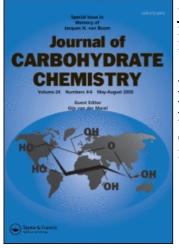
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ABSTRACT

The glycosylation of sugar primary-secondary ditrityl ethers with glycosylating agents of different kinds occurs regioselectively at the secondary trityloxy group to give good yields of 6-*O*-trityl ethers of 1-2-, 1-3-, and 1-4-linked disaccharides.

INTRODUCTION

It is well known that the primary hydroxyl group in carbohydrates exhibits higher reactivity in the glycosylation reactions than the secondary one.² This makes it possible to synthesise oligosaccharides with 1-6-glycosidic linkages by the regioselective glycosylation of the corresponding primarysecondary diols. Recently, in the framework of a study of the mechanism of the trityl-cyanoethylidene condensation,³ we have observed an opposite picture, viz., that secondary trityl ethers are considerably more reactive glycosyl acceptors than the primary ones.⁴ This implies that the glycosylation of primary-secondary ditrityl ethers should regioselectively occur at the secondary position. Here we describe the regioselective glycosylation of 2,6-, 3,6-, and 4,6-ditrityl ethers of monosaccharides with glycosylating agents of different kinds, and the use of this approach for the synthesis of branched oligosaccharides.

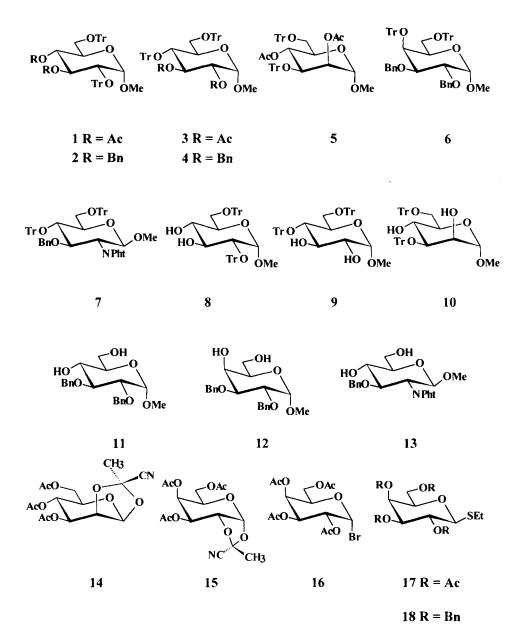
RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The derivatives of D-glucose (1-4), D-mannose (5), D-galactose (6), and D-glucosamine (7) have been used as model ditrityl ethers. Compounds 1-3 and 5 were prepared by conventional acetylation or benzylation of the known⁵ ditrityl ethers 8-10. Compounds 4, 6, and 7 were prepared by bistritylation of the corresponding 4,6-diols 11-13 using triphenylmethylium perchlorate in the presence of 2,4,6-collidine.⁶

The structure of the ditrityl ethers was confirmed from ¹H NMR spectral data. It is noteworthy that the presence of two bulky trityl groups in the molecules of ditrityl ethers does not introduce any pecularities into the pattern of their ¹H NMR spectra. The coupling constant values correspond to the ordinary ${}^{4}C_{1}$ conformation of the pyranoid cycle. D-Galactose derivative **6** was an exception: a resolved ¹H NMR spectrum could not be obtained at room temperature. This is likely associated with a hindered rotation of trityl groups due to their spatial closeness. A well-resolved spectrum of **6** was obtained at 80 °C in pyridine-d₅, the observed coupling constant values also corresponding to the ${}^{4}C_{1}$ conformation.

The set of glycosylating agents used comprised 1,2-O-(1-cyano)ethylidene derivatives (CED) of D-mannose (14) and D-galactose (15), tetra-O-acetyl- α -D-galactopyranosyl bromide (16) as well as tetra-O-acetyl-and tetra-O-benzyl-1-thio- β -D-galactopyranosides (17, 18).

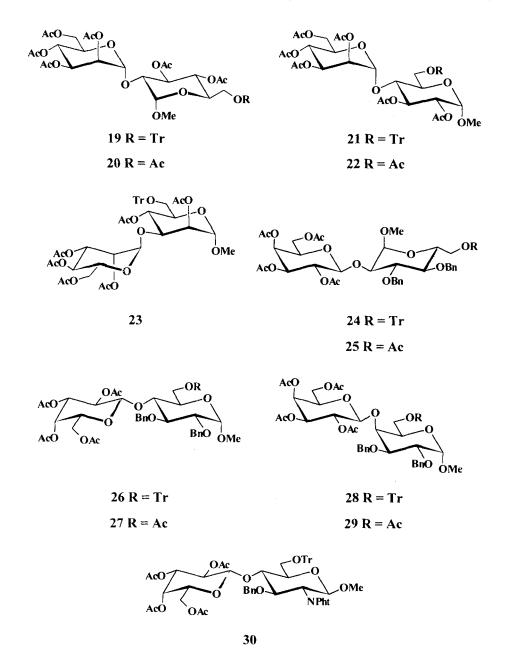
The glycosylation of ditrityl ethers 1-7 with equimolar amounts of CEDs 14 and 15 was conducted in dichloromethane in the presence of 0.1 equiv of triphenylmethylium perchlorate. This resulted in good yields of the



products of glycosylation at the secondary position, viz., disaccharide 6-O-trityl ethers 19, 21, 23, 24, 26, 28, and 30 (see Table 1).

The position of the glycosidic linkage in the disaccharide derivatives 19, 21, 24, 26, and 28 has been confirmed by the comparison of their ¹H NMR spectral data with those of disaccharides 20, 22, 25, 27, and 29 derived therefrom upon detritylation and acetylation. This transformation resulted in a

displacement of the signals for H-6 of the "reducing" monosaccharide unit from the region of 3.1-3.8 ppm (---CH₂OTr group) to the region of 4.1-4.6 ppm (---CH₂OAc group). In some cases, the position of a glycosidic linkage



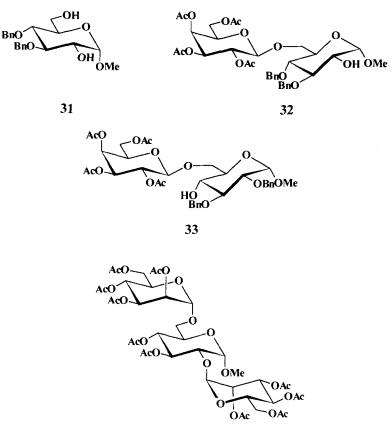
was confirmed from ¹³C NMR data: the region of 61-62 ppm contained two signals for C-6's of the $--CH_2OAc$ and $--CH_2OTr$ groups.

Entry	Donor	Acceptor	Product	Yield (%)
1	14	1	19	75
2	14	3	21	53
3	14	5	23	68
4	15	2	24	69
5	17	2	24	72
6	15	4	26	66
7	16	4	26	58
8	17	4	26	69
9	15	6	28	54
10	15	7	30	84
11	17	7	30	89
12	18	2	38+39	69
			(2.8:1)	
13	18	4	40+41	83
			(4.8:1)	

Table 1. Regioselective glycosylation of sugar ditrityl ethers

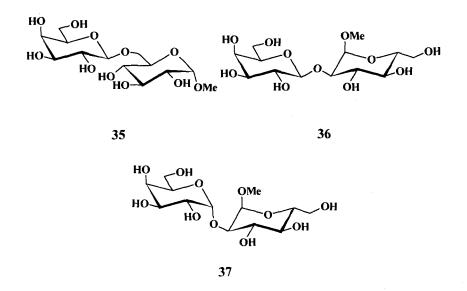
For the purpose of comparison we have carried out the glycosylation of diols **31** and **11**, which correspond to ditrityl ethers **2** and **4**, with glycosyl bromide **16** under the conditions of the Helferich reaction. As expected, 1-6-linked disaccharides **32** and **33** were obtained in both cases. The position of a free hydroxyl group and, respectively, the position of a glycosidic bond in these disaccharide derivatives has been established by ¹H NMR using trichloroacetylisocyanate as a "shift reagent". ¹³C NMR spectra of the disaccharides **32** and **33** contained only one signal in the region of 61-62 ppm (--CH₂OAc group), while the signal for C-6 involved in the glycosidic bond is displaced to ~68 ppm.

In none of the glycosylations of ditrityl ethers 1-7 was the formation of isomeric 1-6-linked disaccharides observed. Presumably, the latter are not accumulated in the reaction mixture due to subsequent fast glycosylation at the secondary trityloxy group resulting in trisaccharides. In fact, a detailed examination of the reaction mixture (Entry 1, Table 1) revealed that a product of bis-glycosylation, trisaccharide **34**, has been formed.



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The degree of regioselectivity of the glycosylation of a secondary trityloxy group depends essentially on the nature of the monosaccharide used as the glycosyl donor and on the type of the protective groups adjacent to the trityloxy group in the glycosyl acceptor. The high regioselectivity was achieved in the glycosylation of the acetylated substrates 1, 3, and 5 with the Dmannose CED (Entries 1-3). However, the interaction of ditrityl ether 1 with the D-galactose CED 15 afforded a chromatographically homogeneous mixture of three tritylated disaccharides. Following deprotection, the mixture was analyzed by ¹H NMR using COSY and COSY RCT techniques that allowed us to identify 1-6-linked disaccharide 35 and anomeric 1-2-linked disaccharides 36 and 37 in a ca. 1:1.5:1 ratio. Thus, the reaction of the with the acetylated acceptor 1 exhibits galactose derivative 15 low regioselectivity $(\sim 2.5:1)$ and, additionally, is complicated bv low stereoselectivity in the glycosylation at the secondary position.



