SYNTHESIS OF TWO 3-AMINO-2,3-DIDEOXYHEXURONIC ACID DERIVATIVES*

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ABSTRACT

Methyl (methyl 3-acetamido-2,3-dideoxy- α -D-*ribo*-hexopyranosid)uronate was prepared from methyl 3-acetamido-4-O-benzoyl-6-bromo-2,3,6-trideoxy- α -D-*ribo*hexopyranoside (2) by a sequence of reactions involving photodecomposition of the 6-azido-4-hydroxyl analog of 2, followed by successive mild hydrolysis of the intermediate imine 8 (to afford the aldehyde 11), oxidation, and esterification. In contrast, mild hydrolysis of the photoproduct (6) from the corresponding 6-azido-4-acetate proceeded with complete β -elimination to give, after oxidation and esterification, methyl (methyl 3-acetamido-2,3,4-trideoxy- α -D-glycero-hex-4-enopyranosid)uronate. The intermediate imines (6 and 8) and corresponding aldehydes (9 and 11) were characterized as their crystalline 1,3-diphenylimidazolidine analogs, and aldehyde 9 further as the oxime.

INTRODUCTION

A program^{1,2} in this laboratory is concerned with the synthesis of various deoxy and amino sugars as potential replacements for daunosamine (3-amino-2,3,6-trideoxy-L-lyxo-hexose), the carbohydrate constituent of the antitumor antibiotics³ daunorubicin and doxorubicin (adriamycin), in order to provide access to functional and/or configurational analogs of these anthracycline glycosides that might display better therapeutic indices than the parent drugs. Several such analogs prepared by $us^{1,4-7}$ and by others⁸⁻¹² have daunosamine replaced by acosamine⁸ (3-amino-2,3,6-trideoxy-L-arabino-hexose) and ristosamine⁹ (L-*ribo* stereochemistry) and their enantiomers^{1,4,5}, by 6-hydroxy^{10,11} and 4-deoxy¹² analogs of daunosamine, and by digitoxose⁶ (2,6-dideoxy-D-*ribo*-hexose) and its 5-epimer^{6,7} (L-lyxo configuration); some of these products display significant activity against experimental tumors in mice.

We now report the synthesis of methyl (methyl 3-acetamido-2,3-dideoxy- α -*p*-*ribo*-hexopyranosid)uronate (15) and its β -elimination product 14; these may be useful intermediates for synthesis of new anthracycline glycosides having daunos-

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amine replaced by a hexuronic acid moiety, as probes for ascertaining the effect of a 5'-carboxylic group on biological activity.

Aminohexuronic acids are relatively rare, and only a few are known to occur in Nature and/or have been prepared synthetically. The first examples reported, namely, 2-amino-2-deoxy-D-galacturonic acid¹³ and its D-gluco¹⁴ isomer, were synthesized by Heyns and his coworkers long before they were found^{15,16} as constituents of polysaccharides from micro-organisms, as are the manno¹⁷ and gulo¹⁸ isomers. Ezoaminuroic acid (3-amino-3,4-dideoxy-D-xylo-hexuronic acid) has been isolated¹⁹ from the ezomycins, a complex of antifungal antibiotics, and is the first naturally occurring 3-aminohexuronic acid. The chemical synthesis of this compound²⁰ and its p-allo²¹ isomer was reported by Ogawa and Kinoshita and their coworkers, respectively. 4-Aminohexuronic acids were detected in the nucleoside antibiotics gougerotin^{22a} and blasticidin S (ref. 22b), and their identity was established^{23,24} by chemical synthesis. Finally, the 5-amino-5-deoxy-D-allofuranosiduronic acid moiety forms part of the polyoxins^{22c}, a group of antifungal, peptidic nucleosides. Chemical synthesis of derivatives of this aminohexuronic acid²⁵, as well as of some analogs²⁶, has been accomplished by a number of groups. Beyond that, however, only a few other derivatives of other aminohexuronic acids have been prepared²⁷. In this report, we describe the synthesis of the 3-amino-3-deoxyhexuronic acid derivatives 15 and 14 by a route involving photolysis of primary azides, with subsequent, mild hydrolysis of the intermediate imines to give the corresponding aldehydes, which were then oxidized.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The starting material in this series of reactions was methyl 3-acetamido-4-Obenzoyl-6-bromo-2,3,6-trideoxy- α -D-*ribo*-hexopyranoside (2), obtained²⁸ crystalline in 53.5% net yield in five steps from methyl α -D-mannopyranoside (1). Treatment of 2 with sodium azide in N,N-dimethylformamide afforded the crystalline 6-azide 3 in 88% yield; this product was fully characterized by analytical and spectroscopic data.

The photolysis of a primary azide, as in 3, has been described before as an excellent synthetic route to ω -aldehydo derivatives of simple $alkyl^{29,30}$ and $aryl^{30,31}$ glycosides. Furthermore, the reaction has been exploited for the preparation of 6aldehydo analogs of starch³² and cellulose³³, and was subsequently extended to nucleosides³⁴. The photolysis was also effective with secondary azides³⁵, to give the corresponding ketones, but the yields were mediocre. However, when compound 3, dissolved in benzene (ether, or acetone) and blanketed with nitrogen, was irradiated with light from a medium-pressure, mercury-arc lamp, it failed to undergo a straightforward transformation but, instead, led invariably, after mild hydrolysis of the presumed aldimine intermediate, to a complex mixture of products; this result was attributed to the presence of the benzoyloxy group at C-4 and its conceivable participation in the reaction. Therefore, the 4-hydroxyl derivative 5 and the 4-acetate 7 were envisaged as better substrates for the photolysis reaction, based on earlier experience with primary azides of unprotected and acetylated glycosides that could successfully be converted²⁹⁻³³ into the respective aldehydes.

