# **A New Stereoselective Route to Branched-Chain Nitro and Amino Avidinosamine Sugars: Synthesis of Both Enantiomers of Decilonitrose and**

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Short, efficient, and highly diastereoselective syntheses of the title carbohydrates **(15,21,** and **221,**  Components of new anthracycline antibiotics, on a gram scale from readily available keto sugar precursors **6** and **17** are described. The syntheses feature the smooth and clean addition of organocerium compounds to benzyloxyimino derivatives **7** and **18,** which provide the branched-chain hydroxyamino sugars **(9,20)** bearing an equatorial methyl group with complete regia- and stereocontrol. Treatment of oximino deoxy sugars  $(7,18)$  with methyllithium resulted in  $\beta$ -elimination and afforded pyranoid 1-enol 3-one oximes (8, **19).** 

D-Decilonitrose **(l),** ita L-enantiomer **2,** and L-avidinosamine (3) belong to a family of methyl-branched nitro and amino sugars and have been found as components of antibiotics and antitumor active natural products such as: decilorubicin<sup>1</sup> and arugomycin,<sup>2</sup> viriplanin D,<sup>3</sup> a photooxidation product of viriplanin A, and avidinorubicin.4 Other members of this group are, e.g., L-evernitrose (from evernin~micins),~ D-rubranitrose **(4)** (from rubradirin),<sup>6</sup> and D-kijanose (5) (from kijanimicin and tetro $carcins$ ).<sup>7</sup>



The novel structural features of these unusual carbohydrates and their significant role in antibiotic activity<sup>8</sup> contribute to the strong interest in the synthesis $9-12$  of these nitro and amino sugars. Decilonitrose **(1** and **21,** 

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Introduction avidinosamine **(31,** D-rubranitrose **(4),** and D-kijanose **(5)**  each contain, **as** a common structural unit, a tertiary carbon at position 3 bearing an equatorial methyl and an axial nitro or amino group. Introduction of the geminal methyl and nitrogen functionality at C-3 with the proper stereochemistry proved to be the pivotal problem and most critical part in chemical synthesis.

> Frequently adopted methods for the synthesis of this class of compounds have relied on spiro-aziridines as intermediates which undergo reductive ring opening to give the desired C-3 functionality. $9-12$  Despite its success, the spiroaziridine route suffers from modest diastereoselectivities, most significant in cases where the carbonnitrogen bond at the branching is required axial, **as** in decilonitrose **(1** and **2)** and L-avidinosamine (3).13-16 Stereoselective syntheses of these carbohydrates have been developed by Giuliano et al.16-18 on the basis of the Hg- (11)-mediated electrophilic cyclization of allylic isoureas followed by the hydrolysis of the resulting oxazoline. We wished to avoid the use of stoichiometric amounts of toxic mercury compounds and decided to develop another, more convenient and efficient, synthesis of decilonitrose-type sugars. Our approach has been to introduce a methyl branch into 0-benzyloximino derivatives of glycosid-3 uloses.

#### Results and Discussion

The addition of organolithium or Grignard compounds to keto sugars provides a well-established standard method for the synthesis of  $C$ -methyl-branched sugars.<sup>9,19</sup> The

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reaction proceeds in excellent yields and, in the vast majority of examples, with high stereoselectivity. **As** a part of our studies on the synthesis of naturally occurring methyl-branched carbohydrates,<sup>20,21</sup> we were prompted to extend this strategy to the addition of methyl anions to the **C=N** bond of suitable imine derivatives of glycosiduloses. For this purpose ether derivatives of oximino sugars were considered to be most suitable precursors, **as**  the labile N-0 bond of the resulting hydroxylamines can be easily cleaved by reduction under mild conditions.

The **2-deoxyglycosid-3-uloses** 6 (Scheme I) and **17**  (Scheme **11)** were chosen as ideally suited intermediates for the syntheses of both enantiomers of decilonitrose. Methyl 4,6-*O*-benzylidene-2-deoxy-α-D-erythro-hexopyranosid-3-ulose (6) was prepared in four steps starting with methyl  $\alpha$ -D-glucoside.<sup>22,23</sup> 1,5-Anhydro-2,6-dideoxy-L**erythro-hex-1-en-3-ulose** (l6)24'was obtained by oxidation



of the readily available L-rhamnal<sup>25</sup> with activated manganese dioxide. The base-catalyzed Michael addition of methanol<sup>26</sup> resulted in a mixture of anomers  $(17, \alpha/\beta)$  ca. 88:12) according to previous work of Pelyvás et al.<sup>27</sup> Chromatographic separation of the anomeric mixture was difficult to achieve on a preparative scale at this stage and was avoided, especially **as** a separation turned out to be not essential for the following investigation. Treatment of the ketones 6 and 17 with  $O$ -benzylhydroxylamine<sup>28</sup> in ethanolic solution at room temperature afforded the oximino ethers **7** and **18,** respectively, in excellent yields.

L-Mycarose, 2,6-dideoxy-3-C-methyl-L-ribo-hexose, occurs as a sugar component of various therapeutically important macrolide antibiotics, e.g., erythromycin. Syntheses of the  $D-29$  and L-forms<sup>26,30</sup> of mycarose were achieved by treating the oxoglycosides 6 and **17,** respectively, with methylmagnesium iodide **or** methyllithium. However, attempts toadapt this procedure to the oximino derivatives **7** and **18** of the ulosides **6 and 17** failed to give the desired hydroxyamino sugar products, instead resulting in rapid  $\beta$ -elimination of methanol and the formation of the pyranoid enolone oximes 8 and **19,** respectively. These compounds constitute new glycal derivatives with potential synthetic significance.

Organocerium compounds have been established as nonbasic and highly nucleophilic reagents for carbonyl

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additions31 and have also found use in stereoselective additions to chiral imines and related derivatives,  $32$  e.g., hydrazones<sup>32a</sup> and aldoxime-ether acetals.<sup>32b</sup> Good yields and high diastereoselectivities have been **observed** throughout these reactions, which failed when other organometallics were used. To our knowledge, the reaction of carbonyl derivatives with organocerium reagents has not yet been extended to ketoxime ethers, especially not in carbohydrate chemistry.

