

# Tandem radical trifluoromethylation–nucleophilic cyclization of a glucose-derived ketene dithioacetal. Synthesis of 5-deoxy-5-*C*-trifluoromethyl-aldurono-6,3-lactones

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## Abstract

A diastereoisomeric mixture of 5-*C*-trifluoromethylated analogs of D-glucuronolactone and L-iduronolactone was synthesized in a five-step procedure from 1,2-*O*-isopropylidene- $\alpha$ -D-glucofuranose. The key step involves a tandem radical trifluoromethylation–nucleophilic cyclization of a ketene dithioacetal derived from 1,2-*O*-isopropylidene- $\alpha$ -D-xylo-pentodialdo-1,4-furanose. © 1998 Elsevier Science S.A. All rights reserved.

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## 1. Introduction

Various changes are expected concerning the chemical and biological properties of target molecules by substitution of hydrogen atoms by fluorine or trifluoromethyl groups [1,2]. For this reason, many monofluoro and difluorosugars exhibiting interesting biological activities have been synthesized [3,4], but little is known about *C*-trifluoromethyl carbohydrates probably due to the lack of preparative methods. To our knowledge the few examples of *C*-trifluoromethyl sugars known were prepared either starting from a trifluoromethylated synthon [5–11] or through the nucleophilic trifluoromethylation of oxosugars with the Ruppert reagent [12–16] (CF<sub>3</sub>SiMe<sub>3</sub>) or a trifluoromethylated organometallic [17].

We report here the synthesis of 5-deoxy-5-*C*-(trifluoromethyl)aldurono-6,3-lactones by a tandem radical trifluoromethylation–nucleophilic cyclization of a sugar-derived ketene dithioacetal followed by an oxidative hydrolysis of the dithio-orthoester (Scheme 1).

Our targets were the 5-deoxy-5-*C*-trifluoromethyl- $\alpha$ -D-glucurono- and  $\beta$ -L-idurono-6,3-lactones. The former is a trifluoromethylated analog of glucuronolactone (antiarthritic and detoxificant [18–20]).

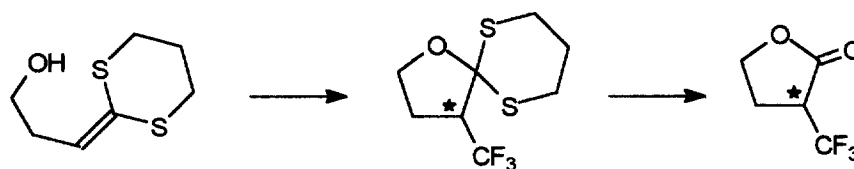
The glucose-derived ketene dithioacetal **1** was prepared from commercially available 1,2-*O*-isopropylidene- $\alpha$ -D-glu-

cufuranose by periodic oxidation [21–24], followed by a Peterson reaction with the 2-lithio-2-trimethylsilyl-1,3-dithiane (Scheme 2).

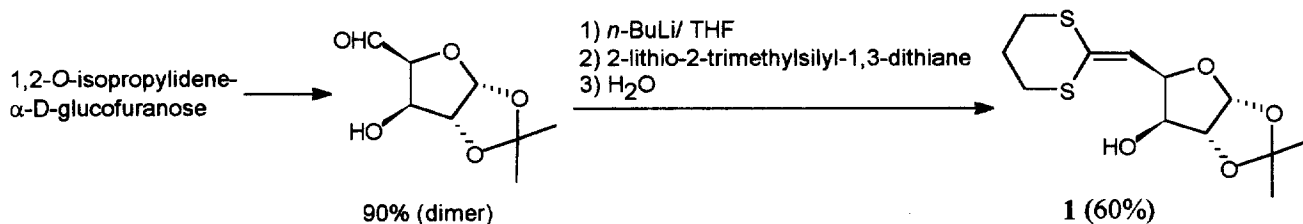
We have recently reported the radical *F*-alkylation of the ketene dithioacetal **1** and its 3-*O*-protected derivative with *F*-alkyl iodide initiated with sodium dithionite [25]. The intermediate iodide was trapped in situ by the free 3-hydroxyl group to give the cyclic adduct. Thus **1** was treated with bromotrifluoromethane under pressure (7–10 bar) following the same pathway except that the sulfoxylate radical anion was generated from an HCO<sub>2</sub>Na/SO<sub>2</sub> system [26] in DMF. The trifluoromethylation–cyclization occurred in 72% yield (Scheme 3) but showed a poor stereoselectivity as previously observed for a long-chain perfluoroalkyl analog [25]. A 60/40 ratio of two diastereomers was obtained. These diastereomers were separated by silica gel chromatography, but their configurations could not be determined unambiguously.

