## Synthesis of Analogues of the Antitumor $(1\rightarrow 6)$ -Branched $(1\rightarrow 3)$ -Glucohexaose

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 $\beta$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-[ $\beta$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)-] $\alpha$ -D-Manp-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)- $\beta$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-[ $\beta$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)-] $\beta$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)-] $\beta$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-[ $\beta$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)-] $\beta$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-( $\beta$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-[ $\beta$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-[

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### Introduction

Polysaccharides with antitumor activity separated from fungi such as Ganoderma lucidum, Schizophyllum *commune* and *Lentinus edodes* have a  $\beta$ -(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-linked glucosyl backbone with  $\beta$ -(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)-branched glucosyl side chains.<sup>1</sup> Recent studies revealed that  $\alpha$ -(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)linked glucans also exist in some medically important fungi such as Cryphonectrini parasitica and Ganoderma lucidum.<sup>2</sup> It was also reported that only higher molecular-weight fractions ( $M_W > 16,000$ ) obtained from partial hydrolysis of lentinan with formic acid showed antitumor activity.<sup>3</sup> However, an interesting result in our research revealed<sup>4</sup> that a synthetic hexasaccharide **I**,  $\beta$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-[ $\beta$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)-] $\alpha$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)- $\beta$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-[ $\beta$ -D-Glcp-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)-]D-Glcp, in combination with the chemotherapeutic agent cyclophosphamide (CPA), at a dose of 0.5 to 1 mg/kg substantially increased the inhibition of  $S_{180}$  for CPA, but decreased the toxicity caused by CPA. This inspired us to carry out more research regarding the structure function relationships of oligosaccharides. It was reported that 3,6-mannosylated glucans have antitumor activity.<sup>5</sup> We present herein the synthesis of two analogues of I containing mannose residue in the  $(1\rightarrow 3)$ -linked backbone.

### **Results and discussion**

As outlined in the Scheme 1, replacement of the 2nd glucose residue of the upstream end of the  $(1\rightarrow3)$ -linked backbone of **I** with mannose was carried out to obtain a hexsaose **18** and methyl heptaoside **29** respectively. A co-used trisaccharide donor **9** was synthesized in a concise way. Thus 4,6-*O*-benzylidene-1,2-*O*-ethylidene- $\beta$ -*D*-mannopyranose (**2**)<sup>6</sup> was used as the starting material.

Condensation of 2 with perbenzoylated glucosyl trichloroacetimidate<sup>7</sup> 1 afforded the disaccharide 3 in satisfactory yield (80%). Selective removal of the 4,6-Obenzylidene group of 3 with 1:1000 AcCl-MeOH smoothly offered the disaccharide acceptor 4 (88%), subsequent coupling of 4 with 1 selectively gave the  $(1\rightarrow 6)$ -linked trisaccharide 5 (87%). Trisaccharide trichloroacetimidate 9 was obtained by deethylidenation of 5 with 90% CF<sub>3</sub>COOH-H<sub>2</sub>O, acetylation, selective 1-Odeacetylation, and subsequent trichloroacetimidation (65% for four steps). The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 9 showed a characteristic signal at  $\delta$  5.13 with  $J_{3} = J_{4,5} =$ 9.7 Hz for H-4, confirming the C-6-glycosylation of 4. The trisaccharide acceptor 16 was prepared as follows. Coupling of 3-O-allyl-2,4,6-tri-O-benzoyl- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate  $(10)^8$  with 1,2: 5,6-di-*O*-isopropylidene- $\alpha$ -*D*-glucofuranose (11) furnished disaccharide 12 (82%). Removal of 5,6-O-isopropylidene group of 12 with 90% HOAc-H<sub>2</sub>O (90%), followed by selective 6-O-glucosylation with 1 (83%), acetylaton, and then deallylation (91%) yielded 16. For preparation of the tetrasaccharide acceptor 27, trisaccharide 14 was hydrolyzed to remove the 1,2-O-isopropylidene group giving the hemiacetal **19**. Subsequent acetylation, selective 1-O-deacetylation, and trichloroacrtimidation yielded the trisaccharide donor 22 (62%, for four steps from 14). Coupling of 22 with methyl 4,6-O-benzylidene- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside (23)<sup>9</sup> produced the tetrasaccharide 24 (70%). Debenzylidenation of 24, followed by acetylation and deallylation gave tetrasaccharide acceptor 27 (72%, for three steps). Compared to 24, the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 27 clearly showed a new signal at  $\delta$  4.76 with  $J_{1,2}=3.6, J_{2,3}=9.6$  Hz for H-2, confirming the 3-O-selective glycosylation of 23.

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#### Scheme 1



**Conditions and reagents:** a: TMSOTf,  $CH_2Cl_2$ , -15 °C to r.t.; b: MeOH,  $CH_3COCl$ , r.t.; c: 90%  $CF_3COOH$ - $H_2O$ , 30 °C, 2 h; d:  $Ac_2O$ , pyridine, r.t., 12 h; e: THF, MeOH, NH<sub>3</sub>, r.t.; f:  $CCl_3CN$ ,  $CH_2Cl_2$ , DBU, r.t.; g: 90% HOAc- $H_2O$ , 40 °C, 8 h; h:  $PdCl_2$ ,  $CH_2Cl_2$ , MeOH, r.t.; i: MeOH, NH<sub>3</sub>, r.t., two weeks.

With the trisaccharide donor 9, trisaccharide acceptor 16, and tetrasaccharide acceptor 27 at hand, the target hexaose and heptaoside were readily pepared. Thus, condensation of 16 with 9 followed by deprotection gave the hexaose 18, while coupling of 27 with 9 followed by deprotection afforded the heptaoside 29.

The bioassay of **18** and **29** is in progress and the results will be reported in due course.