Conventional debenzoylation of 3 gave 5 in theoretical yield as an analytically pure syrup that failed to crystallize, and the crystalline acetate 7 was prepared from 3 via the fully deacylated, crystalline methyl glycoside 4 or, in better yield, from 5 by simple acetylation.

Irradiation of a solution of 5 in benzene under nitrogen with light from a mercury arc for 90 min at room temperature led to decomposition of all of the starting material (as shown by t.l.c.) and formation of an amorphous precipitate formulated as an oligometric form of the expected imine 8. It is generally considered³⁶ that photolysis of an azide proceeds via an intermediate nitrene ($R-CH_{2}N$) that rearranges, by a 1,2-hydrogen shift, to give the corresponding imine. The elemental analysis of compound 8 gave somewhat variable values, but indicated the empirical formula $C_9H_{16}N_2O_4$, and the compound displayed i.r. absorption at 3420 cm⁻¹ (N-H stretching vibration). There was no C = N band group in the 1630-cm⁻¹ region, and the n.m.r. spectrum of 8 in chloroform-d was poorly resolved and clearly inconsistent with a monomeric structure^{29,30}. Unambiguous evidence for the general imine structure 8 was provided, however, by the reactions exhibited by the product. Thus, the crystalline imidazolidine derivative 10 was conveniently prepared by treating 8 with 1,2-bis(anilino)ethane³⁷. Furthermore, mild hydrolysis with anionexchange resin, by the general procedure established in earlier work²⁹⁻³⁴, afforded the aldehyde 11 as an amorphous material in high yield (83% from 5); it migrated as a single zone in t.l.c., and gave positive reducing-sugar tests (aniline phthalate, Schiff reagent). The n.m.r. spectrum of 11 in chloroform-d showed extensive linebroadening, and the signal (δ 9.83) for the aldehyde proton accounted for less than 0.5 proton. These findings, and the low intensity of the carbonyl absorption band in the i.r. spectrum of 11, are indicative of substantial intermolecular association 30,34,38and, possibly, partial solvation.

Chemical evidence for the presence of the aldehydo group in 11 was provided by its conversion into the crystalline, readily identified, imidazolidine derivative 10, and by its oxidation, with subsequent esterification, to give the aminohexuronate 15. The results of detailed analysis of the excellent, first-order n.m.r. spectrum (see Table I) of 15 in chloroform-*d* eliminated the possibility that epimerization at C-5 had occurred at any of the reaction steps. The large value for $J_{4,5}$ (9.5 Hz) established the *trans*-diaxial disposition of H-4 and H-5, and the consistently small couplingconstants (1.8–3.8 Hz) between the protons at C-1–C-4 indicated their consecutive gauche orientation; these values are compatible only with the α -D-ribo configuration (in the ${}^{+}C_{1}$ conformation) assigned to 15. Other spectral characteristics [i.r.: 1740 (ester C=O), 1640 and 1530 cm⁻¹ (amide); mass spectrometry: 216 (M⁺ – MeO⁻)] and its elemental composition entirely supported the structure indicated.

When a solution of the acetylated azide 7 in benzene was exposed to u.v. irradiation, the starting material completely disappeared after 90 min, as shown by



t.l.c. analysis. The i.r. spectrum [3430 (NH), 1745 (ester C=O), 1680 and 1520 cm⁻¹ (amide)] of the tan solid obtained after evaporation of the solvent suggested that the 4-O-acetyl derivative (6) of 8 had been formed, again in a nonmonomeric form as manifested by absence of the characteristic C=N stretching absorption near 1630 cm⁻¹, and supported by extensive line-broadening in the n.m.r. spectrum of 6