The oxidative hydrolysis of the dithio-orthoester **2** was carried out with 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin (DBH) in a THF/H<sub>2</sub>O/acetone mixture. Calcium carbonate was added to avoid the acetal removal. The conversion was effective but the  $\alpha$ -bromolactone **3** was obtained in addition to the expected D-glucuronolactone analog **4a** and L-iduronolactone analog **4b** even on using a slight excess of DBH. The GC monitoring of the reaction showed the formation of the bromolactone at the very beginning of the reaction. We thus decided to perform a two-step procedure to convert **2** into the

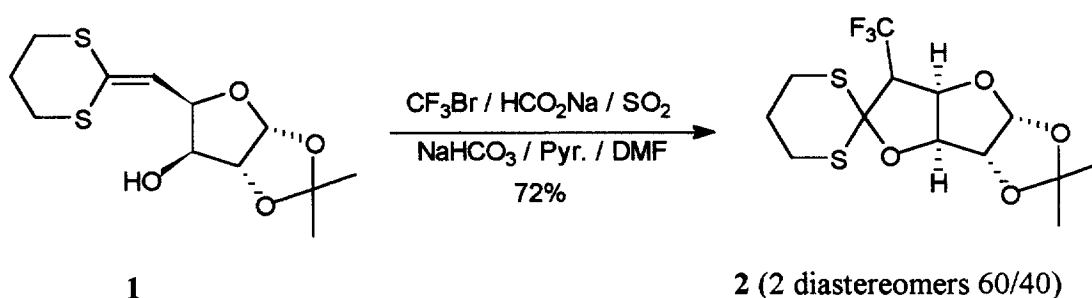
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Scheme 1.



Scheme 2.



Scheme 3.

expected lactone **4** (Scheme 4). Treatment of **2** with a large excess of DBH (3 equiv.) gave a 90/10 mixture of **3** and **4** in good yield (84%), each being a mixture of diastereomers.

The crude product was then submitted to tributyltin hydride reduction of the carbon halogen bond to afford **4** in 92% yield as a 75/25 mixture of two diastereomers, the idurono analog being the major one. It should be noted that this ratio remained unchanged by treatment of the **4a/4b** mixture in acidic (PTSA) or basic ( $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ) medium. No epimerization at C-5 occurred under these conditions and this ratio seems to reflect the thermodynamic equilibrium. Unfortunately, we were unable to separate the two lactones by silica gel chromatography or HPLC.

The D-glucurono and the L-idurono configurations were assigned to each lactone by correlation with literature data [27–29] (Table 1).

We have thus demonstrated that the tandem trifluoromethylation–cyclization reaction of  $\omega$ -hydroxy ketene dithioacetal provides a new route to highly functionalized lactones. If the reaction is stereoselectively poor using the glucose derivative, we reported more stereoselective reactions with a mannose compound giving rise to various derivatives of 2-C-trifluoromethyl heptopyranose [30].

