51. Synthesis of 1,6-Dideoxynojirimycin, 1,6-Dideoxy-D-*allo*-nojirimycin, and 1,6-Dideoxy-D-*gulo*-nojirimycin via Asymmetric Hetero-Diels-Alder Reactions

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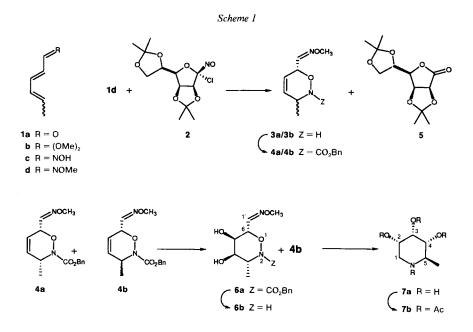
Asymmetric *Diels-Alder* reaction of sorbaldehyde *O*-methyloxime 1d with chiral chloronitroso derivative 2 of D-mannose, followed by osmylation of the primary cycloadduct, led to diol 6a with excellent enantioselectivity (ee > 99%; *Scheme 1*). Catalytic hydrogenolysis of 6a gave 1,6-dideoxy-*D-allo*-nojirimycin (7a). Nucleophilic ring opening of cyclic sulfate 8 allowed a straightforward synthesis of 1,6-dideoxynojirimycin (11) and of 1,6-dideoxy-*D-gulo*-nojirimycin (12; *Scheme 2*).

Introduction. – The 1,5,6-trideoxy-1,5-iminohexitols (ω -deoxyazasugars), which are 2-methylpiperidinetriols, are interesting compounds because of their L-fucosidase- and glycosyl-transferase inhibitory properties [1] [2]. The fucose derivative 1,5-dideoxy-1,5-imino-L-fucitol is a potent α -L-fucosidase inhibitor [4] [5]. A number of such iminoalditol derivatives have been synthesized *via* chemical transformation of naturally occurring saccharides [3] [4] [6] [7] or by biochemical synthesis using aldolases [2] [5] [8].

We describe herein the synthesis of three chiral 5-amino-1,5,6-trideoxysugars, 7a, 11, and 12, belonging to the D-allo, D-gluco, and D-gulo series, respectively. The applied methodology has already been developed in the racemic series by hetero-Diels-Alder cycloaddition of sorbaldehyde (hexa-2,4-dienal) dimethyl acetal (1b) with acyl-nitroso dienophiles as the key step [9] [10]; osmylation of the adduct and hydrogenolysis of the N-O bond led to 5-amino-5,6-dideoxy-DL-allose and to racemic (\pm)-7a [9]. To obtain enantiomerically pure aminosugars, we used chloronitroso dienophile 2 [11]. Asymmetric hetero-Diels-Alder addition of 2 with acetal 1b gave the primary cycloadduct in moderate yield only [12]; to the contrary, the O-methyloxime 1d led easily to the chiral D-allo-aza-sugar 7a; mono-inversion of the intermediary diol gave access to the D-glucose and to the D-gulose series. Using a similar approach, the L-allo compound had been prepared by Wyatt et al. by reaction of the cyclic sorbaldehyde-ephedrine amino-ether derivative with an acylnitroso dienophile [13]. The D-gluco compound 11 had been obtained by Wong et al. using aldolases along with some chemical reactions [1] [8]. A preliminary communication for the synthesis of 7a from 1d was published [14].

Diels-Alder Cycloadditions and Osmylations. – D-Allose Series. Kresze, Vasella, and coworkers demonstrated that chiral chloronitroso dienophile 2 reacts with 1,4-disubstituted dienes, particularly with ethyl sorbate (= ethyl (E,E)-hexa-2,4-dienoate), in MeOH/CHCl₃ to give optically active N-substituted 3,6-dihydro-2H-oxazines with excel-

