

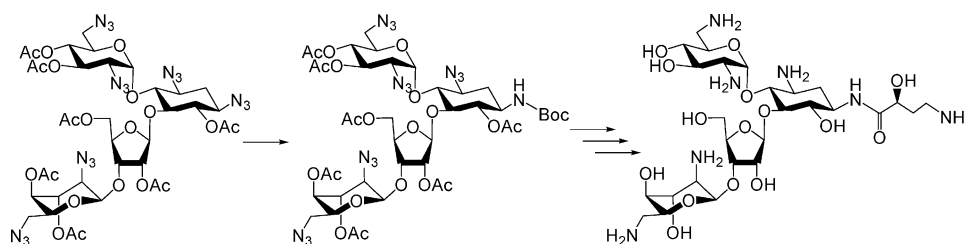
## Investigation of the Regioselectivity for the Staudinger Reaction and Its Application for the Synthesis of Aminoglycosides with N-1 Modification

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The criteria for controlling the regioselectivity of Staudinger reduction of azides have been investigated. These findings enable a convenient direct N-1 modification of the perazidoneamine and perazidoribostamycin resulting in the synthesis of aminoglycoside antibiotics with activity against drug-resistant bacteria.

### Introduction

Ever since the discovery of aminoglycoside antibiotics, their challenging synthesis has attracted much effort. Pioneered by Umezawa and others in the 1970s, a vast amount of aminoglycoside derivatives along with various modification methods have been created aiming to improve the activity of aminoglycoside against resistant bacteria.<sup>1–3</sup> A wide range of structural modifications have been documented in the literature, among which attaching functionalities at the N-1 position of the 2-deoxy-streptomycin among kanamycin or neomycin class antibiotics is one of the most effective methods of reviving the activity against aminoglycoside-resistant bacteria.<sup>4</sup> This strategy has led to the development of semisynthetic amikacin that has an (S)-4-amino-2-hydroxybutyryl (AHB) group at N-1 position.

In order to implement an AHB group at N-1 position, a regioselective differentiation of amino groups is essential. The regioselective manipulation of the amino groups on aminogly-

cosides has been extensively studied, especially in neomycin, kanamycin, and neamine. In general, these methods utilize metal-mediated chelation,<sup>5–9</sup> cyclization between the selected carbamate-protected amino group and its vicinal hydroxyl group<sup>10–12</sup> or enzymatic approaches.<sup>13</sup> However, selectivity of these strategies closely depends on the scaffolds of parent aminoglycosides. In addition, there is no applicable method for regioselective differentiation of the azido groups on perazidoaminoglycosides.

### Results and Discussion

Our group has devoted efforts into the synthesis of novel aminoglycosides using glycodiversification strategy based on

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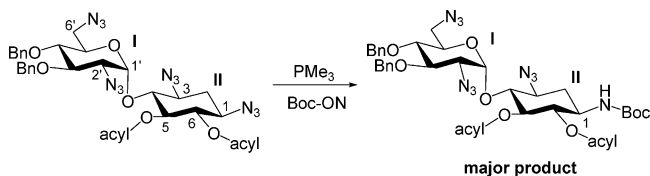
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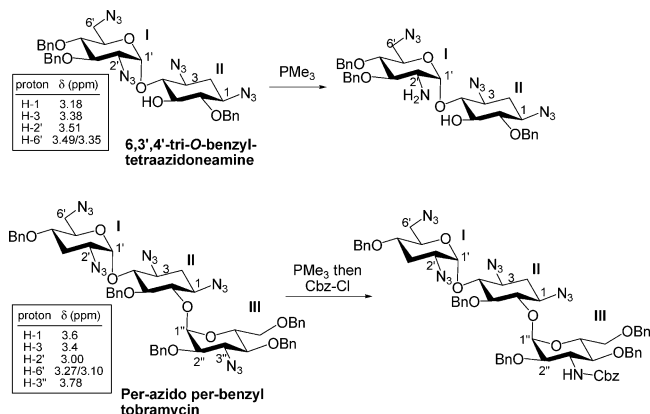
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### SCHEME 1. Strategy for Regioselective Reduction of Azido Group



### SCHEME 2. Reported Regioselective Reduction of Azido Group<sup>18</sup>



tetraazidoneamine scaffold.<sup>14,15</sup> With the advantages of better solubility and accessibility for more structural variations, per-azidoaminoglycosides have been the recent focus for generating new aminoglycoside derivatives. We have been actively engaging in the studies for the regioselective reduction of azido group via a Staudinger reaction. It has been suggested that the electron-deficient azides can be reduced more rapidly than the electron-rich azides.<sup>16</sup> We have developed a strategy that utilizes the electron-donating protecting groups at O-3' and O-4' positions (ring I) and the electron-withdrawing protecting groups at O-5 and O-6 positions (ring II) of tetraazidoneamine to enable a regioselective Staudinger reduction of azido group at N-1 position (Scheme 1).<sup>17</sup>

It has also been reported by Wong and co-workers that the regioselectivity of the azide reduction can be achieved for several perazido compounds.<sup>18</sup> The observed regioselectivity was interpreted with the electronic factors, and the chemical shifts of *ipso*-protons of azides were used to correlate to the predicted site of azide reduction. In general, the higher the chemical shift, the higher the reactivity toward the Staudinger reduction (Scheme 2).

We are intrigued by the above-reported results for the distinct reactivity of N-2' azido groups. Although the reported chemical shifts of both *ipso*-protons can be used to explain the observed selectivity, the unusual upfield shift of the H-2' of per-azido per-benzyl tobramycin needs to be further clarified. We have observed similar upfield shift for the H-2' in the presence of

acyl protecting group at O-5, and an anisotropic effect has been proposed to offer the shielding of H-2' based on molecular modeling.<sup>17</sup>

However, it is still uncertain to us that such an upfield shift of H-2' resulting from the anisotropic effect of the O-5 protecting group can be accountable for the observed regioselectivity. The upfield shift of H-2' caused by anisotropic effect is different from the one caused by inductive effect. The latter can be correlated to the electron-deficiency of azido group while the former may not. The difference raises the issue for the role of the electron-withdrawing group at the O-5 position. Is the selectivity of the Staudinger reaction controlled solely by an electron-withdrawing (electronic) effect, or perhaps, does steric effect have influence as well? Clearly, the electron-withdrawing effect is important which explains that no reduction from the N-6' azido group on several known azidoneamine derivatives has yielded an identifiable product. On the other hand, the electron-withdrawing effect from the O-5 acyl group seems to be too far away from N-1 azido group to have a significant contribution to the observed regioselectivity.

To unravel the role of the O-5 protecting group, four tetraazidoneamine derivatives, **2**,<sup>28</sup> **3**,<sup>21</sup> and **5**<sup>17</sup> were studied (Scheme 3). Compound **3** has four acetyl groups at O-5, O-6, O-3', and O-4' positions. If an electron-withdrawing effect is the *only* factor for the selectivity of Staudinger reaction, the N-2' azido group should be the most reactive one since it is the closest to the anomeric center and should be the most electron-deficient azide. If the N-1 azido group is the most reactive one, the primary role for the acyl group at O-5 should be the provider of steric hindrance that prevents the reduction of the N-2' azido group. Interestingly, H-2' appears to have the lower chemical shift ( $\delta = 3.36$  ppm) as compared to H-1 and H-3 of **3**. This discrepancy suggests that the upfield shift of H-2' is a result of anisotropic effect from the O-5 protecting group and cannot be interpreted as the electron deficiency for the N-2' azido group.

When compound **3** was subjected to the treatment of one-pot Staudinger reduction/Boc-protection following the reported condition,<sup>17,19</sup> three components were obtained (Scheme 4). The reaction mixture was purified as a two-component mixture in 49% yield and compound **8** (8% yield). Compound **8** was determined to be N-2' Boc-protected adduct by <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY. Further derivatization of the two-component mixture (**6** and **7**) via deacetylation, diol-protection, and acetylation furnished compounds **11** and **12**, which were separated by flash column chromatography. Unfortunately, the regioselectivity of compounds **11** and **12** cannot be identified due to the complex overlapping of their proton signals. Deprotection of the Boc group on compounds **11** and **12** followed by coupling with the AHB derivative, **13**,<sup>20</sup> led to the synthesis of neamine derivatives, **14** and **15** with AHB at N-1 and N-3, respectively. However, the signals for H-1 and H-3 necessary for confirming the regioselectivity were still indiscernible. Finally, acetylation at O-5 and O-6 created sufficient difference in chemical shifts allowing the determination of regioselectivity. Compound **16** was verified to have an AHB group at N-1 while **17** was determined to have an AHB group at N-3.

Compound **2** was designed to have no electron-withdrawing advantage as a comparison to compound **3**. Compound **5** was

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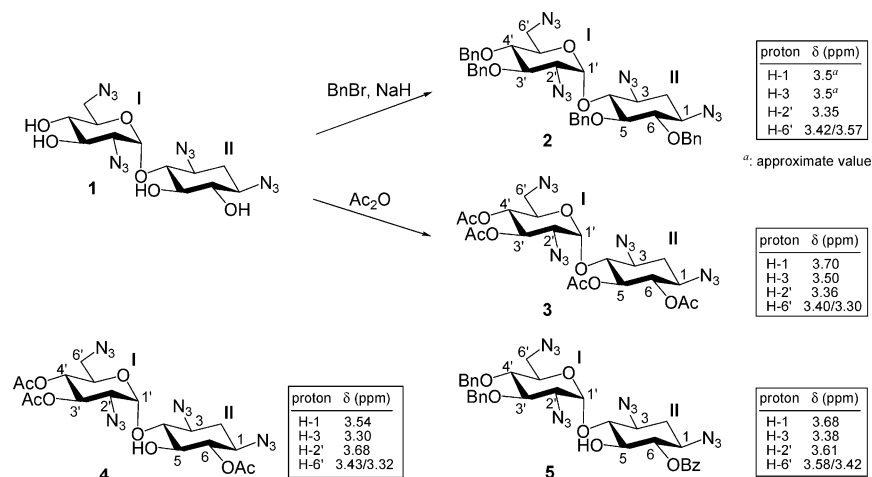
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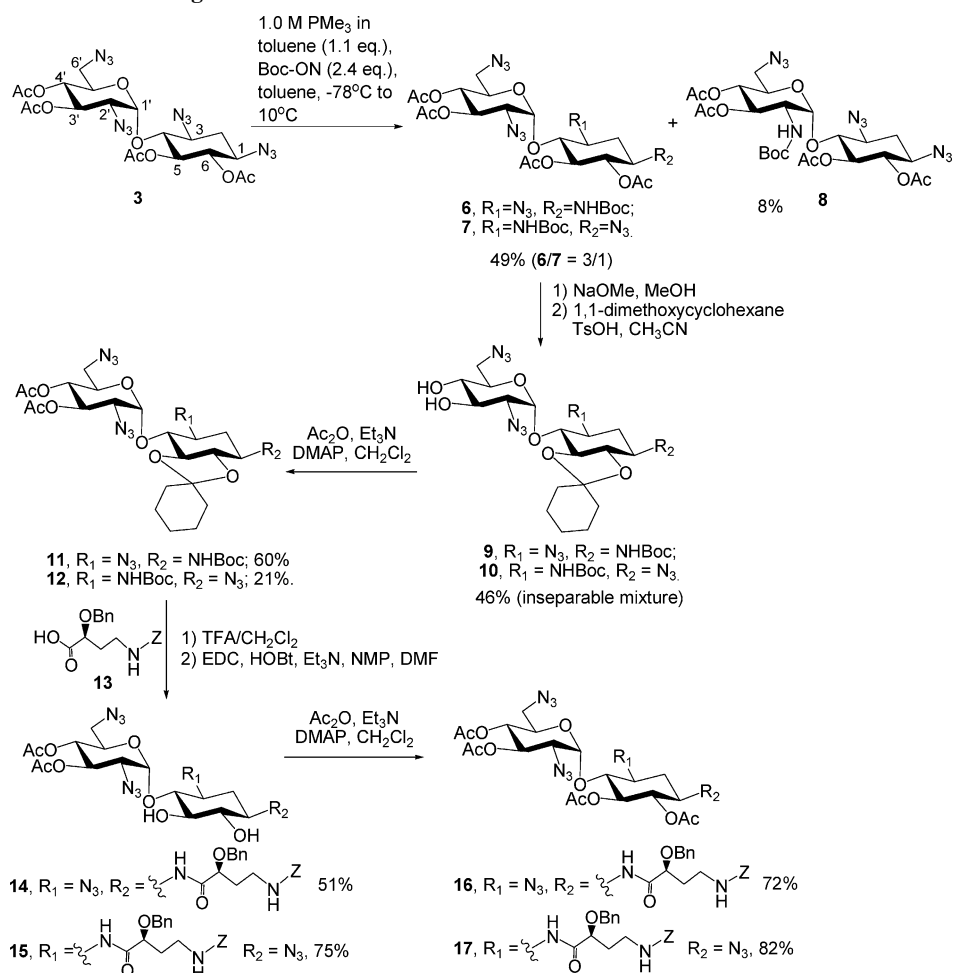
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## SCHEME 3. Synthesis of Azidoneamine Derivatives