## 2. Experimental section

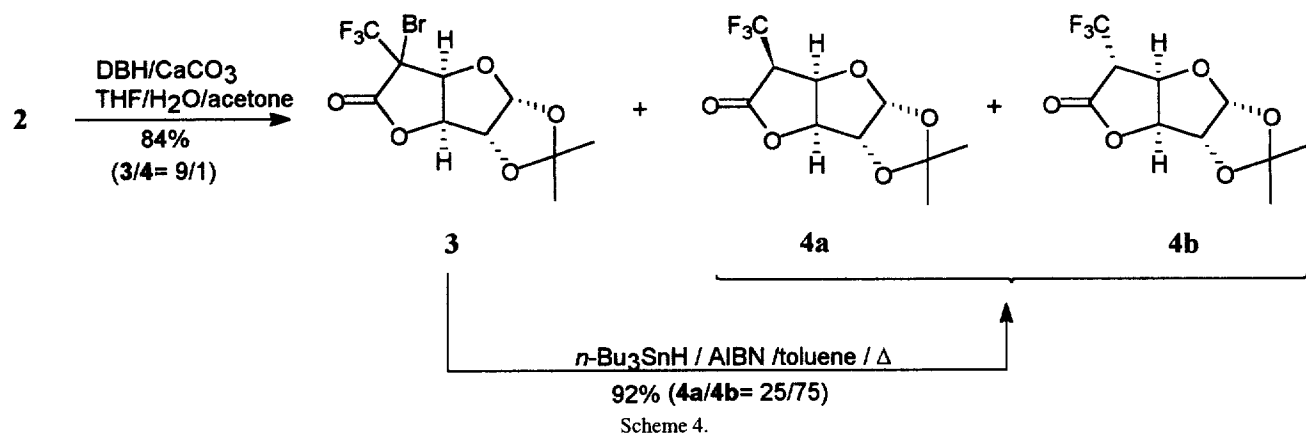
### 2.1. General methods

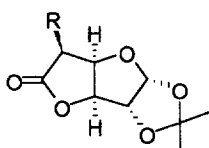
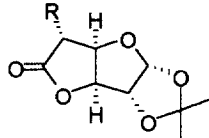
Melting points are uncorrected. FT-IR spectra were run on a MIDAS apparatus.  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{19}\text{F}$ , and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were

recorded on a BRUKER AC-250 spectrometer. All chemical shifts are reported in ppm. against internal tetramethylsilane for  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra and  $\text{CFCl}_3$  for  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra. MS data were obtained on a Fison VG autospec apparatus at 70 eV in the electron impact mode. Elemental analyses were performed with a Perkin-Elmer CHN 2400 apparatus. All reactions were monitored by TLC (Merck F 254) or GC. GC analyses were performed on a HP 5890 chromatograph equipped with a polydimethylsiloxane HP ultra I column and a flame ionization detector. Silica gel Merck 9385 (40–63  $\mu\text{m}$ ) was used for flash chromatography.

#### 2.1.1. 2-(5-Deoxy-1,2-O-isopropylidene- $\alpha$ -D-xylo-furanose-5-ylidene)-1,3-dithiane (**1**)

A solution of *n*-BuLi (1.6 M in hexane, 15 ml,  $2.4 \cdot 10^{-2}$  mol) was slowly added under argon at  $-50^\circ\text{C}$  to a solution of 1,2-O-isopropylidene- $\alpha$ -D-xylo-pentodialdo-1,4-furanose (4.10 g,  $2.18 \cdot 10^{-2}$  mol) in anhydrous THF (25 ml). After 20 min stirring, a solution of 2-lithio-2-trimethylsilyl-1,3-dithiane was slowly added at  $-50^\circ\text{C}$  to the reaction mixture (2-lithio-2-trimethylsilyl-1,3-dithiane was previously prepared by addition at  $-30^\circ\text{C}$  of a 1.6 M solution of *n*-BuLi (17.7 ml,  $2.83 \cdot 10^{-2}$  mol) to a solution of 2-trimethylsilyl-1,3-dithiane (5.45 g,  $2.83 \cdot 10^{-2}$  mol) in THF (25 ml) and stirring 30 min). The mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature and was neutralized with a 2 N HCl solution and a saturated  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  solution. After extraction with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , the organic layer was dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and the solvent was