We generated the methylcerium reagent  $H_3CCeCl_2$  by the reaction of anhydrous CeCl<sub>3</sub> with methyllithium at -78 "C in tetrahydrofuran according to the known pro cedure.<sup>33</sup> During warming, in the temperature range of about -10 to 0 "C, smooth and clean addition to the oximino sugars  $(7, 18\alpha, \beta)$  occurred, and the corresponding hydroxylamines  $(9, 20\alpha, \beta)$  were obtained in excellent yields. For complete conversion *5* equiv of methylcerium chloride was needed. The organocerium reagent reacts in analogy to other C-nucleophiles<sup>26,29,30,34</sup> and attacked the C=N double bond from the equatorial direction to afford, selectively, the 1,2-addition products having the  $D$ -ribo (9) and L-ribo configuration (20), respectively. The *a*and  $\beta$ -anomer of 18 both gave hydroxyamino sugars with an equatorially oriented methyl branch. It is remarkable that the addition reactions proceed quite well even in the presence of unblocked hydroxy groups. The structures of all methylation products were assigned on the basis of extensive <sup>1</sup>H-NOE difference spectroscopy.

In addition, the correct configuration of O-benzylhydroxyimino sugar compound 9 was independently proved by chemical means. Hydrogenation of 9 over palladiumcharcoal furnished, after acetylation, methyl 3-acetamido-4,6-O-benzylidene-2,3-dideoxy-3-C-methyl-α-D-ribo-hexopyranoside (11). This compound is a well-developed precursor to both D-rubranitrose **(4)** and D-kijanose (5).35a The physical constants were in good agreement with those reported in the literature.

With regard to a convenient synthesis of methyl  $\alpha$ -Ddecilonitroside (15, Scheme I), the nitro sugar component of the anthracycline antibiotic viriplanin  $D<sup>3</sup>$  we required a more readily removable N-protecting group. Thus, the methyl-branched amino sugar 10 was conventionally converted into the crystalline N-trifluoroacetamide 12.35 Reaction of the latter with  $N$ -bromosuccinimide<sup>36</sup> in gently boiling tetrachloromethane furnished the 6-bromo compound 1335 which was converted directly into the trideoxy sugar 14 by hydrogenolysis using Raney nickel catalyst in the presence of triethylamine. Brimacombe et al.,3Sa however, obtained 14 by the more lengthy and less efficient procedure involving the preparation of the intermediate 6-iodo derivative. Treatment of deoxy derivative 14 with 3 equiv of sodium methoxide in methanol resulted in concomitant cleavage of the 0-benzoyl and N-(trifluoroacetyl) group. In the last step, oxidation of the intermediate D-avidinosamine derivative with m-chloroperoxybenzoic acid gave methyl  $\alpha$ -D-decilonitroside (15).

Conversion of O-benzylhydroxyamino sugar  $20\alpha$  into methyl  $\alpha$ -L-decilonitroside (22, Scheme II), the methylbranched nitro sugar isolated from antitumor antibiotics decilorubicin' and arugomycin? proved to be straightforward. Debenzylation with hydrogen over palladium on charcoal was accompanied by reductive N-0 cleavage to afford crystalline methyl  $\alpha$ -L-avidinosaminide (21) in 88% yield. Avidinosamine is the amino sugar component of the novel anthracycline antibiotic avidinorubicin.<sup>4</sup> Avidinorubicin inhibits the thrombin-induced platelet aggregation and was determined to be strongly related to decilorubicin. On subjecting amino alcohol 21 to peracid oxidation, essentially **as** described in the D-series, methyl  $\alpha$ -L-decilonitroside (22) was obtained in 70% vield.

In conclusion, we have demonstrated that the readily accessible oximino ethers of keto sugars serve as key intermediates in the diastereoselective synthesis of branched-chain amino and nitro sugars. Specifically, the described methodology offers a convenient and efficient approach to both enantiomers of decilonitrose (1,2) and other derivatives that provide good precursors for the synthesis of D-rubranitrose **(4)** and D-kijanose (5).

Moreover, expansion of our methodology to other alkylcerium reagents provides access to amino sugars with, e.g., ethyl, butyl, and phenyl branches.

### **Experimental Section**

**General Procedures.** Melting points were determined on a Bfichi 510 melting-point apparatus and are uncorrected. Optical rotations were determined with a Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 1750 FT infrared spectrophotometer. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian VXR 300 (<sup>1</sup>H, 300 MHz; <sup>13</sup>C, 75 MHz) or Varian unity 500/hrd (IH, *500* MHz; 13C, 125 MHz) spectrometer. 'H-NOE difference spectra were recorded on a Varian unity  $500/hrd$  (<sup>1</sup>H,  $500 MHz$ ). Chemical shifts are given relative to TMS. The anomeric ratio of the products was determined by l9C NMRspectra. Elemental analyses were recorded on a Heraeus CHNO-Rapid apparatus. The progress of reactions was monitored by thin-layer chromatography using aluminum-supported plates of silica gel 60 (0.2 mm,  $\bar{F}_{254}$ ; Merck, Darmstadt, Germany). Spots were detected by spraying with EtOH/H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/anisaldehyde  $(18/1/1)$  and heating or UV activity. For column chromatography, silica gel 60  $(0.063-0.1 \text{ mm}; \text{Merck})$  was used. All manipulations involving organometallics were carried out under an protective atmosphere of argon. Tetrahydrofuran was distilled from sodium/benzophenone ketyl immediately before use. Cerous chloride heptahydrate was obtained from Fluka and stored under argon. 0-Benzylhydroxylamine hydrochloride was obtained from Janssen Chimica and stored in an anhydrous atmosphere.