## SCHEME 4. Regioselective Staudinger Reduction of Azidoneamine Derivatives

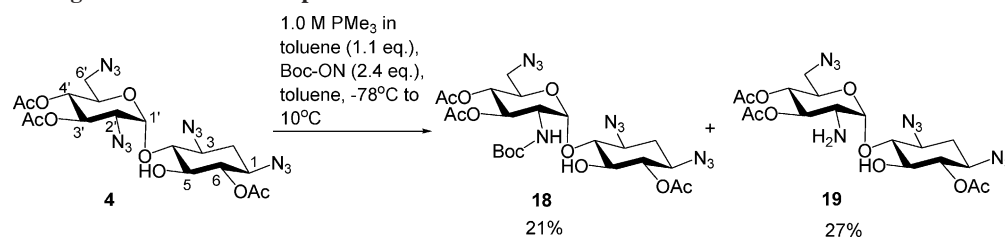


designed to have an electron-withdrawing effect for N-1 azide but not for N-2' azide. Meanwhile, there is no O-5 protecting group for blocking the access to the N-2' azido group. Staudinger reduction of compounds 2 and 5 produced a complex mixture with no dominant identifiable product. Compound 4 was designed to have an electron-withdrawing effect for both N-1 and N-2' azido groups. However, N-2' azido group is expected to be more reactive than N-1 since it is closer to the anomeric center. When compound 4 was treated in the identical condition, two dominant products were isolated (Scheme 5). Spectroscopic

characterization confirmed that these were N-1 azide but not for N-2' azide. Meanwhile, there is no O-5 protecting group for blocking the access to the N-2' azido group. Staudinger reduction of compounds 2 and 5 produced a complex mixture with no dominant identifiable product. Compound 4 was designed to have an electron-withdrawing effect for both N-1 and N-2' azido groups. However, N-2' azido group is expected to be more reactive than N-1 since it is closer to the anomeric center. When compound 4 was treated in the identical condition, two dominant products were isolated (Scheme 5). Spectroscopic

characterization confirmed that these were N-2' Boc-protected amino (**18**, 21%) and N-2' amino (**19**, 27%) neamine derivatives. By combining the results from the regioselective Staudinger reduction, the role of the O-5 protecting group and the factors that govern the regioselective azide–amino transformation can be established. *First*: the electronic effect (electron deficiency) is the dominant factor in controlling the regioselectivity of azide reduction. However, the steric hindrance may play an auxiliary but essential role in controlling the regioselectivity. Comparing the results from the Staudinger reaction of **3** and **4** clearly

## SCHEME 5. Staudinger Reduction of Compound 4



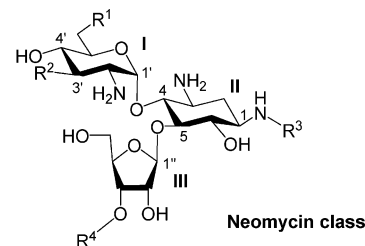
demonstrates that the steric hindrance of the O-5 protecting group prevents the reduction of the N-2' azido group. The electron-withdrawing group at O-6 is pivotal in making the N-1 azido group the most reactive one. In order to achieve the favored regioselectivity, i.e., reduction of the N-1 azido group, it is preferable to make ring I electron-rich by employing electron-donating protecting groups, such as Bn, at O-3' and O-4', and ring II electron-deficient by introducing electron-withdrawing protecting groups, such as Ac or Bz, at both O-5 and O-6. *Second*: although the chemical shifts of *ipso*-protons can provide guidance in the favored site of azide reduction, their significance in regioselectivity needs to be carefully interpreted. The anisotropic effect resulting from the aromatic ring (Bn or Bz) and/or carbonyl functionality of the O-5 protecting groups that causes the upfield shift of H-2' cannot be correlated with the lower reactivity of N-2' azido group. *Third*: even in the optimal designs (electron-rich ring I and electron-deficient ring II), minor reduction at sites other than N-1 azido group could be inevitable, making only modest yields for the desired N-1 reduced product. In the event of lacking dominant electronic and steric effects, the Staudinger reduction is expected to occur at multiple sites creating a complex mixture and, hence, difficulties in isolating identifiable product.

These findings can now be used to explain the observed selectivity reported by Wong's and our group. For example, for 6,3',4'-tri-*O*-benzyltetraazidoneamine, there is no protecting group at O-5 to provide steric hindrance for blocking the reduction of N-2' azide. Meanwhile, there is no electron-withdrawing protecting group at O-6 to favor the reduction at N-1 azide. Thus, it is conceivable that N-2' will be the dominant site of Staudinger reduction. For per-azido per-benzyl tobramycin, the upfield shift of H-2' is the result of anisotropic effect from O-5 Bn. The potential reduction of N-2' azide is blocked by the presence of O-5 Bn group. The N-3'' azide is most reactive (or most electron-deficient), which can be correlated to the observed chemical shift.

For compound 2, there is no O-6 electron-withdrawing group to favor the reduction of N-1 azido group despite having an O-5 Bn for blocking the reduction of N-2' azide. Thus, random reduction at multiple sites may occur, creating a complex mixture and no identifiable product. The lack of steric hindrance from O-5 protecting group in compound 5 causes the competitive reductions between N-2' and N-1 azido groups. Therefore, the desired N-1 reduced product could not be produced predominantly and then isolated. Finally, with the designs like compound 3 and those shown in Scheme 1, a regioselective reduction at N-1 azide can be achieved by a collaboration of both electron-withdrawing and steric effects.

**Synthesis of Butirosin B and Neokacin.** After revealing the criteria regarding the regioselectivity of the Staudinger reaction of per-azido neamine, we began to explore the possibility of introducing the AHB group via a regioselective reduction of the N-1 azido group for structurally more complicated per-azido

neomycin class derivatives. Neomycin class aminoglycosides contain a characteristic 4,5-disubstituted neamine core (ring II) (Figure 1).



	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	R <sup>4</sup>
Neomycin B	NH <sub>2</sub>	OH	H	DAG
Paromomycin	OH	OH	H	DAG
Lividomycin B	OH	H	H	DAG
Butirosin B	NH <sub>2</sub>	OH	AHB	H
Ribostamycin	NH <sub>2</sub>	OH	H	H

DAG: 2,6-diamino-2,6-dideoxy- $\beta$ -L-idopyranosyl

FIGURE 1. Structures of neomycin class aminoglycosides.

Our study shows that the protecting group at O-5 is essential in providing steric hindrance for favoring the regioselective reduction of N-1 azido group. Thus, it is conceivable that the furanose ring (ring III) at the O-5 of the neomycin class antibiotics may exert the same effect. Making ring II electron-deficient by introducing O-6 acyl protecting group is important as well. Rather than incorporating an electron-donating group, such as Bn, at ring I, it is easier synthetically to acylate all the hydroxy groups.

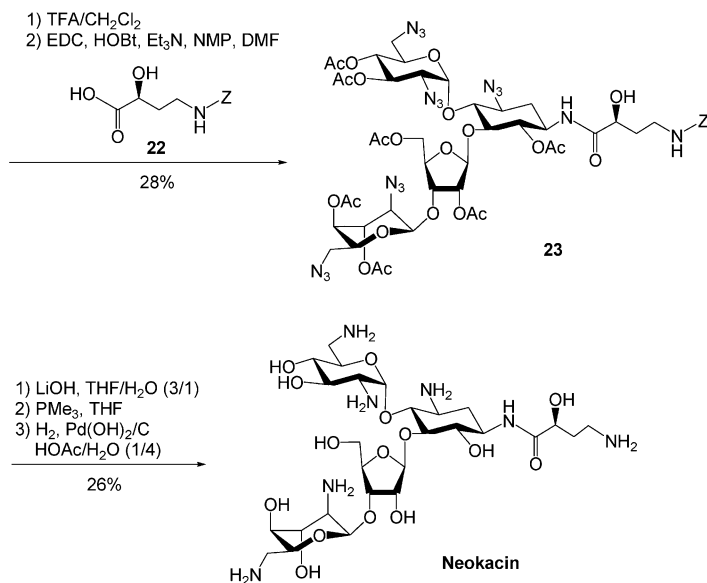
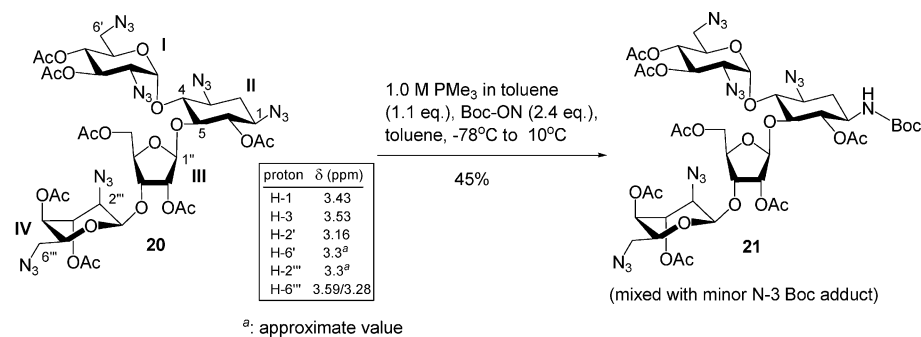
Per-acetylated per-azido neomycin, such as 20,<sup>21</sup> contains two additional N-2''' and N-6''' azido groups at ring IV (Scheme 6). The N-6''' azido group, which is transformed from a primary amino group that is analogous to the N-6' azido group at ring I, should not affect the outcome of selectivity. Since ring IV adapts an <sup>1</sup>C<sub>4</sub> conformation, the N-2''' azido group resides at an axial position. Substituent at the axial position is more electron rich than that of the equatorial position.<sup>23</sup> Additionally,

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(23) The axial substituent is typically more shielded as compared to the equatorial one as indicated by the chemical shifts of H-2<sub>ax</sub> and H-2<sub>eq</sub> in this report. Similar results regarding the chemical shifts of methyl group on methylcyclohexane can be found in the literature as well (Wiberg, K. B.; Hammer, J. D.; Castejon, H.; Bailey, W. F.; DeLeon, E. L.; Jarret, R. M. *J. Org. Chem.* **1999**, *64*, 2085–2095). However, computational analysis of the electron density and electrostatic potential for the axial and equatorial azido groups on cyclohexane reveals only slight difference favoring equatorial azido group toward nucleophilic agent. Thus, we reason that a combination of stereoelectronic effect and steric hindrance should contribute to the lower reactivity of the N-2''' azido group.