This result is in accord with our data⁴ that it is with D-mannose CED 14 that the maximum difference in the reactivity of the acetylated primary and secondary trityl ethers is observed, whereas it is not so pronounced with the D-galactose derivative 15.

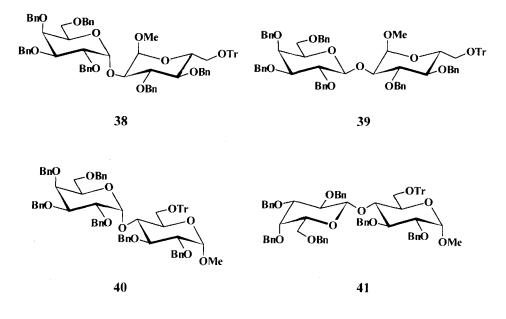
Previously, it was shown that the replacement of an acyl protective group by a benzyl group in a glycosyl acceptor considerably enhanced the reactivity of the adjacent secondary trityloxy function,⁷ and the stereoselectivity of the glycosylation also increased.^{7,8}

In fact, the glycosylation of a benzyl analogue of 1, ditrityl ether 2, with the galactose CED 15 occurs regio- and stereoselectively to give a 69% yield of disaccharide 24 (Entry 4). The use of benzylated glycosyl acceptors makes it possible to selectively glycosylate such low reactive positions as O-4 in *gluco*-series (Entries 6,10) and even O-4 of galactose (Entry 9).

The selective glycosylation of the secondary position in ditrityl ethers is of general character; this can successfully be accomplished not only with cyanoethylidene derivatives, but also with some other types of glycosyl donors, e.g., with galactosyl bromide **16** under the conditions of the Bredereck reactions⁹ (Entry 7) or with thiogalactoside **17** using methyl triflate as a promotor (Entries 5,8,11).

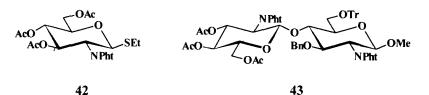
 α -Glycosylation of ditrityl ethers also proceeds regioselectively at the secondary position. The interaction of the benzylated thiogalactoside **18** with the acceptors **2** and **4** in the presence of methyl triflate resulted in good yields

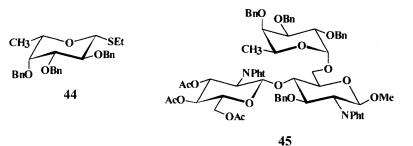
of α -1-2- and α -1-4-linked disaccharides **38** and **40** together with the corresponding β -anomers, **39** and **41** (Entries 12 and 13).

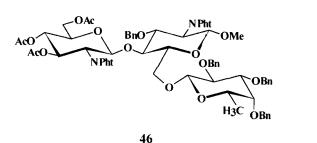


6-O-Tritylated disaccharide derivatives obtained in the regioselective of the glycosylation primary-secondary ditrity ethers are valuable intermediates in the synthesis of branched oligosaccharides, since they may undergo further glycosylation at O-6 either directly or following prior transformation into the corresponding 6-OH-derivatives. The use of this approach for the synthesis of branched oligosaccharides offers certain advantages over conventional ways since it omits selective, temporary protection of O-6 and its subsequent deprotection. An illustration of the realization of this approach is given by the two-step synthesis of the branched trisaccharide 45, which represents a protected core fragment of N-linked glycan chains of glycoproteins. The first step, the reaction of thioglycoside 42 with ditrityl ether 7 in the presence of methyl triflate, yielded 68% of chitobiose derivative 43. Its subsequent O-6-glycosylation with thiofucoside 44 gave the target trisacchride 45 in 76% yield together with 21% of the β anomer 46.

The regioselective glycosylation of a secondary position in primarysecondary ditrityl ethers is of interest by itself as an unusual example of the reversal of the reactivity of hydroxyl groups. The reaction described allows for considerable expansion of the existing set of approaches to the synthesis of branched oligosaccharides.







EXPERIMENTAL

Melting points were determined with a Kofler apparatus and are uncorrected. Optical rotations for solutions in chloroform were measured with a JASCO DIP-360 polarimeter at 20 \pm 2 °C. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker WM-250 (250 MHz) and Bruker AM-300 (300 MHz) instruments for solutions in deuteriochloroform (unless otherwise stated). Chemical shifts are given in ppm relative to internal tetramethylsilane. TLC was performed on Merck precoated aluminium foil plates F₂₅₄ with UV detection or by charring with 20% sulfuric acid. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel Silpearl (Kavalier, Czechoslovakia) in a medium pressure mode. Preparative HPLC was performed on a Knauer prepacked column (250×16 mm) with LiChrosorb Si 60 (5 µm) using a differential refractometer type 88.00 Knauer. Dichloromethane and acetonitrile were distilled from P_2O_5 and CaH_2 and stored over molecular sieves 3A (Merck). Ether was distilled from LiAlH₄. Solutions were concentrated *in vacuo*.

Methyl 3,4-Di-O-acetyl-2,6-di-O-trityl- α -D-glucopyranoside (1). Compound 1 was obtained by conventional acetylation of 8⁵ with Ac₂O in pyridine in a nearly quantitative yield as a foam: $[\alpha]_D$ +62.8° (*c* 2); ¹H NMR δ 1.74, 1.82 (2s, 6H, 2 AcO), 3.03 (d, 2H, J_{6,5} = 3.3 Hz, 2 H-6), 3.35 (s, 3H, MeO), 3.51 (dd, 1H, J_{2,3} = 10.0 Hz, H-2), 3.85 (dt, 1H, H-5), 3.96 (d, 1H, J_{1,2} = 3.3 Hz, H-1), 4.63 (dd, 1H, J_{4,3} = 9.2 Hz, J_{4,5} =10.2 Hz, H-4), 5.61 (t, 1H, H-3), 7.17-7.53 (m, 30H, aromatics).

Anal. Calcd for C₄₉H₄₆O₈ (762.9): C, 77.14; H, 6.08. Found: C, 77.09; H, 6.23.

Methyl 3,4-Di-*O*-benzyl-2,6-di-*O*-trityl- α -D-glucopyranoside (2). To a solution of **8** (1.03 g, 1.52 mmol) in dry DMF (10 mL) was added an 80% suspension of NaH in mineral oil (182 mg, 6.1 mmol), the mixture was stirred for 20 min at room temperature then cooled to 5-7 °C. Benzyl bromide (0.63 mL, 5.3 mmol) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred for 4 h at room temperature. The excess of NaH was destroyed with MeOH, the mixture was diluted with EtOAc, washed with water, dried with MgSO4, and concentrated. Column chromatography of the residue in benzene gave **2** (1.24 g, 95%) as a foam: [α]_D +2.0° (*c* 0.7); ¹H NMR δ 3.07 (dd, 1H, J_{6a,5} = 5.5 Hz, J_{6a,6b} = 10.1 Hz, H-6a), 3.17 (s, 3H, MeO), 3.38 (dd, 1H, J_{4,5} = 9.9 Hz, H-4), 3.39 (dd, 1H, J_{6b,5} = 2.0 Hz, H-6b), 3.46 (d, 1H, J_{1,2} = 3.4 Hz, H-1), 3.70 (dd, 1H, J_{2,3} = 9.9 Hz, H-2), 3.76 (ddd, 1H, H-5), 4.13 (t, 1H, J_{3,4} = 9.3 Hz, H-3), 4.22 (d, 1H, J_{gem} = 10.6 Hz, PhCH₂), 4.68 (d, 1H, J_{gem} = 10.8 Hz, PhCH₂), 6.80-7.70 (m, 40H, aromatics).

Anal. Calcd for C59H54O6 (859.1): C, 82.49; H, 6.34. Found: C, 82.46; H, 6.19.

Methyl 2,3-Di-O-acetyl-4,6-di-O-trityl-α-D-glucopyranoside (3). Compound 3 was obtained by acetylation of 9^5 with Ac₂O in pyridine in the presence of 4-dimethylaminopyridine: mp 300-303 °C (benzene-hexane), [α]_D +31.6° (c 1.3); ¹H NMR δ 1.18, 2.03 (2s, 6H, 2 AcO), 2.42 (t, 1H, J_{6a,6b} = J_{6a,5} = 10.0 Hz, H-6a), 2.83 (t, 1H, J_{4,5} =10.0 Hz, H-4), 3.28 (dd, 1H, J_{6b,5} = 1.9 Hz, H-6b), 3.70 (s, 3H, MeO), 4.41 (dt, 1H, H-5), 4.46 (dd, 1H, J_{2,3} = 10.0 Hz, H-2), 4.85 (d, 1H, J_{1,2} = 3.7 Hz, H-1), 5.61 (dd, 1H, J_{3,4} = 9.2 Hz, H-3), 7.03-7.43 (m, 30H, aromatics). Anal. Calcd for C₄₉H₄₆O₈ (762.9): C, 77.14; H, 6.08. Found: C, 77.28; H, 6.14.