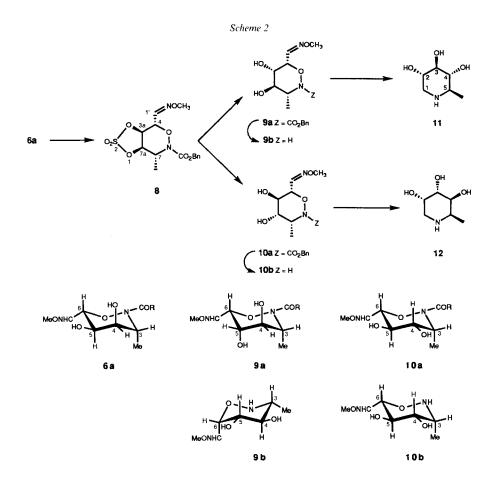
lent enantiomeric excess, along with mannonolactone 5 [11]. When we applied these conditions to sorbaldehyde 1a or its dimethyl acetal 1b, no corresponding cycloadducts were obtained (different conditions were required for this purpose [12]); the only product which could be identified was 3-hydroxy-6-methylpyridine. The known oxime 1c [15] did not lead to any well defined cycloadducts either. However, the *O*-methyloxime 1d underwent the expected cycloaddition (*Scheme 1*).



The (Z)/(E)-oxime mixture 1d was easily prepared by condensation of sorbaldehyde 1a with O-methylhydroxylamine in EtOH. As already observed in the racemic series [12], the reaction of 1d with dienophile 2 in MeOH/CHCl₃ at -10° was a concerted reaction and led to a *cis/trans* mixture 3a/3b, since diene 1d was a 88:12 mixture of the (2E,4E)and (2E,4Z)-isomers. Furthermore, both 3a and 3b were (E)/(Z)-oxime mixtures. Adducts 3a/3b were separated from mannonolactone 5 by water extraction and N-protected (benzyl chloroformate/Na₂CO₃) at once to give 4a/4b. As observed previously [9] [10], the sterically more hindered *trans*-isomer 4b did not react in the subsequent hydroxylation with catalytic osmium tetraoxide/N-methylmorpholine N-oxide (NMO) in acetone/H₂O [16], whereas the *cis*-isomer 4a led to diol 6a which was easily separated by chromatography (albeit as a (E)/(Z)-oxime mixture). Hydrogenolysis over Pd/C of 6a gave directly 1,6-dideoxy-D-allo-nojirimycin (= 1,5-imino-1,5,6-trideoxy-D-allitol; 7a) which was characterized as its crystalline tetraacetate 7b.

This straightforward five-step synthesis of *allo*-aminosugar **7a** was achieved with acceptable overall yields (32% from **1a**) and excellent enantiomeric excess (ee). Similar yields were obtained for the synthesis of racemic (\pm)-**7a** using acylnitroso dienophiles (*ca*. 35% from **1a** [9] [10]). The previously reported asymmetric synthesis of **7a** (by us) was achieved in 20% overall yield from **1a** [12] and for the L-enantiomer in only 10% [13].

D-Glucose and D-Gulose Series. To enter the D-glucose and D-gulose series from the preceding D-allose one, a single and specific configurational inversion was required. For that purpose, we used the *Sharpless* method, *i.e.*, formation of a cyclic sulfate followed by a nucleophilic ring opening [17]. Thus, reaction of **6a** with thionyl chloride in pyridine and oxidation of the cyclic sulfites with $Ru^{VIII}/NaIO_4$ led to cyclic sulfate **8** (74%). Nucleophilic ring opening with ammonium benzoate in DMF followed by acid hydrolysis of the sulfate monoester and by saponification of the benzoate ester led in 53% overall yield to a 85:15 mixture of *trans*-diols **9a** and **10a**. The preferred formation of **9a** resulting from



inversion at C(3a) of 8 can easily be rationalized by stereoelectronic requirements: axial nucleophilic attack at C(3a) of 8 is obviously preferred over an equatorial one at C(7a). Separation of the diols was performed by flash chromatography after reductive N-deprotection (hydrogenolysis over Pd/C at room temperature) to 9b/10b, yielding 9b as a crystalline compound and 10b as an oil. Hydrogenolysis at 55° of the major product 9b led directly to enantiomerically pure piperidinetriol 11, *i.e.*, to 1,6-dideoxynojirimycin,

and hydrogenolysis of the minor compound 10b gave 1,6-dideoxy-D-gulo-nojirimycin (12). The 1,6-dideoxynojirimycin (11) was obtained in 6% overall yields from 1a.