### Experimental

### **General methods**

Optical rotations were determined at 25 °C with a Perkin-Elmer Model 241-Mc automatic polarimeter. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker ARX 400 spectrometer (400 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H, 100 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C) at 25 °C for solutions in CDCl<sub>3</sub> or D<sub>2</sub>O as indicated. Mass spectra were recorded with a VG PLATFORM mass spectrometer using the ESI mode. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica gel HF<sub>254</sub> with detection by charring with 30% (V:V) H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> in MeOH or in some cases by a UV lamp. Column chromatography was conducted by elution of a column (16 mm×240 mm, 18 mm×300 mm, 35 mm× 400 mm) of silica gel (100—200 mesh) with EtOAcpetroleum ether (60—90 °C) as the eluent. Solutions were concentrated at <60 °C under reduced pressure.

## 2,3,4,6-Tetra-*O*-benzoyl- $\beta$ -*D*-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ -1,2-*O*-ethylidene-4,6-*O*-benzylidene- $\beta$ -*D*-mannopyra nose (3)

To a cooled solution (0  $^{\circ}$ C) of **1** (3.75 g, 5.1 mmol) and 2 (1.36 g, 4.6 mmol) in anhydrous  $CH_2Cl_2$  (50 mL) was added TMSOTf (20 µL, 0.12 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 2 h, during which time the temperature was gradually raised to ambient temperature. The mixture was quenched with Et<sub>3</sub>N (4 drops) and then evaporated to give a residue, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography with 2:1 petroleum ether-EtOAc as the eluent to give diasaccharide 3 (3.21 g, 80%) as a foamy solid.  $[\alpha]_D$  -39.7 (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ: 7.98-7.25 (m, 25H, 4 Bz-H, Ph-H), 5.88 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3,4}=J_{4,5}=9.5$  Hz, H-4'), 5.73 (dd, 1H, J<sub>2,3</sub>=J<sub>3,4</sub>=9.5 Hz, H-3'), 5. 60 (dd, 1H, J<sub>1,2</sub>=8.0 Hz, J<sub>2,3</sub>=9.5 Hz, H-2'), 5.58 (s, 1H, PhCH), 5.13 (d, 1H, J<sub>1,2</sub>=8.0 Hz, H-1'), 5.12 (d, 1 H, J<sub>1,2</sub>=2.0 Hz, H-1), 4.73 (q, 1H, J=3.7 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>CH), 4.56 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,6}$ =3.5 Hz,  $J_{6'e,6'a}$ =12.1 Hz, H-6'e), 4.42 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,6}$ =4.2 Hz,  $J_{6'a,6'e}$ =12.1 Hz, H-6'a), 4.09-4.00 (m, 3H, H-2, H-4, H-5'), 4.25 (dd, 1H, J<sub>5,6</sub>=5.1 Hz, J<sub>6e,6a</sub>=10.6 Hz, H-6e), 4.21 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,6}$ =4.2 Hz,  $J_{6a,6e}$ =10.6 Hz, H-6a), 3.74 (dd, 1H,  $J_{2,3}=J_{3,4}=10.3$  Hz, H-3), 3.31 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{4.5}$ =10.3 Hz,  $J_{5.6}$ =5.1 Hz,  $J_{5.6}$ =4.2 Hz, H-5), 1.25 (d, 3H, J=4.7 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>CH). Anal. calcd for C<sub>49</sub>H<sub>44</sub>O<sub>15</sub>: C 67.43, H 5.08; found C 67.38, H 5.09.

### 2,3,4,6-Tetra-*O*-benzoyl-β-*D*-glucopyranosyl-(1→3)-1,2-*O*-ethylidene-β-*D*-mannopyranose (4)

Acetyl chloride (0.1 mL) was added to a solution of

**3** (8.73 g, 10.0 mmol) in anhydrous MeOH (100 mL). The solution was stoppered in a flask and stirred at room temperature until TLC (petroleum ether-EtOAc, 2:1, V:V showed that the starting material disappeared. The solution was neutralized with Et<sub>3</sub>N, then concentrated to dryness. The residue was purified by chromatography with petroleum ether-EtOAc (1:2,V: V) as the eluent to give **4** (6.90 g, 88 %) as a foamy solid.  $[\alpha]_D$  -49.7 (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ: 8.07-7.26 (m, 20H, 4×Bz-H), 5.95 (dd,  $J_{3,4}=J_{4,5}=9.7$  Hz, 1H, H-4'), 5.64 (dd,  $J_{2,3}=J_{3,4}=9.7$ Hz, 1H, H-3'), 5.58 (dd, J<sub>1,2</sub>=7.9 Hz, J<sub>2,3</sub>=9.7 Hz, 1H, H-2'), 5.12 (d, J<sub>1,2</sub>=1.5 Hz, 1H, H-1), 5.01 (d, J<sub>1,2</sub>=7.9 Hz, 1H, H-1'), 4.77 (dd,  $J_{2,3}=2.2$  Hz,  $J_{3,4}=9.7$  Hz, 1H, H-3), 4.72 (q, J=4.8 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH), 4.40 (dd,  $J_{5,6}$ = 6.3 Hz,  $J_{6'e,6'a}$ =12.2 Hz, 1H, H-6'e), 4.23 (ddd,  $J_{4,5}$ =9.7 Hz, J<sub>5,6</sub>=6.3 Hz, J<sub>5,6</sub>=5.6 Hz, 1H, H-5'), 3.92 (dd,  $J_{3,4} = J_{4,5} = 9.7$  Hz, 1H, H-4), 3.88 - 3.80 (m, 3H, H-2, 2 H-6), 3.72 (dd, J<sub>5,6</sub>=5.6 Hz, J<sub>6'a,6'e</sub>=12.2 Hz, 1H, H-6'a), 3.29 (ddd,  $J_{4,5}$ =9.7 Hz,  $J_{5,6}$ =5.1 Hz,  $J_{5,6}$ =3.8 Hz, 1H, H-5), 1.26 (d, J=4.8 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH). Anal. calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>40</sub>O<sub>15</sub>: C 64.28, H 5.14; found C 64.20, H 5.23.

