

## 27. Vinyl Carbanions

Part 36<sup>1)</sup>

### Synthesis of 3-Deoxy-D-manno-2-octulosonic Acid (KDO) and Derivatives

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The  $\beta$ -C-lithiated acrylamide **3A** has been proven to be an ideal pyruvate  $\beta$ -carbanion equivalent useful in a highly diastereoselective KDO synthesis. The starting material **3** was prepared from pyruvate diethyl acetal in four convenient steps. Direct lithiation with 2 equiv. of LDA generated the dilithiated species **3A** quantitatively. Reaction with 2,3:4,5-di-*O*-isopropylidene-D-arabinose (**11**) was highly *D-manno*-selective. The product **12** was obtained readily from the reaction mixture *via* crystallization. Ring closure to the butenolide **13**, subsequent PhS-group removal with  $\text{Bu}_3\text{SnH}$  and pyridinium bromide, and hydrogenolytic debenzoylation afforded the known butenolide **19**; this KDO precursor gives KDO in two convenient steps. Butenolide **19** was also transformed *via* two high-yielding steps into the 4,5:7,8-di-*O*-cyclohexylidene-KDO derivative **22**, a valuable starting material for KDO  $\alpha$ -glycoside syntheses.

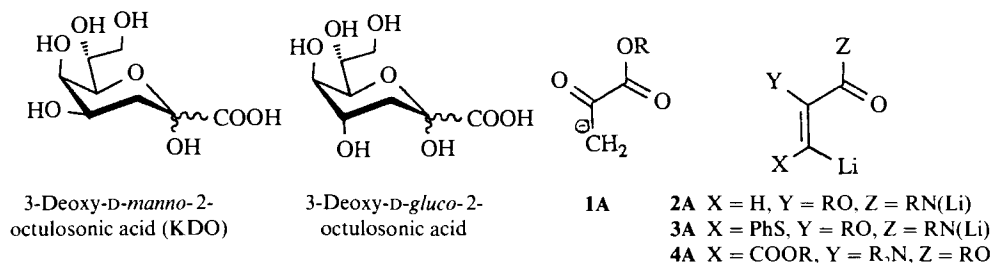
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**1. Introduction.** – The 3-deoxy-D-manno-2-octulosonic acid (KDO) is an integral constituent of the lipopolysaccharide of *Gram*-negative bacteria [1] [2]. Several syntheses of this compound have been described using either D-mannose or D-arabinose derivatives and C<sub>2</sub>- or C<sub>3</sub>-building blocks, respectively, as starting materials [3–9]. Biosynthetic studies have shown D-arabinose 5-phosphate and phosphoenol pyruvate to be the precursors [1]. In analogy to the biosynthesis, we searched for pyruvate-equivalent C<sub>3</sub>-synthons corresponding to intermediate **1A** which provide, in a diastereoselective reaction with *O*-protected D-arabinose, KDO derivatives. We found that functionally substituted acrylates furnish, *via*  $\beta$ -C-lithiation, such synthetic equivalents quite readily [10]. *E.g.*, the dilithiated species **2A** and **3A** obtained *via* direct lithiation of the corresponding H-systems provided, *via* *D-manno* selective reactions with di-*O*-isopropylidene-D-arabinose, a straightforward entry into KDO [3] [9]. Correspondingly, in a *D-gluco*-selective reaction from the *C*-lithiated species **4A**, preferentially 3-deoxy-D-*gluco*-2-octulosonic acid was obtained [8]. The PhS group in **3A** and the  $\beta$ -carboxylate group in **4A** constitute H-atom equivalents which promote the  $\beta$ -C-lithiation, the nucleophilic reactivity, and the diastereoselectivity in this reaction. Starting from the dilithiated species **3A**, we synthesized a methylamide derivative of KDO which proved valuable in the synthesis of the naturally occurring KDO  $\alpha$ -glycosides [11]. Therefore, we are reporting the investigations for the synthesis of this compound in full detail<sup>3)</sup>.

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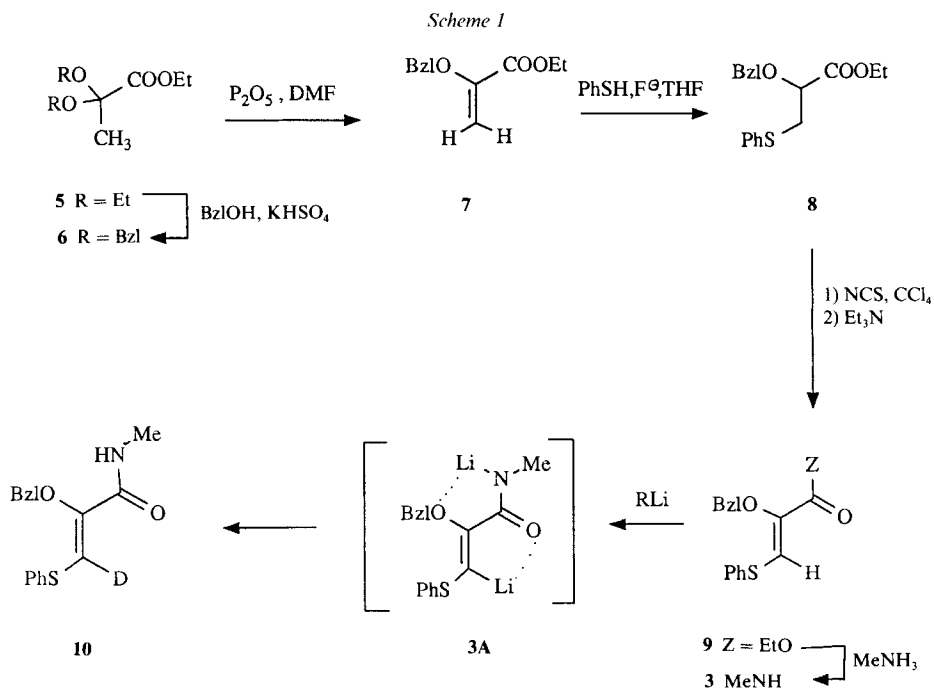
<sup>2)</sup> Taken in part from the Ph. D. thesis of A. E. [13] and R. B. [12].

<sup>3)</sup> For a preliminary publication of part of this work, see [3].



**2. Direct Lithiation of  $\alpha$ -(Benzyloxy)-*N*-methyl- $\beta$ -(phenylthio)acrylamide.** – From the investigation of  $\alpha$ -alkoxy-substituted acrylates in direct  $\beta$ -C-lithiations, it was concluded [3] [10] [12–14] that a  $\beta$ -thio substituent and a monosubstituted amide group support direct  $\beta$ -C-lithiation strongly. In this way, dilithiated species of type 3A were generated which exhibited excellent nucleophilic properties in reactions with aldehydes as electrophiles. In a simple cyclization, the hydroxyalkyl-substituted products provided  $\alpha$ -alkoxy-substituted butenolides quite readily [3] [10] [14]. However,  $\alpha$ -alkoxy ether cleavage in the butenolide system requires acidic conditions which will decompose acid-labile side chains, *e.g.*, as observed for KDO and derivatives [12] [13]. Therefore, we decided to introduce the hydrogenolytically removable  $\alpha$ -benzyloxy group leading to compound 3 as an ideal starting material for the KDO synthesis (*Scheme 1*).

