3.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.89 (br d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.3–7.5 (m, 7 H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl$_3$) δ 55.02, 72.16, 73.10, 75.66, 113.55, 127.24, 127.59, 128.23, 132.41, 137.67, 158.98; IR (KBr) 3500 (m), 3350 (m), 1610 (s), 1515 (s), 1245 (s), 1120 (br s), 1075 (br s), 1025 (br s), 830 (s), 740 (s), 700 (m) cm^{-1}; mass spectrum (70 eV), *m/z* (rel intens) 258 (2, M$^+$), 137 (100), 109 (29), 91 (35), 77 (20); Anal. (C$_{16}$H$_{18}$O$_3$) C, H.

Equilibration of [(Benzyloxy)methyl]lithium (43) and 2-Lithio-1,3-dioxane (7). A solution of 185 mg of **44**^{2b} (0.485 mmol) in 1 mL of THF was cooled to −78 °C, and *n*-butyllithium (0.28 mL of a 1.6 M solution in hexanes, 0.44 mmol) was added dropwise. The resulting clear, pale yellow solution was stirred at −78 °C for 20 min, and a solution of **17** (183 mg, 0.485 mmol) in 1 mL of THF was added via a cannula, followed by rinsing with two 1-mL portions of THF. After the mixture was stirred 30 min further, 84 mg of *p*-anisaldehyde (0.62 mmol, 80 μL) was added dropwise. The resulting solution was stirred for an additional 30 min, and then the reaction was quenched at −78 °C by addition of 2 mL of methanol. Capillary GC analysis revealed that carbinols **19** and **45** were formed in a ratio of 99.3:0.7, corrected for product response factors. Workup as described for the preparation of **45**, followed by flash chromatography using 45% ethyl acetate/hexanes as eluant, gave 92 mg of **19** (93% yield).

Relative Rates of Addition of 43 and 7 to *p*-Anisaldehyde. A solution of 127 mg (0.31 mmol) of **44** and 116 mg (0.31 mmol) of **17** in 3 mL of THF was cooled to −78 °C, and *n*-butyllithium (0.39 mL of a 1.6 M solution in hexanes, 0.62 mmol) was added dropwise. The resulting pale yellow solution was stirred for 30 min, and *p*-anisaldehyde (37 μL, 0.31 mmol) was added all at once. After stirring 30 min further, the reaction was quenched at −78 °C by addition of 2 mL of methanol. Quantitative

capillary GC analysis, using octadecane as internal standard, indicated that carbinols **19** and **45** were formed in a ratio of 1.21:1 (52 and 43% yields, respectively). *p*-Anisyl-*n*-butylcarbinol (**24**) was also formed in 3% yield.

Redox Glycosidation: A New Strategy for Disaccharide Synthesis‡

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Abstract: A new procedure for the preparation of disaccharides via redox glycosidation is described. The crucial anomeric C–O bond is established by acylation not alkylation as in traditional Koenigs–Knorr chemistry. Tebbe methylenylation followed by cyclization unravels the protected nonreducing or reducing disaccharides. Thus, for example, 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-benzyl-D-glucopyranose (**1**) was coupled with 5-[(*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy]pentanoyl chloride (**5**). The resultant α-ester **2** was methylenylated with the Tebbe reagent, desilylated, and cyclized with iodine to produce the pyranosylmethyl iodide **4** in good yield. The redox glycosidation protocol was extended to a range of reducing and nonreducing disaccharide systems.

The efficient construction of oligosaccharides in a stereocontrolled manner remains a challenging area for synthetic organic chemistry. Such compounds are of considerable interest in consequence of their diverse, vital roles in many biological processes.[1] Classically, oligosaccharides are assembled with iterative Koenigs–Knorr[2] reactions to sequentially construct the glycosidic bonds. There are now many variations on this theme in which a protected glycosyl halide or related electrophile is condensed with a partially protected second sugar unit.[3] All these existing methods employ an alkylation strategy to elaborate the crucial glycosidic C–O bonds. In oligosaccharide synthesis it is essential that the glycosidation methods used are high yielding. Additionally, the reactions should proceed rapidly and readily control the α versus β diastereoselectivity at each iteration irrespective of ring substituents. However, in spite of extensive studies on variants of Koenigs–Knorr chemistry spanning nearly 100 years, oligosaccharide synthesis cannot yet be considered simple routine.[4]

Herein we describe model studies on a new procedure for the preparation of disaccharides via redox glycosidation. In this process the two units are linked via an ester bond; subsequent reductive unravelling reveals the disaccharide entity. Thus in the process of crucial anomeric C–O bond is established via acylation,

