# **Total Syntheses of** 2,4-Diamino-2,4-dideoxy-L-arabinose and 2,4-Diamino-2,4-dideoxy-L-ribose

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Over the past few years we have been developing methodology to access diverse collections of bioactive compounds exploiting, as a key move, the Lewis acidassisted addition of chiral nonracemic aldehydes or imines such as  $\mathbf{1}$  (Z = O, NR) to oxygen, nitrogen, and sulfur heterocyclic siloxy dienes **2** (W = O, NR, S).<sup>2</sup> As shown in Scheme 1, using  $\alpha$ -hydroxy or  $\alpha$ -amino derivatives  $\mathbf{1}$  (Y = OR, NR<sub>2</sub>) this process provides access to versatile fragments 3 related to many variants of carbohydrate and alkaloidal structures.<sup>3</sup> In a continuation of those studies, we were interested in the application of the strategy to the reagent couple N-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-2-(tert-butyldimethylsiloxy)pyrrole (5) and L-serinal acetonide (6), which, if successful, could provide a convenient entry to multichiral sugar units of type 4 (X, Z = OH; Y,  $W = NH_2$ ) equipped with alternate oxygen and nitrogen functionalities.

The synthetic utility of the process is herein demonstrated by the expeditious preparation of 2,4-diamino-2,4-dideoxy-L-arabinose (15) and 2,4-diamino-2,4-dideoxy-L-ribose (16), whose pyrrolidinose structures largely predominate.<sup>4</sup> Homochiral aminosugars and, in particular, those representatives carrying a nitrogen atom in the ring (azasugars) have become increasingly important as pharmacologically potent products,<sup>5</sup> prominent examples being densely oxygenated alkaloidal derivatives A-C (Chart 1).

The syntheses of both 15 and 16 commenced with the coupling of siloxypyrrole 5 to enantioenriched isopropyl-

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X,Y,Z,W = oxygen, nitrogen, sulphur functionalities

#### Chart 1



C (siastatin B)

idene-protected L-serinal 6 (93-95% ee), a quite popular three-carbon synthon and source of chirality (Scheme 2).6,7

B (nojirimycin)

A (dideoxyiminomannitol)

Remarkably, the BF<sub>3</sub> etherate-assisted Mukaiyamaaldol reaction (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -80 °C) proved regioselective,<sup>8</sup> furnishing, after aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> quenching at -80 °C, an 80% yield of two 5-O-silylated adducts, 7 and 8, directly, accompained by only negligible amounts of the corresponding 5-O-deprotected counterparts. The asymmetric reaction showed that the 4,5-threo lactam 7 is favored over the 4,5-erythro diastereoisomer 8, with 75: 25 selectivity.<sup>9</sup> The two diastereomeric lactams were easily separated by flash chromatography to provide the individual precursors 7 and 8, whose stereochemistry (tentative at this point) was ascertained at a late stage of the synthesis (vide infra). With L-arabino- and L-riboconfigured lactams 7 and 8 in hand, the parallel syntheses of the target sugars 15 and 16 proceeded as follows, adopting uniform reaction protocols.

(8) A variety of Lewis acid catalysts and solvents other than  $BF_3$ etherate in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were employed with minor success, including SnCl<sub>4</sub> in Et<sub>2</sub>O, TiCl<sub>4</sub> in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, and TMSOTf in 1,2-dichloroethane

(9) The regio- and stereoselective reaction outcome might be rationalized on the basis of the following transition state models TS1, TS2, and TS<sub>3</sub>.



Transition structures  $TS_1$  and  $TS_2$  correspond to nonchelation-type approaches of the prochiral diene  $\gamma$ -carbon (*Re* face) to the prochiral aldehyde carbonyl (Re face), both predicting regioselective formation of the 4,5-syn-5,6-anti-configured stereoisomer 7. Structure TS<sub>3</sub> illustrates a low-energy model for the alternative  $\alpha$ -attack (not observed) along the Si-Re trajectory. Likely, endo Diels-Alder-like model TS2 seems preferred over its counterparts TS<sub>1</sub> and TS<sub>3</sub>, owing to favorable overlapping of the siloxy diene moiety with the incoming aldehyde  $\pi$ -system. For a detailed discussion on this subject matter, see also ref 2.