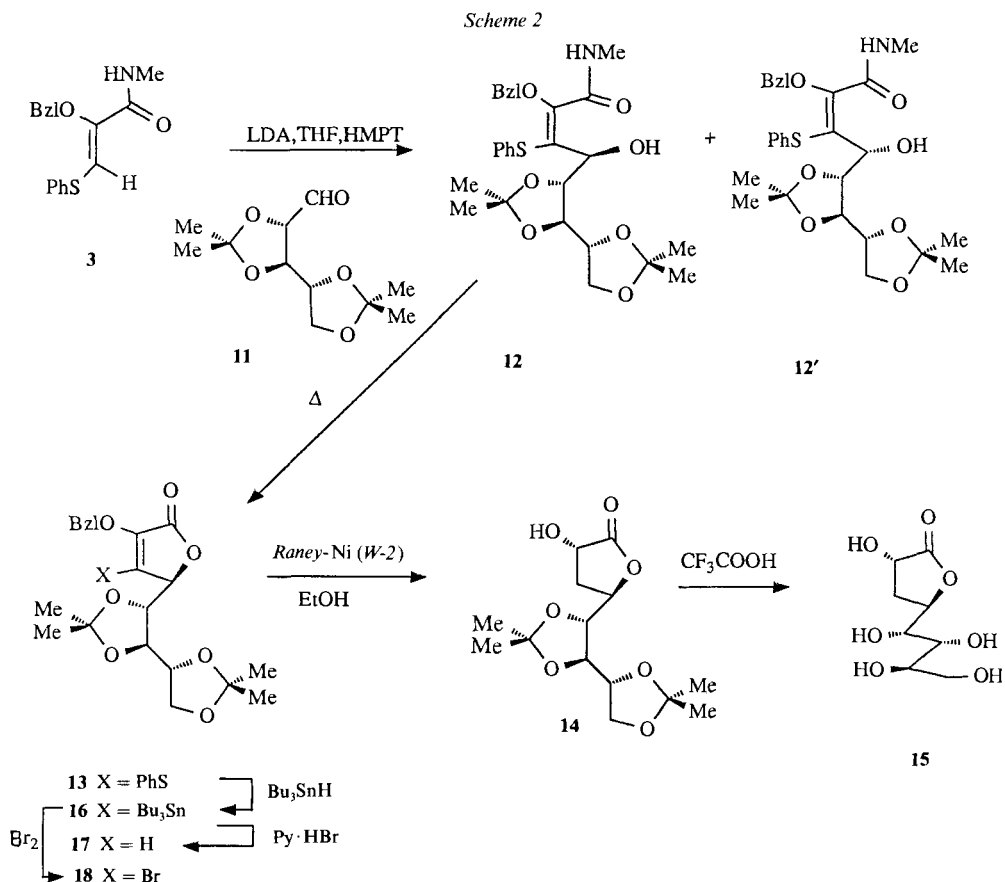
For the synthesis of amide 3, the commercially available pyruvate diethyl acetal (5) was transformed into the corresponding dibenzyl acetal 6 *via* acid-catalyzed transacetalisation. Elimination of benzyl alcohol by treatment with P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> provided the  $\alpha$ -(benzyloxy)-



acrylate **7** in very good yield. Subsequent thiophenol addition under fluoride catalysis led to propionate derivative **8**. Chlorination with *N*-chlorosuccinimide (NCS) and treatment with Et<sub>3</sub>N as base afforded the acrylate **9** ((*Z*)-isomer  $\geq 95\%$ ). This compound furnished, with MeNH<sub>2</sub>, the desired starting material **3** in good overall yield independently of the scale. The structural assignment is based on comparisons of the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR shift of H–C(3) with that of related (*Z*)- and (*E*)-configured compounds [9] [12].

The advantage of amide **3** in direct lithiations, *e.g.* as compared with ester **9** or the corresponding acid, was clearly demonstrated by the ease of this reaction [12]. With 2 equiv. of lithium diisopropylamide (LDA) as base, the dilithiated species **3A** was generated practically quantitatively as evidenced by quenching the reaction mixture with MeOD and subsequent aqueous workup. Side-product formation did not occur; the only isolated product was the  $\beta$ -C-deuterated compound **10**. The assignment of (*Z*)-configuration is based on the fact that inversion of configuration is not observed in related  $\alpha$ -thio-substituted vinylolithium species [10] [15] [16].

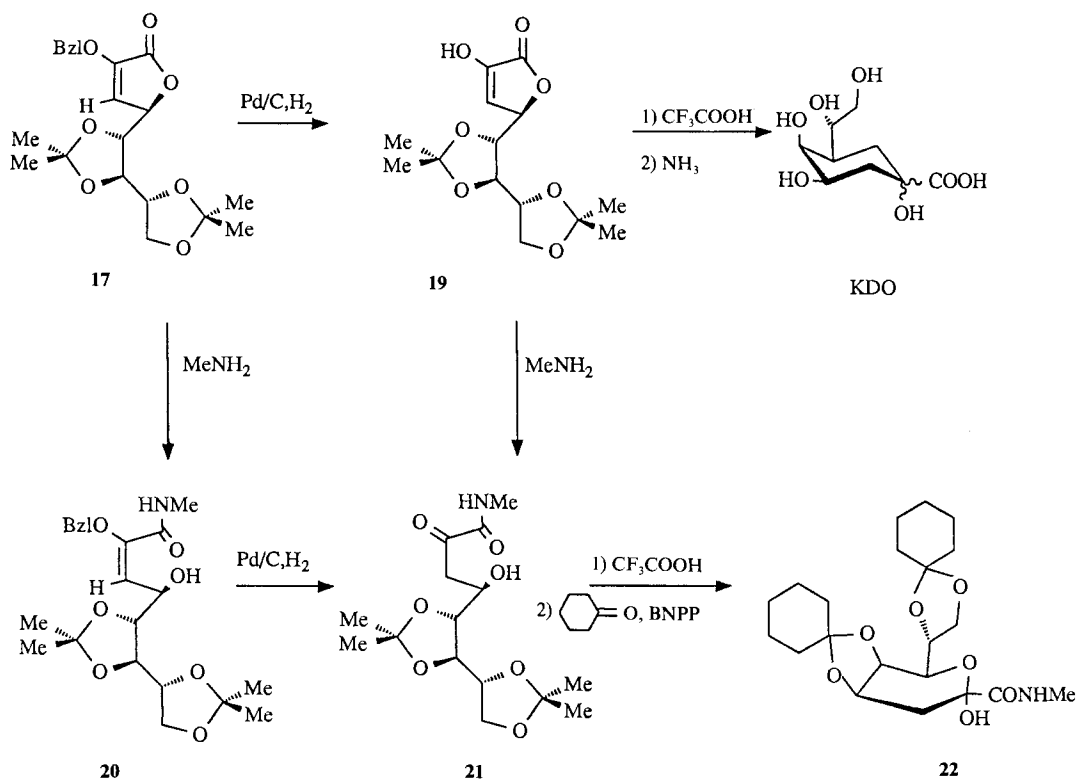
**3. Synthesis of KDO.** – The convenient synthesis of acrylamide **3**, its quantitative  $\beta$ -C-lithiation generating intermediate **3A**, and the high-yielding formation of the deute-



rated derivative **10** were excellent prerequisites for successful reactions with aldehydes as electrophiles. For the synthesis of KDO, 2,3:4,5-di-*O*-isopropylidene-D-arabinose (**11**) [17] was used (*Scheme 2*). With **3A**, generated from **3** by LDA at  $-80^{\circ}$  in tetrahydrofuran (THF), the desired *D*-manno-isomer **12** was formed preferentially (*D*-manno-isomer **12**/*D*-gluco-isomer **12'** 8:1; 75% yield); the structures were assigned by transformation into KDO and its *D*-gluco-isomer, respectively [12]. The *D*-manno-isomer **12** crystallized from the reaction mixture in 60% yield thus obviating chromatographic separations. Addition of small amounts of hexamethylphosphorous triamide (HMPT) to the reaction mixture led almost completely to the desired **12** (**12**/**12'**  $\geq 15:1$ ; 85% yield), directly obtained in 75% yield as crystalline material. The diastereofacial selection can be explained in terms of the *Felkin* model [3] [18]. Steric and stereoelectronic effects favour *Re* attack of intermediate **3A** on the *M*-conformer of arabinose derivative **11** [3].