Absolute Configurations. – Kresze, Vasella, and coworkers have already demonstrated that hetero-Diels-Alder cycloaddition of ethyl (E,E)-hexa-2,4-dienoate with chiral dienophile 2 gave the (3R,6R)-cycloadduct with ee > 95% [11b]. Since we use a similar diene and the same chiral dienophile 2, we can conclude that the major cycloadduct 3a has also the (3R,6R)-configuration. Consequently, the target molecules 7a, 11, and 12 appear to be D-piperidinose derivatives. This point was confirmed for compounds 7a and 11 by comparison with reported data [8c] [13] (see below). The ee values were measured using HPLC (*Chiralpack AD* and *Chiralcel OD*) by comparison of the major chiral diol 6a with the racemic (\pm) -6a: ee > 99% for 6a. Racemic (\pm) -6a was prepared by reaction of 1d with the acylnitroso derivative BnOCONO [10] $(\rightarrow (\pm)$ -4a/ (\pm) -4b) followed by osmylation and chromatographic separation.

Structural Analyses. – All oximes described above were mixtures of a major (*E*)- and a minor (*Z*)-oxime, with the exception of 10a ((*E*)-oxime only). The NMR data (CDCl₃) of each pair of (*E*)- and (*Z*)-*O*-methyloximes are quite similar (the signals of H–C(1') at the C=N bond appears at *ca*. 7.5 ppm for the (*E*)-oximes and at *ca*. 6.7–7.0 ppm for the (*Z*)-oximes; see *Table 1*).

The conformation of the N-acylated diols **6a**, **9a**, and **10a** could be determined as a consequence of the severe steric interaction between the N-acyl substituent and the vicinal Me-C(3) group. To minimize the above cited steric interaction [18], this latter group appears to be strictly axial. Chiral diol **6a** is analogous to the racemic diol we had synthesized from sorbaldehyde dimethyl acetal using a similar methodology (MeON=CH moiety replaced by (MeO)₂CH) [10]. J Values and, therefore, conformation and relative configuration are closely related (see **6a** in *Scheme 2*); *e.g.*, H-C(5) and H-C(6) are both axial (large J(5,6) values). As to diol **9a**, all ³J values are small, and since H-C(5) is now equatorial, a W-type long-range coupling ⁴J(3,5) appears. Diol **10a** shows some large ³J, *i.e.*, J(4,5) and J(5,6) indicating that H-C(4), H-C(5), and H-C(6) are axial. Thus, the configurations at C(5) in **9a** and C(4) in **10a** are inverted with respect to the ones of **6a** (see *Scheme 2*).

N-Deprotection of **9a** led to **9b** which has a different conformation (in D_2O), Me-C(3) being now equatorial and H-C(3), H-C(4), and H-C(5) being axial (large J(3,4) and J(4,5) values). This effect is not general; **6b** appears to be in a conformational equilibrium and **10b** seems to be in the same conformation as *N*-acylated **10a**.

Stereostructures of aminodeoxypiperidinose sugar derivatives 7a, 11, and 12 follow from those of their oxazanediol precursors. Since the ring N-atom is no longer acylated, the vicinal Me–C(3) substituent is equatorial and dictates the conformation of the piperidine ring. ¹H-NMR Data of these compounds are characterized by large J(1a,2)values which correspond to the axial H–C(2) (*Table 2*). All substituents of the glucose derivative 11 are equatorial, the corresponding vicinal H,H-coupling constants being large. The L-enantiomer of 1,6-dideoxy-D-*allo*-nojirimycin (7a) has already been described [13]. The ¹H-NMR data of the latter are very similar to those of 7a and the $[\alpha]_D$ values of the corresponding tetraacetyl derivatives are opposite. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR Data and $[\alpha]_D$ of 1,6-dideoxynojirimycin (11) are known [8c] and parallel those of the compound synthesized by us.