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<sup>(7)</sup> The enantiomeric purity of **6**, prepared according to ref 6c, was determined to be 93-95% by Mosher ester analysis of the corresponding carbinol derivative.



At first, the formyl function of the five-carbon sugars was installed by oxidative sacrifice of the C-1 and C-2 atoms within the seven-carbon matrices 7 and 8. Thus, selective dihydroxylation of the lone carbon-carbon double bond (KMnO<sub>4</sub>, *cis*-dicyclohexano-18-crown-6 ether) furnished the free diols 9 and 10 (65% each), which were then sequentially subjected to hydrolytic ring opening (LiOH, THF) and diol fission (NaIO<sub>4</sub>, SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O). There were obtained protected diamino aldoses 11 and 12 almost quantitatively, which were used as such during the next stages of the syntheses. The crucial annulation reactions to 13 and 14 were cleanly performed through selective deacetonidation of 11 and 12 by the mild reagent system citric acid/methanol at 60 °C, which also ensured concomitant regio- and stereoselective fivemembered ring formation. Pyrrolidines 13 and 14 were obtained as the sole reaction products in 92% and 87% yields, respectively. <sup>1</sup>H NMR analyses, including <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY and NOESY experiments, confirmed 13 and 14 as being single  $\beta$ -anomeric L-*arabino*- and L-*ribo*-configured pyrrolidinoses, as shown.<sup>10</sup> Thus, for **13**, mutual NOE

contacts between H-1, H-2, and H-4 confirmed their *cis*location; analogously, for **14**, mutual NOE contacts between H-2, H-3, and H<sub>2</sub>-5 indicated that they are in a *cis*-relationship.<sup>11</sup> The final unmasking of the NBoc and OTBS protective groups within **13** and **14** was effected by 3 N HCl in THF at ambient temperature and quantitatively afforded the bis-hydrochloride salts **15** and **16**, which were isolated as inseparable mixtures of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  anomers.

In conclusion, this methodology exploiting the use of readily available pyrrole-based reagent *N*-(*tert*-butoxy-carbonyl)-2-(*tert*-butyldimethylsiloxy)pyrrole (**5**) and enantioenriched (93–95% ee) L-serinal **6** can easily lead to densely functionalized pyrrolidines, **15** and **16**, representatives of a scantly investigated subclass of five-membered ring azasugars.<sup>12</sup> When the lactam intermediates **7** and **8** are used as starting materials, both syntheses proceeded through a uniform protocol of only four reactions (51% and 48% overall yields), comprising shortening of the seven-carbon backbone by two atoms (**7/8**  $\rightarrow$  **11/12**) and remarkably selective intramolecular aldehyde amination (**11/12**  $\rightarrow$  **13/14**).

## **Experimental Section**

General. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were obtained at 300 MHz with a Varian XL-300 instrument. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm units, by reference to Me<sub>4</sub>Si. When necessary, unambiguous assignments were made by decoupling experiments. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded with the same instrument at 75.4 MHz.  $[\alpha]_D$  values were measured with a Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter at  $20 \pm 1$  °C using a 1 cm cell. Microanalyses were performed by the Microanalytical Laboratory of the University of Sassari. Chromatographic separations were performed on silica gel (230-400 mesh, Merck). TLC was done on precoated silica gel plates (Merck 60  $F_{254}$ ) with detection by a solution of cerium(III) sulfate (1.0 g), ammonium molybdate (21 g), 96% sulfuric acid (31 mL), and distilled water (500 mL). All solvents were purified by standard procedures, and manipulations involving air/moisture-sensitive substances were carried out under an argon atmosphere using vacuum line, syringe/septum techniques. The preparation of N-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-2-(tert-butyldimethylsiloxy)pyrrole (TBSOP) (5) was carried out by the method in a precedent paper.<sup>3c</sup> N-t-Boc-2,3-N,O-isopropylidene-L-serinal (6) was prepared from commercial L-serine (Aldrich) according to the protocol of Dondoni<sup>6c</sup> and used immediately.