Table 1  
NMR correlation

| Product   | $\delta$ H <sub>1</sub> ( $^3J_{1,2}$ ) | $\delta$ H <sub>2</sub> ( $^3J_{2,3}$ ) | $\delta$ H <sub>3</sub> ( $^3J_{3,4}$ ) | $\delta$ H <sub>4</sub> ( $^3J_{4,5}$ ) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| <br>R = OTf [14,15]<br>R = CF <sub>3</sub> (4a) | 6.06 (3.7)                              | 4.86 (0.5)                              | 4.93 (3.1)                              | 5.07 (4.0)                              |
|   | 6.03 (3.7)                              | 4.84 (0)                                | 4.86 (3.3)                              | 5.17 (4.5)                              |
| <br>R = OBz [14]<br>R = CF <sub>3</sub> (4b)   | 6.01 (3.7)                              | 4.89 (0.5)                              | 4.94 (3.4)                              | 5.23 (0.5)                              |
|   | 5.99 (3.4)                              | 4.88 (0)                                | 4.94 (3.4)                              | 5.10 (0)                                |

evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was washed with a small amount of diethylether and filtered to give **1** (3.79 g, 60%) as a white solid: mp = 171.5°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.33 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.54 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.80 (m, 1H, OH), 2.12–2.23 (m, 2H, SCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S), 2.80–3.06 (m, 4H, SCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.16 (m, 1H, H<sub>3</sub>), 4.55 (d, 1H,  $^3J_{1,2}$  = 3.8 Hz, H<sub>2</sub>), 5.14 (dd, 1H,  $^3J_{3,4}$  = 2.9 Hz,  $^3J_{4,5}$  = 7.8 Hz, H<sub>4</sub>), 5.92 (d, 1H,  $^3J_{4,5}$  = 7.8 Hz, H<sub>5</sub>), 5.94 (d, 1H,  $^3J_{1,2}$  = 3.8 Hz, H<sub>1</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  24.25 (SCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S), 26.8 and 26.3 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 29.3 and 29.0 (SCH<sub>2</sub>), 76.2 (C<sub>3</sub>), 78.1 (C<sub>4</sub>), 85.1 (C<sub>2</sub>), 104.4 (C<sub>1</sub>), 111.7 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 122.8 (C<sub>5</sub>), 135.4 (C<sub>6</sub>); IR (KBr) 3428, 1582, 1221, 1163, 1076, 1003 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS *m/e* (%) 290 (M<sup>+</sup>, 9), 160 (100), 59 (34); Anal. Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: C, 49.63; H, 6.25. Found: C, 49.42; H, 6.14%.

#### 2.1.2. 6,3-Anhydro-5-deoxy-1,2-O-isopropylidene-6,6-[propylenebis(sulfanediyl)]-5-C-trifluoromethyl- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranose and $\beta$ -L-ido-furanose (**2**)

A solution of **1** (1.48 g, 5.1 mmol) in DMF (12 ml) was introduced in the autoclave reactor with sodium hydrogen-carbonate (10.2 mmol), pyridine (10.2 mmol), sulfur dioxide (3–4 M) in solution in DMF (10.2 mmol) and sodium formate (30.3 mmol). The apparatus was purged and sub-

mitted to a 8–10-bar pressure of CF<sub>3</sub>Br at room temperature with vigorous stirring. After 8 h the pressure was released and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. The crude mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and washed with water. The aqueous layer was extracted three times with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was evaporated to give **2** (72%) as a 60/40 mixture of two diastereomers which were separated by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/AcOEt 9/1).

