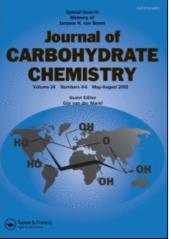
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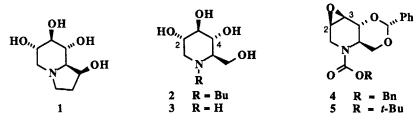
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ABSTRACT

A useful methodology for the synthesis of a number of 2-, 3- and 2,3-disubstituted deoxynojirimycin analogs is reported. It has been found that the epoxides in stereoselectively synthesized N-carboalkoxy-2,3-anhydro-1-deoxymannojirimycins (4 and 5) react with N-, S- and F- nucleophiles to give a mixture of gluco and altro products. The 3-azido altro compound (12b) yields the desired gluco derivative (40) by oxidation, in situ epimerization at C-3, followed by stereoselective reduction of the carbonyl group. The azido intermediate (12a) affords the 2,3-diazido gluco compound (51) by double inversion at C-3. Attempts have been made to understand the factors contributing to the opening of epoxides (4, 5 and 9) by different nucleophiles.

INTRODUCTION

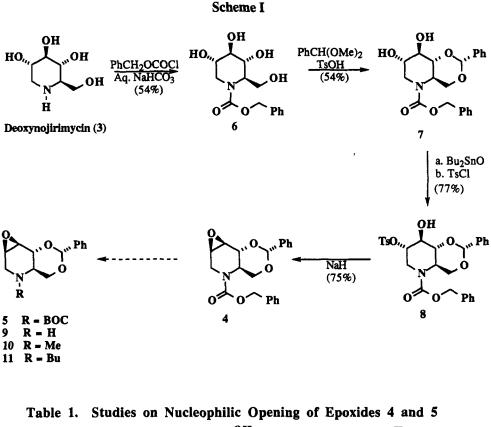
Polyhydroxylated piperidine, pyrrolidine, and octahydroindolizine (such as castanospermine 1) alkaloids are potentially useful antiviral agents.^{1,2} They are inhibitors of glycosidase activity and are believed to block HIV replication by modifying the glycosylation of the viral envelope protein gp120. *N*-Butyl-1-deoxynojirimycin (2) has been evaluated for the treatment of AIDS.² In efforts to establish the pharmacophore model and to improve the potency of 2, structural modifications at positions 2 and 3 have been extensively studied in our laboratories. This paper investigates the ring opening of the 2,3-epoxides (4 and 5) with a variety of nucleophiles and expands its utility to the syntheses of a number of 2- and 3-substituted deoxynojirimycin analogs.

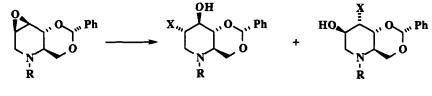


RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Stereoselective synthesis of epoxides (4, 5 and 9). The key intermediate 4 needed for our studies was routinely prepared on a multi-gram scale in a regio- and stereoselective fashion from 1-deoxynojirimycin (3) as illustrated in Scheme I. The synthesis of the diol 7 and its regioselective tosylation at C-2 has been described previously from these laboratories.³ Treatment of the tosylate 8 with sodium hydride (4 molar equivalents) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (25 °C, 8 h) gave the desired epoxide 4 (75%). The other epoxides (5, 9 - 11) investigated in our studies were prepared from 4 by hydrogenolysis (Pd/C, H₂) followed by acylation or alkylation of the resulting intermediate 9 (see experimental).

Nucleophilic opening of the epoxides 4 and 5. On heating a solution of 4 in 2-methoxyethanol with sodium azide and ammonium chloride for 36 h at 120 °C, two products 12a and 12b (Table 1), were isolated in yields of 44 and 40%, respectively. The diastereomers were readily separable on a multi-gram scale by chromatography (silica gel, hexane/ethyl acetate 8:2). The configurations of the C-2 and C-3 substituents were assigned by ¹H NMR on the basis of the proton splitting patterns.¹⁷ Hasegawa and coworkers have also reported⁷ the opening of the epoxide 5 with azide, yielding results similar to those observed by us.





 $4 (\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{Cbz}) \text{ or } 5 (\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{BOC})$

12a - 17a

12b - 17b

Epoxide	Nucleophilic Agent	Diastereomeric Ratio	Chem Yield
		Products (a/b)	<u>(a + b, %)</u> ^a
4 (R = Cbz)	NaN3	12a/12b - 52/48	84
4 (R = Cbz)	i-Pr2NH/3HF	13a/13b = 74/26	50
5 (R = BOC)	NaSMe	14a/14b = 64/36	73
5 (R = BOC)	NaSPh	15a/15b - 58/42	96
4 (R = Cbz)	Me2NCH2CH2NH2	16a/16b - 0/100	76
4 (R = Cbz)	H2N(CH2)3CH3	17a/17b = 0 /100	72 ^b

a. combined isolated yields; b. based on conversion of starting material.

In the course of our studies, the epoxide opening was tried with other nucleophiles as shown in Table 1. The ratio of the gluco to altro products in the epoxide opening reaction seems to depend on the nucleophile chosen and the conditions used. On heating a mixture of 4 and diisopropylamine trihydrogenfluoride⁵ (5 molar equiv, 125 °C, 70 h), the C₂-F derivative with the gluco configuration was formed preferentially (13a/13b - 2.8). The reaction of sulfur nucleophiles with epoxide 4 is much faster but also causes removal of the Cbz group. For example, on heating a mixture of 4 in DMF with NaSMe (5 equiv. 90 °C, 1 h), the non-carbamate gluco product 22a was preferentially formed (22a/22b -1.8, combined chemical yield - 90%). The reaction of 4 with 1 molar equiv of NaSMe (65 °C, 24 h) was slower and gave the deprotected epoxide 9 (19%) in addition to a complex mixture of C-2 and C-3 opened products with or without the presence of Cbz group, suggesting that the opening of the epoxide ring in 4 was competing with the cleavage of Cbz group. For a better comparison with other nucleophiles, it was desirable that the epoxide opening be carried out under conditions which would not cleave the carbamate group. The reactions of sulfur nucleophiles (NaSMe and NaSPh) with the N-BOC protected epoxide 5 (2-methoxy ethanol, 5 equiv NaSR, reflux, 1 h) proved useful. Under these conditions, the N-BOC was not cleaved and the reaction favored formation of the gluco products (14a/14b = 1.8 and 15a/15b = 1.4). The nucleophilic opening of the epoxide 4 with amines, (e.g., H2N(CH2)3CH3, Me2NCH2CH2NH2) behaved very differently, giving mainly the C-3 opened altro products.

Mechanistic discussions on the opening of epoxides 4 and 5. The results on the nucleophilic opening of epoxides 4 and 5 are not easy to explain, mainly because of the limitations involved in addressing the transition state. Molecular mechanics calculations^{4,15} performed on 4 (Figure 1) reveal that the benzylidine exists in a chair while the piperidine has a distorted or skewed-boat conformation. It is well established that in general the epoxides derived from cyclohexane or pyranose ring systems react with nucleophiles to give *trans*-diaxial products.⁸ However, in conformationally rigid, unsymmetrical epoxides, exceptions to the above rule, yielding diequatorial products, have been reported.⁹ The regiochemistry of ring opening in substituted cyclohexene oxides has been studied¹⁸ and is influenced by the reaction conditions (chelation and non-chelation) and the nucleophile chosen. Szmuszkovicz and coworkers reported¹⁰ that the ring opening of a 2,3-epoxide derived from N-carbobenzoxypiperidine (18) with secondary amines gives the trans-diaxial products. On the other hand, as reported by Hasegawa and coworkers,⁷ the reaction of epoxide 5 with azide gives a mixture of diastereomers with the diequatorial product favored over the trans-diaxial product by a ratio of approximately 2/1. It was suggested that the azide attacked C-2 preferentially because it was less hindered.

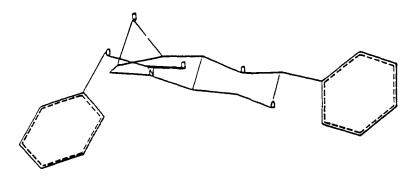
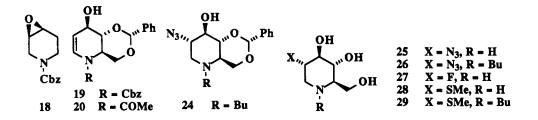


Figure 1. Computer graphics illustration of the energy optimized⁶ structure 4

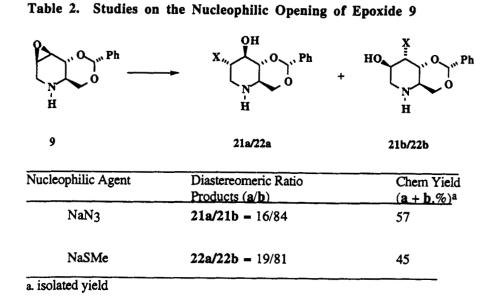
The results from Table 1 clearly indicate that the nucleophilic opening of epoxide 4 with primary amines (such as Me₂NCH₂CH₂NH₂ and NH₂(CH₂)₃CH₃) shows a strong preference for *altro*- products. These reactions, consistent with the Furst-Plattner rule,⁸ are stereoelectronically controlled S_N2 reactions, yielding mainly the *trans*-diaxial products **16b** and **17b**, respectively. The epoxide opening reactions with NaN₃, NaSMe and NaSPh show some preference for *gluco* products (diequatorial attack). These charged nucleophiles (N₃⁻ and RS⁻) may be solvated and would therefore generate bulkier reactive species than the neutral amines. The outcome of epoxide opening, in these cases, may be dictated by the size of the nucleophile and its ability to solvate. In the formation of fluoro derivatives (**13a/13b**), the epoxide cleavage is acid catalysed (HF/i-Pr₂NH) and it would be reasonable to assume that the reaction is an S_N1 type as both F⁻ and i-Pr₂NH are also weak nucleophiles.

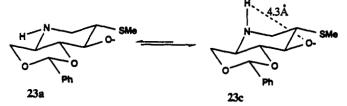
The reaction of epoxide 4 with carbon nucleophiles was also examined. For example, treatment of 4 with Me₂Cu(CN)Li (2 molar equiv, -70 to 0 $^{\circ}$ C in 1 h and then 0 $^{\circ}$ C for 5 h) involves carbamate-induced complexation with the organometallic reagent, resulting in a directed deprotonation - epoxide opening to yield 19 (13%). Using an excess of Me₂Cu(CN)Li (6 equiv), a mixture of 19 (15%) and 20 (19%) was isolated. Similarly, the reaction of Me₂Cu(CN)Li (2 equiv, -50 to 25 $^{\circ}$ C for 4 h and then 25 $^{\circ}$ C for 18 h) with epoxide 9 gave the unexpected product 10 (28%). The mechanism for this unusual reaction is unclear and requires further investigation. However, these studies indicate that the epoxide is fairly stable to attack by carbon nucleophiles under these reaction conditions. This is further evident from the reaction of the *N*-alkyl epoxide 11 with Me₂Cu(CN)Li in the absence or the presence of Lewis acid (BF3-Et₂O), which resulted mainly in the recovery of starting material.