5-O-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)-4,6-bis((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-6,7-N,O-isopropylidene-2,3,4,6-tetradeoxy-Larabino-hept-2-enonic Acid 1,4-Lactam (7) and 5-O-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)-4,6-bis((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-6,7-N,O-isopropylidene-2,3,4,6-tetradeoxy-L-ribo-hept-2enonic Acid 1,4-Lactam (8). N-(tert-Butoxycarbonyl)-2-(tertbutyldimethylsiloxy)pyrrole (5) (4.0 g, 13.4 mmol) and serinal 6 (2.6 g, 11.3 mmol) were dissolved in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (60 mL) under argon, and the mixture was cooled to -80 °C with stirring. Freshly distilled BF<sub>3</sub> etherate (1.6 g, 11.3 mmol), cooled to the same temperature, was added via cannula over 10 min, and the solution was stirred for 8 h at -80 °C. The reaction was then quenched by addition of an excess of a saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, and the mixture was extracted with brine, dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel (70:30 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/diethyl ether) to afford 4.76 g (80%) of a 75:25 mixture of compounds 7 and 8, which were isolated as individual components by a further chromatographic treatment (80:20 hexanes/ethyl acetate).

<sup>(10)</sup> A plausible rationale accounting for this  $\beta$ -selective annulation behavior is hard to construct on the sole basis of the reaction data in our hand and simple molecular modeling, and a detailed study addressing this issue should be necessary.

<sup>(11)</sup> Additional diagnostic contacts include the following: for **13**, H-3 vs NH-2; for **14**, H-1 vs NH-2.

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**Compound 7**: 3.57 g (60%), an oil;  $R_f = 0.44$ ;  $[\alpha]^{20}_D = -105.1$  (*c* 2.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO, 80 °C)  $\delta$  7.41 (dd, 1H, J = 5.7, 1.5 Hz), 6.15 (dd, 1H, J = 5.7, 1.5 Hz), 5.05 (d, 1H, J = 5.1 Hz), 4.64 (dt, 1H, J = 5.1, 1.5 Hz), 3.84 (dd, 1H, J = 8.1, 3.9 Hz), 3.63 (t, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 3.54 (dd, 1H, J = 8.1, 3.9 Hz), 1.57 (s, 9H), 1.50 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 9H) 1.44 (s, 3H), 0.97 (s, 9H), 0.20 and 0.12 (2s, each 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.4 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  167.7, 151.7, 148.0, 147.8, 126.8, 92.4, 81.8, 78.6, 68.9, 64.5, 61.6, 56.2, 27.4, 27.3, 26.1, 25.3, 23.7, 17.1, -4.9, -5.5. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>46</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Si: C, 59.29; H, 8.80; N, 5.32. Found: C, 59.24; H, 8.50; N, 5.52.

**Compound 8:** 1.19 g (20%), white solid; mp 120–122 °C;  $R_f = 0.57$ ;  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D} = +86.6$  (*c* 0.15, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO, 80 °C)  $\delta$  7.46 (dd, 1H, J = 6.3, 1.5 Hz), 6.08 (dd, 1H, J = 6.3, 1.5 Hz), 4.76 (bs, 1H), 4.46 (d, 1H, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.04 (t, 1H, J = 7.2 Hz), 3.90–3.98 (m, 2H), 1.58 (s, 3H), 1.51 (s, 9H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.44 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.03 and 0.02 (2s, each 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.4 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  167.9, 152.1, 149.0, 148.5, 126.3, 93.4, 81.5, 79.7, 70.9, 64.4, 63.2, 58.8, 27.5, 27.4, 26.6, 23.5, 17.3, -5.0, -5.5. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>46</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Si: C, 59.29; H, 8.80; N, 5.32. Found: C, 59.32; H, 8.65; N, 5.45.