O-Benzyl Methyl 4,6-O-Benzylidene-2,3-dideoxy-a-Derythro-hexopyranosid-3-ulose Oxime (7). O-Benzylhydroxylamine hydrochloride **(5.0** g, 31,3 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous EtOH (150 **mL).** To the stirred solution was added finely powdered NaOH  $(1.28 \text{ g}, 32 \text{ mmol})$ . After 15 min of additional stirring, the precipitated NaCl was fiitered off, and to the resulting solution was added methyl 4,6-0-benzylidene-2-deoxy-α-D-erythro-hexopyranosid-3-ulose (6) (5 g, 18.9 mmol)<sup>22,23</sup> with stirring at room temperature. After a few minutes the oxime **<sup>7</sup>**began to separate **as** voluminous flakes. The crystallization was complete after 2 h at room temperature. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with cold EtOH, and dried in vacuo to give 5.7 g (82%) of oxime 7: mp 167-168 °C;  $[\alpha]^{25}$ <sub>D</sub> 128° (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (KBr) 1650 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=N); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) **6** 7.25-7.54 (m, 10H, Ph), 5.61 **(a,** lH, CHPh),5.18 **(a,** 2H, CH2- Ph), 4.86 (d, 1H, H-1,  $J_{1,2a} = 4.3$  Hz), 4.30 (dd, 1H, H-6eq,  $J_{6.95}$ ,

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O-Benzyl 1,5-Anhydro-4,6-O-benzylidene-2-deoxy-D-erythro-hex-1-en-3-ulose Oxime (8). To a stirred solution of  $O$ -benzyl oxime **7** (1 g, 2.7 mmol) in THF (50 mL) was added MeLi (5.4 mmol, 3.4 mL of 1.6 M ether solution) dropwise at  $-78$  °C. The resulting mixture was stirred for 10 min and then quenched by addition of ice-water (15 mL). The resulting solution was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue thoroughly extracted with ether. The combined extracts were dried over MgS04, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Column chromatography of the residue [cyclohexane-EtOAc (4: 1)] gave 0.77 g (84%) of 8: mp 173-174 °C;  $[\alpha]^{20}$ <sub>D</sub> 207° (c 0.89, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (KBr) 1615 (C=N), 1586 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>8</sub>)  $\delta$  7.26-7.55 (m, 10H, Ph), 6.65 (d, 1H, H-1,  $J_{1,2}$  = 6.1 Hz), 6.01 (d, lH, H-2,J2,1= 6.1 Hz), 5.64 *(8,* lH, CHPh), 5.22 (d, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph,  $J = 11.8$  Hz), 5.15 (d, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph,  $J = 11.8$  Hz), 4.55 (d, 1H, H-4,  $J_{4,5} = 10.8$  Hz), 4.43 (dd, 1H, H-6eq,  $J_{6eq,5} = 5.1$  $\text{Hz}, J_{\text{60q,6ax}} = 10.5 \text{ Hz}, 4.12 \text{ (td, 1H, H-5, } J_{5,\text{60q}} = 4.8 \text{ Hz}, J_{5,\text{60x}} =$  $J_{5,4} = 10.4$  Hz), 3.92 (t, 1H, H-6ax,  $J_{6ax, 6eq} = J_{6ax, 5} = 10.3$  Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 68.27 (C-6), 71.36 and 74.33 (C-4, 5), 76.42 (CHaPh), 95.11 (C-2), 102.02 (CHPh), 126.51,127.82,128.20, 128.28, 128.29, 129.21, 136.71, 137.43 (Ph), 145.77 (C-3), 150.61 10.4 **Hz**), 3.92 (t, 1H, H-6ax,  $J_{6ax, 6a}$ (C-1). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{20}H_{19}NO_4$  (337.38): C, 71.20; H, 5.68; N, 4.15. Found: C, 71.42; H, 5.71; N, 4.03.

Methyl **4,6-OBenzylidene-2,3-dideoxy-3-(** O-benzylhydroxyamino)-3-C-methyl-a-D-ribo-hexopyranoside (9). Cerium chloride (CeCl<sub>3</sub> $7H_2O$ ) (25.2 g, 67.6 mmol) was dried at 140 <sup>o</sup>C under vacuum (0.1 mmHg) to constant weight. The resulting powder was cooled under vacuum, and the flask was flushed with argon. Freshly distilled tetrahydrofuran (300 mL) was added and the resulting suspension stirred overnight. The mixture was cooled to -78 "C whereupon MeLi (68.0 mmol, 42.5 mL of 1.6 M ether solution) was added dropwise. The yellow suspension was stirred for 1 h, and then a solution of 0-benzyl oxime **7** (5.0 g, 13.5 mmol) in THF (50 mL) was added dropwise. After 2 h at -78 °C the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C and then stirred for 1 h. The resulting brown suspension was quenched by addition of saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (135 mL), and the resulting mixture was extracted thoroughly with ether. The combined extracts were dried over MgSO4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. Column chromatography of the residue [cyclohexane<sup>-i</sup>Pr<sub>2</sub>O (2:1)] gave 4.5 g (86%) of syrupy 9:  $[\alpha]^{25}$ <sub>D</sub> 72° (c 0.9, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film) 3281 and 1606 cm<sup>-1</sup> (NH); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(500 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$   $\delta$  7.24-7.47 (m, 10H, Ph), 6.00 (bs, 1H, NH), 5.50 (s, 1H, CHPh), 4.86 (d, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph,  $J = 11.0$  Hz), 4.79 (d, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph, *J* = 11.3 Hz), 4.71 (d, 1H, H-1,  $J_{1,2ax}$  = 4.6 Hz), 4.28  $H-5$ ,  $J_{5,600} = 5.2$  Hz,  $J_{5,60x} = J_{5,4} = 9.8$  Hz), 3.66 (t, 1H, H-6ax,  $J_{6ax,6eq} = J_{6ax,5} = 9.8 \text{ Hz}$ , 3.51 *(d, 1H, H-4,*  $J_{4,5} = 9.5 \text{ Hz}$ *), 3.39 <i>(s,* ) H-2ax, *J*<sub>2ax,1</sub> = 4.7 Hz, *J*<sub>2ax,2eq</sub> = 14.8 Hz), 1.32 *(8, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-3)*; H-4, 8.95%; '3C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl3) 6 23.35 (CH3-3), 37.45 (C-6), 76.54 (CHzPh), 98.44 and 102.07 (C-1, CHPh), 126.18,  $(dd, 1H, H-6eq, J_{6eq,5} = 5.2 \text{ Hz}, J_{6eq,6ax} = 9.8 \text{ Hz}, 4.23 \text{ (td, 1H)}$ 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.41 (d, 1H, H-2eq,  $J_{2\text{eq},2\text{ex}} = 14.7 \text{ Hz}$ ), 1.63 (dd, 1H,  $^{1}$ H-NOE measurement (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) [irradiation in CH<sub>3</sub>-3] (C-2), 55.16 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 56.30 (C-3), 58.84 and 84.24 (C-4, 5), 69.59 **127.42,128.14,128.46,128.89,137.66,138.44** (Ph). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{22}H_{27}NO_5$  (385.46): C, 68.55; H, 7.06; N, 3.63. Found: C, 68.50; H, 7.01; N, 3.70.