### 2,3,4,6-Tetra-*O*-benzoyl- $\beta$ -*D*-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ -[2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-benzoyl- $\beta$ -*D*-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 6)$ -] 1,2-*O*-ethylidene- $\beta$ -*D*-mannopyranose (5)

Acceptor 4 (3.93 g, 5 mmol) and donor 1 (3.7 g, 5 mmol) were coupled in anhydrous  $CH_2Cl_2$  (50 mL) in the presence of TMSOTf (50 µL, 0.28 mmol) under the same condition as described for the synthesis of 3 by coupling of 2 with 1. Purification by chromatography with petroleum ether-EtOAc (2 : 1, V : V) as the eluent gave trisaccharide **5** (5.93 g, 87%).  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}$  +10.3 (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ: 7.94-7.25 (m, 40H, 8 Bz-H), 5.91 (dd,  $J_{3,4}=J_{4,5}=9.7$  Hz, 1H, H-4), 5.86 (dd,  $J_{3,4}=J_{4,5}=9.6$  Hz, 1H, H-4), 5.64 (dd,  $J_{2,3}=$  $J_{3,4}=9.7$  Hz, 1H, H-3), 5.60 (dd,  $J_{2,3}=J_{3,4}=9.6$  Hz, 1H, H-3), 5.52 (dd, J<sub>1,2</sub>=7.6 Hz, J<sub>2,3</sub>=9.7 Hz, 1H, H-2), 5.48 (dd,  $J_{1,2}$ =8.0 Hz,  $J_{2,3}$ =9.6 Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.93 (d,  $J_{1,2}$ =7.6 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.88 (d,  $J_{1,2}$ =8.0 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.84 (d,  $J_{1,2}$ =2.0 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.71 (dd,  $J_{5,6}$ =2.6 Hz,  $J_{6.6a} = 12.2$  Hz, 1H, H-6e), 4.66 (q, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH), 4.61 (dd,  $J_{5,6}$ =3.1 Hz,  $J_{6,6e}$ =12.2 Hz, 1H, H-6a), 4.46 (dd,  $J_{5,6}$ =5.1 Hz,  $J_{6,6e}$ =12.1 Hz, 1H, H-6a), 4.36 (dd,  $J_{5,6}$ =6.4 Hz,  $J_{6,6a}$ =12.1 Hz, 1H, H-6e), 4.19 -4.05 (m, 3H, 2×H-5, H-4), 3.77-3.58 (m, 4H, H-2, H-3, 2×H-6), 3.30 (ddd,  $J_{4,5}$ =9.6 Hz,  $J_{5,6}$ =6.8 Hz,  $J_{5,6}=3.7$  Hz, 1H, H-5), 1.24 (d, J=4.8 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH). Anal. calcd for C<sub>76</sub>H<sub>66</sub>O<sub>24</sub>: C 66.96, H 4.88; found C 66.75, H, 4.99.

### 2,3,4,6-Tetra-*O*-benzoyl- $\beta$ -*D*-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-[2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-benzoyl- $\beta$ -*D*-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)-] 2,4-di-*O*-acetyl- $\alpha$ -*D*-mannopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate (9)

Compound **5** (5.45 g, 4.0 mmol) was dissolved in 70 mL of 90% TFA and stirred for 2 h, at the end of which time the reaction mixture was poured directly to 250 mL

of toluene and concentrated. Drying the residue under high vacuum gave a white foamy solid. The foamy solid was dissolved in pyridine (20 mL), and then Ac<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h, and TLC (petroleum ether-EtOAc, 1 : 1, V : V indicated that the reaction was complete. The reaction mixture was concentrated to dryness. The resultant crude product 7 was dissolved in 1 mol $\cdot$ L<sup>-1</sup> solution of ammonia-methanol (200 mL) and stirred at room temperature for 3 h, at the end of which time TLC (petroleum ether-EtOAc, 1 : 1, V : V) indicated that the reaction was complete. The solution was concentrated to give compound 8 as a syrup. A mixture of 8, trichloroacetonitrile (4.2 mL, 20 mmol), and 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undecene (DBU) (0.50 mL, 4.04 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (50 mL) was stirred under nitrogen protection for 3 h and then concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography with petroleum ether-EtOAc (2:1, V:V) as the eluent to give 9 (4.07 g, 65% for four steps) as a foamy solid.  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}$  +14.3 (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ: 8.41 (s, 1H, CNHCCl<sub>3</sub>), 8.00–7.26 (m, 40H, 8× Bz-H), 6.02 (d, J<sub>1,2</sub>=2.8 Hz, 1H, H-1), 5.87-5.82 (m, 2H, 2×H-4), 5.66 (dd,  $J_{2,3}=J_{3,4}=9.7$  Hz, 1H, H-3), 5.64 (dd,  $J_{2,3}=J_{3,4}=$  9.7 Hz, 1H, H-3), 5.48 (dd,  $J_{1,2}=$ 7.7 Hz,  $J_{2,3}$ =9.7 Hz, 1H, H-2), 5.64 (dd,  $J_{1,2}$ =7.7 Hz,  $J_{2,3}=9.7$  Hz, 1H, H-2), 5.24 (dd,  $J_{1,2}=2.8$  Hz,  $J_{2,3}=3.4$ Hz, 1H, H-2), 5.13 (dd,  $J_{3,4}=J_{4,5}=9.7$  Hz, 1H, H-4), 4.93 (d,  $J_{1,2}$ =7.7 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.90 (d,  $J_{1,2}$ =7.7 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.64–4.42 (m, 4H, 2×H-6e, 2×H-6a), 4.26 (dd, J<sub>2,3</sub>=3.4 Hz, J<sub>3,4</sub>=9.7 Hz, 1H, H-3), 4.16-4.89 (m, 4H, 2×H-5, 2×H-6), 3.68 (ddd,  $J_{4,5}$ =9.7 Hz,  $J_{5.6} = 5.8$  Hz,  $J_{5.6} = 5.7$  Hz, 1H, H-5), 1.96 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 1.30 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO). Anal. calcd for C<sub>80</sub>H<sub>68</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>26</sub>: C 61.37, H 4.38; found C 61.18, H, 4.35.

