Reactions of Sugar 1-Carbonates with Sugar Derivatives Bearing a Hydroxy-group; Novel Method for Preparation of Orthoesters Combining Two Monosaccharide Units, and Disaccharides¹

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Summary 2,3,4,6-Tetra-O-acetyl- β -D-glucopyranose 1-carbonates (1) and (4) react with 1,2,3,4-tetra-O-acetyl- β -D-glucopyranose (2) to give 3,4,6-tri-O-acetyl- α -D-glucopyranose 1,2-(1,2,3,4-tetra-O-acetyl-6-deoxy- β -D-glucopyranos-6-anyl)orthoacetate whereas 2,3:5,6-di-O-isopropylidene- α -D-mannofuranose 1-carbonates (7) and (8) react with (2) to afford 1,2,3,4-tetra-O-acetyl-6-O-(2,3:5,6-di-O-isopropylidene- α -D-mannofuranosyl)- β -D-glucopyranose (9).

ORTHOESTERS combining two monosaccharide units have been prepared by the reaction of polyacylglycosyl halides with sugar derivatives bearing a hydroxy-group, in the presence of silver salts such as silver salicylate,^{2a} and/or the acid-catalysed transformation of sugar 1,2-alkylorthoacylates.^{2b} Now we describe a novel method for the preparation of monosaccharide orthoesters involving the fusion of sugar 1-carbonates with sugar derivatives bearing a hydroxy-group; this is an extension of the new glycosylation reaction³ which involves autocatalytic reaction of sugar



1-O-aryloxycarbonyl derivatives with a variety of nucleophiles.

Fusion of the carbonate³ (1) (2.0 mmol) with the glucopyranose (2) (2.2 mmol) at 160—170 °C for 90 min *in vacuo*, followed by chromatography on a silica gel column (with CHCl₃ as eluant), gave a syrup of the orthoacetate (3); 65% yield after recrystallization from EtOH, m.p. 133—134 °C, $[\alpha]_{22}^{22} + 30^{\circ}$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃) {lit., ^{2b} m.p. 137—138 °C, $[\alpha]_{D} + 39^{\circ}$ (c 1, CHCl₃)}; ¹H n.m.r.: δ 1.67 (3H, CMe). When the reaction was performed in phenol (6 mmol) at 110—115 °C under atmospheric pressure for 2 h (3) was obtained in 78% yield.

In view of the stereochemical bulkiness and pK_a value (ca. 12) of 2,2,2-trichloroethyl alcohol we also studied the reaction of the carbonate (4)[†] with (2) (1·15 mmol) at 175 °C for 40 min *in vacuo*; chromatography of the resulting mixture gave (3) in 80% yield. Similarly, fusion of (1) with the glucopyranose (5) at 175–180 °C for 50 min *in vacuo* and fusion of (4) (0·5 mmol) with (5) (0·63 mmol) at 130 °C for 3 h *in vacuo* gave the orthoacetate (6)[‡] { $[\alpha]_D^{22} + 79^\circ$ (c 1·0, CHCl₃) in 38 and 24% yields, respectively; the reaction of (4) and (5) also gave the corresponding β -D-glucopyranosylorthoacetate[‡] { $[\alpha]_D^{22} + 12^\circ$ (c 1·2, CHCl₃) (35% yield) and 2,2,2-trichloroethylorthoacetate[‡] { $\{13\%$ yield).

Furthermore, the reactions of compounds $(7)^{\dagger}$ and $(8)^{\dagger}$ with (2) were similarly studied since they should exert no anchimeric effect on their anomeric centre. Compound (7), in contrast with the previous reactions, gave as expected the disaccharide (9) (48% yield) as well as phenyl 2,3:5,6-di-*O*-isopropylidene- α -D-mannofuranoside (23%), while (8) gave (9) in 59% yield.¶

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[†] These were prepared by the reaction of the corresponding 1-OH sugar derivatives [cf. R. U. Lemieux, 'Methods in Carbohydrate Chemistry,' eds. R. L. Whistler and M. L. Wolfrom, Academic Press, New York and London, 1963, vol. 2, pp. 221–222, and P. Z. Allen, *ibid.*, 1962, vol. 1, pp. 372–373 for (1) and (4); O. Th. Schmidt, *ibid.*, 1963, vol. 2, p. 319 for (7) and (8)] with phenyl or 2,2,2-trichloroformate-pyridine: (1) (54% yield from p-glucose in 3 steps); (4) (54% yield from p-glucose in 3 steps) [40, C] $(\alpha I_D^{22} - 3^{\circ} (c 1.0, CHCl_3))$; (7) (78% yield from p-mannose in 2 steps) [m.p. 84–86 °C, $[\alpha]_D^{22} + 79^{\circ} (c 1.0, CHCl_3)$; (8) (82% yield from p-mannose in 2 steps) [m.p. 114–115 °C, $[\alpha]_D^{22} + 48 ^{\circ}C (c 1.0, CHCl_3)$].

‡ Satisfactory elemental analyses, and ¹H and ¹³C n.m.r. spectra were obtained.

\$ The differences between the reactions of (1) and (4) with (5) are now under investigation. Detailed results will be reported elsewhere.

 \P Reactions of sugar derivatives with non-participating protecting groups other than isopropylidene groups are also under investigation.

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