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ABSTRACT

Sulfo Lewis^x analog containing 1-deoxynojirimycin (**13**) has been efficiently synthesized. Glycosidation of ethyl 2,3,4-tri-*O*-benzyl-1-thio-β-D-fucopyranoside (**5**) with *O*-(2,6-di-*O*-benzoyl-3,4-isopropylidene-β-D-galactopyranosyl)-(1→4)-2,6-di-*O*-benzoyl-*N*-benzyloxycarbonyl-1,5-dideoxy-1,5-imino-D-glucitol (**4**), prepared from *O*-β-D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)-1,5-dideoxy-1,5-imino-D-glucitol (**1**) *via* 3 steps, and subsequent acid hydrolysis of the isopropylidene group gave the desired trisaccharide diol derivative (**7**) in good yield. Compound **7** was easily converted into 3'-*O*-sulfo Lewis^x analog (**13**) *via* 6 steps in high yield.

INTRODUCTION

The selectins are a family of cell adhesion molecules and play important roles in the adhesion and migration of leukocyte to the site of inflammation. The natural ligand recognized by selectins was identified as the sialyl Lewis^x (sLe^x)^{2,4} tetrasaccharide. And it was shown that 3'-*O*-sulfo Lewis^x (sulfo Le^x)⁵ was also recognized by selectins. SLe^x related compounds are considered to have a potency inhibiting leukocytes' adhe-

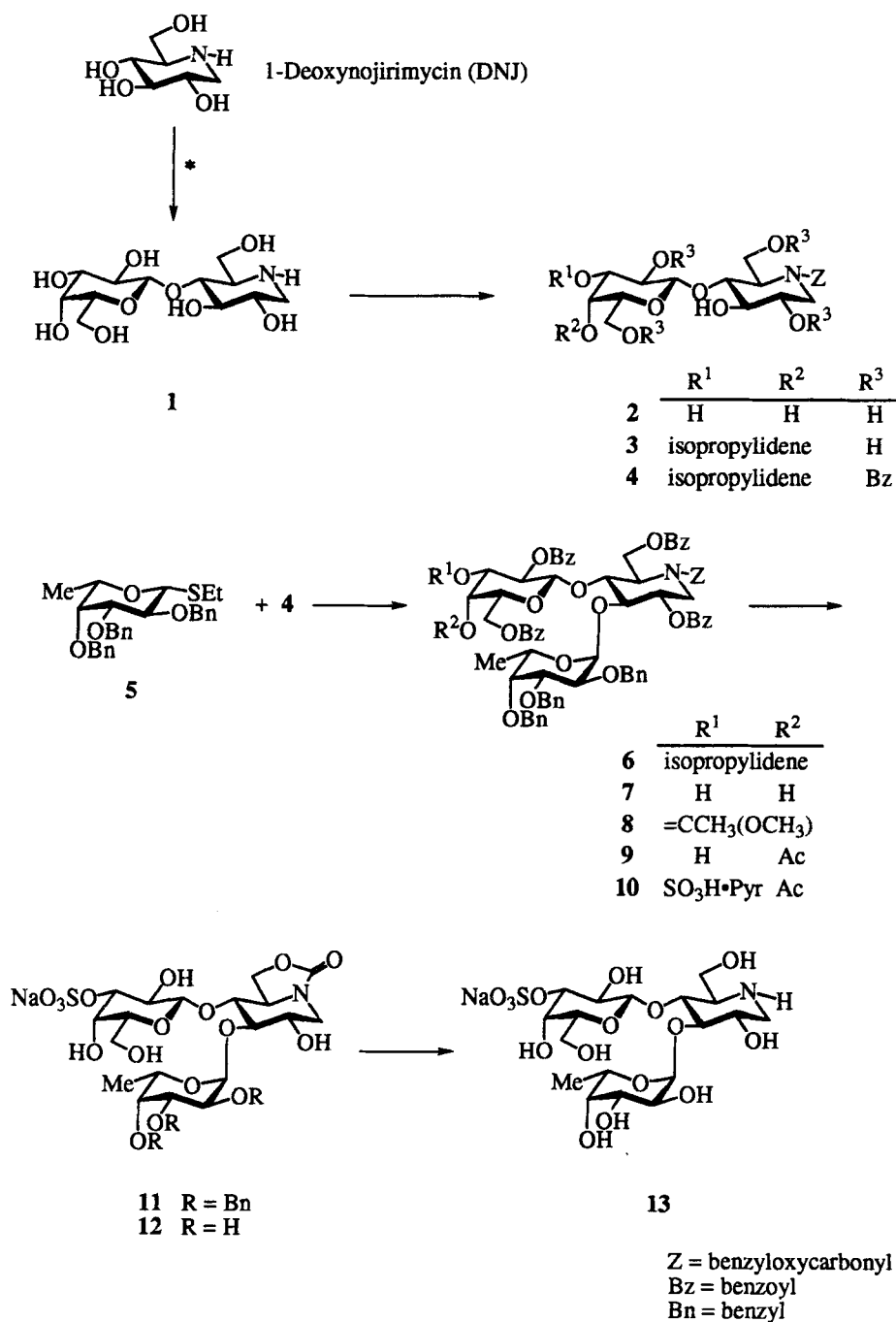
sion to selectins and to be candidates as anti-inflammatory agents.⁶⁻⁹ Many groups have been developing the synthesis of sLe^x and sulfo Le^x derivatives.¹⁰⁻¹³

