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STEREOSELECTIVE SYNTHESIS OF A DIMER CONTAINING AN α-LINKED 2-ACETAMIDO-4-AMINO-2,4,6-TRIDEOXY-D-

GALACTOPYRANOSE (SUGp) UNIT

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ABSTRACT

Ethyl 1-thio- α -D-mannopyranoside 5 was converted to properly protected 2-acetamido-4-amino-2,4,6-trideoxy-D-galactopyranose (Sugp) glycosyl donors 1-3, which could be used to glycosylate 1,6-anhydro-2-azido-3-O-benzyl-2-deoxy-B-D-galactopyranose 23, leading to the highly stereoselective formation of dimer 24. Complete deblocking of 24 was accomplished in three steps giving the target disaccharide 1,6-anhydro-2-acetamido-2-deoxy-4-O-(2-acetamido-4-amino-2,4,6-trideoxy- α -D-galactopyranosyl)-B-D-galactopyranose (4).

INTRODUCTION

Structure elucidation^{1,2} of a cell-wall associated polysaccharide antigen of the complex polysaccharide (*i.e.* the C-substance) from *Streptococcus pneumoniae* type 1 (see Figure 1) revealed that the polysaccharide contains the rare sugar 2-acetamido-4-amino-2,4,6-trideoxy-D-galactopyranose (Sugp). It can be seen in Figure 1 that the C-1 and C-3 positions of the Sugp moiety are α -and β -linked to the C-4 and C-1 positions of *N*-acetyl-D-galactosamine and D-glucose, respectively. In an earlier study from this laboratory the



Figure 1. Repeating unit of the subcapsular polysaccharide C-substance from Streptococcus *Pneumoniae* type 1.

synthesis of the Sugp derivative benzyl 2,4-diacetamido-2,4,6-trideoxy- $\alpha(\beta)$ -D-galactopyranoside was disclosed.³ However, the latter and previously reported^{4,5} Sugp derivatives were not suitable, due to the presence of a participating acetamido group at C-2, for the introduction of the requisite 1,2-*cis* interglycosidic linkage between Sugp and GalpNAc.

As part of a program to study in detail the immunological properties of well-defined C-substance fragments, we report here an approach to the preparation of the Sugp donors 1-3 and their application towards the stereoselective synthesis of the Sugp containing disaccharide 4.



RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A crucial element in a successful synthetic route to the target dimer 4 is the availability of a Sugp donor suitable for the introduction of the requisite 1,2-cis-linkage. The strategy we adopted to achieve our goal commences, as depicted in Scheme 1, with



• Key : (i) TsCl/pyr, 16 h, (86%); (ii) 2,2-Dimethoxypropane/acetone/TsOH, 2 h, (75%); (iii) LiAlH₄/diethyl ether, reflux, 2 h (62%); (iv) Swern oxidation (100%); (v) HONH₂(HCl)/pyr/H₂O, 1 h, (97%); (vi) NaCNBH₃/ NH₄OAc/TiCl₃ in acidified (HCl) MeOH, 40 h, then Benzyloxycarbonylchloride (Z-Cl)/NaHCO₃/dioxane/ H₂O, 1 h, (75% based on 10); (vii) Trifluoroacetic acid/H₂O, 9/1, v/v, 5 min.; (viii) Ac₂O/pyr, 16 h, (76%); (ix) Br₂/CH₂Cl₂, 30 min; (x) Activated Zn dust/Nal/AcOH/Ac₂O, 0 °C, 1 h, (93% based on 14)

the synthesis of the D-galactal derivative 16. Thus, easily accessible⁶ ethyl 1-thio- α -D-mannopyranoside 5 was regioselectively tosylated to give, after acetonation of 6, the partially protected 6-O-tosyl derivative 7. Reduction of 7 with lithium aluminium hydride⁷ gave ethyl 6-deoxy-2,3-O-isopropylidene-1-thio- α -D-mannopyranoside 8. Swern oxidation of 8 (\rightarrow 9) and subsequent treatment of the ketone with hydroxylamine hydrochloride furnished oxime 10. Reduction of the oxime function to the required D-talopyranoside





[•] Key : (i) NaN₃, (NH₄)₂Ce(NO₃)₆, CH₃CN, -15 °C, 2 h (71%); (ii) KSC(=S)OEt, CH₃CN, 16 h, (58%); (iii) PhSH, DIPEA, 30 min, (2, 22%; 20/21, 65%); (iv) K₂CO₃, Cl₃CCN, CH₂Cl₂, 4 h, (1, α/β, 1/9, 60%);

derivative 11 was realized most effectively via the method of Leeds et al.⁸ Thus, treatment of 10 with sodium cyanoborohydride in the presence of titanium trichloride and subsequent benzyloxycarbonylation of the generated amino function afforded the 4-(benzyloxy-carbonyl)-amino-D-talopyranoside 11 which was contaminated with a small amount ($\leq 5\%$)





of the tentatively assigned D-mannopyranoside derivative 12. The latter impurity was separated from the D-talopyranoside isomer by the following procedure. Acidic hydrolysis of the acetonide function $(11 \rightarrow 13)$ followed by acetylation and silica gel chromatography furnished homogeneous 14, the ¹H NMR data (*e.g.* J_{NH,4} = 10.6 Hz, J_{3,4} = 4.2 Hz and J_{4,5} = 2 Hz) of which were in full accord with the proposed structure. Finally, reaction of 14 with bromine⁹ and treatment of the resulting bromide 15 with activated zinc dust¹⁰ furnished the key D-galactal precursor 16 in 20% overall yield (based on 5).

in /BuOH/AcOH/H2O, 4 h, 40 °C (80%).

