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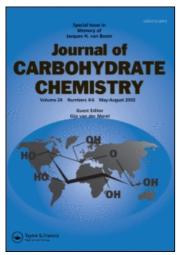
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#### ABSTRACT

Carbohydrate ketoenolates gave gem-di-C-methyl derivatives in the presence of methyl iodide. The oximes of the latter furnished equatorially functionalized gem-di-C-alkyl derivatives by cyclo-palladation-oxidation followed by reduction.

#### INTRODUCTION

The use of carbohydrates as chiral building blocks for the synthesis of natural products implies a choice of the sugar derivative 1,2 on the basis of easy accessibility, latent functionalities, and versatility. Extension of the scope of carbohydrates as suitable building blocks relies on the development of convenient key intermediates capable of meeting these requirements. We were interested in preparing carbohydrate derivatives bearing geminal alkyl substituents on the pyranoside ring and also the same type of compounds in which the alkyl substituents were differentiated and functionalized for further manipulations. 3

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

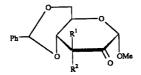
Considerable interest was devoted in recent years to the synthesis of gem-di-C-alkyl derivatives of carbohydrates. An elegant method utilizing stereoselective Claisen rearrangement of alkyl vinyl ethers was also reported for the preparation of such compounds, functionalized in one of the alkyl groups. 12

We report here that gem-di-C-methyl derivatives 6, 7 and 8can be obtained from 2,3:4,6-di-0-benzylidene-q-D-mannopyranoside  $4^{13}$  and from ketones  $2^{14}$  and 3,  $4^{15}$  respectively. Yields were modest in the preparation of 6 and excellent and good, respectively, in the synthesis of 7 and 8. Since our initial efforts to dialkylate the ketoenolates from 1, 13 2 and 3 with the help of lithium diisopropylamide as base were not successful, we attempted the use of 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine. 16 The ketoenolates were prepared in ether solution in an argon atmosphere at -35°C in the presence of butyl-lithium and 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine. enolates were allowed to react with methyl iodide and hexamethylphosphoramide furnishing products consisting of the desired gemdi-C-methyl derivatives. When the reaction was applied to ketone 1, the corresponding gem-di-C-methyl derivative 6 was present in the reaction mixture only in a very small amount. Therefore, the lithium enolate 5 was prepared from 4 according to Chapleur 5 and treated as indicated above. In case of ketone 3, the reaction gave also the  $\beta$ -elimination product  $\underline{11}$  in about 28% yield.

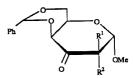
Recent investigations have shown the potential of the Shaw reaction  $^{17}$  in preparing stereospecifically equatorially functionalized gem-di-C-methyl derivatives from ketoximes substituted by gem-di-C-methyl groups at the  $\alpha$ -position. Application of this reaction, according to the methodology of Baldwin and co-workers,  $^{18,19}$  to the gem-di-C-methyl carbohydrates  $\underline{12}$ ,  $\underline{13}$  and  $\underline{14}$  gave in good yield the desired products  $\underline{17}$ ,  $\underline{18}$  and  $\underline{19}$ , respectively.

The ketoximes  $\underline{12}$ ,  $\underline{13}$  and  $\underline{14}$  were prepared from the corresponding ketones  $\underline{6}$ ,  $\underline{7}$  and  $\underline{8}$ , respectively, in quantitative yield.

- $1 \qquad R^1 = R^2 = H$
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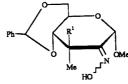


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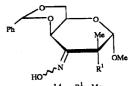


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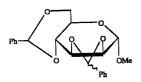
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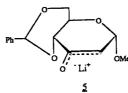
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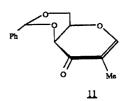


- $R^1 = Me$ <u>14</u>
- 19 R1 = CH2OAc



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When the oximes 12, 13 and 14 were allowed to react with disodium tetrachloropalladate and sodium acetate, the corresponding dimeric organopalladium compounds of general structure 15 were obtained in excellent yields. The dimeric organopalladium compounds were then converted by treatment with pyridine in tetrahydrofuran solution into the corresponding monomeric complexes of general structure 16. Oxidation of these complexes by lead tetra-acetate, followed by reduction with sodium borohydride afforded the corresponding acetoxy oximes 17, 18 and 19.