## SCHEME 6. Regioselective Staudinger Reduction of Azidoneomycin



the reactivity of N-2''' azido group was expected to be decreased due to a 1, 3-diaxial interaction exerted by C-4''' acetyloxy group. Thus, we expected the N-2''' azido group should be less reactive than the N-1 azido group. Finally, despite having acetyl groups at O-3' and O-4' making ring I electron-deficient, the steric hindrance from the furanose ring (ring III) is expected to hamper the reduction of N-2' azido group. Although chemical shifts of the *ipso*-protons of N-3 vs N-1 indicate that the former should be more reactive, we were expecting that the reactivity of N-3 could be decreased by the steric effect of ring I.

After treating **20** in the same condition, a mixture of N-1 and N-3 Boc-protected adducts, **21**, was obtained, although the N-1 Boc-protected adduct appeared to be the dominant product by COSY analysis. Deprotection of the Boc followed by the coupling with Cbz-protected AHB, **22**,<sup>20</sup> furnished a major product as **23**. Characterization of the major product confirms the attachment of the AHB group at the desired N-1 position. Global deprotection of the protecting groups furnished the desired neomycin derivative with AHB at the N-1 position, which we called neokacin.

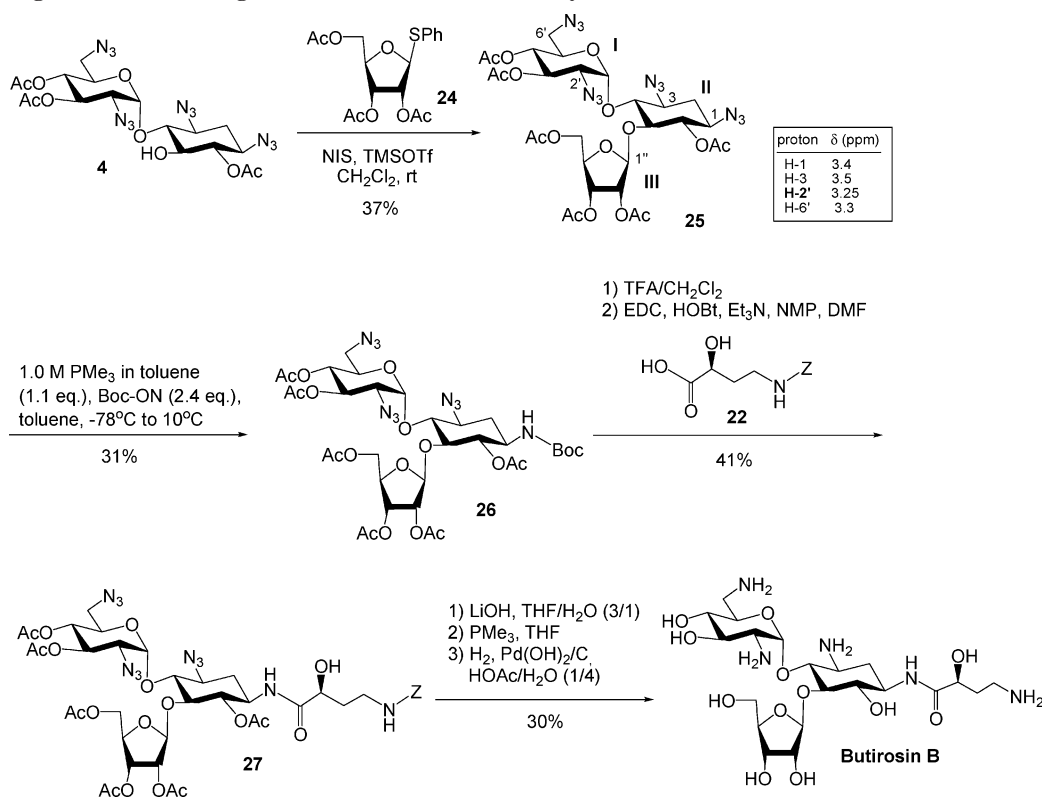
Because the commercially available ribostamycin is too expensive to be used as the starting material, a glycosylation strategy for the synthesis of per-azido per-*O*-acetylated ribostamycin has been developed (Scheme 7). Glycosylation of **4** with **24**<sup>22</sup> provided the ribostamycin-based adduct, **25**. Interestingly, the chemical shifts of the *ipso*-protons of **25** also suggest that the N-3 azido group should be the most reactive. However, after treating **25** in the same condition, a regioselective

Staudinger reduction can be achieved. Incorporation of Cbz-protected AHB followed by the global deprotection procedures yielded the ribostamycin adducts with N-1 AHB group, also known as butirosin B.

**Synthesis of Amikacin Derivatives.** The newly developed regioselective Staudinger reaction can also be applied for the synthesis of kanamycin class aminoglycosides with N-1 AHB group or amikacin analogues. Although we have previously reported the synthesis of two amikacin analogues,<sup>17</sup> JLN005 and JLN027, the newly developed protocol provides more convergent and efficient route for the construction of a library of amikacin analogues. Similar to the previous synthesis,<sup>17</sup> the glycosyl acceptor **14** was regiospecifically and stereoselectively glycosylated with thiophenylglycosyl donors, **28a–c**,<sup>15</sup> that we have prepared. The afforded glycosylated trisaccharides were often mixed with inseparable impurities. Nevertheless, after the hydrolysis of all the acyl protecting groups, three members of the kanamycin derivatives, **29a–c**, were obtained as a more pure form and with improved  $\alpha/\beta$  ratio (Scheme 8). Global deprotection via Staudinger reduction and hydrogenation procedures led to the synthesis of three amikacin analogues, JLN007, JLN033, and JLN040.

**Confirming the Regioselectivity by COSY Experiment.** As mentioned previously, the regioselectivity of the Staudinger reaction can be confirmed by 2D COSY experiment. Two diagnostic spectroscopic signatures can be utilized to unambiguously assign the site of azido reduction/Boc protection: (a) the *ipso*-proton (geminal proton) where azido reduction/Boc protec-

## SCHEME 7. Regioselective Staudinger Reduction of Azidoribostamycin



tion occur or where the AHB group is attached will have a significant (ca. 0.5 ppm) downfield shift, (b) a COSY signal between the *ipso*-proton (geminal proton) and the vicinal AHB-NH proton. The chemical shifts for several selected compounds in *d*-chloroform are summarized in Table 1 using the widely adapted numbering system for neomycin and kanamycin class aminoglycosides (Figure 2).

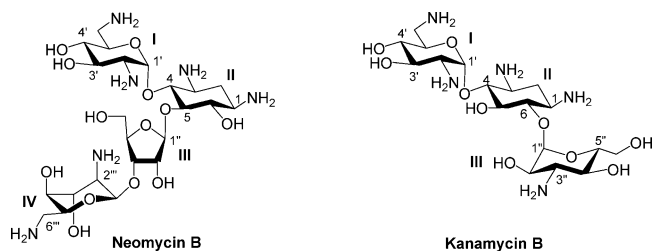


FIGURE 2. Numbering system for neomycin and kanamycin classes aminoglycosides.

**Antibacterial Activity Study.** The most common mode bacterial resistance against aminoglycosides arises from the overexpression of aminoglycoside-modifying enzymes (AME). These enzymes are grouped as aminoglycoside phosphotransferases (APHs), aminoglycoside acetyltransferases (AACs), and aminoglycoside nucleotidyltransferases (ANTs). Our newly synthesized aminoglycosides were assayed against a panel of bacteria, and the minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) was determined using amikacin, neomycin, butirosin A, gentamicin, and kanamycin as the controls (Tables 2 and 3).<sup>24</sup> Aminoglycoside susceptible *Escherichia coli* (ATCC 25922), *Staphylococcus aureus* (ATCC 25923), and *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (ATCC 13883, resistant to ampicillin, susceptible to aminoglycosides) were used as standard reference strains. *E. coli*

(pSF815) and *E. coli* (pTZ19U-3) are laboratory resistant strains using *E. coli* (TG1) as the host. *K. pneumoniae* (ATCC 700603) is a clinical isolate that is resistant to ceftazidime, other  $\beta$ -lactams, and several aminoglycosides (ANT(2'')).<sup>25</sup> *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (ATCC 27853) that expresses several AME including APH(3')-IIb that render the bacterium manifests modest resistance toward aminoglycosides.<sup>26</sup> Methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* (ATCC 33591) (MRSA) is the leading cause of bacterial infections.<sup>27</sup> Many MRSA strains contain genes encoded for APH(3'), ANT(4'), and AAC(6'')/APH(2''), which render the bacteria resistant to many aminoglycosides.

On the basis of the antibacterial activity of the neomycin class antibiotics, attaching AHB at N-1 is clearly an effective modification to revive the antibacterial activity as shown in the results from synthetic neokacin, butirosin B, and JT005 against susceptible and resistant *E. coli* (entries 2, 3, and 4, Table 2). More significantly, these synthetic aminoglycosides are active against *K. pneumoniae* (ATCC 700603), which causes severe pneumonia and renders multidrug resistance by harboring extended-spectrum  $\beta$ -lactamases (ESBLs) (entry 5, Table 2). All the synthesized kanamycin class aminoglycosides with an N-1 AHB group also manifest prominently against this clinically isolated *K. pneumoniae*.