Minor diastereomer. White solid: mp = 93°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.35 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.49 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.96–2.19 (m, 2H, SCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S), 2.74–2.83 (m, 2H, SCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.96 (dq, 1H,  $^3J_{HF}$  = 9.0 Hz,  $^3J_{4,5}$  = 5.0 Hz, H<sub>5</sub>), 3.29–3.52 (m, 2H, SCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.72 (d, 1H,  $^3J_{1,2}$  = 3.8 Hz, H<sub>2</sub>), 4.80 (d, 1H,  $^3J_{3,4}$  = 4.2 Hz, H<sub>3</sub>), 5.16 (t, 1H,  $^3J_{3,4}$  –  $^3J_{4,5}$  = 4.6 Hz, H<sub>4</sub>), 6.12 (d, 1H,  $^3J_{1,2}$  = 3.8 Hz, H<sub>1</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  24.03 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.85 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.26 (SCH<sub>2</sub>), 27.35 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.91 (SCH<sub>2</sub>), 60.31 (q,  $^2J_{CF}$  = 28.9 Hz, CH–CF<sub>3</sub>), 81.57, 84.08 and 86.99 (C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>3</sub> and C<sub>4</sub>), 91.90 (S–C–S), 107.96 (C<sub>1</sub>), 112.97 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 123.26 (q,  $^1J_{CF}$  = 280 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>); <sup>19</sup>F NMR  $\delta$  –60.05 (d, 3F,  $^3J_{HF}$  = 9.0 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>); MS *m/e* (%) 358 (M<sup>+</sup>, 78), 343 (M – 15, 17), 301 (5), 285 (7), 269 (28), 241 (8), 227

(26), 213 (21), 173 (51), 129 (11), 106 (100); Anal. Calcd for  $C_{13}H_{17}O_4F_3S_2$ : C, 43.57; H, 4.78. Found: C, 43.81; H 4.40%.

Major diastereomer. White solid: mp = 83°C;  $^1H$  NMR  $\delta$  1.31 (s, 3H,  $CH_3$ ), 1.45 (s, 3H,  $CH_3$ ), 1.88–2.17 (m, 2H,  $SCH_2CH_2CH_2S$ ), 2.62–2.78 (m, 2H,  $SCH_2$ ), 2.95 (dq, 1H,  $^3J_{HF} = 10.0$  Hz,  $^3J_{4,5} = 3.1$  Hz,  $H_5$ ), 3.19–3.49 (m, 2H,  $SCH_2$ ), 4.74 (d, 1H,  $^3J_{1,2} = 3.4$  Hz,  $H_2$ ), 4.74 (d, 1H,  $^3J_{3,4} = 4.6$  Hz,  $H_3$ ), 5.05 (dd, 1H,  $^3J_{3,4} = 4.6$  Hz,  $^3J_{4,5} = 3.1$  Hz,  $H_4$ ), 5.99 (d, 1H,  $^3J_{1,2} = 3.4$  Hz,  $H_1$ );  $^{13}C$  NMR  $\delta$  23.8 ( $CH_2$ ), 26.4 ( $SCH_2$ ), 26.6 and 27.2 (2x  $CH_3$ ), 28.8 ( $SCH_2$ ), 63.8 (q,  $^2J_{CF} = 28.0$  Hz,  $CH-CF_3$ ), 83.1, 83.5 and 85.8 ( $C_2$ ,  $C_3$  and  $C_4$ ), 92.3 (S–C–S), 107.1 ( $C_1$ ), 112.6 ( $C(CH_3)_2$ ), 123.9 (q,  $^1J_{CF} = 279$  Hz,  $CF_3$ );  $^{19}F$  NMR  $\delta$  –64.16 (d, 3F,  $^3J_{HF} = 10.0$  Hz,  $CF_3$ ); IR (KBr) 2998, 2934, 1391, 1377, 1273 (vs), 1173 (vs), 1130 (vs), 1030 (vs), 905, 710  $cm^{-1}$ ; MS  $m/e$  (%) 358 ( $M^+$ , 100), 283 (6), 269 (9), 241 (5), 227 (9), 213 (16), 173 (33), 157 (28), 119 (68); Anal. Calcd for  $C_{13}H_{17}O_4F_3S_2$ : C, 43.57; H 4.78. Found: C, 43.33; H, 4.36.