Compound **12** having the required KDO configuration was first transformed into the butenolide **13** by simple heating in high-boiling petroleum ether (*Scheme 2*). Investigations of the selective PhS-group removal with *Raney*-Ni and of the simultaneous debenzoylation to yield directly KDO derivative **19** (see below, *Scheme 3*) gave varying results, depending on the activity of the *Raney*-Ni. However, controlled formation of **19** was difficult to accomplish. Also controlled removal of only the PhS group gave mainly

Scheme 3



modest results. However, complete reduction of **13** with *Raney*-Ni was easily possible; it provided diastereoselectively the  $\alpha$ -hydroxybutyrolactone **14**. The structure of **14** was assigned after acid-catalyzed removal of the isopropylidene groups affording the known 3-deoxy-D-glycero-D-galacto-octonolactone **15** [19]. Therefore, the required PhS/H exchange in **13** was investigated with  $\text{Bu}_3\text{SnH}$ . However, unexpectedly, the PhS group was replaced by the  $\text{Bu}_3\text{Sn}$  group affording compound **16** which turned out to be an interesting intermediate for further reactions with electrophiles. Thus, treatment of **16** with  $\text{Br}_2$  gave the bromo derivative **18** in almost quantitative yield.  $\text{HBr}$  turned out to be too strong an electrophile for controlled  $\text{Bu}_3\text{Sn}/\text{H}$  exchange. Therefore, we used pyridinium bromide suggested also by *Pallenberg* and *White* for such reactions [20] to synthesize compound **17** in high yield.

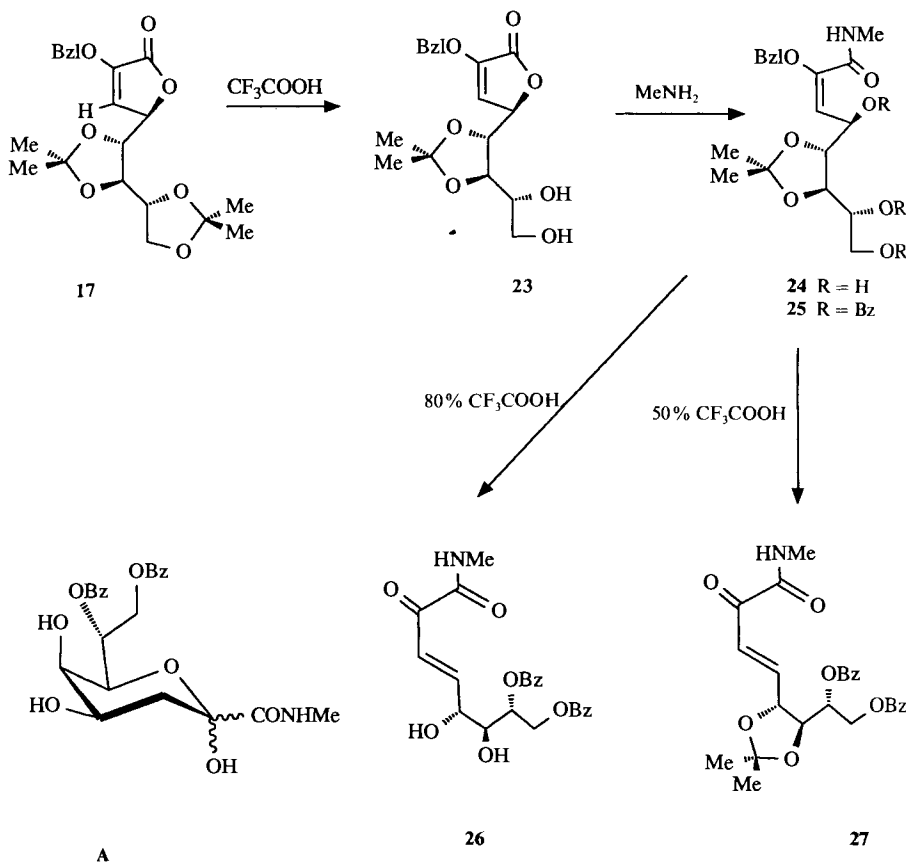
Hydrogenolytic debenylation of **17** afforded cleanly the known KDO derivative **19** [4a] which was found to exist mainly in the enol form according to the  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  data (enol/ketone 9:1; *Scheme 3*). Following a known procedure [4a] [6a], deprotection of **19** with  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$  and subsequent treatment with  $\text{NH}_3$  provided the pyranose-ammonium salt of KDO in high yield, thus concluding an efficient KDO synthesis.

**4. Synthesis of KDO Derivatives.** – For the investigation of glycoside-bond formation, 4,5,7,8-*O*-protected pyranose derivatives of KDO are required. Thus far, these investigations were mainly carried out with *O*-acyl protected compounds. However, acetal formation suggested by the pyranose structure of KDO might lead to compounds with different reactivity. For this aim, butenolide **17** was first treated with  $\text{MeNH}_2$  providing the amide **20** in high yield (*Scheme 3*). However, hydrogenolytic debenylation of this open-chain compound to yield **21** proved to be less successful than the corresponding transformation of butenolide **17** to the debenzylated butenolide **19**. Therefore, **19** was treated with  $\text{MeNH}_2$ , affording the desired intermediate **21** in high overall yield.  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$ -catalyzed removal of the isopropylidene groups and subsequent acetalisation with cyclohexanone in the presence of bis(*p*-nitrophenyl) hydrogen phosphate (BNPP) furnished the 4,5:7,8-di-*O*-cyclohexylidene-KDO derivative **22** in 84% yield. According to the  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  data, **22** prefers a boat conformation [11] as recently also found for a 4,5:7,8-di-*O*-isopropylidene-KDO derivative [21]. Compound **22** proved to be very valuable in  $\alpha$ -specific glycoside bond formations *via* the anomeric-*O*-alkylation procedure as demonstrated recently by us [11] [22].

The direct synthesis of *O*-acylated and partially *O*-acylated KDO derivatives from butenolide **17**, *e.g.* of compound **A** (*Scheme 4*), turned out to be more difficult. Partial removal of the isopropylidene groups of **17** with  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$  gave cleanly the mono-isopropylidene derivative **23** which furnished, with  $\text{MeNH}_2$ , the corresponding amide **24** (*Scheme 4*). The (*E*)-configuration was assigned on the basis of  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  comparisons with related compounds obtained *via* a different route [9] [23]. Subsequent *O*-benzylation provided compound **25**. However, direct acid-catalyzed ring closure without prior hydrogenolytic removal of the *O*-benzyl group resulted in the elimination products **26** and **27** depending on the concentration of  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$ .

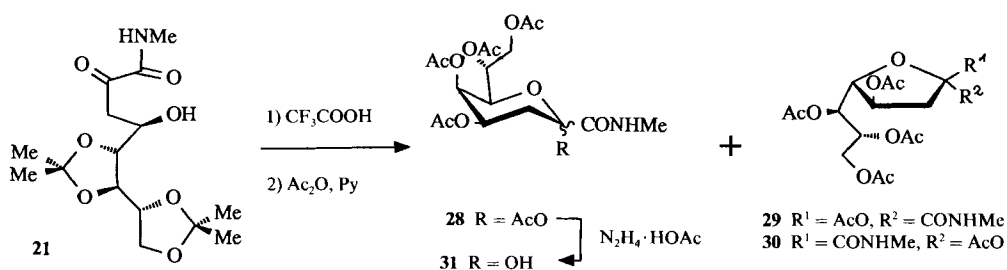
However, when the *O*-debenzylated compound **21** was used as starting material for *O*-acylated KDO derivatives, acid-catalyzed removal of the isopropylidene groups and subsequent *O*-acetylation afforded the pyranose **28** which was accompanied by the  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -furanoses **29** and **30**, respectively. The structures of these compounds were as-

Scheme 4



signed by their <sup>1</sup>H-NMR data and by comparison with structurally similar compounds [1] [6c] [24]. Yet, the anomeric configurations of **28** and **31** are not unambiguous on this basis. According to the chemical-shift differences  $\Delta\delta(H_{eq}-C(3)/H_{ax}-C(3))$ , the configurations could be  $\beta$  for **28** and  $\alpha$  for **31**. Selective anomeric *O*-deacylation of **28** was possible with hydrazine acetate providing compound **31**.