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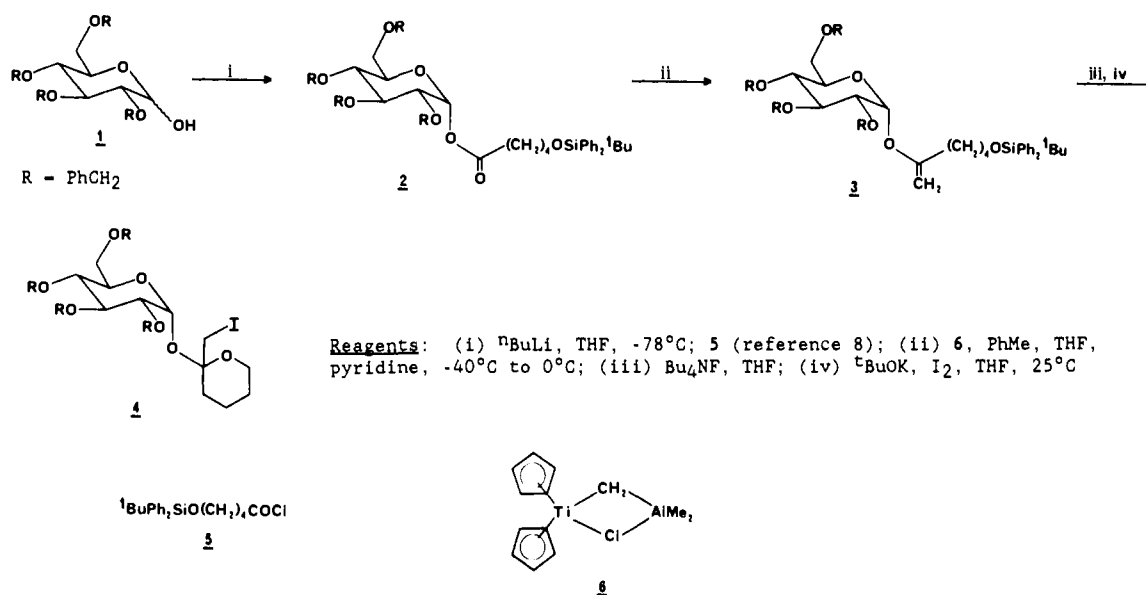
Scheme I

Reagents: (i) ^{n}BuLi, THF, -78°C; 5 (reference 8); (ii) 6, PhMe, THF, pyridine, -40°C to 0°C; (iii) Bu$_4$NF, THF; (iv) ^{t}BuOK, I$_2$, THF, 25°C

Table I. Tebbe Methylenylation and Iodoetherification of Glycosyl Esters

entry	ester	(method of prepn,[a] % yield, α:β)	vinyl ether	(% yield)	iodo ether	(method of cyclization,[b] % yield, diastereoselectivity)
1	**2**	(A, 50, 13:1)	**3**	(69)	**4**	(A, 72, 1.4:1[c])
2	**7a**	(B, 44, 1:6)	**7b**	(86)	**8**	(A, 63, 1:1[c])
3	**9a**	(C, 52, 1:2)	**9b**	β-isomer (63)[d]	**10**	(B, 79, e)
			9b	α-isomer (13)[d]	**11**	(B, 80, 1:1[c])
4	**12a**	(D, 65, 1:11)	**12b**	(67)	**13, 14**	(C, 65, 8:1)
5	**15a**	(E, 80, 7.4:1)	**15b**	(82)	**16, 17**	(C, 59, ≥40:1)
6	**18a**	(D, 71, 1:12)	**18b**	(72)	**19, 20**	(D, 69, 5:1)
7	**21a**	(E, 66, 18:1)	**21b**	(84)	**22, 23**	(D, 65, 2:1)
8	**24a**	(F, 68, e)	**24b**	(44)	**25**	(C, 54, 2:1[c])
9	**26a**	(F, 84, e)	**26b**	(83)	**27**	(C, 76, 2:1[c])
10	**28a**	(F, 98, e)	**28b**	(82)	**29, 30**	(E, 60, 3:1)