Methyl 2,3-Di-*O*-benzyl-4,6-di-*O*-trityl- α -D-glucopyranoside (4). To a solution of 11¹⁰ (168 mg, 0.45 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) were added 2,4,6-collidine (160 μ L, 1.22 mmol) and triphenylmethylium perchlorate¹¹ (385 mg, 1.13 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 3 h at room temperature. A few drops of pyridine were added to destroy excess TrClO₄, the solution was diluted with CHCl₃, washed with water, and concentrated. The residue was subjected to column chromatography (benzene-hexane-ether 50:50:3) to give 4 (375 mg, 97%) as a foam: [α]_D +52.2° (*c* 0.6); ¹H NMR δ 2.43 (t, 1H, J_{6a,5} = J_{6a,6b} = 9.6 Hz. H-6a), 2.63 (dd, 1H, J_{4,5} = 10.2 Hz, J_{4,3} = 8.5 Hz, H-4), 3.23 (dd, 1H, J_{2,3} = 9.3 Hz, H-2), 3.30 (dd, 1H, J_{6b,5} = 2.0 Hz, H-6b), 3.67 (s, 3H, MeO), 4.00 (d, 1H, J_{gem} = 11.3 Hz, PhCH₂), 4.05 (t, 1H, H-3), 4.37 (ddd, 1H, H-5), 4.40 (d, 1H, J_{gem} = 12.3 Hz, PhCH₂), 4.53 (d, 1H, J_{gem} = 12.3 Hz, PhCH₂), 4.60 (d, 1H, J_{1,2} = 3.6 Hz, H-1), 4.75 (d, 1H, J_{gem} = 11.3 Hz, PhCH₂), 6.67-7.37 (m, 40H, aromatics).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{59}H_{54}O_6$ (859.1): C, 82.49; H, 6.34. Found: C, 82.31; H, 6.37.

Methyl 2,4-Di-O-acetyl-3,6-di-O-trityl-α-D-mannopyranoside (5). Compound 5 was obtained by conventional acetylation of 10:⁵ mp 238-240 °C (EtOAc-hexane); $[α]_D$ +5.6° (*c* 2.1); ¹H NMR δ 1.59, 2.23 (2s, 6H, 2 AcO), 3.02 (dd, 1H, J_{6a,5} = 2.2 Hz, J_{6a,6b} = 10.1 Hz, H-6a), 3.17 (dd, 1H, J_{6b,5} = 6.3 Hz, H-6b), 3.29 (s, 3H, MeO), 3.59 (ddd, 1H, H-5), 3.93 (dd, 1H, J_{3,2} = 3.1 Hz, J_{3,4} = 9.7 Hz, H-3), 4.21 (dd, 1H, H-2), 4.61 (d, 1H, J_{1,2} = 2.2 Hz, H-1), 5.38 (t, 1H, J_{4,5} = 9.7 Hz, H-4), 7.17-7.50 (m, 30H, aromatics).

Anal. Calcd for C₄₉H₄₆O₈ (762.9): C, 77.14; H, 6.08. Found: C, 77.16; H, 5.92.

Methyl 2,3-Di-O-benzyl-4,6-di-O-trityl- α -D-galactopyranoside (6). To a solution of 12¹² (450 mg, 1.2 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) were added 2.4,6collidine (0.5 mL, 4.1 mmol) and triphenylmethylium perchlorate (1.23 g, 3.6 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 1.5 h at room temperature, and then worked-up as described for 4. Column chromatography in hexane-EtOAc (4:1) gave 6 (750 mg, 73%) as a foam: $[\alpha]_D$ +20.8° (*c* 1.5); ¹H NMR (Pyrd5, 80°C): δ 2.65 (br. d, 1H, J_{5,6} = 6.6Hz, H-5), 3.49 (br. s, 1H, H-4), 3.56 (s, 3H, MeO), 3.67 (dd, 1H, J_{3,4} = 3.2 Hz, H-3), 3.81 (m, 2H, H-6a.6b), 4.33 (d, 1H, $J_{gem} = 12.5$ Hz, PhCH₂), 4.48 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3} = 8.9$ Hz, H-2), 4.57 (d, 1H, $J_{gem} = 12.5$ Hz, PhCH₂), 4.81 (s, 2H, PhCH₂), 5.23 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2} = 3.0$ Hz, H-1).

Anal. Calcd for C59H54O6 (859.1): C, 82.49; H, 6.34. Found: C, 82.72; H, 6.54.

Methyl 3-O-Benzyl-2-deoxy-2-phthalimido-4,6-di-O-trityl-β-D-glucopyranoside (7). To a solution of 13¹³ (413 mg, 1 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) were added 2,4,6-collidine (0.45 mL, 3.4 mmol) and triphenylmethylium perchlorate (1.03 g, 3 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 9 h at room temperature and then worked-up as described for 4. Column chromatography in hexane-EtOAc (4:1) gave 7 (817 mg, 91%); mp 175-177 °C (EtOAc-hexane); $[\alpha]_D$ +75° (*c* 1.5); ¹H NMR δ 2.62 (dd, 1H, J_{6a,5} = 8.6 Hz, J_{6a,6b} = 10.0 Hz, H-6a), 2.85 (dd, 1H, J_{4,5} = 9.7 Hz, H-4), 3.34 (dd, 1H, J_{6b,5} = 1.8 Hz, H-6b), 3.55 (s, 3H, MeO), 3.85 (d, 1H, J_{gem} = 12.0 Hz, PhCH₂), 3.93 (d, 1H, PhCH₂), 3.94 (dd, 1H, J_{2,3} = 10.4 Hz, H-2), 4.26 (ddd, 1H, H-5), 4.63 (dd, 1H, J_{3,4} = 8.0 Hz, H-3), 5.15 (d, 1H, J_{1,2} = 8.7 Hz, H-1), 6.53-7.42 (m, 39H, aromatics).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{60}H_{51}NO_7$ (898.1): C, 80.25; H, 5.72; N, 1.56. Found: C, 80.31; H, 5.67; N, 1.64.

General procedure for glycosylation of the ditrityl ethers with cyanoethylidene derivatives (Procedure A). In one limb of a tuning-forkshaped tube were placed a solution of equimolar amounts of a ditrityl ether and a cyanoethylidene derivative in benzene, and in the other, a solution of triphenylmethylium perchlorate (0.1 equiv) in nitromethane. The tube was attached to a high-vacuum system and the solutions were lyophilised. CH₂Cl₂ was distilled into the reaction tube and the solutions of the reactants were mixed. After time specified (see below), a drop of pyridine was added, the mixture was diluted with CHCl₃, washed with water, and concentrated. The disaccharides target were isolated from the residue by column chromatography.

General procedure for glycosylation of the ditrityl ethers with the thiogalactoside 17 (Procedure B). A mixture of a ditrityl ether, 17 (1.1-1.2 equiv), and molecular sieves 3A in CH_2Cl_2 was stirred under argon for 1 h at room temperature. Methyl triflate (3 equiv relative to 17) was added and the stirring was continued for 2-3 h. The reaction was quenched by addition of a few drops of pyridine. The solids were filtered off and washed with CHCl₃,

the filtrate was washed with water and concentrated. Column chromatography of the residue gave the target disaccharides.

The following 6-O-tritylated disaccharides were obtained:

Methyl 3,4-Di-*O*-acetyl-2-*O*-(2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl)-6-*O*-trityl- α -D-glucopyranoside (19). Compounds 1 (433 mg, 0.57 mmol) and 14¹⁴ (198 mg, 0.54 mmol) were allowed to react according to the procedure A for 17 h. Column chromatography of the reaction mixture in benzene-EtOAc (4:1) gave first 19 (346 mg, 75%). Further elution with benzene-acetone (4:1) gave methyl 3,4-di-*O*-acetyl-2,6-di-*O*-(2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl)- α -D-glucopyranoside (34) (67 mg, 12.5%).

Compound **19** was obtained as a foam: $[\alpha]_D +106^\circ$ (*c* 0.6); ¹H NMR δ 1.74, 2.00, 2.04, 2.06, 2.16, 2.19 (6s, 18H, 6 AcO), 3.09 (dd, 1H, J_{6a,5} = 5.0 Hz, J_{6a,6b} = 10.5 Hz, H-6a), 3.23 (dd, 1H, J_{6b,5} = 2.2 Hz, H-6b), 3.50 (s, 3H, MeO), 3.90 (dd, 1H, J_{2,3} = 10.1 Hz, H-2), 3.91 (ddd, 1H, H-5), 4.05 (ddd, 1H, H-5'), 4.22 (m, 2H, H-6'a,6'b), 4.97 (d, 1H, J_{1',2'} = 1.5 Hz, H-1'), 4.98 (d, 1H, J_{1,2} = 3.5 Hz, H-1), 5.05 (dd, 1H, J_{4,5} = 9.5 Hz, H-4), 5.25 (m, 3H, H-2',3',4'), 5.41 (t, 1H, J_{3,4} = 10.1 Hz, H-3), 7.20-7.48 (m, 15H, aromatics).

Anal. Calcd for C₄₄H₅₀O₁₇ (850.9): C, 62.11; H, 5.92. Found: C, 62.23; H, 6.05.

