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Communication

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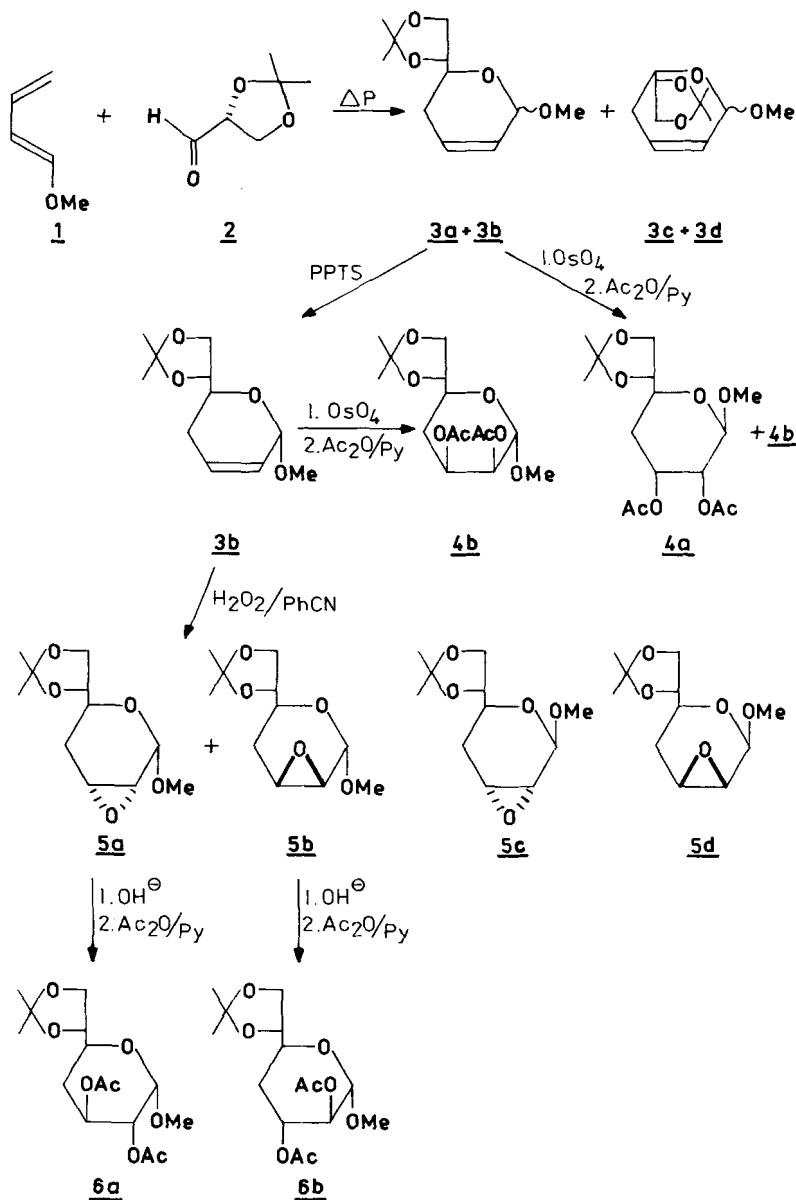
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Recently we have described<sup>1</sup> high pressure (4+2)cycloaddition of 1-methoxybuta-1,3-diene (1) to 2,3-0-isopropylidene-D-glyceraldehyde (2), which gives rise to chiral cycloadducts 3 (Scheme). When the reaction was carried out under high-pressure conditions (22 kbar, 50°C, diethyl ether as solvent, 20 h, 80% yield)<sup>2</sup> four diastereoisomeric adducts were formed in a ratio of 3a:3b:3c:3d=66:16:13:5. The reaction mixture was separated by column chromatography<sup>3</sup> yielding two fractions which contained diastereoisomeric mixtures (3a+3b) and (3c+3d), respectively. Absolute configuration at the C-5 carbon atom in both mixtures was established by chemical correlation.<sup>1</sup> These results prompted us to use a mixture (3a+3b), being stereochemically pure at C-5 chiral center, in the synthesis of optically active methyl 4-deoxyheptosides (Scheme).