At this stage, we turned our attention to the transformation of the D-galactal 16 into the Sugp donors 1-3. The first step comprised the azidonitration^{11,12} of 16, as outlined in Scheme 2, resulting in the formation of the major Sugp derivative 17 and the minor talopyranoside 18 which could not be purified by column chromatography or crystallization. Denitration of the anomeric nitrates was then executed in two different ways. Firstly, compounds 17 and 18 were transformed according to Sinaÿ *et al.*,¹³ into the corresponding *S*-xanthates by using *O*-ethyl-*S*-potassium dithiocarbonate to replace the anomeric nitrate group. Work-up and purification gave, as corroborated by NMR spectroscopy, the β -Sugp-*S*-xanthate 3 in a reasonable yield. On the other hand, the minor *talo*-derivative 19 could not be obtained in a pure form. Secondly, denitration of 17 and

Donor	Promoter	Yield (%)	α/β Ratio
1	TMSOTF	75	1:0
2	NIS/TfOH(cat) ^b	64	1:0
3	NIS/TfOH(cat) ^b	16	1:0
3	Cu(OTf) ₂ ^c	23	1:0
(a)-30°C, CH ₂ Cl ₂ , 3 h. (b) RT, Et ₂ O/1,2-DCE, 16 h. (c) RT, CH ₂ Cl ₂ , 3 days;			

Table 1. Glycosylation of acceptor 23 with Sugp donors 1-3

18 with thiophenol in the presence of $N_{,N}$ -diisopropylethylamine revealed, in contrast with expectation,^{13,14} the presence of an interesting side-product. Thus, purification of the denitrated mixture resulted in the isolation of the expected products 20-21 (65% combined yield) and a minor product (22% yield), the structure of which was in agreement with the phenyl 1-thio- β -Sugp donor 2. The third Sugp donor (*i.e.* 1) was readily accessible by converting 20-21 into the corresponding trichloroacetimidates *via* the well-established method of Schmidt *et al.*¹⁵ Work-up and separation of the resulting trichloroacetimidates 1 and 22 gave homogeneous donor 1 (α/β mixture) in 60% yield.

Having the glycosyl donors in hand, we explored the glycosylating properties of the individual Sugp donors 1-3. To this end, the known¹⁶ acceptor 1,6-anhydro-2-azido-3-*O*-benzyl-2-deoxy- β -D-galactopyranose (23) was glycosylated with the individual donors in the presence of an appropriate promoter [*i.e.* trimethylsilyltriflate¹⁷, *N*-iodosuccinimide (NIS) and catalytic trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (TfOH cat.)^{18,19} or copper(II) triflate¹³]. The outcome of these glycosylations are summarized in Table 1. It can be seen that each glycosidation resulting in disaccharide 24 proceeded as expected^{17,20} with a high degree of stereoselectivity, with only formation of 1,2-*cis* linkages as gauged by TLC analysis and NMR spectroscopy. It is also evident from the Table that the glycosylation of 23 by the donors 1-2 afforded dimer 24 in acceptable yields. However, it is also clear that the condensation of the reactive equatorial hydroxyl group in acceptor 23 with the *S*-xanthate donor 3 is rather ineffective. In this respect it is of interest to note that the low-yielding glycosylation of 23 with 3 is in sharp contrast with the reported¹³ excellent glycosylation capacity of *S*-xanthate donors in the presence of the promoter Cu(OTf)₂.

Complete deblocking of 24 could be effected by consecutively executing the following three steps. Reduction of the azido groups and acetylation of the generated

amino functions were performed via the one-pot thioacetic procedure of Chu et al.²¹ Deacetylation of the resulting purified dimer 25 followed by hydrogenolysis of the benzyl (Bn) and benzyloxycarbonyl (Z) groups in 26 furnished crude fully deprotected dimer 4. Purification of the latter by Sephadex LH-20 chromatography gave homogeneous 4, the identity of which was firmly established by NMR spectroscopy.

The successful synthesis of dimer 4 reported in this paper may open the way to other valuable synthetic fragments of the C-substance from *Streptococcus pneumoniae* type 1.

EXPERIMENTAL

General Procedures. Dioxane and pyridine were dried by refluxing with CaH_2 (5 g/L) for 6 h and then distilled. Dichloromethane, 1,2-dichloroethane and toluene were distilled from P2O5. N,N-Dimethylformamide was stirred with CaH2 at room temperature for 16 h and distilled under reduced pressure. Diethyl ether was distilled from LiAlH₄. Dioxane, pyridine and N,N-dimethylformamide were stored over molecular sieves 4 Å (Aldrich). Toluene and diethyl ether were stored over sodium wire, dichloromethane and 1,2-dichloroethane over alumina. Schleicher and Schüll DC Fertigfolien F1500 LS 254 were used for TLC analysis. The following eluents were used: System A (dichloromethane/methanol, 9/1, v/v), System B (diethyl ether/hexane, 2/1, v/v), System C (dichloromethane/acetone, 97/3, v/v), System D (dichloromethane/acetone/triethylamine, 96/3/1, v/v/v), System E (ethyl acetate/methanol/water, 5/3/2, v/v/v). Compounds were detected by charring with 20% sulfuric acid in methanol. Optical rotations were recorded at 20 °C with a Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel 60, 70-230 mesh (Merck). Gel filtration was performed on Sephadex LH-20 (Pharmacia). NMR spectra were recorded with a JEOL JNM-FX 200 (13C, 50.1 MHz, internal standard chloroform or methanol [respectively 77 and 49 ppm relative to Me₄Si]) and a Bruker WM-300 spectrometer equipped with an Aspect-2000 computer (¹H, 300 MHz, internal standard Me₄Si).

Ethyl 6-O-p-Toluenesulfonyl-1-thio- α -D-mannopyranoside (6). Ethyl 1-thio- α -D-mannopyranoside 5 (29 g, 129.4 mmol) was dissolved in pyridine (300 mL) and a solution of *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride (27.3 g, 143 mmol) in pyridine (200 mL) was added dropwise at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 3 h at 0 °C and 16 h at 20 °C, when TLC analysis (System A) revealed the reaction to be complete. Water (20 mL) was added and the mixture was concentrated. The residue was co-evaporated with toluene (3 x 100 mL) to give an oil which was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: dichloromethane/methanol, 9/1, v/v) giving compound 6 (42.4 g, 86%) as an oil; Rf 0.5 (System A).