Hasegawa et al.^{14,15} reported the syntheses of sLe^x, sLe^a, sulfo Le^x and sulfo Le^a analogs, containing *N*-alkylated-1-deoxynojirimycin, as novel carbohydrate inhibitors of selectin binding. These compounds are of great interest for their biological activities, and *N*-substituents of 1-deoxynojirimycin (DNJ) part are considered to be important to the strength of activity.

For the synthesis of sulfo Le^x derivatives with various *N*-substituents, it is considered that free sulfo Le^x analog containing DNJ (**13**) is a key compound. We have recently reported the enzymatic synthesis of *O*-β-D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)-1-deoxynojirimycin (**1**) and its positional isomers.¹⁶ A transgalactosylation from lactose to 1-deoxynojirimycin was accomplished by using β-galactosidase from *Bacillus circulans*. We describe herein an efficient synthesis of sulfo Le^x analog containing 1-deoxynojirimycin (**13**) using **1** as a starting compound.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Treatment of *O*-β-D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)-1,5-dideoxy-1,5-imino-D-glucitol¹⁶ (**1**) with benzyloxycarbonyl chloride in the presence of sodium hydrogen carbonate in chloroform and water afforded the *N*-benzyloxycarbonyl derivative **2**. 3',4'-*O*-Isopropylideneation of **2** was done using 2,2-dimethoxypropane and a catalytic amount of *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF) to give **3** in 60.8 % yield. Treatment of **3** with benzoyl chloride (5 equiv) in pyridine for 2 h at -40 °C gave the desired product **4** in 68.8 % yield. The structure of **4** was confirmed from 2D ¹H NMR spectra. The significant signals of the compound **4** were as follows. Twenty five aromatic protons at δ 7.03-8.12 showed that four Bz groups were introduced. Two CH protons were downshifted at δ 5.06 (m) and δ 5.37 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz), which were identified as H-2 and H-2', respectively. The signal of H-3 was found at δ 4.10, indicating that the C-3 hydroxyl group was not benzoylated. These results showed that C-2,6,2',6' hydroxyl groups of **3** were selectively benzoylated. Nashed et al.¹⁷ have reported the regioselective benzoylation of 3',4'-*O*-isopropylidene lactoside derivatives. Our result was in good agreement with Nashed's. The reactivity



Scheme

* Compound 1 is efficiently synthesized by β -galactosidase from *Bacillus circulans*.¹⁶

of the C-3 hydroxyl group of **3** may be low due to steric hindrance or to formation of an intramolecular hydrogen bond between the C-3 hydroxyl group and ring oxygen (C-5) of the galactose residue.