## 3-*O*-Allyl-2,4,6-tri-*O*-benzoyl- $\beta$ -*D*-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-1,2 : 5,6-di-*O*-isopropylidene- $\alpha$ -*D*-glucofuranose (12)

Compounds 10 (3.38 g, 5 mmol) and 11 (1.18 g, 4.55 mmol) were coupled in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (80 mL) in the presence of TMSOTf (50  $\mu$ L, 0.28 mmol) under the same condition as described for the synthesis of 3 by coupling of 2 with 1. Purification by chromatography with petroleum ether-EtOAc (3 : 1, V : V) as the eluent gave disaccharide 12 (2.89 g, 82%).  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}$  +32.2 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ: 8.09–7.26 (m, 15H, 3×Bz-H), 5.57—5.53 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CHH), 5.54 (dd,  $J_{2,3}=J_{3,4}=9.6$  Hz, 1 H, H-4'), 5.46 (d,  $J_{1,2}=$ 3.8 Hz, 1H, H-1), 5.30 (dd, J<sub>1,2</sub>=7.8 Hz, J<sub>2,3</sub>=9.6 Hz, 1H, H-2'), 5.06 (dd, J=1.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH= CHH), 4.95 (dd, *J*=1.4, 10.6 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CHH), 4.80 (d, *J*<sub>1,2</sub>=7.8 Hz, 1H, H-1'), 4.71 (ddd, *J*<sub>4.5</sub>=9.6 Hz,  $J_{5,6e} = 6.9$  Hz,  $J_{5,6a} = 3.7$  Hz, 1H, H-5), 4.44 (dd,  $J_{3,4} =$  $J_{4,5}=6.6$  Hz, 1H, H-4), 4.38 (dd,  $J_{2,3}=J_{3,4}=6.6$  Hz, 1H, H-3), 4.36–4.21 (m, 7H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CHH, H-2, H-3', H-5', H-6, H-6'), 4.13-3.92 (m, 2 H, H-6, H-6'), 1.41 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.36 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.24 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.06 (s,

3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). Anal. calcd for  $C_{42}H_{46}O_{14}$ : C 65.11, H 5.98; found C 65.07, H 5.91.

## 3-*O*-Allyl-2,4,6-tri-*O*-benzoyl- $\beta$ -*D*-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ -1,2-*O*-isopropylidene- $\alpha$ -*D*-glucofurannose (13)

Compound 12 (3.87 g, 5 mmol) was added to 90% HOAc (50 mL), and the mixture was stirred at 40  $^{\circ}$ C for 8 h, at the end of which time TLC (petroleum ether-EtOAc, 2:3, V:V indicated that the reaction was complete. The solvents were evaporated to give a residue, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography with 2:3 petroleum ether-EtOAc as the eluent to give diasaccharide 13 as a syrup (3.30 g, 90%).  $[\alpha]_{D}$  +0.00 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ: 8.20-7.31 (m, 15H, 3×Bz-H), 5.60-5.57 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CHH), 5.52 (dd, *J*<sub>3,4</sub>=*J*<sub>4,5</sub>=9.8 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 5.46 (d, J<sub>1,2</sub>=1.5 Hz, 1H, H-1), 5.30 (dd, J<sub>1,2</sub>=9.1 Hz, J<sub>2,3</sub>=9.2 Hz, 1H, H-2'), 5.05 (dd, J=1.4, 17.2 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH=C**H**H), 4.95 (dd, *J*=1.4, 10.8 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH =CH**H**), 4.83 (d, *J*<sub>1,2</sub>=9.1Hz, 1H, H-1'), 4.76 (ddd, *J*<sub>4,5</sub> =9.8 Hz,  $J_{5,6}$ =6.8 Hz,  $J_{5,6}$ =3.0 Hz, 1H, H-5), 4.35–4.25 (m, 2 H, H-4, H-3), 4.17 (dd, J<sub>1,2</sub>=1.5 Hz,  $J_{2,3}=9.5$  Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.12 (dd,  $J_{5,6}=6.8$  Hz,  $J_{6e,6a}=$ 3.0 Hz, 1H, H-6e), 4.10–3.86 (m, 5H, CH<sub>2</sub>-CH=CHH, H-3', H-5', H-6'e), 3.80 (dd,  $J_{5,6}$ =6.8 Hz,  $J_{6a,6e}$ =3.0 Hz, 1H, H-6a), 3.63 (dd,  $J_{5,6}$ =6.1 Hz,  $J_{6,6e'}$ = 11.4 Hz, 1H, H-6'a), 1.26 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.18 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). Anal. calcd for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>42</sub>O<sub>14</sub>: C 63.75, H 5.76; found C63.70, H, 5.71.

### 2,4,6-Tri-*O*-benzoyl- $\beta$ -*D*-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ -[2,3, 4,6-tetra-*O*-benzoyl- $\beta$ -*D*-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 6)$ ]-5-*O*-acetyl-1,2-*O*-isopropylidene- $\alpha$ -*D*-glucofuranose (16)