Com-	Chemical .	shifts $(\delta)^{b}$ (f	irst-order co.	uplings, Hz,	in parenthe.	ses)						
pund	H-1 (J1,2a)	<i>H-2e</i> (J _{1,2e})	<i>H-2a</i> (J _{2n,3})	<i>H-3</i> (J _{26,3})	H-4 (J _{3,4})	H-5 (J _{4,5})	H-6 (J _{5,0})	<i>H-6'</i> (J _{5,0} ')	OMe-I	<i>NH-3</i> (J _{3, NH})	NAC	Othersa
34	4.90- 4.75 m (4.0)	1.88 ddd (1.6)	2.14 m ₆ (4.0)	4.90- 4.75 m (3.1)	5.03 dd (4.0)	4.18 m (10.0)	+ 3.44	3.37 m ↓	3.48 s	6.85 d (9.0)	1.92 s	8.05-7.30 m (aryl)
4 e	4.76 m ₃	← 2.10–1.5)5 m →	3.07 m	← 3.80–3.2	30 m		Î	3.36 s	2.63 bs	1	∼ 3.50 b (OH)
S	4.77 dd	1.86 ddd	2.04 m ₀	4.47 m ₆	(+.∠) ← 3.95-3.	20 m		↑ 	3.42 s	7.00 d	2.00 s	4.20 bs (OH)
67	4.79 bs	(1.0) ← 2.15–1.8	(orc) 80 m ↑	(2.c) 4.68 m	4.98 dd	3.93 m		I	3.39 s	(6.U) 6.80 d	1.99 s	1.99 s (OAc)
7	4.82 dd	← 2.18-1.7	75 m →	← 4.80-4	(60 m →	4.03 m5	← 3.36 c	ن 1 ^۲	3.46 s	(9.0) 6.78 d	1.98 s	1.98 s (OAc)
8	4.73 bs	← 2.15-1.7	10 m ↓	← 4.60~3.	20 m	(0.01)	(c.+) ↓	(c. 1)	3.33 s	(8.8) 6.88 d	1.96 s	
6	5.26 m ₃	← 2.25–2.(05 m →	4.79 m	6.04 d	I	9.20 s	I	3.44 s	(8.0) 6.38 d	1.93 s	
10	4.65 bs	← 1.90-1.(t m 03	4.30 m	(c.c) 3.50 m	4.10 dd (10.2)	5.89 d (1.8)	I	3.03 s	~ 6.80¢	1.93 s	7.40-6.60 m (aryl) ~4.10 (OH)
117	4.80 bs	← 2.20-1.{	80 m ↓	← 4.70-3	.40 m →		9.83 s	I	3.39 s	6.92 b	2.00 s	3.90-3.30 m (CH2CH2)
12	4.88 bs	← 2.00-1.7	74 m ↓	4.56 m	5.35 d (6.0)	l	5.45 s	I	2.94 s	6.20 d (9.0)	1.84 s	7.40-6.60 m (aryl) 3.71 m (CH ₂ CH ₂)
134	5.12 bs	← 2.25-1.5	00 m ↓	4.92 m	5.46 d (4.6)	I	8.01 s	I	3.28 s	7.90 b	2.03 s	~4.90 (OH)
14	5.23 m ₃	← 2.10-1.5	1 m →	4.70 m	6.17 d	I	l	I	3.43 s	6.44 d	1.90 s	3.76 s (CO ₂ Me)
15'	4.85 dd (3.2)	1.88 ddd (1.8)	2.22 m ₀ (3.2)	4.51 m (3.8)	3.97 dd (3.8)	4.25 d (9.5)	l	ł	3.36 s	6.86 d (9.0)	2.04 s	4.15 d (OH) (2.4) 3.67 s (CO ₂ Me)
^a In ch parent double	loroform-d, heses. ^d J _{2,2}	, unless other , 15.5 Hz. eT 1 experiment.	rwise stated. The partially In these sp	^b Signal mu obscured C	Itiplicities; OH signal w sive line-bro	b, broadene as detected	ed; d, doub in the ô 3.5	let; m, m 80–3.30 m	ultiplet; n ultiplet b;	y deuteriun	attern; s, n exchang	singlet. ^c Assignments in 3c; Ja,4 was taken from a widino-dr 4 Job 10 5 Hz

100-MHz, ¹H-n.m.r.-spectral data for compounds 3-15

TABLE I

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in chloroform-d. However, the ready conversion of $\mathbf{6}$ into the imidazolidine derivative **10**, by treatment with 1,2-bis(anilino)ethane³⁷, followed by saponification, provided clear evidence for the latent ald-hydo group in $\mathbf{6}$.

When the "imine" 6 was boiled in aqueous solution for 90 min under reflux, the α,β -unsaturated aldehyde 9 was obtained exclusively. This result emphasizes the well-known^{30,39,40} susceptibility of β -substituents in carbonyl sugar derivatives to α,β -elimination, even under extremely mild conditions.

Compound 9 was characterized by microanalysis, by chemical tests (aniline phthalate, Schiff reagent, potassium permanganate), and by its spectral (i.r., u.v., m.s., and n.m.r.) behavior. It is noteworthy that, in the n.m.r. spectrum (see Table I) of 9 in chloroform-d, the vinylic proton (H-4) signal (sharp doublet at δ 6.04) did not exhibit any long-range coupling, suggesting⁴⁰ that 9 adopts the ²H₁ conformation, which does not incorporate a "W" pathway for coupling between H-2 and H-4. In addition, the observed value of 5.5 Hz for $J_{3,4}$ is more consistent^{40,41} with a quasi-equatorial (²H₁ conformation) than a quasi-axial (¹H₂) disposition of the allylic proton (H-3). From the same observations on the spectra (see Table I) of the other dihydropyran (glycal) derivatives (12, 13, and 14) in this series, it was concluded that these compounds also favor the ²H₁ conformation, in agreement with earlier findings^{40,42} that, among members of this class, the anomeric C-OR bond exhibits a pronounced tendency to assume a pseudo-axial orientation.

Treatment of the unsaturated aldehyde 9 with 1,2-bis(anilino)ethane³⁷ gave the dehydrated analog (12) of the 1,3-diphenylimidazolidine derivative 10, crystalline and in high yield (84%). A characteristic feature in the n.m.r. spectra (see Table I) of both derivatives (10 and 12) is the anticipated, diamagnetic shift of the H-6 signal from its low-field position in the spectra of the aldehydes 11 and 9 to δ 5.89 and 5.45, respectively. Another feature common to 10 and 12 is present in their mass spectra, which show, as the base peak, the diphenylimidazolidinium cation (*m*/e 223) that arises by rupture of the C-4-C-5 bond.

Hydroxylamine readily converted the aldehyde 9 into the crystalline oxime 13; the latter constitutes an immediate precursor of the corresponding 3,6-diamino-hex-4-enopyranoside, a structural analog of which (the 2,6-diamino isomer) exists⁴³ in Nature in glycosidic conjugation in the antibiotic sisomicin.