[a] Methods for ester preparation from the alcohol by reaction with (A) ^{n}BuLi, THF, -78 °C, acyl chloride (ref 8); (B) ^{n}BuLi, PhH, 60 °C, acyl chloride (ref 8); (C) ^{i}PrN=C=N^{i}Pr, 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine, CH$_2$Cl$_2$, acid (ref 12); (D) NaH (cat.), CCl$_3$CN, CH$_2$Cl$_2$, 25 °C then acid, CH$_2$Cl$_2$ (ref 6); (E) ^{n}BuLi, THF, -78 °C, 2-(acylthio)-3-nitropyridine (ref 13); (F) DCC, 4-pyrrolidinopyridine, CH$_2$Cl$_2$, acid (ref 12). [b] Methods used for cyclization: (A) Bu$_4$NF, THF followed by I$_2$, ^{t}BuOK, THF, 0 °C to 25 °C; (B) Bu$_4$NF, THF followed by I$_2$, ^{t}BuOK, THF, -78 °C to -20 °C; (C) Bu$_4$NF, silica, I$_2$, ^{t}BuOK, THF; (D) Bu$_4$NF, THF followed by I$_2$, ^{t}BuOK, THF, -78 °C to -40 °C; (E) Bu$_4$NF, THF followed by I$_2$, ^{t}BuOK, THF, 0 °C. [c] Structure of major diastereoisomer not assigned. [d] The α- and β-isomers were separated at the vinyl ether stage following desilylation using Bu$_4$NF in THF. [e] Ratio not determined.

not alkylation. Such a procedure benefits from the fact that acylation reactions are rapid and proceed with moderate to excellent α to β diastereoselectivities.[5,6]

2,3,4,6-Tetra-*O*-benzyl-D-glucopyranose (1) was esterified with 5[7], by using the lithium alkoxide method of Pfeffer[8] to stereoselectively (13:1) produce the α-glucosyl ester 2 (50%). Subsequent methylenylation using the Tebbe reagent 6[9,10] gave the

anomeric vinyl ether 3 (69%). Desilylation and iodoetherification gave the model nonreducing disaccharide 4 (72%) as a mixture of diastereoisomers (1:1.4) (Scheme I). We were delighted that the delicate anomeric C–O bond of 3 was not cleaved at the intermediate iodonium ion stage. The method was extended to a range of disaccharide systems (Table I, Chart I). Four distinct procedures were used for the esterification step:[11] (i) carbodiimide coupling[12] (entries 3, 8–10), (ii) β-selective esterification using trichloroimidate activation[6] (entries 4, 6), (iii) α-selective esterification by reaction of the anomeric alkoxide with the acid chloride[8] (entry 1) or 2-(acylthio)-3-nitropyridine[13,14] (entries 5, 7), and (iv) β-selective esterification by reaction of the anomeric alkoxide with the acid chloride at 60 °C[8] (entry 2). All the esters were smoothly methylenylated, desilylated, and iodocyclized to produce the corresponding protected nonreducing (entries 1–7)