Coupling of 13 (2.56 g, 3.5 mmol) with 1 (2.85 g, 3.85 mmol) in the presence of catalytic TMSOTf (35  $\mu$ L, 0.20 mmol) was carried out under the same conditions as described for the synthesis of **3** by coupling of **2** with 1. Purification by a flash chromatography with petroleum ether-EtOAc (2 : 1, V : V) as the eluent gave compound 14 (3.82 g, 83%). Compound 14 was dissolved in pyridine (20 mL), and then  $Ac_2O$  (10 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h, and TLC (petroleum ether-EtOAc, 4:1, V:V indicated that the reaction was complete. The reaction mixture was concentrated to dryness, which was purified by chromatography with petroleum ether-EtOAc (2:1, V:V) as the eluent to give triasaccharide 15. To a solution of 15 (3.79 g, 2.8 mmol) in methanol (100 mL) was added PdCl<sub>2</sub> (60 mg, 0.34 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h, at the end of which time TLC (petroleum ether-EtOAc, 2 : 1, V : V indicated that the reaction was complete. The mixture was filtered, the filter cake was washed with dichloromethane, and the combined filtrate and washings were concentrated. Purification by chromatography with 2:1 petroleum ether-EtOAc as the eluent afforded compound 16 (3.3 g, 91%) as a foamy solid.  $[\alpha]_D = 8.2 (c, 1.0, \text{CHCl}_3);$  <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$ : 8.10—7.21 (m, 35H, 7×Bz-H), 5.85 (dd,  $J_{3,4}=J_{4,5}=9.6$  Hz, 1H, H-4), 5.70 (dd,  $J_{3,4}=J_{4,5}=$ 9.6 Hz, 1H, H-4), 5.50 (dd,  $J_{1,2}=$  8.0 Hz,  $J_{2,3}=9.6$  Hz, 1H, H-2), 5.40 (dd,  $J_{2,3}=J_{3,4}=9.6$  Hz, 1H, H-3), 5.30 (d,  $J_{1,2}=3.6$  Hz, 1H, H-1), 5.21—5.12 (m, 2 H, H-2, H-5), 4.87 (d,  $J_{1,2}=8.0$  Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.82—4.75 (m, 2H, H-1, H-4), 4.56 (dd,  $J_{5,6}=2.9$  Hz,  $J_{6,6a}=12.3$  Hz, 1H, H-6e), 4.44—4.35 (m, 4H, H-2, H-3, 2×H-6), 4.27 (dd,  $J_{5,6}=$ 3.2 Hz,  $J_{6,6a}=11.2$  Hz, 2H, 2×H-6e), 4.17—4.02 (m, 2H, H-3, H-5), 3.99 (ddd,  $J_{4,5}=9.6$  Hz,  $J_{5,6}=5.3$  Hz,  $J_{5,6}=3.2$  Hz, 1H, H-5), 3.78 (dd,  $J_{5,6}=5.3$  Hz,  $J_{6,6e}=11.2$  Hz, 1H, H-6a), 1.67 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 1.30 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.15 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). Anal. calcd for C<sub>72</sub>H<sub>66</sub>O<sub>24</sub>: C 65.75, H 5.06; found C 65.55, H 5.12.

### 2,3,4,6-Tetra-*O*-benzoyl- $\beta$ -*D*-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-[2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-benzoyl- $\beta$ -*D*-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)-] 2,4-di-*O*-acetyl- $\alpha$ -*D*-mannopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-2,4,6tri-*O*-bezoyl- $\beta$ -*D*-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-[2,3,4,6tetra-*O*-benzoyl- $\beta$ -*D*-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)-]5-*O*acetyl-1,2-*O*-isopropylidene- $\alpha$ -*D*-glucofuranose (17)

Coupling of **16** (158 mg, 0.12 mmol) with **9** (203 mg, 0.13 mmol) in the presence of catalytic TMSOTf (5  $\mu$ L, 0.028 mmol) was carried out under the same conditions as described for the synthesis of **3** by coupling of **2** with 1. Purification by a chromatography with petroleum ether-EtOAc (1 : 1, V : V) as the eluent gave hexasaccharide 17 (261 mg, 80%).  $[\alpha]_D$  +12.6 (*c*, 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 8.21–7.22 (m, 75 H,  $15 \times Bz$ -H), 5.85 (dd,  $J_{3,4} = J_{4,5} = 9.6$  Hz, 1H, H-4), 5.84 (dd,  $J_{3,4}=J_{4,5}=9.6$  Hz, 1H, H-4), 5.73 (dd,  $J_{3,4}=J_{4,5}=$ 9.6 Hz, 1H, H-4), 5.68 (dd,  $J_{3,4}=J_{4,5}=9.6$  Hz, 1H, H-4), 5.63 (dd,  $J_{2,3}=J_{3,4}=9.6$  Hz, 1H, H-3), 5.60 (dd,  $J_{1,2}=$ 7.8 Hz, J<sub>2,3</sub>=9.6 Hz, 1H, H-2), 5.55 (dd, J<sub>1,2</sub>=7.8 Hz,  $J_{2,3}$ =9.6 Hz, 1H, H-2), 5.50 (dd,  $J_{1,2}$ =7.8 Hz,  $J_{2,3}$ =9.6 Hz, 1H, H-2), 5.35 (dd, J<sub>2,3</sub>=J<sub>3,4</sub>=9.6 Hz, 1H, H-3), 5.30 (dd,  $J_{2,3}=J_{3,4}=9.6$  Hz, 1H, H-3), 5.19 (dd,  $J_{1,2}=$ 7.8 Hz, J<sub>2.3</sub>=9.6 Hz, 1H, H-2), 5.19 (ddd, J<sub>4.5</sub>=9.6 Hz,  $J_{5.6} = 6.8$  Hz,  $J_{5.6} = 3.3$  Hz, 1H, H-5), 5.05 (d,  $J_{1.2} = 3.5$ Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.88 (d,  $J_{1,2}=7.8$  Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.78— 4.67 (m, 6H, 2×H-1, 2×H-4, 2×H-6), 4.64–4.53 (m, 4H, 2×H-1, 2×H-6), 4.50–4.41 (m, 5H, 2×H-2, H-3,  $2 \times \text{H-6}$ , 4.29—4.16 (m, 4H,  $2 \times \text{H-5}$ ,  $2 \times \text{H-6}$ ), 4.14—4.00 (m, 3H, 2×H-3, H-5), 3.94 (dd,  $J_{5.6}=6.6$ Hz,  $J_{6,6a}$ =9.7 Hz, 1H, H-6e), 3.85–3.76 (m, 2H, H-5, H-6), 3.63—3.55 (m, 2H, H-5, H-6), 3.26 (dd, *J*<sub>5,6</sub>=6.4 Hz,  $J_{6.6e}$ =10.5 Hz, 1H, H-6a), 1.70 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 1.47 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 1.29 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO) , 1.20 (s, 3H, CCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.78 (s, 3H, CCH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 169.3 (1C, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 168.7 (2C, 2×CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 165.7, 165.6, 165.3, 165.2, 165.16, 165.13, 164.7, 164.6, 164.5, 164.4, 163.9 (17C, 14×PhCO, some signals overlapped), 133.0-132.5, 129.6-128.8, 128.6-127.7 (**Ph**CO), 111.7 (Me<sub>2</sub>C), 104.4, 100.6, 100.6, 98.6, 97.6, 97.0, (6C, 6×C-1), 72.9, 72.6, 72.5, 72.3, 71.8, 71.7, 71.6, 71.5, 71.4, 71.1, 70.8, 70.7, 69.3, 69.2, 68.8, 68.5, 67.6, 67.4, 65.1, 62.7, 62.6, 62.4, 62.2, 59.9 (C-2 -C-6), 26.2, 25.7 (2C, 2×CCH<sub>3</sub>), 20.0, 19.8, 18.6 (3C, 3×COCH<sub>3</sub>). Anal. calcd for C<sub>150</sub>H<sub>132</sub>O<sub>49</sub>: C 66.27, H