Compound **34** was obtained as a foam: $[\alpha]_D +97.9^\circ$ (*c* 2.3); ¹H NMR δ 1.98×2, 2.03, 2.05×2, 2.07, 2.10, 2.13, 2.16, 2.17 (8s, 30H, 10 AcO), 3.47 (s, 3H, MeO), 3.55 (dd, 1H, J_{6a,5} = 2.5 Hz, J_{6a,6b} = 10.8 Hz, H-6a Glc), 3.73 (dd, 1H, J_{6b,5} = 5.4 Hz, H-6b Glc), 3.83 (dd, 1H, J_{2,3} = 9.8 Hz, H-2 Glc), 3.98 (m, 3H, H-5 Glc, Man, Man'), 4.05-4.30 (m, 4H, H-6 Man, Man'), 4.84 (d, 1H, J_{1,2} = 1.5 Hz, H-1 Man), 4.89 (d, 1H, J_{1,2} = 3.5 Hz, H-1 Glc), 4.93 (d, 1H, J_{1,2} = 1.9 Hz, H-1 Man'), 4.97 (dd, 1H, J_{4,5} = 10.1 Hz, H-4 Glc), 5.16-5.31 (m, 6H, H-2,3,4 Man, Man'), 5.46 (t, 1H, J_{3,4} = 9.2 Hz, H-3 Glc).

Anal. Calcd for C₃₉H₅₄O₂₆ (938.8): C, 49.89; H, 5.80. Found: C, 49.94; H, 5.68.

Methyl 2,3-Di-*O*-acetyl-4-*O*-(2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl)-6-*O*-trityl- α -D-glucopyranoside (21). Glycosylation of 3 (168 mg, 0.22 mmol) with 14 (78.5 mg, 0.22 mmol) according to the procedure A for 17 h followed by column chromatography in benzene-EtOAc (4:1) afforded 21 (99 mg, 53%) as a foam: [α]_D +57.1° (c 0.8); ¹H NMR δ 1.98, 1.99, 2.02, 2.06, 2.07, 2.08 (6s, 18H, 6 AcO), 3.32 (dd, 1H, J_{6a.5} = 6.7 Hz, J_{6a.6b} = 10.1 Hz, H-6a), 3.50 (dd, 1H, $J_{6b,5} = 2.1$ Hz, H-6b), 3.52 (s, 3H, MeO), 3.55 (m, 2H, H-5',6'a), 3.74 (t, 1H, $J_{4,5} = 9.7$ Hz, H-4), 3.84 (dd, 1H, $J_{6'b,5} = 5.0$ Hz, $J_{6'b,6'a} = 12.9$ Hz, H-6'b), 3.94 (ddd, 1H, H-5), 4.82 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3} = 10.4$ Hz, H-2), 4.95 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2} = 3.5$ Hz, H-1), 4.96 (d, 1H, $J_{1',2'} = 2.0$ Hz, H-1'), 4.99 (t, 1H, $J_{2',3'} = 2.0$ Hz, H-2'), 5.10 (dd, 1H, $J_{3',4'} = 9.7$ Hz, H-3'), 5.16 (t, 1H, $J_{4',5'} = 9.7$ Hz, H-4'), 5.53 (dd, 1H, $J_{3,4} = 9.3$ Hz, H-3), 7.20-7.50 (m, 15H, aromatics).

Anal. Calcd for C₄₄H₅₀O₁₇ (850.9): C, 62.11; H, 5.92. Found: C, 62.02; H, 5.98.

Methyl 2,4-Di-*O*-acetyl-3-*O*-(2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl-α-D-mannopyranosyl)-6-*O*-trityl-α-D-mannopyranoside (23). Glycosylation of 5 (450 mg, 0.59 mmol) with 14 (201 mg, 0.56 mmol) according to the procedure A for 17 h and subsequent column chromatography in hexane-EtOAc (1:1) gave 23 (322 mg, 68%) as a foam: $[\alpha]_D$ +25.6° (*c* 2.3); ¹H NMR δ 1.74, 1.90, 1.98, 2.04, 2.05, 2.13 (6s, 18H, 6 AcO), 3.04 (dd, 1H, J_{6a,5} = 2.5 Hz, J_{6a,6b} = 10.6 Hz, H-6a), 3.17 (dd, 1H, J_{6b,5} = 6.4 Hz, H-6b), 3.40 (s, 3H, MeO), 3.71 (ddd, 1H, H-5), 4.00 (m, 2H, H-5',6'a), 4.05 (dd, 1H, J_{2,3} = 3.6 Hz, H-3), 4.20 (dd, 1H, J_{6'b,5'} = 6.0 Hz, J_{6'b,6'a} = 11.8 Hz, H-6'b), 4.67 (d, 1H, J_{1,2} = 1.7 Hz, H-1), 4.85 (d, 1H, J_{1',2'} = 1.6 Hz, H-1'), 4.89 (dd, 1H, J_{2',3'} = 2.8 Hz, H-2'), 5.10 (t, 1H, J_{4,3} = J_{4,5} = 10.0 Hz, H-4), 5.14 (m, 3H, H-2,3',4'), 7.10-7.42 (m, 15H, aromatics). ¹³C NMR δ 54.9 (MeO), 62.5, 63.0 (C-6,6'), 66.2 (C-4'), 68.4×2, 69.4, 70.2, 70.6, 71.1 (C-2,2',3',4,5,5'), 74.7 (C-3), 86.9 (Ph₃C), 98.4, 98.8 (C-1,1').

Anal. Calcd for C₄₄H₅₀O₁₇ (850.9): C, 62.11; H, 5.92. Found: C, 62.10; H, 5.99.

Methyl 3,4-Di-*O*-benzyl-2-*O*-(2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl)-6-*O*-trityl-α-D-glucopyranoside (24). (a) Glycosylation of 2 (313 mg, 0.365 mmol) with 15¹⁴ (130 mg, 0.365 mmol) according to the procedure A for 3 h followed by column chromatography in benzene-EtOAc (85:15) gave 24 (238 mg, 69%) as a foam: $[\alpha]_D$ +25.6° (*c* 0.8); ¹H NMR δ 1.71, 2.00, 2.10, 2.19 (4s, 12H, 4 AcO), 3.22 (dd, 1H, J_{6a,5} = 4.2 Hz, J_{6a,6b} = 10.4 Hz, H-6a), 3.44 (s, 3H, MeO), 3.54 (dd, 1H, J_{6b,5} = 1.8 Hz, H-6b), 3.72 (dd, 1H, J_{4,5} = 10.2 Hz, H-4), 3.79 (dd, 1H, J_{2,3} = 9.7 Hz, H-2), 3.81 (m, 1H, H-5), 3.97 (dd, 1H, J_{3,4} = 8.5 Hz, H-3), 3.98 (m, 1H, H-5'), 4.18 (dd, 1H, J_{6'a,5'} = 5.9 Hz, J_{6'a,6'b} = 11.4 Hz, H-6'a), 4.25 (dd, 1H, J_{6'b,5'} = 7.3 Hz, H-6'b), 4.28 (d, 1H, J_{gem} = 10.5 Hz, PhC*H*₂), 4.64 (d, 1H, J_{gem} = 10.5 Hz, PhC H_2), 4.74 (d, 1H, J_{gem} = 11.3 Hz, PhC H_2), 4.83 (d, 1H, J_{gem} = 11.3 Hz, PhC H_2), 4.83 (d, 1H, J_{1',2'} = 8.1 Hz, H-1'), 4.97 (d, 1H, J_{1,2} = 3.5 Hz, H-1), 5.03 (dd, 1H, J_{3',4'} = 3.5 Hz, H-3'), 5.40 (dd, 1H, J_{2',3'} = 10.5 Hz, H-2'), 5.42 (dd, 1H, J_{4',5'} = 1.1 Hz, H-4'), 6.75-7.53 (m, 25H, aromatics). ¹³C NMR δ 55.0 (MeO), 62.1, 62.5 (C-6,6'), 67.2 (C-4'), 69.1 (C-2'), 70.2, 71.0, 71.5 (C-3',5,5'), 75.1, 75.4 (2 PhCH₂), 78.4 (C-4), 80.9 (C-2), 81.9 (C-3), 86.3 (Ph₃C), 99.2 (C-1), 102.5 (C-1').

Anal. Calcd for C54H58O15 (947.1): C, 68.49; H, 6.17. Found: C, 68.55; H, 6.14.

(b) Reaction of **2** (366 mg, 0.43 mmol) with **17** (209 mg, 0.53 mmol) according to the procedure B for 2 h gave **24** (292 mg, 72%), identical with that obtained in run (a).

Methyl 2,3-Di-O-benzyl-4-O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl)-6-O-trityl- α -D-glucopyranoside (26). (a) Reaction of 4 (385 mg, 0.45 mmol) with 15 (160 mg, 0.45 mmol) according to the procedure A for 4 h followed by column chromatography in benzene-EtOAc (9:1) afforded 26 (281 mg, 66%) as a foam: $[\alpha]_{D}$ -26.2° (c 0.9); ¹H NMR δ 1.67, 1.97, 2.04, 2.10 (4s, 12H, 4 AcO), 3.11 (dd, 1H, $J_{6a,5} = 2.6$ Hz, $J_{6a,6b} = 10.2$ Hz, H-6a), 3.57 (m, 3H, H-5,5',6b), 3.64 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3} = 9.6$ Hz, H-2), 3.84 (t, 1H, $J_{4.5} = 9.1$ Hz, H-4), 4.06 (dd, 1H, $J_{6'a.5'} = 5.6$ Hz, $J_{6'a.6'b} = 10.9$ Hz, H-6'a), 4.19 (dd, 1H, $J_{6'b,5'} = 8.6$ Hz, H-6'b), 4.28 (dd, 1H, $J_{3,4} = 8.8$ Hz, H-3), 4.46 (d, 1H, $J_{1',2'} = 8.0$ Hz, H-1'), 4.67 (dd, 1H, $J_{3',4'} = 3.6$ Hz, H-3'), 4.74 (d, 1H, $J_{gem} = 10.3$ Hz, PhCH₂), 4.75 (d, 1H, $J_{gem} = 12.4$ Hz, PhC H_2), 4.77 (d, 1H, J_{1.2} = 3.7 Hz, H-1), 4.90 (d, 1H, J_{gem} = 12.4 Hz, PhC H_2), 4.97 (dd, 1H, $J_{2',3'} = 10.5$ Hz, H-2'), 4.99 (d, 1H, $J_{gem} = 10.3$ Hz, PhC H_2), 5.25 (dd 1H, J_{4',5'} = 0.9 Hz, H-4'), 7.22-7.60 (m, 25H, aromatics). ¹³C NMR & 55.3 (MeO), 60.5, 61.4 (C-6,6'), 66.8 (C-4'), 69.3, 69.7, 70.4, 71.0 (C-2',3',5,5'), 73.6 (PhCH₂), 75.5 C-4), 75.8 (PhCH₂), 79.5, 79.8 (C-2,3), 86.3 (Ph3C), 98.5 (C-1), 99.2 (C-1').

