acetonitrile afforded spiro derivatives 28 (77%) and 33 (73%), respectively. Similar treatment of the benzoate 21 gave a mixture of the spiro derivative 22 (12%) and its *N*-benzoyl derivative 3 (20%). Partial deprotection of the base-sensitive benzoyl group and $O \rightarrow N$ migration may explain the formation of 23 and the low yield of this reaction.

Assignment of the absolute configurations at the C-3 position of cyanomesylates and spiropyranosyl derivatives was based on the n.m.r. data. The coupled ¹³C-n.m.r. spectra of the cyanomesylates **21** and **27** contained signals at 111 and 114 p.p.m., respectively, for CN. The coupling constant $J_{CN,H-2}$ and $J_{CN,H-4}$ values of 7 Hz for **21** indicate^{19,20} CN to be *trans*-diaxial to H-2 and H-4. On the other hand, the low values (~0 Hz) of $J_{CN,H-2}$ and $J_{CN,H-4}$ for **27** suggested CN to be *gauche* to H-2 and H-4, and, thus, equatorial. The coupled ¹³C-n.m.r. spectrum of **32** contained a signal (dd) centered at 114 p.p.m. for CN. The $J_{CN,H-1}$ and $J_{CN,H-3}$ values (1 and 7 Hz, respectively) indicate CN to be axial. These assignments were confirmed by n.O.e. experiments carried out on the corresponding spiro derivatives **22**, **23**, **28**, and **33**. Irradiation of the NH₂ group of **22** caused n.O.e. of the signal for H-3' and of the multiplet that included signals for H-4 and H-5. It was assumed that the n.O.e. involved only the signal for H-5, since there was no effect on the signal for H-2 which is located on the same face of the molecule as H-4. Irradiation of the NH₂ group of **28** induced n.O.e. of the signals for H-3', H-2, and H.4. These results indicated that the NH protons of **22** and **23** are below the plane of the pyranose ring, whereas the NH₂ group of **28** is above the plane. Finally, irradiation of the NH₂ group of the spiro derivative **33** showed n.O.e. of the signals for H-3'. H-1, and H-6*ax*, and of a multiplet that included signals for H-4, H-3, and H-6*eq*. This last effect probably involved H-4 because n.O.e. was also observed for the signal for H-1, which is an indication that H-1, H-4, and NH₃ are on the same side of the molecule.

In an extension of this work, we decided to study whether formation of spiro derivatives would be applicable to other ester derivatives of the cyanohydrins having acidic protons α to the carbonyl group, for example, α -acetoxynitriles such as 4. Thus, acetylation of cyanohydrin 2 with acetic anhydride-pyridine gave acetate 4 (84%), treatment of which with DBU- acetonitrile did not afford the spirolactone 16, but gave cyanohydrin 10, the epimer of 2. This result can be explained by deacetylation of 4 to give 2, followed by epimerisation under the basic reaction conditions to the thermodynamically more stable cyanohydrin 10. The lack of an aldol-type reaction of 4 may be due to the lower basicity of the acetate methyl protons (p K_{α} 25) compared to that of the mesylate methyl protons (p K_{α} 23).

EXPERIMENTAL

General. — Solvents were dried and purified by standard methods. T.l.c. was performed on Silica Gel 60 F_{254} (Merck). Silica Gel 60 (230–400 mesh) (Merck) was used for flash-column chromatography. Melting points were obtained with a Reichert Jung Kofler micro hot-stage apparatus and are uncorrected. Microanalyses were obtained with a Heareus CHN-O-RAPID instrument. Optical rotations were determined with a Perkin–Elmer 141 polarimeter. I.r. spectra were obtained using a Shimadzu IR-435 spectrometer. The ¹H- and ¹¹C-n.m.r. spectra (internal Me₄Si) were obtained variously with Varian EM-390 and XL-300, and Bruker AM-200 and WP-80-SY spectrometers. Proximities were established conventionally on the basis of n.O.e. effects.

Synthesis of the cyanomesylates 3, 11, 21, 27, and 32. A mixture of the ulose (1, 19, 25, or 30; 1 mmol), water (10 mL), ether (20 mL), sodium hydrogencarbonate (2 mmol), and sodium cyanide (1 mmol) was stirred vigorously at room temperature for 3-15 h. The organic phase was separated, the aqueous phase was washed with ether (2 x 50 mL), the combined ethereal phases were dried (Na₂SO₄) and filtered, and the solvent was evaporated. To a solution of the residue (cyanohydrin 2, 10, 20, 26, or 31) in dry pyridine (4 mL) was added mesylchloride (3 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 8–10 for 1–2 days, poured into ice and water, and extracted with chloroform (2 x 50 mL). The combined extracts were washed with M HCl (50 mL), aqueous sodium hydrogencarbonate (50 mL), and brine (50 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), and filtered, and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was purified by flash-column chromatography or by crystallisation.

Synthesis of 2(3)-spiro-(4'-amino-1',2'-oxathiole-2',2'-dioxide) derivatives **5**, **12**, **18**, **22**, **23**, **28**, *and* **33**. — To a solution of the cyanomesylate (**3**, **11**, **21**, **27**, or **32**. 1 mmol)

in dry acetonitrile (10 mL) was added DBU (1 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3–48 h, then filtered, and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was purified by flash-column chromatography or by crystallisation.