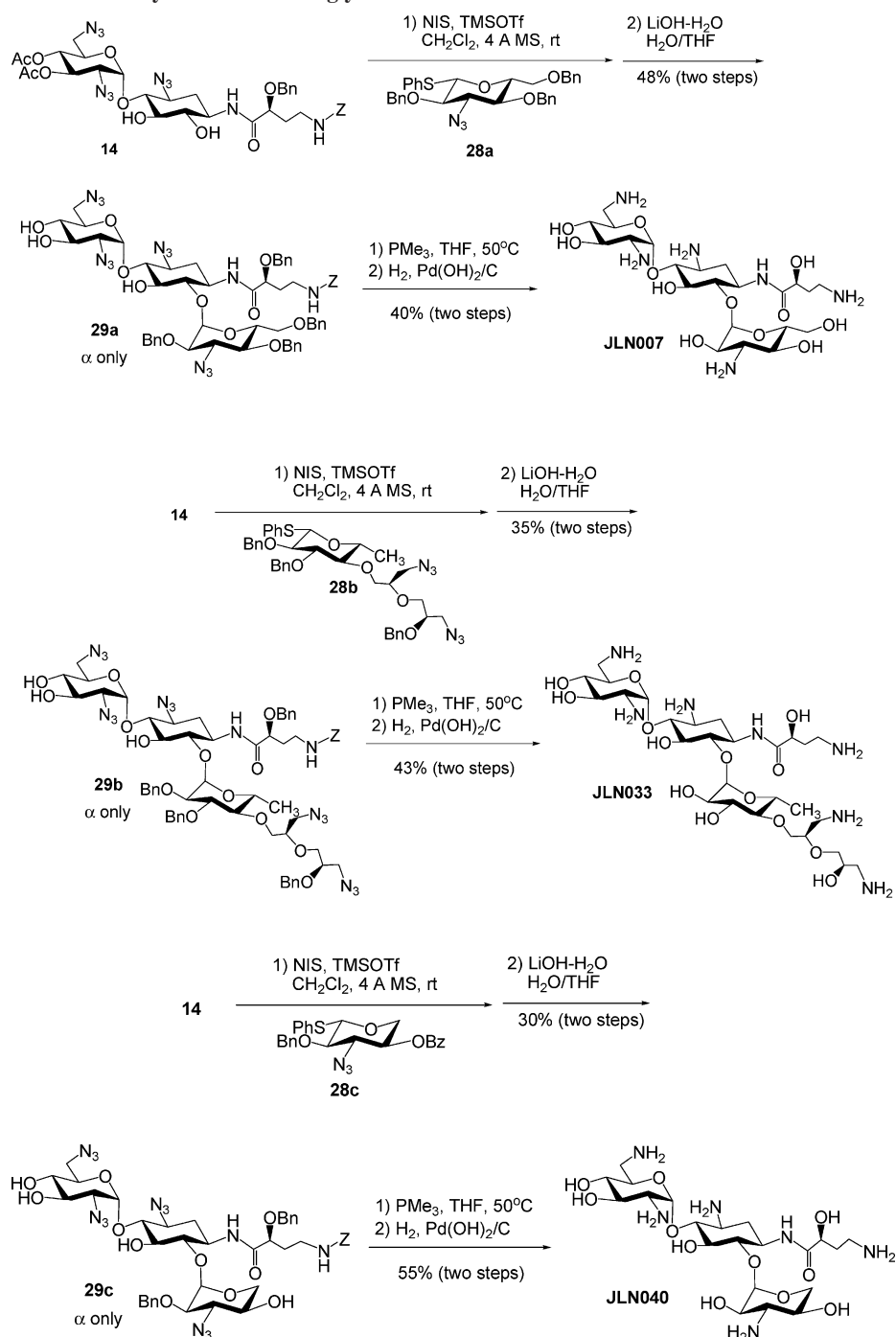
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## SCHEME 8. Synthesis of Kanamycin Class Aminoglycosides with N-1 AHB



*P. aeruginosa* is an opportunistic human pathogen and the leading cause of nosocomial infection. With the exception of neokacin, which shows only modest antibacterial activity, the attachment of N-1 AHB cannot revive the activity of neomycin class aminoglycosides against *P. aeruginosa* (entry 9, Table 2). A similar observation has been observed previously, and it has been suggested that attaching an N-1 AHB group may deter the acetylation at N-6' (AAC(6')) for kanamycin class aminoglycosides but have no effect against the action of AAC(6') for the neomycin class aminoglycosides.<sup>28</sup> In contrast, the

kanamycin class aminoglycosides bearing an N-1 AHB group while still having 3' and 4' hydroxyl groups appear to have regained activity (entry 9, Table 3). However, gentamicin that contain 3',4'-deoxygenation but no N-1 AHB group also displays prominent activity against *P. aeruginosa*. We have recently synthesized a kanamycin (gentamicin) analogue, JL040,<sup>29</sup> which differs from JLN040 only at the absence of an N-1 AHB group (Figure 3). JL040 is inactive against *P. aeruginosa*. The result demonstrates the importance of having an AHB group at N-1 for the activity of the kanamycin class aminoglycoside against *P. aeruginosa*.

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TABLE 1. Chemical Shifts of Selected Aminoglycoside Derivatives

structure	3	8	16	17	4	18	19	25	26	20	21	23
H-1	3.7	3.6	4.1	3.5	3.54	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.43	3.7	4.09
H-2 (eq./ax.)	2.45/1.65	2.44/1.65	2.3/1.40	2.1/1.52	2.41/1.62	2.36/1.63	2.35/1.58	2.39/1.60	2.39/1.5	2.39/1.63	2.3/1.63	2.35/1.56
H-3	3.5	3.5	3.5	4.0	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.51	3.53	3.5	3.57
H-4	3.67	3.69	3.6	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.44	3.7	3.66	3.7	3.65	3.71
H-5	5.16	5.13	5.21	5.11	3.65	3.6	3.58	3.87	3.91	3.9	3.93	3.98
H-6	4.94	4.94	4.81	4.95	4.93	4.86	4.94	4.97	4.78	4.96	4.79	4.91
H-1'	5.21	5.1	5.18	4.82	5.35	5.1	5.27	5.9	5.9	5.95	5.93	5.91
H-2'	3.36	4.0	3.3	3.40	3.68	3.9	3.03	3.25	3.22	3.16	3.16	3.17
H-3'	5.44	5.09	5.43	5.24	5.49	5.17	5.12	5.45	5.44	5.47	5.46	5.46
H-4'	5.03	5.04	5.02	4.99	5.05	5.02	4.96	5.01	4.99	4.99	4.96	4.97
H-5'	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.0	4.34	4.3	4.2	4.4	4.52	4.4	4.45	4.46
H-6'	3.3/3.4	3.3–3.4	3.1–3.4	3.4/3.11	3.43/3.32	3.2–3.3	3.38/3.28	3.3	3.2–3.3	3.3	n.d.	3.2–3.3
H-1''	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5.42	5.43	5.35	5.37	5.37
H-2''	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5.1	5.08	4.89	4.88	4.9
H-3''	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5.19	5.2	4.4	n.d.	4.42
H-4''	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4.26	4.2	4.32	n.d.	4.3
H-5''	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4.44/4.16	4.38/4.15	4.26	4.1	4.28
H-1'''	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4.87	4.87	4.87
H-2'''	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3.3	n.d.	3.3
H-3'''	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5.04	5.02	5.02
H-4'''	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4.7	4.7	4.69
H-5'''	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4.09	n.d.	4.1
H-6'''	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3.59/3.28	n.d.	3.58/3.27

<sup>a</sup> n.d.: not distinguishable due to the overlap of multiple signals.

TABLE 2. Minimum Inhibitory Concentrations for Neomycin Class Aminoglycosides<sup>a</sup>

entry	strains	neomycin	ribostamycin	butirosin A	neokacin	butirosin B	JT005 <sup>17</sup>
1	<i>E. coli</i> <sup>b</sup>	4–8	8	4–8	8–16	8	8
2	<i>E. coli</i> (TG1) <sup>c</sup>	4–8	4	8	8	2	4
3	<i>E. coli</i> (pSF815) <sup>d</sup>	4	4	1	4	2	2–4
4	<i>E. coli</i> (pTZ19U-3) <sup>e</sup>	inactive <sup>f</sup>	inactive	0.5–1	2	2	4
5	<i>K. pneumoniae</i> <sup>g</sup>	inactive	inactive	1	4	2–4	4
6	<i>K. pneumoniae</i> <sup>h</sup>	4–8	2–4	2	2	2–4	1–2
7	<i>S. aureus</i> <sup>i</sup>	inactive	inactive	inactive	inactive	inactive	inactive
8	<i>S. aureus</i> <sup>j</sup>	1–2	8	4	2–4	4	4
9	<i>P. aeruginosa</i> <sup>k</sup>	inactive	inactive	inactive	16	inactive	inactive

<sup>a</sup> Unit:  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ . <sup>b</sup> *Escherichia coli* (ATCC 25922). <sup>c</sup> *E. coli* (TG1) (aminoglycoside susceptible strain). <sup>d</sup> *E. coli* (TG1) (pSF815 plasmid encoded for AAC(6')/APH(2'')). <sup>e</sup> *E. coli* (TG1) (pTZ19U-3 plasmid encoded for APH(3')-I). <sup>f</sup> Inactive is defined as MIC  $\geq 32 \mu\text{g/mL}$ . <sup>g</sup> *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (ATCC 700603). <sup>h</sup> *K. pneumoniae* (ATCC 13883). <sup>i</sup> *Staphylococcus aureus* (ATCC 33591) (MRSA). <sup>j</sup> *S. aureus* (ATCC 25923). <sup>k</sup> *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (ATCC 27853).

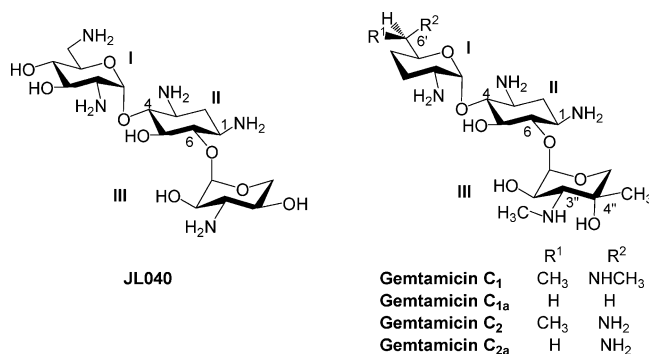


FIGURE 3. Structures of JL040 and gentamicin.

MRSA is another formidable drug-resistant pathogen, which harbors multiple AMEs. Without surprise, no newly synthesized aminoglycosides show activity against MRSA. Interestingly, gentamicin is active against MRSA while structurally similar JL040 and JLN040 are inactive. The results suggest that methyl groups at C-6', N-3'', and C-4'' on the carbohydrate scaffold may play crucial role(s) in the activity of kanamycin class aminoglycosides against MRSA.

## Conclusion

We have completed the investigation on the regioselectivity of Staudinger reactions of perazidoaminoglycosides. Electron-withdrawing effect is the dominant factor in controlling the regioselectivity; however, steric factor can have significant impact as well. It is the combination of these two factors that a selective Staudinger reaction can occur preferably at the N-1 azido group of per-azido neamine and neomycin derivatives. Chemical shift of *ipso*-proton can provide valuable prediction regarding the preference of reduction site(s). Nonetheless, such information cannot be interpreted as the absolute factor in controlling the regioselectivity. Although in some cases, the yield is moderate, and it can be attributed to the non-regioselective reduction of azido group at other positions. In general, we have developed a novel way of directly introducing structural modifications at the N-1 of neomycin class aminoglycosides. In addition, this method can lead to the synthesis of kanamycin class aminoglycosides with N-1 modifications. Finally, the results from the antibacterial studies reveal drastic difference in the activity between the neomycin and kanamycin class aminoglycosides among various bacteria.