Methyl **3-Amino-4,6-@benzylidene2,3-dideoxy-3-Cmeth** $y \cdot a$ -D-ribo-hexopyranoside (10). A solution of 9  $(4.3 g, 11.2 g)$ mmol) in methanol (200 mL) was hydrogenated in the presence of 10% palladium on charcoal (0.5 g) under a slight overpressure of hydrogen for 20 hat room temperature. Removal of the catalyst and concentration of the fiitrate under reduced pressure furnished

3.1 g of 1P@ **as** a colorless syrup, which was transformed without further purification and characterization into the corresponding 3-acetamido 11 and 3-(trifluoroacetamido) 12 derivatives, respectively.

Methyl 3-Acetamido-4,6- **O-benzylidene-2,3-dideoxy-3-C**   $\text{methyl-}\alpha$ -D-ribo-hexopyranoside (11). To a solution of crude amine 10 (3.1 g) in anhydrous dichloromethane (125 mL) and dry pyridine (33.5 mL) was added acetic anhydride (17 mL, 0.180 mol) at 0 °C dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature and then poured into ice-water. The aqueous solution was extracted thoroughly with dichloromethane, and the combined extracts were washed successively with dilute HCl, saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, and water and dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>). Removal of the solvent under reduced pressure and chromatography of the residue on silica gel with cyclohexane-EtOAc (1:l) gave 2.2 g (61% oa) of a colorless syrup, which crystallized on standing: mp 124-125 °C (ether-pentane) (lit.<sup>35a</sup> mp 124-125 IR (KBr) 3437 (NH), 1690 and 1511 cm<sup>-1</sup> (NHAc); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl3) **6** 7.35-7.53 (m, 5H, Ph), 5.89 (bs, lH, NH), 5.61 °C);  $\lceil \alpha \rceil^{20}$  98° (c 1.09, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (lit.<sup>36</sup><sup>a</sup>  $\lceil \alpha \rceil^{20}$  107° (c 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>));  $(8, 1H, CHPh)$ , 4.66 (d, 1H, H-1,  $J_{1, 2ax} = 4.1$  Hz), 4.31 (dd, 1H, H-6eq,  $J_{6eq, 5} = 5.1$  Hz,  $J_{6eq, 6x} = 10.1$  Hz), 4.02 (td, 1H, H-5,  $J_{5, 6eq} = 4.9$  Hz,  $J_{5, 6x} = 9.9$  Hz),  $3.74$  (t, 1H, H-6 $\text{ax}, J_{6x, 6eq} = J_{6xz, 5} = 10.3$ = 14.8 Hz), 3.31 (8, 3H, OCHs), 1.92 *(8,* 3H, CHs-Ac), 1.57 (dd, 1H, H-2ax,  $J_{2a\text{x},1} = 4.1$  Hz,  $J_{2a\text{x},2aq} = 14.9$  Hz), 1.50 (8, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-3); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 23.73 (CH<sub>3</sub>-3), 24.63 (CH<sub>3</sub>-Ac), 36.39 (C-2), 52.14 (C-3), 55.41 (OCHs), 59.31 and 83.88 (C-4,5), 69.36 (C-6), 98.76 (C-1), 101.69 (CHPh), **125.97,128.27,129.07,137.21**  Hz), 3.43 (d, 1H, H-4,  $J_{4,5} = 9.5$  Hz), 3.41 (d, 1H, H-2eq,  $J_{20q,2ax}$ (Ph), 170.32 (C=0). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{17}H_{23}NO_5$  (321.37): C, 63.54; H, 7.21; N, 4.36. Found: C, 63.44; H, 7.29; N, 4.39.

Methyl 4,6-O-Benzylidene-2,3-dideoxy-3-C-methyl-3-(tri**fluoroacetamido)-a-D-ribo-hexopyranoside** (12). To a solution of crude amine 10 (3.0 g) in dichloromethane (125 **mL)** and dry pyridine (33.5 mL) **was** added trifluoroacetic anhydride (10 mL,  $71$  mmol) at  $0 °C$  dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 hat room temperature and then poured into ice-water. The aqueous solution was extracted thoroughly with dichloromethane, and the combined extracts were washed successively with dilute HCl, saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, and water and dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>). Removal of the solvent under reduced pressure and chromatography of the residue on silica gel with cyclohexane-EtOAc (4:1) gave 2.8g (67% oa) of crystalline 12: mp 118-120 °C (etherpentane) (lit.<sup>35a</sup> mp 122-123 °C);  $[\alpha]^{25}$ <sub>D</sub> 73° (c 1.01, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (lit.<sup>35a</sup>  $[\alpha]_D$  76° (c 0.6, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)); IR (KBr) 3340 (NH), 1740 and 1560 cm<sup>-1</sup> (NHCOCF<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.33-7.50 (m,  $J_{1,2ax} = 3.4 \text{ Hz}$ ), 4.30 (dd, 1H, H-6eq,  $J_{6,2,5} = 4.9 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $J_{6,9,6ax} = 10.3$ 9.5 Hz), 3.33 **(s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>)**, 3.02 **(dd, 1H, H-2eq,**  $J_{2\mathbf{e}\mathbf{q},1} = 1.0$  **Hz,** 5H, Ph), 7.12 (bs, lH, NH), 5.62 *(8,* lH, CHPh), 4.72 (d, lH, H-1,  $\overline{Hz}$ , 3.96 (td, 1H, H-5,  $J_{5,689} = 4.8 \overline{H}z$ ,  $J_{5,68x} = J_{5,4} = 9.9 \overline{Hz}$ ), 3.77 (t, 1H, H-6ax,  $J_{6ax, 6eq} = J_{6ax, 5} = 10.3$  Hz), 3.51 (d, 1H, H-4,  $J_{4,5}$  $J_{2\text{eq},2\text{a}x} = 15.2 \text{ Hz}$ ), 1.71 (dd, 1H, H-2ax,  $J_{2\text{a}x,1} = 3.9 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $J_{2\text{a}x,2\text{eq}} =$ 15.0 Hz), 1.58 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-3); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 23.03 (CH3-3), 37.27 (C-2), 53.60 (C-3), 55.25 (OCHs), 59.75 and 83.06 (C-4,5),69.16 (C-6),98.21and 102.07 (C-l,CHPh), 115.74 **(9,** lC, CF3, J <sup>=</sup>289 Hz), **126.03,128.37,129.23,136.92** (Ph), 156.53 (4, 1C, C=0,  $J = 36$  Hz). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>F<sub>3</sub> (375.34): C, 54.40; H, 5.37; N, 3.73. Found: C, 54.45; H, 5.39; N, 3.47.