Anal. Calcd for C₅₄H₅₈O₁₅ (947.1): C, 68.49; H, 6.17. Found: C, 68.54; H, 6.15.

(b) Glycosylation of **4** (359 mg, 0.42 mmol) with **17** (206 mg, 0.525 mmol) according to the procedure B for 2 h afforded **26** (273 mg, 69%) identical with that obtained in run (a).

(c) A mixture of **4** (461 mg, 0.54 mmol), AgOTf (139 mg, 0.54 mmol), and 2,4,6-collidine (7 μ L, 0.054 mmol) was lyophilised from benzene. A solution of **16** (221 mg, 0.54 mmol) (that has been previously lyophilised from

benzene) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added dropwise to a solution of the above mixture in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) at room temperature. After 5 min, a few drops of pyridine were added, the mixture was filtered, the filtrate was diluted with CHCl₃, washed with M Na₂S₂O₃, and water, and concentrated. Column chromatography of the residue gave **26** (294 mg, 58%).

Methyl 2,3-Di-*O*-benzyl-4-*O*-(2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl)-6-*O*-trityl-α-D-galactopyranoside (28). Glycosylation of 6 (352 mg, 0.41 mmol) with 15 (146 mg, 0.41 mmol) according to the procedure A for 3 h and subsequent column chromatography in benzene-EtOAc (9:1) afforded 28 (206 mg, 54%) as a foam: $[\alpha]_D$ +12.6° (*c* 2.1); ¹H NMR δ 1.82, 1.96, 2.00, 2.13 (4s, 12H, 4 AcO), 3.25 (dd, 1H, J_{6a,5} = 4.0 Hz, J_{6a,6b} = 10.5 Hz, H-6a), 3.43 (s, 3H, MeO), 3.48 (dd, 1H, J_{6b,5} = 7.4 Hz, H-6b), 3.62 (ddd, 1H, H-5), 3.68, 3.76 (2m, 4H, H-2,3,5',6'a), 3.85 (br. s, 1H, H-4), 3.94 (dd, 1H, J_{6'a,5'} = 9.7 Hz, J_{6'b,6'a} = 12.6 Hz, H-6'b), 4.60 (d, 1H, J_{gem} = 11.5 Hz, PhC*H*₂), 4.64 (d, 1H, J_{gem} = 11.5 Hz, PhC*H*₂), 4.64 (d, 1H, J_{1',2'} = 7.4 Hz, H-1'), 4.68 (d, 1H, J_{1,2} = 2.5 Hz, H-1), 4.76 (d, 1H, J_{gem} = 11.5 Hz, PhC*H*₂), 4.84 (d, 1H, J_{gem} = 11.5 Hz, PhC*H*₂), 4.94 (dd, 1H, J_{3',4'} = 3.3 Hz, H-3'), 5.07 (dd, 1H, J_{2',3'} = 10.2 Hz, H-2'), 5.29 (dd, 1H, J_{4',5'} = 0.9 Hz, H-4'), 7.20-7.48 (m, 25H, aromatics).

Anal. Calcd for C₅₄H₅₈O₁₅ (947.1): C, 68.49; H, 6.17. Found: C, 68.44; H, 6.25.

Methyl 3-O-Benzyl-2-deoxy-2-phthalimido-4-O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- β -D-galactopyranosyl)-6-O-trityl- β -D-glucopyranoside (30). (a) Glycosylation of 7 (714 mg, 0.79 mmol) with 15 (284 mg, 0.79 mmol) according to the procedure A for 3 h followed by column chromatography in benzene-EtOAc (85:15) gave **30** (654 mg, 84%) as a foam: $[\alpha]_D$ +1.6° (c 2.7); ¹H NMR δ 1.67, 1.96, 2.06, 2.11 (4s, 12H, 4 AcO), 3.11 (dd, 1H, J_{6a,5} = 2.2 Hz, $J_{6a.6b} = 10.2$ Hz, H-6a), 3.46 (s, 3H, MeO), 3.47 (ddd, 1H, $J_{5,4} =$ 10.4 Hz, H-5), 3.64 (ddd, 1H, H-5'), 3.76 (dd, 1H, $J_{6b,5} = 1.5$ Hz, H-6b), 4.04 (dd, 1H, $J_{6'a,5'} = 7.4$ Hz, $J_{6'a,6'b} = 10.9$ Hz, H-6'a), 4.19 (dd, 1H, $J_{6'b,5'} = 6.4 \text{ Hz}, \text{ H-6'b}, 4.27 \text{ (m, 2H, H-3,4)}, 4.47 \text{ (d, 1H, } J_{gem} = 12.0 \text{ Hz},$ PhC H_2), 4.51 (dd, 1H, J_{2,3} = 9.9 Hz, H-2), 4.63 (d, 1H, J_{1',2'} = 8.0 Hz, H-1'), 4.71 (dd, 1H, $J_{3',4'} = 3.5$ Hz, H-3'), 4.84 (d, 1H, PhCH₂), 5.00 (dd, 1H, $J_{2',3'} = 10.3$ Hz, H-2'), 5.05 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2} = 8.1$ Hz, H-1), 5.25 (dd, 1H, $J_{4',5'} = 1.0$ Hz, H-4'), 6.88-7.89 (m, 24H, aromatics). ¹³C NMR δ 55.7, 56.0 (MeO, C-2), 60.6, 61.1 (C-6,6'), 66.8 (C-4'), 69.0 (C-2'), 70.4 (C-3'), 70.7

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(C-5'), 73.9 (C-5), 74.2 (Ph*C*H₂), 75.9 (C-4), 76.8 (C-3), 88.3 (Ph₃*C*), 98.8, 99.2 (C-1,1').

Anal. Calcd for C₅₅H₅₅NO₁₆ (986.0): C, 67.00; H, 5.62; N, 1.42. Found: C, 67.27; H, 5.71; N, 1.43.

(b) Glycosylation of 7 (232 mg, 0.26 mmol), with 17 (114 mg, 0.29 mmol) according to the procedure B for 3 h gave 30 (228 mg, 89%) identical with that obtained in run (a).

General procedure for detritylation and acetylation of the disaccharide derivatives. To a solution of a tritylated disaccharide (0.1-0.2 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (4 mL) was added 90% aq CF_3CO_2H (0.5 mL), the mixture was kept for 2 h at room temperature, then diluted with CHCl₃, washed with sat. NaHCO₃, and water, and concentrated. The residue was treated with Ac₂O (1 mL) in pyridine (2 mL) overnight. After addition of MeOH (1 mL), the mixture was taken to dryness, and toluene was distilled several times from the residue. Acetylated disaccharides were isolated by column chromatography.

Methyl 3,4,6-Tri-*O*-acetyl-2-*O*-(2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl)- α -D-glucopyranoside (20). Compound 20 was obtained from 19 in 81.5% yield as a foam: [α]_D +101.9° (*c* 1.4); ¹H NMR δ 1.98, 2.03×2, 2.06, 2.08, 2.13, 2.17 (6s, 21H, 7 AcO), 3.46 (s, 3H, MeO), 3.84 (dd, 1H, J_{2,3} = 10.1 Hz, H-2), 4.00 (m, 2H, H-5,5'), 4.08 (dd, 1H, J_{6a,5} = 2.3 Hz, J_{6a,6b} = 12.5 Hz, H-6a), 4.16 (dd, 1H, J_{6'a,5'} = 2.6 Hz, J_{6'a,6'b} = 12.5 Hz, H-6'a), 4.24 (dd, 1H, J_{6'b,5'} = 4.9 Hz, H-6'b), 4.29 (dd, 1H, J_{6b,5} = 4.6 Hz, H-6b), 4.90 (d, 1H, J_{1,2} = 3.3 Hz, H-1), 4.92 (d, 1H, J_{1',2'} = 1.8 Hz, H-1'), 5.00 (t, 1H, J_{4,5} = 10.0 Hz, H-4), 5.19 (dd, 1H, J_{2',3'} = 3.4 Hz, H-2'), 5.26 (m, 2H, H-3',4'), 5.46 (t, 1H, J_{3,4} = 9.8 Hz, H-3).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₇H₃₈O₁₈ (650.6): C, 49.85; H, 5.89. Found: C, 49.91; H, 5.91.