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Ethyl 2,3-O-Isopropylidene-6-O-p-toluenesulfonyl-1-thio-α-D-mannopyranoside (7).

Compound 6 (42.4 g, 112.1 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of 2,2-dimethoxypropane (85 mL), acetone (125 mL) and p-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (2.1 g, 11 mmol). After stirring for 2 h at room temperature, TLC analysis (System B) showed complete reaction. The mixture was neutralized with triethylamine (10 mL) and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in dichloromethane (400 mL) and the solution was washed with water (200 mL) and aq. NaHCO₃ (7.5 %, 150 mL). The organic layer was dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated to an oil, which was purified on silica gel (eluent: diethyl ether/hexane, 1/1 to 2/1, v/v) to give pure 7 (35 g, 75 %) as an oil, which solidified upon standing; mp 81 °C; Rf 0.52 (System B); $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ +87.1 (c 1, CHCl₃); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 132.3, 144.4 (C-quat., p-tosyl), 127.4, 129.3 (C-arom.), 109.1 (C-quat., isopropylidene), 67.7-78.7 (C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5), 68.7 (C-6), 25.7, 27.5 (2 x CH₃, isopropylidene), 23.5 (CH₂, SEt), 21.1 (CH₃, *p*-tosyl), 13.8 (CH₃, SEt), ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.7 (d, 2H, *p*-tosyl), 7.35 (d, 2H, p-tosyl), 5.5 (bs, 1H, H-1), 4.32 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6} = 5.1$ Hz, $J_{6,6} = 11$ Hz, H-6), 4.26 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6'} = 2.3$ Hz, $J_{6,6'} = 11$ Hz, H-6'), 4.14 (dd, 1H, $J_{1,2} = 0.6$ Hz, $J_{2,3} = 5.7$ Hz, H-2), 4.03-4.12 (m, 1H, H-5), 4.07 (dd, 1H, $J_{3,4} = 7.6$ Hz, H-3), 3.67 (dd, 1H, $J_{4,5} = 10.3$ Hz, H-4), 2.9 (bs, 1H, OH), 2.4-2.6 (m, 2H, CH₂, SEt), 2.45 (s, 3H, CH₃, p-tosyl), 1.33, 1.51 (2 x s, 6H, 2 x CH₃, isopropylidene), 1.26 (t, 3H, CH₃, SEt).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₂₆O₇S₂: C, 51.66, H, 6.26. Found: C, 51.33, H, 6.11%.

Ethyl 6-Deoxy-2,3-*O***-isopropylidene-1-thio**-α-**D-mannopyranoside (8).** Compound 7 (27.7 g, 66.2 mmol) was co-evaporated with toluene (2 x 75 mL) and subsequently dissolved in dry diethyl ether (300 mL). At 0 °C, lithium aluminium hydride (3.8 g, 100 mmol) was added and the mixture was refluxed for 2 h, when TLC analysis (System B) indicated complete reaction. Excess LiAlH₄ was destroyed (at 0 °C, vigorous reaction) with aq. oxalic acid (1 M, 10 mL). After filtration over Celite, the organic layer was washed with water (2 x 200 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. Purification on silica gel (eluent: diethyl ether/hexane, 2/1 to 3/1, v/v) gave compound 8 (10.2 g, 62 %) as an oil; Rf 0.6 (System B); $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ +168.0 (*c* 1, CHCl₃); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 108.6 (C-quat., isopropylidene), 65.4-78.7 (C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5), 25.8, 27.5 (2 x CH₃, isopropylidene), 23.7 (CH₂, SEt), 16.7 (C-6), 14.1 (CH₃, SEt), ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 5.52 (bs, 1H, H-1), 4.17 (dd, 1H, J_{1,2} = 0.6 Hz, J_{2,3} = 5.6 Hz, H-2), 4.05 (dd, 1H, J_{3,4} = 7.6 Hz, H-3), 3.96 (ddd, 1H, H-5), 3.4-3.48 (ddd, 1H, J_{3,4} = 7.6 Hz, J_{4,0H} = 4 Hz, OH), 2.4-2.6 (m, 2H, CH₂, SEt), 1.28-1.54 (m, 12H, 4 x CH₃: isopropylidene, CH₃-SEt, C-6).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₂₀O₄S: C, 53.2, H, 8.12. Found: C, 53.48, H, 8.20%.

Ethyl 4,6-Dideoxy-4-hydroximino-2,3-O-isopropylidene-1-thio- α -D-lyxo-hexopyranoside (10). To a cooled (-70 °C) solution of oxalyl chloride (1.76 mL, 20 mmol) in dichloromethane (65 mL) was added methyl sulfoxide (1.92 M in dichloromethane, 20 mL) and the mixture was stirred for 5 min, when a solution of compound 8 (3.65 g, 14.7 mmol) in dichloromethane (20 mL) was added dropwise. After stirring for 30 min at -70 °C, triethylamine (11 mL, 79 mmol) was added and the solution was allowed to reach room temperature. The mixture was concentrated and co-evaporated with toluene (2 x 40 mL) to give crude 9 as an oil (Rf 0.9, System B). Compound 9 was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (75 mL) and methanol (25 mL). To this mixture was added a solution of hydroxylamine hydrochloride (5.1 g, 73.4 mmol) in pyridine/water, 1/1, v/v (50 mL). After stirring for 1 h, TLC analysis (System B) showed that the reaction was complete. The mixture was concentrated, redissolved in dichloromethane (150 mL) and washed with water (2 x 100 mL). The organic layer was dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated to an oil, which was purified on silica gel (eluent: diethyl ether/hexane, 1/1 to 2/1, v/v) to give 10 (3.75 g, 97%) as a mixture of cis-trans isomers; Rf 0.75 (System B); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₁) δ 153.4, 152.5 (C-4), 110.3, 110.2 (C-quat., isopropylidene), 81.1, 79.9 (C-1), 77.6, 75.6, 72.9, 66.7, 64.1, 63.7 (C-2, C-3, C-5).