# Stereochemistry of the oximes

Carbon-13 NMR spectroscopy has been shown to be extremely useful for the determination of the configuration of ketoximes. In an extensive investigation on the  $^{13}\mathrm{C}$  chemical shifts of these compounds, Hawkes, Herwig and Roberts have found that ketoximes with  $\alpha$  quaternary carbons were always single isomers which were believed to have the oxime OH anti to the quaternary carbon. This hypothesis was substantiated by the observation of a consistent pattern of  $\alpha$ -anti and  $\alpha$ -syn carbon shift changes upon transformation of a ketone to an oxime. The resonances of both  $\alpha$ -carbons were shown to be shielded on oxime formation, with the effect for the  $\alpha$ -syn carbon being considerably greater than for the  $\alpha$ -anti carbon.

Interestingly, conversion of ketone  $\underline{6}$  to the corresponding oxime  $\underline{12}$  afforded a 1:1 mixture of two isomers while similar transformation of ketones  $\underline{7}$  and  $\underline{8}$  to their oximes furnished only a single isomer, as judged from their carbon-13 NMR spectra in CDC13 solution. In case of the oximes  $\underline{12}$ , resulting from ketone  $\underline{6}$ , the chemical shift of C-4 could be easily assigned. The  $\Delta\delta$  value of 3.8 ppm for C-4 of these two compounds was attributed, in agreement with expectation, to the configuration of the oxime OH group. Thus, the chemical shift value of C-4 of the oxime anti to the quaternary carbon was 76.5 ppm while C-4 of the oxime syn to the quaternary carbon was 80.3 ppm.

After functionalization of the equatorial C-methyl group, oxime 17 revealed to be quite surprisingly a single isomer. Furthermore, the chemical shift of C-4 in compound 17 being 80.1 ppm, we would be tempted to draw the unexpected conclusion that the oxime OH of this compound is syn to its quaternary carbon atom in CDC1<sub>3</sub> solution. No explanation can be put forward at this moment for this observation. The chemical shift difference of C-2 between the syn and anti oximes, resulting from ketone 6, is too small for being taken into account for structural assignments.

No final conclusion can be advanced concerning the configuration of the oximes  $\underline{13}$  and  $\underline{14}$  derived as single isomers from ketones  $\underline{7}$  and  $\underline{8}$ , respectively.

### Stereochemistry at the quaternary carbon centers

Application of carbon-13 N.M.R. spectroscopy has permitted the determination of the configuration of the substituents of quaternary centers for the new  $\alpha$ -acetoxy ketoximes prepared during this investigation. The spectral study of appropriate model compounds appeared to be extremely useful. Thus, the chemical shift of the C-methyl group in the  $^{13}$ C NMR spectrum of the isomeric models  $9^{22}$  and  $10^{22}$  was 8.6 and 16.2 ppm, respectively, in CDCl $_3$  solution.

The very high field shift of the C-methyl group in the spectrum of  $\underline{9}$  was interpreted, on the one hand, by the cis-relationship between the C-methyl group and the anomeric substituent and by the coplanar arrangement of the C-3 ketone and the C-2 substituent, on the other. The C-methyl group in the spectrum of  $\underline{10}$  is shielded only by the axially disposed H-4. From these results, the 25.5 and 19.1 ppm chemical shifts in the spectrum of  $\underline{6}$  could be easily assigned to the axial and equatorial C-methyl groups, respectively. The downfield shifts, relative to the monosubstituted compounds  $\underline{9}$  and  $\underline{10}$ , are the consequence of the  $\beta$ -effect due to the additional methyl group in 6.

Upon oxime formation both C-methyl groups were slightly deshielded. The chemical shift of the remaining C-methyl group in

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the spectrum of 17 was 21.2 ppm. In view of the shielding  $\gamma$ -effect, due to the oxygen atom of the acetoxy group, it appeared clear that the 21.2 ppm resonance had to be assigned to an axially oriented C-methyl group. A  $\Delta\delta$  value of 5.1 ppm for the axially disposed C-methyl groups of 17 and 12 was found in agreement with the theory.  $^{23}$ 

The stereochemistry of the quaternary centers of <u>18</u> and <u>19</u> was established by using identical considerations, although, the corresponding isomeric axially and equatorially monosubsituted C-methyl compounds were not available.