TABLE 3. Minimum Inhibitory Concentrations for Kanamycin Class Aminoglycosides<sup>a</sup>

entry	strains	amikacin	kanamycin B	gentamicin <sup>b</sup>	JLN005 <sup>17</sup>	JLN007	JLN027 <sup>17</sup>	JLN033	JLN040
1	<i>E. coli</i> <sup>c</sup>	2–4	4–8	2	8–16	4–8	2–4	8–16	4
2	<i>E. coli</i> (TG1) <sup>d</sup>	1	4	2	4	4	1	4	4
3	<i>E. coli</i> (pSF815) <sup>e</sup>	0.5	inactive <sup>f</sup>	inactive	2	2	1	2	1
4	<i>E. coli</i> (pTZ19U-3) <sup>g</sup>	0.25	inactive	1	2	0.5–1	0.25–0.5	0.5	0.5
5	<i>K. pneumoniae</i> <sup>h</sup>	1	inactive	8–16	ND	2–4	1–2	4	2
6	<i>K. pneumoniae</i> <sup>i</sup>	1–2	1–2	1	ND	2	1	4	1–2
7	<i>S. aureus</i> <sup>j</sup>	16	inactive	4	ND	inactive	inactive	inactive	inactive
8	<i>S. aureus</i> <sup>k</sup>	2	1–2	0.5	2–4	2	1–2	2	1–2
9	<i>P. aeruginosa</i> <sup>l</sup>	0.5–1	inactive	0.5–1	4–8	4	2–4	4–8	1–2

<sup>a</sup> Unit:  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ . ND: not determined. <sup>b</sup> Gentamicin consists of 33% gentamicin C<sub>1</sub>, 19% gentamicin C<sub>1a</sub>, and 48% gentamicin C<sub>2a</sub> and C<sub>2</sub>. All these compounds have 3',4'-dideoxylation. <sup>c</sup> *Escherichia coli* (ATCC 25922). <sup>d</sup> *E. coli* (TG1) (aminoglycoside susceptible strain). <sup>e</sup> *E. coli* (TG1) (pSF815 plasmid encoded for AAC(6')/APH(2'')). <sup>f</sup> Inactive is defined as MIC  $\geq$  32  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ . <sup>g</sup> *E. coli* (TG1) (pTZ19U-3 plasmid encoded for APH(3')-I). <sup>h</sup> *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (ATCC 700603). <sup>i</sup> *K. pneumoniae* (ATCC 13883). <sup>j</sup> *Staphylococcus aureus* (ATCC 33591) (MRSA). <sup>k</sup> *S. aureus* (ATCC 25923). <sup>l</sup> *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (ATCC 27853).

## Experimental Section

Proton magnetic resonance spectra were recorded using 400 MHz spectrometers. Chemical shifts were reported as parts per million (ppm) downfield from tetramethylsilane in  $\delta$  unit, and coupling constants were given in cycles per second (Hz). Splitting patterns were designed as s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were obtained by broad-band WALTZ decoupling using a 100 MHz spectrometer. All NMR spectra were recorded at ambient temperature unless otherwise noted. Chemical reagents and starting materials were purchased and used without purification unless otherwise noted. Dichloromethane was distilled over CaH<sub>2</sub>. Other solvents were used without purification.

**5,6,3',4'-Tetra-O-acetyl-1,3,2',6'-tetraazidoneamine (3).** To a solution of 1,3,2',6'-tetraazidoneamine (7.6 g, 17.83 mmol),<sup>17</sup> Et<sub>3</sub>N (26.3 mL, 0.19 mol), and DMAP (0.50 g, catalyst) in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (200 mL) was slowly added Ac<sub>2</sub>O (17.7 mL, 0.19 mol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature until the completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC, *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.46, EtOAc:hexane = 35: 65). The reaction was then quenched by addition of saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and extracted with EtOAc. The organic solution was washed with 1 N HCl(aq), water, saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub>(aq), brine, and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After removal of the solvent followed by purification with a gradient column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 80:20 to 40:60), the product was obtained as white crystals (4.88 g, 8.21 mmol, 46%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.44 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 9.2 Hz, 1H, H-3'), 5.21 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H, H-1'), 5.16 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 9.7 Hz, 1H, H-5), 5.03 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 9.3 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 4.94 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 9.9 Hz, 1H, H-6), 4.5 (m, 1H, H-5'), 3.67 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 9.7 Hz, 1H, H-4), 3.7 (m, 1H, H-1), 3.5 (m, 1H, H-3), 3.3–3.4 (m, 3H), 2.45 (ddd, *J* = 13.4, 4.6, 4.5 Hz, 1H, H-2<sub>eq</sub>), 2.09 (s, 6H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 1.65 (ddd, *J* = 13.3, 12.5, 12.5 Hz, 1H, H-2<sub>ax</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.1, 170.0, 169.9, 169.5, 99.0, 78.9, 74.3, 73.8, 70.0, 69.8, 69.6, 60.8, 58.6, 57.8, 50.9, 31.9, 20.8 (2C), 20.7 (2C); HRESI calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>13</sub>O<sub>10</sub> [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> *m/z* 612.2238, measure *m/z* 612.2213.

**5,6,3',4'-Tetra-O-acetyl-1-*N*-tert-butoxycarbonyl-3,2',6'-triazidoneamine (6) and 5,6,3',4'-Tetra-O-acetyl-3-*N*-tert-butoxycarbonyl-1,2',6'-triazidoneamine (7).** Please refer to the general procedure for selective Staudinger reaction. Compounds **6** and **7** were inseparable and were obtained with a combined yield of 49%.

**5,6,3',4'-Tetra-O-acetyl-2'-*N*-tert-butoxycarbonyl-1,3,6'-triazidoneamine (8).** Please refer to the general procedure for selective Staudinger reaction. Compound **8** was obtained in 8% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.13 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 9.1 Hz, 1H, H-5), 5.0–5.1 (m, 2H), 5.04 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 9.6 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 4.94 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 9.9 Hz, 1H, H-6), 4.55 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H, NH), 4.40 (ddd, *J* = 9.9, 4.3, 4.1 Hz, 1H, H-5'), 4.00 (ddd, *J* = 10.5, 10.4, 3.7 Hz, 1H, H-2'), 3.69 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 9.7 Hz, 1H, H-4), 3.6 (m, 1H, H-1), 3.5 (m, 1H, H-3), 3.3–3.4 (m, 2H), 2.44 (ddd, *J* = 13.4, 4.6, 4.5 Hz, 1H, H-2<sub>eq</sub>), 2.07 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H),

2.00 (s, 3H), 1.65 (ddd, *J* = 13.1, 12.7, 12.6 Hz, 1H, H-2<sub>ax</sub>), 1.43 (s, 9H, C(O)(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.9, 169.8 (2C), 169.6, 155.3, 98.9, 80.3, 77.7, 74.2, 73.7, 71.3, 70.2, 69.4, 58.8, 57.9, 53.0, 51.2, 32.0, 28.3, 20.8 (2C), 20.7 (2C); HRESI calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>10</sub>O<sub>12</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> *m/z* 691.2412, measure *m/z* 691.2390.

**1-*N*-tert-Butoxycarbonyl-3,2',6'-triazido-5,6-O-cyclohexylidene-neamine (9) and 3-*N*-tert-Butoxycarbonyl-1,2',6'-triazido-5,6-O-cyclohexylideneamine (10).** See ref 17.

**3',4'-Di-O-acetyl-1-*N*-tert-butoxycarbonyl-3,2',6'-triazido-5,6-O-cyclohexylideneamine (11).** Please refer to the procedure for the preparation of compound **3**. From a mixture of **9** and **10** (1.97 g, 3.40 mmol), two components were isolated with gradient column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 60:40 to 0:100) and characterized individually. The major product was compound **11** (1.36 g, 2.05 mmol, 60%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.54 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H, H-1'), 5.45 (dd, *J* = 10.6, 9.4 Hz, 1H, H-3'), 4.99 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 9.6 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 4.8 (m, 1H, NH), 4.3 (m, 1H, H-5'), 3.74 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 9.4 Hz, 1H, H-4), 3.7 (m, 1H, H-1), 3.56 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 9.3 Hz, 1H, H-5), 3.5 (m, 1H, H-3), 3.2–3.3 (m, 3H), 3.24 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 3.5 Hz, 1H, H-2'), 2.6 (m, 1H, H-2<sub>eq</sub>), 2.05 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.5–1.6 (m, 10H), 1.42 (s, 9H, C(O)(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.36 (ddd, *J* = 13.9, 12.8, 12.1 Hz, 1H, H-2<sub>ax</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.0, 169.9, 155.4, 113.9, 96.7, 80.2, 80.0, 78.2 (2C), 69.9, 69.6, 69.5, 60.8, 60.6, 51.1, 48.9, 36.6, 36.1, 35.3, 28.5, 25.0, 23.8, 20.8; HRESI calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>10</sub>O<sub>10</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> *m/z* 687.2827, measure *m/z* 687.2806.

**3',4'-Di-O-acetyl-3-*N*-tert-butoxycarbonyl-1,2',6'-triazido-5,6-O-cyclohexylideneamine (12).** Please refer to the procedure for the preparation of compound **3**. From a mixture of **9** and **10** (1.97 g, 3.40 mmol), two components were isolated with gradient column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 60:40 to 0:100) and characterized individually. The minor product was compound **12** (0.47 g, 0.71 mmol, 21%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.47 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H, H-1'), 5.39 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 9.9 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (d, *J* = 9.8, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.7 (m, 1H), 4.2 (m, 1H, H-5'), 3.7–3.8 (m, 2H), 3.7 (m, 1H, H-1), 3.60 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 3.4 (m, 2H), 3.25 (dd, *J* = 10.7, 3.6 Hz, 1H, H-2'), 2.4 (m, 1H, H-2<sub>eq</sub>), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.6–1.7 (m, 11H), 1.48 (s, 9H, C(O)(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.9, 169.7, 155.1, 113.7, 97.2, 79.9, 79.4, 78.7, 69.9, 69.8, 69.0, 60.8, 57.7, 51.3, 50.8, 36.6, 36.1, 35.6, 28.5, 25.1, 23.9, 20.8, 20.7; HRESI calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>10</sub>O<sub>10</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> *m/z* 687.2827, measure *m/z* 687.2800.

**3',4'-Di-O-acetyl-1-*N*-[(*S*)-2-*O*-benzyl-4-(benzyloxycarbonylamino)butanoyl]-3,2',6'-triazidoneamine (14).** To a solution of compound **11** (0.60 g, 0.90 mmol) in dichloromethane were added 99% trifluoroacetic acid (3 mL) and water (0.02 mL), and the reaction mixture was stirred for 7 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was quenched with triethylamine, concentrated to dryness, and used without purification. A mixture of (*S*)-2-*O*-

benzyl-4-(benzyloxycarbonylamino)butyric acid (0.34 g, 0.99 mmol), EDC (0.26 g, 1.35 mmol), HOBt (0.18 g, 1.35 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N (1 mL), and the above crude amine in anhydrous DMF (5 mL) was stirred overnight under nitrogen at room temperature. After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC, hexane:EtOAc = 35:65), the reaction mixture was concentrated and redissolved in EtOAc. The organic solution was washed with water and brine and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Removal of the solvent followed by purification with gradient column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 60:40 to 0:100) afforded the product as white crystals (0.37 g, 0.45 mmol, 51%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.3–7.4 (m, 10H), 6.7 (m, 1H), 5.5 (m, 2H), 5.0 (m, 4H), 4.60 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.4 (m, 1H, H-5'), 4.03 (dd, *J* = 4.6, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.8 (m, 1H, H-1), 3.2–3.5 (m, 9H), 2.3 (m, 1H, H-2<sub>eq</sub>), 2.10 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.07 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.0 (m, 2H), 1.3 (m, 1H, H-2<sub>ax</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.8, 172.2, 169.0, 156.8, 136.9, 136.8, 129.0, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 98.5, 81.8, 78.7, 75.0, 73.2, 70.7, 69.7, 69.4, 66.9, 61.4, 59.1, 51.1, 48.7, 37.1, 32.7, 32.2, 29.8, 20.8, 20.8; HRESI calcd for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>44</sub>N<sub>11</sub>O<sub>12</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> *m/z* 810.3170, measure *m/z* 810.3159.