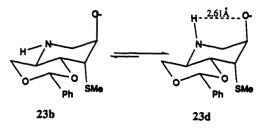


Nucleophilic opening of the epoxide 9. The role of N-substitution in the epoxide cleavage was also studied using the non-carbamate epoxide 9 (Table 2). The reaction of 9 with sodium azide and ammonium chloride in 2-methoxyethanol (120 °C, 24 h) gave mainly the C-3 opened altro product (21a/21b - 16/84). Similar results were also obtained from the reaction of 9 with sodium thiomethoxide (22a/22b - 19/81). This change in the stereochemical outcome of a nucleophilic attack on carbamate vs noncarbamate epoxides (4 and 5 vs 9) was unexpected, and the following attempts have been made to rationalize these results. It was anticipated that, with the removal of the carbamate group, the epoxide 9 would have a conformation different from 4. However, molecular mechanics calculations done on 9 (overlap of 4 and 9 is shown in Figure 2) indicate that there is no significant difference in their conformations and thus the epoxide opening should favor similar product distributions. Ab initio calculations¹¹ performed on the intermediates (23a, 23b, 23c and 23d) suggest that 23d with the NH flipped into the axial position is the lowest energy conformer and is stabilized by electrostatic attraction between the NH and the negatively charged oxygen at C-3, the interatomic distance (N---H---O) for 23d being 2.6 Å. The isomer 23d is 5 kcals/mole lower in energy compared to 23c and is 9.5 and 14 kcals/mole lower in energy compared to 23a and 23b, respectively. On the other hand, in the case of N-carbamate epoxides (4 and 5), there is electrostatic repulsion between the polarized carbamate oxygens and the oxygen anion at C-2. These polar and hydrogen bonding differences between carbamate (4 and 5) and non-carbamate (9) epoxides, may favor different transition states for the two epoxides and hence explain the experimental results.

Synthesis of 2-substituted 1-deoxynojirimycin derivatives.¹⁶ The compound 12a was used to synthesize 1-deoxynojirimycin derivatives 25 and 26 by a three-step sequence involving hydrolysis of the carbamate group (3.5% NaOH in EtOH/H₂O 1/1, 70 °C, 18 h, 93%, intermediate 21a), reductive amination (e.g., PrCHO, NaCNBH₃, MeOH, AcOH, 25 °C, 20 h, 88%, intermediate 24) followed by acid hydrolysis [CF₃CO₂H/H₂O (4/1), 25 °C, 60 - 75%] of the intermediates 21a and 24. The fluoro intermediate 13a was converted directly to the deoxynojirimycin derivative 27 by catalytic hydrogenation (Pd/C, 50 psi, H₂, 50 °C, 35%). On the other hand, the thiomethyl







deoxynojirimycin derivative 28 was synthesized from 22a using solvolytic conditions (95% EtOH, cat. TsOH, 98%). The N-butyl analog (29) was synthesized from 28 by using a reductive amination procedure (PrCHO, NaCNBH3, MeOH, AcOH, 25 °C, 20 h, 63%).

The syntheses of 2-amino, 2-alkylamino and 2-acylamino derivatives (35 - 38) of N-butyl-1-deoxynojirimycin were accomplished by starting from the 2-azido intermediate

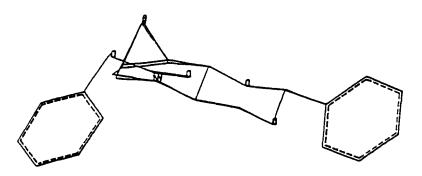


Figure 2. Overlap of the energy optimized structures 4 and 9

24 (Scheme II). The catalytic reduction of the azido group (Pd/C, H₂, 5 psi), followed by alkylation or acylation, gave the key intermediates (30 - 34), which were deprotected to the desired analogs (35 - 38). Syntheses and applications of 2-amino derivatives of deoxynojirimycin have also been reported by Nippon Shinyaku and Bayer in the patent literature.¹⁴

Synthesis of 3-substituted 1-deoxynojirimycin derivatives. The 3amino-1-deoxynojirimycin derivative 44 was synthesized by starting with the 3-azido *altro* intermediate 12b (Scheme III). Swern oxidation of the C-2 hydroxyl of 12b (DMSO trifuoroacetic anhydride, -70 to -30 °C in 4 h, -30 °C for 1 h) followed by equilibration with NEt3 (-70 to 25 °C in 1 h, 25 °C for 20 h) yielded the thermodynamically more stable, all equatorially substituted compound 39 in 86% yield. The reduction of the 2-keto group of 39 to the 2-hydroxyl yields a mixture of *gluco* (40) and *manno* (41) compounds (see Table III). With sodium borohydride, essentially a 1:1 mixture of stereoisomers was obtained whereas with the bulkier DIBAL-H, the *gluco* isomer predominates (86:14). The reduction of 39 with lithium methylborohydride¹² as well as with Yamamoto's reagent¹³ gave lower isolated yields of the product.

The 3-amino-1-deoxynojirimycin derivative **44** was synthesized from the 3-azido intermediate **40** in the same manner as for the 2-amino analog. The sequence involved hydrolysis of the carbamate group in **40** (EtOH/H₂O, NaOH, 75 °C, 20 h, 91%) and reduction of the resulting azide (**42**) using catalytic hydrogenation (4% Pd/C, 5 psi, H₂, 93%), followed by acid cleavage (CF₃CO₂H/H₂O, 22 °C, 24 h, 32%) of the benzylidine group in **43**.

Synthesis of 2,3-disubstituted 1-deoxynojirimycin derivatives. The 2,3-diamino compound 56 was synthesized from the intermediate 12a. The displacement

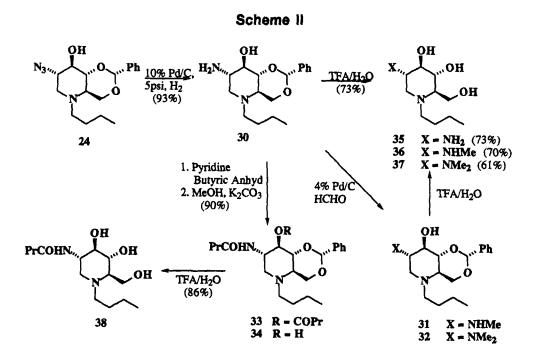
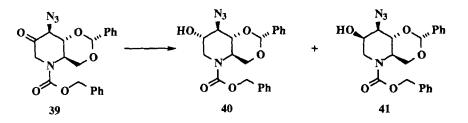
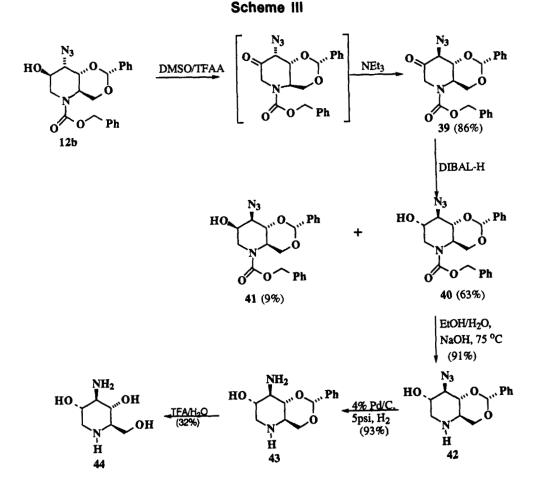


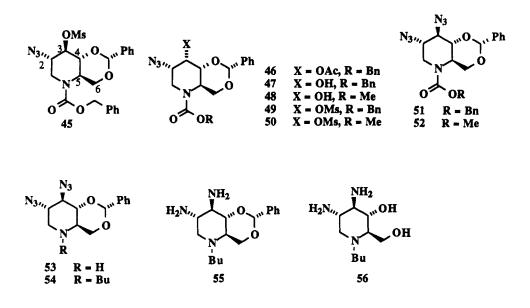
Table 3. Studies on Stereoselective Reduction of 39



Reducing Agent	Conditions	Relative Yield	Chem Yield
NaBH4	THF/MeOH (4/1), -15 - 0 °C, 30 min	(40/41) 52/48	(40+41、%) 67
LiBH3Me	-70 to -20 °C, 3 h	37/63	20
Yamamoto Reagenta	0 - 5 °C, 5 h	85/15	26
DIBAL-H (<u>1M soln in toluene</u>) a. see reference 13	-70 °C, 4 h	86/14	86



reaction of its C-3 mesylate 45 with cesium acetate (18-crown-6, toluene, reflux, 72 h) gave the *talo* derivative 46 in 52% yield. The reaction of 46 with sodium methoxide in methanol (reflux, 18 h) gave a mixture of the C-3 hydroxyl derivatives 47 and 48 in 57 and 35% yields, respectively. The second inversion of their mesylates 49 and 50 with sodium azide (DMF, 110 °C, 30 h) gave the 2,3-diazido gluco compounds 51 and 52, respectively. The intermediates 51 and 52 were hydrolyzed (EtOH/H₂O, reflux, 20 h, 68%) to remove the carbamate group and the resulting compound 53 was alkylated to give 54 (PrCHO, NaCNBH3, MeOH, AcOH, 25 °C, 18 h, 94%). Reduction of the azide groups (10% Pd/C, H₂, 5 psi, 73%) followed by acid catalyzed deprotection of the benzylidine group of 55 (CF₃CO₂H/H₂O, 22 °C, 18 h, 43%) gave the targeted 2,3-diamino compound 56.



CONCLUSIONS

The results reported herein demonstrate a convenient method for the introduction of polar substituents (N₃, F, SR, NR₂) at position C-2 and/or C-3 using stereoselectively synthesized epoxides (4, 5 and 9). The resulting intermediates have been utilized for the syntheses of a number of 2- and 3-substituted 1-deoxynojirimycin analogs. The stereochemical opening of epoxides (4, 5 and 9) by charged nucleophiles seems to be influenced by the substituents on the piperidine nitrogen. This is apparent from the observed reversal in diastereomeric preference during the reactions of azide and thiolate ions with the carbamate protected (4, 5) vs the unprotected (9) epoxides. The nucleophile chosen and the reaction conditions used also determine the stereochemical outcome of the epoxide opening reaction. The biological activity of these and several other analogs will be published elsewhere.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General. All NMR spectra were measured in 5-mm o.d. tubes (Wilmad - 535) in CDCl₃, DMSO-d₆, D₂O or MeOH-d₄ (Merck Isotopes) solution at 20 °C. NMR spectra were collected on either a General Electric QE-300 or Varian VXR-400 at 300 or 400 MHz for ¹H (75 or 100 MHz for ¹³C). NOE difference spectra and 2-dimensional NMR spectra were measured on the VXR-400. The chemical shifts (δ) are referenced to tetramethylsilane

(TMS, d = 0.00 ppm) and expressed in ppm. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer Model 681 grating spectrophotometer in CHCl₃ or using KBr pellets; frequencies are expressed in cm⁻¹. Melting points were determined on a Thomas Hoover capillary melting point apparatus. DSC measurements were performed on a Dupont Model 912 Dual DSC system and run under nitrogen. Mass spectra were obtained on either a Finnigan-MAT Model 4500 or a Finnigan-MAT 8430 system. Micoranalyses (C,H,N) were performed by the Microanalytical Group at G. D. Searle & Co.

Di-*n*-butyltin oxide, diisopropylamine trihydrogenfluoride, sodium azide, *N*,*N*-dimethylaminoethylamine, butylamine, sodium thiomethoxide, thiophenol, DIBAL-H, Amberlite, IRA-400 (OH) were all commercial products and were used without any further purification. Solvents used were reagent grade or were dried using conventional procedures. The reactions were routinely carried out under an inert atmosphere unless otherwise indicated. Analytical chromatography was performed on EM Reagents 0.25 mm silica gel 60-F plates. Preparative chromatographic separations were carried out on Merck silica gel 60 (230 - 400 mesh).

