

Reactions with and in anhydrous hydrogen fluoride. Part 6. Reactions of peracetylated long-chain 3-*O*-(*n*-alkyl)- and 4,6-*O*-(*n*-alkylidene)-*D*-glucosyl fluorides in anhydrous hydrogen fluoride systems

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Abstract

The 2,4,6-tri-*O*-acetyl-3-*O*-alkyl-*D*-glucopyranosyl fluorides (1–5) undergo rearrangement in anhydrous hydrogen fluoride to give the 1,2:5,6-diacetoxonium ions (11–15). On further reaction, the latter (except the methyl derivative 5) are dealkylated and further rearrange to give the 2,3:5,6-diacetoxonium ion of the *D*-mannofuranosyl fluoride 19. The 2,3-di-*O*-acetyl-4,6-*O*-alkylidene-*D*-glucopyranosyl fluorides (22 and 23) were prepared from the corresponding 1-*O*-acetates by treatment with hydrogen fluoride in nitromethane.

Introduction

Peracetylated 3-*O*-(*n*-alkyl)-*D*-glucopyranoses, or -pyranosyl fluorides [1, 2], having C₁₂–C₁₆ alkyl groups, form micelles in anhydrous hydrogen fluoride [3, 4]. When measuring the critical micelle concentration (c.m.c.) it is important to know whether the micelle-forming compounds are stable during the measurements (~6 h at 0 °C). We have therefore studied the behaviour of the 3-*O*-alkyl-2,4,6-tri-*O*-acetyl-*D*-glucopyranosyl fluorides (1–4) (Scheme 1) in anhydrous hydrogen fluoride (HF) solution at concentrations both below and above the c.m.c. values. The reactions of compounds 1–4, and of the corresponding 3-*O*-methyl derivative (5), were studied by NMR spectroscopy. Compounds 1–5 all form 3-*O*-alkyl-1,2:5,6-diacetoxonium ions (11–15) in HF solution. Whereas the 3-*O*-methyl ion (15) is stable, the ions 11–14, having higher alkyl chains, subsequently lose the alkyl groups and undergo further rearrangement.

The reactivity of 4,6-*O*-alkylidene-*D*-glucopyranose derivatives in HF–nitromethane mixtures was also studied. For the synthesis of the anomeric

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TABLE 1

¹H NMR spectra (250 MHz) of the compounds 1-5, 11-16 and 19 in HF-DF^a

	Compounds					
	1-4 ^b	5	11-14 ^b	15	16	19
H-1	5.45dd	5.43dd	6.99d	6.97d	7.00d	5.91d
$J_{1,2}$	2.5	2.5	4.8	4.8	4.8	~0
$J_{1,F}$	52.3	52.5				53.5
H-2	4.72ddd	4.71ddd	5.53d	5.58d	5.49d	5.96dd
$J_{2,3}$	10.0	10.0	~0	~0		
$J_{2,F}$	24.3	24.5				
H-3	3.76m	3.76m	4.27d	4.20d	4.67d	6.14dd
$J_{3,4}$	10.0	10.0	4.6	4.2		
H-4	5.04dd	5.05dd	4.95d	4.88d	4.87d	5.75dd
$J_{4,5}$	10.0	10.0	~0	~0		$J_{4,F}=6.0$
H-5	3.94m	3.94m	5.65dd	5.66dd	5.70dd	
$J_{5,6}$	4.4	4.5	9.2	9.0		
$J_{5,\theta}$	2.5	2.5	9.2	9.0		
H-6	4.12dd	4.10dd	5.00m	4.96m	5.02m	
$J_{6,\theta}$	12.5	12.0				
H-6'	4.31dd	4.29dd	5.00m	4.96m	5.02m	
α -CH ₂ / α' -CH ₂	3.56m		3.38m/3.21m			
β -CH ₂	1.26m		1.26m			
(CH ₂) _n ^c	0.94m		0.93m			
CH ₃	0.50t	3.42s	0.52t	3.16s		
H ₃ C-C=O	1.92s	1.92s				
H ₃ C-C ⁺			2.44s	2.46s	2.45s	
			2.40s	2.40s	2.40s	

^a δ values in ppm; J values in Hz.^bDifferences between compounds of this group: $\delta = \pm 0.01$ ppm; $J = \pm 0.5$ Hz.^cAll other CH₂ groups.

glycosyl fluorides, a similar influence of the temperature, time and reagent composition was found as described for the use of HF-pyridine mixtures [5, 6].