**3',4'-Di-*O*-acetyl-3-*N*-[(*S*)-2-*O*-benzyl-4-(benzyloxycarbonylamino)butanoyl]-1,2',6'-triazidoneamine (15).** Please refer to the procedure for the preparation of compound 14. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.3–7.4 (m, 10H), 6.7 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 9.5 Hz, 1H, H-3'), 5.1 (m, 2H), 5.02 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 9.7 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 5.0 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H, H-1'), 4.64 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.1 (m, 1H, H-5'), 3.98 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.9 (m, 1H, H-3), 3.66 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 3.5 Hz, 1H, H-2'), 3.56 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.2–3.5 (m, 6H), 3.16 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 4.4 Hz, 1H, H-6'), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.0–2.1 (m, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.45 (ddd, *J* = 12.5, 12.4, 12.3 Hz, 1H, H-2<sub>ax</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.2, 170.1, 169.9, 156.5, 137.0, 136.7, 129.0, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 98.3, 85.4, 78.0, 75.9, 75.8, 72.7, 71.7, 69.6, 69.1, 66.9, 62.7, 59.9, 50.7, 48.1, 37.4, 33.2, 31.7, 20.8, 20.8; HRESI calcd for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>44</sub>N<sub>11</sub>O<sub>12</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> *m/z* 810.3170, measure *m/z* 810.3145.

**3',4',5,6-Tetra-*O*-acetyl-1-*N*-[(*S*)-2-*O*-benzyl-4-(benzyloxycarbonylamino)butanoyl]-3,2',6'-triazidoneamine (16).** Please refer to the procedure for the preparation of compound 3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.3–7.4 (m, 10H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 9.5 Hz, 1H, H-3'), 5.21 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 9.5 Hz, 1H, H-5), 5.18 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H, H-1'), 5.1 (m, 2H), 5.02 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 9.6 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 4.97 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H, NH), 4.81 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 10.2 Hz, 1H, H-6), 4.59 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.4 (m, 1H, H-5'), 4.1 (m, 1H, H-1), 3.9 (m, 1H, H-5'), 3.6 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 9.3 Hz, 1H, H-4), 3.5 (m, 1H, H-3), 3.2–3.4 (m, 5H), 2.3 (m, 1H, H-2<sub>eq</sub>), 2.07 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.9 (m, 1H), 1.8 (m, 1H), 1.4 (m, 1H, H-2<sub>ax</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.4, 171.3, 169.9 (2C), 169.0, 156.5, 136.8, 136.7, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 98.9, 79.2, 78.3, 73.5, 73.1, 70.0, 69.7, 69.6, 66.8, 60.8, 58.6, 50.9, 47.3, 37.5, 32.8, 32.5, 29.8, 20.8, 20.6; HRESI calcd for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>48</sub>N<sub>11</sub>O<sub>14</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> *m/z* 894.3382, measure *m/z* 894.3366.

**3',4',5,6-Tetra-*O*-acetyl-3-*N*-[(*S*)-2-*O*-benzyl-4-(benzyloxycarbonylamino)butanoyl]-1,2',6'-triazidoneamine (17).** Please refer to the procedure for the preparation of compound 3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.3–7.4 (m, 10H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 9.6 Hz, 1H, H-3'), 5.11 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 9.1 Hz, 1H, H-5), 5.0 (m, 3H), 4.99 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 9.6 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 4.95 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 9.4 Hz, 1H, H-6), 4.82 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H, H-1'), 4.64 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.0 (m, 1H, H-3), 3.9–4.0 (m, 2H), 3.7 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 8.9 Hz, 1H, H-4), 3.5 (m, 1H, H-1), 3.3–3.4 (m, 2H), 3.2–3.3 (m, 2H), 3.11 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 4.2 Hz, 1H, H-6'), 2.1 (m, 1H, H-2<sub>eq</sub>), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.9–2.0 (m, 2H), 1.52 (ddd, *J* = 12.4, 12.3, 12.2 Hz, 1H, H-2<sub>ax</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.3, 170.1, 169.8 (2C), 169.7 (2C), 156.5, 137.0, 136.7, 129.0, 128.7, 128.3 (2C), 128.2, 98.1, 80.3, 77.8, 73.6, 72.7, 72.5, 70.6, 69.5, 69.0,

66.8, 61.9, 58.0, 50.6, 48.4, 37.2, 32.5, 31.4, 20.7 (4C); HRESI calcd for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>48</sub>N<sub>11</sub>O<sub>14</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> *m/z* 894.3382, measure *m/z* 894.3377.

**6,3',4'-Tri-*O*-acetyl-2'-*N*-tert-butoxycarbonyl-1,3,6'-triazidoneamine (18).** Please refer to the general procedure for selective Staudinger reaction. Compound 18 was obtained with a 21% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.17 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 10.0 Hz, 1H, H-3'), 5.1 (m, 1H, H-1'), 5.02 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 9.6 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 4.86 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 9.8 Hz, 1H, H-6), 4.3 (m, 1H, H-5'), 3.8 (m, 1H, H-2'), 3.4–3.6 (m, 2H), 3.2–3.4 (m, 4H), 2.36 (ddd, *J* = 13.2, 4.5, 4.4 Hz, 1H, H-2<sub>eq</sub>), 2.14 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.63 (ddd, *J* = 12.9, 12.6, 12.6 Hz, 1H, H-2<sub>ax</sub>), 1.39 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.3, 169.8, 163.1, 155.6, 98.4, 80.8, 80.2, 76.3, 74.7, 71.4, 69.7, 69.5 (2C), 58.9, 58.7, 51.2, 31.9, 28.4 (3C), 21.0, 20.9, 20.8; HRESI calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>10</sub>O<sub>11</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> *m/z* 649.2306, measure *m/z* 649.2285.

**6,3',4'-Tri-*O*-acetyl-2'-amino-1,3,6'-triazidoneamine (19).** Please refer to the general procedure for selective Staudinger reaction. Compound 19 was obtained with a 27% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.27 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H, H-1'), 5.12 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 9.7 Hz, 1H, H-3'), 4.96 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 9.6 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 4.94 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 9.9 Hz, 1H, H-6), 4.2 (m, 1H, H-5'), 3.58 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 9.1 Hz, 1H, H-5), 3.5 (m, 1H, H-1), 3.44 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 9.0 Hz, 1H, H-4), 3.38 (dd, *J* = 13.3, 2.7 Hz, 1H, H-6'), 3.3 (m, 1H, H-3), 3.28 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 5.3 Hz, 1H, H-6'), 3.03 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 3.9 Hz, 1H, H-2'), 2.35 (ddd, *J* = 13.2, 4.5, 4.2 Hz, 1H, H-2<sub>eq</sub>), 2.12 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.58 (ddd, *J* = 12.8, 12.6, 12.5 Hz, 1H, H-2<sub>ax</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.6, 170.5, 169.8, 101.6, 85.0, 74.7, 74.4, 74.0, 69.6, 69.4, 58.7, 58.3, 54.1, 51.1, 32.1, 21.1, 21.0, 20.8; HRESI calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>10</sub>O<sub>9</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> *m/z* 527.1962, measure *m/z* 527.1972.

**1-*N*-tert-Butoxycarbonyl-hepta-*O*-acetyl-pentaazidoneomycin (21).** Please refer to the general procedure for selective Staudinger reaction. Compound 21 was obtained with a 45% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.93 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (dd, *J* = 10.6, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (dd, *J* = 2.9, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 9.4 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (dd, *J* = 2.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (dd, *J* = 1.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.5 (m, 1H), 4.45 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.3 (m, 1H), 4.25 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.1 (m, 1H), 3.93 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.7 (m, 1H, H-1), 3.65 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (dd, *J* = 12.9, 9.6, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.5 (m, 1H), 3.2–3.3 (m, 4H), 3.16 (dd, *J* = 10.7, 3.8 Hz, 1H, H-2'), 2.3 (m, 1H, H-2<sub>eq</sub>), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 6H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.63 (ddd, *J* = 12.9, 12.8, 12.4 Hz, 1H, H-2<sub>ax</sub>), 1.42 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.1, 170.9, 170.3, 170.2, 169.9 (2C), 168.7, 155.2, 107.4, 99.3, 96.6, 82.8, 80.5, 79.5, 77.4, 76.8, 75.9, 75.1, 73.7, 70.2, 69.7, 69.5, 68.9, 65.9, 63.5, 61.0, 59.5, 56.7, 51.3, 50.8, 49.1, 33.2, 28.4, 21.0, 20.9 (2C), 20.8 (3C), 20.7; MALDI calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>58</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>16</sub>O<sub>22</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> *m/z* 1161.3809, measure *m/z* 1161.3801.

**1-*N*-[(*S*)-4-(Benzyloxycarbonylamino)-2-hydroxybutanoyl]-hepta-*O*-acetyl-pentaazidoneomycin (23).** Please refer to the procedure for the preparation of compound 14. Compound 23 was obtained with a 28% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.3 (m, 5H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H, NH), 5.91 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H, H-1'), 5.46 (dd, *J* = 10.6, 9.3 Hz, 1H, H-3'), 5.37 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H, H-1''), 5.2 (m, 1H, NH), 5.11 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (dd, *J* = 2.7, 2.7 Hz, 1H, H-3'''), 4.97 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 9.7 Hz, 1H, H-4'), 4.91 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 3.7 Hz, 1H, H-6), 4.90 (dd, *J* = 2.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H, H-2''), 4.87 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H, H-1'''), 4.69 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H, H-4'''), 4.4–4.5 (m, 3H), 4.2–4.3 (m, 2H), 4.0–4.1 (m, 3H), 3.98 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 8.4 Hz, 1H, H-5), 3.71 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 8.2 Hz, 1H, H-4), 3.5–3.6 (m, 3H), 3.2–3.3 (m, 3H), 3.27 (dd, *J* = 12.9, 4.3 Hz, 1H, H-6'''), 3.17 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 3.8 Hz, 1H, H-2'), 3.1 (m, 1H), 2.35 (ddd, *J* = 13.5, 4.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H, H-2<sub>eq</sub>), 2.16 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 6H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.5–1.6 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz,

$\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  173.5, 170.8, 170.3, 170.2, 169.9 (2C), 168.6, 158.4, 136.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 107.2, 99.3, 96.6, 82.3, 79.6, 76.7, 75.9, 75.2, 75.1, 73.6, 70.1, 69.6, 69.4, 68.9, 67.4, 65.8, 63.6, 61.0, 59.3, 56.6, 51.3, 50.8, 47.2, 37.1, 35.4, 32.1, 29.8, 21.0, 20.9 (2C), 20.8 (3C), 20.6; HRESI calcd for  $\text{C}_{49}\text{H}_{64}\text{N}_{17}\text{O}_{24}$  ( $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ )  $m/z$  1274.4310, measure  $m/z$  1274.4295.