The glycosylation of **4** with ethyl 2,3,4-tri-*O*-benzyl-1-thio- β -D-fucopyranoside¹⁸ (**5**) in dichloromethane for 30 min at -40 °C in the presence of *N*-iodosuccinimide (NIS),¹⁹ trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (TMSOTf) and powdered molecular sieves 4Å gave a crude fully protected trisaccharide derivative **6**, which was directly used in the next reaction without purification. The isopropylidene group of **6** was removed by treatment with aq HCl in 1,4-dioxane at 60 °C, to give the desired trisaccharide diol derivative **7** in 74.9 % yield. This compound (**7**) could be easily isolated by crystallization from ethyl acetate-hexane without chromatography. Significant signals in the ¹H NMR of **7** (DMSO-*d*₆, at 60 °C) were at δ 0.97 (d, 3H, $J_{5,6} = 5.1$ Hz, H-6 of Fuc), 5.09 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2} = 3.3$ Hz, H-1 of Fuc), 5.21 (dd, 1H, $J_{1,2} = 8.1$ Hz, $J_{2,3} = 9.6$ Hz, H-2 of Gal) and 6.91-7.96 (m, 40H, 8Ph), indicating the structure assigned. When the ¹H NMR of **7** was recorded at room temperature in CDCl₃ or DMSO-*d*₆, the peaks were broad and it was difficult to assign the signals.

The diol derivative **7** was converted into **11** *via* four steps. Treatment of **7** with i) trimethyl orthoacetate (excess) and D,L-camphor-10-sulfonic acid (0.2 equiv to **7**) in benzene [3',4'-*O*-(1-methoxy)ethylidene formation (compound **8**)], ii) aq acetic acid in tetrahydrofuran [acid hydrolysis of 3',4'-*O*-(1-methoxy)ethylidene into monoacetate derivative **9**], iii) sulfur trioxide pyridine complex (6.5 equiv to **7**) in pyridine [sulfation of compound **9** into compound **10**] and iv) sodium methoxide in methanol gave **11** in 90.3 % yield from **7**. In each of the steps i)-iii), the reaction proceeded almost quantitatively, and the obtained crude products were used in the next reaction. In step iv), *O*-acyl protecting groups were removed, the pyridinium salt of the sulfo group was exchanged into a sodium salt, and cyclic carbamate was formed between the C-6 hydroxyl group and *N*-benzyloxycarbonyl group of DNJ, accompanied by the elimination of benzyl alcohol under basic conditions. Significant signals in the ¹H NMR of **11** were δ 1.15 (d, 3H, $J_{5,6} = 6.6$ Hz, H-6 of Fuc), 4.22 (m, 2H, H-3,4 of Gal), 4.45 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2} = 7.4$ Hz, H-1 of Gal), 5.58 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2} = 3.8$ Hz, H-1 of Fuc), 7.23-7.44 (m, 15H, 3Ph). In the FAB-MS spectra, the molecular ion peak was observed at *m/z* 846 (M-Na). These data supported the structure of **11**.

Catalytic hydrogenolysis (10% Pd-C) of the benzyl groups of **11** in aq methanol and subsequent ring opening of cyclic carbamate with aq NaOH in methanol at 100 °C gave the desired sulfo Le^x analog containing DNJ (**13**) in 94.9 % yield. Significant signals in the ¹H NMR of **13** were δ 1.20 (d, 3H, $J_{5,6} = 6.6$ Hz, H-6 of Fuc), 2.84 (dd, 1H, $J_{1ax,1eq} = 12.6$ Hz, $J_{1ax,2} = 10.8$ Hz, H-1_{ax} of DNJ), 3.35 (dd, 1H, $J_{1eq,2} = 4.8$ Hz, H-1_{eq} of DNJ), 4.33 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3} = 9.9$ Hz, $J_{3,4} = 3.3$ Hz, H-3 of Gal), 4.58 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2} = 7.8$ Hz, H-1 of Gal), 5.43 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2} = 3.9$ Hz, H-1 of Fuc). In the FAB-MS spectra, the (M-Na)⁺ ion peak was observed at *m/z* 550. These data supported the structure of **13**.

In conclusion, we efficiently synthesized the desired sulfo Le^x analog containing DNJ (**13**) from **1** in 11 steps in 26.8% overall yield (average yield in each step ca. 88 %). In this synthetic route, column chromatography was performed only three times. We consider a large scale production of sulfo Le^x analog containing DNJ is possible by this method.