Ethyl 4-(Benzyloxycarbonyl)amino-4,6-dideoxy-2,3-O-isopropylidene-1-thio-α-Dtalopyranoside (11). Compound 10 (4.35 g, 16.6 mmol) was co-evaporated with toluene (2 x 50 mL) and redissolved in methanol (100 mL). To the mixture was added ammonium acetate (2.56 g, 33.2 mmol), sodium cyanoborohydride (10.43 g, 166 mmol) and a solution of titanium(III) chloride (15 wt. % solution in 20-30 wt. % solution hydrochloric acid, 4.7 mL). After 16 h and 24 h another portion of the TiCl₃ solution (4.7 mL) was added and stirring was continued for 16 h at 20 °C. The reaction mixture was neutralized with NaHCO₃(s) and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in dioxane/water, 1/1, v/v (60 mL). To this solution was added NaHCO₄(s) (2.8 g, 33.3 mmol) and benzyl chloroformate (Z-Cl, 3.1 mL, 21.7 mmol). After stirring for 1 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated and the residue was redissolved in dichloromethane (100 mL), washed with water (2 x 30 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and again concentrated. The remaining oil was purified on silica gel (eluent: diethyl ether/hexane, 1/1 to 2/1, v/v) to give unreacted 10 (0.4 g, 9 %) and 11 (4.7 g, 75 %); compound 11: Rf 0.58 (System B); $[\alpha]_{2^0}^{*0}$ + 74.6 (c 1.48, CHCl₃); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) & 156.5 (C=O, Z), 136.2 (C-quat., Z), 126.4-128.2 (C-arom., Z), 108.9 (C-quat., isopropylidene), 79.4 (C-1), 73.2, 71.7 (C-2, C-3), 66.6 (CH₂, Z), 63.7 (C-5), 50.7 (C-4), 25.2, 25.4 (2 x CH₃, isopropylidene) 24.1 (CH₂, SEt), 16.7 (C-6), 14.3 (CH₃, SEt), ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.1-7.25 (m, 5H, H-arom.), 5.47 (bs, 1H, H-1), 5.06-5.18 (AB, 2H, CH₂, Z), 5.1 (d, 1H, $J_{4,NH} = 10.2$ Hz, NH), 4.27-4.3 (t, 1H, $J_{2,3} = 6$ Hz, $J_{3,4} = 6$ Hz, H-3), 4.16-4.25 (dq, 1H, H-5), 4.0 (dd, 1H, $J_{1,2} = 1$ Hz, $J_{2,3} = 6.0$ Hz, H-2), 3.87-3.94 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4,NH} = 10.2$ Hz, $J_{4,5} = 1.8$ Hz, $J_{3,4} = 6$ Hz, H-4), 2.5-2.7 (m, 2H, CH₂, SEt), 1.1-1.4 (m, 12H, 3 x H-6, 6H isopropylidene, CH₃, SEt).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{19}H_{27}O_5NS$: C, 59.82, H, 7.13, N, 3.67. Found: C, 60.22, H, 7.26, N, 3.44%.

Ethyl 4-(Benzyloxycarbonyl)amino-4,6-dideoxy-1-thio- α -p-talopyranoside (13). Compound 11 (5.0 g, 13.1 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of trifluoroacetic acid/water, 9/1, v/v (35 mL) and the mixture was stirred for 5 min at room temperature, when TLC analysis (System B) revealed complete conversion of 11 to one product. The solution was diluted with toluene (50 mL) and concentrated. The residue was co-evaporated with toluene (2 x 50 mL) and ethanol (2 x 50 mL) to give crude 13, which was used in the next step without further purification; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 157.6 (C=O, Z), 136.1 (Cquat., Z), 127.5-128.1 (C-arom., Z), 84.5 (C-1), 70.8, 66.2, 65.8 (C-2, C-3, C-5), 66.7 (CH₂, Z), 54.7 (C-4), 24.7 (CH₂, SEt), 16.4 (C-6), 14.6 (CH₃, SEt).

2,3-Di-O-acetyl-4-(benzyloxycarbonyl)amino-4,6-dideoxy-1-thio-α-D-Ethyl talopyranoside (14). Crude 13 was dissolved in a mixture of pyridine/acetic anhydride, 2/1, v/v (45 mL) and the mixture was stirred overnight at 20 °C, when TLC analysis (System C) showed complete reaction. The mixture was concentrated and the residue was co-evaporated with toluene (3 x 50 mL). The residue was purified on silica gel (eluent: diethyl ether/hexane, 1/1 to 2/1, v/v), to give homogeneous 14 (4.25 g, 76% based on 11), compound 14: Rf 0.75 (System C); mp 66.5-67.5 °C; $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ + 128.9 (c 1, CHCl₃); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 168.5, 168.8 (C-quat., acetyl), 156.2 (C=O, Z), 136.5 (C-quat., Z), 127.1-127.9 (C-arom., Z), 82.1 (C-1), 69.7, 66.3, 65.5 (C-2, C-3, C-5), 65.8 (CH₂, Z), 51.4 (C-4), 24.7 (CH₂, SEt), 19.9, 20.2 (2 x CH₃, acetyl), 16.1 (C-6), 14.3 (CH₃, SEt); ¹H NMR $(CDCl_3)$ δ 7.3-7.4 (m, 5H, H-arom.), 5.44 (d, 1H, $J_{NH,H-4}$ = 10.6 Hz, NH), 5.05-5.25 (m, 5H, CH₂-Z, H-1, H-2, H-3), 4.46-4.53 (dq, 1H, $J_{4,5} = 2.0$ Hz, $J_{5,6} = 6.4$ Hz, H-5), 4.05-4.11 (ddd, 1H, $J_{34} = 4.2$ Hz, $J_{45} = 2$ Hz, $J_{NHH4} = 10.6$ Hz, H-4), 2.54-2.69 (m, 2H, CH₂, SEt), 2.09, 1.9 (2 x s, 6H, CH₃, acetyl), 1.26-1.31 (t, 3H, CH₃, SEt), 1.22 (d, 3H, $J_{5,6} =$ 6.4 Hz, H-6).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{20}H_{27}O_7NS$: C, 56.46, H, 6.40, N, 3.29. Found: C, 56.51, H, 6.17, N, 3.31%.