Scheme 5



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### Experimental Part

*General.* Solvents were purified in the usual way. All substances were purified by MPLC for elemental analyses. Column chromatography: *Merck* silica gel 60 (mesh size 0.063–0.200). Medium-pressure liquid chromatography (MPLC): *Merck* silica gel *LiChroprep Si 60* (mesh size 0.063–0.0125). TLC: *Merck* plates, silica gel 60 *F<sub>254</sub>*, layer thickness 0.2 mm; detection by UV light or treatment with a 15% H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> soln., followed by heating at 120°. M.p. (uncorrected): metal bloc. Optical rotations: *Perkin-Elmer-241/MS* polarimeter, 1-dm cell. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra: *Bruker WP80* (80 MHz), *Bruker WM250 Cryospec* (250 MHz), *Jeol JNM-GX400* (400 MHz); chemical shifts in ppm downfield from tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard, coupling constants *J* in Hz.

(*Z*)-2-(*Benzyloxy*)-*N*-methyl-3-(*phenylthio*)acrylamide (**3**) and Ethyl (*Z*)-2-(*Benzyloxy*)-3-(*phenylthio*)-acrylate (**9**). To an ice-cooled soln. of **8** (36 g, 0.114 mol) in abs. CCl<sub>4</sub> (200 ml), *N*-chlorosuccinimide (16.7 g, 0.125 mol) was added. The suspension was stirred for 6–10 h at r.t. The precipitate was filtered off and the soln. evaporated. The oily residue was dissolved in dry CHCl<sub>3</sub> (100 ml), Et<sub>3</sub>N (19.2 ml, 0.137 mol) added, and the mixture refluxed for 1 h. The cooled soln. was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (200 ml), acidified to pH 1 with conc. HCl soln. under ice-cooling and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (3 × 100 ml). The extract was washed with sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> soln. (100 ml), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), and evaporated. The dark oil was filtered over silica gel (petroleum ether/AcOEt 9:1, *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.53). The slightly yellow oil **9** 5.6 mM MeNH<sub>2</sub>/MeOH (150 ml) was stirred for 15 h at r.t. The solvent was evaporated and the residue filtered over silica gel (petroleum ether/AcOEt 1:1, *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.47). Recrystallization from AcOEt/petroleum ether gave 24.7 g (73%) of **3** as colourless crystals. M.p. 53–54°. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (80 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.60–7.20 (*m*, 10 arom. H); 7.22 (*s*, H–C(3)); 6.40 (*br. s*, MeNH); 5.00 (*s*, PhCH<sub>2</sub>O); 2.78 (*d*, MeNH). Anal. calc. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S (299.4): C 68.21, H 5.72, N 4.68; found: C 68.42, H 5.66, N 4.64.

Ethyl 2,2-Bis(*benzyloxy*)propionate (**6**). To a soln. of **5** (200 g, 1.05 mol) in dry benzyl alcohol (560 g, 5.18 mmol), KHCO<sub>3</sub> (3.5 g, 25.7 mmol) was added. The mixture was heated (bath temp. 100°) while passing a strong N<sub>2</sub> stream through the soln. After 8–10 h, EtOH (80 g) was distilled off. The mixture was cooled to r.t., diluted with 500 ml Et<sub>2</sub>O, and filtered (petroleum ether/AcOEt 9:1, *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.48) over a short silica-gel column. Evaporation followed by distillation of the crude product afforded 280 g (85%) of **6** as colourless oil. B.p. 135–140°/0.01 Torr. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (80 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.50–7.25 (*m*, 10 arom. H); 4.65 (*s*, PhCH<sub>2</sub>O); 4.25 (*q*, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O); 1.70 (*s*, Me); 1.30 (*t*, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O).

Ethyl 2-(*Benzyloxy*)acrylate (**7**). To a soln. of **6** (280 g, 0.89 mol) in dry DMF (700 ml), P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (6.8 g, 0.48 mol) was added under strong stirring. The mixture was heated for 1 h at 100°, cooled to r.t., poured onto sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> soln. (1500 ml), and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (4 × 200 ml). The combined org. layers were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (300 ml), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), and evaporated. Distillation gave 157 g (86%) of **7** as colourless oil. B.p. 85–87°/0.01 Torr. TLC (petroleum ether/AcOEt 9:1): *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.40. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (80 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.40 (*m*, 5 arom. H); 5.35 (*d*, *J* = 2.0, H–C(3)); 4.85 (*s*, PhCH<sub>2</sub>O); 4.62 (*d*, *J* = 2.0, H'–C(3)); 4.23 (*q*, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O); 1.32 (*t*, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O). Anal. calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (206.2): C 69.90, H 6.84; found: C 69.68, H 6.92.

Ethyl 2-(*Benzyloxy*)-3-(*phenylthio*)propionate (**8**). To a soln. of **7** (140 g, 0.68 mol) and thiophenol (82.2 g, 0.75 mol) in abs. THF (500 ml), 1M Bu<sub>4</sub>NH/THF (10 ml) was added under N<sub>2</sub>. The mixture was refluxed for 24 h, 1M Bu<sub>4</sub>NF/THF (5 ml) added, and the mixture refluxed for additional 12 h. The cold soln. was diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (200 ml), washed with 1M NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2 × 150 ml) and H<sub>2</sub>O (100 ml), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), and evaporated. Distillation afforded 159 g (74%) of **8** as colourless oil and 20 g (14%) of **7**. B.p. 170–175°/0.01 Torr. TLC (petroleum ether/AcOEt 9:1): *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.38. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (80 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.50–7.20 (*m*, 10 arom. H); 4.72 (*d*, *J* = 12, PhCH<sub>2</sub>O); 4.48 (*d*, PhCH<sub>2</sub>O); 4.18 (*q*, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O); 4.08 (*dd*, H–C(2)); 3.30 (*dd*, 2 H–C(3)); 1.25 (*t*, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O).

(*Z*)-2-(*Benzyloxy*)-*N*-methyl-3-(*phenylthio*)-(3-<sup>2</sup>H)acrylamide (**10**). LDA (7.36 mmol) in hexane/THF was slowly and dropwise added to a soln. of **3** (1.0 g, 3.34 mmol) in dry THF (30 ml) at –80°. After 1 h at –80°, MeOD (0.5 ml) was added and stirring continued for 30 min. Then, the mixture was warmed up to 0°, poured onto sat. aq. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl soln. (100 ml), extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 50 ml), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), and evaporated. The residue was treated with AcOEt (*ca.* 1 ml), and addition of petroleum ether gave 900 mg (90%) of **10** (deuteration 95%).

2,3:4,5-Di-*O*-isopropylidene-D-arabinose (**11**) was prepared according to [17] and freshly distilled (bulb to bulb) before each reaction. B.p. 80–90°/0.04 Torr (oven temp.).