5-O-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)-4,6-bis((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-6,7-N,O-isopropylidene-4,6-dideoxy-L-glycero-L-talo-heptonic Acid 1,4-Lactam (9). To a stirred solution of lactam 7 (3.40 g, 6.45 mmol) in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (40 mL) were added cis-dicyclohexano-18-crown-6 ether (0.48 g, 1.29 mmol) and powdered KMnO<sub>4</sub> (0.61 g, 3.85 mmol) under argon at -10 °C. The reaction was stirred at this temperature for 5 h; then a saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> solution and a 5% citric acid solution were added. The mixture was extracted with CH2- $Cl_2$  (3 × 40 mL), and the combined extracts were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo. Flash chromatography over silica gel (50:50 hexanes/ethyl acetate) afforded 2.35 g of 9 (65%) as an oil:  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D} = -30.7 (c \, 1.7, CHCl_3); {}^{1}H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3)$  $\delta$  4.48 (bd, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 4.42 (bd, 1H, J = 4.8 Hz), 4.30 (bs, 1H), 4.25 (bd, 1H, J = 4.8 Hz), 4.07 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 3.86-3.94 (m, 2H), 3.31 (bs, 1H), 2.87 (bs, 1H), 1.56 and 1.46 (2s, each 9H), 1.40 and 1.25 (2s, each 3H), 0.92 (s, 9H), 0.09 and 0.07 (2s, each 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.6, 153.3, 149.8, 93.9, 84.1, 80.5, 71.1, 67.9, 66.9, 65.3, 61.8, 58.8, 28.3, 28.0, 26.8, 26.0, 23.8, 17.8, -3.9, -5.0. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>48</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Si: C, 55.69; H, 8.63; N, 5.00. Found: C, 55.75; H, 8.70; N, 5.07.

**5**-*O*-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-4,6-bis((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-6,7-*N*,*O*-isopropylidene-4,6-dideoxy-L-*glycero*-L-*allo*-heptonic Acid 1,4-Lactam (10). The title compound was prepared from lactam **8** (1.1 g, 2.08 mmol) following the procedure described for compound **9**: yield 0.76 g (65%); white solid; mp 194–195 °C;  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D} = -1.0$  (*c* 2.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.60 (dd, 1H, J = 6.3, 2.4 Hz), 4.32 (dd, 1H, J = 8.7, 6.3 Hz), 4.08–4.11 (m, 2H), 4.01 (d, 1H, J = 9.0 Hz), 3.83–3.89 (m, 3H), 3.01 (d, 1H, J = 9.0 Hz), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.50 (s, 9H), 0.86 (s, 9H), 0.09 and 0.01 (2s, each 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.8, 153.7, 151.1, 94.4, 83.4, 81.8, 71.4, 70.5, 66.5, 64.9, 64.5, 59.1, 28.4, 28.0, 27.4, 25.9, 24.3, 18.1, -3.6, -5.7. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>48</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Si: C, 55.69; H, 8.63; N, 5.00. Found: C, 55.59; H, 8.59; N, 5.03.