When the aldehyde 9, in aqueous solution, was brought into reaction with silver oxide in the presence of barium hydroxide, and the product was treated with methyl iodide in N,N-dimethylformamide, a crystalline compound was obtained in good yield (80%) that was formulated as the 4,5-unsaturated 4-deoxyhexopyranuronate 14, based on the evidence of microanalysis, i.r., u.v., and n.m.r. spectroscopy, and mass spectrometry. Its n.m.r. spectrum (see Table I) showed the signals anticipated for the two methyl and the acetyl groups, together with a low-field (δ 6.17) doublet for the vinylic proton (H-4) indicative^{40,41} ($J_{3,4}$ 6 Hz; no long-range coupling) of the ² H_1 conformation for 14 (see foregoing discussions). The u.v. spectrum of 14 showed a strong (ε_{mM} 8.29) absorption at 241 nm, characteristic^{39a} of an α,β -unsaturated acid component. The mass spectrum of 14 showed a distinctive molecular ion (*m*/*e* 229) and the fragmentations anticipated from loss of MeOH, \cdot CO₂Me, and \cdot NHAc, together with fragments arising through^{27a} retro-Diels-Alder decomposition.

Preliminary results indicated that catalytic hydrogenation^{39a} of **14** proceeds with significant stereoselectivity, to give mainly the saturated β -L-threo-hexopyran-uronate.

Uronic acids featuring the endocyclic, enol-acetal system present in 14 are encountered³⁹ as products of enzymic or base-catalyzed, β -eliminative degradation of polysaccharides containing uronic acid residues.

The foregoing reactions illustrate an extension to acetamido sugar derivatives of the azide photolysis procedure^{29–35}, providing, after oxidation and subsequent esterification, the crystalline methyl glycosiduronates 15 and 14 in 23 and 47% overall yields, respectively, from 2.

EXPERIMENTAL

General methods. --- Solvents were evaporated under diminished pressure at bath temperatures below 50°. T.l.c. was performed on precoated plates of Silica Gel 60 (E. Merck, Darmstadt); zones were detected by u.v. light, and by spraying with sulfuric acid and subsequent heating. Melting points were determined with a Thomas-Hoover apparatus and are uncorrected. A Perkin-Elmer Model 141 polarimeter and 1-dm tubes were used for measurement of specific rotations. I.r. spectra were recorded with a Perkin-Elmer Model 457 grating i.r. spectrophotometer (potassium bromide pellets, chloroform solutions, or films on sodium chloride discs). U.v. spectra were recorded with a Perkin-Elmer 202 spectrophotometer. ¹H-N.m.r. spectra were recorded at 100 MHz with a Varian HA-100 spectrometer; chemical shifts refer to an internal standard of tetramethylsilane ($\delta = 0.00$) and are listed, together with spincoupling values (Hz), in Table I. Mass spectra were recorded by C. R. Weisenberger with an AEI MS-9 double-focusing, high-resolution spectrometer operating at an ionizing potential of 70 eV and an accelerating potential of 8 kV; the source temperature (direct-inlet system) was 120°. Data, and probable assignments, for compounds 3, 5, 7, and 15 are summarized in Table II. Microanalyses were performed by W. N. Rond. X-Ray powder diffraction data give interplanar spacings, Å, for CuKa radiation. The camera diameter was 114.59 mm. Relative intensities were estimated visually: m, moderate; s, strong; v, very; w, weak. The strongest lines are numbered (1, strongest).

Methyl 3-acetamido-6-azido-4-O-benzoyl-2,3,6-trideoxy- α -D-ribo-hexopyranoside (3). — A mixture of methyl 3-acetamido-4-O-benzoyl-6-bromo-2,3,6-trideoxy- α -D-ribo-hexopyranoside²⁸ (2; 12 g, 31.1 mmol) and sodium azide (6 g, 92.3 mmol) in N,N-dimethylformamide (120 ml) was stirred magnetically for 24 h at 60°, and then poured onto ice-water (500 ml). The precipitate that formed was collected and dried. Recrystallization from chloroform-hexane afforded pure 3; yield 9.5 g (88%), m.p. 136–137°, $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +86.6° (c 1.5, chloroform); $\nu_{max}^{CHCl_3}$ 3425 (NH), 2840 (OMe), 2100 (N₃), 1725 (ester C=O), 1675 and 1510 (amide), 1605 and 1588 cm⁻¹ (mono-

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MASS-SPECTRAL DATA FOR COMPOUNDS 3, 5, 7, AND 15

m/e of princi	pal fragments ^a	(% of base pe	ak)						
Compound				Assignment ^b	Compound				Assignment ^b
3	vı ا	r	15			v	7	15	
348 () 347 (0.01)	244 (0.2)	286 (—)	247 ()	M: M - 1	290 (0.2) 58 (4)	186 (0.4) 58 (18)	228 (0.1) 58 (11)	189 (—) 58 (14)	E1 ² E11
316 (0.4)	212 (0.3)	254 (0.1)	215 ()	A1	129 (1.5)	129 (14)	129 (11)	129 (3.6)	F1
194 (0.2)	194 ()	194 (0.1)	197 (0.1)	A ₂	114 (1)	114 (9.5)	114 (9)	114 (2.5)	F_2^{1}
138* (14)	138 (4.4)	138 (31)	138 (1)	A ₃	128 (15)	128 (9)	128* (20)	128 (2.7)	F_1^2
226 (0.1)	226 ()	226 (0.2)	229 (—)	B1	86 (8)	86 (20)	86 (25)	86 (13)	G1 ^L
183 (0.7)	183 (0.3)	183 (1)	186 (0.1)	B2	72 (3)	72 (22)	72 (18)	72 (17)	Gı²
317 (2)	213 (7.5)	255 (3)	216 (0.2)	C1	}	86 (20)	l	86 (13)	H1
258 ()	154 (0.5)	196 (0.1)	157 (0.4)	ů	43 (22)	43 (100)	43 (100)	43 (100)	Ac⁺
136 (0.2)	136 (0.5)	136 (0.5)	139 (0.6)	ů	292 (2.3)	188 (0.7)	230 (4)	188 (0.1)	M – R!
263 (0.2)	159 (9)	201 (0.3)	159 (2)	Dı	170 (50)	170 (10)	170* (50)	170 (0.4)	M – R! – R ³ OH
205 (0.3)	101 (16)	143 (1.5)	101 (9)	D,	J	ą	1	q	others
163 ()	59 (35)	101 (6.5)	59 (40)	D_3					
^a Prominent 1 observed an ^d m/e 158 (99	metastable fraj d calculated v %, D1 – H·) i	gments observe alues are less and 83 (46). "m	cd in the spect than ±0.1 ma <i>i/e</i> 158* (7%, 1	ra are indicated iss unit. ^b For del $D_1 - H$ ·).	by an asterisl tails, see ref.	k at the daugh 44. °m/e 122 (tter ion of the 8%, BzOH ⁺),	process involve 105 (100, PhC	cd; deviations between D+), and 77 (25, Ph+).