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Chart I

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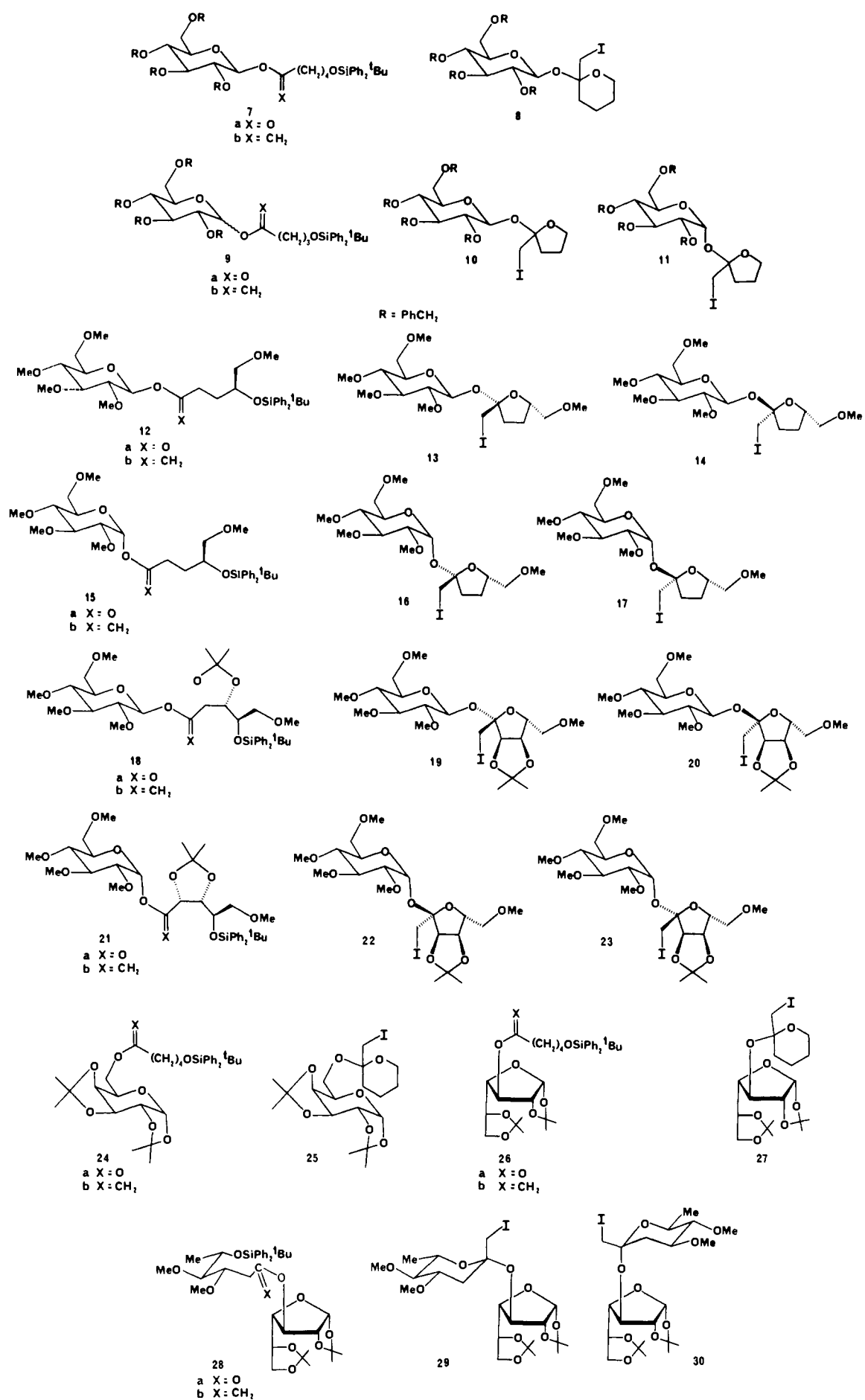
and reducing (entries 8–10) disaccharides.[15] It is clear from these results that the protocol may be used to introduce either (iodomethyl)pyranosyl or furanosyl groups. It should be noted that the cyclizations which produced pyranosyl methyl iodides were slower than those producing tetrahydrofuran systems.

The stereochemistry of reaction requires comment. The stereochemistries of these iodoetherification reactions are clearly kinetically controlled.[16] Cyclizations of the simple unsubstituted vinyl ethers proceeded without any appreciable stereochemical control by D-glucose (entries 1–3) or D-galactose (entries 8, 9). However, the cyclizations of vinyl ethers bearing side-chain substituents proceeded with modest to excellent diastereoselectivities (2:1 to >40:1). It is particularly interesting to note the variation in the diastereoselectivity in entries 4–7. Presumably stereochemical control by the isopropylidene and the methoxymethyl substituents are mismatched.[17] The redox glycosidation of 2,3:5,6-di-*O*-isopropylidene-α-D-galactofuranose (entry 10) is a favorable auspice for application of this approach in sialic acid chemistry.[18]

In conclusion, it is apparent that the acylation–methylenylation–cyclization protocol provides a novel method for the elaboration of the glycosidic bond. Further studies on this protocol and other redox glycosidation technologies are under investigation.

Experimental Section

Representative procedures are given in this section. Full experimental details are provided in the supplementary material.