### 2.1.3. 5-Bromo-5-deoxy-1,2-O-isopropylidene-5-C-trifluoromethyl-D-glucurono-6,3-lactone and 5-bromo-5-deoxy-1,2-O-isopropylidene-5-C-trifluoromethyl-L-idurono-6,3-lactone (3)

A solution of **2** (0.396 g; 1.10 mmol) in 15 ml of a THF/ $H_2O$ /acetone (1/2/1) mixture was reacted during 3 h at 0–10°C with DBH (0.948 g, 3.31 mmol) in the presence of  $CaCO_3$  (0.772 g, 7.73 mmol). The mixture was poured into a  $CH_2Cl_2/H_2O$  mixture and the aqueous layer was extracted three times with  $CH_2Cl_2$ . The combined organic layers were washed with a saturated solution of  $NH_4Cl$ , dried over  $MgSO_4$  and the solvent was evaporated. The crude product (0.549 g) was submitted to silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/AcOEt 85/15) to give **3** (0.292 g, 76%) as a 55/45 mixture of diastereomers and **4** (0.025 g, 8%).

**3** (major diastereomer):  $^1H$  NMR  $\delta$  1.38 (s, 3H,  $CH_3$ ), 1.55 (s, 3H,  $CH_3$ ), 4.84 (d, 1H,  $^3J_{1,2} = 3.4$  Hz,  $H_2$ ), 5.11 (m, 2H,  $H_3$  and  $H_4$ ), 6.06 (d, 1H,  $^3J_{1,2} = 3.4$  Hz,  $H_1$ );  $^{13}C$  NMR  $\delta$  26.46 and 27.06 ( $C(CH_3)_2$ ), 52.26 (q,  $^2J_{CF} = 33.5$  Hz,  $CH-CF_3$ ), 80.58, 83.61, 83.98 ( $C_2$ ,  $C_3$ ,  $C_4$ ), 107.87 ( $C_1$ ), 114.29 ( $C(CH_3)_2$ ), 121.08 (q,  $^1J_{CF} = 281$  Hz,  $CF_3$ ), 164.87 ( $C=O$ );  $^{19}F$  NMR  $\delta$  –66.95 (s,  $CF_3$ ); IR (KBr) 2998, 2942 (w), 1804 (vs), 1389, 1321, 1302, 1262, 1196 (vs), 1167 (vs), 1071, 1024 (vs), 982 (vs), 897, 822, 685, 523  $cm^{-1}$ .

**3** (minor diastereomer; representative peaks are described):  $^1H$  NMR  $\delta$  1.38 (s, 3H,  $CH_3$ ), 1.55 (s, 3H,  $CH_3$ ), 4.95 (d, 1H,  $^3J_{1,2} = 3.7$  Hz,  $H_2$ ), 5.03 (s, 2H,  $H_3$  and  $H_4$ ), 6.04 (d, 1H,  $^3J_{1,2} = 3.7$  Hz,  $H_1$ );  $^{13}C$  NMR  $\delta$  58.59 (q,  $^2J_{CF} = 31.5$  Hz,  $CH-CF_3$ ), 122.01 (q,  $^1J_{CF} = 281$  Hz,  $CF_3$ );  $^{19}F$  NMR  $\delta$  –70.85 (s,  $CF_3$ ); MS  $m/e$  (%): 333 ( $M+1$ –15, 97), 331 ( $M-1$ –15, 100), 291 (40), 289 (40), 251 (4), 209 (24), 190 (5), 151 (10); Anal. Calcd for  $C_{10}H_{10}O_5F_3Br$ : C, 34.61; H, 2.90. Found: C, 34.63; H, 2.56%.

### 2.1.4. Reduction of (3) into (4a) and (4b)

The compound **3** (0.292 g, 0.84 mmol, a 55/45 ratio of two diastereomers) was introduced into a round bottom flask equipped with a condenser. Toluene (5.5 ml), tri-*n*-butyltin hydride (0.26 ml, 0.97 mmol) and AIBN (14 mg, 0.08 mmol) were added and the mixture was stirred 2 h at 70–80°C under argon. After cooling to room temperature, the solvent was evaporated. The crude product was purified by dissolving in  $CH_3CN$  and washing the  $CH_3CN$  layer three times with petroleum ether to get rid of the tin (II) residues. The polar layer was evaporated to give a **4a/4b** (25/75) mixture (0.206 g, 92%) as a white solid which can be recrystallized in toluene.