5-O-(tert-*butyldimethylsilyl*)-3-C-*cyano*-1,2-O-*isopropylidene*-3-O-*mesyl*-α-D-*ribofuranose* (**3**). — Prepared from 1⁹, **3** (60%) had m.p. 94–95° (from hexane, $[\alpha]_p$ +39° (*c* 0.5, chloroform); v_{max}^{Nujol} 1370, 1170 cm⁻¹ (SO₂). N.m.r. data (CDCl₃): ¹H, δ 0.80 (s, 9 H, [']Bu), 1.30, 1.47 (2 s, 6 H, CMe₂), 3.10 (s, 3 H, Ms), 3.88 (m, 2 H, H-5,5), 4.15 (m, 1 H, H-4), 4.97 (d, 1 H, J_{1,2} 4 Hz, H-2), 5.83 (d, 1 H, H-1); ¹³C, δ 18.24 (CSi), 25.76 [(CH₃)₃CSi], 40.44 (CH₃SO₂), 61.72 (C-5), 79.73 (C-3,4), 82.07 (C-2), 104.07 (C-1), 114.11 (CN).

Anal. Calc. for C₁₆H₂₉NO₇SSi: C, 47.15; H, 7.17; N, 3.43. Found: C, 46.97; H, 7.20; N, 3.60.

3-O-Acetyl-5-O-(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)-3-C-cyano-1,2-O-isopropylidene- α -D-ribofuranose (4). — To a solution of 2 (0.32 g, 1 mmol) in dry pyridine (8 mL) was added slowly acetic anhydride (0.3 mL, 3 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h, then poured into ice and water (50 mL). The solid was collected and crystallised from hexane to give 4 (0.31 g, 84%), m.p. 95–96°, $[\alpha]_{p}$ +68° (c 0.5, chloroform); v_{max}^{Nujol} 1755 cm⁻¹ (OAc). ¹H-N.m.r. data (CDCl₃): δ 0.90 (s, 9 H, ¹Bu), 1.33, 1.50 (2 s, 6 H, Me₂C), 2.11 (s, 3 H, OAc), 4.03 (m, 2 H, H-5,5), 4.26 (m, 1 H, H-4), 5.26 (d, 1 H, H-2), 5.95 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 4.0 Hz, H-1).

Anal. Calc. for C₁₇H₂₉NO₆Si: C, 54.96; H, 7.87; N, 3.77. Found: C, 54.82; H, 8.00; N, 3.97.

[5-O-(tert-*Butyldimethylsilyl*)-1.2-O-*isopropylidene*- α -D-*ribofuranose*]-3-spiro-5'-(4'-amino-1',2'-oxathiole-2',2'-dioxide) (5). — Obtained from 3 (reaction for 5 h), with crystallisation from CHCl₃-hexane (1:1), 5 (76%) had m.p. 197–198°, [α]_D +10° (*c* 0.5, chloroform); ν_{max}^{KBr} 3435, 3200 (NH₂), 1650 (C = C–N), 1340, 1160 cm⁻¹ (SO₂). N.m.r. data (CDCl₃): ¹H, δ 0.87 (s, 9 H, ¹Bu), 1.36, 1.61 (2 s, 6 H, Me₂C), 3.95 (m, 2 H, H-5,5), 4.34 (m, 1 H, H-4), 4.62 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 3.5 Hz, H-2), 4.74 (bs, 2 H, NH₂), 5.57 (s, 1 H, H-3'), 5.89 (d, 1 H, H-1); ¹³C, δ 18.29 (CSi), 25.77 [(CH₃)₃CSi], 59.69 (C-5), 79.16, 81.60 (C-4,3'), 88.14 (C-3), 91.19 (C-2), 103.72 (C-1), 153.53 (C-4').

Anal. Calc. for C₁₆H₂₉NO₇SSi: C, 47.15; H, 7.17; N, 3.43. Found: C, 46.98; H, 7.04; N, 3.64.

(1,2-O-Isopropylidene-α-D-ribofuranose)-3-spiro-5'-(4'-amino-1',2'-oxathiole-2',2'dioxide) (6). — Compound 5 (0.4 g, 1 mmol) was stirred with methanolic 0.1M HCl (15 mL) at room temperature for 40 min. The solution was neutralised with 0.1M NaOH– MeOH and the solvent was evaporated. Flash-column chromatography (ethyl acetate) of the residue gave amorphous 6 (0.25 g, 86%), $[\alpha]_{\rm D}$ +47° (*c* 0.5, methyl sulfoxide), $v_{\rm max}^{\rm Nujol}$ 3430 (OH), 3400, 3200 (NH₂), 1650 cm⁻¹ (C = C–N). N.m.r. data (CDCl₃): ¹H, δ 0.87 (s, 9 H, [']Bu), 1.36, 1.61 (2 s, 6 H, Me₂C), 3.95 (m, 2 H, H-5,5), 4.34 (m, 1 H, H-4), 4.62 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 3.5 Hz, H-2), 4.74 (bs, 2 H, NH₂), 5.57 (s, 1 H, H-3'), 5.89 (d, 1 H, H-1); ¹³C, δ 18.29 (CSi), 25.77 [(CH₃)₃CSi], 59.69 (C-5), 79.19, 81.60 (C-4,3'), 88.14 (C-3), 91.19 (C-2), 103.72 (C-1), 153.53 (C-4'). *Anal.* Calc. for C₁₀H₁₅NO₇S: C, 40.95; H, 5.15; N, 4.77. Found: C. 41.12; H. 5.31; N, 5.00.