substituted phenyl); λ_{max}^{MeOH} 230 (ϵ_{mM} 13.00), 250 (3.5), 272 (1.70), and 280 nm (1.50); for m.s. data, see Table II; X-ray powder diffraction data: 12.26 m, 9.01 s (3), 7.93 s, 7.43 w, 7.07 w, 6.48 w, 5.55 m, 5.32 m, 4.91 s (1), 4.57 s (2), 3.98 m, 3.85 m, and 3.50 m.

Anal. Calc. for $C_{16}H_{20}N_4O_5$ (348.36): C, 55.16; H, 5.78; N, 16.08. Found: C, 55.26; H, 5.63; N, 15.81.

Methyl 3-amino-6-azido-2,3,6-trideoxy- α -D-ribo-hexopyranoside (4). — To a suspension of the peracylated glycoside 3 (2.07 g, 5.95 mmol) in water (50 ml) was added barium hydroxide octahydrate (20 g, 31.5 mmol), and the mixture was boiled for 24 h under reflux. Extraction with dichloromethane (five 50-ml portions), and evaporation of the dried (magnesium sulfate) extract, furnished crude 4, which was recrystallized from carbon tetrachloride; yield 995 mg (83%), m.p. 113–114° (subl.), $[\alpha]_D^{25} + 132^\circ$ (c 1.2, chloroform); $\nu_{max}^{CHCl_3}$ 3425 and 3355 (NH₂), 2845 (OMe), and 2110 cm⁻¹ (N₃); *m/e* (rel. intensity): 203 (1, M + 1), 171 (5.5, M - MeO·), 160 (50, M - ·N₃), 146 (1.6, M - ·CH₂N₃), 128 (9, 146 - H₂O or 160 - MeOH; m* at 102.4, calc. for 160 \rightarrow 128: 102.40), 116 (14), 104 (26), 96 (1, 128 - MeOH; m* at 72.0, calc. 72.00), 86 (60), 72 (70), 59 (47), and 43 (100, Ac⁺); X-ray powder diffraction data: 8.42 w, 7.40 s (2), 6.17 w, 5.57 w, 5.05 s (1), 4.67 s (3), 4.42 w, 4.19 w, 4.00 w, 3.69 m, 3.48 w, and 3.38 w.

Anal. Calc. for $C_7H_{14}N_4O_3$ (202.22): C, 41.57; H, 6.92; N, 27.70. Found: C, 41.45; H, 6.63; N, 27.69.

Methyl 3-acetamido-6-azido-2,3,6-trideoxy- α -D-ribo-hexopyranoside (5). — A mixture of the 4-benzoate 3 (8.9 g, 25.6 mmol) in methanol (80 ml) containing M aqueous sodium hydroxide (80 ml) was stirred for 12 h at 25°. The mixture was then extracted with dichloromethane (three 100-ml portions), and the combined extracts were washed with water, dried (magnesium sulfate), and evaporated, to give syrupy 5; yield 6.1 g (98%). To secure analytical data, a sample was distilled *in vacuo* (bath temp. 190°, 0.3 mtorr); $[\alpha]_D^{23} - 40.0^\circ$ (c 1, chloroform); v_{max}^{film} 3400 (broad, NH, OH), 2100 (N₃), 1655 and 1520 cm⁻¹ (amide); for m.s. data, see Table II.

Anal. Calc. for $C_9H_{16}N_4O_4$ (244.25): C, 44.25; H, 6.60; N, 22.93. Found: C, 44.45; H, 6.58; N, 22.80.

Photolysis of methyl 3-acetamido-4-O-acetyl-6-azido-2,3,6-trideoxy- α -D-ribohexopyranoside (7) to generate the imine 6. — Irradiation of a benzene solution (20 ml) of 7 (200 mg, 0.7 mmol), blanketed with nitrogen, with filtered (Pyrex filter) light from a medium-pressure mercury-lamp (450 W) for 90 min afforded, after evaporation of the solvent, compound 6 as a light-tan, amorphous powder; yield 170 mg (94%), m.p. 123-125° (dec.), $[\alpha]_D^{28}$ +84° (c 1.7, chloroform); $\nu_{max}^{CHCl_3}$ 3430 (NH), 2850 (OMe), 1745 (ester C=O), 1680 and 1520 cm⁻¹ (amide). The 1630-cm⁻¹ region of the i.r. spectrum of 6 did not show absorption assignable to C=N, and the n.m.r. spectrum (Table I) displayed considerable line-broadening; both observations are indicative of intermolecular association^{29,30}.