The chemical shifts of the axial and equatorial C-methyl group of  $\underline{8}$  was 24.3 ppm and 19.4 ppm, respectively. Again, upon oxime formation, these resonance positions moved slightly downfield to 26.2 ppm and 21.3 ppm, respectively in  $\underline{14}$ . The chemical shift of the remaining C-methyl group in the spectrum of  $\underline{19}$  was 21.2 ppm. A  $\Delta\delta$  value of 5.0 ppm for the C-methyl group of  $\underline{14}$  and  $\underline{19}$  indicated that the acetoxymethyl function of  $\underline{19}$  was equatorially oriented. Similar conclusions were reached for the acetoxymethyl group of  $\underline{18}$ , although the situation was not as clear as in the previously discussed cases. However, the  $\Delta\delta$  value of 5.1 ppm, between the spectrum of  $\underline{13}$  and  $\underline{18}$ , was again in favour of an axially disposed C-methyl group in 18.

In conclusion, functionalization of the equatorial C-methyl group of the gem-di-C-methyl derivatives occured stereospecifically during the cyclopalladation reaction. This result, in agreement with previous investigations, <sup>15,16</sup> can be explained by the coplanar arrangement of the oximes and the equatorial methyl groups.

#### **EXPERIMENTAL**

General Procedures. The melting points were determined with a Büchi apparatus and are uncorrected. A Perkin-Elmer Model 141 MC polarimeter and 1-dm tubes were used for measurement of specific rotations. 

H NMR spectra were recorded in chloroform-d solution at 400 MHz. The 

13 C NMR spectra were measured in chloroform-d

solution at 50.31 MHz with a Bruker WP-200 spectrometer. Chemical shifts are given in parts per million, and tetramethylsilane was the internal standard ( $\delta$  0.000). Carbon-13 chemical shifts for aromatic carbons are not given. Microanalyses were performed by the Service Central de Microanalyse du CNRS. Silica gel 60 PF  $_{254}$  (Merck) activated at 120°C was the support for TLC and for column chromatography.

Methyl 4,6-0-benzylidene-2-deoxy-2-C-dimethyl-α-D-erythrohexopyranosid-3-ulose (6). To a solution of 1.6M butyl-lithium (37 mL, 60 mmol, 2.2 eq.) in dry tetrahydrofuran (400 mL) was added 2,3:4,6-di-O-benzylidene-α-D-mannopyranoside 4 (27 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at -40°C for 1 h under an argon atmosphere. Then, 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-piperidine (930 μL, 5.45 mmol) was added to neutralize the excess of butyl-lithium and the temperature was allowed to warm up to 25°C for 10 min. The temperature of the solution was then cooled to -40°C and the lithium salt of 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine was added to it [the lithium salt was prepared by adding 1.6M butyl-lithium (28 mL, 46 mmol) to 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine (7.85 mL, 46 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran solution (100 mL) at room temperature]. Then, to the reaction mixture were added hexamethylphosphoramide (47 mL, 270 mmol) and methyl iodide (17 mL, 270 mmol). The temperature of the solution was kept at -40°C for 3 h and then at -10°C for 42 h. A saturated solution of ammonium chloride (400 mL) was added to the mixture, the organic phase was washed with a 0.5N solution of hydrochloric acid (2 x 100 mL), dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated in vacuo. The crude material was further purified by flash chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate, 8:2) to afford the ketone 6 (1.34 g, 17%), and a mixture of methyl-4,6-0-benzylidene-2-deoxy- $\alpha$ -D-erythro-hexopyranosid-3-ulose 1 (2.9 g, 40%) and methyl 4,6-0benzylidene-2-deoxy-2-C-methyl- $\alpha$ -D-ribo-hexopyranosid-3-ulose (1.5 g, 20%). Repetition of the reaction using the latter two compounds raised the overall yield of  $\underline{6}$  to 25%. Pure  $\underline{6}$  is a syrup,  $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = +54^{\circ} (\underline{c} = 0.9, \text{ chloroform}); \text{ mass spectrum (chemical})$ ionization) (M<sup>+</sup> + H) 293; <sup>1</sup>H NMR & 7.32-7.48 (m, 5H, Ph); 5.54