### 2.1.5. 5-Deoxy-1,2-O-isopropylidene-5-C-trifluoromethyl- $\alpha$ -D-glucurono-6,3-lactone (4a)

$^1H$  NMR  $\delta$  1.37 (s, 3H,  $CH_3$ ), 1.54 (s, 3H,  $CH_3$ ), 3.52 (dq, 1H,  $^3J_{HF} = 8.0$  Hz,  $^3J_{4,5} = 4.6$  Hz,  $H_5$ ), 4.84 (d, 1H,  $^3J_{1,2} = 3.7$  Hz,  $H_2$ ), 4.86 (d, 1H,  $^3J_{3,4} = 3.3$  Hz,  $H_3$ ), 5.17 (dd, 1H,  $^3J_{3,4} = 3.3$  Hz,  $^3J_{4,5} = 4.5$  Hz,  $H_4$ ), 6.03 (d, 1H,  $^3J_{1,2} = 3.7$  Hz,  $H_1$ );  $^{13}C$  NMR  $\delta$  26.45 and 26.92 ( $C(CH_3)_2$ ), 49.87 (q,  $^2J_{CF} = 30.8$  Hz,  $CH-CF_3$ ), 81.64, 83.86, 76.91 ( $C_2$ ,  $C_3$ ,  $C_4$ ), 106.96 ( $C_1$ ), 113.60 ( $C(CH_3)_2$ ), 122.18 (q,  $^1J_{CF} = 278$  Hz,  $CF_3$ ), 166.48 ( $C=O$ );  $^{19}F$  NMR  $\delta$  –63.15 (d, 3F,  $^3J_{HF} = 7.5$  Hz,  $CF_3$ ).

### 2.2. 5-Desoxy-1,2-O-isopropylidene-5-C-trifluoromethyl- $\beta$ -L-idurono-6,3-lactone (4b)

$^1H$  NMR  $\delta$  1.37 (s, 3H,  $CH_3$ ), 1.54 (s, 3H,  $CH_3$ ), 3.46 (q, 1H,  $^3J_{HF} = 9.9$  Hz,  $H_5$ ), 4.88 (d, 1H,  $^3J_{1,2} = 3.4$  Hz,  $H_2$ ), 4.94 (d, 1H,  $^3J_{3,4} = 3.4$  Hz,  $H_3$ ), 5.10 (d, 1H,  $^3J_{3,4} = 3.4$  Hz,  $H_4$ ), 5.99 (d, 1H,  $^3J_{1,2} = 3.4$  Hz,  $H_1$ );  $^{13}C$  NMR  $\delta$  26.41 and 26.95 ( $C(CH_3)_2$ ), 52.15 (q,  $^2J_{CF} = 28.9$  Hz,  $CH-CF_3$ ), 78.32, 82.08, 85.33 ( $C_2$ ,  $C_3$ ,  $C_4$ ), 106.03 ( $C_1$ ), 113.41 ( $C(CH_3)_2$ ), 122.30 (q,  $^1J_{CF} = 280$  Hz,  $CF_3$ ), 166.85 ( $C=O$ );  $^{19}F$  NMR  $\delta$  –66.74 (d, 3F,  $^3J_{HF} = 7.4$  Hz,  $CF_3$ ); IR (KBr) 3000, 2940, 1800 (vs), 1389, 1254 (vs), 1171 (vs), 1123 (vs), 1074, 1026 (vs), 899, 826, 691  $cm^{-1}$ ; MS  $m/e$  (%) 253 ( $M-15$ , 100), 211 (98), 191 (7), 165 (6), 152 (15), 132 (9), 123 (8); Anal. Calcd for  $C_{10}H_{11}O_5F_3$  (**4a/4b** mixture): C, 44.79; H, 4.13. Found: C, 45.20; H, 3.81%.

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