(2*Z*)-2-*O*-Benzyl-3-deoxy-5,6:7,8-di-*O*-isopropylidene-*N*-methyl-3-(*phenylthio*)-D-manno-oct-2-enonamide (**12**) and (2*Z*)-2-*O*-Benzyl-3-deoxy-5,6:7,8-di-*O*-isopropylidene-*N*-methyl-3-(*phenylthio*)-D-gluc-oct-2-enonamide (**12'**). a) Without HMPT: LDA (55.2 mmol) in hexane/THF was slowly and dropwise added to a soln. of **3**

(7.5 g, 25.05 mmol) in dry THF (180 ml) at  $-80^{\circ}$ . After 30 min, fine colourless crystals precipitated, and the mixture was stirred for additional 60 min. Then, **11** (6.91 g, 30.0 mmol) was added and stirring continued for 2 h at  $-80^{\circ}$ . The soln. was warmed up to  $-20^{\circ}$  and poured onto ice/H<sub>2</sub>O after 5 h. The mixture was acidified to pH 1 with conc. HCl soln., extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 300 ml), the extract washed with sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> soln., dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), and evaporated, and the residue dissolved in AcOEt (20 ml) and treated slowly with petroleum ether: 5.3 g (60%) of **12** as colourless crystals (overall yield 75%).

b) With HMPT: As in *Exper. a*, with LDA (29.4 mmol) and **3** (4.0 g, 13.36 mmol) in dry THF (120 ml). To the colourless suspension of the dianion, HMPT (7.0 ml, 40.2 mmol) was added. The precipitate dissolved completely, and after 1 h, **11** (3.68 g, 16.03 mmol) was added. After reaction and workup as in *Exper. a*, 5.3 g (75%) of **12** as colourless crystals were obtained (overall yield 85%). M.p. 113–113.5° TLC (petroleum ether/AcOEt 6:4):  $R_f$  0.37.  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +197$  ( $c = 1$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.46–7.41 ( $m$ , 2 arom. H); 7.32–7.18 ( $m$ , 8 arom. H); 6.78 ( $d$ ,  $J = 4.88$ , MeNH); 5.57 ( $d$ ,  $J = 7.32$ , OH); 4.83 ( $s$ , PhCH<sub>2</sub>O); 4.51 ( $dd$ ,  $J(4,5) = 8.54$ , H–C(4)); 4.23–4.08 ( $m$ , H–C(5), H–C(6), H–C(7)); 4.02–3.94 ( $m$ , 2 H–C(8)); 2.82 ( $d$ , MeNH); 1.43, 1.36, 1.35, 1.34 (4s, 4 Me). Anal. calc. for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>35</sub>NO<sub>7</sub>S (529.6): C 63.50, H 6.66, N 2.65; found: C 63.42, H 6.59, N 2.67.

Isomer **12'** was only isolated as crude product.

2-O-Benzyl-3-deoxy-5,6:7,8-di-O-isopropylidene-3-(phenylthio)-D-manno-oct-2-enono-1,4-lactone (**13**). A suspension of **12** (8.8 g, 16.6 mmol) in AcOEt (10 ml) and petroleum ether (100–140°; 100 ml) was heated under reflux for 6 h. The soln. was evaporated and chromatographed (petroleum ether/AcOEt 8:2,  $R_f$  0.51) to give 8.1 g (91%) of **13** as colourless oil.  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +278.5$  ( $c = 1$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.37–7.27 ( $m$ , 10 arom. H); 5.37 ( $s$ , PhCH<sub>2</sub>O); 4.99 ( $d$ ,  $J(4,5) = 2.75$ , H–C(4)); 4.26 ( $dd$ ,  $J(5,6) = 6.1$ , H–C(5)); 4.09 ( $dd$ ,  $J(6,7) = 7.93$ , H–C(6)); 4.01 ( $m$ , H–C(7)); 3.91–3.82 ( $m$ , 2 H–C(8)); 1.36, 1.35, 1.34, 1.33 (4s, 4 Me). Anal. calc. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>7</sub>S (498.5): C 65.05, H 6.07; found: C 64.86, H 6.17.

3-Deoxy-5,6:7,8-di-O-isopropylidene-D-glycero-D-talo-octono-1,4-lactone (**14**). To a soln. of **13** (4.1 g, 8.22 mmol) in dry EtOH (100 ml) freshly prepared Raney-Ni W-2 (ca. 10–15 g) was added. The reaction was followed by TLC (petroleum ether/AcOEt 1:1,  $R_f$  0.37). After 2 h, the Raney-Ni was filtered off and washed with EtOH and acetone. The combined org. layers were evaporated and filtered over silica gel. Recrystallization from Et<sub>2</sub>O/petroleum ether gave 2.14 g (86%) of **14**.  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +17.9$  ( $c = 1$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 4.75 ( $ddd$ ,  $J(4,5) = 2.75$ ,  $J(3',4) = 8.55$ , H–C(4)); 4.51 ( $ddd$ ,  $J = 5.49$ ,  $J(2,3') = J(2,3) = 8.55$ , H–C(2)); 4.31 ( $dd$ ,  $J(5,6) = 7.93$ , H–C(5)); 4.19–4.05 ( $m$ , H–C(7), H–C(8)); 3.97 ( $dd$ ,  $J(6,7) = 4.58$ , H–C(6)); 3.61 ( $dd$ ,  $J(7,8') = J(8,8') = 7.90$ , H–C(8)); 3.25 ( $d$ , OH); 2.58 ( $ddd$ ,  $J(3,3') = 13.2$ , H–C(3)); 2.35 ( $ddd$ , H–C(3)); 1.43, 1.40, 1.39, 1.35 (4s, 4 Me). Anal. calc. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>7</sub> (302.3): C 55.63, H 7.34; found: C 55.86, H 7.25.

3-Deoxy-D-glycero-D-talo-octono-1,4-lactone (**15**). A mixture of **14** (500 mg, 1.65 mmol) and 10% aq. CF<sub>3</sub>COOH soln. (20 ml) was stirred for 15 h at r.t. The soln. was diluted with toluene (20 ml), evaporated, and again co-evaporated with toluene (20 ml). The colourless crystalline residue was treated with EtOH/Et<sub>2</sub>O to give 350 mg (95%) of colourless crystals. M.p. 174–175° ([19]: 174.5–175.5°).  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -8.9$  ( $c = 1$ , H<sub>2</sub>O; [19]:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -9.6$  ( $c = 1.7$ , H<sub>2</sub>O)).

2-O-Benzyl-3-deoxy-5,6:7,8-di-O-isopropylidene-3-(tributylstannyl)-D-manno-oct-2-enono-1,4-lactone (**16**). To a soln. of **13** (6.6 g, 13.24 mmol) and Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH (11.56 g, 39.72 mmol) in dry benzene (100 ml), 2,2'-azo-bis[isobutyronitrile] (AIBN; 100 mg) was added. After heating for 8 h under reflux, the mixture was poured onto aq. sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> soln. (100 ml), extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 100 ml), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), and evaporated. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/AcOEt 9:1,  $R_f$  0.33) giving 7.05 g (78%) of colourless oil.  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +13.3$  ( $c = 1$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.39–7.29 ( $m$ , 5 arom. H); 5.36 ( $d$ ,  $J = 11.3$ , 1 H, PhCH<sub>2</sub>O); 5.26 ( $d$ , 1 H, PhCH<sub>2</sub>O); 4.86 ( $d$ ,  $J(4,5) = 7.6$ , H–C(4)); 4.30–4.20 ( $m$ , H–C(6), H–C(7)); 4.06–3.92 ( $m$ , 2 H–C(8)); 3.45 ( $dd$ ,  $J(5,6) = 6.4$ , H–C(5)); 1.45, 1.44, 1.38, 1.36 (4s, 4 Me). Anal. calc. for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>52</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Sn (679.4): C 58.34, H 7.72; found: C 58.18, H 7.58.