(s, 1H, H-7); 4.54 (s, 1H, H-1); 4.53 (d, 1H,  $J_{4,5} = 11$  Hz, H-4); 4.35 (q, 1H,  $J_{5,6} = 5$  Hz,  $J_{gem} = 11$  Hz, H-6 eq); 4.12 (m, 1H, H-5); 3.93 (t, 1H,  $J_{5,6}$  ax  $J_{gem} = 11$  Hz, H-6 ax); 3.35 (s, 3H, OMe); 1.36 (s, 3H, C-2Me ax); 1.10 (s, 3H, C-2Me eq);  $I_{3} = I_{3} = I_{3}$ 

Anal. Calcd for  $C_{16}^{H}_{20}^{O}_{5}$ : C, 65.74; H, 6.90; O, 27.36. Found: C, 65.99; H, 6.75.

Methyl 4,6-0-benzylidene-3-deoxy-3-C-dimethyl-α-D-erythrohexopyranosid-2-ulose (7). To a solution of 1.6M butyl-lithium (3.12 mL, 5.7 mmol) in anhydrous ether (25 mL) was added 2,2,6,6tetramethylpiperidine (0.9 mL, 5.7 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 min under an argon atmosphere. The mixture was then cooled to -10°C and methyl 4,6-0-benzylidene-3-deoxy- $\alpha$ - $\underline{D}$ -arabino-hexopyranosid-2-ulose  $\underline{2}$  (500 mg, 1.9 mmol) was added to it. After two hours ether was evaporated and replaced by tetrahydrofuran and then methyl iodide (1.19 mL, 19 mmol) in hexamethylphosphoramide (3.3 mL, 19 mmol) was added to the mixture which was kept at 0°C for 36 h. Working-up, as indicated above for the preparation of 6, furnished a crude reaction mixture which without purification was treated again as above except that the enolate was formed at 0°C. The final residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate, 3:1) affording pure 7 (470 mg, 85%), mp 150-152°C;  $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{22} = +49^{\circ}$  (<u>c</u> = 0.3, chloroform); mass spectrum (chemical ionization) (M + H) 293; H NMR δ 7.40-7.52 (m, 5H, Ph); 5.55 (s, 1H, H-7); 4.70 (s, 1H, H-1); 4.42 (q, 1H,  $J_{5,6} = 5$  Hz,  $J_{gem} = 11$  Hz, H-6 eq); 4.31 (m, 1H, H-5); 3.77 (t, 1H,  $J_{5,6}$  ax  $= J_{gem} = 11$  Hz, H-6 ax); 3.56 (d, 1H,  $J_{4,5} = 11$  Hz, H-4); 3.53 (s, 3H, OMe); 1.35 (s, 3H, C-3Me<sub>eq</sub>); 1.26 (s, 3H, C-3Me<sub>ax</sub>);  $\frac{13}{6}$ C NMR  $\delta$ : 202.3 (C-2); 100.7 (C-1); 100.6 (C-7); 82.8 (C-4); 68.6 (C-6); 59.3 (C-5); 55.6 (OMe); 47.5 (C-3); 20.1 (C-3Me<sub>ax</sub>); 18.2 (C-2Me<sub>eq</sub>).

Anal.Calcd for  $C_{16}^{H}_{20}^{O}_{5}$ : C, 65.74; H, 6.90; O, 27.36. Found: C, 65.96; H, 6.76.