Methyl 2,3,6-Tri-*O*-acetyl-4-*O*-(2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl)- α -D-glucopyranoside (22). Compound 22 was obtained from 21 in 78% yield as a foam: $[\alpha]_D$ +67.8° (*c* 1.2); ¹H NMR δ 1.98, 2.03, 2.07, 2.09× 2, 2.11, 2.13 (6s, 21H, 7 AcO), 3.40 (s, 3H, MeO), 3.78 (t, 1H, J4,5 = 9.8 Hz, H-4), 3.92 (ddd, 1H, H-5), 4.06 (m, 2H, H-5',6'a), 4.20 (dd, 1H, J_{6a,5} = 4.7 Hz, J_{6a,6b} = 12.0 Hz, H-6a), 4.26 (dd, 1H, J_{6'b,5'} = 5.1 Hz, J_{6'a,6'b} = 12.5 Hz, H-6'b), 4.45 (dd, 1H, J_{6b,5} = 2.1 Hz, H-6b), 4.78 (dd, 1H, J_{2,3} = 10.2 Hz, H-2), 4.85 (d, 1H, J_{1,2} = 3.5 Hz, H-1), 5.00 (m, 2H, H-1',2'), 5.26 (m, 2H, H-3',4'), 5.53 (dd, 1H, J_{3,4} = 9.1 Hz, H-3). Anal. Calcd for C₂₇H₃₈O₁₈ (650.6): C, 49.85; H, 5.89. Found: C, 50.06; H, 5.92.

Methyl 6-*O*-Acetyl-3,4-di-*O*-benzyl-2-*O*-(2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl-β-Dgalactopyranosyl)-α-D-glucopyranoside (25). Compound 25 was obtained from 24 in 90% yield as a foam: $[α]_D + 36.7^\circ$ (*c* 0.5); ¹H NMR δ 1.67, 1.96, 2.05, 2.06, 2.17 (5s, 15H, 5 AcO), 3.40 (s, 3H, MeO), 3.51 (dd, 1H, J_{4,5} = 10.0 Hz, H-4), 3.69 (dd, 1H, J_{2,3} = 9.8 Hz, H-2), 3.84 (dt, 1H, H-5), 3.91 (m, 1H, H-5'), 4.01 (dd, 1H, J_{3,4} = 8.6 Hz, H-3), 4.12 (dd, 1H, J_{6a,5} = 6.4 Hz, J_{6a,6b} = 11.1 Hz, H-6a), 4.17 (dd, 1H, J_{6b,5} = 6.5 Hz, H-6b), 4.27 (m, 2H, H-6'a,6'b), 4.53 (d, 1H, J_{gem} = 10.7 Hz, PhCH₂), 4.74 (d, 1H, J_{gem} = 11.4 Hz, PhCH₂), 4.76 (d, 1H, J_{1',2'} = 8.1 Hz, H-1'), 4.80 (d, 1H, J_{gem} = 10.7 Hz, PhCH₂), 4.86 (d, 1H, J_{gem} = 11.4 Hz, PhCH₂), 4.89 (d, 1H, J_{1,2} = 3.5 Hz, H-1), 5.00 (dd, 1H, J_{3',4'} = 3.4 Hz, H-3'), 5.36 (dd, 1H, J_{2',3'} = 10.5 Hz, H-2'), 5.37 (dd, 1H, J_{4',5'} = 1.0 Hz, H-4'), 7.17-7.40 (m, 10H, aromatics).

Anal. Calcd for C₃₇H₄₆O₁₆ (746.8): C, 59.51; H, 6.21. Found: C, 59.54; H, 6.25.

Methyl 6-*O*-Acetyl-2,3-di-*O*-benzyl-4-*O*-(2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl)-α-D-glucopyranoside (27). Compound 27 was obtained from 26 in 85% yield as a foam: $[α]_D$ +15.6° (*c* 0.55); ¹H NMR δ 1.95, 1.97, 2.07, 2.09, 2.12 (5s, 15H, 5 AcO), 3.37 (s, 3H, MeO), 3.49 (dd, 1H, J_{2,3} = 9.3 Hz, H-2), 3.64 (ddd, 1H, H-5'), 3.68 (dd, 1H, J_{4,5} = 9.5 Hz, H-4), 3.80 (ddd, 1H, H-5), 3.82 (dd, 1H, J_{6'a,5'} = 6.0 Hz, J_{6'a,6'b} = 10.8 Hz, H-6'a), 3.94 (dd, 1H, J_{6'b,5'} = 8.2 Hz, H-6'b), 3.95 (dd, 1H, J_{3,4} = 8.2 Hz, H-6'a), 4.12 (dd, 1H, J_{6'a,5} = 5.1 Hz, J_{6a,6b} = 11.7 Hz, H-6a), 4.38 (dd, 1H, J_{6b,5} = 2.1 Hz, H-6b), 4.56 (d, 1H, J_{1,2} = 3.6 Hz, H-1), 4.61 (d, 1H, J_{gem} = 12.0 Hz, PhC*H*₂), 4.92 (d, 1H, J_{gem} = 11.2 Hz, PhC*H*₂), 4.93 (dd, 1H, J_{3',4'} = 3.4 Hz, H-3'), 4.98 (d, 1H, J_{gem} = 11.2 Hz, PhC*H*₂), 5.19 (dd, 1H, J_{2',3'} = 10.3 Hz, H-2'), 5.29 (dd, 1H, J_{4',5'} = 1.0 Hz, H-4'), 7.25-7.40 (m, 10H, aromatics).

Anal. Calcd for C₃₇H₄₆O₁₆ (746.8): C, 59.51; H, 6.21. Found: C, 59.55; H, 6.27

Methyl 6-O-Acetyl-2,3-di-O-benzyl-4-O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-β-Dgalactopyranosyl)-α-D-galactopyranoside (29) Compound 29 was obtained from 28 in 87% yield as a foam: $[\alpha]_D$ +29.7° (c 1.5); ¹H NMR δ 1.79, 1.99, 2.04, 2.06, 2.15 (5s, 15H, 5 AcO), 3.35 (s, 3H, MeO), 3.77 (dd, 1H, J_{2,3} = 10.1 Hz, H-2), 3.82 (ddd, 1H, H-5'), 3.86 (dd, 1H, $J_{3,4} = 2.6$ Hz, H-3), 3.87 (ddd, 1H, H-5), 3.96 (dd, 1H, $J_{4,5} = 1.0$ Hz, H-4), 4.06 (dd, 1H, $J_{6'a,5'} = 6.6$ Hz, $J_{6'a,6'b} = 11.3$ Hz, H-6'a), 4.13 (dd, 1H, $J_{6'b,5'} = 6.9$ Hz, H-6'b), 4.14 (dd, 1H, $J_{6a,5} = 7.9$ Hz, $J_{6a,6b} = 12.2$ Hz, H-6a), 4.31 (dd, 1H, $J_{6b,5} = 4.2$ Hz, H-6b), 4.57 (d, 1H, $J_{gem} = 11.9$ Hz, PhCH₂), 4.59 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2} = 3.4$ Hz, H-1), 4.62 (d, 1H, $J_{1',2'} = 7.5$ Hz, H-1'), 4.66 (d, 1H, $J_{gem} = 11.7$ Hz, PhCH₂), 4.78 (d, 1H, $J_{gem} = 11.9$ Hz, PhCH₂), 4.81 (d, 1H, $J_{gem} = 11.7$ Hz, PhCH₂), 4.99 (dd, 1H, $J_{3',4'} = 3.3$ Hz, H-3'), 5.18 (dd, 1H, $J_{2',3'} = 10.4$ Hz, H-2'), 5.36 (dd, 1H, $J_{4',5'} = 1.0$ Hz, H-4'), 7.29-7.40 (m, 10H, aromatics).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{37}H_{46}O_{16}$ (746.8): C, 59.51; H, 6.21. Found: C, 59.63; H, 6.16.

Methyl 3,4-Di-O-benzyl-6-O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl)- α -D-glucopyranoside (32). To a solution of 31⁵ (190 mg, 0.51 mmol), Hg(CN)₂ (141 mg, 0.56 mmol), and HgBr₂ (20 mg, 0.056 mmol) in MeCN (3 mL) was added dropwise a solution of 16 (230 mg, 0.56 mmol) in MeCN (2 mL). The mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature, then diluted with CHCl₃, washed with M KBr, and water, and concentrated. Column chromatography of the residue in benzene-EtOAc (3:2) gave 32 (244 mg, 68%) as an amorphous mass: $[\alpha]_{D}$ +56.7° (c 1.1); ¹H NMR δ 1.98, 2.00, 2.03, 2.13 (4s, 12H, 4 AcO), 3.41 (s, 3H, MeO), 3.78 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3} = 9.3$ Hz, H-2), 4.50 (d, 1H, $J_{1',2'}$ = 7.9 Hz, H-1'), 4.75 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ = 3.6 Hz, H-1), 5.01 (dd, 1H, $J_{3',4'} = 3.5$ Hz, H-3'), 5.28 (dd, 1H, $J_{2',3'} = 10.5$ Hz, H-2'), 5.38 (dd, 1H, $J_{4'}$ 5' = 1.2 Hz, H-4'), 7.25-7.40 (m, 10H, aromatics). ¹³C NMR δ 55.1 (MeO), 61.2 (C-6'), 67.0 (C-4'), 68.4 (C-6), 68.8 (C-2'), 70.0, 70.7, 71.0 (C-3',5,5'), 72.9 (C-2), 74.8, 75.3 (2 PhCH₂), 77.5 (C-4), 83.1 (C-3), 99.2 (C-1), 101.3 (C-1'). ¹H NMR after addition of a drop of Cl₃CCONCO into the NMR-tube: δ 4.85 (dd, 1H, J_{2,1} = 3.7 Hz, J_{2,3} = 10.1 Hz, H-2).