I. Synthesis of Epoxides

N-Benzyloxycarbonyl-1,5-dideoxy-1,5-imino-D-glucitol (6). To a stirred solution of 1-deoxynojirimycin (100 g, 0.61 mol) in saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (1000 mL), benzyl chloroformate (95%, 121 g, 0.67 mol) was added dropwise at room temperature. After being stirred at room temperature for 18 h, the solution was extracted once with methylene chloride (300 mL) to remove any unreacted benzyl chloroformate. The aqueous layer was extracted several times with ethyl acetate to give a total of 2.5-3 liters of the extract. The organic layer was dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated to give a white solid (98.57 g, 54%): mp 101-102 °C; ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ 7.2 - 7.4 (m, 5H), 5.15 (s, 2H), 4.23 (br m, 1H), 4.05 (br d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (dd, J = 6, 4 Hz, 1H), 3.78 - 3.85 (m, 2H), 3.70 - 3.78 (m, 2H), 3.45 (br d, J = 8 Hz, 1H).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₉NO₆: C, 56.56; H, 6.44; N, 4.71. Found: C, 56.33; H, 6.38; N, 4.58.

4,6-*O*-(*R*-Benzylidene)-*N*-benzyloxycarbonyl-1,5-dideoxy-1,5-imino -D-glucitol (7). A mixture of **6** (98.5 g, 0.33 mol), benzaldehyde dimethyl acetal (65.5 g, 0.43 mol) and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (1 g) in a round-bottom flask was dissolved in dimethylformamide (400 mL). The flask was connected to a water aspirator and the reaction was heated at 60-65 °C for 4 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and poured into stirred ice-water (1200 mL) containing sodium bicarbonate (14 g). The white solid formed was filtered, washed with cold water and dried. Recrystallization using hexane/ethyl acetate gave 7 (96.2 g, 54%) as a pure white solid: mp 147-148 °C; IR (KBr) 3420, 1715, 1450, 1425, 1395, 1380, 1365, 1090 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ 7.28 - 7.53 (m, 10H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 4.77 (dd, J = 11, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (t, J = 11 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (dd, J = 13.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.5 - 3.7 (complex m, 3H), 3.35 (td, J = 11, 4.6 Hz), 2.97 (dd, J = 13.4, 9.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD) δ 156.7, 139.4, 138.0, 129.9, 129.7, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 127.6, 102.8, 81.9, 77.5, 71.5, 70.6, 68.6, 55.9, 50.5; MS (CI, NH₃, m/z) 386 (MH⁺).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₂₃NO₆: C, 65.44; H, 6.02; N, 3.63. Found: C, 65.15; H, 5.93; N, 3.49.

4,6-O-(R-Benzylidene)-N-benzyloxycarbonyl-1,5-dideoxy-2-O-(ptoluenesulfonyl)-D-glucitol (8). A mixture of diol 7 (46.3 g, 0.12 mol) and di-nbutyltin oxide (31.1 g, 0.125 mol) in methanol (300 mL) was refluxed for 2 h. The methanol was removed, toluene was added and removed under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in methylene chloride (300 mL) and triethylamine (20 mL, 0.144 mmol). After cooling to 0 °C, p-toluenesulfonyl chloride (25.2 g, 0.132 mmol) was added. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min and then warmed to 20 °C. After being stirred for 3 h, the reaction was quenched by adding saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate. The organic layer was separated and washed successively with water, 0.5M KHSO4 and water. The organic layer was dried (Na2SO4), filtered and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed (silica gel, hexane/ethyl acetate 7/3) to give pure 8 (50.27 g, 77%) as a white solid: mp 115-117 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.35 - 7.50 (m, 10H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.51 (s, 1H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 4.76 (dd, J = 11.4, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.38(ddd, J = 9.3, 7.6, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (dd, J = 11.4, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (dd, J = 13.6, 4.8)Hz, 1H), 3.78 (dt, J = 2.6, 9.4Hz, 1H), 3.59 (t, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (ddd, J = 11.4, 9.4, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (dd, J = 13.6, 9.3 Hz, 1H) 2.63 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 154.8, 145.2, 137.0, 135.8, 133.2, 129.8, 129.3, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 126.2, 101.8, 79.9, 78.1, 73.9, 69.2, 67.8, 54.2, 47.1, 21.7; MS (FAB, m/z) 546 (M + Li).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₂₉NO₈S: C, 62.32; H, 5.42; N, 2.66. Found: C, 62.65; H, 5.40; N, 2.62.

2,3-Anhydro-4,6-O-(R-benzylidene)-N-benzyloxycarbonyl-1,5dideoxy-1,5-imino-D-mannitol (4). Sodium hydride (2.79 g, 60% dispersion in mineral oil, 69.7 mol) was placed in a flask under argon and washed three times with dry hexane. The residue was suspended in dry THF (300 mL) and to this a solution of **8** (37.6 g, 69.7 mmol) in THF (100 mL) was added slowly. After stirring for 18 h, the reaction was quenched by adding water. The organic layer was extracted with ethyl acetate and washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate and brine. After drying (sodium sulfate) and filtration, the organic layer was concentrated and recrystallized using cyclohexane to give pure 4 (19.2 g, 75%) as white solid: mp 104-105 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.53 - 7.67 (m, 10H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 4.76 (broad s, 1H), 4.59 (d, J = 15 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (d, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (dd, J = 11.4, 4 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (dd, J = 15, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (d, J = 3 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (d, J = 3 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (dt, J = 4, 10 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 156.2, 137.8, 136.6, 129.7, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 126.6, 102.8, 73.0, 70.4, 68.0, 56.0, 54.7, 50.4 and 46.6; MS (*m*/*z*) 374 (M + Li).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₂₁NO₅: C, 68.64; H, 5.77; N, 3.81. Found: C, 68.21; H, 5.84; N, 3.67.

2,3-Anhydro-4,6-O - (*R*-benzylidene)-1,5-dideoxy-1,5-imino-Dmannitol (9). To a solution of 4 (2.08 g, 5.7 mmol) in THF (20 mL) in a Parr hydrogenation flask, 4% Pd on C (400 mg) was added. The system was sealed, purged with nitrogen (5 times) and hydrogen (5 times) and then pressurized to 2 psi hydrogen. After running the reaction on a shaker for 5 h, the system was vented, purged with nitrogen and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated and the crude material was chromatographed (silica gel, ethyl acetate/ 2-propanol 95/5) to give pure 9 (1.13 g, 85%): DSC (mp) 128 °C; IR (KBr) 3400, 2950, 2850, 1445, 1370 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.39 (m, 3H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 4.24 (dd, J = 11, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (dd, J = 11, 9 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (d, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (d, J = 3 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (d, J = 15 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (d, J = 15 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (d, J = 3 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (ddd, J = 10, 9, 5 Hz, 1H), 0.76 (s, 1H).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₅NO₃: C, 66.94; H, 6.48; N, 6.00. Found: C, 66.80; H, 6.52; N, 5.95.

2,3-Anhydro-4,6-O-(R-benzylidene)-N-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-1,5dideoxy-1,5-imino-D-mannitol (5). A solution of 9 (1.26 g, 5 mmol) and di-t-butyl dicarbonate (1.31 g, 6 mmol) in pyridine (40 mL) was stirred at room temperature. After 20 h, additional di-t-butyl dicarbonate (0.65 g, 3 mmol) was added and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 3 days. After evaporation of solvent, the residue was partitioned between EtOAc and 10% aqueous CuSO4 solution. The organic phase was washed with water and with brine. After drying (Na2SO4), the filtrate was concentrated and the residue chromatographed over silica gel (EtOAc/hexanes 20/80) to give pure 5 (1.26 g, 76%) as a colorless oil. IR (CHCl₃) 3000, 2975, 1697, 1474, 1436, 1392, 1156 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.39 (m, 3H), 5.63 (s, 1H), 4.71 (m, 1H), 4.44 (m, 2H), 4.03 (d, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (m, 2H), 3.20 (m, 1H), 3.01 (ddd, J = 10, 10, 5 Hz, 1H), 1.47 (s, 9H).

HRMS (*m*/*z*) Calcd for C₁₈H₂₃NO₅: 333.1576. Found: 333.1579.

2,3-Anhydro-4,6-O-(R-benzylidene)-N-butyl-1,5-dideoxy-1,5imino-D-mannitol (11). To a solution of 9 (1.15 g, 4.9 mmol) in methanol (25 mL), 4Å molecular sieves (3 g) were added. After stirring for 5 min, butyraldehyde (0.89 mL, 9.9 mol), acetic acid (0.5 mL) and sodium cyanoborohydride (95%, 0.41 g, 7.4 mmol) were added. The reaction was stirred at 22 °C for 26 h, filtered and the residue washed with more methanol. The combined organic fractions were concentrated. The residue was redissolved in ethyl acetate and washed with aqueous potassium carbonate, water and brine. After drying (MgSO4) and concentration, the crude product (1.7 g) was chromatographed (silica gel, hexane/ethyl acetate 7/3) to give **11** (1.25 g, 88%) as a clear liquid: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.39 (m, 3H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 4.38 (dd, J = 11, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (d, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (dd, J = 11, 9 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (d, J = 15 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (d, J = 3 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (d, J = 3 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (dd, J = 15, 2 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (m, 1H), 2.32 (m, 2H), 1.44 (m, 2H), 1.27 (m, 2H), 0.9 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3H).

II. Opening of Epoxides 4 and 5 with different nucleophiles

A. With Azide:

2-Azido-4,6-O-(R-benzylidene)-N-benzyloxycarbonyl-1,2,5trideoxy-1,5-imino-D-glucitol (12a) and 3-azido-4,6-O-(R-benzylidene)-Nbenzyloxycarbonyl-1,3,5-trideoxy-1,5-imino-D-altritol (12b). To a solution of epoxide 4 (4 g, 10.9 mmol) in 2-methoxyethanol (80 mL), sodium azide (3.5 g, 54.5 mmol) and ammonium chloride (2.33 g, 43.6 mmol) were added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 36 h. Part of the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and washed with 1N HCl, water and brine. The organic layer was dried (MgSO4), filtered and concentrated. The crude mixture was chromatographed (silica gel, hexane/ethyl acetate 8/2) to give pure 12a (1.95 g, 44%) and 12b (1.81 g, 40%).

12a: DSC (mp) 253 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.38 (m, 8H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 5.15 (d, J = 12 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (d, J = 12 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (dd, J = 12, 5 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (dd, J = 12, 10 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (dd, J = 14, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (td, J = 9, 2 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (dd, J = 10, 9 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (ddd, J = 11, 9, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (td, J = 10, 5 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (d, J = 2 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (dd, J = 14, 11 Hz, 1H).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₂₂N₄O₅: C, 61.46; H, 5.40; N, 13.65. Found: C, 61.23; H, 5.46; N, 13.39.

12b: IR (KBr) 1700 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.37 (m, 8H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 5.14 (d, J = 12 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (d, J = 12 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (dd, J = 12, 5 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (dd, J = 12, 11 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (dd, J = 10, 3 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (dd, J = 15, 2 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (dd, J = 3, 2 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (m, 1H), 3.70 (ddd, J = 11, 10, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (dd, J = 15, 1 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (d, J = 3 Hz, 1H); MS (CI, NH3, m/z) 411 (MH⁺).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₂₂N₄O₅: C, 61.46; H, 5.40; N, 13.65. Found: C, 61.31; H, 5.56; N, 13.26.

2-Azido-4,6-O-(R-benzylidene)-1,2,5-trideoxy-1,5-imino-D-glucitol (21a) and 3-azido-4,6-O-(R-benzylidene)-1,3,5-trideoxy-1,5-imino-Daltritol (21b). To a solution of epoxide 9 (250 mg, 1.07 mmol) in 2-methoxyethanol (8 mL) and water (1 mL), sodium azide (350 mg, 5.35 mmol) and ammonium chloride (230 mg, 4.3 mmol) were added. The reaction mixture was heated at 110 °C for 24 h. Part of the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and washed with aqueous potassium carbonate, water and brine. The organic layer was dried (MgSO4), filtered and concentrated. The crude mixture was chromatographed (silica gel, ethyl acetate/2-propanol 98/2) to give 21a (26 mg, 9%) and 21b (143 mg, 48%).