2-O-Benzyl-3-deoxy-5,6:7,8-di-O-isopropylidene-D-manno-oct-2-enono-1,4-lactone (**17**). To a soln. of **16** (7.89 g, 11.61 mmol) in dry toluene (100 ml), pyridinium hydrobromide (9.2 g, 58 mmol) was added. The mixture was heated under reflux for 24 h, filtered, and evaporated. The residue was chromatographed (petroleum ether/AcOEt 7:3,  $R_f$  0.41): 4.26 g (94%) of colourless crystals. M.p. 102–103°.  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +26.7$  ( $c = 1$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.41–7.34 ( $m$ , 5 arom. H); 6.14 ( $d$ ,  $J(3,4) = 2.14$ , H–C(3)); 5.03–5.00 ( $m$ , PhCH<sub>2</sub>O, H–C(4)); 4.12–4.05 ( $m$ , H–C(5), H–C(6), H–C(7)); 3.98–3.85 ( $m$ , 2 H–C(8)); 1.41, 1.38, 1.34, 1.33 (4s, 4 Me). Anal. calc. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>7</sub> (390.4): C 64.61, H 6.71; found: C 64.74, H 6.85.

2-O-Benzyl-3-bromo-3-deoxy-5,6:7,8-di-O-isopropylidene-D-manno-oct-2-enono-1,4-lactone (**18**). To an ice-cooled soln. of **16** (2.27 g, 3.34 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30 ml), a soln. of Br<sub>2</sub> (530 mg, 3.34 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 ml) was added dropwise. After the reaction was completed (light red soln.), the mixture was poured onto aq. sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> soln. (50 ml), extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (3 × 30 ml), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), and evaporated. For purification, the



residue was chromatographed on silica gel (petroleum ether/AcOEt 85:15,  $R_f$  0.40). Addition of petroleum ether to the colourless oil afforded 1.46 g (93%) of **18** as colourless crystals. M.p. 52–53°.  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +2.3$  ( $c = 1$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 7.44–7.33 ( $m$ , 5 arom. H); 5.47 ( $s$ ,  $\text{PhCH}_2\text{O}$ ); 5.13 ( $d$ ,  $J(4,5) = 2.44$ ,  $\text{H-C}(4)$ ); 4.38 ( $dd$ ,  $J(5,6) = 6.41$ ,  $\text{H-C}(5)$ ); 4.12 ( $dd$ ,  $J(6,7) = 7.93$ ,  $\text{H-C}(6)$ ); 4.04–3.88 ( $m$ ,  $\text{H-C}(7)$ , 2  $\text{H-C}(8)$ ); 1.40, 1.37, 1.36, 1.32 (4s, 4 Me). Anal. calc. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{25}\text{BrO}_7$  (469.3): C 53.75, H 5.37, Br 17.03; found: C 53.87, H 5.35, Br 17.10.

**3-Deoxy-5,6:7,8-di-O-isopropylidene-D-manno-oct-2-enono-1,4-lactone (19)**. A suspension of **17** (3.6 g, 9.22 mmol) and 10% Pd/C (500 mg) in abs. AcOEt (50 ml) was stirred under  $\text{H}_2$  for 2 h (TLC monitoring (petroleum ether/AcOEt 7:3),  $R_f$  0.20). Filtration, evaporation, and recrystallization from AcOEt/petroleum ether gave 2.65 g (95%) of **19** as colourless crystals. Physical properties: in accordance with [4a]. Enol/keto form *ca.* 9:1.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  4:1): 6.09 ( $d$ ,  $J(3,4) = 1.83$ ,  $\text{H-C}(3)$ ); 6.06 ( $s$ , 0.9 H, OH); 4.99 ( $dd$ ,  $J(4,5) = 4.58$ , 0.9 H,  $\text{H-C}(4)$ ); 4.11 ( $dd$ ,  $J(5,6) = 6.41$ ,  $\text{H-C}(5)$ ); 4.07–3.88 ( $m$ ,  $\text{H-C}(6)$ ,  $\text{H-C}(7)$ , 1  $\text{H-C}(8)$ ); 3.77–3.71 ( $m$ , 1  $\text{H-C}(8)$ ); 2.72 ( $dd$ ,  $J(3,4) = 3.36$ ,  $J(3,3') = 18.9$ , 0.1 H,  $\text{H-C}(3)$ ); 2.46 ( $dd$ ,  $J(3',4) = 8.24$ ,  $\text{H-C}(3)$ ); 1.37, 1.35, 1.34, 1.29 (4s, 4 Me).

**(2E)-2-O-Benzyl-3-deoxy-5,6:7,8-di-O-isopropylidene-N-methyl-D-manno-oct-2-enonamide (20)**. A soln. of **17** (1.0 g, 2.56 mmol) in 5.6M  $\text{MeNH}_2/\text{MeOH}$  was stirred for 2 h at r.t. Evaporation and chromatography (petroleum ether/AcOEt 7:3,  $R_f$  0.32) afforded 990 mg (92%) of **20** as colourless oil.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 7.42–7.30 ( $m$ , 5 arom. H); 6.82 ( $d$ ,  $J = 4.57$ ,  $\text{MeNH}$ ); 5.54 ( $d$ ,  $J(3,4) = 6.7$ ,  $\text{H-C}(3)$ ); 4.94 ( $dd$ ,  $J(4,5) = 5.49$ ,  $\text{H-C}(4)$ ); 4.86 (br.  $s$ , OH); 4.84 ( $d$ ,  $J = 10.98$ , 1 H,  $\text{PhCH}_2\text{O}$ ); 4.76 ( $d$ ,  $J = 10.98$ , 1 H,  $\text{PhCH}_2\text{O}$ ); 4.23–3.84 ( $m$ ,  $\text{H-C}(5)$ ,  $\text{H-C}(6)$ ,  $\text{H-C}(7)$ , 2  $\text{H-C}(8)$ ); 2.84 ( $d$ ,  $\text{MeNH}$ ); 1.40, 1.38, 1.33 (3s, 4 Me). Anal. calc. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{31}\text{NO}_7$  (421.5): C 62.69, H 7.41, N 3.32; found: C 62.56, H 7.54, N 3.48.

**3-Deoxy-5,6:7,8-di-O-isopropylidene-N-methyl-D-manno-2-octulosonamide (21)**. a) From **20**: A suspension of **20** (210 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 10% Pd/C (*ca.* 50 mg) in abs. AcOEt (15 ml) was stirred under  $\text{H}_2$  for 2 h. The mixture was filtered and the residue evaporated. Chromatography (petroleum ether/AcOEt 4:6,  $R_f$  0.42) gave 80 mg (48%) of **21**.

b) From **17** via **19**: A suspension of **17** (5 g, 12.8 mmol) and 10% Pd/C (1 g) in dry AcOEt (40 ml) was stirred under  $\text{H}_2$  for 1 h. The mixture was filtered, the filtrate evaporated, and the residue chromatographed over silica gel (AcOEt). After evaporation, a soln. of the residue in 5.6M  $\text{MeNH}_2/\text{EtOH}$  (100 ml) was stirred for 12 h at r.t., evaporated again, and chromatographed (petroleum ether/AcOEt 6:4,  $R_f$  0.42) giving 3.5 g (83%) of **21**.  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +10.5$  ( $c = 1$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 6.95 (br.  $s$ ,  $\text{MeNH}$ ); 4.27–3.70 ( $m$ , 7 H); 3.30 ( $dd$ ,  $J(3,3') = 16.7$ ,  $J(3',4) = 3.96$ ,  $\text{H-C}(3)$ ); 3.14 ( $dd$ ,  $J(3,4) = 8.24$ ,  $\text{H-C}(3)$ ); 2.89 ( $d$ ,  $J = 5.18$ ,  $\text{MeNH}$ ); 1.44, 1.34 (2s, 4 Me). Anal. calc. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_7$  (331.4): C 54.37, H 7.60, N 4.23; found: C 54.18, H 7.66, N 4.05.