Anal. Calcd for C₃₅H₄₄O₁₅ (704.7): C, 59.65; H, 6.29. Found: C, 59.56; H, 6.42.

Methyl 2,3-Di-*O*-benzyl-6-*O*-(2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl)-α-D-glucopyranoside (33). Glycosylation of 11 (196 mg, 0.52 mmol) with 16 (237 mg, 0.58 mmol) as described for 32 afforded 33 (250 mg, 68%) as an amorphous mass, $[\alpha]_D$ +2.6° (*c* 0.8); ¹H NMR δ 1.98, 2.02, 2.03, 2.13 (4s, 12H, 4 AcO), 3.38 (s, 3H, MeO), 3.43 (t, 1H, J_{4,5} = J_{4,3} = 9.3 Hz, H-4), 4.54 (d, 1H, J_{1,2}' = 8.0 Hz, H-1'), 4.59 (d, 1H, J_{1,2} = 3.5 Hz, H-1), 5.00 (dd, 1H, $J_{3',4'} = 3.4$ Hz, H-3'), 5.23 (dd, 1H, $J_{2',3'} = 10.5$ Hz, H-2'), 5.37 (dd, 1H, $J_{4',5'} = 1.1$ Hz, H-4'), 7.28-7.38 (m, 10H, aromatics). ¹³C NMR δ 55.2 (MeO), 61.3 (C-6'), 67.1 (C-4'), 68.8×2 (C-2',6), 70.0×2, 70.7, 70.9 (C-3',4,5,5'), 73.1, 75.3 (2 Ph*C*H₂), 77.6 (C-2), 81.3 (C-3), 98.1 (C-1), 101.5 (C-1'). ¹H NMR after addition of a drop of Cl₃CCONCO into the NMR-tube: δ 4.85 (dd, 1H, $J_{4,3} = 9.3$ Hz, $J_{4,5} = 10.3$ Hz, H-4).

Anal. Calcd for C₃₅H₄₄O₁₅ (704.7): C, 59.65; H, 6.29. Found: C, 59.49; H, 6.33.

Glycosylation of ditrityl ether 1 with cyanoethylidene derivative 15. Reaction of 1 (385 mg, 0.505 mmol) with 15 (180 mg, 0.505 mmol) according to the procedure A for 16 h and subsequent column chromatography in benzene-EtOAc (4:1) afforded a homogeneous mixture of tritylated disaccharides (176 mg, 41%). A solution of this mixture in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) was treated with 90% ag CF3CO2H (0.2 mL) for 30 min, then diluted with CHCl₃, washed with sat. NaHCO₃, and water, and concentrated. To a solution of the residue in MeOH (2 mL) was added M MeONa (0.3 mL), the mixture was kept for 16 h, neutralised with KU-2 (H^+) resin, and filtered. The filtrate was diluted with water (10 mL), washed with CHCl₃, and the aqueous phase was taken to dryness to give a mixture of 35, 36, and 37. ¹H NMR (D₂O) of the anomeric region: δ 4.45 (d, J_{1,2} = 7.5 Hz, H-1' of 35), 4.57 (d, $J_{1,2} = 7.4$ Hz, H-1' of **36**), 4.83 (d, $J_{1,2} = 3.6$ Hz, H-1 of **35**), 5.05 (d, $J_{1,2} = 3.5$ Hz, H-1 of **36** and H-1 of **37**), 5.12 (d, $J_{1,2} = 3.8$ Hz, H-1' of 37). ¹³C NMR of the anomeric region: δ 97.6 (C-1 of 37), 97.7 (C-1' of 37), 100.2 (C-1 of **35**), 100.6 (C-1 of **36**), 104.8 (C-1' of **35**), 105.9 (C-1' of **36**).

Methyl 3,4-Di-O-benzyl-2-O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyl- α -D-galactopyranosyl)-6-O-trityl- α -D-glucopyranoside (38) and β -Anomer (39). A mixture of 2 (321 mg, 0.37 mmol), 18¹⁵ (270 mg, 0.46 mmol), and molecular sieves 3A (800 mg) in ether (5 mL) was stirred under argon for 1 h at room temperature. Methyl triflate (130 μ L, 1.15 mmol) was added and stirring was continued for 30 min. The reaction was quenched by addition of a few drops of pyridine-MeOH (3:1) mixture, the solids were filtered off and washed with CHCl₃. The filtrate was washed with water and concentrated. Column chromatography of the residue gave a homogeneous mixture (292 mg, 69%) of 38 and 39 in a ratio (¹³C NMR) of ~2.8:1. Individual anomers were isolated by HPLC in hexane-EtOAc (4:1).

 α -Anomer **38**: foam; $[\alpha]_D$ +51.7° (c 1.3); ¹H NMR δ 3.28 (dd, 1H, J_{6a,5} = 5.0 Hz, J_{6a,6b} = 10.2 Hz, H-6a), 3.41 (dd, 1H, J_{6'a,5'} = 6.8 Hz,

J_{6'a,6'b} = 9.5 Hz, H-6'a), 3.55 (s, 3H, MeO), 3.57 (dd, 1H, H-6b), 3.61 (dd, 1H, J_{6'b,5'} = 6.3 Hz, H-6'b), 3.63 (dd, 1H, J_{4,5} = 10.0 Hz, H-4), 3.83 (br. d, 1H, H-4'), 3.92 (ddd, 1H, H-5), 4.00 (dd, 1H, J_{2,3} = 9.9 Hz, H-2), 4.02 (dd, 1H, J_{3',4'} = 2.8 Hz, H-3'), 4.10 (dd, 1H, J_{3,4} = 8.7 Hz, H-3), 4.14 (dd, 1H, J_{2',3'} = 10.0 Hz, H-3'), 4.28 (br. t, 1H, H-5'), 4.31-5.00 (cluster of doublets, 12H, 6 PhC*H*₂), 5.07 (d, 1H, J_{1,2} = 3.3 Hz, H-1), 5.17 (d, 1H, J_{1',2'} = 3.5 Hz, H-1'), 6.87-7.60 (m, 45H, aromatics). ¹³C NMR δ 54.7 (MeO), 62.9 (C-6), 68.9 (C-6'), 69.3 (C-5'), 70.3 (C-5), 86.4 (Ph₃C), 95.0 (C-1), 96.4 (C-1').

Anal. Calcd for C₇₄H₇₄O₁₁ (1139.4): C, 78.01; H, 6.55. Found: C, 78.02; H, 6.46.

β-Anomer **39**: foam; $[\alpha]_{D}$ +29.5° (c 1.8); ¹H NMR δ 3.28 (dd, 1H, J_{6a,5} = 4.8 Hz, J_{6a,6b} = 9.9 Hz, H-6a), 3.50 (s 3H, MeO), 3.54 (dd, 1H, J_{3',4'} = 3.2 Hz, J_{3',2'} = 9.9 Hz, H-3'), 3.58 (dd, 1H, J_{6b,5} = 2.1 Hz, H-6b), 3.59 (m, 1H, H-5'), 3.67 (m, 2H, H-6'a,6'b), 3.69 (dd, 1H, J_{4,5} = 10.0 Hz, H-4), 3.94 (m, 4H, H-2,2',4',5), 4.07 (t, 1H, J_{3,4} = J_{3,2} = 9.1 Hz, H-3), 4.32-5.10 (cluster of doublets, 12H, 6 PhC*H*₂), 4.82 (d, 1H, J_{1',2'} = 7.3 Hz, H-1'), 5.00 (d, 1H, J_{1,2} = 3.5 Hz, H-1), 6.83-7.60 (m, 45H, aromatics). ¹³C NMR δ 55.0 (MeO), 62.8 (C-6), 68.9 (C-6'), 70.2 (C-5), 86.4 (Ph₃C), 99.6 (C-1), 104.2 (C-1').

Anal. Calcd for C₇₄H₇₄O₁₁ (1139.4): C, 78.01; H, 6.55. Found: C, 78.04; H, 6.59.

Methyl 2,3-Di-O-benzyl-4-O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyl- α -D-galactopyranosyl)-6-O-trityl- α -D-glucopyranoside (40) and β -Anomer (41). Glycosylation of 4 (321 mg, 0.37 mmol) with 18 (270 mg, 0.46 mmol) was performed as described for 38. Column chromatography of the reaction mixture in hexane-EtOAc (5:1) gave first 41 (61 mg, 14%). Eluted second was 40 (290 mg, 69%).

α-anomer **40**: foam; [α]_D +16.2° (*c* 2.1); ¹H NMR δ 3.30 (m, 6H, H-3',5',6a,6b,6'a,6'b), 3.63 (s, 3H, MeO), 3.64 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3} = 9.8$ Hz, H-2), 3.70 (br. d, 1H, $J_{4',5'} = <1$ Hz, H-4'), 3.75 (dd, 1H, $J_{4,5} = 10.1$ Hz, H-4), 3.92 (dd, 1H, $J_{2',3'} = 10.4$ Hz, H-2'), 4.13 (t, 1H, $J_{3,4} = 8.8$ Hz, H-3), 4.14 (m, 1H, H-5), 4.21-5.10 (cluster of doublets, 12H, 6 PhC*H*₂), 4.77 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2} = 3.5$ Hz, H-1), 5.78 (d, 1H, $J_{1',2'} = 3.9$ Hz, H-1'), 7.00-7.55 (m, 45H, aromatics). ¹³C NMR δ 54.8 (MeO), 64.2 (C-6), 69.0 (C-6'), 69.5 (C-5'), 69.8 (C-5), 86.3 (Ph₃*C*), 96.3 (C-1), 97.3 (C-1'). Anal. Calcd for C₇₄H₇₄O₁₁ (1139.4): C, 78.01; H, 6.55. Found: C, 77.98; H, 6.53.