21a: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.40 (m, 3H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 4.16 (dd, J = 11, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (t, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dd, J = 11, 10 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (ddd, J = 11, 9, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (t, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 3.2 (very broad s, 1H), 3.08 (dd, J = 13, 5 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (td, J = 10, 5 Hz, 1H), 2.5 (very broad s, 1H), 2.44 (dd, J = 13, 11 Hz, 1H); MS (CI, CH4, m/z) 277 (MH⁺).

Anal. Calcd for C13H16N4O3: C, 56.51; H, 5.84; N, 20.28. Found: C, 56.56; H, 5.93; N, 20.15.

21b: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.32 - 7.43 (complex band, 3H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 4.22 (dd, J = 11, 5 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (m, 1H), 4.04 (dd, J = 9, 3 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (q, J = 2 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (t, J = 11 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (ddd, J = 11, 9, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dd, J = 13, 2 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dd, J = 13, 2 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (broad s, 2H); MS (CI, NH₃, m/z) 277 (MH⁺).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₆N₄O₃·0.2H₂O₂ C, 55.71; H, 5.91; N, 20.02. Found: C, 55.90; H, 6.00; N, 19.68.

B. With Fluoride

 $4,6-O \cdot (R \cdot Benzylidene) \cdot N \cdot benzyloxycarbonyl \cdot 2 \cdot fluoro \cdot 1,2,5 \cdot trideoxy \cdot 1,5 \cdot imino \cdot D \cdot glucitol (13a) and <math>4,6-O \cdot (R \cdot benzylidene) \cdot N \cdot benzyloxycarbonyl \cdot 3 \cdot fluoro \cdot 1,3,5 \cdot trideoxy \cdot 1,5 \cdot imino \cdot D \cdot altritol (13b). A mixture of the epoxide 4 (14.67 g, 39.9 mmol) and diisopropylamine trihydrogenfluoride (29.34 g, 196 mmol) in a round-bottom flask was connected to a rotary evaporator under nitrogen and swirled in an oil bath maintained at 125 °C. After swirling for 70 h, the flask was cooled to 20 °C and the mixture was dissolved in ethyl acetate and treated with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution. The organic layer was separated and washed successively with 0.2N HCl and brine. The organic layer was dried (MgSO4), filtered and concentrated to give a brown oil (14.2 g). The crude material was chromatographed (silica gel, methylene chloride and later methylene chloride/ methanol 98/2) to give 13a (5. 67g, 37%) and 13b (1.97 g, 13%).$

13a was recrystallized from chloroform/hexane to give a white solid: mp 94-95 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.34 - 7.57 (m, 10H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 5.19 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (dd, J = 11.3, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (dddd, J = 48.4, 8.7, 6.6, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (t, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (ddd, J = 14.1, 13.3, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (ddd, J = 18.3, 9.6, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (ddd, J = 10.2, 9.6, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (ddd, J = 14.1, 8.7, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (broad s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 154.9, 137.0, 135.7, 129.3, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 126.2, 101.7, 89.5 (d, J = 180.5), 79.6 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 74.4 (d, J = 22 Hz), 69.3, 67.8, 53.4 and 46.1 (d, J = 27.4 Hz); MS (CI, m/z) 388 (MH⁺).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₂₂FNO₅: C, 65.10; H, 5.74; N, 3.61. Found: C, 65.37; H, 5.82; N, 3.69.

13b was recrystallized from ethanol/hexane to give a white solid: mp 125-127 °C; ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ 7.28 - 7.49 (m, 10H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 5.12 (d, J = 12 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d, J = 12 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (d of m, J = 49.8 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (t, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (ddd, J = 29.2, 10.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.94 - 4.03 (m, 2H), 3.68 (ddd, J = 11.3, 10.3, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (ddd, J = 15.4, 3.3, 3.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 155.9, 137.3, 135.9, 129.2, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 126.2, 102.1, 87.9 (d, J = 179 Hz), 74.8 (d, J = 16.9 Hz), 69.4, 67.7, 67.2 (d, J = 27.6 Hz), 51.5 and 46.9; MS (CI, m/z) 388 (MH⁺).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₂₂FNO₅: C, 65.10; H, 5.74; N, 3.61. Found: C, 65.12; H, 5.85; N, 3.63.

C. With Sulfur Nucleophiles:

4,6-O-(R-Benzylidene)-N-(tert -butoxycarbonyl)-1,5-imino-2-S-methyl-2-thio-D-glucitol (14a) and <math>4,6-O-(R-benzylidene)-N-(tert - butoxycarbonyl)-1,5-imino-3-S-methyl-3-thio-D-altritol (14b). A solution of the epoxide 5 (142 mg, 0.426 mmol) and sodium thiomethoxide (149 mg, 2.13 mmol) in 2-methoxyethanol (5 mL) was stirred at reflux for 0.5 h. After cooling, the mixture was partitioned between EtOAc/H₂O and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were washed with water and with brine. The organic layer was dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated. Radial chromatography of the residue over silica gel (2 mm layer thickness, hexane/ethyl acetate 75/25) gave 14a (76mg, 47%) as viscous liquid and 14b (43 mg, 26%) as a white crystalline solid.

14a: IR (CHCl₃) 3588, 2926, 1694, 1458, 1400, 1088 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.40 (m, 3H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 4.69 (dd, J = 12, 5 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (t, 1H), 4.29 (dd, J = 12, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (t, J = 11 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (ddd, J = 11, 8, 5 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (m, 2H), 2.65 (ddd, J = 11, 5, 5 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 1H), 1.51 (s, 9H).

HRMS (*m*/*z*) Calcd for C₁₉H₂₈NO₅S: 385.1688. Found: 385.1681.

14b: IR (CHCl₃) 3596, 2926, 1694, 1456, 1395, 1088 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.24 (m, 3H), 5.63 (s, 1H), 4.80 (dd, J = 11, 5 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (dd, J = 11, 5 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (t, 1H), 4.11 (m, 1H), 3.93 (dd, J = 13, 4 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (ddd, J = 11, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (dd, J = 13, 4 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (m, 1H), 2.29 (m, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.49 (s, 9H).

HRMS (*m*/*z*) Calcd for C₁₉H₂₈NO₅S: 385.1688. Found: 385.1687.

 $4,6-O \cdot (R-Benzylidene) - N \cdot (tert - butoxycarbonyl) - 1,5-imino - 2-S-phenyl - 2-thio - D-glucitol (15a) and <math>4,6-O \cdot (R-benzylidene) - N \cdot (tert - butoxycarbonyl) - 1,5-imino - 3-S-phenyl - 3-thio - D-altritol (15b). To a solution of sodium thiophenylate, prepared from thiophenol (1.10 g, 10.0 mmol) and sodium (230 mg, 10 mmol), in 2-methoxyethanol (20 mL), the epoxide 5 (666 mg, 2.0 mmol) was added. After refluxing for 1 h, the reaction mixture was cooled and partitioned between EtOAc/H₂O. The aqueous layer was extracted twice with ethyl acetate and the combined extracts were washed with brine and dried (Na₂SO₄). The solution was concentrated and the residue chromatographed over silica gel to give 15a (490 mg, 55%) and 15b (360 mg, 41%) as white crystalline solids.$

15a: IR (CHCl₃) 3586, 2880, 1696, 1586, 1458, 1370, 1086 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ 7.49 (m, 4H), 7.36 (m, 6H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 4.66 (dd, J = 12, 5 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (t, J = 11 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (dd, J = 12, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (t, J = 7 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (m, 2H), 2.89 (m, 1H), 2.78 (dd, J = 13, 11 Hz, 1H), 1.64 (s, 9H).

HRMS (m/z) Calcd for C₂₄H₂₉NO₅S: 443.1767. Found: 443.1764.

15b: IR (CHCl₃) 3382, 2934, 1694, 1584, 1456, 1370, 1061 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ 7.53 - 7.18 (m, 10H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 4.77 (dd, J = 10, 5 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (dd, J = 10, 5 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (t, J = 11 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (m, 1H), 3.95 (dd, J = 13, 3 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (m, 1H), 3.65 (ddd, J = 10, 5, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dd, J = 14, 3 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (m, 1H), 1.47 (s, 9H).

HRMS (m/z) Calcd for C₂₄H₂₉NO₅S: 443.1767. Found: 443.1771.

1,5-Dideoxy-1,5-imino-2-S-methyl-2-thio-D-glucitol (22a) and 1,5dideoxy-1,5-imino-3-S-methyl-3-thio-D-altritol (22b). A solution of the epoxide 9 (486 mg, 2.09 mmol) and sodium thiomethoxide (732 mg, 10.5 mmol) in 2methoxyethanol (21 mL) was refluxed for 1 h. After cooling, the mixture was partitioned between EtOAc/H₂O and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine and dried (Na₂SO₄). Chromatography of the residue over silica gel using a gradient of 0-10% methanol in ethyl acetate as eluent gave 22a (50 mg, 8.5%) as a white crystalline solid and 22b (210 mg, 36%) as a pale yellow solid. **22a:** IR (KBr) 3420, 2882, 2850, 1450, 1374, 1122 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.36 (m, 3H), 5.55 (s, 1H), 4.31 (dd, J = 10, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (m, 2H), 3.41 (t, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (m, 1H), 3.28 (dd, J = 13, 5 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (m, 1H), 2.75 (t, J = 13 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (ddd, J = 9, 4, 4 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (m, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.51 (br s, 1H).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₉NO₃S: C, 59.77; H, 6.81; N, 4.98. Found: C, 59.65; H, 6.85; N, 5.00.

22b: IR (KBr) 3422, 3265, 2920, 2840, 1450, 1382, 1118 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.37 (m, 3H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 4.18 (m, 2H), 4.10 (m, 1H), 3.66 (t, *J* = 11 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (m, 2H), 3.18 (d, *J* = 12 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (d, *J* = 12 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.94 (br s, 2H).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₉NO₃S·1/8 H₂O: C, 59.31; H, 6.84; N, 4.94. Found: C, 59.27; H, 6.91; N, 4.94.