Methyl 4,6-0-benzylidene-2-deoxy-2-C-dimethyl-α-D-threo-hexo-pyranosid-2-ulose (8) and 4,6-0-benzylidene-1,2-deoxy-2-C-methyl-D-threo-hex-1-enopyran-3-ulose (11). To a solution of 1.6M butyl-1ithium (3.12 mL, 5.7 mmol) in anhydrous ether (25 mL) was added 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine (0.9 mL, 5.7 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 min under an argon atmosphere. The mixture was then cooled to -40°C and methyl 4,6-0-benzylidene-2-deoxy-α-D-threo-hexopyranosid-3-ulose 3 (500 mg, 1.9 mmol) was added to it. After one hour ether was evaporated and replaced by tetrahydrofuran and then methyl iodide (1.2 mL, 19 mmol) in hexamethylphosphoramide (3.3 mL, 19 mmol) was added to the mixture which was kept at 0°C for 36 h. Working-up, as described above for the preparation of 6, furnished a crude reaction mixture which was flash chromatographed (hexane/ethyl acetate, 8:2) affording 8 (340 mg, 65%) and 11 (135 mg, 28%).

Analytically pure  $\underline{8}$  was obtained by crystallization from hexane/ethyl acetate, mp 159-161°C,  $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{22}$  = + 69° ( $\underline{c}$  = 0.57, chloroform); mass spectrum (chemical ionization) (M<sup>+</sup> + H) 293;  $^{1}$ H NMR  $^{6}$  7.30-7.45 (m, 5H, Ph); 5.48 (s, 1H, H-7); 4.63 (s, 1H, H-1); 4.38 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{gem}}$  = 11 Hz, H-6 eq); 4.25 (d, 1H,  $J_{4,5}$  = 2 Hz, H-4); 4.17 (q, 1H,  $J_{5,6ax}$  = 2 Hz,  $J_{\text{gem}}$  = 11 Hz, H-6 ax); 3.87 (m, 1H, H-5); 3.35 (s, 3H, OMe); 1.48 (s, 3H, C-2Me); 1.06 (s, 3H, C-2Me);  $^{13}$ C NMR  $^{6}$ : 204.1 (C-3); 107.5 (C-1); 100.9 (C-7); 78.9 (C-4); 69.1 (C-6); 63.0 (C-5); 55.3 (OMe); 49.4 (C-2); 24.3 (C-2Me<sub>ax</sub>); 19.4 (C-2Me<sub>eq</sub>).

Anal. Calcd for  $C_{16}^{H_{20}}O_{5}$ : C, 65.74; H, 6.90; O, 27.36. Found: C, 65.94; H, 6.90.

Analytically pure  $\underline{11}$  was obtained by crystallization from hexane/ethyl acetate mp 145°C;  $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +147^\circ$  ( $\underline{c} = 1.07$ , chloroform); mass spectrum (chemical ionization) ( $\underline{M}^+$  + H) 247;  $\underline{l}^-$  H NMR  $\delta$  7.33-7.48 (m, 5H, Ph); 7.40 (s, 1H, H-1); 5.60 (s, 1H, H-7); 4.48 (d, 1H,  $\underline{J}_{gem} = 11$  Hz, H-6 eq); 4.20 (2s, 2H, H-4 and H-5); 4.13 (q, 1H,  $\underline{J}_{5,6}$  ax  $\underline{l}_{gem} = 11$  Hz, H-6 ax); 1.73 (s, 3H, C-2Me);  $\underline{l}_{3}$  C NMR  $\delta$ : 186.7 (C-3); 160.7 (C-1); 112.7 (C-2); 100.9 (C-7); 73.3 (C-4); 68.3 (C-6); 10.7 (C-2Me).

Anal. Calcd for  $C_{14}H_{14}O_4$ : C, 68.28; H, 5.73. Found: C, 68.30; H, 5.55.

General procedure for the preparation of the oximes. To a solution of ulose (100 mg, 0.36 mmol) in dry pyridine was added hydroxylamine hydrochloride (86 mg, 1.37 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 h. The solution was diluted with ice water and extracted with dichloromethane. The organic phase was washed with cold IN hydrochloric acid, dried over magnesium sulfate and evaporated, affording the oximes (95-98%).