4.89; found C 66.02, H, 4.77.

# $\beta$ -D-Glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ - $[\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 6)$ - $]\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ - $[\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 6)$ - $]\beta$ -D-glucopyranose (18)

The solution of 17 (272 mg, 0.1 mmol) in 10 mL of 90% TFA was stirred for 2 h, at the end of which time the reaction mixture was poured directly to 250 mL of toluene and concentrated. Drying the residue under high vacuum gave a white foamy solid. The foamy solid was dissolved in a saturated solution of ammonia in MeOH (10 mL). After two weeks at room temperature, the reaction solution was concentrated, and the residue was purified on a Biogel P2 column with MeOH-water as the eluent to afford 18 (79 mg, 80% for two steps) as a foamy solid.  $[\alpha]_D = -12.2 (c \ 1.0, \ H_2O);$  <sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 5.16 (d,  $J_{1,2}$ =1.6 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.73 (d,  $J_{1,2}$ =8.1 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.70 (d,  $J_{1,2}$ =8.7 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.53 (d,  $J_{1,2}=9.4$  Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.41 (d,  $J_{1,2}=8.0$  Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.39 (d,  $J_{1,2}$ =8.0 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.18–3.20 (m, 36 H, H-2–H-6); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 105.2, 105.2, 105.1, 103.0, 102.8, 102.8 ( $J_{C-1,H-1}=160.0$ , 160.0, 160.0, 162.4, 162.4, and 176.0 Hz respectively, 6×C-1), 82.6, 79.0, 78.4, 78.3, 78.0, 77.2, 75.5, 75.3, 75.2, 72.4, 72.3, 72.2, 70.2, 67.3, 63.1, 62.9 (C-2-C-6). Anal. calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>62</sub>O<sub>31</sub>: C 43.64, H 6.31; found C 43.43, H, 6.18.

# 3-*O*-Allyl-2,4,6-tri-*O*-benzoyl- $\beta$ -*D*-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-[2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-benzoyl- $\beta$ -*D*-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)-]2,4-di-*O*-acetyl- $\alpha$ -*D*-glucopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate (22)

Compound 14 (341 mg, 0.26 mmol) was dissolved in 35 mL of 90% TFA and stirred for 2 h, at the end of which time the reaction mixture was poured directly to 100 mL of toluene and concentrated. Drying the residue under high vacuum gave 19 as a white foamy solid. This foamy solid was dissolved in pyridine (10 mL), and then Ac<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h, and TLC (petroleum ether-EtOAc, 2 : 1, V : V indicated that the reaction was complete. The reaction mixture was concentrated to dryness. The resultant crude product 20 was dissolved in 1 mol/L solution of ammonia-methanol (100 mL) and stirred at room temperature for 3 h, at the end of which time TLC (petroleum ether-EtOAc, 1:1, V : V indicated that the reaction was complete. The solution was concentrated to give compound 21 as a syrup. A mixture of **21**, trichloroacetonitrile (0.4 mL, 2 mmol), and 1,8- diazabicyclo [5.4.0] undecene (DBU) (0.05 mL, 0.4 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (10 mL) was stirred for 3 h and then concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography with 2:1 petroleum ether-EtOAc as the eluent to give 22 (242 mg, 62 % for four steps) as a foamy solid. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub>+15.6 (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ: 8.30 (s, 1H, NHCCl<sub>3</sub>), 8.15–7.13 (m, 35H, 7×Bz-H), 6.18 (d,  $J_{1,2}=3.5$  Hz, 1H, H-1), 5.84 (dd,  $J_{3,4}=J_{4,5}=9.6$  Hz, 1H,

H-4), 5.61 (dd,  $J_{3,4}=J_{4,5}=9.7$  Hz, 1H, H-4), 5.56—5.51 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CHH), 5.46 (dd,  $J_{1,2}$ =8.0 Hz,  $J_{2,3}$ = 9.7 Hz, 1H, H-2), 5.42 (dd, *J*<sub>2,3</sub>=*J*<sub>3,4</sub>=9.7 Hz, 1H, H-3), 5.17 (dd,  $J_{3,4} = J_{4,5} = 8.4$  Hz, 1H, H-4), 4.99 (dd, J = 1.4, 17.2 Hz, 1H,  $CH_2CH=CHH$ ), 4.95 (s,  $J_{1,2}=7.8$  Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.89 (dd, J=1.4, 0.5 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CHH), 4.85 (s,  $J_{1,2}$ =8.0 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.83 (dd,  $J_{1,2}$ =7.8 Hz,  $J_{2,3}$ =9.6 Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.63 (dd,  $J_{1,2}$ =3.5 Hz,  $J_{2,3}$ =9.7 Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.65— 4.57 (m, 2H,  $2 \times$ H-6), 4.47 (dd,  $J_{5,6} = 5.7$  Hz,  $J_{6,6a} = 12.2$  Hz, 1H, H-6e), 4.32 (dd,  $J_{5,6} =$ 6.2 Hz, J<sub>6,6e</sub>=12.2 Hz, 1H, H-6a), 4.16-3.88 (m, 8H,  $2 \times H-3$ ,  $2 \times H-5$ ,  $2 \times H-6$ , CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CHH), 3.67 (ddd, J<sub>4,5</sub>=9.6 Hz, J<sub>5,6</sub>=6.2 Hz, J<sub>5,6</sub>=5.7 Hz, 1H, H-5), 2.00 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 1.81 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO). Anal. calcd for C<sub>76</sub>H<sub>68</sub>- Cl<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>25</sub>: C 60.79, H 4.56; found C 60.53, H 4.64.