3-O-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)-2,4-bis((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4,5-N,O-isopropylidene-2,4-dideoxy-L-arabinose (11). Lactam 9 (2.2 g, 3.92 mmol) was dissolved in THF (50 mL), and a 1 M LiOH solution (20 mL) was added under stirring at 0 °C. After 30 min, the solvent was removed, the residue was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (60 mL), silica gel (230-400 mesh, 20 g) was added, and the resulting slurry was treated with 0.65 M NaIO<sub>4</sub> (35 mL) at room temperature under vigorous stirring. After 30 min, the slurry was filtered under suction over a Celite pad and thoroughly washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The filtrates were evaporated to leave crude aldehyde 11 (1.87 g, 95%) as an oil:  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D} = -48.3$  (*c* 2.9, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 9.73 (s, 1H), 5.41 (bs, 1H), 4.67 (dd, 1H, J = 4.3, 2.1 Hz), 4.20 (bs, 1H), 4.05 (dd, 1H, J = 8.7, 3.0 Hz), 3.96-4.10 (m, 1H), 3.83 (dd, 1H, J = 8.7, 6.6 Hz), 1.49 and 1.46 (2s, each 12H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.12 and 0.06 (2s, each 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.4 MHz, DMSO) δ 199.8, 154.4, 151.1, 84.0, 79.5, 79.1, 69.7, 62.7, 62.0, 58.8, 27.6, 26.0, 25.4, 23.4, 17.1, -5.1. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{24}H_{46}N_2O_7Si$ : C, 57.34; H, 9.22; N, 5.57. Found: C, 57.41; H, 9.19; N, 5.52.

**3**-*O*-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-2,4-bis((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4,5-*N*,*O*-isopropylidene-2,4-dideoxy-L-ribose (12). The title compound was prepared from lactam **10** (0.7 g, 1.24 mmol) following the procedure described for compound **11**: yield 0.59 g (95%); an oil;  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D} = +4.6$  (*c* 3.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.55 (s, 1H), 6.29 (d, 1H, J = 8.4 Hz), 4.42 (dd, 1H, J = 8.4, 1.8 Hz), 4.12 (dd, 1H, J = 9.6, 1.8 Hz), 3.91–3.96 (m, 2H), 3.77 (dd, 1H, J = 9.6, 5.1 Hz), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 9H), 1.38 (s, 12H), 0.79 (s, 9H), 0.09 and 0.05 (2s, each 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  200.2, 155.7, 153.5, 94.4, 81.2, 79.3, 71.6, 64.9, 62.8, 58.4, 28.3, 28.2, 27.0, 25.7, 24.4, 17.9, -4.2, -5.2. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>46</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Si: C, 57.34; H, 9.22; N, 5.57. Found: C, 57.29; H, 9.16; N, 5.60.

3-O-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)-2,4-bis((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-2,4-di-deoxy-β-L-arabinofuranose (13). The protected aldehyde 11 (1.7 g, 3.38 mmol) was dissolved in MeOH (35 mL) and treated with 50 mL of a 5% aqueous citric acid solution. The mixture was allowed to react at 60 °C. After the solution was stirred for 2 h, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the oily residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel eluting with 80:20 hexanes/ethyl acetate to give 1.44 g of pyrrolidine **13** (92%) as a white solid: mp 110–112 °C;  $[\alpha]^{20}_D = +20.0$  (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  6.80 (bd, 1H, J = 6.0 Hz, NH), 4.82 (d, 1H, J = 4.5 Hz, H-1), 4.67 (t, 1H, J = 5.4 Hz, OH), 4.18 (m, 1H, H-3), 3.74 (m, 1H, H-4), 3.50 (m, 2H, H<sub>2</sub>-5), 3.33 (m, 1H, H-2), 2.82 (bs, 1H, OH), 1.42, 1.37, and 0.81 (3s, each 9H, 3  $\times$  Bu/), 0.06 and 0.05 (2s, each 3H, 2  $\times$  Me);  $^{13}$ C NMR (75.4 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  155.3, 86.0, 79.6, 77.8, 75.2, 64.1, 60.3, 54.9, 28.2, 27.9, 25.7, 17.5, -4.6, -4.8. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{21}H_{42}N_2O_7Si$ : C, 54.52; H, 9.15; N, 6.05. Found: C, 54.47; H, 9.20; N, 6.10.