Methyl 3-acetamido-4-O-acetyl-6-azido-2,3,6-trideoxy- α -D-ribo-hexopyranoside (7). — A. From 5. The syrupy 4-hydroxyl derivative 5 (6.61 g, 27.0 mmol) was treated with 1:2 acetic anhydride-pyridine (60 ml) for 10 h at 25°. Conventional processing

afforded crude, crystalline 7; yield 7.2 g (98%). Recrystallization was effected from chloroform-hexane; m.p. 123°, $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +74.1° (*c* 1.1, chloroform); $\nu_{max}^{CHCl_3}$ 3410 (NH), 2850 (OMe), 2110 (N₃), 1745 (ester C=O), 1680 and 1518 cm⁻¹ (amide); for m.s. data, see Table II; X-ray powder diffraction data: 12.44 m, 8.88 s (3), 7.62 m, 6.17 s, 5.45 m, 4.83 s (1), 4.33 s (2), 3.88 m, and 2.11 m.

Anal. Calc. for $C_{11}H_{18}N_4O_5$ (286.29): C, 46.14; H, 6.33; N, 19.57. Found: C, 46.17; H, 6.28; N, 19.38.

B. From the unprotected glycoside 4. Acetylation of 4 (610 mg, 3.0 mmol), essentially as described in the preceding paragraph for the partially protected 5, furnished, after recrystallization from chloroform-hexane, pure 7, identical in all respects with the foregoing sample; yield 540 mg (63%).

Photolysis of methyl 3-acetamido-6-azido-2,3,6-trideoxy- α -D-ribo-hexopyranoside (5) to generate the imine 8. — A solution of 5 (1.70 g, 7.0 mmol) in benzene (250 ml), blanketed with nitrogen, was irradiated at 15° through a Pyrex filter with light from a medium-pressure mercury-lamp (450 W). A colorless material began to precipitate and, after 90 min, t.l.c. (9:1 chloroform-methanol) indicated that decomposition of the starting material (5) was complete. The solvent was evaporated, to afford a tan, amorphous product (8; 1.38 g, 91%) that gave an analysis agreeing approximately with that calculated for the empirical formula C₉H₁₆N₂O₄; m.p. 85–90° (dec.), $[\alpha]_D^{28} + 34^\circ$ (c 1.1, chloroform); $v_{max}^{CHCl_3}$ 3420 (amide NH), 3320 (imine NH), 2850 (OMe), 1660 and 1520 cm⁻¹ (amide), no band in the 1630-cm⁻¹ region (C=N). The n.m.r. spectrum (see Table I) of 8 showed extensive line-broadening that was inconsistent^{29,30} with a monomeric structure.

Methyl 3-acetamido-2,3,4-trideoxy-6-aldehydo-α-D-glycero-hex-4-enodialdo-1,5pyranoside (9). — A solution of the crude photoproduct 6 (170 mg, 0.66 mmol) in water (30 ml) was boiled for 90 min under reflux. Extraction with dichloromethane (three 20-ml portions), and evaporation of the dried (magnesium sulfate) extract, furnished crude 9, which was purified by sublimation (80°/50 mtorr). Alternatively, the crude material was recrystallized from ethyl acetate–hexane; yield 80 mg (57% from 7), m.p. 119–120°, $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ –148.2° (c 0.7, chloroform); $\nu_{max}^{CHCl_3}$ 3440 (NH), 2850 (OMe), 1705 (α,β-unsaturated C=O), 1670 and 1505 cm⁻¹ (amide); *m/c* (rel. intensity): 199 (7, M⁺), 170 (24, M – ·CHO), 167 (39, M – MeOH; m* at 140.1, calc. 140.15), 156 (7, M – Ac·; m* at 122.3, calc. 122.29), 128 (9, 170 – ketene; m* at 96.4, calc. 96.38), 125 (13, 167 – ketene; m* at 93.6, calc. 93.56), 112 and 58 (39 and 31, ions arising through retro-Diels–Alder decomposition^{27a} of fragment 170; m* at 73.8, calc. for 170 → 112: 73.79), 111 (50, 170 – AcNH₂; m* at 62.0, calc. for M⁺ → 111: 61.91), 96 (9, 125 – ·CHO), 70 (100, 112 – ketene), and 43 (60, Ac⁺); X-ray powder diffraction data: 10.77 s (2), 8.11 w, 6.19 m, 5.86 w, 5.32 s (3), 5.09 w, 4.82 w, 4.41 m, and 4.10 s (1).

Anal. Calc. for $C_9H_{13}NO_4$ (199.21): C, 54.26; H, 6.57; N, 7.03. Found: C, 54.29; H, 6.74; N, 6.85.

In an alternative procedure, the intermediate imine 6 was not isolated, but was immediately converted, after complete (90 min) photodecomposition of the

azide 7 (2 g, 7.0 mmol), into the α , β -unsaturated aldehyde 9 by adding 19:1 wateracetic acid (200 ml) to the solution in benzene (250 ml). The turbid mixture was boiled for 2 h under reflux, the organic layer was separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted five more times with dichloromethane (100-ml portions). The organic phases were combined, dried (magnesium sulfate), and evaporated, to afford crude 8, which was recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane; yield 950 mg (70%).