3-C-[(E)-1-Amino-2-(methoxysulfonyl)vinyl]-5-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl)-1.2-Oisopropylidene-α-D-ribofuranose (7). — Sodium (0.05 g, 2 mmol) was reacted with dry methanol (10 mL), then **5** (0.8 g, 2 mmol) was added. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 30 min, then neutralised with M HCl- MeOH, and the solvent was evaporated. Flash-column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 3:1) of the residue gave **7** (0.61 g, 70%), m.p. 67–68°, $[\alpha]_{\rm p} = 5^{\circ}$ (*c* 0.5, chloroform): $v_{\rm max}^{\rm KBr}$ 3460, 3345 (NH₂). 1615 (C = C–N), 1340, 1150 cm⁻¹ (SO₂). N.m.r. data (CDCl₃): ¹H. δ 0.86 (s. 9 H, ¹Bu). 1.36, 1.60 (2 s, 6 H, Me₂C). 3.70–4.10 (m, 3 H, H-4.5,5), 3.75 (s, 3 H, Ms). 4.45 (d, 1 H, J_{4.2} 4 Hz, H-2), 4.72 (s, 1 H, H-2'), 5.97 (d, 1 H, H-1), 6.28 (bs. 2 H, NH₂); ¹³C. δ 18.23 (CSi), 25.84 [(CH₃)₃CSi], 54.75 (SO₂CH₃), 61.22 (C-5), 79.24 (C-3), 80.82, 83.07, 84.14 (C-2.4,2'), 104.78 (C-1), 158.41 (C-3').

Anal. Calc. for C₁₇H₃₃NO₈SSi: C, 46.45; H, 7.56; N. 3.18. Found: C, 46.48; H, 7.63; N, 3.21.

(1,2,5-*Tri*-O-acetyl- α - and - β -D-ribofuranose)-3-spiro-5'-(4'-acetamido-1',2'oxathiole-2',2'-dioxide) (8 and 9). – To a solution of 6 (0.44 g, 1.5 mmol) in pyridine (12 mL) was added slowly acetic anhydride (0.3 mL, 3 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h, the solvent was evaporated, and the residue was stirred with 10 mL of trifluoroacetic acid-water (9:1) at room temperature for 3 h. The solvent was evaporated, and the residue was stirred with acetic anhydride (5 mL) and pyridine (15 mL) for 12 h at room temperature. The solvents were evaporated and flash-column chromatography (ethyl acetate hexane, 1:2) of the residue gave, first, 8 (0.2 g, 32%), isolated as a syrup, $[\alpha]_{\rm p} + 25^{\circ}$ (c 0.5, chloroform): $v_{\rm max}^{\rm film}$ 3200 (NH₂), 1755 (C = O ester), 1700 (C = O amide), 1640 cm⁻¹ (C = C-N). ⁺H-N.m.r. data (CDCI₃): δ 2.10, 2.15, 2.20, 2.23 (4 s, 12 H, 3 OAc and NHAc), 4.35 (m, 2 H, H-5,5), 4.76 (m, 1 H, H-4), 5.55 (d, 1 H, J_{12} 4.5 Hz, H-2), 6.53 (d, 1 H, H-1), 7.45 (s, 1 H, H-3'). 8.30 (bs, 1 H, NH).

Anal. Cale. for C₁₅H₁₉NO₁₁S: C, 42.75; H, 4.54; N, 3.32. Found: C, 42.61; H, 4.57; N, 3.23.

Eluted second was 9 (0.13 g, 21%), isolated as a syrup. $[\alpha]_0 + 41^{-}$ (c 0.5, chloroform); v_{max}^{film} 3200 (NH), 1750 (C = O ester). 1700 (C = O amide). 1640 cm⁻⁺ (C = C-N). ¹H-N.m.r. data (CDCl₃): δ 2.00, 2.10, 2.20, 2.26 (4 s, 12 H, 3 OAc and NHAc), 4.26 (m, 2 H, H-5.5), 4.56 (m, 1 H, H-4), 5.55 (d. 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 3.5 Hz, H-2). 6.20 (d. 1 H, H-1), 7.40 (s, 1 H, H-3'), 8.40 (bs, 1 H, NH).

Anal. Calc. for C₁₅H₁₉NO₁₁S: C, 42.75; H, 4.54; N, 3.32. Found: C, 42.72; H, 4.39; N, 3.10.