2,3,4,6-Tetra-*O*-methyl-α-D-glucopyranosyl 2,3-*O*-Isopropylidene-5-*O*-methyl-4-*O*-(*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl)-D-ribonate (21a). 3,3'-Dinitro-2,2'-dipyridyl disulfide[14] (30 mg) and Ph₃P (26 mg) were added to a solution of 4-*O*-(*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl)-2,3-*O*-isopropylidene-5-*O*-methyl-D-ribonic acid[11] (30 mg) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) under N₂ at room temperature, and the slurry was stirred for 4 h. The solids were filtered off, and the resultant thioester was purified by preparative TLC on silica (hexanes/EtOAc 3:1, *R_f* 0.41). *n*-Butyllithium (0.17 M, 0.4 mL) was added to a solution of 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-methyl-D-glucose (19 mg), in dry THF (0.5 mL) at −78 °C under N₂. After 10 min, a solution of the thioester in dry THF (0.5 mL) was added and stirring continued at −78 °C for 32 h. The mixture was quenched by adding it to a saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution (10 mL), and the ester was extracted with Et₂O. Drying (Na₂SO₄) of the extract followed by evaporation and chromatography on silica (eluant hexanes/EtOAc 3:1) gave the ester (29 mg, 66%) as a 18:1 (**21a**:**18a**) mixture of anomers. The α-anomer **21a** was obtained as a colorless syrup by chromatography on silica (eluant hexanes/Et₂O 3:2): [α]_D +32.8° (*c* = 1.2, CHCl₃); TLC *R_f* 0.2 (silica, hexanes/Et₂O 3:2); IR (neat) 1771, 1757, 1433, 1388, 1150, 1110, 1000, 708 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78–7.68, 7.44–7.32 (2 m, 10 H), 6.29 (d, 1 H, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 4.42 (d, 1 H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 4.38 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 4.2, 6.8 Hz), 4.22–4.16 (m, 1 H), 3.55–3.20 (m, 8 H), 3.59 (s, 3 H), 3.53 (s, 3 H), 3.37, (s, 3 H), 3.27 (s, 3 H), 3.03 (s, 3 H), 1.59 (s, 3 H), 1.32 (s, 3 H), 1.05 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.6, 136.1, 135.9, 134.2, 133.7, 129.6, 129.5, 127.4, 110.4, 90.6, 83.0, 80.9, 79.8, 78.1, 75.5, 73.1, 73.0, 70.4, 70.1, 60.8, 60.5, 59.1, 58.9, 58.2, 27.0, 26.6, 25.3, 19.3; mass spectrum (EI), *m/e* 661 (M⁺ − Me), 441, 385, 255, 219, 187, 175, 167, 155, 145, 127, 111, 101, 59. Anal. Calcd for C₃₅H₅₂O₁₁Si: C, 62.11; H, 7.74. Found: C, 62.08; H, 7.81.

2,3,4,6-Tetra-*O*-methyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl 2,3-*O*-Isopropylidene-5-*O*-methyl-4-*O*-(*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl)-D-ribonate (18a). NaH (0.5 mg) was added to a stirred solution of 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-methyl-D-glucopyranose (50 mg) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) at −40 °C under N₂. After 10 min CCl₃CN (0.5 mL) was added, and the stirring was continued for 1 h, before the solvent and excess CCl₃CN were removed under reduced pressure. Chromatography on silica (eluant hexanes/EtOAc 3:1) gave

the corresponding imidate (69 mg). The imidate was dissolved in dry CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) and 4-*O*-(*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl)-2,3-*O*-isopropylidene-5-*O*-methyl-D-ribonic acid (83 mg) was added. After stirring of the mixture at room temperature under N₂ for 1 h, CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) and ice were added, and the mixture was washed with 2 M HCl (4 × 20 mL) and saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (1 × 20 mL). Drying (MgSO₄), evaporation at reduced pressure, and chromatography on silica (eluant hexanes/Et₂O 3:2) of the CH₂Cl₂ extract gave **21a** and **18a** (87 mg, 71%) as a 1:12 mixture of anomers. Repurification using the same system yielded the pure β-isomer **18a** as a colorless syrup: [α]_D −29.5° (*c* = 2.0, CHCl₃); TLC *R_f* 0.3 (silica, hexanes/Et₂O 3:2); IR (neat) 1763, 1590, 1230, 710 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76–7.68, 7.45–7.30 (2 m, 10 H), 5.39 (d, 1 H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 4.47 (d, 1 H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 4.41 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 4.2, 6.8 Hz), 4.32–4.20 (m, 1 H), 3.52–3.05 (m, 8 H), 3.63 (s, 3 H), 3.52 (s, 3 H), 3.41 (s, 3 H), 3.31 (s, 3 H), 2.98 (s, 3 H), 1.57 (s, 3 H), 1.32 (s, 3 H), 1.04 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz CDCl₃) δ 168.8, 136.2, 135.9, 134.3, 133.8, 129.5, 129.4, 127.4, 127.3, 110.5, 94.4, 86.8, 82.1, 79.7, 78.6, 75.4, 73.3, 72.9, 70.3, 70.0, 60.7, 60.4, 60.3, 59.2, 58.1, 27.0, 26.5, 25.4, 19.4; mass spectrum (EI), *m/e* 661 (M⁺ − Me), 441, 417, 385, 353, 311, 255, 219, 187, 155, 145, 127, 111, 101. Anal. Calcd for C₃₅H₅₂O₁₁Si: C, 62.11; H, 7.74. Found: C, 62.30; H, 7.78.