Experimental

NMR spectra for HF-DF solutions were obtained on a Bruker AC-250 MHz instrument. The solutions were prepared at -70 °C and transferred to a polyethylene tube which was evacuated and sealed. This tube fitted inside a 5 mm glass NMR tube. The spectra were measured at -10 °C. The acetyl groups were used as the internal reference; for ¹H spectra the methyl group was placed at 2.0 ppm and at 20 ppm for ¹³C spectra. The following concentrations of compounds were used: **1** (18,59 and 213 mM); **2** (29, 43,

TABLE 2

¹³C NMR spectra (62.9 MHz) of the compounds 1–5, 11–16 and 19 in HF–DF^a

	Compounds					
	1–4	5	11–14 ^b	15	16	19
C-1	104.5d	104.5d	119.4	119.5	119.2	111.1d
$J_{C-1,F}$	230.6	226.4				234.0
$J_{C-2,F}$						47.5
C-2	74.9d	74.5d	91.2	90.8	94.5	95.1d
C-3	78.7	80.0	80.2	81.6	73.3	92.9
C-4	69.2	68.7	83.5	83.5	83.4	80.4
C-5	70.1	69.9	88.2	88.2	88.2	84.4
C-6	62.9	62.7	76.9	77.1	76.9	78.1
α -CH ₂	71.2		73.9			
(CH ₂) _m ^c	20.2–33.8		20.2–33.6			
CH ₃	14.5	61.0	14.1	59.4		
CH ₃ C=O	181.7	181.8				
	181.3	181.5				
	181.0	181.0				
CH ₃ C ⁺			15.5	15.8	15.4	15.4
			14.8	15.0	14.7	14.8
CH ₃ C ⁺			195.5	195.2	195.4	195.3
			194.4	194.2	194.4	194.4

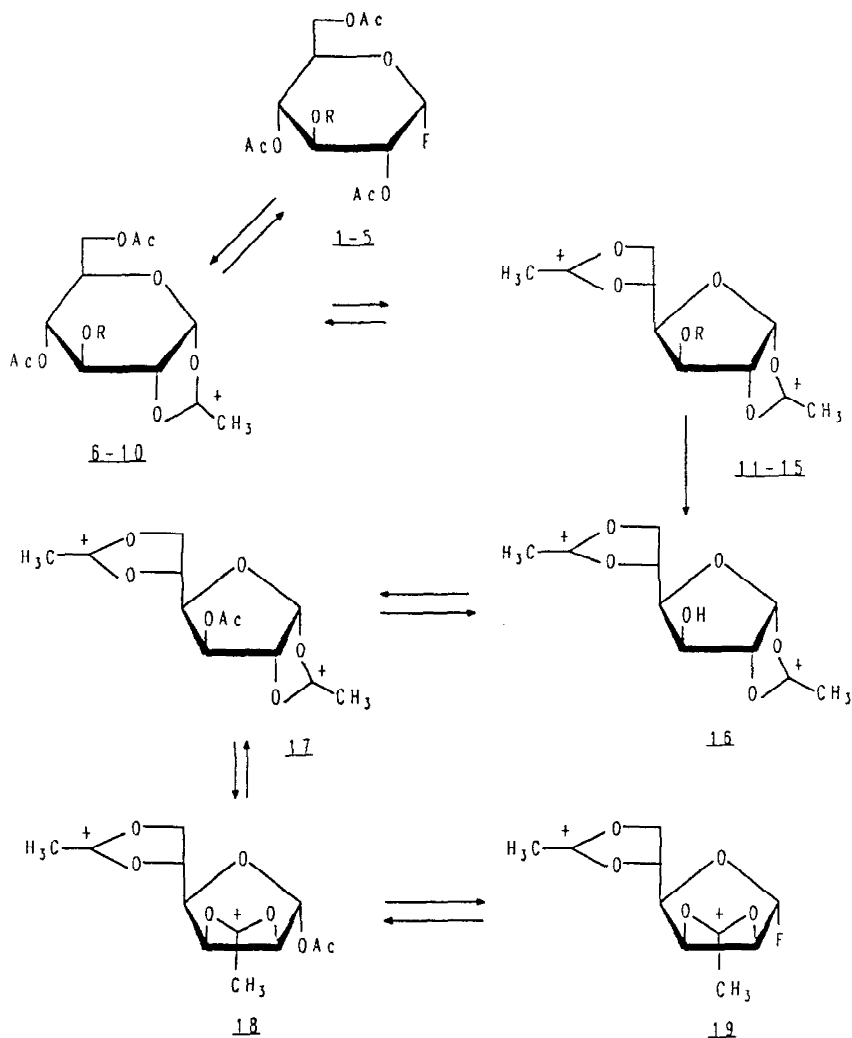
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58, 78, 83, 144 and 200 mM); **3** (68, 87, 228 and 240 mM); **4** (249 mM); and **5** (330 mM).