5-O-(tert-*hutyldimethylsilyl*)-3-C-*cyano*-1,2-O-*isopropylidene*-3-O-*mesyl*- α -D-xy*lofuranose* (11). — Epimerisation of the cyanohydrin 2 (0.49 g, 1.5 mmol) on treatment with DBU (0.2 mL, 1.5 mmol) in acetonitrile (15 mL) afforded the cyanohydrin 10, which was converted into 11. Chromatography (hexane–ethyl acetate, 5:1) gave 11 as a syryp (71%), [α]₀ + 7° (*c* 0.5, chloroform); u_{max}^{film} 1370, 1185 cm $^+$ (SO₂). N.m.r. data (CDCl₃); ¹H, δ 0.79 (s, 9 H, ⁴Bu), 1.21, 1.46 (2 s, 6 H, Me₂C), 3.11 (s, 3 H, Ms), 3.80 (m, 2 H, H-5,5), 4.39 (m, 1 H, H-4). 5.02 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 4 Hz, H-2), 5.86 (d, 1 H, H-1); ¹³C, δ 18.09 (CSi), 25.62 [(*C*H₃)₃CSi], 40.01 (CH₃SO₂), 58.78 (C-5), 81.14 (C-3), 82.28 (C-4), 83.71 (C-2), 104.73 (C-1), 112.40 (CN).

Anal. Calc. for C₁₆H₂₉NO₇SSi: C, 47.15; H, 7.17; N, 3.43. Found: C, 47.36; H, 7.27; N, 3.45.

[5-O-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)-1,2-O-isopropylidene- α -D-xylofuranose]-3-spiro-5'-(4'-amino-1',2'-oxathiole-2',2'-dioxide) (12). — Obtained from 11 (reaction for 4 h), with crystallisation from CHCl₃-hexane, 12 (71%) had m.p. 199–200°, [α]_p + 2° (c 0.5, chloroform); ν_{max}^{KBr} 3475, 3380 (NH₂), 1640 (C = C–N), 1375, 1155 cm⁻¹ (SO₂). N.m.r. data (CDCl₃): ¹H, δ 0.77 (s, 9 H, ¹Bu), 1.24, 1.49 (2 s, 6 H, Me₂C), 3.80 (d, 2 H, $J_{4,5}$ 7 Hz, H-5,5), 4.34 (t, 1 H, H-4), 4.59 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 3.5 Hz, H-2), 4.67 (bs, 2 H, NH₂), 5.41 (s, 1 H, H-3'), 5.87 (d, 1 H, H-1); ¹³C, δ 18.02 (CSi), 25.66 [(CH₃)₃CSi], 59.85 (C-5), 77.03, 81.39, 85.24 (C-2,4,3'), 85.24 (C-3), 104.87 (C-1), 151.90 (C-4').

Anal. Calc. for C₁₆H₂₉NO₇SSi: C, 47.15; H, 7.17; N, 3.43. Found: C, 47.30; H, 6.98; N, 3.50.

3-C-[(E)-1-Amino-2-(methoxysulfonyl)vinyl]-5-O-(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)-1,2-Oisopropylidene-α-D-xylofuranose (13). — Sodium (0.05 g, 2 mmol) was reacted with dry methanol (10 mL), then 12 (0.8 g, 2 mmol) was added. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 30 min, then neutralised with M HCl–MeOH, and the solvent was evaporated. Chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 4:1) of the residue gave 13 (0.56 g, 64%), isolated as a syrup, $[\alpha]_{\rm p}$ +77° (*c* 0.5, chloroform); $v_{\rm max}^{\rm film}$ 3480, 3360 (NH₂), 1615 (C=C–N), 1335, 1145 cm⁻¹ (SO₂). N.m.r. data (CDCl₃): ¹H, δ 0.89 (s, 9 H, ¹Bu), 1.33, 1.54 (2 s, 6 H, Me₂C), 4.10 (m, 3 H, H-4,5,5), 4.34 (d, 1 H, J_{1,2} 3.5 Hz, H-2), 4.97 (s, 1 H, H-2'), 6.00 (d, 1 H, H-1), 6.13 (s, 1 H, HO-3), 6.33 (bs, 2 H, NH₂); ¹³C, δ 17.88 (CSi), 25.44 [(CH₃)₃CSi], 54.80 (SO₂CH₃), 65.45 (C-5), 78.36, 82.68, 85.86 (C-2,4,2'), 82.01 (C-3), 105.33 (C-1), 157.22 (C-3').

Anal. Calc. for C₁₇H₃₃NO₈SSi: C, 46.45; H, 7.56; N, 3.18. Found: C, 46.47; H, 7.65, N, 3.26.

3-C-Cyano-1,2:3,5-di-O-isopropylidene- α -D-xylofuranose (14). — A solution of the cyanohydrin 10 (2.0 g, 6 mmol) in 0.1M HCl–MeOH (40 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 20 min, then neutralised with M NaOH–MeOH. The solvent was evaporated, the residue was suspended in dry acetone (40 mL), and 4 Å molecular sieves (3 g), *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (0.3 g, 6 mmol), and triethyl orthoformate (3 mL, 18 mmol) were added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 h, then neutralised with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, and filtered, and the solvent was evaporated. Chromatography (hexane–ethyl acetate, 4:1) of the residue gave 14 (0.68 g, 45%), m.p. 94–95° (from hexane), [α]_D + 53° (*c* 0.5, chloroform); ν_{max}^{KBr} 2210 cm⁻¹ (CN). ¹H-N.m.r. data (CDCl₃), δ 1.37, 1.42, 1.54, 1.66 (4 s, 12 H, Me₂C), 4.19 (m, 3 H, H-4,5,5), 4.54 (d, 1 H, J_{1.2} 4 Hz, H-2), 6.02 (d, 1 H, H-1).