2,2-Dimethyl-5(*R*)-[2-methoxy-1(*R*)-[(*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy]-ethyl]-4(*R*)-[1-[(2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-methyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl)oxy]-ethenyl]-1,3-dioxolane (18b). Tebbe reagent 6 in PhMe (0.50 M, 1 mL) was added dropwise to **18a** in dry PhMe (0.5 mL), dry THF (0.1 mL), and dry pyridine (0.1 mL) at −40 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at that temperature for 30 min followed by 2 h at 0 °C and 1 h at room temperature. The mixture was cooled to −40 °C and quenched with a 15% NaOH solution (0.5 mL). The reaction mixture was diluted with Et₂O (10 mL) and filtered through Celite. The filtrate was evaporated at reduced pressure, and the crude product was purified by chromatography on silica (eluant hexanes/Et₂O 3:2). Alkene **18b** (40 mg, 72%) was recovered as a cloudy syrup: [α]_D +2.4° (*c* = 1.1, CHCl₃); TLC *R_f* 0.3 (silica, hexanes/Et₂O 3:2); IR (neat) 1650, 1468, 1442, 1387, 1250, 1100, 1000, 705 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80–7.70, 7.45–7.30 (2 m, 10 H), 4.56 (d, 1 H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 4.46 (d, 1 H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 4.43 (d, 1 H, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 4.40–4.35 (m, 2 H), 4.27–4.22 (m, 1 H), 3.62 (s, 3 H), 3.53 (s, 3 H), 3.53–3.00 (m, 8 H), 3.38 (s, 3 H), 3.30 (s, 3 H), 2.85 (s, 3 H), 1.49 (s, 3 H), 1.31 (s, 3 H), 1.01 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.0, 135.9, 134.9, 134.8, 129.2, 127.3, 127.1, 108.5, 100.3, 91.2, 86.8, 83.1, 80.5, 79.2, 74.9, 74.0, 71.8, 71.2, 60.7, 60.4, 60.3, 59.3, 57.8, 27.0, 26.1, 24.5, 19.4,; mass spectrum (EI), *m/e* 659 (M⁺ − Me), 527, 341, 219, 187, 155, 127, 111. Anal. Calcd for C₃₆H₅₄O₁₀Si: C, 64.07; H, 8.06. Found: C, 64.08; H, 8.16.

2,2-Dimethyl-5(*R*)-[2-methoxy-1(*R*)-[(*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy]-ethyl]-4(*R*)-[1-[(2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-methyl-α-D-glucopyranosyl)oxy]-ethenyl]-1,3-dioxolane (21b). Reaction of **21a** (50 mg) with the Tebbe reagent **6**, as described for **18a**, gave **21b** as a colorless solid (62 mg, 84%). Recrystallization from hexanes gave colorless cubes: mp 103 °C; [α]_D +40.5° (*c* = 1.1, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) 1650, 1480, 1440, 1390, 1304, 1230, 1170, 1115, 1102, 1050, 1000, 890, 856, 835 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76–7.65, 7.42–7.29 (2 m, 10 H), 4.93 (d, 1 H, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 4.47 (d, 1 H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 4.44 (d, 1 H, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 4.34 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 6.6, 6.8 Hz), 4.18 (d, 1 H, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 4.14–4.10 (m, 1 H), 3.52–3.17 (m, 8 H), 3.52 (s, 3 H), 3.48 (s, 3 H), 3.37 (s, 3 H), 3.05 (s, 3 H), 3.01 (s, 3 H), 1.50 (s, 3 H), 1.34 (s, 3 H), 1.01 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.8, 136.2, 135.9, 134.8, 134.4, 129.4, 129.1, 127.3, 127.1, 108.6, 94.5, 92.0, 83.4, 81.2, 79.5, 78.9, 78.7, 74.1, 70.6, 70.5, 60.6, 60.2, 59.1, 58.6, 58.0, 27.2, 26.8, 25.0, 19.4; mass spectrum (EI), *m/e* 659 (M⁺ − Me), 527, 367, 341, 219, 187, 155, 145, 127, 111, 101. Anal. Calcd for C₃₆H₅₄O₁₀Si: C, 64.07; H, 8.06. Found: C, 63.96; H, 8.21.