D. With Amines:

4,6-O-(*R*-benzylidene)-*N*-benzyloxycarbonyl-1,3,5-trideoxy-3-[{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino]-1,5-imino-D-altritol (16b). A solution of epoxide 4 (734 mg, 2 mmol) in *N*,*N*-dimethylaminoethylamine (7 mL) was heated at 100 °C for 24 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude residue was chromatographed (silica gel, methylene chloride/methanol/ ammonium hydroxide 90/10/1) to give pure 16b (700 mg, 76%) as an oil: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.36 (m, 8H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 5.13 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (dd, *J* = 11, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (dd, *J* = 11, 10 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (dd, *J* = 10, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (ddd, *J* = 5, 3, 3 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (ddd, *J* = 10, 10, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (dd, *J* = 15, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (dd, *J* = 15, 3 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dd, *J* = 4.5, 3 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (m, 1H), 2.72 (m, 1H), 2.48 (dd, *J* = 12.5, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (dd, *J* = 12.5, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 2.20 (s, 6H).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₅H₃₃N₃O₅: C, 65.91; H, 7.30; N, 9.22. Found: C, 65.65; H, 7.45; N, 9.02

4,6-O-(*R*-Benzylidene)-*N*-benzyloxycarbonyl-3-(butylamino)-1,3,5trideoxy-1,5-imino-D-altritol (17b). A solution of epoxide 4 (200 mg, 0.55 mmol) in butylamine (4 mL) was refluxed for 24 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude residue was chromatographed (silica gel, hexane/ethyl acetate 70/30) to give the recovered 4 (65 mg, 32%) and pure 17b (117 mg, 49%): mp 104-106 °C, ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.36 (m, 8H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 4.78 (dd, *J* = 12, 5 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (dd, *J* = 12, 10 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (dd, *J* = 10, 3 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (dd, *J* = 14, 3 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (ddd, *J* = 3, 3, 1 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (ddd, *J* = 10, 10, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (dd, *J* = 14, 1 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (t, *J* = 3 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (m, 2H), 1.42 (m, 2H), 1.33 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H). Anal. Calcd for C₂₅H₃₂N₂O₅: C, 68.16; H, 7.32; N, 6.36. Found: C, 68.04; H, 7.39; N, 6.34

E. With Carbon Nucleophiles:

N-Benzyloxycarbonyl-4,4a α ,8,8a β -tetrahydro-8 β -hydroxy-2R,2 α phenyl-5H-1,3-dioxino[5,4-b]pyridine (19) and N-acetyl-4,4a α ,5,8,8a β tetrahydro-8 β -hydroxy-2*R*,2 α -phenyl-5H-1,3-dioxino[5,4-b]pyridine (20). To a cold suspension of cuprous cyanide (195 mg, 2.2 mmol) in THF (2 mL) at -70 °C, methyl lithium (3.1 mL, 1.4 M solution in ether, 4.4 mmol) was injected and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C over 2 h. After stirring at -10 °C to 0 °C for 1h, the reaction mixture was recooled to -78 °C and a solution of 4 (400 mg, 1.09 mmol) in THF (15 mL) was added over 15 min. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C and stirred at this temperature. After 16 h, the reaction was guenched with a solution of concd NH4OH in saturated ammonium chloride (1/10, 40 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was separated and washed with water. After drying over MgSO4, the organic layer was filtered and concentrated. The crude product (380 mg) was chromatographed (silica gel, hexane/ethyl acetate 7/3) to give recovered 4 (180 mg, 45%) and 19 (50 mg, 13%): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.31 - 7.42 (complex band, 8H), 6.80 (dd, J = 9, 2 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (S, 1H), 5.36 (broad dd, J = 11, 4 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (dd, J = 9, 2 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (ddt, J = 12.5 Hz, 10Hz, 1= 8, 3, 2 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dd, J = 11, 10 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (dd, J = 10, 8 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (td, J= 10, 4 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (d, J = 3 Hz, 1H); MS (CI, NH3, m/z) 368 (MH⁺).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₂₁NO₅·0.3 H₂O: C, 67.66; H, 5.84; N, 3.76. Found: C, 67.70; H, 5.79; N, 3.68.

Phenylmethyl-4,4a α ,8,8a β -tetrahydro-8 β -hydroxy-2R,2 α -phenyl-5H -1,3-dioxino[5,4-b]pyridine-5-carboxylate (19) and 5-acetyl-4a α ,5,8,8a β tetrahydro-2R,2 α -phenyl-4H-1,3-dioxino[5,4-b]pyridine-8 β -ol (20). To a cold suspension of cuprous cyanide (600 mg, 6.54 mmol) in THF (7 mL) at -78 °C, methyl lithium (9.3 mL, 1.4 M solution in ether, 13.1 mmol) was injected and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to -5 °C over 2.5 h. The reaction mixture was recooled to -70 °C and a solution of 4 (400 mg, 1.09 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added over 15 min. The reaction mixture was stirred at -70 °C for 20 min and then allowed to warm to -5 °C -0 °C over 1 h. After stirring at this temperature for 5 h, the reaction was quenched with a solution of concd NH4OH in saturated ammonium chloride (1/10, 120 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was separated and washed with water. After drying over MgSO4, the organic layer was filtered and concentrated. The crude product (385 mg) was chromatographed (silica gel, hexane/ethyl acetate 7/3 and later ethyl acetate/2-propanol 98/2) to give recovered 4 (15 mg, 4%), 19 (60 mg, 15%, identical to the product described above) and 20 (59 mg, 19%). **20:** ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.47 (m, 3H), 6.45 (dd, J = 9, 2 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 5.52 (broad dd, J = 11, 4 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (dd, J = 9, 2 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (m, 1H), 3.7 - 3.85 (complex band, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H)

2,3-Anhydro-4,6-O-(R-benzylidene)-1,5-dideoxy-1,5-imino-Nmethyl-D-mannitol (10). To a cold suspension of cuprous cyanide (400 mg, 4.47 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at -78 °C, methyl lithium (6.2 mL, 1.4 M solution in ether, 8.7 mmol) was injected and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to -5 °C over 2 h. The reaction mixture was recooled to -50 °C and a solution of 9 (200 mg, 0.86 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added over 15 min. The reaction temperature was allowed to warm to 0 °C over 3 h and then to 20 °C. After stirring for 18 h, the blackish reaction mixture was quenched with a solution of concd NH4OH in saturated ammonium chloride (1/10, 80 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was separated and washed with water and brine. After drying over MgSO4, the organic layer was filtered and concentrated. The crude product (192 mg) was chromatographed (silica gel, ethyl acetate/2-propanol 98/2) to give the recovered 9 (50 mg, 25%) and desired 10 (60 mg, 28%): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.40 (m, 3H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 4.37 (dd, J = 10.5, 4 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (t, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (broad d, J = 13.5Hz,1H), 3.32 (m, 1H), 2.54 (dd, J = 13.5, 2 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 2.13 (ddd, J = 10.5, 2 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (m, 1H), 2.54 (dd, J = 10.5, 2 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (m, 1H), 9, 4 Hz, 1H); MS (CI, NH3, *m*/*z*) 248 (MH⁺).

III. Synthesis of 2-substituted-1-deoxynojirimycins:

A. 2-Azido-deoxynojirimycin derivatives:

2-Azido-4,6-O-(*R*-benzylidene)-1,2,5-trideoxy-1,5-imino-D-glucitol (21a). The compound 12a (3.3 g, 8.05 mol) was added to a previously prepared solution of sodium hydroxide (4 g) in ethanol/water (1/1, 120 mL). After heating the mixture at 70 °C for 20 h, the reaction was cooled and part of the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The mixture was neutralized with 1N HCl and extracted with methylene chloride. The organic layer was washed with water and brine. After drying (MgSO4) and concentration of the filtrate, the crude product (3.01 g) was chromatographed (silica gel, ethyl acetate/2-propanol 98/2) to give pure 21a (2.07 g, 93%): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.40 (m, 3H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 4.16 (dd, J = 11, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (t, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dd, J = 11, 10 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (ddd, J = 11, 9, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (t, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 3.2 (very broad s, 1H), 2.44 (dd, J = 13, 51 Hz, 1H); MS (CI, CH4, m/z) 277 (MH⁺).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₆N₄O₃: C, 56.51; H, 5.84; N, 20.28. Found: C, 56.56; H, 5.93; N, 20.15.

2-Azido-4,6-O-(R-benzylidene)-N-butyl-1,2,5-trideoxy-1,5-imino-D-glucitol (24). To a solution of 21a (3.1 g, 11.23 mmol) in methanol (120 mL), 4Å molecular sieves (3.5 g) were added. After stirring for 5 min, butyraldehyde (1.86 mL, 20.8 mol), acetic acid (1.3 mL) and sodium cyanoborohydride (95%, 1.02 g, 15.4 mmol) were added. The reaction was stirred at 22 °C for 18 h, filtered and the residue washed with more ethyl acetate. The combined organic fractions were concentrated. The residue was redissolved in ethyl acetate and washed with aqueous potassium carbonate, water and brine. After drying (MgSO4) and concentration, the crude product (4.08 g) was chromatographed (silica gel, hexane/ethyl acetate 6/4) to give 24 (3.28 g, 88%) as a white solid: DSC (mp) 115 °C (dec.); ¹H NMR (CDCl3) δ 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.38 (m, 3H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 4.39 (dd, J = 10, 4 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (t, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (t, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (td, J = 9, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (t, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (dd, J = 12, 5 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (s, 1H), 2.56 (dt, J = 13, 8 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (ddd, J = 10, 9, 4 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (dt, J = 13, 7 HZ, 1H), 2.15 (dd, J = 12, 10 Hz, 1H) 1.42 (m, 2H), 1.17 - 1.38 (complex band, 2H), 0.92 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3H); MS (CI, NH3, m/z) 333 (MH⁺).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₂₄N₄O₃: C, 61.43; H, 7.28; N, 16.85. Found: C, 61.40; H, 7.34; N, 16.84.

2-Azido-1,2,5-trideoxy-1,5-imino-D-glucitol (25). A solution of 21a (1 g, 3.61 mmol) in trifluoroacetic acid/water (4/1, 15 mL) was stirred at 22 °C for 18 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the thick yellow liquid residue was passed through an ion-exchange column [Amberlite, IRA-400 (OH)] prewashed with distilled water until neutral. The basic fractions, followed by TLC (silica gel, ethyl acetate/methanol/ammonium hydroxide 50/50/2.5), were pooled and concentrated. The water in the fractions was azeotropically removed with toluene and 25 (394 mg, 74%) was isolated as a white solid after crystallization from methanol/hexane: mp 142 °C (dec); ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ 3.88 (dd, J = 11, 3 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (dd, J = 11, 6 Hz, 1H), 3.30-3.45 (complex band, 2H), 3.29 (distorted t, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (distorted dd, J = 13, 4 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (ddd, J = 9, 6, 3 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (distorted dd, J = 13, 10 Hz, 1H); MS (CI, NH₃, m/z) 189 (MH⁺).

Anal. Calcd for C6H₁₂N4O₃·0.25H₂O: C, 39.86; H, 6.64; N, 27.75. Found: C, 39.91; H, 6.79; N, 27.59.

2-Azido-N-butyl-1,2,5-trideoxy-1,5-imino-D-glucitol (26). A solution of 24 (650 mg, 1.96 mmol) in trifluoroacetic acid/water (4/1, 12 mL) was stirred at 22 °C for 8 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was passed through an ion-exchange column [Amberlite, IRA-400 (OH)] prewashed with distilled water until neutral. The basic fractions, followed by TLC (silica gel, ethyl acetate/2-propanol/ water/ammonium hydroxide 70/25/5/2), were pooled and concentrated. The

water in the fractions was azeotropically removed with toluene to give crude **26** (330 mg) which was rechromatographed (silica gel, ethyl acetate/2-propanol/water/ammonium hydroxide 70/25/5/2) to give pure **26** (260 mg, 61%) as a viscous liquid: ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ 3.84 (d, J = 3 Hz, 2H), 3.38 (t, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (td, J = 10, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (dd, J = 10, 9 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (dd, J = 12, 5 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (dt, J = 14, 8 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (dt, J = 14, 7 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (dd, J = 12, 10 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (dt, J = 9, 3 Hz, 1H), 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.22-1.38 (complex band, 2H), 0.93 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3H); MS (CI, NH₃, m/z) 245 (MH⁺).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₂₀N₄O₃·0.2H₂O: C, 48.45; H, 8.29; N, 22.60. Found: C, 48.49; H, 8.31; N, 22.40.

B. 2-Amino and 2-amidodeoxynojirimycin derivatives:

2-Amino-4,6-*O*-(*R*-benzylidene)-*N*-butyl-1,2,5-trideoxy-1,5-imino-D-glucitol (30). To a solution of 24 (700 mg, 2.11 mmol) in methanol (70 mL) in a Parr hydrogenation flask, 10% Pd on C (70 mg) was added. The system was sealed, purged with nitrogen (5 times) and hydrogen (5 times) and then pressurized to 5 psi hydrogen. After running the reaction on a shaker for 3.5 h, the system was vented, purged with nitrogen and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated and the crude material (630 mg) was chromatographed (silica gel, methylene chloride/methanol/ammonium hydroxide 90/10/1) to give pure 30 (600 mg, 93%): DSC (mp) 125 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.38 (m, 3H), 5.52 (s, 1H), 4.42 (dd, J = 11, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (dd, J = 11, 10 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (t, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (t, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (dd, J = 11, 5 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (ddd, J = 10, 9, 5 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dt, J = 13, 8 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (ddd, J = 10, 9, 5 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (dt, J = 13, 7 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (dd, J = 11, 10 Hz, 1H), 2.03 (broad s, 3H), 1.54 (p, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 1.18 - 1.38 (complex band, 2H), 0.92 (t, J = 7 Hz, 2H); MS (EI, m/z) 306 (M⁺).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₂₆N₂O₃: C, 66.64; H, 8.55; N, 9.14. Found: C, 66.14; H, 8.56; N, 9.08.