Methyl **4-O-Benzoyl-6-bromo-2,3,6-trideoxy-3-Cmethyl-**3-(trifluoroacetamido)-α-D-ribo-hexopyranoside (13). A solution of compound 12 (2.8 g, 7.46 mmol) and NBS (1.84 g, 10.3 mmol)<sup>36</sup> in anhydrous tetrachloromethane  $(120$  mL) containing BaCO<sub>3</sub> (2.04 g, 10.3 mmol) was boiled to reflux for 1 h at 90 °C. The cooled mixture was filtered and the filtrate successively washed with 5% aqueous NaHSO<sub>3</sub> (50 mL), saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (50 mL), and finally with water (20 mL) and dried (MgS04). Removal of the solvent under reduced pressure and chromatography of the residue on silica gel [cyclohexane-EtOAc (6:1)] gave 2.4 g  $(71\%)$  of the bromo compound 13: mp 118-119 -16° (c 0.4, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)); IR (KBr) 3330 (NH), 1740 (C=0), 1710 and 1550 cm<sup>-1</sup> (NHCOCF<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.24 (bs, 1H, NH), 7.42-8.04 (m, 5H, Ph), 5.12 (d, lH, H-4, *J4.5* = 10.1 Hz), °C (lit.<sup>35a</sup> 120-121 °C); [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub> -14° (c 1.01, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (lit.<sup>35a</sup> [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub>

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4.93 (d, 1H, H-1,  $J_{1,2ax} = 3.4$  Hz), 4.10 (ddd, 1H, H-5,  $J_{5,699} = 2.7$  $\text{Hz}, J_{5,8a} = 7 \text{ Hz}, J_{5,4} = 10 \text{ Hz}, 3.51 \text{ (s, 3H, OCH}_3), 3.50 \text{ (dd, 1H,}$  $H\text{-}6$ eq,  $J_{6$ eq, $5}$  = 3  $\rm Hz,$   $J_{6}$ eq, $6$ ax = 10.8  $\rm Hz$ ), 3.43 (dd, 1 $\rm H,$   $\rm H\text{-}6$ ax,  $J_{6}$ ex  $= 7$  Hz,  $J_{6a\text{x},6e\text{q}} = 11$  Hz), 2.28 (dd, 1H, H-2eq,  $J_{2e\text{q},1} = 1.0$  Hz,  $J_{2e\text{q},2\text{p},\text{x}} = 14.8$  Hz), 1.93 (dd, 1H, H-2ax,  $J_{2a\text{x},1} = 4.1$  Hz,  $J_{2a\text{x},2e\text{q}} =$  $14.8$  Hz), 1.68 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  23.44  $(CH<sub>3</sub>-3)$ , 31.96 (C-6), 40.94 (C-2), 55.58 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 56.53 (C-3), 67.22 (C=0). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{17}H_{19}BrF_3NO_5$  (454.24): C, 44.95; H, 4.22; N, 3.08. Found: C, 45.18; H, 4.39; N, 3.08. and 74.90 (C-4,5), 97.83 (C-l), 128.56,130.25,133.70 (Ph), 165.84

Methyl **4-0-Benzyl-2,3,6-trideoxy-3-Cmethyl-3-(trifluo**roacetamido)- $\alpha$ -D-ribo-hexopyranoside (14). A mixture of the bromide 13 (2.3 g, 5.1 mmol), freshly prepared Raney nickel ( $\approx$ 2 g), and triethylamine (2 mL) in isopropyl alcohol (50 mL) was shaken under a slight overpressure of hydrogen for 15 h at room temperature. The suspension was filtered with the aid of Celite and the filtrate concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> and washed twice with water. The organic layer was dried  $(MgSO_4)$  and concentrated to afford 1.8 g (95%) of the trideoxy derivative 14: mp 118-119 °C (lit.<sup>35a</sup>) mp 120-121 °C);  $[\alpha]^{20}$  3° (c 0.83, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (lit.<sup>35a</sup> [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub> 2° (c 1,  $CHCl<sub>3</sub>)$ ; IR (KBr) 3355 (NH), 1741 (C=O), 1718 and 1558 cm<sup>-1</sup>  $(NHCOCF<sub>3</sub>);$ <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.26 (bs, 1H, NH), 7.42-8.04 (m, 5H, Ph), 4.98 (d, 1H, H-4,  $J_{4,5} = 9.8$  Hz), 4.82 (d, 1H, H-1,  $J_{1,2ax} = 3.7$  Hz), 4.00 (dq, 1H, H-5,  $J_{5,6} = 6.4$  Hz,  $J_{5,4} =$ 9.8 Hz), 3.44 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.28 (dd, 1H, H-2eq,  $J_{2g_0,1} = 1.0$  Hz,  $J_{2\text{eq},2\text{az}} = 14.8 \text{ Hz}$ , 1.89 (dd, 1H, H-2ax,  $J_{2\text{az},1} = 4.0 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $J_{2\text{az},2\text{eq}}$ 14.8 Hz), 1.65 **(e,** 3H, CH3-3), 1.22 (d, 3H, CH3-5, *J6.5* <sup>=</sup>6.1 Hz); 1% NMR (75 MHz, CDCls) 6 17.52 (C-6), 23.41 (CH3-3), 40.96 (C-2), 55.21 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 55.33 (C-3), 63.13 and 77.52 (C-4, 5), 97.73 (C-1), 128.46, 129.12, 130.11, 133.39 *(Ph)*, 166.07 *(C*=0). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{17}H_{20}F_3NO_5$  (375.34): C, 54.40; H, 5.37; N, 3.73. Found: C, 54.58; H, 5.38; N, 3.93.