Methyl 3-acetamido-2,3-dideoxy-5-C-(1,3-diphenylimidazolidin-2-yl)- α -D-ribopentopyranoside (10). — A. From the hexodialdopyranoside 11. To a solution of 11 (181 mg, 0.89 mmol) and 1,2-bis(anilino)ethane³⁷ (212 mg, 1.0 mmol) in methanol (5 ml) was added acetic acid (50%, 0.5 ml), and the mixture was boiled for 1 h under reflux. The solvent was then evaporated, the residue was taken up in ether, the suspension was filtered, and the filtrate was evaporated. Crystallization of the residue from ether in the cold afforded 10 as very fine, colorless needles; yield 198 mg (54%), m.p. 216–217°, $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ –84.5° (c 0.8, chloroform); $\nu_{max}^{CHCl_3}$ 3420 (NH), 2850 (OMe), 1655 and 1515 (amide), 1600, 1580, and 1510 cm⁻¹ (phenyl); *m/e* (rel. intensity): 411 (1.1, M⁺), 393 (0.25, M – H₂O), 380 (0.15, M – MeO·), 362 (0.05, M – AcNH₂), 223 (100, 1,3-diphenylimidazolidinyl cation: m* at 121.0, calc. for M⁺ \rightarrow 223: 121.00), 120 (3, *N*-phenylaziridinium cation; m* at 64.6, calc. for 223 \rightarrow 120: 64.57), 77 (7, Ph⁺), and 43 (2.2, Ac⁺); X-ray powder diffraction data: 13.28 s (2), 11.94 w, 10.71 w, 9.71 w, 8.70 m (3), 8.00 w, 6.75 s (1), 5.96 w, 5.60 w, 5.26 w, 5.05 m, 4.82 m, and 4.62 m.

Anal. Calc. for $C_{23}H_{29}N_3O_4$ (411.53): C. 67.12; H, 7.10; N, 10.21. Found: C, 67.13; H, 7.16; N, 10.26.

B. From the imine 8. To a solution of the crude photoproduct 8 (200 mg, 0.82 mmol) in 4:1 benzene-methanol (25 ml) were added 1,2-bis(anilino)ethane³⁷ (175 mg, 0.82 mmol) and acetic acid (1 ml). The solvent was removed after 16 h at 25°, and the residue was processed as described under section A, to afford crystal-line 10, indistinguishable from the foregoing sample; yield 141 mg (42%).

C. From the imine 6. A mixture of the crude photoproduct 6 (200 mg, 0.7 mmol), 1,2-bis(anilino)ethane³⁷ (150 mg, 0.71 mmol), benzene (20 ml), and acetic acid (1 ml) was kept for 16 h at 25°, and then evaporated. Toluene (three 10-ml portions) was added to, and evaporated from, the residue, which was taken up in ether, the suspension filtered, and the filtrate evaporated. To a solution of the resulting syrup in methanol (10 ml) was added M aqueous sodium hydroxide (5 ml). The crystalline precipitate formed after 2 h was filtered off, and recrystallized from ether, to give 10, identical in all respects with the foregoing sample; yield 188 mg (65%).

Methyl 3-acetamido-2,3-dideoxy-6-aldehydo- α -D-ribo-hexodialdo-1,5-pyranoside (11). — An aqueous solution of the product (8; 1.38 g, 6.38 mmol) from the photolysis experiment was treated with Amberlite IRC-50 (H⁺) anion-exchange resin for 1 h at 23°. The suspension was filtered and the filtrate was evaporated, to afford the aldehyde 11 as an amorphous powder; yield 1.26 g (83% from 4), $[\alpha]_D^{28} + 39^\circ$ (c 1.5, chloroform); $v_{max}^{CHCl_3}$ 3420 (NH), 2850 (OMe), 1740 (very weak, aldehyde C=O), 1660 and 1520 cm⁻¹ (amide). This product gave positive reactions with the Schiff reagent and with aniline phthalate, but its i.r. (small carbonyl absorption band) and n.m.r. (see Table I) spectra indicated that the aldehydo function was masked by intermolecular association^{30,34,38}. As **11** was difficult to purify, an elemental analysis within acceptable limits was not obtained.

Methyl 3-acetamido-2,3,4-trideoxy-5-C-(1,3-diphenylimidazolidin-2-yl)- α -D-glycero-pent-4-enopyranoside (12). — 1,2-Bis(anilino)ethane³⁷ (116 mg, 0.55 mmol) was added to a solution of the unsaturated aldehyde 9 (100 mg, 0.5 mmol) in a mixture of methanol (5 ml), water (0.5 ml), and acetic acid (0.5 ml). After 18 h at 25° and 1 h of boiling under reflux, t.l.c. (1:1 chloroform-ether) indicated that the reaction was complete. Water was added to the hot mixture until the onset of turbidity and, after 18 h at 25°, the crystalline precipitate was collected, and recrystallized from ether, to give pure 12; yield 164 mg (84%), m.p. 154–155°, $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ –88.0° (c 1.3, chloroform); $\nu_{max}^{CHCl_3}$ 3440 (NH), 2850 (OMe), 1660 and 1505 (amide), and 1600 and 1580 cm⁻¹ (phenyl); *m/e* (rel. intensity): 393 (13, M⁺), 362 (0.25, M – MeO·), 334 (2, M – AcNH₂), 223 (100, 1,3-diphenylimidazolidinyl cation), 160 (11), 120 (5.8, *N*-phenylaziridinium cation), 104 (7, PhN=CH⁺), 77 (16, Ph⁺), and 43 (8, Ac⁺); X-ray powder diffraction data: 14.02 m, 12.35 w, 6.94 s (1), 6.60 s (2), 5.82 w, 5.27 w, 4.96 s (3), 4.68 m, and 4.08 m.

Anal. Calc. for C₂₃H₂₇N₃O₃ (393.49): C, 70.21; H, 6.92; N, 10.68. Found: C, 70.45; H, 7.17; N, 10.45.