3-O-Acetyl-4-(benzyloxycarbonyl)amino-4,6-dideoxy-D-galactal (16). To a solution of compound 14 (4.25 g, 10 mmol) in diethyl ether (100 mL) was added bromine (0.8 mL, 15.5 mmol) and the mixture was stirred for 30 min under a blanket of nitrogen at

room temperature, when TLC analysis (Rf 0.7, System C) showed the reaction to be complete. The solution was concentrated and the residue was co-evaporated with toluene (2 x 40 mL) to give crude 15 as an oil. Compound 15 was dissolved at 0 °C in a mixture of acetic acid (20 mL) and acetic anhydride (3 mL). To this solution was added sodium iodide (3.4 g, 22.7 mmol) and activated zinc dust (6.5 g, 100 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at 0 °C, when TLC analysis (System D) revealed the formation of one product. The solution was diluted with diethyl ether (100 mL), filtered over Celite, washed with water (3 x 50 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: dichloromethane/acetone/triethylamine, 97/2/1, v/v/v) to give pure 16 (2.85 g, 93 %) as an oil; Rf 0.7 (System D); $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ + 12.9 (c 1, CHCl₃); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 170.0 (C-quat., acetyl), 156.8 (C-quat., Z), 146.1 (C-1), 136.8 (C-quat., arom), 127.9-128.3 (C-arom.), 99.4 (C-2), 72.6, 66.4, 66.1 (C-3, C-5), 66.4 (CH₂, Z), 48.2 (C-4), 20.5 (CH₃, acetyl), 16.5 (C-6), ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.3-7.4 (m, 5H, H-arom.), 6.41 (dd, 1H, $J_{1,2} = 6.4$ Hz, $J_{1,3} = 1.9$ Hz, H-1), 5.5 (ddd, 1H, H-3), 5.05-5.2 (AB, 2H, CH₂, Z), 4.96 (bd, 1H, $J_{NH,H4} = 10.2$ Hz, NH), 4.6-4.7 (dt, 1H, $J_{1,2} = 6.4$ Hz, $J_{2,3} = 3.7$ Hz, $J_{2,4}$ = 1.8 Hz, H-2), 4.18-4.26 (m, 2H, H-4, H-5), 1.93 (s, 3H, CH₃, acetyl), 1.29 (d, 3H, J_{5.6}.5 Hz, H-6).

3-O-Acetyl-2-azido-4-(benzyloxycarbonyl)amino-2,4,6-trideoxy-D-galactopyranosyl nitrate (17). Compound 16 (2.85 g, 9.34 mmol) was co-evaporated with toluene (2 x 30 mL) and redissolved in acetonitrile (30 mL). To the cooled (-25 °C) solution was added sodium azide (1.25 g, 19.2 mmol) and ammonium cerium(IV) nitrate (20.5 g, 37.4 mmol). After stirring for 2 h at -15 °C under a blanket of nitrogen, the mixture was diluted with diethyl ether (75 ml), filtered over Celite, washed with ice water (30 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was purified on silica gel (eluent: diethyl ether/hexane, 1/1 to 2/1, v/v) to give 17 and 18 (2.7 g, 71 %), a mixture which could not be separated on silica gel or *via* crystallization procedures; Rf 0.6 (System B); IR film v_{max} : 2100 cm⁻¹ (N₃), 1600 cm⁻¹ (ONO₂); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 98.1, 97.0 (C-1), 57.0, 56.6, 55.7 (C-2), 51.9, 51.4, 50.6 (C-4).

O-Ethyl S-(3-O-Acetyl-2-azido-4-(benzyloxycarbonyl)amino-2,4,6-trideoxy-B-Dgalactopyranosyl) dithiocarbonate (3). A mixture of 17 and 18 (170 mg, 0.42 mmol) was dissolved in acetonitrile (5 mL) and potassium ethyl dithiocarbonate (142 mg, 0.88 mmol) was added. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h, the solution was diluted with dichloromethane (30 mL), washed with water (2 x 25 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated. The residue was eluted from a column of silica gel (eluent: dichloromethane/acetone/triethylamine, 96/3/1, v/v/v) to give 3 (115 mg, 58%) as an oil and a mixture of more polar components, which could not be identified by NMR spectroscopy; Compound 3: Rf 0.65 (System D); $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +35.7 (*c* 0.4, CHCl₃); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 209.0 (C=S), 169.8 (C-quat., acetyl), 156.4 (C-quat., Z), 136.0 (C-quat., arom.), 127.7-128.2 (C-arom., Z), 86.3 (C-1, J_{CH} = 155 Hz), 74.8, 74.3 (C-3, C-5), 70.4 (CH₂, OEt), 66.7 (CH₂, Z), 58.1 (C-2), 51.8 (C-4), 20.4 (CH₃, acetyl), 16.4 (C-6), 13.4 (CH₃, OEt).