Methyl 2,3,6-Trideoxy-3-C-methyl-3-nitro-α-D-ribo-hexopyranoside [Methyl  $\alpha$ -D-Decilonitroside] (15). A solution of 14 (1.8g,4.8mmol) **inanhydrousmethanol(100mL)** containing sodium methoxide (0.75 g, 14 mmol) was stirred for 24 h. The mixture was neutralized with Lewatit CNP 80 (H<sup>+</sup>) cationexchange resin and concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was placed on silica gel. Elution with cyclohexane-EtOAc (2:l) removed byproduct, and elution with methanol furnished a crude product, which was oxidized with m-CPBA **as**  described for amino alcohol 21 to obtain 350 mg (36% oa) of methyl  $\alpha$ -D-decilonitroside 15:  $[\alpha]^{\infty}$ D 166° (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (lit.<sup>17</sup>  $[\alpha]^{20}$ <sub>D</sub> 183° (c 3.68, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), lit.<sup>3</sup>  $[\alpha]^{20}$ <sub>D</sub> 141.8 (c 0.725, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)). All physical data and properties were in agreement with those described for its enantiomer 22.

Methyl 2,6-Dideoxy-α,β-L-erythro-hexopyranosid-3-ulose (17). Compound 17 was prepared according to ref 27 and was obtained as an anomeric mixture  $[\alpha, \beta \text{ ratio} \approx 88.12 \text{ (lit.}^2 \alpha, \beta)]$ ratio  $\approx$  15:1)].

O-Benzyl Methyl 2,6-Dideoxy-a, B-L-erythro-hexopyranosid-3-ulose Oxime (18). 0-Benzylhydroxylamine hydrochloride (7.2 g, 45 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous ethanol (200 mL). To the stirred solution was added finely powdered NaOH (1.84 g, 46 mmol). After 15 min of additional stirring, the precipitated NaCl was filtered off, and to the resulting solution was added the crude 3-ulose 17  $[\alpha, \beta \text{ ratio} \approx 88:12]$  (5.4 g, 34) mmol). The solution was stirred for 2 h at room temperature and then concentrated. Column chromatography of the residue  $[cyclohexane-EtOAc (6:1)]$  gave 8.3 g (93%) of syrupy 18  $[\alpha,\beta]$  ratio  $\approx 88:12]$ :  $[\alpha]^{25}$ <sub>D</sub> - 136° (c 1.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (film) 3499 (OH), 1653 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=N); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ ,  $\alpha$  anomer, 7.26-7.36 (m,5H, Ph), 5.15 (d, lH, CHZPh, *J=* 12.5Hz), 5.10 (d, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph,  $J = 12.5$  Hz), 4.84 (d, 1H, H-1,  $J_{1,2ax} = 4.4$  Hz), 3.78 (dd, 1H, H-4,  $J_{4,OH} = 3.9$  Hz,  $J_{4,5} = 9.3$  Hz), 3.69 (dq, 1H, H-5,  $J_{5,6} = 6.1$  Hz,  $J_{5,4} = 9.3$  Hz), 3.48 (d, 1H, OH,  $J_{\text{OH},4} = 3.9$  Hz), 3.41 (d, 1H, H-2eq, *J<sub>2eq,2ax</sub>* = 14.9), 3.32 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.18 (dd, 1H, H-2ax, *J<sub>2ax,1</sub>* = 4.7 Hz, *J<sub>2ax,2eq</sub>* = 14.9 Hz), 1.36 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-5, *J<sub>6,5</sub>*  $\text{H-2ax}, \text{J}_{2ax,1} = 4.7 \text{ Hz}, \text{J}_{2ax,2eq} = 14.9 \text{ Hz}, 1.30 \text{ (d, 3R, 0Hg·3)}, \text{J}_{3.66} = 5.7 \text{ Hz}, \beta \text{ anomer}, 4.33 \text{ (dd, 1H, H-1, J}_{1.2eq} = 2.7 \text{ Hz}, J_{1.2ex} = 1.7 \text{ Hz}$ 9.5 Hz), 3.48 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.03 (dd, 1H, H-2ax,  $J_{2a\overline{x},1} = 9.1$  Hz, (75 MHz, CDCla) 6, *a* anomer, 18.13 (C-6), 30.84 (C-2), 54.60 127.77, 128.01, 128.30, 137.52 (Ph), 153.66 (C=N), β anomer, 18.23 (C-6),31.94 (C-2),56.43 (OCH3), 72.15 and 74.72 (C-4,5),  $J_{2ax,2eq} = 14.9$  Hz), 1.41 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-5,  $J_{6,5} = 6.4$  Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $(OCH<sub>3</sub>)$ , 70.18 and 72.28 (C-4, 5), 76.18 (CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 97.77 (C-1),

76.36 (CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 100.65 (C-1), 127.77-137.52 (Ph), 155.05 (C=N). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{14}H_{19}NO_4$  (265.31): C, 63.38; H, 7.22; N, 5.28. Found: C, 63.54; H, 7.24; N, 5.30.