2,4,6-Tri-*O*-acetyl-3-*O*-alkyl-D-glucopyranosyl fluorides (**1–5**) were prepared as described in [1, 3]. 2,3-Di-*O*-acetyl-4,6-*O*-(alkylidene)-D-glucopyranosyl fluorides (**22a**, **22b**, **23a** and **23b**) were prepared using method B described in ref. 2 and under the reaction conditions specified in Table 3. The products were rather unstable syrups which decomposed after a few days at room temperature.

Results and discussion

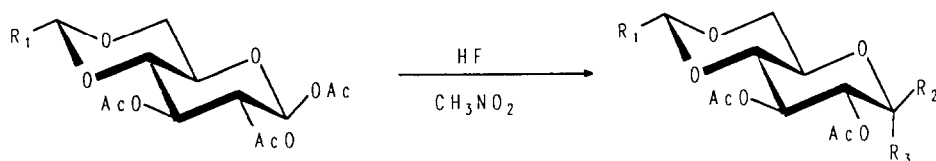
The 3-*O*-alkyl-D-glucose derivatives (**1–5**) were dissolved in HF which contained ~30% deuterium fluoride in order to obtain field-frequency stabilisation of the NMR instrument. The solutions were prepared at –70 °C and were allowed to reach 0 °C over the course of 24 h. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra measured at this stage showed that the HF–DF solutions mainly contained the glucopyranosyl fluorides **1–5** in equilibrium with the 1,2-acetoxonium ions **6–10** [7, 8]. A similar, temperature-dependent equilibrium has been observed for tetra-*O*-acetyl- α -D-glucopyranosyl fluoride [9]. From



Scheme 1. Reactions of acetylated 3-O-alkyl-D-glucopyranosyl fluorides 1-5 in hydrogen fluoride.

these results it must be concluded that the previously measured [3] c.m.c. data for 1-3, obtained over 6 h at 0 °C, actually represent data for a mixture of 1-3 and 6-8.

When solutions of 1-5 in HF-DF were kept successively for 20 h at -25 °C, 20 h at 5 °C and 5 h at 20 °C, the fluorides 1-5 and the 1,2-acetoxonium ions 6-10 were completely converted into the diacetoxonium ions 11-15 as seen from the ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra (Tables 1 and 2). The proton spectra were assigned through decoupling experiments.



20 $R_1 = n\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7$

22a $R_1 = n\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7$,

$R_2 = \text{F}$, $R_3 = \text{H}$

22b $R_1 = n\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7$,

$R_2 = \text{H}$, $R_3 = \text{F}$

21 $R_1 = n\text{-C}_{11}\text{H}_{23}$

23a $R_1 = n\text{-C}_{11}\text{H}_{23}$,

$R_2 = \text{F}$, $R_3 = \text{H}$

23b $R_1 = n\text{-C}_{11}\text{H}_{23}$,

$R_2 = \text{H}$, $R_3 = \text{F}$

Scheme 2. Preparation of 4,6-*O*-(*n*-alkylidene)-2,3-di-*O*-acetyl-D-glucopyranosyl fluorides.