**4,5:7,8-Di-O-cyclohexylidene-3-deoxy-N-methyl- $\alpha$ -D-manno-2-octulopyranosonamide (22)**. To a soln. of **21** (2.73 g, 6.5 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (30 ml), 10% aq.  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$  soln. (15 ml) was added. After stirring for 6 h at r.t., the mixture was evaporated and the residue coevaporated 3 times with toluene (20 ml). The residue was chromatographed ( $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  6:4,  $R_f$  0.41). To the colourless product in freshly distilled cyclohexanone (50 ml), 1-(trimethylsilyloxy)cyclohexene (1.4 ml, 7.15 mmol) and BNPP (550 mg, 1.6 mmol) were added. After 72 h at r.t., again 1-(trimethylsilyloxy)cyclohexene (1.4 ml, 7.15 mmol) and BNPP (550 mg, 1.6 mmol) were added. After additional 24 h, the mixture was evaporated, the residue filtered over silica gel (petroleum ether/AcOEt 1:3,  $R_f$  0.47), and the crude product chromatographed (petroleum ether/AcOEt 1:2): 2.24 g (84%) of **22**.  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -8.3$  ( $c = 1.5$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 8.01 (br.  $s$ ,  $\text{MeNH}$ ); 4.56 ( $ddd$ ,  $J(4,5) = 7.62$ ,  $\text{H-C}(4)$ ); 4.40 ( $dd$ ,  $J(5,6) = 1.83$ ,  $\text{H-C}(5)$ ); 4.23 ( $ddd$ ,  $J(6,7) = 8.53$ ,  $J(7,8) = 2.74$ ,  $J(7,8') = 4.57$ ,  $\text{H-C}(7)$ ); 4.04–3.91 ( $m$ ,  $\text{H-C}(8)$ ,  $\text{H-C}(8)$ ); 3.61 ( $dd$ ,  $\text{H-C}(6)$ ); 2.84 ( $d$ ,  $J = 4.57$ ,  $\text{MeNH}$ ); 2.48 ( $dd$ ,  $J(3\text{eq}, 3\text{ax}) = 16.78$ ,  $J(3\text{eq}, 4) = 2.44$ ,  $\text{H}_{\text{eq}}-\text{C}(3)$ ); 2.40 (br.  $s$ , OH); 2.03 ( $dd$ ,  $J(3\text{ax}, 4) = 3.05$ ,  $\text{H}_{\text{ax}}-\text{C}(3)$ ); 1.73–1.23 ( $m$ , 2  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{10}$ ). Anal. calc. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{33}\text{NO}_7 \cdot 0.5 \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (420.5): C 59.98, H 8.15, N 3.33; found: C 60.16, H 8.05, N 2.94.

**2-O-Benzyl-3-deoxy-5,6-O-isopropylidene-D-manno-oct-2-enono-1,4-lactone (23)**. To a soln. of **17** (2.0 g, 5.12 mmol) in acetone (60 ml), 50% aq.  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$  (37 ml) was added. After 1 h, the mixture was poured onto aq. sat.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  soln., extracted with  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , dried ( $\text{MgSO}_4$ ), and evaporated. Chromatography (petroleum ether/AcOEt 1:2,  $R_f$  0.35) gave 1.4 g (78%) of **23**.  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +19.4$  ( $c = 3$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (80 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 7.40–7.33 ( $m$ , 5 arom. H); 6.21 ( $d$ ,  $J(3,4) = 2.13$ ,  $\text{H-C}(3)$ ); 5.03 ( $s$ ,  $\text{PhCH}_2\text{O}$ ); 4.97 ( $dd$ ,  $J(4,5) = 5.79$ ,  $\text{H-C}(4)$ ); 4.05–3.94 ( $m$ ,  $\text{H-C}(5)$ ,  $\text{H-C}(6)$ ); 3.80–3.67 ( $m$ ,  $\text{H-C}(7)$ , 2  $\text{H-C}(8)$ ); 2.17 (br.  $s$ , 2 OH); 1.39, 1.36 (2s, 2 Me). Anal. calc. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_7$  (350.4): C 61.71, H 6.33; found: C 61.47, H 6.37.

**(2E)-2-O-Benzyl-3-deoxy-5,6-O-isopropylidene-N-methyl-D-manno-oct-2-enonamide (24)**. A soln. of **23** (720 mg, 2.05 mmol) in 5.6M  $\text{MeNH}_2/\text{EtOH}$  (40 ml) was stirred for 5 h at r.t. Evaporation (bath temp.  $< 30^\circ$ ) and silica-gel chromatography (AcOEt/acetone 6:4,  $R_f$  0.47) afforded 695 mg (89%) of colourless crystals. M.p. 94°.  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +52.4$  ( $c = 1$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 7.44–7.33 ( $m$ , 5 arom. H); 6.86 ( $d$ ,  $J = 5.18$ ,  $\text{MeNH}$ ); 6.45 (br.  $s$ , OH); 5.60 ( $d$ ,  $J(3,4) = 5.18$ ,  $\text{H-C}(3)$ ); 4.81 ( $dd$ ,  $\text{PhCH}_2\text{O}$ ); 4.68–4.60 ( $m$ ,  $\text{H-C}(4)$ , OH); 4.02–3.72 ( $m$ ,

H–C(5), H–C(6), H–C(7), 2 H–C(8)); 2.87 (*d*, MeNH); 2.69 (br. *s*, OH); 1.42, 1.38 (*s*, 2 Me). Anal. calc. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>7</sub> (381.4): C 59.83, H 7.14, N 3.67; found: C 59.34, H 7.15, N 3.63.

(2E)-4,7,8-Tri-O-benzoyl-2-O-benzyl-3-deoxy-5,6-O-isopropylidene-N-methyl-D-manno-oct-2-enonamide (25). To a soln. of **24** (425 mg, 1.12 mmol) in pyridine (20 ml), benzoyl chloride (0.78 ml, 6.7 mmol) was added under ice-cooling. After 24 h at r.t., the mixture was poured onto H<sub>2</sub>O, extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O, and dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>). Evaporation followed by silica-gel chromatography (petroleum ether/AcOEt 6:4, R<sub>f</sub> 0.46) gave 520 mg (71%) of **25** as a foam. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = +56.2 (*c* = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 8.11–7.31 (*m*, 20 arom. H); 6.99 (*dd*, *J*(3,4) = 8.79, *J*(4,5) = 2.68, H–C(4)); 6.66 (br. *s*, MeNH); 5.72 (*ddd*, H–C(7)); 5.24 (*d*, H–C(3)); 4.89 (*dd*, *J*(7,8') = 3.18, *J*(8,8') = 11.97, H–C(8')); 4.82 (*d*, *J* = 10.98, 1 H, PhCH<sub>2</sub>O); 4.74 (*d*, *J* = 10.98, 1 H, PhCH<sub>2</sub>O); 4.70–4.65 (*m*, H–C(8), H–C(5)); 4.60 (*dd*, *J*(6,5) = 7.33, *J*(6,7) = 5.13, H–C(6)); 2.83 (*d*, *J* = 4.88, MeNH); 1.43, 1.39 (*s*, 2 Me). Anal. calc. for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>39</sub>NO<sub>10</sub> · H<sub>2</sub>O (711.8): C 67.50, H 5.81, N 1.96; found: C 67.53, H 6.03, N 1.72.

(3E)-7,8-Di-O-benzoyl-3,4-dideoxy-N-methyl-D-arabino-oct-3-en-2-ulosonamide (26). To a soln. of **25** (10 mg, 0.735 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 ml), 80% aq. CF<sub>3</sub>COOH (5 ml) was added. After 5 h at r.t., the mixture was concentrated and filtered over silica gel (petroleum ether/AcOEt 1:2, R<sub>f</sub> 0.40). Recrystallization gave 140 mg (44%) of **26** as colourless crystals. M.p. 142–143°. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = +17.5 (*c* = 1, CH<sub>3</sub>OH). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (80 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/CD<sub>3</sub>OD): 8.03–7.21 (*m*, 10 arom. H, MeNH, H–C(3), H–C(4)); 5.54 (*ddd*, *J*(6,7) = 8.84, *J*(7,8') = 2.44, H–C(7)); 4.88 (*dd*, *J*(8,8') = 12.5, H–C(8')); 4.71 (*dd*, H–C(8)); 4.48 (br. *s*, H–C(5)); 4.04 (*dd*, *J*(5,6) = 1.83, H–C(6)); 2.88 (*d*, *J* = 5.18, MeNH). Anal. calc. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>8</sub> (441.4): C 62.58, H 5.25, N 3.17; found: C 62.46, H 5.34, N 2.94.