Anal. Calc. for C₁₂H₁₇NO₅: C, 56.46; H, 6.71; N, 5.49. Found: C, 56.60; H, 6.53; N, 5.50.

5-O-(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)-1,2-O-isopropylidene-3-O-mesyl-3-C-methoxyimi $nomethyl-<math>\alpha$ -D-ribofuranose (15). — Sodium (0.02 g, 1 mmol) was reacted with dry methanol (6 mL), then 3 (0.4 g, 1 mmol) was added. The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 1 h, then neutralised with M HCl–MeOH, and the solvent was evaporated. Chromatography (hexane -ethyl acetate, 4:1) of the residue gave **15** (0.23 g, 54%), isolated as a syrup, $[\alpha]_{12} + 50^{\circ}$ (*c* 0.5, chloroform): $v_{\text{max}}^{\text{film}} 3320$ (NH), 1665 (C = N), 1365, 1170 cm⁻¹ (SO₂). N.m.r. data (CDCl₃): ¹H, δ 0.80 (s, 9 H, ¹Bu), 1.30, 1.50 (2 s, 6 H, Me₂C), 3.15 (s, 3 H, Ms), 3.57 (m, 2 H, H-5,5), 3.71 (s, 3 H, OMe), 4.19 (t, 1 H, $J_{4,5}$ 6 Hz, H-4), 5.09 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 3.5 Hz, H-2), 5.82 (d, 1 H, H-1), 8.12 (bs, 1 H, NH): ¹³C, δ 18.17 (CSi), 25.80 [(CH₃)₃CSi], 40.64 (CH₃SO₂), 53.82 (OCH₃), 61.81 (C-5), 80.91, 80.92 (C-2.4), 90.04 (C-3), 105.68 (C-1), 165.05 (C = NH).

Anal. Calc. for C₁-H₃₃NO₈SSi: C, 46.44; H, 7.56; N, 3.18. Found: C, 46.21; H, 7.59; N, 3.15.

(1,2:5,6-Di-O-*isopropylidene*- α -D-*allofuranose*)-3-*spiro*-5'-(4'-*amino*-1'.2'-oxa*thiole*-2',2'-*dioxide*) (**18**). — Prepared from **17**²² (reaction for 7 h), with chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate. 1:2), **18** (66%) had m.p. 197' (dec.) (from chloroform), $[\alpha]_p$ + 18 (c 0.5, methyl sulfoxide); v_{mux}^{KBr} 3420, 3330 (NH₂), 1650 (C = C-N), 1375, 1160 cm⁻¹ (SO₃). ¹H-N.m.r. data (CDCl₃): δ 1.23, 1.33, 1.36, 1.53 (4 s, 12 H, Me₂C), 3.90 (m, 2 H, H-6.6). 4.23 (m, 2 H, H-4.5), 4.66 (d. 1 H. J_{12} 3.5 Hz, H-2), 5.63 (s. 1 H, H-3'), 6.06 (d. 1 H, H-1), 6.43 (bs, 2 H, NH₃).

Anal. Calc. for C₁₄H₂₁NO₈S: C, 46.27; H, 5.82; N, 3.85. Found: C, 45.98; H, 5.71: N, 3.95.

Methyl 2-O-*benzoyl-4,6*-O-*benzylidene-α*-D-ribo-*hexopyranosid-3-ulose* (19). Dichloromethane (15 mL) and dry pyridine (1.5 mL, 18.6 mmol) were added over CrO_3 (1.86 g, 18.6 mmol), the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 min. and then acetic anhydride (1.76 mL, 18.6 mmol) and a solution of methyl 2-O-benzoyl-4,6-O-benzylidene-α-D-glucopyranoside²¹ (1.2 g, 3.1 mmol) in dichloromethane (7 mL) were added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 min, poured into ethyl acetate (100 mL), and filtered through a wet (ethyl acetate) short column of silica gel (30 g), using ethyl acetate as the eluent to give **19** (1.18 g, 89%) as a white solid, m.p. 209-211° (lit.²¹ m.p. 210-212°); v_{max}^{KBr} 1770 (C=O), 1737 cm⁻¹ (C=O benzoyl).