### Methyl 3-O-allyl-2,4,6-tri-O-benzoyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyransyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-[2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzoyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)-]2,4-di-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-4,6-O-benzylidene- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside (24)

Coupling of 22 (346 mg, 0.23 mmol) with 23 (59 mg, 0.21 mmol) in the presence of catalytic TMSOTf (10  $\mu$ L, 0.056 mmol) was carried out under the same conditions as described for the synthesis of **3** by coupling of **2** with 1. Purification by a chromatography with 3:2 petroleum ether-EtOAc as the eluent gave tetrasaccharide 24 (238 mg, 70%).  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}$  + 14.6 (*c*, 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 8.11–7.22 (m, 40H, 7×Bz-H, Ph-H), 5.87 (dd,  $J_{3,4}=J_{4,5}=9.6$  Hz, 1H, H-4), 5.64 (dd,  $J_{3,4}=$  $J_{4,5} = 9.7$  Hz, 1H, H-4), 5.59—5.44 (m, 5H, PhCH, CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CHH, 2×H-2, H-3), 5.11 (dd,  $J_{3,4}=J_{4,5}=9.7$ Hz, 1H, H-4), 4.98 (dd, J=1.5, 17.2 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH= CHH), 4.93 (d,  $J_{12}$ =7.9 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.89 (dd, J=1.5, 10.4 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CH**H**), 4.86 (d, *J*<sub>1,2</sub>=8.0 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.84 (d,  $J_{1,2}$ =8.2 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.62 (d,  $J_{1,2}$ =3.5 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.72–4.63 (m, 3H, H-2, 2×H-6), 4.56  $(dd, J_{5.6} = 5.9 \text{ Hz}, J_{6e.6a} = 12.7 \text{ Hz}, 2H, 2 \times H-6a), 4.46 -$ 4.38 (m, 4H,  $4 \times$ H-6), 4.19–3.42 (m, 11H, H-2,  $3 \times$ H-3, H-4,  $4 \times$  H-5, CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CHH), 3.19 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 1.93 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 1.86 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO). Anal. calcd for C<sub>88</sub>H<sub>84</sub>O<sub>30</sub>: C 65.18, H 5.22; found C 65.44, H, 5.10.

# Methyl 2,4,6-tri-*O*-benzoyl- $\beta$ -*D*-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-[2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-benzoyl- $\beta$ -*D*-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)-]2,4-di-*O*-acetyl- $\beta$ -*D*-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-2,4,6-tri-*O*-acetyl- $\alpha$ -*D*-glucopyranoside (27)

To a solution of **24** (178 mg, 0.11 mmol) in anhydrous MeOH (100 mL) was added acetyl chloride (0.1 mL). The flask was stoppered and the solution was stirred at room temperature until TLC (EtOAc) showed that the starting material disappeared. The solution was neutralized with Et<sub>3</sub>N, then concentrated to dryness. The residue was purified by chromatography with petroleum ether-EtOAc (1 : 2, V : V) as the eluent to give **25** as a white solid. This white solid was dissolved in pyridine (20 mL), and then Ac<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for 12 h, and TLC (1 : 1

petroleum ether-EtOAc) indicated that the reaction was complete. The reaction mixture was concentrated to dryness, which was purified by chromatography with petroleum ether-EtOAc (1 : 1, V : V) as the eluent to give tetrasaccharide 26. To a solution of compound 26 in methanol (100 mL) was added PdCl<sub>2</sub> (30 mg, 0.17 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h, at the end of which time TLC (petroleum ether-EtOAc, 1 : 1, V : V indicated that the reaction was complete. The mixture was filtered, the filter cake was washed with dichloromethane, and the combined filtrate and washings were concentrated. Purification by column chromatography with petroleum ether-EtOAc (1:1, V:V) as the eluent afforded compound 27 (128) mg, 72% for three steps) as a foamy solid.  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}$ +24.5 (c, 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 8.06–7.22 (m, 35H, 7×Bz-H), 5.88 (dd,  $J_{3,4}=J_{4,5}=9.6$  Hz, 1H, H-4), 5.65 (dd,  $J_{3,4}=J_{4,5}=9.7$  Hz, 1H, H-4), 5.48 (dd,  $J_{1,2}=7.9$  Hz,  $J_{2,3}=9.6$  Hz, 1H, H-2), 5.40 (dd,  $J_{2,3}=$  $J_{3,4}$ =9.7 Hz, 1H, H-3), 5.28 (dd,  $J_{3,4}$ = $J_{4,5}$ =9.6 Hz, 1H, H-4), 5.05 (dd,  $J_{1,2}$ =7.9 Hz,  $J_{2,3}$ =9.6 Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.95 (dd,  $J_{3,4}=J_{4,5}=9.7$  Hz, 1H, H-4), 4.89 (d,  $J_{1,2}=7.9$ Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.77 (dd, J<sub>1,2</sub>=7.9 Hz, J<sub>2,3</sub>=9.6 Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.76 (dd, J<sub>1,2</sub>=3.6 Hz, J<sub>2,3</sub>=9.6 Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.73 (d,  $J_{1,2}$ =7.9 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.68 (d,  $J_{1,2}$ =3.6 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.65 (dd, J<sub>5.6</sub>=3.4 Hz, J<sub>6e.6a</sub>=12.6 Hz, 1H, H-6e), 4.60 (dd,  $J_{5,6}=3.4$  Hz,  $J_{6a,6e}=12.6$  Hz, 1H, H-6a), 4.49–4.38 (m, 2H, 2×H-6), 4.34 (d,  $J_{1,2}=7.9$ Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.20 (dd,  $J_{5,6}$ =5.9 Hz,  $J_{6,6a}$ =12.3 Hz, 1H, H-6e), 4.17 — 3.53 (m, 10H, 3×H-3, 4×H-5, 3×H-6), 3.20 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 2.02 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 1.99 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 1.97 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 1.93 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 1.87 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO). Anal. calcd for C<sub>84</sub>H<sub>82</sub>O<sub>33</sub>: C 62.30, H 5.10; found C 62.01, H, 5.23.

Methyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzoyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-[2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzoyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)-]2,4-di-O-acetyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-2,4,6-tri-O-benzoyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-[2,3, 4,6-tetra-O-benzoyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)-]2,4di-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-2,4,6-tri-Oacetyl- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside (28)

Coupling of 27 (110 mg, 0.068 mmol) with 9 (125 mg, 0.08 mmol) in the presence of catalytic TMSOTf (5 µL, 0.028 mmol) was carried out under the same conditions as described for the synthesis of 3 by coupling of 2 with 1. Purification by chromatography with petroleum ether-EtOAc (1 : 1, V : V) as the eluent gave heptasaccharide **28** (166 mg, 81%).  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}$  + 25.5 (c, 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ: 8.16–7.17 (m, 75H,  $15 \times Bz$ -H), 5.88 (dd,  $J_{3,4} = J_{4,5} = 9.6$  Hz, 1H, H-4), 5.82 (dd,  $J_{3,4}=J_{4,5}=9.5$  Hz, 1H, H-4), 5.73—5.57 (m, 4H,  $2 \times$ H-3,  $2 \times$ H-4), 5.49 (dd,  $J_{1,2}$ =7.9 Hz,  $J_{2,3}$ =9.6 Hz, 1H, H-2), 5.45 (dd,  $J_{3,4}=J_{4,5}=9.6$  Hz, 1H, H-3), 5.40 (dd, J<sub>1,2</sub>=7.9 Hz, J<sub>2,3</sub>=9.5 Hz, 1H, H-2), 5.29–5.23 (m, 2H, 2×H-2), 4.95 (dd,  $J_{3,4}=J_{4,5}=9.6$  Hz, 1H, H-4), 4.90 (d, J<sub>1,2</sub>=7.9 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.84–4.75 (m, 4H, H-1, 2×H-4, H-6), 4.73–4.38 (m, 14H, 5×H-1, 9×H-6), 4.34—3.52 (m, 18H, 3×H-2, 4×H-3, 7×H-5, 4×H-6), 3.20 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 2.02, 2.00, 1.99, 1.98 (s, 12H,  $4 \times$  CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 1.93 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 1.88 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 1.53 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 170.7, 169.8, 169.7, 169.5, 169.4, 169.3, 167.7 (7C,  $7 \times$  CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 166.1, 166. 0, 165.9, 165.5, 165.4, 165.1, 165.0, 164.8, 164.1 (15C,  $15 \times$  PhCO, some signals overlapped), 133.7—132.2, 130.8, 130.1—129.0, 128.8—127.9 (**Ph**C), 101.2, 101.0, 100.8, 100.2, 98.7, 98.0, 97.8 (7C,  $7 \times$ C-1), 73.5, 73.2, 72.8, 72.3, 72.2, 71.8, 71.7, 71.4, 71.0, 69.5, 69.2, 69.0, 68.8, 68.3, 68.1, 67.4, 66.6, 65.4, 63.2, 62.9, 62.8, 62.5, 62.1 (C-2—C-6), 55.4 (1C, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 20.6, 20.6, 20.6, 20.5, 20.2, 18.9 (7C,  $7 \times$  CH<sub>3</sub>CO, some signals overlapped). Anal. calcd for C<sub>162</sub>H<sub>148</sub>O<sub>58</sub>: C 64.37, H 4.93; found: C 64.03, H, 4.80.

# Methyl $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ - $[\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 6)$ -] $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ - $[\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ - $[\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ - $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside (29)

Compound **28** (272 mg, 0.09 mmol) was dissolved in a saturated solution of ammonia in MeOH (10 mL). After two weeks at room temperature, the reaction solution was concentrated, and the residue was purified on a Biogel P2 column with MeOH-water as the eluent to afford **29** (100 mg, 95%) as a foamy solid. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub> +16.5 (*c* 1.0, H<sub>2</sub>O); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 5.23 (d,  $J_{1,2}$ =2.5 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.98 (d,  $J_{1,2}$ =3.6 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.70 (d,  $J_{1,2}$ =7.9 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.56 (d,  $J_{1,2}$ =8.0 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.51 (d,  $J_{1,2}$ =8.0 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.43 (d,  $J_{1,2}$ = 7.9 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.40 (d,  $J_{1,2}$ =8.0 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.18—3.15 (m, 45H, H-2—H-6, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 100 MHz)  $\delta$ : 103.7, 102.5, 102.4, 102.3, 100.4, 100.0, 98.4 ( $J_{C^{-1},H^{-1}}$ =165.1, 165.1, 165.1, 165.1, 165.1, 165.1, 176.4, and 176.4 Hz respectively, 7C-1), 83.6, 82.2, 80.0, 77.8, 75.5, 75.4, 75.3, 75.1, 75.0, 74.8, 74.0, 72.7, 72.6, 72.5, 71.8, 71.6, 71.5, 70.8, 69.4, 69.2, 69.1, 69.0, 68.4, 68.1, 67.5, 67.4, 57.0 (C-2—C-6, OCH<sub>3</sub>). Anal. calcd for C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>74</sub>O<sub>36</sub>: C 44.25, H 6.39; found C 44.03, H, 6.28.

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