Methyl 4,6-O-benzylidene-2-deoxy-2-C-dimethyl-α-D-erythro-hexopyranosid-3-ulose oxime (12). <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ: 151.6 and 150.2 (C-3, C-3'). 107.1 and 106.6 (C-1, C-1'); 102.9 and 102.1 (C-7, C-7'); 80.3 and 76.5 (C-4, C-4'); 69.7 and 69.7 (C-6, C-6'); 64.4 and 63.9 (C-5, C-5'); 55.3 (OMe, OMe'); 45.2 and 44.5 (C-2, C-2'); 26.3 and 25.5 (C-2Me<sub>ax</sub>, C-2'Me<sub>ax</sub>); 23.9 and 21.7 (C-2Me<sub>eq</sub>, C-2'Me<sub>eq</sub>).

Methyl 4,6-0-benzylidene-3-deoxy-3-C-dimethyl-α-D-erythro-hexopyranosid-2-ulose oxime (13). mp = 120-122°C ,  $[α]_D^{22} = + 7°$  (c = 1.82, chloroform); H NMR δ 7.42-7.58 (m, 5H, Ph); 5.86 (s, 1H, H-1); 5.60 (s, 1H, H-7); 4.37 (q, 1H,  $J_{5,6} = 5$  Hz,  $J_{gem} = 11$  Hz, H-6 eq); 4.17 (m, 1H, H-5); 3.73 (t, 1H,  $J_{5,6}$  ax  $J_{gem} = 11$  Hz, H-6 ax); 3.53 (s, 3H, OMe); 3.48 (d, 1H,  $J_{4,5} = 10$  Hz, H-4); 1.37 (s, 3H, C-3Me<sub>ax</sub>); 1.30 (s, 3H, C-3Me<sub>eq</sub>); C NMR δ: 158.3 (C-2); 101.5 (C-7); 92.0 (C-1); 83.4 (C-4); 69.3 (C-6); 60.0 (C-5); 55.5 (OMe); 39.7 (C-3); 22.5 (C-2Me<sub>ax</sub>); 21.2 (C-2Me<sub>eq</sub>).

Methyl 4,6-0-benzylidene-2-deoxy-2-C-dimethyl- $\alpha$ -D-threo-hexo-pyranosid-3-ulose oxime (14). mp = 125-127°C,  $[\alpha]_D^{22}$  = + 184° ( $\underline{c}$  = 1.45, chloroform); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  7.43-7.60 (m, 5H, Ph); 5.66 (s, 1H, H-7); 5.53 (d, 1H, J<sub>4,5</sub> = 2 Hz, H-4); 4.53 (s, 1H, H-1): 4.37 (d, 1H, J<sub>gem</sub> = 10 Hz, H-6 eq); 4.23 (q, 1H, J<sub>5,6</sub> ax = 2 Hz, J<sub>gem</sub> = 10 Hz, H-6 ax); 3.70 (m, 1H, H-5); 3.40 (s, 3H, OMe); 1.50 (s, 3H, C-2Me<sub>ax</sub>); 1.15 (s, 3H, C-2Me<sub>eq</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$ : 156.0 (C-3); 106.7 (C-1); 101.1 (C-7); 69.5 (C-6); 65.1 (C-4); 55.1 (OMe); 40.4 (C-2); 26.2 (C-2Me<sub>ax</sub>); 21.3 (C-2Me<sub>eq</sub>).

To a solution of the dimeric organopalladium compound <u>15</u> (100 mg, 0.12 mmol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (4.5 mL) was added pyridine (0.18 mL, 0.24 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 min. Then a solution of lead tetraacetate (105 mg, 0.24 mmol) in acetic acid (1.8 mL) was added at 0°C to the reaction mixture which was stirred for another 2 h while the temperature was allowed to rise to 25°C. A solution of sodium borohydride (18 mg, 0.48 mmol) in 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide (1.2 mL) was then added and the mixture stirred for 30 min. The black suspension was filtered, the filtrate extracted with ethyl acetate, washed with water and sodium hydrogen carbonate, dried over magnesium sulfate and evaporated. The crude reaction products were purified by preparative thin layer chromatography.