		H-C((3) H-C(4)		H-C(5) H-	HC(6) H	H-C(1') ^a)	Me	CH ₂ ^b)	MeO	J(3,Me)	J(3,4)	J(4,5)	J(5,6)	$J(6,1')^{a})$
6a	$(E)^{c})^{d}$	4.54	3.88	4.08	3 4.63		7.44	1.32	5.19, 5.22	3.88	7.1	2.3	3.2	9.6	4.0
	$(Z)^{c})^{e}$	4.53	3.84	3.84	4 5.16		6.75	1.31	5.18, 5.23	3.91	7.3	2.4	3.0	10.0	5.8
6 b	$(E)^{[})$		3.73	4.01	4.38		7.44	1.24	I	3.87	6.9	4.9	3.3	7.0	4.0
	$(\mathbf{z})^{\mathbf{j}}$		3.49	3.98	3 4.90		7.03	1.18	4	3.90	6.7	6.5	3.3	5.3	4.9
8 ¢)	(E)		5.00	5.41	4.86		7.46	1.41	5.25	3.92	7.4	1.6	4.7	9.5	4.3
9a	$(E)^{\rm h}$		3.88	3.96	5 4.76		7.50	1.49	5.21, 5.22	3.90	7.3	1.8	3.1	1.5	4.3
	$(z)^{h}$		3.79	4.13	5.28		6.76	1.48	5.22	3.88	7.3	1.9	3.1	2.0	4.3
f6	$(E)^{i}$		3.47	3.90			7.81	1.14	1	3.91	6.6	8.9	9.1	6.1	5.9
	$(z)^{i}$	3.03	3.47	3.90	5.20		7.21	1.15	1	3.91	6.6	8.6	k)	5.9	6.1
10a	(E)	4.56	3.79	3.96	6 4.19		7.44	1.29	5.20	3.90	7.0	5.8	9.1	9.4	4.0
10b	(E)	3.41	3.75	3.75	5 4.02		7.43	1.24	I	3.88	6.9 <i>c</i> i	ca. 4 c	ca. 8 c	ca, 8	5.1
^a) Foi	^a) For convenience, H-C(1') is	, H–C(l') is		H=NOMe	of all studi	ied compoi	unds. ^b) B	used for CH=NOMe of all studied compounds. ^b) Benzyl group. Ar-H at 7.37 ppm. ^c) At 333 K.	. Ar-H at	7.37 ppm.	°) At 333		H-C(5): 2	^d) OH–C(5): 2.91; OH–C(4): 2.45;	(4): 2.45;
J(5,0	J(5,OH-C(5)) = 4.0. *) OH-	-HO (* .0.	-C(5): 3.22;	OHC(4)	C(5): 3.22; OH-C(4): 2.56; J in C ₆ D ₆ .		^f) At 329 K.		^g) For convenience, 8 is numbered like 6a; systematic numbering in Scheme 2.	8 is num	bered like	6a; syster	matic nun	nbering in	Scheme 2.
^h) J(3	^h) $J(3,5) = 1.1$ Hz. ⁱ) In D ₂ O.		k) Not determined	ermined.											
		Table 2. 'H-	NMR Date	1 (D ₂ O) of .	Aminodeox)	vsugars 7a,	11, and 12	NMR Data (D ₂ O) of Aminodeoxysugars 7a, 11, and 12. 250 MHz, 300 K, ô in ppm, J in Hz. Internal standard (D ₄)TSP	300 K, <i>ð</i> in	ppm, <i>J</i> in	Hz. Intern	al standar	rd (D4)TS	a.	
	$H_a-C(1)$	H_e -C(1)	H-C(2)	H-C(3)	HC(4)	H-C(5)	Me	J(la,le)) J(la,2)	J(1e,2)	J(2,3)	J(3,4)	J(4,5)	J(5,6)	J(1,3)
7 a	2.69	2.78	3.71	4.06	3.23	2.73	1.12	12.2	11.0	5.3	2.8	2.7	10.0	6.4	1.0
11	2.48	3.09	3.52	3.29	3.03	2.54	1.16	12.3	10.9	5.1	9.1	9.1	9.6	6.3	
12	3.02	3.15	4.12	4.03	3.91	3.46	1.26	12.7	10.0	4.8	3.1	4.6	2.3	6.9	1.0