2,3,4,6-Tetra-*O*-methyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl 1-Deoxy-3-*epi*-1-iodo-3,4-*O*-isopropylidene-β-D-fructofuranoside (19) and 2,3,4,6-Tetra-*O*-methyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl 1-Deoxy-3-*epi*-1-iodo-3,4-*O*-isopropylidene-α-D-fructofuranoside (20). The vinyl ether **18b** (50 mg) was dissolved in tetrabutylammonium fluoride in THF (1.0 M; 1.5 mL), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature under N₂ for 24 h. The solvent was removed at reduced pressure and the product alcohol was purified by chromatography on silica (eluant Et₂O, *R_f* 0.2). To a stirred solution of the alcohol in dry THF (2 mL) under N₂ at room temperature was added ¹BuOK (35 mg), and the mixture stirred for 5 min before it was cooled to −78 °C and I₂ (55 mg) was added. After stirring of the mixture for 4 h, the temperature was raised to −40 °C and the stirring was continued for another 18 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ solution (3 mL) and the mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3 × 2 mL). After drying (Na₂SO₄) and evaporation, chromatography on silica (eluant hexanes/Et₂O 2:3) gave **19** and **20** (26 mg, 69%) as a 4.8:1 mixture of isomers: TLC *R_f* 0.4 (silica, hexanes/Et₂O 2:3). Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₃₅IO₁₀: C, 42.71; H, 6.27. Found: C,

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42.50; H, 6.20. The isomers of R_f 0.4 (15 mg) and R_f 0.3 (4 mg) were separated by chromatography on silica (eluant hexanes/Et$_2$O 1:1). The major isomer **19** (R_f 0.4) was obtained as a colorless syrup: $[\alpha]_D$ –94° (c = 1.15, CHCl$_3$); IR (neat) 1460, 1413, 1390, 1380, 1255, 1216, 1160, 1100 cm^{-1}; ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl$_3$) δ 4.70 (d, 1 H, J = 7.6 Hz), 4.68 (d, 1 H, J = 5.6 Hz), 4.57 (dd, 1 H, J = 2.8, 5.6 Hz), 4.43–4.38 (m, 1 H), 3.76 (d, 1 H, J = 10.0 Hz), 3.67–3.41 (m, 5 H), 3.62 (s, 3 H) 3.53 (s, 3 H), 3.52 (s, 3 H), 3.42 (s, 3 H), 3.41 (s, 3 H), 3.29–3.04 (m, 4 H), 1.53 (s, 3 H), 1.36 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl$_3$) δ 113.3, 109.4, 95.4, 87.4, 86.9, 85.8, 83.5, 82.1, 79.4, 74.7, 72.7, 71.5, 60.8, 60.5, 60.4, 59.6, 58.9, 26.9, 25.6, 5.8; mass spectrum (EI), m/e 547 (M$^+$ – Me), 403, 371, 328, 327, 235, 175, 157, 147, 115, 101. The minor isomer **20** (R_f 0.3) was obtained as a colorless syrup: $[\alpha]_D$ +37° (c = 0.90, CHCl$_3$); IR (CCl$_4$) 1728, 1691, 1676, 1650, 1555, 1377, 1085 cm^{-1}; ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl$_3$) δ 4.85 (d, 1 H, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.68–4.65 (m, 1 H), 4.62 (dd, 1 H, J = 4.0, 7.2 Hz), 4.58 (d, 1 H, J = 8.0 Hz), 3.63 (s, 3 H), 3.58 (s, 3 H), 3.52 (s, 3 H), 3.40 (s, 3 H), 3.37 (s, 3 H), 3.63–2.95 (m, 10 H), 1.61 (s, 3 H), 1.36 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl$_3$) δ 116.5, 103.1, 96.3, 87.0, 84.7, 83.5, 82.4, 81.4, 79.6, 74.8, 72.2, 71.5, 61.2, 60.8, 60.3, 59.5, 59.4, 26.4, 26.2, 6.6; mass spectrum (EI), m/e 547 (M$^+$ – Me), 371, 328, 327, 285, 235, 207, 187, 175, 147.

2,3,4,6-Tetra-*O*-methyl-α-D-glucopyranosyl 1-Deoxy-3-*epi*-1-iodo-3,4-isopropylidene-α-D-fructofuranoside (22) and 2,3,4,6-Tetra-*O*-methyl-α-D-glucopyranosyl 1-Deoxy-3-*epi*-1-iodo-3,4-isopropylidene-β-D-fructofuranoside (23). Treatment of the α-vinyl ether **21b** (50 mg) with Bu$_4$NF in THF (1.0 M; 1.5 mL) followed by ^{t}BuOK (35 mg) and I$_2$ (55 mg), as described above for **18b**, gave the disaccharides **22** and **23** (24 mg, 65%) as a 2:1 mixture, after chromatography on silica (eluant hexanes/Et$_2$O 1:4): $[\alpha]_D$ +86° (c = 1.15, CHCl$_3$); TLC R_f 0.5 (silica, hexanes/Et$_2$O 1:4): IR (neat) 1460, 1385, 1260, 1220, 1200, 1170, 1110 cm^{-1}; mass spectrum (EI), m/e 547 (M$^+$ – Me), 371, 343, 327, 285, 235, 207, 187, 175, 157, 147, 115, 101. Anal. Calcd for C$_{20}$H$_{35}$IO$_{10}$: C,