Methyl 2(S) 2-C-acetoxymethylene-4,6-0-benzylidene-2-deoxy-2-C-methyl- $\alpha$ -D-erythro-hexopyranosid-3-ulose oxime (17). Syrup, (80%),  $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{22}$  = + 31°, (c = 1.4, chloroform);  $^{1}$ H NMR & 7.38-7.47 (m, 5H, Ph); 5.61 (s, 1H, H-7); 4.77 (d, 1H, J<sub>4,5</sub> = 10 Hz, H-4); 4.54 (s, 1H, H-1); 4.35 (q, 1H, J<sub>5,6</sub> = 5 Hz, J<sub>gem</sub> = 11 Hz, H-6 eq); 4.22 (m, 1H, H-5); 3.88 (t, 1H, J<sub>5,6ax</sub> = J<sub>gem</sub> = 11 Hz, H-6 ax); 3.38 (s, 3H, OMe); 2.07 (s, 3H, OAc); 1.38 (s, 3H, C-2Me);  $^{13}$ C NMR &: 170.6 (OAc); 149.5 (C-3); 103.7 (C-1); 103.1 (C-7); 80.1 (C-4); 69.8 (C-6); 66.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>OAc); 63.8 (C-5); 55.6 (OMe); 47.0 (C-2); 21.2 (C-2Me); 21.0 (OAc).

Anal. Calcd for  $C_{18}H_{23}NO_7$ : C, 59.17; H, 6.34; N, 3.83; 0, 30.65. Found: C, 60.04; H, 6.17; N, 3.92.

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Methyl 3(S) 3-C-acetoxymethylene-4,6-0-benzylidene-3-deoxy-3-C-methyl- $\alpha$ -D-erythro-hexopyranosid-3-ulose oxime (18). Syrup, (20%),  $[\alpha]_D^{22} = + 14^\circ$ , ( $\underline{c} = 5.8$ , chloroform); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  7.43-7.57 (m, 5H, Ph); 5.83 (s, 1H, H-1); 5.62 (s, 1H, H-7); 4.40 (q, 1H, J<sub>5,6</sub> = 5 Hz, J<sub>gem</sub> = 11 Hz, H-6 eq); 4.25 (m, 1H, H-5); 4.13 and 4.60 (2d, 2H, J<sub>gem</sub> = 10 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OAc); 3.90 (d, 1H, J<sub>4,5</sub> = 10 Hz, H-4); 3.82 (t, 1H, J<sub>5,6ax</sub> = J<sub>gem</sub> = 11 Hz, H-6 ax); 3.55 (s, 3H, OMe); 2.03 (s, 3H, OAc); 1.36 (s, 3H, C-3Me); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$ : 168.8 (OAc); 156.0 (C-2); 100.7 (C-7); 92.0 (C-1); 77.6 (C-4); 69.3 (C-6); 64.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>OAc); 55.7 (OMe); 55.3 (C-5); 47.2 (C-3); 20.9 (OAc); 17.4 (C-3Me).

Anal. Calcd for  $C_{18}H_{23}NO_7$ : C, 59.17; H, 6.34; N, 3.83; O, 30.65. Found: C, 59.32; H, 6.21; N, 3.63.

Methyl 2(S)2-C-acetoxymethylene-4,6-0-benzylidene-2-deoxy-2-C-methyl-α-D-threo-hexopyranosid-3-ulose oxime (19). Syrup, (65%),  $[α]_D^{22} = +139^\circ$ , (c = 1.25, chloroform); H NMR δ 7.32-7.50 (m, 5H, Ph); 5.60 (s, 1H, H-7); 5.50 (1s, 1H, H-4); 4.68 (s, 1H, H-1); 4.32 (d, 1H, J<sub>gem</sub> = 11 Hz, H-6 eq); 4.27 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>OAc); 4.19 (q, 1H, J<sub>5,6ax</sub> = 2 Hz, J<sub>gem</sub> = 11 Hz, H-6 ax); 3.70 (m, 1H, H-5); 3.35 (s, 3H,0Me); 2.10 (s, 3H, OAc); 1.53 (s, 3H, C-2 Me); C-1); 101.3 (C-7); 69.5 (C-6); 66.9 (C-4); 64.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>OAc); 61.7 (C-5); 55.4 (OMe); 43.0 (C-2); 21.2 (C-2Me); 20.8 (OAc). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{18}^{H}_{23}^{NO}_{7}$ : C, 59.17; H, 6.34; N, 3.83; 0, 30.65. Found: C, 59.40; H, 6.51; N, 3.70.

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