EXPERIMENTAL

General methods. Melting points were determined with a Buchi 510 apparatus and are uncorrected. Specific rotations were measured at 20 °C using a HORIBA SEPA polarimeter. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded with Varian Unity plus 300 or Varian Gemini 2000 spectrometer. The FAB-mass spectra were recorded with a JEOL JMS-SX 102. Elemental analyses were performed on Yanako CHN coda MT-5 instrument. Electrodialysis was done using a Micro Acilyzer S1 (Asahi Chemical Industry Co. Ltd.) with a separating membrane in an Aciplex cartridge AC-110-20. Column chromatography was performed using Wakogel C-300 (Wako chemical Co. Ltd.) with the solvent system specified. Concentrations were carried out below 40 °C under reduced pressure.

***O*-(3,4-*O*-Isopropylidene-β-D-galactopyranosyl)-(1 → 4)-*N*-benzyloxycarbonyl-1,5-dideoxy-1,5-imino-D-glucitol (**3**).** To a suspension of *O*-β-D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)-1,5-dideoxy-1,5-imino-D-glucitol¹⁶ (**1**, 15.0 g, 46.1 mmol) and NaHCO₃ (4.92 g, 60 mmol) in H₂O (150 mL) and chloroform (150 mL) was added dropwise benzyloxycarbonyl chloride (Z-Cl, 16.5 mL, 115 mmol) at 0 °C. The

mixture was stirred vigorously overnight at room temperature, and then neutralized with 2N HCl. The water layer was washed twice with chloroform (150 mL x 2) and concentrated to dryness. *N,N*-Dimethylformamide (DMF) was added to the residue, and the insoluble mass was filtered. The filtrate was concentrated to give a crude syrup of *O*- β -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 4)-*N*-benzyloxycarbonyl-1,5-dideoxy-1,5-imino-D-glucitol (**2**), which was used for the next reaction without purification. To a solution of crude **2** in DMF (150 mL) were added 2,2-dimethoxypropane (11.34 mL, 92.2 mmol) and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (1.75 g, 9.2 mmol), and the mixture was stirred for 2 h at 60 °C. The reaction mixture was neutralized with triethylamine while cooling, and then concentrated. Column chromatography (ethyl acetate:methanol = 20:1) on silica gel (500 g) gave **3** (14.0 g, 60.8 %) as an amorphous mass: $[\alpha]_D -6.4^\circ$ (*c* 1.0, H₂O); ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆ + D₂O) δ 1.37, 1.23 (2s, 6H, Me₂C), 4.22 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2} = 7.8$ Hz, H-1'), 5.04 (dd, 2H, CO₂CH₂), 7.27-7.41 (m, 5H, Ph).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₃₃NO₁₁·0.5 H₂O: C, 54.32; H, 6.74; N, 2.75. Found: C, 54.33; H, 6.97; N, 2.81.

***O*-(2, 6-Di-*O*-benzoyl-3, 4-*O*-isopropylidene- β -D-galactopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 4)-2, 6-di-*O*-benzoyl-*N*-benzyloxycarbonyl-1, 5-dideoxy-1, 5-imino-D-glucitol (**4**)**. To a solution of **3** (5.0 g, 10 mmol) in pyridine (50 mL) was added dropwise benzoyl chloride (5.88 mL, 50.7 mmol) at -40 °C, and the mixture was stirred for 2 h at -40 °C. Methanol (10 mL) was added to the mixture, and the reaction mixture was concentrated. The resulting residue was extracted with dichloromethane, and the extract was successively washed with aq HCl, aq NaHCO₃, and H₂O, then dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Column chromatography (ethyl acetate:hexane = 1:2) on silica gel (250 g) gave **4** (6.31 g, 68.8 %) as an amorphous mass: $[\alpha]_D -11.9^\circ$ (*c* 0.54, chloroform); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.36, 1.64 (2s, 6H, Me₂C), 3.34 (dd, 1H, $J_{1,2} = 3.6$ Hz, $J_{1\alpha,1eq} = 15.6$ Hz, H-1 α), 3.81 (t, 1H, $J_{3,4} = J_{4,5} = 9.0$ Hz, H-4), 4.10 (m, 2H, H-3,5), 4.28 (m, 4H, H-1 eq ,4',5',6a), 4.45 (dd, 1H, H-3'), 4.49 (m, 2H, H-6b,6'a), 4.73 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2} = 7.8$ Hz, H-1'), 4.82 (dd, 1H, $J_{5,6b} = 3.0$ Hz, $J_{6a,6b} = 12.0$ Hz, H-6'b), 4.97 (t, 1H, CO₂CH₂), 5.06 (m, 1H, H-2), 5.37 (t, 1H, $J_{2,3} = 7.8$ Hz, H-2'), 7.03-8.12 (m, 25H, 5Ph).