TABLE 3

Influence of reaction conditions on the conversion of **20** and **21** to **22a/22b** and **23a/23b**, respectively, in HF-nitromethane

Compounds ^a	HF:CH ₃ NO ₂ (ml/ml)	Time (min)	Temp. (°C)	Yield (%)	22a:22b (NMR)	23a:23b (NMR)
20	2:10	5	-20	71	100:0	—
	2:10	7	-20	70	100:0	—
	2:10	12	-20	79	100:0	—
	2:10	20	-20	57	85:15	—
	2:10	30	-20	63	85:15	—
	2:10	60	-20	61	85:15	—
	2:10	7	-10	51	80:20	—
	4:10	5	0	55	75:25	—
	4:10	7	0	44	20:80	—
	4:10	10	0	49	0:100	—
21	4:10	7	0	58	—	20:80

^a1 g per 12 ml reagent solution.

The diacetoxonium ions **11–14** would probably have higher c.m.c. values than those found for **1–4**, and the determination of these values would require rather long measuring times. It was therefore of interest to study the stability of the ions **11–15** in HF solution. When **1–4** were kept in HF solution for 3 d at 20 °C, the diacetoxonium ions **11–14** were still present. However, a second diacetoxonium ion was formed as well, and from the NMR spectra (Tables 1 and 2) it appeared to be the 1,2:5,6-diacetoxonium ion **16**. After 10 d at 20 °C, **16** was the dominating species present. However, on further standing (3 weeks), a new set of signals appeared in the spectra which showed that this final product **19** was identical with the previously described 2,3:5,6-diacetoxonium ion derived from D-mannofuranosyl fluoride [10]. The 3-*O*-methyl diacetoxonium ion **15** obtained from **5** was completely stable in HF solution for *ca.* 3 weeks.

Scheme 1 depicts the probable course of the reactions described above, based on similar reactions described previously [10]. The conversion of **11–14** into **16** must take place by protonation of the ether oxygen and

TABLE 4

¹H NMR spectra (200 MHz) of the 4,6-*O*-(*n*-alkylidene)-*D*-glucopyranosyl fluorides **22a/22b**, **23a/23b** in CDCl₃ with TMS as the external standard^a

	Compound			
	22a	22b	23a	23b
H-1	5.38dd	5.70dd	5.37dd	5.69dd
<i>J</i> _{1,2}	6.0	2.8	5.7	2.9
<i>J</i> _{1,F}	52.5	52.5	52.5	52.5
H-2	5.05ddd	4.91ddd	5.05ddd	4.91ddd
<i>J</i> _{2,3}	6.0	10.0	6.0	10.0
<i>J</i> _{2,F}	10.5	24.8	10.5	24.8
H-3	5.16dd	5.48dd	5.16dd	5.49dd
<i>J</i> _{3,4}	7.9	9.8	7.9	9.8
H-4	3.66m	3.89m	3.66m	3.90m
H-5, H-6	3.57m	3.51m	3.57m	3.52m
<i>J</i> _{6,6'}		10.5		10.5
H-6'	4.24dd	4.18dd	4.24dd	4.19dd
H-7 ^b	4.55t	4.53t	4.53t	4.52t
α-CH ₂	1.57m	1.58m	1.59m	1.59m
(CH ₂) _n ^c	1.43m (2H)	1.38m (2H)	1.26m (18H)	1.26m (18H)
CH ₃	0.95t	0.86t	0.88t	0.88t
CH ₃ CO	2.11s	2.10s	2.11s	2.11s
	2.10s	2.07s	2.06s	2.06s

^aδ values in ppm; *J* values in Hz.

^bAcetal proton.