(3E)-7,8-Di-O-benzoyl-3,4-dideoxy-5,6-O-isopropylidene-N-methyl-D-arabino-oct-3-en-2-ulosonamide (27). To a soln. of **25** (760 mg, 1.09 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 ml), 50% aq. CF<sub>3</sub>COOH (5 ml) was added. After 4 h at r.t., the mixture was poured onto sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> soln., extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>, and dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>). Evaporation and chromatography (petroleum ether/AcOEt 1:1, R<sub>f</sub> 0.60) and recrystallization from Et<sub>2</sub>O/petroleum ether afforded 460 mg (88%) of **27** as colourless crystals. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = +21.3 (*c* = 1.6, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 8.02–7.26 (*m*, 10 arom. H, H–C(3)); 7.18 (*dd*, *J*(3,4) = 14.86, *J*(4,5) = 4.88, H–C(4)); 6.94 (*d*, *J* = 4.88, MeNH); 5.63 (*ddd*, *J*(7,8) = 6.1, *J*(7,8') = 3.05, *J*(6,7) = 7.62, H–C(7)); 4.81 (*dd*, *J*(8,8') = 12.2, H–C(8')); 4.71 (*dd*, *J*(5,6) = 7.62, H–C(5)); 4.56 (*dd*, H–C(8)); 4.21 (*dd*, H–C(6)); 2.85 (*d*, MeNH); 1.48, 1.47 (2*s*, 2 Me). Anal. calc. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>8</sub> (481.5): C 64.86, H 5.65, N 2.91; found: C 64.59, H 5.64, N 2.79.

2,4,5,7,8-Penta-O-acetyl-3-deoxy-N-methyl-D-manno-2-octulopyranosonamide (28), 2,4,5,7,8-Penta-O-acetyl-3-deoxy-N-methyl-β-D-manno-2-octulofuranosonamide (29), and 2,4,5,7,8-Penta-O-acetyl-3-deoxy-N-methyl-α-D-manno-2-octulofuranosonamide (30). To a soln. of **21** (830 mg, 2.51 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 ml), 10% aq. CF<sub>3</sub>COOH (15 ml) was added. After 12 h at r.t., the mixture was concentrated and coevaporated 3 times with toluene. To the colourless oil in abs. pyridine, freshly distilled Ac<sub>2</sub>O (10 ml) was added under ice-cooling, and the mixture was stirred for 12 h at r.t. Evaporation and coevaporation with toluene followed by chromatography (AcOEt) afforded 500 mg (44%) of **28**, 250 mg (22%) of **29**, and 140 mg (12%) of **30**.

**28**: TLC (AcOEt): R<sub>f</sub> 0.57. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = +117.8 (*c* = 3, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 6.65 (*d*, *J* = 4.88, MeNH); 5.40 (br. *s*, H–C(5)); 5.34 (*ddd*, *J*(4,5) = 3.05, *J*(3ax,4) = 12.32, *J*(3eq,4) = 4.88, H–C(4)); 5.19 (*ddd*, *J*(7,8') = 4.39, *J*(6,7) = 9.89, H–C(7)); 4.48 (*dd*, *J*(8,8') = 12.33, H–C(8')); 4.13 (*dd*, *J*(5,6) = 1.22, H–C(6)); 4.03 (*dd*, H–C(8)); 2.88 (*d*, MeNH); 2.34 (*dd*, *J*(3ax,3eq) = 12.82, H<sub>ax</sub>–C(3)); 2.12, 2.10, 2.05, 2.01, 1.99 (4*s*, 5 Ac); 1.94 (*dd*, H<sub>ax</sub>–C(3)). Anal. calc. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>12</sub> (461.4): C 49.46, H 5.90, N 3.04; found: C 49.22, H 5.75, N 3.25.

**29**: TLC (AcOEt): R<sub>f</sub> 0.50. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = –60.8 (*c* = 2.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 6.86 (*d*, *J* = 4.63, MeNH); 5.32 (*dd*, *J*(6,7) = 4.64, *J*(5,6) = 4.15, H–C(6)); 5.26 (*ddd*, *J*(7,8) = 5.74, *J*(7,8') = 3.3, H–C(7)); 5.07 (*ddd*, *J*(3,4) = 1.95, *J*(3',4) = 7.32, *J*(4,5) = 2.81, H–C(4)); 4.52 (*dd*, H–C(5)); 4.34 (*dd*, *J*(8,8') = 12.21, H–C(8')); 4.26 (*dd*, H–C(8)); 2.86 (*d*, MeNH); 2.56 (*dd*, *J*(3,3') = 15.01, H–C(3)); 2.37 (*dd*, H'–C(3)); 2.12, 2.11, 2.10, 2.09 (4*s*, 5 Ac). Anal. calc. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>12</sub> (461.4): C 49.46, H 5.90, N 3.04; found: C 49.68, H 5.94, N 2.92.

**30**: TLC (AcOEt): R<sub>f</sub> 0.48. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = +95.1 (*c* = 1.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 6.84 (*d*, *J* = 4.88, MeNH); 5.31–5.22 (*m*, H–C(6), H–C(4), H–C(7)); 4.44 (*dd*, *J*(8,8') = 12.5, *J*(7,8') = 2.74, H'–C(8)); 4.37 (*dd*, *J*(5,6) = 4.88, H–C(5)); 4.14 (*dd*, *J*(7,8) = 6.4, H–C(8)); 2.91 (*dd*, *J*(3,4) = 7.0, H–C(3)); 2.86 (*d*, MeNH); 2.30 (*dd*, *J*(3',4) = 5.7, *J*(3,3') = 14.2, H'–C(3)); 2.11–2.06 (*m*, 5 Ac). Anal. calc. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>12</sub> (461.4): C 49.46, H 5.90, N 3.04; found: C 49.36, H 6.00, N 3.17.

4,5,7,8-Tetra-O-acetyl-3-deoxy-N-methyl-D-manno-2-octulopyranosonamide (31). To a soln. of **28** (100 mg, 0.22 mmol) in abs. DMF (1 ml) was added hydrazine acetate (22 mg, 0.3 mmol). After heating to 50° for 30 min, the mixture was diluted with AcOEt and washed with sat. aq. NaCl soln. The org. layer was dried (drierite). Evaporation and chromatography (AcOEt, R<sub>f</sub> 0.44) afforded 30 mg (32%) of **31**. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 6.44 (*d*, *J* = 4.88, MeNH); 5.41 (*ddd*, *J*(4,5) < 1, *J*(3ax,4) = 13.3, *J*(3eq,4) = 4.27, *J*(4,5) = 3.05, H–C(4)); 4.40 (br. *s*, H–C(5)); 4.16 (*ddd*, *J*(7,8') = 2.13, *J*(7,8) = 5.18, H–C(7)); 4.53 (br. *s*, OH); 4.40 (*dd*, *J*(8,8') = 12.2, H–C(8')); 4.34 (*dd*, *J*(5,6) = 0.91, *J*(6,7) = 9.76, H–C(6)); 4.16 (*dd*, H–C(8)); 2.91 (*d*, MeNH); 2.12–1.93 (*m*, 4

Ac, H–C(3ax), H–C(3eq)). Anal. calc. for  $C_{17}H_{25}NO_{11} \cdot H_2O$  (428.4): C 47.66, H 6.12, N 3.27; found: C 47.74, H 6.19, N 3.27.

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