3-O-Acetyl-2-azido-4-(benzyloxycarbonyl)amino-2,4,6-trideoxy-p-galactopyranose (20). To a solution of 17 and 18 (1.09 g, 2.67 mmol) in thiophenol (7 mL) was added N,N-diisopropylethylamine (0.47 mL, 2.7 mmol). After stirring for 30 min at room temperature, the solution was co-evaporated with toluene (2 x 25 ml) and the residue was chromatographed on silica gel (eluent: dichloromethane/acetone, 99/1 to 97/3, v/v) resulting in the isolation of pure 2 (275 mg, 22.5%) and a mixture of galactopyranose 20 and talopyranose 21 (635 mg, 65%); compound 2: Rf 0.7 (System C); [α]_n²⁰ -8.4 (c 1, CHCl₃); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 169.9 (C-quat., acetyl), 156.4 (C-quat., Z), 136.0 (C-quat., arom.), 132.9 (C-arom., SPh), 131.5 (C-quat., SPh), 127.6-129 (C-arom., Z, SPh), 86.4 (C-1, J_{CH} = 156.2 Hz), 74.4, 73.4 (C-3, C-5), 66.7 (CH₂, Z), 59.5 (C-2), 51.8 (C-4), 20.5 (CH₄, acetyl), 16.7 (C-6), ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) & 7.25-7.65 (m, 10H, H-arom.), 5.02-5.15 (AB, 2H, CH₂, Z), 4.83 (bd, 1H, $J_{NH,H-4} = 9.7$ Hz, NH), 4.78 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3} = 10.2$ Hz, $J_{3,4} = 3.8$ Hz, H-3), 4.45 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2} = 10.3$ Hz, H-1), 4.11-4.16 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4,5} = 1.5$ Hz, $J_{3,4} = 3.8$ Hz, $J_{NH,H-4} = 10$ Hz, H-4), 3.72-3.78 (dq, 1H, $J_{4,5} = 1.5$ Hz, $J_{5,6} = 6.4$ Hz, H-5), 3.36 (t, 1H, $J_{1,2} = 10.3$ Hz, $J_{2,3} = 10.2$ Hz, H-2), 1.97 (s, 3H, CH₃ acetyl), 1.24 (d, 3H, $J_{5,6} = 6.4$ Hz, CH₃); compounds 21 and 22: Rf 0.1 (System C), ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 96.0, 93.2, 92.7, 91.7 (α , β -mixture of 21 and 22).

3-O-Acetyl-2-azido-4-(benzyloxycarbonyl)amino-2,4,6-trideoxy-ß-b-galactopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate (1). To a solution of 20 and 21 (630 mg, 1.73 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 mL) and trichloroacetonitrile (0.88 mL, 8.77 mmol) was added thoroughly dried potassium carbonate (890 mg, 6.4 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 4 h at 20 °C, when the solution was diluted with dichloromethane (40 mL) and the dichloromethane solution was washed with water (3 x 30 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel (eluent: diethyl ether/hexane, 1/1 to 2/1, v/v) resulting in the isolation of three products. The first product collected was talopyranoside 22 ß (60 mg, 7 %, Rf 0.75, System B), followed by Sug(*p*) derivative 1 (α /ß, 1/9, 528 mg, 60 %, Rf 0.5, System B). The third fraction was identified as the α -isomer of 22 (75 mg, 8 %, Rf 0.2, System B). Finally, unreacted 20 and 21 were recovered (100 mg, 15.9 %); Compound 22B: ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 96.2 (C-1, J_{CH} = 156.7 Hz), 58.0 (C-2), 51.2 (C-4); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.7 (s, 1H, C=NH), 6.2 (d, 1H, J₁₂ = 1 Hz, H-1), 5.32 (t, 1H, $J_{2,3} = J_{3,4} = 4$ Hz, H-3), 4.2 (ddd, 1H, $J_{3,4} = 4$ Hz, $J_{4,NH} = 10$ Hz, $J_{4,5} = 2$ Hz, H-4); compound **22** α : ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 95.6 (C-1, $J_{C,H} = 168.7$ Hz), 59.8 (C-2), 50.7 (C-4); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.7 (s, 1H, C=NH), 5.87 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2} = 1,5$ Hz, H-1), 5.02 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3} = 3.8$ Hz, $J_{3,4} = 4.4$ Hz, H-3), 4.11 (ddd, 1H, $J_{4,5} = 2$ Hz, $J_{3,4} = 3.9$ Hz, $J_{4,NH} = 10.5$ Hz, H-4); compound **18**: $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ +5.5 (*c* 1, CHCl₃); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 169.8 (C-quat., acetyl), 160.3 (C=NH, imidate), 156.3 (C-quat., Z), 136.0 (C-quat., arom.), 127.7-128.3 (C-arom.), 96.7 (C-1, $J_{C,H} = 155.1$ Hz), 72.6, 70.4 (C-3, C-5), 66.8 (CH₂, Z), 60.2 (C-2), 51.6 (C-4), 20.4 (CH₃, acetyl), 16.2 (C-6); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.76 (s, 1H, C=NH), 7.26-7.39 (m, 5H, H-arom.), 5.6 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2} = 8.5$ Hz, H-1), 5.12 (d, 1H, $J_{4,NH} = 9.7$ Hz, NH), 5.05-5.20 (AB, 2H, CH₂, Z), 4.8 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3} = 10.7$ Hz, $J_{3,4} = 3.9$ Hz, H-3), 4.18-4.23 (ddd, $J_{4,NH} = 9.7$ Hz, $J_{3,4} = 3.9$ Hz, $J_{4,5} = 1.5$ Hz, H-4), 3.88-3.95 (dq, 1H, $J_{5,6} = 6.4$ Hz, $J_{4,5} = 1.5$ Hz, H-5), 3.75 (dd, 1H, $J_{1,2} = 8.5$ Hz, $J_{2,3} = 10.8$ Hz, H-2), 2.0 (s, 3H, CH₃acetyl), 1.27 (d, 3H, $J_{5,6} = 6.4$ Hz, 3 x H-6).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{18}H_{20}O_6N_5Cl_3$ 1: C, 42.5, H, 3.96, N, 13.77. Found: C, 41.74, H, 3.96, N, 13.15%.