**1-N-[(S)-4-Amino-2-hydroxybutanoyl]neomycin (Neokacin).** Compound **23** (0.20 g, 0.16 mmol) was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (3 mL) and water (1 mL), and lithium hydroxide monohydrate (0.06 g, 1.54 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature till the completion of the reaction (ca. 24 h, monitored by TLC,  $R_f = 0$ , EtOAc:hexane = 65:35). The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite, the solvent was removed, and the crude product was directly used for next step. To a starting material/THF solution in a reaction vial equipped with a reflux condenser were added 0.1 M NaOH(aq) (0.5 mL) and  $\text{PMe}_3$  (1 M in THF, 5–7 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 2 h. The product has an  $R_f$  of 0 when eluted with EtOAc/MeOH (9/1) solution, and an  $R_f$  of 0.6 when eluted with *i*PrOH/1 M  $\text{NH}_4\text{OAc}$  (2/1) solution. After completion of the reaction, the solvents were removed, and the crude benzylated aminoglycoside was added with catalytic amount of  $\text{Pd}(\text{OH})_2/\text{C}$  (20% Degussa type) and 5 mL of degassed HOAc/ $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1/3). After being further degassed, the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature under atmospheric  $\text{H}_2$  pressure. After being stirred for 1 day, the reaction mixture was filtered through Celite. The residue was washed with water, and the combined solutions were concentrated. The crude product was purified with Amberlite CG50( $\text{NH}_4^+$ ) eluted with a gradient of  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$  solution (0–20%). The final product with  $\text{Cl}^-$  salt can be prepared with an ion-exchange column packed with Dowex IX8-200 ( $\text{Cl}^-$  form) and eluting with water. After collection of the desired fractions and removal of solvent, the final products (35.2 mg, 0.04 mmol, 26%) are subjected to bioassay directly. The reported final products are characterized by  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR at this stage.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  5.94 (d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.39 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.27 (s, 1H), 4.53 (dd,  $J = 6.9, 4.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.39 (dd,  $J = 4.7, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.3 (m, 1H), 4.29 (dd,  $J = 8.1, 3.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.20 (dd,  $J = 3.1, 3.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.1 (m, 1H), 3.8–4.0 (m, 6H), 3.75 (dd,  $J = 12.4, 4.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.63 (dd,  $J = 10.2, 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.5 (m, 2H), 3.45 (dd,  $J = 10.2, 9.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.3–3.4 (m, 5H), 3.25 (dd,  $J = 13.7, 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.1 (m, 2H), 2.1 (m, 2H), 1.9 (m, 1H), 1.67 (ddd,  $J = 12.7, 12.5, 12.4$  Hz, 1H, H-2<sub>ax</sub>);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  175.8, 110.4, 95.8, 95.5, 86.0, 81.3, 77.7, 75.3, 74.1, 73.8, 71.0, 70.4, 69.8, 69.3, 68.7, 67.9, 67.6, 60.4, 53.9, 51.1, 49.2, 49.1, 40.7, 40.4, 36.9, 31.4, 31.1; HRESI calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{54}\text{N}_7\text{O}_{15}$  ( $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ )  $m/z$  716.3677, measure  $m/z$  716.3695.

**5-O-(2,3,5-Tri-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl)-6,3',4'-tri-O-acetyl-1,3,2',6'-tetraazidoneamine (25).** A mixture of compounds **24** (0.32 g, 0.89 mmol) and **4** (0.41 g, 0.74 mmol) and activated 4 Å molecular sieves was stirred in anhydrous  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (15 mL) at room temperature for 5 h. *N*-Iodosuccinimide (0.20 g, 0.89 mmol) was quickly added into the above solution, and the reaction mixture was cooled to –60 °C. After the solution was warmed to –50 °C, trimethylsilyl triflate (20  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.13 mmol) was added. The solution was stirred overnight, and TLC of the reaction showed the complete consumption of glycosyl donor ( $R_f = 0.27$ , monitored by TLC,  $R_f = 0.27$ , hexane:EtOAc = 65:35). The reaction was quenched by addition of  $\text{NaHCO}_3(\text{s})$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{s})$ , and  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3(\text{s})$  then filtered through Celite. After removal of solvents, the crude product was redissolved in EtOAc. The organic solution was washed with water and brine and dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . Removal of solvent and purification with a gradient column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 80:20 to 30:70) afforded the desired product (0.22 g, 0.27 mmol, 37%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  5.90 (d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz, 1H, H-1'), 5.45 (dd,  $J = 10.6, 9.2$  Hz, 1H, H-3'), 5.42 (d,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, 1H, H-1''), 5.19 (dd,  $J = 4.9, 4.6$  Hz, 1H, H-3''), 5.10 (dd,  $J = 4.8, 3.8$  Hz, 1H, H-2''), 5.01 (dd,  $J = 9.9, 9.4$  Hz, 1H, H-4'), 4.97 (dd,  $J = 9.8, 8.7$  Hz, 1H, H-6), 4.4 (m, 1H, H-5'), 4.44

(dd,  $J = 12.1, 3.0$  Hz, 1H, H-5''), 4.26 (ddd,  $J = 4.3, 3.8, 3.3$  Hz, 1H, H-4''), 4.16 (dd,  $J = 12.2, 3.9$  Hz, 1H, H-5''), 3.87 (dd,  $J = 9.2, 9.1$  Hz, 1H, H-5), 3.70 (dd,  $J = 9.7, 8.9$  Hz, 1H, H-4), 3.5 (m, 1H, H-3), 3.4 (m, 1H, H-1), 3.3 (m, 1H, H-6'), 3.25 (dd,  $J = 10.7, 3.8$  Hz, 1H, H-2'), 2.39 (ddd,  $J = 13.3, 4.6, 4.5$  Hz, 1H, H-2<sub>eq</sub>), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 6H), 1.60 (ddd,  $J = 12.9, 12.8, 12.7$  Hz, 1H, H-2<sub>ax</sub>);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.8, 170.2, 169.8, 169.7, 169.6, 169.5, 106.5, 96.5, 81.0, 79.8, 76.6, 74.8, 74.3, 71.1, 70.2, 69.4, 69.4, 63.3, 61.1, 59.2, 58.3, 51.1, 31.7, 21.0, 20.9 (2C), 20.6 (2C), 20.6; HRESI calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{38}\text{N}_{12}\text{O}_{16}\text{Na}$  ( $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ )  $m/z$  833.2426, measure  $m/z$  833.2434.

**5-O-(2,3,5-Tri-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl)-1-N-tert-butoxycarbonyl-6,3',4'-tri-O-acetyl-3,2',6'-triazidoneamine (26).** Please refer to the general procedure for selective Staudinger reaction. Compound **26** was obtained with a 31% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  5.90 (d,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, 1H, H-1'), 5.44 (dd,  $J = 10.7, 9.3$  Hz, 1H, H-3'), 5.43 (d,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, 1H, H-1''), 5.20 (dd,  $J = 4.9, 4.9$  Hz, 1H, H-3''), 5.08 (dd,  $J = 4.6, 3.9$  Hz, 1H, H-2''), 4.99 (dd,  $J = 10.0, 9.5$  Hz, 1H, H-4'), 4.78 (dd,  $J = 10.1, 10.0$  Hz, 1H, H-6), 4.64 (d,  $J = 9.1$  Hz, 1H), 4.52 (ddd,  $J = 10.1, 5.1, 2.9$  Hz, 1H, H-5'), 4.38 (dd,  $J = 11.4, 3.0$  Hz, 1H, H-5''), 4.2 (m, 1H, H-4''), 4.15 (dd,  $J = 12.1, 3.8$  Hz, 1H, H-5'), 3.91 (dd,  $J = 9.1, 9.0$  Hz, 1H, H-5), 3.7 (m, 1H, H-1), 3.66 (dd,  $J = 9.8, 8.9$  Hz, 1H, H-4), 3.51 (ddd,  $J = 12.1, 9.8, 4.4$  Hz, 1H, H-3), 3.2–3.3 (m, 2H, H-6'), 3.22 (dd,  $J = 10.8, 3.8$  Hz, 1H, H-2'), 2.39 (ddd,  $J = 13.1, 4.4, 4.3$  Hz, 1H, H-2<sub>eq</sub>), 2.14 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.5 (m, 1H, H-2<sub>ax</sub>), 1.42 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.1, 170.7, 170.1, 169.9, 169.6 (2C), 155.3, 106.6, 96.5, 81.7, 80.3, 79.4, 75.3, 74.5, 71.0, 70.2, 69.5, 69.3, 63.3, 61.2, 59.4, 51.2, 49.2, 33.2, 29.8, 28.4 (3C), 21.0, 20.8 (3C), 20.6, 20.5; HRESI calcd for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{48}\text{N}_{10}\text{O}_{18}\text{Na}$  ( $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ )  $m/z$  907.3045, measure  $m/z$  907.3056.

**5-O-(2,3,5-Tri-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl)-1-N-[(S)-4-(benzyloxycarbonylamino)-2-hydroxybutanoyl]-6,3',4'-tri-O-acetyl-3,2',6'-triazidoneamine (27).** Please refer to the procedure for the preparation of compound **14**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.2–7.3 (m, 5H), 7.10 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 5.90 (d,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, 1H, H-1'), 5.45 (dd,  $J = 10.6, 9.3$  Hz, 1H, H-3'), 5.44 (d,  $J = 5.2$  Hz, 1H, H-1''), 5.2 (m, 1H), 5.21 (dd,  $J = 4.8, 4.8$  Hz, 1H, H-3''), 5.0–5.1 (m, 3H), 5.0 (dd,  $J = 9.8, 9.6$  Hz, 1H, H-4'), 4.89 (dd,  $J = 9.9, 9.8$  Hz, 1H, H-6), 4.51 (ddd,  $J = 10.2, 5.2, 2.8$  Hz, 1H, H-5'), 4.42 (dd,  $J = 12.1, 3.0$  Hz, 1H, H-5''), 4.2 (m, 1H, H-4''), 4.15 (dd,  $J = 12.1, 3.8$  Hz, 1H, H-5''), 4.0–4.1 (m, 2H), 3.95 (dd,  $J = 8.9, 8.8$  Hz, 1H, H-5), 3.70 (dd,  $J = 9.7, 8.7$  Hz, 1H, H-4), 3.58 (ddd,  $J = 12.0, 7.6, 4.4$  Hz, 1H, H-3), 3.5 (m, 1H), 3.36 (dd,  $J = 13.5, 2.9$  Hz, 1H, H-6'), 3.30 (dd,  $J = 13.5, 5.5$  Hz, 1H, H-6'), 3.22 (dd,  $J = 10.7, 3.7$  Hz, 1H, H-2'), 3.1 (m, 1H), 2.35 (ddd,  $J = 13.5, 4.5, 4.3$  Hz, 1H, H-2<sub>eq</sub>), 2.1 (s, 6H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 2.0 (m, 2H), 1.56 (ddd,  $J = 12.7, 12.5, 12.3$  Hz, 1H, H-2<sub>ax</sub>);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  173.7, 170.9, 170.7, 170.2, 169.9, 169.6 (2C), 158.3, 136.3, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 106.4, 96.6, 81.5, 79.5, 75.0, 74.5, 71.0, 70.2, 69.6, 69.3, 69.0, 67.4, 63.4, 61.1, 59.4, 51.2, 47.4, 37.2, 35.3, 32.5, 29.8, 21.0, 20.8 (2C), 20.7, 20.6, 20.5; HRESI calcd for  $\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{54}\text{N}_{11}\text{O}_{20}$  ( $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ )  $m/z$  1020.3546, measure  $m/z$  1020.3545.