**3**-*O*-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-2,4-bis((*tert*-butoxycarbo-nyl)amino)-2,4-dideoxy-β-L-ribofuranose (14). The title compound was prepared from protected aldehyde 12 (0.5 g, 0.99 mmol) following the procedure described for compound 13: yield 0.4 g (87%); an oil;  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D} = -21.4$  (*c* 0.7, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO, 80 °C)  $\delta$  6.15 (bd, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz, NH), 4.93 (d, 1H, J = 3.3 Hz, H-1), 4.34 (dd, 1H, J = 5.4, 3.9 Hz, H-3), 3.88 (ddd, 1H, J = 8.1, 5.4, 3.3 Hz, H-2), 3.71 (ddd, 1H, J = 8.1, 3.9, 3.9 Hz, H-4), 3.64–3.54 (m, 2H, H<sub>2</sub>-5), 3.20 (bs, 2H, OH), 1.43, 1.41, and 0.89 (3s, each 9H,  $3 \times$ Bu<sup>4</sup>), 0.07 (s, 6H,  $2 \times$  Me); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.4 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  155.2, 91.8, 79.9, 71.0, 66.4, 60.0, 55.9, 28.2, 28.0, 25.6, 17.7, -5.1. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>42</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>-Si: C, 54.52; H, 9.15; N, 6.05. Found: C, 54.55; H, 9.22; N, 6.08.

2,4-Diamino-2,4-dideoxy-α,β-L-arabinofuranose Dihydrochloride (15). To a stirred solution of 13 (1.4 g, 3.0 mmol) in THF (40 mL) was added a 37% aqueous HCl solution (20 mL) at 0 °C. After the solution was stirred for 30 min, the solvent was evaporated under vacuo to afford 0.6 g of hydrochloride salt **15** (90%) as a colorless glass:  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D} = +14.0$  (*c* 0.5, MeOH); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  5.41 (d, 0.6H, J = 3.6 Hz, H-1<sub> $\alpha$ </sub>), 4.82 (dd, 0.4H, J = 9.6, 0.9 Hz, H-1<sub> $\beta$ </sub>), 4.32 (dd, 0.6H, J = 10.8, 5.1 Hz, H-3<sub> $\alpha$ </sub>), 4.23 (d, 0.6H, J = 13.8 Hz, H-5a<sub> $\alpha$ </sub>), 4.20 (ddd, 0.4H, J= 9.6 , 4.8, 0.9 Hz, H-3<sub> $\beta$ </sub>), 4.06 (d, 0.4H, J = 14.1 Hz, H-5a<sub> $\beta$ </sub>), 3.85 (d, 0.4H, J = 14.1 Hz, H-5b<sub> $\beta$ </sub>), 3.75 (d, 0.6H, J = 13.8 Hz, H-5b<sub> $\alpha$ </sub>), 3.66 (bs, 1H, H-4<sub> $\alpha$ </sub> and H-4<sub> $\beta$ </sub>), 3.38 (dd, 0.6H, J = 10.8, 3.6 Hz, H-2<sub> $\alpha$ </sub>), 3.10 (t, 0.4H, J = 9.6 Hz, H-2<sub> $\beta$ </sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.4 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) & 102.2, 97.8, 74.2, 71.1, 70.9, 66.0, 62.5, 60.0, 59.6, 59.3. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: C, 27.16; H, 6.38; N, 12.67. Found: C, 27.20; H, 6.35; N, 12.72.

**2,4-Diamino-2,4-dideoxy-α,β-L-ribofuranose Dihydrochloride (16).** The title compound was prepared from **14** (0.35 g, 0.75 mmol) following the procedure described for compound **15**: yield 0.15 g (90%); colorless glass;  $[\alpha]^{20}{}_{\rm D} = +11.3$  (*c* 0.3, MeOH); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O, major anomer)  $\delta$  5.0 (d, 1H, J = 9.0 Hz), 4.31–4.38 (m, 1H), 3.52–4.02 (m, 3H), 3.21 (dd, 1H, J = 9.0, 2.7 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.4 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O, major anomer)  $\delta$  96.1, 69.4, 65.6, 59.1, 53.4. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: C, 27.16; H, 6.38; N, 12.67. Found: C, 27.22; H, 6.41; N, 12.61.

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