1,6-Anhydro-2-azido-3-*O*-benzyl-2-deoxy-4-*O*-(3-*O*-acetyl-2-azido-4-(benzyloxycarbonyl)amino-2,4,6-trideoxy-α-D-galactopyranosyl)-β-D-galactopyranose (24).

Method A. To a thoroughly dried mixture of 1 (125 mg, 0.25 mmol) and 23 (75 mg, 0.27 mmol) in dichloromethane (4 mL) were added molecular sieves 4 Å (0.5 g). After stirring for 1 h under a blanket of nitrogen, the mixture was cooled to -30 °C. To the cooled solution was added a catalytic amount of trimethylsilyl triflate (0.1 M in CH_2Cl_2 , 0.09 mL). After stirring for 3 h at -30 °C, TLC analysis (System C) indicated the reaction to be complete. The solution was diluted with dichloromethane (50 mL) and filtered. The dichloromethane solution was washed with 10% aq. NaHCO₃ (25 mL) and water (2 x 50 mL). The organic layer was dried (MgSO₄), concentrated and the residue was purified by LH-20 chromatography to yield pure 24 (116 mg, 75%);

Method B. To a solution of compound 2 (155 mg, 0.34 mmol) and 23 (118 mg, 0.43 mmol) in diethyl ether (3 mL) and 1,2-dichloroethane (3 mL) were added molecular sieves 4 Å (0.5 g). After the mixture was stirred for 1 h, *N*-iodosuccinimide (96 mg, 0.43 mmol) and trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (3 μ L, 0.034 mmol) were added. The mixture was stirred for 16 h at room temperature, when the solution was diluted with diethyl ether (25 mL) and filtered, washed with 10% aq. Na₂S₂O₃ (2 x 15 mL), 10% aq. NaHCO₃ (15 mL) and water (2 x 15 mL). The organic layer was dried (MgSO₄), concentrated and the residue was purified by LH-20 chromatography (eluent: dichloromethane/methanol, 1/1, v/v) to give homogeneous **24** (136 mg, 64 %);

Method C. To a solution of compound 3 (138 mg, 0.29 mmol) and 23 (97 mg, 0.35 mmol) in diethyl ether (3 mL) and 1,2-dichloroethane (3 mL) were added molecular sieves 4 Å (0.5 g). After the mixture was stirred for 1 h, *N*-iodosuccinimide (90 mg, 0.4 mmol) and trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (2.5 μ L, 0.028 mmol) were added. The mixture was stirred for 16 h at 20 °C, when a second portion of trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (2.5 μ L) was added and stirring was continued for 8 h. The solution was diluted with diethyl ether (25 mL) and filtered, washed with 10% aq. Na₂S₂O₃ (2 x 15 mL), 10% aq. NaHCO₃ (15 mL) and water (2 x 15 mL). The organic layer was dried (MgSO₄), concentrated and the residue was purified by LH-20 chromatography (eluent: dichloromethane/methanol, 1/1, v/v) to yield pure **24** (29 mg, 16 %);

Method D. To a solution of compound 3 (118 mg, 0.25 mmol) and 23 (83.8 mg, 0.3 mmol) in dichloromethane (3 mL) were added molecular sieves 4 Å (0.4 g). After the mixture was stirred for 1 h, copper(II) triflate (361.7 mg, 1 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred for 3 days at 20 °C under a blanket of nitrogen. The solution was diluted with diethyl ether/diisopropylamine, 9/1, v/v (10 mL), filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by LH-20 chromatography to yield pure 24 (35 mg, 22%); compound 24: Rf 0.35 (System C); [α]_D²⁰ +132.3 (c 1, CHCl₃); mp 108 °C; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) § 170.1 (C-quat., acetyl), 156.6 (C-quat., Z), 136.8, 136.7 (C-quat., arom.), 127.8-128.6 (C-arom.), 99.9 (C-1), 97.6 (C'-1), 75.5 (C-3), 72.3 (CH,, benzyl), 72.2, 71.2 (C-4, C-5), 69.1 (C'-3), 66.9 (CH₂, Z), 65.1 (C'-5), 64.7 (C-6), 60.2 (C-2), 57.2 (C'-2), 52.5 (C'-4), 20.5 (CH₃, acetyl), 16.2 (C'-6), ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.2-7.5 (m, 10H, H-arom.), 5.46 (t, 1H, $J_{1,2} = 3.2$ Hz, H-1), 5.2 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3} = 11.2$ Hz, $J_{3,4} = 3.9$ Hz, H'-3), 5.02-5.17 (AB, 2H, CH₂, Z), 5.05 (bd, 1H, $J_{NH,H'4}$ = 9.6 Hz, NH), 4.94 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ = 3.9 Hz, H'-1), 4.73-4.78, 4.40-4.44 (AB, 2H, CH₂, benzyl), 4.6 (d, 1H, J_{6.6#} = 7.3 Hz, H-6#), 4.48 (t, 1H, H-4), 3.98-4.04 (ddd, 1H, $J_{45} = 1.8$ Hz, $J_{3,4} = 3.8$ Hz, $J_{NH,H-4} = 9.8$ Hz, H'-4), 3.96 (t, 1H, H-5), 3.6-3.8 (m, 4H, H-6, H-2, H-3, H'-5), 3.35 (dd, 1H, $J_{12} = 3.9$ Hz, $J_{23} = 11.2$ Hz, H'-2), 2.0 (s, 3H, CH₃, acetyl), 0.93 (d, 1H, $J_{5,6} = 6.5$ Hz, CH₃).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₉H₃₃O₉N₇: C, 55.85, H, 5.33, N, 15.72. Found: C, 55.05, H, 5.37, N, 15.30%.