**5-O-( $\beta$ -D-Ribofuranosyl)-1-N-[(S)-4-amino-2-hydroxybutanoyl]neamine (Butirosin B).** Please refer to the procedure for the preparation of neokacin.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  5.96 (d,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.33 (s, 1H), 4.29 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.1–4.2 (m, 2H), 3.8–3.9 (m, 7H), 3.67 (dd,  $J = 12.6, 5.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.59 (dd,  $J = 10.2, 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.45 (dd,  $J = 9.8, 9.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.3–3.4 (m, 3H), 3.2 (m, 1H), 3.1 (m, 2H), 2.1 (m, 2H), 1.9 (m, 1H), 1.68 (ddd,  $J = 12.6, 12.5, 12.3$  Hz, 1H, H-2<sub>ax</sub>);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  175.8, 110.5, 95.8, 86.0, 82.4, 77.4, 75.6, 74.1, 70.9, 69.8, 69.3, 69.1, 68.6, 60.8, 53.9, 49.2, 49.1, 40.4, 36.8, 31.1 (2C); HRESI calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{42}\text{N}_5\text{O}_{12}$  ( $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ )  $m/z$  556.2829, measure  $m/z$  556.2835.

**6-*O*-(3-Azido-2,4,6-tri-*O*-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl)-1-*N*-[(*S*)-2-*O*-benzyl-4-(benzyloxycarbonylamino)butanoyl]-3,2',6'-triazidoneamine (29a).** Please refer to the general procedure for glycosylation and hydrolysis.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.2–7.3 (m, 25H), 7.05 (d,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, 1H, *NH*), 5.60 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.29 (dd,  $J = 5.7, 5.5$  Hz, 1H, *NH*), 5.1 (m, 2H), 4.99 (d,  $J = 12.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.74 (d,  $J = 10.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.68 (d,  $J = 13.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.66 (d,  $J = 12.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d,  $J = 12.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d,  $J = 12.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.5 (m, 1H), 4.45 (d,  $J = 12.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.40 (d,  $J = 10.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.2 (m, 1H, *H*-5'), 3.99 (dd,  $J = 9.5, 9.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.93 (dd,  $J = 6.6, 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dd,  $J = 10.1, 9.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.8 (m, 1H), 3.7 (m, 1H), 3.1–3.6 (m, 14H), 2.6 (m, 1H, *H*-2<sub>eq</sub>), 2.1 (m, 1H), 1.9 (m, 1H), 1.20 (ddd,  $J = 13.2, 12.4, 12.3$  Hz, 1H, *H*-2<sub>ax</sub>);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  173.9, 156.6, 137.5, 137.4, 137.2, 136.8, 136.7, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6 (2C), 128.5, 128.3 (2C), 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.5, 98.4 (2C), 85.4, 79.7, 78.3, 77.4, 76.3, 75.0, 73.6 (2C), 73.1, 71.8, 71.6 (2C), 71.3, 67.9, 66.9, 65.2, 63.0, 59.2, 51.6, 48.4, 37.4, 32.4, 32.2, 29.8; HRESI calcd for  $\text{C}_{58}\text{H}_{67}\text{N}_{14}\text{O}_{14}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ] $^+$   $m/z$  1183.4961, measure  $m/z$  1183.4961.

**6-*O*-(4-*O*-((*R*)-3-Azido-2-((*R*)-3-azido-2-*O*-hydroxypropyl)-propyl)-2,3-di-*O*-benzyl-6-deoxy- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl)-1-*N*-[(*S*)-2-*O*-benzyl-4-(benzyloxycarbonylamino)-butanoyl]-3,2',6'-triazidoneamine (29b).** Please refer to the general procedure for glycosylation and hydrolysis.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.2–7.4 (m, 20H), 7.11 (d,  $J = 5.4$  Hz, 1H, *NH*), 5.60 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.3 (m, 1H, *NH*), 5.07 (d,  $J = 12.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d,  $J = 12.1$  Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d,  $J = 11.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.70 (d,  $J = 11.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.65 (d,  $J = 12.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d,  $J = 12.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.6 (m, 1H), 4.48 (s, 2H), 4.2 (m, 1H), 3.97 (dd,  $J = 9.7, 9.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.93 (dd,  $J = 6.4, 5.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.7–3.8 (m, 4H), 3.3–3.6 (m, 15H), 3.1–3.3 (m, 4H), 3.14 (dd,  $J = 9.7, 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.90 (dd,  $J = 9.2, 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.56 (ddd,  $J = 12.8, 4.1, 3.5$  Hz, 1H, *H*-2<sub>eq</sub>), 2.1 (m, 1H), 1.9 (m, 1H), 1.3 (m, 1H, *H*-2<sub>ax</sub>), 1.22 (d,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  174.0, 156.6, 138.7, 138.6, 137.6, 136.6, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7 (2C), 128.6, 128.5 (2C), 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7, 127.0, 98.8, 98.5, 85.0, 84.3, 81.2, 80.1, 79.5, 79.3, 78.2, 76.8, 75.3, 73.8, 73.5, 73.1, 71.9, 71.8, 71.6 (2C), 69.9, 68.4, 66.9, 63.2, 59.1, 53.3, 51.8, 51.6, 48.4, 37.5, 32.5, 29.8, 17.9; HRESI calcd for  $\text{C}_{57}\text{H}_{72}\text{N}_{17}\text{O}_{16}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ] $^+$   $m/z$  1250.5342, measure  $m/z$  1250.5346.

**6-*O*-(3-Azido-2-*O*-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-xylopyranosyl)-1-*N*-[(*S*)-2-*O*-benzyl-4-(benzyloxycarbonylamino)butanoyl]-3,2',6'-triazidoneamine (29c).** Please refer to the general procedure for glycosylation and hydrolysis.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.2–7.4 (m, 15H), 7.18 (d,  $J = 5.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.50 (d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.25 (dd,  $J = 5.4, 5.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.10 (d,  $J = 12.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.03 (d,  $J = 12.1$  Hz, 1H), 4.7 (m, 1H), 4.65 (d,  $J = 12.1$  Hz, 1H), 4.50 (d,  $J = 12.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.46 (s, 2H), 4.3 (m, 1H), 4.1–4.2 (m, 1H), 3.8–4.0 (m, 2H), 3.5–3.7 (m, 5H), 3.4–3.5 (m, 4H), 3.2–3.3 (m, 5H), 3.07 (dd,  $J = 9.5, 9.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.4 (m, 1H, *H*-2<sub>eq</sub>), 1.8–2.0 (m, 2H), 1.2 (m, 1H, *H*-2<sub>ax</sub>);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  174.1, 156.8, 137.2, 136.8, 136.5, 129.0 (2C), 128.9, 128.8, 128.7 (2C), 128.4, 98.8, 97.7, 83.6, 80.7, 78.4, 77.8, 77.4, 74.1, 73.4, 71.6, 68.9, 67.1, 65.2, 63.1, 59.1, 51.5, 48.1, 37.5, 32.4, 32.3, 29.9; HRESI calcd for  $\text{C}_{43}\text{H}_{53}\text{N}_{14}\text{O}_{13}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ] $^+$   $m/z$  973.3916, measure  $m/z$  973.3900.

**6-*O*-(3-Amino- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl)-1-*N*-[(*S*)-4-amino-2-hydroxybutanoyl]neamine (JLN007).** Please refer to the procedure for the preparation of neokacin.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  5.81 (d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.13 (d,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.24 (dd,  $J = 9.2, 3.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.9–4.1 (m, 3H), 3.91 (dd,  $J = 10.7, 9.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.7–3.9 (m, 6H), 3.64 (dd,  $J = 10.1, 10.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.44 (dd,  $J = 9.6, 9.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.3–3.4 (m, 4H), 3.24 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.1 (m, 2H), 2.1 (m, 2H), 1.9 (m, 1H), 1.74 (ddd,  $J = 12.7, 12.6, 12.6$  Hz, 1H, *H*-2<sub>ax</sub>);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  175.7, 98.2, 96.4, 80.5, 79.6, 74.9, 72.3, 71.0, 69.8, 69.3, 69.2, 68.2, 65.8, 60.0, 55.3, 53.9, 49.0, 48.8, 40.4, 37.2, 31.4, 31.0; HRESI calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{45}\text{N}_6\text{O}_{12}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ] $^+$   $m/z$  585.3095, measure  $m/z$  585.3068.

**6-*O*-(4-*O*-((*R*)-3-Amino-2-((*R*)-3-amino-2-hydroxypropyl)-propyl)-6-deoxy- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl)-1-*N*-[(*S*)-4-amino-2-hydroxybutanoyl]neamine (JLN033).** Please refer to the procedure for the preparation of neokacin.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  5.95 (d,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.01 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.24 (dd,  $J = 9.2, 3.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.9–4.1 (m, 5H), 3.7–3.8 (m, 5H), 3.69 (dd,  $J = 9.6, 9.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.57 (dd,  $J = 10.1, 6.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.52 (dd,  $J = 5.5, 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.4–3.5 (m, 6H), 3.2–3.3 (m, 2H), 3.0–3.2 (m, 4H), 3.0 (m, 2H), 2.22 (ddd,  $J = 12.9, 4.3, 4.2$  Hz, 1H, *H*-2<sub>eq</sub>), 2.1 (m, 1H), 1.9 (m, 1H), 1.82 (ddd,  $J = 12.8, 12.7, 12.6$  Hz, 1H, *H*-2<sub>ax</sub>), 1.24 (d,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  175.6, 99.2, 95.9, 84.1, 80.6, 78.2, 75.4, 74.9, 72.6, 71.9, 71.1, 70.8, 69.8, 69.4, 68.5, 67.5, 66.9, 53.7, 48.9, 48.8, 41.9, 40.9, 40.3, 37.2, 31.0, 30.5, 17.1; HRESI calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{58}\text{N}_7\text{O}_{14}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ] $^+$   $m/z$  716.4041, measure  $m/z$  716.4026.

**6-*O*-(3-Amino- $\alpha$ -D-xylopyranosyl)-1-*N*-[(*S*)-4-amino-2-hydroxybutanoyl]neamine (JLN040).** Please refer to the procedure for the preparation of neokacin.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  5.81 (d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.16 (dd,  $J = 9.3, 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.0 (m, 1H), 3.8–3.9 (m, 3H), 3.6–3.7 (m, 4H), 3.5–3.6 (m, 2H), 3.3–3.4 (m, 4H), 3.1–3.2 (m, 2H), 3.1 (m, 2H), 2.11 (ddd,  $J = 12.8, 4.2, 4.0$  Hz, 1H, *H*-2<sub>eq</sub>), 2.0 (m, 1H), 1.8 (m, 1H), 1.70 (ddd,  $J = 12.7, 12.7, 12.7$  Hz, 1H, *H*-2<sub>ax</sub>);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  175.5, 97.5, 96.1, 79.6, 78.5, 74.5, 70.8, 69.7, 69.2, 68.6, 68.0, 65.7, 61.9, 55.4, 53.7, 48.7, 48.6, 40.3, 37.1, 30.9, 30.8; HRESI calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{43}\text{N}_6\text{O}_{11}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ] $^+$   $m/z$  555.2989, measure  $m/z$  555.2965.

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