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Experimental Part

General. Hexa-2,4-dienal was obtained from Lancaster, ammonium benzoate from Prolabo, RuCl₃·3 H₂O from Aldrich, and O-methylhydroxylamine·HCl, sodium periodate, 5% Pd/C catalyst, N-methylmorpholine-N-oxide (NMO), OsO₄, benzyl chloroformate, and tetrapropylammonium periodate (Pr₄N)IO₄ from Fluka. Amberlyst-15 (H⁺) was a gift from Rohm & Haas. SOCl₂ and Et₃N were distilled. Usual solvents were freshly distilled, CH₂Cl₂ was kept over Na₂CO₃. Flash chromatography (FC): silica gel (Merck 60, 230–400 mesh). TLC: AI-roll silica gel (Merck 60, F₂₅₄). M.p.: Kofler hot bench or Büchi-SMP-20 apparatus; corrected. [α]_D Values: Schmidt-Haensch-Polartronic-Universal polarimeter; at 20°. IR Spectra (cm⁻¹): Perkin-Elmer 157 G and 590 B. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR Spectra: Bruker AC-F250, using double-irradiation techniques; SiMe₄ or natrium trimethylsily(D₄)-propionate ((D₄)TSP) in D₂O (¹H-NMR) and CDCl₃, CD₃OD or (in D₂O) CH₂OH or dioxane (¹³C-NMR; δ (CDCl₃) 77.0, δ (CD₃OD) 49.0, in D₂O δ (CH₃OH) 50,0, δ (dioxane) 67.4 rel. to SiMe₄) as internal standards; δ in ppm and J in Hz. High resolution (HR) MS: MAT-311 spectrometer; in m/z (%); measured at the University of Rennes. Microanalyses were carried out by the 'Service Central de Microanalyses' of the CNRS, F–69390 Vernaison.

Hexa-2,4-dienal O-*Methyloxime* (1d). To a stirred soln. of NH₂OMe ·HCl (1.95 g, 23.4 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in aq. IN NaHCO₃ (24 ml) and EtOH (20 ml), hexa-2,4-dienal (1a; 1.72 ml, 15.6 mmol) was added under Ar. After 1 h at r.t., the mixture was extracted with Et₂O, the org. soln. washed with H₂O, dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated to give 1d (1.4 g, 72%; (*NE*,2*E*,4*E*)/(*NZ*,2*E*,4*E*)/(*NZ*,2*E*,4*Z*)/(*NZ*,2*E*,4*Z*) (*S*,22;10:4). Purification by distillation gave 1d as yellowish resin or crystals. B.p. 63°/17 Torr. M.p. 13–14°. IR (CCl₄): 2950, 2810, 1640, 1610, 1045, 990, 900, 860. ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃): 7.78, 7.70, 7.09, 7.01 (4d, H–C(1) of (*NE*,2*E*,4*Z*), (*NE*,2*E*,4*E*), (*NZ*,2*E*,4*Z*), (*NZ*,2*E*,4*E*), (*NZ*,2*E*,4*E*)); 1.82 (*m*, Me(6)). No satisfactory elemental analysis.

(3 R, 6 R)/(3 S, 6 R)-3,6-Dihydro-3-methyl-2H-1,2-oxazine-6-carbaldehyde O-Methyloxime (3a/3b). To a soln. of 2 (3.82 g, 12.4 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) in CHCl₃ (38 ml) at -20°, 1d (1.41 g, 11.3 mmol) in EtOH (15 ml) was added. The green soln. was stirred for 1 d at 0°, then 1.5 h at r.t. Et₂O (50 ml) was added and the mixture extracted with 1N HCl (5 × 10 ml). The combined aq. solns. were neutralized with 1N NaHCO₃ and extracted several times with CHCl₃. The org. phase was dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated: 1.46 g (83%) of 3a/3b 85:15 ((*NE*)/(*NZ*) 2:1 to 3:1).

Benzyl (3R,6R)/(3S,6R)-3,6-Dihydro-6-[(methoxyimino)methyl]-3-methyl-2H-1,2-oxazine-2-carboxylate (4a/4b). To a stirred suspension of crude 3a/3b (1.46 g, 9.4 mmol) in 1N Na₂CO₃ (15 ml), benzyl chloroformate (2.6 ml, 18.5 mmol) was added. After 6 h at r.t., the soln. was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ and the org. phase dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated to give crude 4a/4b (3.63 g).