^cAll other CH₂ groups.

subsequent cleavage of the oxygen-alkyl bond to give a primary carbenium ion, which undergoes polymerisation. The further conversion of **16** must involve acetylation to give **17** and the rearrangement to **18** [10]. Qualitatively, the ether cleavage seemed to be slower in HF solutions having concentrations above the c.m.c. values than in those with submicellar concentrations.

Preparation of 4,6-*O*-(*n*-alkylidene)-2,3-di-*O*-acetyl-*D*-glucopyranosyl fluorides by treatment of the corresponding 1-*O*-acetates with HF is not possible, even at -20 °C, without cleavage of the alkylidene groups [11]. It was, however, possible to isolate the fluorides **22** and **23** after treatment of **20** and **21**, respectively, with HF in nitromethane [2] (Scheme 2). Table 3 lists the results from a series of experiments in which the reaction conditions were varied. Treatment of the 1-acetate **20** with HF-nitromethane (1:5) for a few minutes at -20 °C gave the kinetically favoured β-fluoride **22a** exclusively. A small amount of unreacted **20** could easily be separated by chromatography. On longer reaction times, **20** reacts completely, but, at the same time, partial anomerisation to the α-fluoride **22b** takes place. At 0 °C, using a higher proportion of HF, the α-fluoride is formed exclusively but in

TABLE 5

^{13}C NMR spectra (50.3 MHz) of the 4,6-*O*-(*n*-alkylidene)- D -glucopyranosyl fluorides **22a/22b**, **23a/23b** in CDCl_3 with TMS as the external standard^a

	Compounds			
	22a	22b	23a	23b
C-1	106.3d	104.1d	106.4d	104.1d
$J_{\text{C-1,F}}$	218.5	229.4	218.6	230.0
C-2	71.9d	70.5d	72.1d	70.5d
$J_{\text{C-2,F}}$	29.4	24.6	29.4	24.8
C-3	71.4	68.2	71.5	68.9
C-4	76.8	77.3	76.9	77.7
C-5	65.8d	64.4d	65.9d	64.7d
$J_{\text{C-5,F}}$	7.1	3.5	6.7	3.8
C-6	67.9	67.4	68.0	67.8
C-7 ^b	102.1	102.3	102.9	102.9
$\alpha\text{-CH}_2$	35.8	35.5	33.9	33.9
$(\text{CH}_2)_n^c$	17.1	17.0	22.6–31.8	22.6–31.8
CH_3	13.6	13.4	14.0	14.0
CH_3CO	20.4	20.2	20.4	20.5
CH_3CO	169.7	169.8	170.1	170.1
	169.1	169.4	169.5	169.5

^a δ values in ppm; J values in Hz.

^bAcetal carbon.

^cAll other CH_2 groups.

lower yields because of cleavage of the acetal group (Table 3), and after 30-min reaction under these conditions the acetal group is completely cleaved.

The anomeric structures of **22** and **23** were determined from C,H-correlated NMR spectra. The α -anomers **22b** and **23b** show H-1 as a double doublet at 5.70 ppm with small coupling constants of 2.8–2.9 Hz, while C-1 gives a doublet at 104.1 ppm with $^1J_{\text{C-1,F}}=230$ Hz. The β -anomers **22a** and **23a** have H-1 at 5.37–5.38 ppm and C-1 at 106.3–106.4 ppm. They have larger $J_{\text{H-1,H-2}}$ values (5.7–6.0 Hz) and smaller $^1J_{\text{C-1,F}}$ values (216.6–218.5 Hz) than those of the α -anomers [12–14]. Further NMR data for **22** and **23** are shown in Tables 4 and 5. In our communication [2] there are mistakes in the NMR data given for H-1 and C-1 in the compounds **22b** and **23b**. The correct data are shown in Tables 4 and 5. The data for H-1 of 4,6-*O*-benzylidene-2,3-di-*O*-acetyl- α - D -glucopyranosyl fluoride [2] are δ 5.65 ppm ($J_{1,\text{F}}=53.1$ Hz, $J_{1,2}=3.0$ Hz).

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