0-Benzyl 1.5-Anhydro-2.6-dideoxy-L-erythro-hex-1-en-3ulose Oxime (19). To a stirred solution of oxime 18 (1 g, 3.8 mmol) in absolute THF (20 mL) was added MeLi (19 mmol, 12 mL of 1.6 M ether solution) dropwise at  $-78$  °C. The resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min at  $-78$  °C, allowed to warm to  $\overline{0}$ <sup>o</sup>C, and stirred at this temperature for an additional 15 min. The mixture was quenched by addition of water (57 mL) and extracted thoroughly with ether, and the combined extracts were dried over MgSO4. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residual oil was purified by column chromatography [cyclohexane-EtOAc  $(2.1)$ ] to give 0.45 g  $(51\%)$  of syrupy 19: 1595 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.26-7.38 (m,  $= 6.1$  Hz), 5.12 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.03 (m, 2H, H-4, H-5), 3.16 (s,  $[\alpha]^{20}$ <sub>D</sub>-136° (c 0.89, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film) 3437 (OH), 1620 (C=N), 5H, Ph), 6.71 (d, 1H, H-1,  $J_{1,2} = 5.7$  Hz), 5.85 (d, 1H, H-2,  $J_{2,1}$ 1H, OH), 1.41 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-5,  $J_{6,5}$  = 6.1 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  16.86 (C-6), 68.79 and 77.73 (C-4, 5), 76.23 (CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 93.09 (C-2), **127.85,128.07,128.36,137.56** (Ph), 149.56 (C-3), 152.38 (C-1). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (233.27): C, 66.93; H, 6.49; N, 6.01. Found: C, 66.48; H, 6.45; N, 5.99.

Methyl 2,3,6-Trideoxy-3- ( **Oben** zylhydroxyamino)-3- C **methyl-as-L-ribo-hexopyranoside** (20). Cerium chloride  $(CeCl<sub>3</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O)$  (35.2 g, 94.5 mmol) was dried at 140 °C under vacuum (0.1 mmHg) to constant weight. The resulting powder was cooled under vacuum, and the flask was flushed with argon. Freshly distilled tetrahydrofuran (300 mL) was added and the resulting suspension stirred overnight. The mixture was cooled to  $-78$  °C whereupon MeLi (94.4 mmol, 59 mL of 1.6 M ether solution) was added dropwise. The yellow suspension was stirred for 1 h, and then a solution of *O*-benzyloxime 18  $[\alpha, \beta]$  ratio  $\approx$  88:12] (5.0 g, 18.9 mmol) in THF (50 mL) was added dropwise. After 2 h at  $-78$  °C the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to  $0 °C$  and then stirred for 1 h. The resulting brown suspension was quenched by addition of saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (190) mL), and the resulting mixture was extracted thoroughly with ether. The combined extracts were dried over  $MgSO_4$  and concentrated under reduced pressure. Column chromatography of the residue [cyclohexane-EtOAc  $(2:1)$ ] gave 3.8 g  $(72\%)$  of syrupy  $\alpha$  anomer and 0.5 g (9%) of syrupy  $\beta$  anomer of 20  $[\alpha, \beta]$ ratio  $\approx$  88:12].  $\alpha$  **Anomer**:  $[\alpha]^{25}$ <sub>D</sub> -113<sup>o</sup> (c 1.44, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR **(film)** 3495 (OH), 3282 cm-1 (NH); lH NMR (500 MHz, CDCla)  $\delta$  7.27-7.36 (m, 6H, Ph, NH), 4.69 (d, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph,  $J = 11.3$  Hz), 4.66 (d, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph,  $J = 11.3$  Hz), 4.62 (d, 1H, H-1,  $J_{1,2ax} = 3.7$ *Hz),* 3.62 (dq, lH, H-5, *J5,6* = 6.1 Hz, *J6.4* = 10.1 Hz), 3.58 (d, lH, OH, *JoH,~* = 9 Hz), 3.30 *(8,* 3H, OCH3), 3.11 (t, lH, H-4, *J4.6* =  $J_{4,OH} = 9.6$  Hz), 2.00 (d, 1H, H-2eq,  $J_{2\text{eq},2\text{ax}} = 14.7$  Hz), 1.59 (dd, 18.17 (C-6), 23.44 (CH<sub>3</sub>-3), 38.27 (C-2), 54.92 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 57.90 (C-128.37, 128.48, 137.13 (Ph); 'H-NOE measurement (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) [irradiation in CH<sub>3</sub>-3] H-4,  $6.1\%$ , H-2ax,  $2.7\%$ . Anal. Calcd for  $C_{15}H_{23}NO_4$  (281.35): C, 64.04; H, 8.24; N, 4.98. Found: C, 64.08; H, 8.33; N, 5.22.  $\beta$  **Anomer**:  $[\alpha]^{25}$ <sub>D</sub> 15° (c 0.66, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR **(film)** 3447 (OH), 3280 cm-l (NH); lH NMR (500 MHz, toluene  $d_8$ )  $\delta$  6.97-7.22 (m, 6H, Ph, NH), 4.64 (dd, 1H, H-1,  $J_{1,2\text{eq}} = 2.1$ 1H, H-2ax,  $J_{2ax,1} = 4.3$  Hz,  $J_{2ax,2aq} = 14.7$  Hz), 1.35 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-3), 1.28 (d, 3H,  $\overline{CH}_3$ -5,  $J_{6,5} = 6.1 \text{ Hz}$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 3), 65.06 and 78.99 (C-4, 5), 77.94 (CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 98.07 (C-1), 127.98,  $H_{Z}$ ,  $J_{1,2ax} = 9.5$  Hz), 4.52 (d, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph,  $J = 11.7$  Hz), 4.49 (d, Hz,  $J_{1,2ax} = 9.5$  Hz), 4.52 (d, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph,  $J = 11.7$  Hz), 4.49 (d, riz, *J*<sub>1,2ax</sub> = 9.0 riz), 4.02 (d, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph, *J* = 11.*i* riz), 4.49 (d, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph, *J* = 11.7 Hz), 3.73 (dq, 1H, H-5, *J<sub>5.6</sub>* = 6.1 Hz, *J<sub>5.4</sub>* = 9.5 Hz), 3.34 (8, 3H, OCHs), 2.87 (d, lH, H-4, **J4.5** = 9.5 Hz), 2.10 (dd, 1H, H-2eq, *J*<sub>2eq,1</sub> = 2.1 Hz, *J*<sub>2eq,2ax</sub> = 14.5 Hz), 1.41 (dd, 2.10 (dd, 111, 11-2ey, *9*<sub>2ey,</sub>1 – 2.1 Hz, *9*<sub>2ey,2x</sub> – 14.0 Hz), 1.41 (dd,<br>1H, H-2ax, *J*<sub>2ax,1</sub> = 9.5 Hz, *J*<sub>2ax,2eq</sub> = 13.7 Hz), 1.25 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-5, *J6fi* = 6.3 Hz), 1.11 *(8,* 3H, CH3-3); "C NMR (75 MHz, CDCh)  $(C-3)$ , 70.44 and 78.60  $(C-4, 5)$ , 76.67  $(CH_2Ph)$ , 99.18  $(C-1)$ , 128.04,  $\delta$  18.46 (C-6), 23.84 (CH<sub>3</sub>-3), 40.47 (C-2), 56.23 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 58.71 128.45,128.64, 137.34 (Ph); 1H-NOE measurement (500 **MHz,**  toluene-ds) [irradiation in CH<sub>3</sub>-3] H-4, 4.1%, H-2eq, 2.3%, H-2ax, 2.8%. Anal. **CalcdforC1J3aNO,(281.35):** C,64.04;H,8.24;N, 4.98. Found: C, 63.99; H, 8.31; N, 5.12.