The introduction of hydroxyl groups at carbon atoms C-3 and C-4, linked by a double bond, was carried out either by direct hydroxylation or by epoxidation and subsequent hydrolysis of the oxirane ring. Cis-hydroxylation of the diastereoisomeric mixture (3a:3b=8:2) was carried out using 4-methylmorpholine-4-oxide in the presence of osmium tetroxide,<sup>4</sup> to afford, after acetylation, two methyl 4-deoxyheptosides: D-glycero- $\beta$ -D-allo (4a) and D-glycero- $\alpha$ -D-manno (4b) in a ratio of 8:2, respectively (overall yield 67%). Pure compounds 4a (52% yield) and 4b (11% yield) were isolated by column chromatography.<sup>5,6</sup> A diastereoisomeric mixture (3a+3b) was equilibrated using pyridinium p-toluenesulphonate (PPTS) in dry acetone,<sup>7</sup> to afford pure 3b in



Scheme

nearly quantitative yield. As expected, starting from 3b, methyl 4-deoxyheptoside 4b was obtained as the only product of *cis*-hydroxylation.

Epoxidation of the pure adduct 3b by the Payne method (benzonitrile - hydrogen peroxide - potassium carbonate)<sup>8</sup> afforded a mixture of two epoxides in a ratio of 5a:5b=3:7 (overall yield 79%).<sup>9</sup> This mixture was separated into pure components 5a (21% yield) and 5b (53% yield) by flash chromatography.<sup>5,10</sup>

Nucleophilic oxirane ring opening by aqueous potassium hydroxide, followed by acetylation, gave, from the  $\alpha$ -ribo epoxide 5a, methyl 4-deoxyheptoside of  $\alpha$ -gluco configuration (6a) as the major product. Under the same conditions, starting from  $\alpha$ -lyxo epoxide 5b, compound 6b of  $\alpha$ -altro configuration was formed as the single product.<sup>5,11</sup>

The present results offer a new possibility for the synthesis of optically pure methyl 4-deoxyheptosides and their derivatives.

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10. Selected <sup>1</sup>H NMR data (360MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ), 5a: 4.94(d, 1H, H-1,  $J_{12}$ =3.6Hz), 3.76(m, 1H, H-5,  $\Sigma J$ =23.8Hz), 3.45(s, 3H, OMe), 3.43(m, 1H, H-3), 3.38(dd, 1H, H-2,  $J_{23}$ =3.9Hz); 5b: 4.79(s, 1H, H-1), 3.54(s, 3H, OMe), 3.38(m, 2H, H-3, H-5), 3.13(d, 1H, H-2,  $J_{23}$ =4.0Hz); 5c: 4.78(s, 1H, H-1), 3.55(s, 3H, OMe), 3.45(m, 2H, H-3, H-5), 3.18(d, 1H, H-2,  $J_{23}$ =4.2Hz); 5d: 4.88(s, 1H, H-1), 3.66(m, 1H, H-5,  $\Sigma J$ =22.7Hz), 3.46(s, 3H, OMe), 3.37(m, 1H, H-3,  $\Sigma J$ =9.7Hz), 2.99(d, 1H, H-2,  $J_{23}$ =3.6Hz).

11. Selected <sup>1</sup>H NMR data (360MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ), **6a**: 5.30(m, 1H, H-3, ΣJ=26.6Hz), 4.90(d, 1H, H-1, J<sub>12</sub>=3.6Hz), 4.85(m, 1H, H-2, ΣJ=13.7Hz), 3.37(s, 3H, OMe); **6b**: 5.12(m, 1H, H-3, ΣJ=10.1Hz), 4.93(m, 1H, H-2, ΣJ=6.0Hz), 4.70(d, 1H, H-1, J<sub>12</sub>=1.0Hz), 3.68(m, 1H, H-5, ΣJ=20.9Hz), 3.50(s, 3H, OMe).