β-Anomer **41**: foam; $[\alpha]_D +0.7^\circ$ (c 1.4); ¹H NMR δ 3.17 (dd, 1H, J_{3',2'} = 9.8 Hz, J_{3',4'} = 3.2 Hz, H-3'), 3.23 (dd, 1H, J_{6a,5} = 2.8 Hz, J_{6a,6b} = 10.3 Hz, H-6a), 3.32 (m, 1H, H-5'), 3.39 (s, 3H, MeO), 3.45 (dd, 1H, J_{6b,5} = 1.8 Hz, H-6b), 3.53 (ddd, 1H, H-5), 3.63 (m, 2H, H-2',6'a), 3.65 (dd, 1H, J_{2,3} = 9.3 Hz, H-2), 3.75 (t, 1H, J_{6'b,5'} = J_{6'b,6'a} = 9.0 Hz, H-6'b), 3.85 (t, 1H, J_{3,4} = 8.9 Hz, H-3), 3.94 (br. d, 1H, J_{4',5'} < 1Hz, H-4'), 4.30 (d, 1H, J_{1',2'} = 7.7 Hz, H-1'), 4.32 (dd, 1H, J_{4,5} = 10.0 Hz, H-4), 4.39-5.10 (cluster of doublets, 12H, 6 PhC*H*₂), 4.77 (d, 1H, J_{1,2} = 3.2 Hz, H-1), 7.03-7.50 (m, 45H, aromatics). ¹³C NMR δ 55.1 (MeO), 61.9 (C-6), 68.3 (C-6'), 69.8 (C-5), 86.1 (Ph₃C), 98.3 (C-1), 101.5 (C-1').

Anal. Calcd for C₇₄H₇₄O₁₁ (1139.4): C, 78.01; H, 6.55. Found: C, 78.23; H, 6.53.

Methyl 3-O-Benzyl-2-deoxy-2-phthalimido-4-O-(3,4,6-tri-O-acetyl-2deoxy-2-phthalimido- β -D-glucopyranosyl)-6-*O*-trityl- β -D-glucopyranoside (43). A mixture of 7 (449 mg, 0.5 mmol), 42^{16} (265 mg, 0.55 mmol), and molecular sieves 3A (700 mg) in CH₂Cl₂ (8 mL) was stirred under argon for 1 h, then methyl triflate (310 μ L, 2.74 mmol) was added. Stirring was continued for 26 h at room temperature. A few drops of pyridine were added, solids were filtered off and washed with CHCl3. The filtrate was washed with water and concentrated. Column chromatography of the residue in benzene-EtOAc (85:15) gave 43 (362 mg, 68%): mp 213-215 °C (CHCl₃-hexane); α]D -7° (c 2.1); ¹H NMR δ 1.80, 2.02×2 (2s, 9H, 3 AcO), 3.32 (m, 2H, H-6a,6b), 3.34 (s, 3H, MeO), 3.55 (ddd, 1H, H-5'), 3.66 (m, 1H, H-5), 4.13 (dd, 1H, $J_{6'a,5'} = 2.4$ Hz, $J_{6'a,6'b} = 12.5$ Hz, H-6'a), 4.23 (m, 3H, H-2,2',3), 4.30 (dd, 1H, $J_{6'b,5'}$ = 3.8 Hz, H-6'b), 4.49 (d, 1H, J_{gem} = 12.3 Hz, PhC H_2), 4.63 (m, 1H, H-4), 4.86 (d, 1H, PhC H_2), 4.92 (d, 1H, J_{1.2} = 8.0 Hz, H-1), 5.12 (dd, 1H, $J_{4'}, 5' = 10.0$ Hz, H-4'), 5.21 (d, 1H, $J_{1'}, 2' = 8.0$ Hz, H-1'), 5.52 (dd, 1H, $J_{3',2'} = 11.2$ Hz, $J_{3',4'} = 8.9$ Hz, H-3'), 6.78-7.85 (m, 28H, aromatics). ¹³C NMR δ 55.1, 55.6, 56.0 (MeO, C-2,2'), 61.6, 62.8 (C-6,6'), 69.1 (C-4'), 70.5 (C-3'), 71.7 (C-5'), 73.9, 74.3, 74.5 (PhCH₂, C-4,5), 76.6 (C-3), 86.9 (Ph3C), 95.6 (C-1), 98.6 (C-1').

Anal. Calcd for C₆₁H₅₆N₂O₁₆·0.5CHCl₃ (1132.8): C, 65.20; H, 5.03; Cl, 5.27; N, 2.47. Found: C, 64.95; H, 5.22; Cl 5.03; N, 2.56.

Methyl 3-O-Benzyl-2-deoxy-2-phthalimido-4-O-(3,4,6-tri-O-acetyl-2deoxy-2-phthalimido- β -D-glucopyranosyl)-6-O-(2,3,4-tri-O-benzyl- α -L-fucopyranosyl)- β -D-glucopyranoside (45) and β -Anomer (46). A mixture of 43 (152 mg, 0.14 mmol), 44^{16} (134 mg, 0.28 mmol) and molecular sieves 3A (600 mg) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) was stirred under argon for 1 h. Methyl triflate (120µL, 1.06 mmol) was added and stirring was continued for 2.5 h. The reaction was processed as described for 43. Column chromatography in benzene-EtOAc (85:15) gave first 45 (132 mg, 76%). Eluted second was 46 (37 mg, 21%).

α-Anomer **45**: foam; $[α]_D$ -45.3° (*c* 3.1); ¹H NMR δ 1.08 (d, 3H, J_{6",5"} = 6.7 Hz, H-6"), 1.85, 1.88, 1.93 (3s, 9H, 3 AcO), 3.23 (s, 3H, MeO), 3.29 (ddd, 1H, H-5), 3.35 (dd, 1H, J_{6a,5} = 2.7 Hz, J_{6a,6b} = 11.0 Hz, H-6a), 3.50 (ddd, 1H, H-5'), 3.75 (br. d, 1H, J_{4",3"} = 3.0 Hz, J_{4",5"} < 1 Hz, H-4"), 3.80 (dd, 1H, J_{6b,5} = 1.3 Hz, H-6b), 3.93 (dd, 1H, J_{6'a,5'} = 2.3 Hz, J_{6'a,6'b} = 12.2 Hz, H-6'a), 3.99-4.20 (m, 6H, H-2,2",3,3",5",6'b), 4.29 (dd, Hz, H-1), 5.08 (dd, 1H, J_{4',5'} = 10.3 Hz, H-4'), 5.11 (d, 1H, J_{1",2"} = 3.4 Hz, H-1"), 5.66 (d, 1H, J_{1',2'} = 8.2 Hz, H-1'), 5.75 (dd, 1H, J_{3',4'} = 9.1 Hz, H-3'), 6.80-7.95 (m, 28H, aromatics).

Anal. Calcd for C₆₉H₇₀N₂O₂₀ (1247.3): C, 66.44; H, 5.66; N, 2.25. Found: C, 66.34; H, 5.69; N, 2.35.

β-Anomer **46**: foam; [α]_D +4.4° (*c* 3); ¹H NMR δ 1.46 (d, 3H, J₆", 5" = 6.4 Hz, H-6"), 1.86, 1.93, 2.03 (3s, 9H, 3 AcO), 3.30 (s, 3H, MeO), 3.36 (ddd, 1H, H-5), 3.58 (dd, 1H, J₃", 4" = 3.0 Hz, H-3"), 3.62 (br. d, 1H, J₄", 5" < 1 Hz, H-4"), 3.65 (br. q, 1H, H-5"), 3.80 (dd, 1H, J_{6a,5} = 1.4 Hz, J_{6a,6b} = 10.6 Hz, H-6a), 3.83 (dd, 1H, J₂", 3" = 9.5 Hz, H-2"), 4.05 (dd, 1H, J_{6'a,5'} = 2.2 Hz, J_{6'a,6'b} = 12.3 Hz, H-6'a), 4.16 (m, 3H, H-2,3,6b), 4.23 (dd, 1H, J_{6'b,5'} = 4.2 Hz, H-6'b), 4.36 (dd, 1H, J_{2',3'} = 11.0 Hz, H-2'), 4.39 (ddd, 1H, H-5'), 4.48 (d, 1H, J_{1",2"} = 7.7 Hz, H-1"), 4.51-5.10 (cluster of doublets, 8H, 4 PhC*H*₂), 4.62 (dd, 1H, J_{4,3} = 8.1 Hz, J_{4,5} = 9.9 Hz, H-4), 5.08 (d, 1H, J_{1,2} = 8.2 Hz, H-1), 5.19 (dd, 1H, J_{4',5'} = 10.4 Hz, H-4'), 5.86 (dd, 1H, J_{3',4'} = 9.0 Hz, H-3'), 5.88 (d, 1H, J_{1',2'} = 8.0 Hz, H-1'), 6.70-7.85 (m, 28H, aromatics).

Anal. Calcd for C₆₉H₇₀N₂O₂₀ (1247.3): C, 66.44; H, 5.66; N, 2.25. Found: C, 67.09; H, 5.96; N, 2.32.

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