Methyl 3-acetamido-2,3,4-trideoxy-6-aldehydo- α -D-glycero-hex-4-enodialdo-1,5pyranoside 6-oxime (13). — To a solution of the unsaturated aldehyde 9 (200 mg, 1 mmol) in water (1 ml) was added a solution of hydroxylamine hydrochloride (140 mg, 2 mmol) and sodium acetate (280 mg, 3.4 mmol) in water (1 ml). The oxime 13 precipitated almost immediately, and was collected; yield 193 mg (90%). Recrystallization from water gave an analytical sample: m.p. 225–227° (dec.), $[\alpha]_D^{27}$ -139° (c 0.9, methanol); v_{max}^{KBr} 3280 (broad; NH, OH), 2840 (OMe), and 1640 and 1560 cm⁻¹ (amide); m/e (rel. intensity): 214 (0.75, M⁺), 197 (15, M — ·OH), 182 (7, M — MeOH), 165 (80, 182 — ·OH; m* at 149.6, calc. 149.59), 156 and 58 (2.2 and 70, ions arising through retro-Diels-Alder decomposition^{27a}), 139 (34, M — MeO· — ·CH=NOH), 124 (33, M — MeO· — AcNH₂), 123 (25, 165 — ketene; m* at 91.7, calc. 91.69), 111 (24, M — ·CH=NOH — AcNH₂), 97 (38), 70 (55), and 43 (100, Ac⁺); X-ray powder diffraction data: 11.11 vs (1), 6.12 s, 5.60 m, 5.37 m, 4.96 w, 4.74 s (3), 4.36 s, 4.21 w, and 3.90 vs (2).

Anal. Calc. for C₉H₁₄N₂O₄ (214.22): C, 50.46; H, 6.59; N, 13.08. Found: C, 50.58; H, 6.50; N, 12.89.

Methyl (methyl 3-acetamido-2,3,4-trideoxy- α -D-glycero-hex-4-enopyranosid)uronate (14). — A mixture of the α,β -unsaturated aldehyde 9 (100 mg, 0.5 mmol), silver oxide (140 mg, 0.6 mmol), and barium hydroxide octahydrate (95 mg, 0.3 mmol) in water (2 ml) was stirred for 1 h at 25°. T.l.c. (9:1 chloroform-methanol) then revealed that 9 had all reacted. The suspension was filtered, and the filtrate was evaporated, to afford a colorless solid that was treated with methyl iodide (0.2 ml, 455 mg, 3.2 mmol) in N,N-dimethylformamide (2 ml) for 20 h at 25°; the product (14) was then detected as a u.v.-absorbing zone ($R_F 0.73$) in t.l.c. (9:1 chloroformmethanol). The mixture was poured onto ice-water (50 ml), and extracted with chloroform (three 10-ml portions). Evaporation of the dried (magnesium sulfate) extract afforded crude 14; yield 92 mg (80%). By recrystallization from etherhexane, compound 14 was obtained as colorless needles, m.p. 111-112°, $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -111.3° (c 1.2, chloroform); $\nu_{max}^{CHCl_3}$ 3440 (NH), 2850 (OMe), 1733 (ester C=O), 1665 and 1503 cm⁻¹ (amide); λ_{max}^{EtOH} 241 nm (ε_{mM} 8.29); *m/e* (rel. intensity): 229 (3, M[±]), 198 (7, M - •OMe), 197 (41, M - MeOH; m* at 169.5, calc. 169.47), 186 (8, M - Ac·), 182 (39, 197 - Me·), 170 (3.5, M - •CO₂Me), 139 (26, 170 -MeO·), 112 and 58 (100 and 50, ions arising through retro-Diels-Alder decomposition^{27a} of fragment 170), 111 (65, 170 - AcNH₂), 96 (14, 170 - MeOH - ketene), 70 (100, 112 - ketene; m* at 44.8, calc. 43.75), and 43 (56, Ac⁺); X-ray powder diffraction data: 12.62 w, 8.75 m, 7.79 m (3), 6.10 w, 5.53 s (2), 5.08 w, 4.83 w, 4.36 s (1), 4.01 w, 3.80 w, 3.57 w, and 2.42 w.

Anal. Calc. for C₁₀H₁₅NO₅ (229.23): C, 52.39; H, 6.59; N, 6.11. Found: C, 52.18; H, 6.77; N, 5.91.

Methyl (methyl 3-acetamido-2,3-dideoxy-a-D-ribo-hexopyranosid)uronate (15).---To a mixture of the crude aldehyde 11 [from 200 mg (0.82 mmol) of the azide 7] and barium carbonate (500 mg, 2.5 mmol) with water (10 ml) was added bromine (0.3 ml, 5.4 mmol) with stirring. The bromine remaining after 1 h at $\sim 25^{\circ}$ was removed by bubbling nitrogen through the solution. The inorganic material was filtered off, and the filtrate was evaporated, to give the crude barium uronate as a pale-yellow solid. A solution of this material in N,N-dimethylformamide (5 ml) was treated with methyl iodide (0.5 ml, 1.14 g, 12.5 mmol) for 20 h at 25°. The mixture was then poured into ice-water (50 ml), and the product was extracted with chloroform (three 50-ml portions). The dried (magnesium sulfate) extract was evaporated, to give a yellow solid (100 mg) that was twice recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane, to afford 15 as fine, colorless needles; yield 65 mg (32%), m.p. 146-147°, $\lceil \alpha \rceil_2^{25}$ +35.5° (c 1.6, chloroform); v_{max}^{KBr} 3390, 3250 (NH, OH), 1740 (ester C=O), 1640 and 1530 cm⁻¹ (amide); for m.s. data, see Table II; X-ray powder diffraction data: 8.62 w, 8.04 w, 7.46 s (1), 6.55 w, 5.79 s (2), 5.15 m, 4.85 m, 4.59 m, 4.19 m, 4.04 s (3), 3.87 s, and 3.59 s.

Anal. Calc. for C₁₀H₁₇NO₆ (247.25): C, 48.57; H, 6.93; N, 5.66. Found: C, 48.78; H, 6.83; N, 5.90.

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