Methyl 2-O-*henzoyl-4.6*-O-*henzylidene-3*-C-*cyano-3*-O-*mesyl-x*-D-*glucopyranoside* (21). — Prepared from the ulose 19. with chromatography (ethyl acetate hexane, 1:4), 21 (38%) had m.p. 165–167. (from ethyl acetate–hexane), $[\alpha]_{\rm p}$ + 82.5° (*c* 1, chloroform): $v_{\rm max}^{\rm KBr}$ 1735 (C = O), 1375, 1185 cm⁻¹ (SO₂). N.m.r. data: ¹H [(CD₄)₂CO], δ 3.23 (s. 3 H. Ms), 3.46 (s. 3 H, OMe), 4.00 (t, 1 H, $J_{bax,beg} \approx J_{bax} \approx 10$ Hz, H-6*ax*), 4.14–4.26 (m, 1 H, H-5), 4.47 (dd, 1 H, $J_{5,beg}$ 4.81 Hz, H-6*eq*), 4.52 (d, 1 H, $J_{4,5}$ 9.5 Hz, H-4), 5.27 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 3.95 Hz, H-2), 5.56 (d, 1 H, H-1). 5.88 (s, 1 H, *H*CPh), 7.37–8.20 (m, 10 H, 2 Ph); ¹⁴C (CDCl₄), δ 40.07 (CH₃SO₂), 56.17 (OCH₃), 61.07 (C-5), 68.42 (C-6), 72.65 (C-2), 79.01 (C-3), 79.32 (C-4), 97.38 (C-1), 102.17 (HCPh), 111.57 (CN, $J_{\rm CN}$ Hz = $J_{\rm CN,H-4}$ = 7 Hz), 126.29, 128.39, 128.61, 129.53, 130.39, 133.96, 136.09 (C₆H₃), 165.02 (PhCO).

Anal. Calc. for C₂₃H₂₃NO₉S: C. 56.43; H. 4.73; N. 2.86; S. 6.55. Found: C. 56.47; H, 4.57; N, 2.58; S. 6.78.

 $(Methyl = 2\text{-}O\text{-}benzoyl-4,6\text{-}O\text{-}benzylidene-\alpha-D-glucopyranoside})-3-spiro-5'-(4'-amino-1',2'-oxathiole-2',2'-dioxide)$ (**22**) and $(methyl 2\text{-}O\text{-}benzoyl-4,6\text{-}O\text{-}benzylidene-\alpha-D-glucopyranoside})-3-spiro-5'-(4'-benzamido-1',2'-oxathiole-2',2'-dioxide)$ (**23**). Pre-

pared from **21** (reaction for 48 h), with chromatography (hexane–ethyl acetate, 3:1), amorphous **23** (20%) had $[\alpha]_{D} + 28^{\circ}$ (*c* 1, acetone); $v_{max}^{KBr} 3250$ (NH), 1735 (C=O ester), 1700 (C = O amide), 1640 cm⁻¹ (C = C–N). N.m.r. data [(CD₃)₂CO]: ¹H, δ 3.57 (s, 3 H, OMe), 3.83 (t, 1 H, $J_{6ax,6eg} \simeq J_{5,6ax} \simeq 9.3$ Hz, H-6*ax*), 4.21–4.09 (m, 1 H, H-5), 4.33 (d, 1 H, $J_{4.5}$ 10.3 Hz, H-4), 4.33 (dd, 1 H, $J_{5,6eq}$ 4.9 Hz, H-6*eq*), 5.40 (d, 1 H, H-2), 5.64 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 4.5 Hz, H-1), 5.70 (s, 1 H, *H*CPh), 7.15–7.86 (m, 15 H, 3 Ph), 7.72 (s, 1 H, H-3'), 10.47 (bs, 1 H, NH); ¹³C, δ 57.75 (OCH₃), 62.22 (C-5), 69.44 (C-6), 72.09 (C-2), 80.40 (C-4), 91.45 (C-3), 98.10 (C-1), 102.09 (CHPh), 109.40 (C-3'), 141.39 (C = CNHBz), 165.36, 167.19 (2 C = O).

Anal. Calc. for $C_{30}H_{27}NO_{10}S$: C, 60.70; H, 4.58; N, 2.36; S, 5.40. Found: C, 60.68; H, 4.50; N, 2.43; S, 5.24.

Eluted second was amorphous **22** (12%), $[\alpha]_{D} + 42^{\circ}$ (*c* 1, acetone); v_{max}^{KBr} 3400, 3320 (NH₂), 1730 (C = O ester), 1650 cm⁻¹ (C = C–N). N.m.r. data [(CD₃)₂CO]: ¹H, δ 3.57 (s, 3 H, OMe), 3.90 (m, 1 H, H-6*ax*), 4.25 (m, 2 H, H-4,5), 4.44 (m, 1 H, H-6*eq*), 5.35 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 4.6 Hz, H-2), 5.52 (d, 1 H, H-1), 5.75 (s, 1 H, H-3'), 5.78 (s, 1 H, CHPh), 6.43 (bs, 2 H, NH₂), 7.32–8.06 (m, 10 H, 2 Ph); ¹³C, δ 56.37 (OCH₃), 61.59 (C-5), 69.42 (C-6), 72.68 (C-2), 80.70 (C-4), 90.40 (C-3), 93.84 (C-3'), 97.88 (C-1), 101.83 (HCPh), 152.74 (C-4'), 165.74 (C = O).

Anal. Calc. for C₂₃H₂₃NO₉S: C, 56.43; H, 4.73; N, 2.86; S, 6.55. Found: C, 56.60; H, 4.80; N, 2.90; S, 6.65.