2-Amino-N-butyl-1,5-imino-1,2,5-trideoxy-D-glucitol (35). A solution of 30 (580 mg, 1.89 mmol) in trifluoroacetic acid/water (4/1, 15 mL) was stirred at 22 °C for 24 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was passed through an ion-exchange column [Amberlite, IRA-400 (OH)] prewashed with distilled water until neutral. The basic fractions, followed by TLC (silica gel, ethyl acetate/methanol/ammonium hydroxide 50/50/2.5), were pooled and concentrated. The water in the fractions was azeotropically removed with toluene to give crude 35 (410 mg) which was rechromatographed (silica gel, ethyl acetate/methanol/ammonium hydroxide 50/50/2.5) to give pure 35 (302 mg, 73%): DSC (mp) 108 °C; ¹H NMR (CD3OD) δ 3.87 (dd, J = 12, 3 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (dd, J = 12, 3 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (dd, J = 9, 8 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (dd, J = 9, 8 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (dd, J = 12, 4 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (dt, J = 13, 8 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (ddd, J = 10, 9, 4 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dt, J = 13, 8 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (dd, J = 12, 10 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (dt, J = 9, 3 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (p, J = 7 Hz, 2 H), 1.25 - 1.40 (complex band, 2H), 0.93 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3H); MS (CI, CH4, m/z) 219 (MH⁺).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₂₂N₂O₃·0.3H₂O: C, 53.69; H, 10.18; N, 12.52. Found: C, 53.63; H, 10.02; N, 12.34.

4,6-O-(R-Benzylidene)-N-butyl-1,2,5-trideoxy-2-(dimethylamino)-1,5-imino-D-glucitol (32) and 4,6-O-(R-Benzylidene)-N-butyl-1,2,5trideoxy-1,5-imino-2-(methylamino)-D-glucitol (31). To a solution of 30 (792 mg, 2.59 mmol) in methanol (75 mL) in a Parr hydrogenation flask, 4% Pd on C (100 mg) and formaldehyde (37 wt % solution in water, 0.23 mL) were added. The system was sealed, purged with nitrogen (5 times) and hydrogen (5 times) and then pressurized to 5 psi hydrogen. After running the reaction on a shaker for 21 h, the system was vented, purged with nitrogen and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated and the crude product (560 mg) was chromatographed (silica gel, methylene chloride/methanol/ammonium hydroxide 90/10/1) to give 32 (310 mg, 36%) and 31 (372 mg, 45%).

32: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) d 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.34 (m, 3H), 5.52 (s, 1H), 4.37 (dd, J = 11, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (brs, 1H), 3.65 (dd, J = 11, 10 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (t, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (t, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (dd, J = 11, 4 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (ddd, J = 11, 9, 4 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (dt, J = 13, 8 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 6H), 2.22-2.37 (complex band, 2H), 2.14 (t, J = 11 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (m, 2H), 1.27 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3H).

31: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.34 (m, 3H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 4.36 (dd, J = 11, 4 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (dd, J = 11, 10 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (t, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (dd, J = 10, 9 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (broad s, 1H), 3.05 (dd, J = 11, 5 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (td, J = 10, 5 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (dt, J = 13, 8 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (ddd, J = 10, 9, 4 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.30 (ddd, J = 13, 8, 6 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (t, J = 11 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (m, 2H), 1.26 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3H).

4,6-O-(R-Benzylidene)-N-butyl-2-butyramido-3-O-butanoyl-1,2,5trideoxy-1,5-imino-D-glucitol (33). To a solution of 30 (650 mg 2.12 mmol) in pyridine (8 mL), butyric anhydride (2 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature. After stirring for 18 h, the reaction mixture was poured over ice and extracted with methylene chloride. The organic layer was washed with water and brine. After drying over MgSO4, the extract was filtered and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. The crude product 33 (1.01 g) was used in the next step without further purification: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.36 (m, 3H), 5.86 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 4.92 (t, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (dd, J = 11, 5 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (tdd, J = 10, 7.5, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (t, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (dd, J = 11, 10 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (dd, J = 12, 5 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dt, J = 13, 8 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (td, J = 10, 5 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (dt, J = 15, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (dt, J = 15, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (dt, J = 13, 7 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.06 (dd, J = 12, 10 Hz, 1H), 1.62 (m, 4H), 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.27 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H).

N-Butyl-1,2,5-trideoxy-1,5-imino-2-(methylamino)-D-glucitol (36). A solution of 31 (610 mg, 1.91 mmol) in trifluoroacetic acid/water (4/1, 10 mL) was stirred at 22 °C for 24 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was passed through an ion-exchange column [Amberlite, IRA-400 (OH)] prewashed with distilled water until neutral. The basic fractions, followed by TLC (silica gel, ethyl acetate/ 2-propanol/ammonium hydroxide 50/50/2.5), were pooled and concentrated. The water in the fractions was azeotropically removed with toluene to give crude 36 (480 mg), which was rechromatographed (silica gel, ethyl acetate/2-propanol/ammonium hydroxide 50/50/2.5) to give pure 36 (310 mg, 70%): ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ 3.87 (dd, *J* = 12, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dd, *J* = 12, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (t, *J* = 9 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (dd, *J* = 12, 4 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (dd, *J* = 10, 9 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (dt, *J* = 13, 8 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (dt, *J* = 13, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (td, *J* = 10, 4 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.12 (dt, *J* = 9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.07 (dd, *J* = 12, 10 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (p, *J* = 8 Hz, 2 H), 1.31 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H); MS (CI, NH₃, *m*/z) 233 (MH⁺).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₂₄N₂O₃·0.4 H₂O: C, 55.16; H, 10.44; N, 11.70. Found: C, 55.24; H, 10.57; N, 11.74.

N-Butyl-1,2,5-trideoxy-2-(dimethylamino)-1,5-imino-D-glucitol (37). A solution of 32 (580 mg, 1.74 mmol) in trifluoroacetic acid/water (4/1, 10 mL) was stirred at 22 °C for 24 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was passed through an ion-exchange column [Amberlite, IRA-400 (OH)] prewashed with distilled water until neutral. The basic fractions, followed by TLC (silica gel, ethyl acetate/ 2-propanol/ammonium hydroxide 50/50/2.5), were pooled and concentrated. The water in the fractions was azeotropically removed with toluene to give crude 37 (300 mg), which was rechromatographed (silica gel, ethyl acetate/2-propanol/ammonium hydroxide 50/50/2.5) to give pure 37 (260 mg, 61%): DSC (mp) 111 °C; ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ 3.86 (dd, J = 12, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (dd, J = 12, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (t, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (t, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (dd, J = 12, 4 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (ddd, J = 13, 10, 6 Hz, 1H), 2.52 - 2.62 (complex band, 2H), 2.40 (s, 6H), 2.23 (dd, J = 12, 11 Hz, 1H), 2.06 (dt, J = 9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.47 (p, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 1.30 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); MS (CI, NH₃, m/z) 247 (MH⁺).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₂₆N₂O₃·0.2 H₂O: C, 57.66; H, 10.65; N, 11.21. Found: C, 57.88; H, 10.63; N, 11.23.

4,6-*O*-(*R*-Benzylidene)-*N*-butyl-2-butyramido-1,2,5-trideoxy-1,5imino-D-glucitol (34). To a solution of 33 (900 mg, 2.01 mmol) in methanol (50 mL), saturated aqueous potassium carbonate (30 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h. After neutralizing with concd HCl to pH 7, methanol was removed under reduced pressure and the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was washed with water and brine, dried (MgSO4) and filtered. Concentration of the extract gave 34 (720 mg, 90%): mp 172 °C (dec); IR (KBr) 1630 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.36 (m, 3H), 5.94 (broad s, *w*(*1*/2) = 19 Hz, 1H), 5.51 (s, 1H), 4.35 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (dddd, *J* = 11.0, 9.8, 7.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (t, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (dd, *J* = 11, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (dt, *J* = 13.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (ddd, *J* = 10.5, 8.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (dt, *J* = 13.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (hextet, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (p, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.19 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₃₂N₂O₄: C, 66.99; H, 8.57; N, 7.44. Found: C, 66.82; H, 8.68; N, 7.36.

N-Butyl-2-butyramido-1,2,5-trideoxy-1,5-imino-D-glucitol (38). A solution of 34 (250 mg, 0.66 mmol) in trifluoroacetic acid/water (4/1, 10 mL) was stirred at 22 °C for 24 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was passed through an ion-exchange column [Amberlite, IRA-400 (OH)] prewashed with distilled water until neutral. The basic fractions, followed by TLC (silica gel, ethyl acetate/2-propanol/water/ammonium hydroxide 70/25/5/2), were pooled and concentrated. The water in the fractions was azeotropically removed with toluene to give crude **38** (180 mg) which was rechromatographed (silica gel, ethyl acetate/2-propanol/ water/ammonium hydroxide 70/25/5/2) to give pure **38** (165 mg, 86%): DSC (mp) 203 °C; IR (KBr) 1640 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ 3.88 (dd, J = 11.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (ddd, J = 11.2, 10.2, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dd, J = 11.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (dd, J = 9.5, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (dd, J = 10.2, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (dd, J = 11.2, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (dt, J = 13.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dt, J = 13.8, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.20 (dt, J = 14.0, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (dt, J = 14.0, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (m, 1H), 2.13 (t, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 1.64 (hextet, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.46 (p, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.22 - 1.37 (complex band, 2H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (t, J= 7.3 Hz, 3H); MS (CI, NH3, m/z) 289 (MH⁺).

Anal. Calcd for C₁4H₂₈N₂O₄·0.5 H₂O: C, 56.54; H, 9.83; N, 9.42. Found: C, 56.32; H, 9.50; N, 9.26.

C. 2-Fluorodeoxynojirimycin derivative:

2-Fluoro-1,2,5-trideoxy-1,5-imino-D-glucitol (27). To a solution of **13a** (3.9 g, 10.1 mmol) in methanol (38 mL) and water (10 mL) in a Fisher-Porter bottle, 10%

Pd on carbon catalyst (3.9 g) was added. The bottle was sealed, flushed 3 times with nitrogen (40 psi) and 4 times with hydrogen (50 psi) and then maintained at 50 psi hydrogen pressure. After heating at 50 °C for 21 h, the reaction bottle was cooled, vented and flushed with nitrogen. The contents of the reaction were filtered through a celite bed, and washed with water. The combined filtrates were extracted with ethyl acetate to remove organic impurities and the aqueous layer was concentrated under vacuum at 50 °C to afford an oil. The remaining water was removed by azeotroping with ethanol to provide 1.2 g of a white solid. The solid was dissolved in water and filtered to remove a slight grey color. The solvent was removed again and the solid obtained was recrystallized by dissolving in a minimum amount of water, followed by addition of ethanol and then hexane to afford 0.58 g (35%) of pure 27: mp 161-163°C; ¹H NMR (D₂O) δ 4.38 (dddd, J = 50.5, 10.8, 9.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dd, J = 11.7, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (dd, J = 11.7, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (dt, J = 14.5, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (ddd, J = 12.3, 5.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (t, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (ddd, J = 12.3, 10.7, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (ddd, J = 9.5, 6,0, 3.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR $(D_2O) \delta$ 94.6 (d, J = 176.7 Hz), 79.9 (d, J = 16.7 Hz), 74.3 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 64.3, 63.5, 49.3 (d, J = 24.0 Hz); MS (CI, m/z) 166 (MH⁺).