Benzyl (3 R,4 R,5 R,6,S)-t-4,t-5-Dihydroxy-c-6-[(methoxyimino)methyl]-r-3-methyl-1,2-oxazane-2-carboxylate (6a). To a stirred soln. of crude 4a/4b (3.63 g) in acetone (25 ml) and H₂O (10 ml) were added NMO (1.90 g, 14 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and 5% OsO₄ soln. in *t*-BuOH (9.3 ml) [16] [19]. After 4 days at 40°, some Na₂SO₃ was added, the acetone evaporated, brine (10 ml) added, and the soln. extracted with AcOEt (3 × 50 ml). The combined org. soln. was dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated and the crude 4b/6a chromatographed (silica gel (120 g), AcOEt): 4b (0.43 g, 16%) and 6a (2.25 g, 75%).

4b: Impure yellowish resin ((1'E)/(1'Z) 2:1). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃): 7.49 (*d*, J = 5.6, H–C(1') (*E*)); 6.92 (*d*, J = 4.2, H–C(1') (*Z*)); 5.9 (*m*, H–C(4), H–C(5)); 5.37 (*t*, J = 5, H–C(6) (*Z*)); 5.2 (*m*, CH₂); 4.88 (*t*, J = 5, H–C(6) (*E*)); 4.50 (*quint.*, J = 7, H–C(3) (*E*)); 4.43 (*m*, H–C(3) (*Z*)); 3.86, 3.84 (2*d*, MeO); 1.31, 1.30 (2*d*, J = 6.7, Me–C(3)).

6a: Yellowish resin ((1'*E*)/(1'*Z*) 74:26). $[\alpha]_{20}^{20} = -41$ (*c* = 1, CHCl₃). IR (CHCl₃): 3500, 2950, 1710, 1410, 1310, 1140, 1090, 1050. ¹H-NMR: *Table 1*. Anal. calc. for C₁₅H₂₀N₂O₆ (324.33): C 55.55, H 6.22, N 8.64; found: C 55.4, H 6.4, N 8.3.

Racemic (\pm)-6a. According to [20]: To a stirred soln. of 1d (0.2 g, 1.6 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 ml) at 0° containing some 4 Å molecular sieves, (Pr₄N)IO₄ (0.17 g, 0.5 mmol) and portionwise benzyl *N*-hydroxycarbamate [20] (0.266 g, 1.6 mmol) were added. After 1 h, Et₂O was added, the org. soln. washed with 1N Na₂CO₃ (containing some NaHSO₃ for reduction of I₂) and twice with H₂O, the aq. soln. re-extracted with Et₂O, and the combined org. phase

dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated. The crude adduct mixture (0.44 g) was osmylated as described for **6a** in acetone (4 ml) and H₂O (1.5 ml) with aq. NMO (0.6 ml, 3.1 mmol, 2 equiv.) and 5% OsO₄ soln. (0.8 ml, and another 0.8 ml after 8 h). After 1 day at 45°, chromatographic purification of the crude product gave impure (\pm)-**4b** (20 mg, 5%; not further analyzed) and (\pm)-**6a** (0.27 g. 52%) as yellowish oil. Anal. calc. for C₁₅H₂₀N₂O₆ (324.33): C 55.55, H 6.22, N 8.64; found: C 55.3, H 6.4, N 8.5.

HPLC Determination of ee Value of **6a**. Two different HPLC columns were used. On a *Chiralpak AD* column (hexane/i-PrOH 95:5, detection at 240 nm), (\pm) -**6a** showed an (*R*)/*S* ratio of 3603:3525 and t_R 43.0 (3*S*,6*R*,1'*E*/*Z*), 59.4 (3*R*,6*S*,1'*E*), and 63.1 min (3*R*,6*S*,1'*Z*); for purified **6a**, t_R was 59.8 min and no (3*S*,6*R*) enantiomer was detected (< 0.5%). On a *Chiralcel OD* column (hexane/i-PrOH 95:5, detection at 240 nm), (\pm) -**6a** showed an (*R*)/(*S*) ratio of 7242:7203 and t_R 62.4 (3*RS*,6*SR*,1'*Z*), 73.0 (3*S*,6*R*,1'*E*), and 85.4 min (3*R*,6*S*,1'*E*); for chiral **6a**, t_R was 63.6 (3*R*,6*S*,1'*Z*) and 86.4 min (3*R*,6*S*,1'*E*) and no (3*S*,6*R*) enantiomer was detected (< 0.5%).