Methyl 3-Amino-2,3,6-trideoxy-3-C-methyl-a-L-ribo-hexopyranoside [Methyl  $\alpha$ -L-Avidinosaminide] (21). A solution of 20 *[a* anomer] (3.3 g, 11.7 mmol) in methanol (200 mL) **waa**  hydrogenated over 10% palladium on charcoal (0.5 g) under a slight overpressure of hydrogen for 2 h at room temperature. The catalyst **was** removed and the filtrate concentrated under reduced pressure. The syrupy residue **was** placed on **silica** gel. Elution with cyclohexane-EtOAc (1:1) removed benzylic alcohol, and then further elution with methanol furnished 1.8 **g** (88%) of **21.4JB.fl** Analytically pure **21 was** obtained by crystallization of the crude solid from ether-pentane and subsequent sublimation (60 °C, 0.1 mmHg): mp 99-101 °C (lit.<sup>16</sup> mp 92-94 °C);  $[\alpha]^{25}$ <sub>D</sub> **(KBr)** 3352 and 3283 (primary NHs), 3117 (OH), 1586 cm-I (NH); 2.87 (d, 1H, H-4,  $J_{4,5}$  = 9.8 Hz), 1.90 (dd, 1H, H-2eq,  $J_{2a_1,1}$  = 1.4  $-181$ ° (c 0.97, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (lit.<sup>16</sup> [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>25</sup><sub>D</sub> -120° (c 0.131, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)); IR <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.70 (d, 1H, H-1,  $J_{1, 2ax} = 3.7$  Hz), 3.50 (dq, lH, H-5, *J6.e* = 6.4 Hz, Js,4 = 9.8 Hz), 3.32 (8,3H, OCHs), Hz, *J*<sub>29q,2ax</sub> = 14.2 Hz), 1.78 (dd, 1H, H-2ax, *J*<sub>2ax,1</sub> = 4.1 Hz, *J* 14.2 Hz), 1.29 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-5,  $J_{6,5} = 6.4$  Hz), 1.11 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-3); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  18.09 (C-6), 28.27 (CH<sub>3</sub>-3), 42.78 (C-2), 49.97 (C-3), *54.86* (OCHs), 65.32 (C-5), 75.76 (C-4), 98.69 (C-1). Anal. Calcd for  $C_8H_{17}NO_3$  (175.23): C, 54.84; H, 9.78; N, 7.99. Found: C, 54.52; H, 9.81; N, 7.98.

Methyl 2,3,6-Trideoxy-3-C-methyl-3-nitro-a-L-ribo-hex**opyranoside [Methyl a-L-Decilonitroside] (22).** A solution of crude methyl  $\alpha$ -L-avidinosaminide 21 (1.7 g, 9.7 mmol) in dichloromethane (42 **mL)** was added dropwise to a stirred boiling solution of m-CPBA (85%) (14.5 g, 71.4 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (170 **mL). The** mixture was heated to reflux for 20 min. To **the** cooled solution was added 10% **aqueous** sodium sulfite solution (100 **mL)** with stirring, and the mixture **was**  filtered. The organic phase was separated, successively washed with 2 M sodium carbonate *(80* mL) and brine (40 mL), dried (MgS04), and concentrated. Purification of the crude product by chromatography [cyclohexane-EtOAc (41)] afforded 1.4 g  $(70\%)$  of crystalline 22: mp 98-100 °C (lit.<sup>16</sup> mp 96-98 °C, lit.<sup>37</sup> mp 101.5-103 °C);  $[\alpha]^{20}$ <sub>D</sub>-172° (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (lit.<sup>16</sup>  $[\alpha]^{20}$ <sub>D</sub>-185°  $(c$  0.094, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), lit.<sup>37</sup>  $[\alpha]$ <sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub> -172°  $(c$  0.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)); IR (KBr) 3523 (OH), 1545 cm<sup>-1</sup> (NO<sub>2</sub>), <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.62  $(d, 1H, H-1, J_{1,2ax} = 3.4 Hz)$ , 4.13  $(dq, 1H, H-5, J_{5,6} = 6.4 Hz, J_{5,4}$ 9 Hz), 3.25 9.3 Hz), 3.30 (8, lH, OH), 3.27 (d, lH, H-4, **J4,s**  Hz), 1.93 (dd, 1H, H-2ax,  $J_{2ax,1} = 3.7$  Hz,  $J_{2ax,2aq} = 15.1$  Hz), 1.70<br>Hz), 1.93 (dd, 1H, H-2ax,  $J_{2ax,1} = 3.7$  Hz,  $J_{2ax,2aq} = 15.1$  Hz), 1.70 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-3), 1.36 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-5,  $J_{6,5}$  = 6.4 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 18.18 (C-6), 26.00 (CH<sub>3</sub>-3), 40.79 (C-2), 54.66 (OCHs), 65.35 and 77.04 (C-4,5), 85.96 (C-3), 96.20 (C-1). Anal.  $(8, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.86$  (dd, 1H, H-2eq,  $J_{2eq,1} = 1.2$  Hz,  $J_{2eq,2ax} = 15.2$ Calcd for  $C_8H_{15}NO_5$  (205.21): C, 46.82; H, 7.37; N, 6.83. Found: C, 47.32; H, 7.23; N, 6.96.

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