Anal. Calcd for C₆H₁₂FNO₃: C, 43.63; H, 7.34; N, 8.48. Found: C, 43.79; H, 7.40; N, 8.37.

D. 2-S-Alkyldeoxynojirimycin derivatives:

1,5-Dideoxy-1,5-imino-2-S-methyl-2-thio-D-glucitol (28). A solution of **22a** (490 mg,1.74 mmol) and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (398 mg, 2.09 mmol) in 95% ethanol (35 mL) was refluxed for 20 h. After removal of the solvent, the residue was dissolved in 25% MeOH/H₂O and passed through a basic ion exchange column [Amberlite, IRA-400 (OH)] and eluted with 25% MeOH/H₂O. The fractions containing the product were concentrated. The residual water was removed by repeated azeotropic distillation using toluene to give pure **28** (329 mg, 98%): ¹H NMR (D₂O) δ 4.80 (s, 1H), 3.84 (dd, *J* = 14, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (dd, *J* = 14, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.44 - 3.36 (m, 3H), 2.80 (m, 2H), 2.66 (ddd, *J* = 11, 11, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (D₂O) δ 74.82, 71.95, 60.47, 60.34, 47.75, 47.23, 11.98; MS (CI, NH₃, *m/z*) 194 (MH⁺).

Anal. Calcd for C7H15NO3S·0.75 H2O: C, 40.66; H, 8.04; N, 6.80. Found: C, 40.46; H, 7.65; N, 6.99.

N-Butyl-1,5-dideoxy-1,5-imino-2-S-methyl-2-thio-D-glucitol (29). To a solution of 28 (93 mg, 0.482 mmol) and butyraldehyde (85 mL, 0.94 mmol) in methanol (1.6 mL), 4Å molecular sieves (250 mg), acetic acid (79 mL) and sodium cyanoborohydride (32 mg, 0.51 mmol) were added. After stirring at room temperature for 20 h, the mixture was filtered through celite and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed over silica gel using 50/50 methanol/ethyl acetate as eluent. The fractions

containing the product were concentrated, dissolved in 50/50 trifluoroacetic acid/water and evaporated. The residue was dissolved in 50/50 methanol/water and passed first through a basic ion exchange column [Amberlite, IRA-400 (OH), eluting with 50/50 methanol/water], and then through an acidic ion exchange column [washing successively with water, 50/50 methanol/water and 0.5M ammonium hydroxide]. After concentration, the residue was triturated with ethyl acetate to give the title compound **29** (76 mg, 63%) as a white crystalline solid: DSC (mp) 93.6 °C; ¹H NMR (D₂O) δ 4.78 (brs, 1H), 3.93 (m, 2H), 3.44 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (dd, *J* = 12, 5 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (m, 1H), 2.64 (m, 2H), 2.45 (t, *J* = 12 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (m, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.30 (m, 2H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{11}H_{23}NO_3S$: C, 52.97; H, 9.29; N, 5.62. Found: C, 52.69; H, 9.30; N, 5.57.

IV. Synthesis of 3-substituted-1-deoxynojirimycins:

8β-Azidohexahydro-N-benzyloxycarbonyl-7-oxo-2R-2α-phenyl-5H-4,4a α , 8a β -1,3-dioxino[5,4-b]pyridine-5-carboxylate (39). To a cold solution of dimethyl sulfoxide (5.6 mL, 78 mmol) in methylene chloride (50 mL) at -70 °C, trifluoroacetic anhydride (8.32 mL, 59 mmol) in methylene chloride (50 mL) was added over 20 min. After stirring for 15 min, a solution of **12b** (16 g, 39 mmol) in methylene chloride (150 mL) was added over 30 min. at -70 °C. The temperature of the reaction mixture was allowed to rise to -30 °C over 4 h and then the reaction was stirred at -30 °C for 1 h. After recooling to -70 °C, triethylamine (15 mL, 107 mmol) was added and the reaction was warmed to 22 °C in about 1 h and stirred at 22 °C for about 8 h. The reaction was diluted with methylene chloride and washed with water and brine. After drying (MgSO₄), filtration and concentration, the crude material (17.8 g) was chromatographed (silica gel, hexane /ethyl acetate 1/1) to give pure 39 (13.9 g, 86%): IR (KBr) 1745, 1710 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.30 - 7.49 (complex band, 10H), 5.71 (s, 1H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 4.85 (d, J = 11 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (dd, J = 11, 4 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (dd, J = 11, 10 Hz, 1H), 4.30(d, J = 18 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (d, J = 18 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (dd, J = 11, 10, 1H), 3.85 (dt, J = 10, 10, 1H), 34Hz, 1H).

3-Azido-4,6-O-(R-benzylidene)-N-benzyloxycarbonyl-1,3,5trideoxy-1,5-imino-D-glucitol (40) and 3-azido-4,6-O-(R-benzylidene)-Nbenzyloxycarbonyl-1,3,5-trideoxy-1,5-imino-D-mannitol (41). To a cold solution of 39 (2.5 g, 6.12 mmol) in THF (100 mL) at -78 °C, diisobutylaluminum hydride (9.25 mL, 1 M solution in toluene, 9.25 mmol) was added over 10 min. After stirring at -78 °C for 4 h, methanol (2.5 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred for 10 min, the cold bath was removed and the reaction allowed to rise to 22 °C and stirred for 30 min. After quenching with 0.5 N HCl (10 mL), the reaction was diluted with ethyl acetate and washed with water and brine. The organic extract was dried (MgSO4), filtered and concentrated to give a crude mixture (2.23 g) as a thick orange liquid. Chromatographic purification (silica gel, hexane/ethyl acetate 1/1) gave 40 (1.57 g, 63%) and 41 (231 mg, 9%).

40: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.35 (m, 8H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 5.11 (d, J = 12 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d, J = 12 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (dd, J = 12, 5 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (dd, J = 12, 10 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (distorted dd, J = 14, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (distorted t, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (m, 1H), 3.47 (m, 1H), 3.27 (td, J = 10, 5 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (s, 1H), 2.74 (distorted dd, J = 14, 10 Hz, 1H); MS (CI, NH₃, m/z) 411 (MH⁺); HRMS (m/z) Calcd for C₂₁H₂₃N₄O₅ (M + H) 411.1629, Found 411. 1635.

Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₂₂N₄O₅·0.2H₂O: C, 60.92; H, 5.45; N, 13.53. Found: C, 61.21; H, 5.78; N, 13.38.

41: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.33 (m, 8H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 4.77 (dd, J = 12, 5 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (dd, J = 12, 10 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (dd, J = 15, 3 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (t, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (m, 1H), 3.53 (dd, J = 10, 3 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (td, J = 10, 5 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (broad d, J = 15 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (broad s, 1H); MS (CI, NH₃, m/z) 411 (MH⁺).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₂₂N4O5: C, 61.46; H, 5.40; N, 13.65. Found: C, 61.37; H, 5.43; N, 13.39.

3-Azido-4,6-O-(*R*-benzylidene)-1,3,5-trideoxy-1,5-imino-D-glucitol (42). Compound 40 (1.8 g, 4.39 mol) was added to a previously prepared solution of sodium hydroxide (2 g) in ethanol/water (1/1, 60 mL). After heating the mixture at 75 - 80 °C for 20 h, the reaction was cooled and part of the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The mixture was neutralized with 1N HCl and extracted with methylene chloride. The organic layer was washed with water and brine. After drying (MgSO4) and concentration of the filtrate, the crude product (3.01 g) was chromatographed (silica gel, methylene chloride/methanol/ammonium hydroxide 90/10/1) to give pure 42 (1.1 g, 91%): DSC (mp) 192 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl3) δ 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.38 (m, 3H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 4.28 (dd, J = 10.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (dd, J = 10.8, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.50 - 3.58 (complex band, 2H), 3.48 (distorted dd, J = 10, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (distorted dd, J = 12.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (ddd, J = 10.2, 8.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (distorted dd, J = 12, 10 Hz, 1H); MS (CI, NH3, m/z) 277 (MH⁺).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₆N₄O₃: C, 56.51; H, 5.84; N, 20.28. Found: C, 56.26; H, 5.90; N, 20.08.

3-Amino-4,6-O-(*R*-benzylidene)-1,3,5-trideoxy-1,5-imino-D-glucitol (43). To a solution of 42 (700 mg, 2.54 mmol) in methanol (50 mL) in a Parr hydrogenation flask, 4% Pd on C (150 mg) was added. The system was sealed, purged

with nitrogen (5 times) and hydrogen (5 times) and then pressurized to 5 psi hydrogen. After running the reaction on a shaker for 10 h, the system was vented, purged with nitrogen and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated and the crude material (700 mg) was chromatographed (silica gel, methylene chloride/methanol/ammonium hydroxide 90/10/1) to give pure 43 (590 mg, 93%): ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.34 (m, 3H), 5.54 (s, 1H), 4.17 (dd, J = 11, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (dd, J = 11, 10 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (ddd, J = 10, 9, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (dd, J = 10, 9 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (dd, J = 12, 5 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (dd, J = 10, 9 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (ddd, J = 10, 9, 5 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (dd, J = 12, 10 Hz, 1H); MS (CI, NH₃, m/z) 251 (MH⁺).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₈N₂O₃·0.25H₂O: C, 61.28; H, 7.32; N, 10.99. Found: C, 61.27; H, 7.29; N, 10.72.

3-Amino-1,3,5-trideoxy-1,5-imino-D-glucitol (44). A solution of 43 (480 mg, 1.92 mmol) in trifluoroacetic acid/water (4/1, 8 mL) was stirred at 22 °C for 24 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was passed through an ion-exchange column [Amberlite, IRA-400 (OH)] prewashed with distilled water until neutral. The basic fractions, followed by TLC (silica gel, ethyl acetate/methanol/ammonium hydroxide 25/75/3), were pooled and concentrated. The water in the fractions was azeotropically removed with toluene to give crude 44 which was rechromatographed (silica gel, ethyl acetate/methanol/ammonium hydroxide 25/75/3) to give pure 44 (135 mg, 32%): DSC (mp) 191°C; ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ 3.81 (dd, J = 11, 3 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (dd, J = 11, 7 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (td, J = 10, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (t, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (dd, J = 12, 5 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (dd, J = 10, 9 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (dd, J = 12, 10 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (dd, J = 9, 7, 3 Hz, 1H); MS (CI, NH₃, m/z) 163 (MH⁺); HRMS (m/z) calcd for C6H₁5N₂O₃ (M + H) 163.1088, found 163.1085.

Anal. Calcd for C6H14N2O3. 0.25H2O: C, 43.23; H, 8.77; N, 16.81. Found: C, 43.66; H, 8.61; N, 16.19.

V. Synthesis of 2,3-disubstituted-1-deoxynojirimycins:

2-Azido-4,6-*O*-(*R*-benzylidene)-*N*-benzyloxycarbonyl-1,2,5trideoxy-1,5-imino-3-*O*-methanesulfonyl-D-glucitol (45). To a solution of 12a (3.8 g, 9.27 mmol) in pyridine (40 mL), methanesulfonyl chloride (860 μ L, 11.11 mmol) was injected over 10 min. After stirring at 22 °C for 20 h, the reaction contents were poured over ice and extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 700). The combined organic extracts were washed with saturated aqueous potassium carbonate, water and brine. After drying (MgSO4), filtration and concentration, the crude material (6.45 g) was chromatographed (silica gel, hexane/ethyl acetate 6/4) to give pure 45 (4.3 g, 95%) as a white solid: DSC (mp) 222 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.33 (m, 8H), 5.52 (s, 1H), 5.13 (d, J = 12 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (d, J = 12 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (dd, J = 12, 5 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (t, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (dd, J = 12, 10 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (dd, J = 14, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (dd, J = 10, 9 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (ddd, J = 11, 9, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (td, J = 10, 5 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (s, 3H), 2.81 (dd, J = 14, 11 Hz, 1H).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₂₄N₄O₇S·H₂O: C, 52.17; H, 5.17; N, 11.06. Found: C, 52.29; H, 4.81; N, 10.87.