42.71; H, 6.27. Found: C, 42.74; H, 6.17. The two anomers respectively showed the following NMR data. α-Anomer **22**: ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, C$_6$D$_6$) δ 5.45 (d, 1 H, J = 3.6 Hz), 4.69 (d, 1 H, J = 8.0 Hz), 4.62–4.58 (m, 1 H), 4.49 (dd, 1 H, J = 4.8, 8.0 Hz), 4.27–4.22 (m, 1 H), 3.90 (dd, 1 H, J = 9.4 Hz, J = 9.4 Hz), 3.70–3.44 (m, 2 H), 3.65 (s, 3 H), 3.56 (s, 3 H), 3.54 (d, 1 H, J = 11.2 Hz), 3.40 (d, 1 H, J = 11.2 Hz), 3.37–3.08 (m, 4 H), 3.19 (s, 3 H), 3.15 (s, 3 H), 3.04 (s, 3 H), 1.74 (s, 3 H), 1.25 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl$_3$) δ 116.8, 103.7, 90.1, 85.8, 82.9, 81.9, 81.7, 81.1, 78.8, 72.3, 71.3, 70.7, 60.7, 60.4, 59.6, 59.2, 58.6, 26.7, 26.4, 8.2. β-Anomer **23**: ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, C$_6$D$_6$) δ 5.46 (d, 1 H, J = 3.6 Hz), 4.98 (d, 1 H, J = 5.6 Hz), 4.93 (dd, 1 H, J = 5.0, 5.6 Hz), 4.36–4.31 (m, 1 H), 4.23–4.18 (m, 1 H), 3.84 (dd, 1 H, J = 9.2 Hz, J = 9.2 Hz), 3.70–3.08 (m, 8 H), 3.63 (s, 3 H), 3.49 (s, 3 H), 3.25 (s, 3 H), 3.16 (s, 3 H), 3.01 (s, 3 H), 1.35 (s, 3 H), 1.24 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl$_3$) δ 113.6, 108.2, 91.1, 84.6, 83.6, 83.2, 81.7, 81.5, 79.2, 72.6, 71.1, 60.8, 59.2, 58.7, 27.0, 25.4, 5.9.

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Asymmetric Synthesis with α,β-Bis[(methoxymethyl)oxy] Ketones. Enantioselective Total Synthesis of Natural (+)-Indolizidine 195B (Bicyclic Gephyrotoxin 195B) and (−)-Pinidine and Their Enantiomers from a Common Chiral Synthon

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Abstract: The first enantioselective total synthesis of naturally occurring (+)-indolizidine 195B (bicyclic gephyrotoxin 195B) and (−)-pinidine and their enantiomers has been achieved starting from 4-*O*-benzyl-2,3-*O*-bis(methoxymethyl)-L-threitol as a single and common chiral synthon, readily available from L-tartaric acid. This synthesis establishes the absolute stereochemistry of (+)-indolizidine 195B as 3*S*,5*S*,9*S*. The strategy for the synthesis of the alkaloids in both enantiomeric forms is based on the process involving a combination of the creation of new stereogenic centers by 1,2-asymmetric induction and destruction of the original chirality inducing group, i.e., *threo*-bis(methoxymethyl) ether. Actually, these processes consist of highly diastereoselective hydride addition to α,β-bis(methoxymethyl)oxy ketones via chelation or nonchelation control by using a variety of borohydride reagents and stereospecific transformation of *threo*-vicinal diols into both *E* and *Z* olefins.

Stereocontrolled addition of hydride from metal hydride reagents to acyclic ketones has been widely used for the preparation of optically active acyclic secondary alcohols. One of the most widely studied processes for this is the enantioselective hydride addition to prochiral ketones by metal hydride reagents modified with chiral ligands (reagent control).[1] Alternative efforts have been focused on the diastereoselective hydride addition of achiral metal hydride reagents (1,2- or 1,3-asymmetric induction) to ketone substrates having a stereogenic center or linked with a chiral

auxiliary (substrate control).[2] Often there is a need for the preparation of molecules in both enantiomeric forms for studies, for example, on their physical or biological properties. In obtaining both enantiomers of a molecule by the methods for asymmetric induction mentioned above, both enantiomers of chiral reagents, chiral building blocks, or chiral auxiliaries are required. In many cases, however, one of the enantiomers of the chiral agents is not readily accessible from commercial sources or may have a high cost (for example, D- vs. L-sugars and L- vs. D-amino acids). To

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