1,5-Imino-1,5,6-trideoxy-D-allitol (= 1,6-Dideoxy-D-allo-nojirimycin; 7a) [9]. A soln. of 6a (245 mg, 0.75 mmol) in H₂O (2.5 ml) was hydrogenolyzed over 5% Pd/C (20 mg, after 8 h another 20 mg) at 50° for 1 d. After elimination of the catalyst by centrifugation, the soln. was mixed with *Amberlyst-15* (H⁺; 5 ml) and H₂O (10 ml) and stirred for 1.5 h. The resin was washed with H₂O and extracted by stirring in 1N NH₄OH for 1 h and the aq. soln. evaporated: 7a (79 mg, 72%). Brownish resin. ¹H-NMR: *Table 2*; data similar to those of the L-isomer [13]. ¹³C-NMR: 75.3 (C(4)); 72.7 (C(3)); 69.8 (C(2)); 50.1 (C(5)); 45.1 (C(1)); 18.2 (Me(6)).

(3 R, 4 R, 5 R, 6 S)-t-4,t-5-Dihydroxy-t-3-methyl-1,2-oxazane-c-6-carbaldehyde O-Methyloxime (6b). Hydrogenolysis of 6a in EtOH at r.t. for 1 h gave 6b quantitatively. ¹H-NMR: Table 1.

2,3,4-Tri-O-acetyl-1,5-(acetylimino)-1,5,6-trideoxy-D-allitol (7b). At 30°, 7a (0.16 g, 1.1 mmol) was stirred for 2 d in pyridine (2 ml) and Ac₂O (1 ml, 10 equiv.). MeOH was added and the soln. evaporated. Purification by FC (AcOEt) gave 7b (0.12 g, 35%). Colorless crystals. M.p. 120° (i-Pr₂O; [13]: 119–120° for L-isomer). $[x]_{D}^{16} = +7$ (c = 1, CHCl₃; [13]: $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -4$ (c = 0.23, CHCl₃) for L-isomer). IR (KBr): 1745, 1730, 1650, 1440, 1373, 1250, 1228, 1070, 1055. ¹H-NMR (C₂D₂Cl₄, 380 K; similar data is in [13]): 1.35 (d, J = 7.3, Me–C(5)); 2.04, 2.10, 2.11, 2.11 (4s, 4 Ac); 3.27 (d, J = 15.2, H_{eq}–C(1)); 4.40 (d, J = 15.2, H_{ax}–C(1)); 4.74 (q, J = 7.3, H–C(5)); 5.10 (dd, J = 2.4, 4.6, H–C(4)); 5.21 (m, H–C(2), H–C(3)). Anal. calc. for C₁₄H₂₁NO₇ (315.32): C 53.32, H 6.71, N 4.44; found: C 53.1, H 6.7, N 4.3.

Benzyl (3aS,4S,7R,7aR)-3a,6,7,7a-Tetrahydro-4-[(methoxyimino)methyl]-7-methyl-4H-1,3,2-dioxathiolo-[4,5-d][1,2]oxazine-6-carboxylate 2,2-Dioxide (8) [17]. To a stirred soln. of **6a** (334 mg, 1.03 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (3.3 ml) and Et₃N (0.58 ml, 4.1 mmol) at 0°, a soln. of SOCl₂ (0.11 ml, 1.5 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.3 ml) was slowly added. After 10 min, Et₂O (10 ml) was added and the org. soln. washed with H₂O, dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated. To the crude oil in CHCl₃/MeCN/H₂O 3:3:5 (11 ml) at 0°, NaIO₄ (0.4 g, 1.9 mmol, 1.9 equiv.) and RuCl₃· 3 H₂O (24 mg, 0.1 equiv.) were added under stirring. After 2 h, the same treatment as above gave 8 (283 mg, 74%). Yellowish oil ((1'E)/(1'Z) 91:9). [α]_D² = -59 (c = 1, CHCl₃). IR (CHCl₃): 2950, 1725, 1400, 1290, 1125, 1080, 1010. ¹H-NMR: Table 1. Anal. calc. for C₁₅H₁₈N₂O₈S (386.31): C 46.63, H 4.69, N 7.25, S 8.30; found: C 46.3, H 4.5, N 6.8, S 8.0.