Methyl 4,6-O-benzylidene-2- and -3-O-(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)- α -D-glucopyranoside (**24** and **29**). — A mixture of methyl 4,6-O-benzylidene- α -D-glucopyranoside (Aldrich, 3 g, 10.6 mmol), pyridine (20 mL), and tert-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (2.26 g, 15 mmol) was stirred at room temperature for 3 days, then concentrated. A solution of the residue in chloroform was washed with cold M HCl (50 mL), water (2 x 50 mL), and finally with brine (50 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated. Flash-column chromatography (hexane–ethyl acetate, 8:1) of the residue afforded, first, **24** (2.30 g, 58%), m.p. 82–83° (from ethyl acetate–hexane), $[\alpha]_{\rm D}$ + 50° (c 1, methanol). ¹H-N.m.r. data (CDCl₃), δ 0.94 (s, 9 H, ¹Bu), 3.44 (s, 3 H, OMe), 3.44–4.36 (m, 6 H, H-2,3,4,5,6,6), 4.65 (d, 1 H, J₁, 4 Hz, H-1), 5.54 (s, 1 H, HCPh), 7.29–7.62 (m, 5 H, Ph).

Anal. Calc. for C₂₀H₃₂O₆Si: C, 60.58; H, 8.13. Found: C, 60.39; H, 8.33.

Eluted second was **29**, isolated as a syrup (1.02 g, 26%), $[\alpha]_{p}$ + 65° (*c* 1, methanol). ¹H-N.m.r. data (CDCl₃), δ 0.90 (s, 9 H, 'Bu), 3.45 (s, 3 H, OMe), 4.80 (s, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 4 Hz, H-1), 5.53 (s, 1 H, CHPh), 7.30–7.65 (m, 5 H, Ph).

Anal. Calc. for C₂₀H₃₂O₆Si: C, 60.58; H, 8.13. Found: C, 60.43; H, 8.40.

Methyl 4,6-O-benzylidene-2-O-(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)- α -D-ribo-hexopyranosid-3-ulose (25). — Compound 24 (0.8 g, 2.02 mmol) was oxidised as described for the synthesis of ulose 19, to give, after work-up, syrupy 25 (0.61 g, 77%); v_{max}^{film} 1750 cm⁻¹ (C–O); which was used in the next step without purification.

Methyl 4,6-O-*benzylidene-2*-O-(tert-*butyldimethylsilyl*)-3-C-*cyano-3*-O-*mesyl-* α -D-*allopyranoside* (27). — Prepared from 25, with chromatography (ethyl acetatehexane, 1:6), 27 (42%) was isolated as a syrup, $[\alpha]_{D} + 25^{\circ}$ (*c* 1, chloroform); v_{max}^{KBr} 1375, 1185 cm⁻¹ (SO₂). N.m.r. data (CDCl₃): ¹H, δ 0.90 (s, 9 H, ¹Bu), 3.11 (s, 3 H, Ms), 3.36 (s, 3 H, Me). 3.66 (t, 1 H, $J_{bax,beq} \approx J_{5,bax} \approx 10.2$ Hz, H-6*ax*), 3.77 (d, 1 H, $J_{4,5}$ 9.3 Hz, H-4), 3.99 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 4.2 Hz, H-2). 4.10 (m, 1 H, H-5), 4.29 (dd, 1 H, $J_{5,beq}$ 5.1 Hz, H-6*eq*). 4.62 (d, 1 H, H-1), 5.55 (s, 1 H, *II*CPh), 7.26 · 7.47 (m, 5 H, Ph); ¹³C, δ 18.10 (CSi). 25.23 [(CH₅),C]. 40.12 (CH₃SO₂), 56.28 (OCH₄), 58.02 (C-5), 68.54, 72.99 (C-2.6), 79.37 (C-4), 99.71 (C-1), 102.06 (HCPh), 114.80 (CN), 126.22, 128.25, 129.29, 136.17 (C₆H₅).

Anal. Calc. for C₂₂H₃₃NO₈SSi: C, 52.88; H, 6.66; N, 2.80; S, 6.42. Found: C, 53.20; H, 6.91; N, 3.10; S, 6.65.

[*Methyl* 4,6-O-*benzylidene*-2-O-(tert-*butyldimethylsilyl*)- α -D-*allopyranoside*[-3-spiro-5'-(4'-amino-1',2'-oxathiole-2',2'-dioxide) (**28**). Prepared from **27** (reaction for 48 h) and chromatography (hexane acetone, 2:1), **28** (77%) had m.p. 240⁺ (dec.), [z]₀ + 57⁺ (c-1, methyl sulfoxide): v_{max}^{KB} 3400, 3360 (NH₃), 1660 (C = C - N), 1305, 1165 cm⁻¹ (SO₂), N.m.r. data [(CD₃)₂SO]; ¹H, δ 0.85 (s. 9 H, ¹Bu), 3.34 (s. 3 H, OMe), 3.69 (t. 1 H, $J_{bax,beq} \approx J_{5,bax} \approx 9.8$ Hz, H-6*ax*), 3.91 (m, 1 H, H-5), 3.98 (d, 1 H, $J_{4,2}$, 9.3 Hz, H-4), 4.22 (d, 1 H, H-2), 4.29 (dd, 1 H, $J_{5,beq}$ 4.5 Hz, H-6*eq*), 4.75 (d, 1 H, $J_{4,2}$ 4.2 Hz, H-1), 5.46 (s, 1 H, H-3'), 5.57 (s, 1 H, HCPh), 6.72 (bs, 2 H, NH₂), 7.32-7.47 (m, 5 H, Ph); ¹⁺C, δ 17.56 (CSi), 25.20 [(CH₃)₃CSi], 55.13 (OCH₄), 58.60 (C-5), 68.06 (C-2.6), 74.90 (C-4), 88.55 (C-3.3'), 99.32 (C-1), 100.39 (HCPh), 126.21, 127.64, 128.60, 137.12 (C₈H₃), 158.34 (C-4').