3-O-Acetyl-2-azido-4,6-O-(R-benzylidene)-N-benzyloxycarbonyl-1,2,5-trideoxy-1,5-imino-D-allitol (46). A mixture of 45 (2.3 g, 4.7 mmol), cesium acetate (9 g, 47 mmol), 18-crown-6 (1.16 g, 4.7 mmol) in toluene (50 mL) was refluxed for 72 h. The reaction was cooled and filtered and the residue was washed with more toluene. The combined organic fractions were concentrated and the crude product (3.36 g) was chromatographed (silica gel, hexane/ethyl acetate 7/3) to give pure 46 (1.1 g, 52%) as a white solid in addition to the recovered starting material 45 (0.31 g, 14%).

46: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.31 - 7.45 (complex band, 10H), 5.74 (td, J = 3, 1 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 5.15 (d, J = 12 Hz, 1H). 5.11 (d, J = 12 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (dd, J = 12, 5 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (dd, J = 12, 10 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (ddd, J = 13, 5, 1 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (dd, J = 10, 3 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (td, J = 10, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (ddd, J = 11, 5, 3 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (dd, J = 13, 11 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H); MS (CI, NH₃, m/z) 453 (MH⁺).

2-Azido-4,6-O-(R-benzylidene)-N-benzyloxycarbonyl-1,2,5trideoxy-1,5-imino-D-allitol (47) and 2-azido-4,6-O-(R-benzylidene)-1,2,5trideoxy-1,5-imino-N-methoxycarbonyl-D-allitol (48). A mixture of 46 (970 mg, 2.15 mmol) and sodium methoxide (400 mg, 7.4 mmol) in methanol (50 mL) was refluxed for 18 h. The reaction was cooled and neutralized with 1N HCl and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was suspended in ethyl acetate and washed with saturated aqueous potassium carbonate, water and brine. The combined organic extracts were concentrated and the crude product (1.02 g) was chromatographed (silica gel, hexane/ethyl acetate 7/3) to give 47 (550 mg, 57%) and 48 (270 mg, 35%).

47: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.34 (m, 8H), 5.55 (s, 1H), 5.10 (d, J = 12 Hz, 1H). 5.07 (d, J = 12 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (dd, J = 12, 5 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (dd, J = 12, 10 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (broad s, 1H), 4.17 (m, 1H), 3.62 (td, J = 10, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (dt, J = 10, 2 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (m, 1H), 3.21 (m, 1H), 2.87 (s, 1H).

48: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.37 (m, 3H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 4.81 (dd, J = 12, 4 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (dd, J = 12, 9 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (broad s, 1H), 4.12 (dd, J = 12, 2 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.65 (m, 1H), 3.60 (m, 1H), 3.30 (m, 1H), 3.23 (m, 1H), 2.82 (broad s, 1H).

2-Azido-4,6-*O*-(*R*-benzylidene)-*N*-benzyloxycarbonyl-1,2,5trideoxy-1,5-imino-3-*O*-methanesulfonyl-D-allitol (49). To a solution of 47 (550 mg, 1.34 mmol) in pyridine (10 mL), methanesulfonyl chloride (140 μL, 1.74 mmol) was injected over 10 min. After stirring at 22 °C for 60 h, the reaction contents were poured over ice and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were washed with saturated aqueous potassium carbonate, water and brine. After drying (MgSO4), filtration and concentration, the product obtained, **49** (603 mg, 92%) was used in the next step without further purification: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.35 (m, 8H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 5.15 (broad t, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 4.87 (dd, J = 12, 5 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (dd, J = 12, 10 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (dd, J = 13, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd, J = 10, 2 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (ddd, J = 12, 5, 3 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (td, J = 10, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (dd, J = 13, 12 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (s, 3H).

2-Azido-4,6-O - (*R* - benzylidene) - 1,2,5-trideoxy-1,5-imino-*N*methoxycarbonyl-3-O-methanesulfonyl-D-allitol (50). To a solution of 48 (217 mg, 0.65 mmol) in pyridine (5 mL), methanesulfonyl chloride (65 μ L, 0.84 mmol) was injected over 10 min. After stirring at 22 °C for 30 h, the reaction contents were poured over ice and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were washed with saturated aqueous potassium carbonate, water and brine. After drying (MgSO4), filtration and concentration, the product 50 (320 mg, 92%) was used in the next step without further purification: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.35 (m, 3H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 5.18 (broad t, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (dd, J = 12, 5 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (dd, J = 12, 10 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (dd, J = 13, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dd, J = 10, 2 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.66 (ddd, J = 12, 5, 3 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (td, J = 10, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (dd, J = 13, 12 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (s, 3H).

2,3-Diazido-4,6-O-(*R*-benzylidene)-1,2,3,5-tetradeoxy-1,5-imino-N-methoxycarbonyl-D-glucitol (52). To a solution of 50 (320 mg, 0.77 mmol) in dimethylformamide (10 mL), sodium azide (252 mg, 3.88 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was heated at 100 - 110 °C for 30 h. Part of the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and washed with aqueous potassium carbonate, water and brine. The organic layer was dried (MgSO4), filtered and concentrated. The crude 52 (190 mg, 69%) was used in the next step without further purification: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.37 (m, 3H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 4.79 (dd, J = 12, 5 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (dd, J = 12, 10 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (dd, J = 14, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.67 (t, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (t, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (ddd, J = 11, 10, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (td, J = 10, 5 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (dd, J = 14, 11 Hz, 1H).

2,3-Diazido-4,6-O-(R-benzylidene)-N-benzyloxycarbonyl-1,2,3,5tetradeoxy-1,5-imino-D-glucitol (51). To a solution of 49 (600 mg, 1.23 mmol) in dimethylformamide (10 mL), sodium azide (400 mg, 6.15 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was heated at 100 - 110 °C for 72 h. Part of the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and washed with aqueous potassium carbonate, water and brine. The organic layer was dried (MgSO4), filtered and concentrated. The crude mixture (760 mg) consisting of 51 and 53 was hydrolyzed to 53 without purification.

2,3-Diazido-4,6-O-(*R*-benzylidene)-1,2,3,5-tetradeoxy-1,5-imino-Dglucitol (53). The compound 51 (190 mg) was combined with the mixture of 51 and 53 (650 mg) as obtained in the above step. This combined mixture was added to a previously prepared solution of sodium hydroxide (2 g) in ethanol/water (1/1, 60 mL). After refluxing for 20 h, the reaction was cooled and part of the solvent removed under reduced pressure. The mixture was neutralized with 1N HCl and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was washed with water and brine. After drying (MgSO4) and concentration of the filtrate, the crude product (280 mg) was chromatographed (silica gel, methylene chloride/ethanol 98/2) to give pure 53 (360 mg, 68% in two steps): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.43 (m, 3H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 4.23 (dd, J = 11, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (dd, J = 11, 10 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (dd, J = 10, 9 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (dd, J = 10, 9 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (td, J = 10, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (dd, J = 12, 5 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (td, J = 10, 5 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dd, J = 12, 10 Hz, 1H), 1.15 (broad s, 1H).

2,3-Diazido-4,6-O-(*R*-benzylidene)-*N*-butyl-1,2,3,5-tetradeoxy-1,5imino-D-glucitol (54). To a solution of 53 (360 mg, 1.19 mmol) in methanol (10 mL), 4Å molecular sieves (0.7 g) were added. After stirring for 5 min, butyraldehyde (0.22 mL, 2.4 mol), acetic acid (0.2 mL) and sodium cyanoborohydride (95%, 111 mg, 1.78 mmol) were added. The reaction was stirred at 22 °C for 18 h, filtered and the residue washed with more methanol. The combined organic fractions were concentrated. The residue was redissolved in ethyl acetate and washed with aqueous potassium carbonate, water and brine. After drying (MgSO4) and concentration, the crude material (0.47 g) was chromatographed (silica gel, hexane/ethyl acetate 8/2) to give pure 54 (410 mg, 94%): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.37 (m, 3H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 4.43 (dd, *J* = 11, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (dd, *J* = 11, 10 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (t, *J* = 9 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (dd, *J* = 10, 9 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (td, *J* = 10, 5 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (dd, *J* = 12, 5 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (dt, *J* = 13, 8 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (ddd, *J* = 10, 9, 5 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (dt, *J* = 13, 7 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (dd, *J* = 12, 10 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (m, 2H), 1.28 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H).

2,3-Diamino-4,6-O-(R-benzylidene)-N-butyl-1,2,3,5-tetradeoxy-1,5-imino-D-glucitol (55). To a solution of 54 (385 mg, 1.08 mmol) in methanol (25 mL) in a Parr hydrogenation flask, 10% Pd on C (60 mg) was added. The system was sealed, purged with nitrogen (5 times) and hydrogen (5 times) and then pressurized to 5 psi hydrogen. After running the reaction on a shaker for 3.5 h, the system was vented, purged with nitrogen and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated and the crude material (320 mg) was chromatographed (silica gel, ethyl acetate/methanol/ammonium hydroxide 50/50/2.5) to give 55 (240 mg, 73%): ¹H NMR (CD3OD) δ 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.34 (m, 3H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 4.42 (dd, J = 11, 4 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (dd, J = 11, 10 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (dd, J = 10, 9 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (dd, J = 12, 5 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (td, J = 10, 4 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (m, 1H), 2.52 (t, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (ddd, J = 10, 9, 5 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (ddd, J = 14, 8, 5 Hz, 1H), 2.04 (dd, J = 12, 10 Hz, 1H), 1.38 -1.53 (complex band, 2H), 1.21 - 1.38 (complex band, 2H), 0.94 (t, J = 7 Hz, 2H); MS (EI, m/z) 305 (M⁺).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₂₇N₃O₂·0.25H₂O: C, 65.88; H, 8.94; N, 13.56. Found: C, 65.53; H, 8.99; N, 13.28.

2,3-Diamino-N-butyl-1,2,3,5-tetradeoxy-1,5-imino-D-glucitol (56). A solution of 55 (235 mg, 0.77 mmol) in trifluoroacetic acid/water (4/1, 10 mL) was stirred at 22 °C for 18 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was passed through an ion-exchange column [Amberlite, IRA-400 (OH)] prewashed with distilled water until neutral. The basic fractions, followed by TLC (silica gel, ethyl acetate/methanol/ammonium hydroxide 25/75/3), were pooled and concentrated. The water in the fractions was azeotropically removed with toluene to give crude **56** (152 mg), which was rechromatographed (silica gel, ethyl acetate/methanol/ammonium hydroxide 25/75/3) to give pure **56** (72 mg, 43%): ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ 3.88 (dd, J = 12, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (dd, J = 12, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (dd, J = 10, 9 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (dd, J = 12, 4 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (dt, J = 13, 8 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (td, J = 10, 4 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dt, J = 13, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (t, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 2.12 (dd, J = 12, 10 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (dt, J = 9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (p, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 1.32 (hextet, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 0.94 (t, J = 7 Hz, 2H); MS (CI, NH₃, m/z) 218 (MH⁺).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₂₃N₃O₂: C, 55.27; H, 10.67; N, 19.34. Found: C, 54.86; H, 10.78; N, 19.00.

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