(3R,4R,5S,6S)-t-4, c-5-Dihydroxy-r-3-methyl-1,2-oxazane-c-6-carbaldehyde O-Methyloxime (9b) and (3R,4S,5R,6S)-c-4, t-5-Dihydroxy-r-3-methyl-1,2-oxazan-c-6-carbaldehyde O-Methyloxime (10b). To a soln. of 8 (1.60 g, 4.13 mmol) in DMF (16 ml) was added ammonium benzoate (1.15 g, 2 equiv.). The soln. was stirred at 90° for 1 d and then evaporated to give a brownish oil (3.8 g). This crude sulfate was stirred in a soln. of dioxane (20 ml) with H₂SO₄ (60 µl) and H₂O (20 µl) at r.t. After 2 h, Na₂CO₃ (1 g) was added and the soln. evaporated. The crude benzoate was dissolved in MeOH (20 ml), and Na₂CO₃ (1 g) was added. The soln. was stirred 5 days at 50°, then filtered, and evaporated. FC (AcOEt/cyclohexane 7:3, silica gel (80 g)) gave purified **9a/10a** 85:15 (0.71 g, 53%). ¹H-NMR: *Table 1*.

A soln. of 9a/10a (0.71 g, 2.19 mmol) in EtOH (7 ml) was hydrogenolyzed over Pd/C (43 mg) at r.t. for 2 h. After centrifugation, the soln. was evaporated, and FC (AcOEt, silica gel (40 g)) gave 9b (239 mg, 58%) and 10b (46 mg, 11%).

9b: Colorless crystals. M.p. 144–145° (AcOEt). $[\alpha]_{20}^{20} = -127$ (c = 1, McOH). IR (KBr): 3480, 3190, 3050, 2930, 2895, 2700, 1455, 1330, 1175, 1050, 1000, 910, 878, 828. ¹H-NMR: *Table 1*. Anal. calc. for C₇H₁₄N₂O₄ (190.20): C 44.20, H 7.42, N 14.74; found: C 44.5, H 7.8, N 14.4.

10b: Colorless resin. Only characterized by ¹H-NMR: Table 1.

1,5-Imino-1,5,6-trideoxy-D-glucitol (= *1,6-Dideoxynojirimycin*; **11**). As described for **7a**, with **9b** (0.10 g, 0.5 mmol), H₂O (1 ml), and 5% Pd/C (6 mg; 6 mg after 8 h): **11** (47 mg, 61%). Colorless resin. $[\alpha]_{20}^{20} = +13 (c = 1, H_2O); [\alpha]_{20}^{20} = +11 (c = 1, MeOH); [8c]: [\alpha]_{20}^{20} = +12 (c = 2.5, H_2O).$ ¹H-NMR: *Table 2.* ¹³C-NMR: **79.3** (C(3)); **77.7** (C(4)); **72.3** (C(2)); **56.2** (C(5)); **50.0** (C(1)); **18.2** (Me(6)); similar data as in [8c]. MS: **147** (3), 130 (8), 129 (13), 112 (10), 73 (11), 69 (11), 58 (23), 57 (100), 56 (50), 44 (84). HR-MS: **147**.0886 (C₆H₁₃NO⁺₄; calc. 147.08954).

1,5-Imino-1,5,6-trideoxy-D-gulitol (= 1,6-Dideoxy-D-gulo-nojirimycin; 12). As described for 7a, with 10b (31 mg, 0.16 mmol), H₂O (0.3 ml), and 5% Pd/C (2 mg; 2 mg after 8 h): 12 (17 mg, 71%). Colorless resin. $[\alpha]_D = -3 (c = 1, H_2O)$. ¹H-NMR: *Table 2*. ¹³C-NMR (D₂O): 73.3 (C(4)); 71.7 (C(3)); 67.2 (C(2)); 49.3 (C(5)); 45.2 (C(1)); 16.0 (Me-C(5)). MS: 147 (4), 130 (4), 129 (4), 112 (9), 73 (7), 69 (5), 57 (65), 56 (32), 44 (100). HR-MS: 147.0902 (C₆H₁₃NO₃⁺; calc. 147.08954).

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