Anal, Cale, for C₂₂H₃₃NO₈SSi; C. 52.88; H, 6.66; N, 2.80; S, 6.42, Found; C, 52.54; H, 6.17; N, 2.45; S, 6.29.

Methyl 4,6-O-benzylidene-3-O-(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)- α -D-arabino-hexopyranosid-2-ulose (**30**). — Compound **29** (1.3 g, 3.28 mmol) was oxidised, as described for the synthesis of ulose **19**, to give syrupy **30** (1.06 g, 82%); v_{max}^{film} 1750 cm⁻¹ (C = O); which was used immediately in the next step without purification.

Methyl 4,6-O-*benzylidene-3-*O-(tert-*butyldimethylsilyl*)-2-C-*cyano-2-*O-*mesyl-z*-D-*glucopyranoside* (**32**). -- Prepared from **30**, with chromatography (hexane- acetone, 8:1), **32** (86%) had m.p. 134–136° (from ether). $[\alpha]_0 + 13°$ (*c* 1, chloroform); y_{max}^{KB} 1375, 1180 cm⁻¹ (SO₂). N.m.r. data (CDCI₄): ¹H, δ 0.87 (s, 9 H, ¹Bu), 3.23 (s, 3 H, Ms), 3.52 (s, 3 H, OMe), 3.72–3.85 (m, 2 H, H-4,6*ax*), 3.90 (m, 1 H, $J_{4,5} \approx J_{5,6ax} \approx 9.0, J_{5,6ca}$ 4 Hz, H-5), 4.24 (d, 1 H, $J_{3,4}$ 9.4 Hz, H-3), 4.29 (dd, 1 H, $J_{bax,beq}$ 9.5 Hz, H-6*eq*), 5.46, 5.55 (2 s, 2 H, H-1, *H*CPh), 7.34–7.47 (m, 5 H, Ph); ¹³C, δ 18.06 (CSi), 25.54 [(CH₄)₅C], 40.13 (CH₃SO₂), 56.41 (OCH₃), 62.43 (C-5), 68.36 (C-6), 71.67 (C-3), 80.27 (C-4), 81.41 (C-2), 98.97, 102.24 (C-1 and HCPh), 114.15 (CN, $J_{CN,H-1}$ 1, $J_{CN,H-3}$ 7 Hz), 126.02, 126.19, 128.15, 129.21, 136.64 (C₆H₄).

Anal. Cale. for C₂₂H₃₃NO₈SSi: C, 52.88; H, 6.66; N, 2.80; S, 6.42. Found: C, 52.70; H, 6.52; N, 3.10; S, 6.62.

[*Methyl* 4,6-O-*benzylidene-3*-O-(tert-*butyldimethylsilyl*)- α -D-*glucopyranoside*]-2-*spiro-5'-(4'-amino-1'.2'-oxathiole-2',2'-dioxide*) (**33**). — Prepared from **32** (reaction for 3 h), with chromatography (hexane ethyl acetate, 1:1). **33** (73%) had m.p. 182–184° (dec.), [α]_{ν} + 46° (*c* 1, acetone); ν ^{KBr}_{max} 3450, 3360 (NH₂), 1645 (C = C N), 1315, 1150 cm⁻¹ (**SO**₂): N.m.r. data [(CD₃)₂CO]: ¹H, δ 0.81 (s. 9 H, ¹Bu), 3.50 (s. 3 H, OMe), 3.97–4.10 (m, 2 H, H-5,6*ax*), 4.20–4.33 (m. 3 H, H-3,4,6*eq*), 4.89 (s. 1 H, H-1), 5.61 (s. 1 H, H-3'), 5.85 (s. 1 H, *H*CPh), 5.65 (bs. 2 H, NH₂), 7.34–7.60 (m, 5 H, Ph): ¹³C, δ 18.87 (CSi), 26.34 [(CH₃)₃C], 56.43 (OCH₃), 63.15 (C-5), 68.67 (C-6), 72.94 (C-3), 80.66 (C-4), 89.64 (C-2), 91.87 (C-3'), 101.93, 102.98 (C-1 and HCPh), 155.38 (C-4'). *Anal.* Calc. for C₂₂H₃₃NO₈SSi: C, 52.88; H, 6.66; N, 2.80; S, 6.42. Found: C, 52.62; H, 6.33; N, 2.83; S, 6.50.

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