1,6-Anhydro-2-acetamido-3-O-benzyl-2-deoxy-4-O-(3-O-acetyl-2-acetamido-4-(benzyloxycarbonyl)amino-2,4,6-trideoxy- α -D-galactopyranosyl)-B-D-galactopyranose (25). Compound 24 (300 mg, 0.48 mmol) was dissolved in thioacetic acid (1 mL) and the solution was stirred for 3 days at 20 °C, when TLC analysis (System A) showed the formation of one major product, which could be isolated from some faster running side products by chromatographing the mixture on a column of silica gel (eluent: dichloromethane/methanol, 97/3 to 9/1, v/v). Compound 25 (267 mg, 84%) was isolated as an oil, which solidified upon standing; Rf 0.64 (System A); mp 199.5-200.5 °C; ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD/CDCl₃) δ 173.8 (2 x C-quat., NHAc), 170.1 (C-quat., acetyl), 156.4 (C-quat., Z), 136.7 (C-quat., arom.), 127.4-128.6 (C-arom.), 100.2 (C-1), 95.6 (C'-1), 75.2, 71.2, 69.3, 68.6, 64.4 (C-3, C'-3, C-4, C-5, C'-5), 70.7 (CH₂, benzyl), 66.3 (CH₂, Z), 63.8 (C-6), 51.9, 50.1, 47.3 (C-2, C'-2, C'-4), 21.9 (2 x CH₃, NH-acetyl), 20.1 (CH₃, acetyl), 15.9 (C'-6).

1,6-Anhydro-2-acetamido-3-O-benzyl-2-deoxy-4-O-(2-acetamido-4-(benzyloxycarbonyl)amino-2,4,6-trideoxy- α -b-galactopyranosyl)- β -b-galactopyranose (26). То а solution of compound 25 (322 mg, 0.49 mmol) in methanol (5 mL) was added sodium methoxide (5 mg) and the mixture was stirred for 30 min at 20 °C, when TLC analysis (System A) revealed the reaction to be complete. The solution was neutralized with Dowex 50W (H⁺ form), filtered, concentrated and co-evaporated with toluene (2 x 20 mL). The residue was purified on silica gel (eluent: dichloromethane/methanol, 95/5 to 9/1, v/v) to give pure 26 (249 mg, 83%) as a white solid; Rf 0.54 (System A); mp 123-124 °C; $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ +8.6 (c 1, CHCl₃); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD) δ 172.7, 171.8 (2 x C-quat., NHAc), 158.9 (C-quat., Z), 138.1, 137.1 (2 x C-quat., arom.), 128.2-129.0 (C-arom.), 101.0 (C-1), 96.9 (C'-1), 76.8, 72.4, 70.7, 67.2, 66.1 (C-3, C'-3, C-4, C-5, C'-5), 71.8 (CH₂, benzyl), 67.3 (CH₂, Z), 64.8 (C-6), 56.0, 51.3, 51.1 (C-2, C'-2, C'-4), 22.6 (CH₃, acetyl), 16.8 (C'-6); ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ 7.2-7.5 (m, 10H, H-arom.), 6.1 (2 x d, 2H, C-2-NH), 5.7 (bd, 1H, $J_{4,NH} = 9.5 Hz$, C-4-NH), 5.35 (s, 1H, H-1), 5.05 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2} = 3.4 Hz$, H'-1), 4.35 (m, 1H, H-4), 4.0 (ddd, 1H, $J_{12} = 3.4$ Hz, $J_{23} = 10.8$ Hz, $J_{2,NH} = 7.5$ Hz, H'-2), 2.0, 1.9 (2 x s, 6H, 2 x CH₃, acetyl), 0.9 (d, 3 H, $J_{5.6} = 6.4$ Hz, CH₃).

1,6-Anhydro-2-acetamido-2-deoxy-4-*O*-(2-acetamido-4-amino-2,4,6-trideoxy-α-bgalactopyranosyl)-β-D-galactopyranose (4). To a degassed solution of compound 26 (150 mg, 0.24 mmol) in *tert*-butyl alcohol/acetic acid/water, 4/1/1, v/v/v (6 mL) was added palladium on charcoal (150 mg) and the mixture was stirred under a gentle stream of hydrogen. TLC analysis (System E), after 4 h at 40 °C, revealed the complete conversion of 26 to one product. The reaction mixture was degassed, filtered and co-evaporated with toluene (3 x 20 mL). The residue was purified on a Sephadex LH-20 column (eluent: methanol/water, 1/1, v/v) to give compound 4 (75 mg, 79%) as a very hygroscopic solid; Rf 0.25 (System E); $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +68.0 (*c* 0.15, CH₃OH); ¹³C NMR (D₂O/CD₃OD) δ 174.7, 173.8 (C-quat., NHAc), 101.1 (C-1), 97.0 (C'-1), 72.5 (C-4), 70.6, 70.5 (C-3, C-5), 68.5 (C'-3), 67.9 (C'-5), 65.2 (C-6), 56.4 (C-2), 55.2 (C'-4), 51.6 (C'-2), 22.8, 22.6 (CH₃, NHAc), 16.9 (C'-6), ¹H NMR (D₂O) δ 5.35 (s, 1H, H-1), 5.1 (d, 1H, J₁₂ = 3.4 Hz, H'-1), 4.56 (t, 1H, $J_{5,64} = 4.35$ Hz, $J_{4,5} = 4.35$, H-5), 4.45 (d, 1H, $J_{6,64} = 7.3$ Hz, H-6), 4.23 (dt, 1H, $J_{5,6} = 6.4$ Hz, $J_{4,5} = 1.5$ Hz, H'-5), 3.9-4.1 (m, 6H, H-2, H'-2, H-3, H'-3, H-4), 3.67 (t, 1H, H-6#), 3.35 (dd, 1H, H'-4), 2.0 (s, 3H, CH₃, acetyl), 0.93 (d, 3H, $J_{5,6} = 6.5$ Hz, CH₃).

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