Anal. Calcd for C₅₁H₄₉NO₁₅: C, 66.88; H, 5.39; N, 1.53. Found: C, 66.44; H, 5.27; N, 1.59.

***O*-(2,6-Di-*O*-benzoyl- β -D-galactopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 4)-[*O*-(2,3,4-tri-*O*-benzyl- α -L-fucopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 3)]-2,6-di-*O*-benzoyl-*N*-benzyloxycarbonyl-1,5-dideoxy-1,5-imino-D-glucitol (7).** To a solution of **4** (30.0 g, 32.8 mmol) and ethyl 2,3,4-tri-*O*-benzyl-1-thio- β -L-fucopyranoside¹⁸ (**5**, 23.5 g, 49.1 mmol) in dichloromethane (300 mL) was added molecular sieves 4Å (60 g). The mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature under argon gas and then cooled to -40 °C. *N*-Iodosuccinimide (12.2 g, 54.2 mmol) and trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (0.95 mL, 4.92 mmol) were added to the mixture, and the mixture was stirred for 30 min at -40 °C, filtered, and then washed with dichloromethane. The combined filtrate and washings were successively washed with aq NaHCO₃ and aq Na₂S₂O₃, then dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated, to give crude trisaccharide **6**. To a solution of crude **6** in 1,4-dioxan (500 mL) was added 2N HCl (100 mL), and the mixture was stirred for 2 h at 60 °C. The reaction mixture was concentrated to about one-third volume and extracted with ethyl acetate. The extract was successively washed with aq NaHCO₃ and H₂O, then dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Crystallization from ethyl acetate and hexane gave **7** (31.7 g, 74.9 % based on **4**): mp 182-183 °C; [α]_D -58° (*c* 1.0, chloroform); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, at 60 °C) δ 0.97 (d, 3H, *J*_{5,6} = 5.1 Hz, H-6 of Fuc), 4.94 (m, 3H, H-1 of Gal and CO₂CH₂), 5.09 (d, 1H, *J*_{1,2} = 3.3 Hz, H-1 of Fuc), 5.21 (dd, 1H, *J*_{1,2} = 8.1 Hz, *J*_{2,3} = 9.6 Hz, H-2 of Gal), 6.91-7.96 (m, 40H, 8Ph).

Anal. Calcd for C₇₅H₇₃NO₁₉: C, 69.59; H, 5.84; N, 1.08. Found: C, 69.44; H, 5.71; N, 1.42.

***O*-(3-*O*-Sulfo- β -D-galactopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 4)-[*O*-(2,3,4-tri-*O*-benzyl- α -L-fucopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 3)]-*N*,6-*O*-carbonyl-1,5-dideoxy-1,5-imino-D-glucitol, sodium salt (11).** To a suspension of **7** (20.0 g, 15.5 mmol) in benzene (750 mL) were added trimethyl orthoacetate (35 mL) and D,L-camphor-10-sulfonic acid (0.36 g, 1.55 mmol), and the mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was successively washed with aq NaHCO₃ and H₂O, then dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give crude orthoester derivative **8**. To a solution of crude **8** in tetrahydrofuran (450 mL) was added aq 80% acetic acid (300 mL), and the mixture was stirred for 1.5 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was concentrated and the remaining trace of acetic acid was removed by coevaporation with

toluene, to give a crude monoacetate derivative **9**. To a solution of crude **9** in pyridine (400 mL) was added sulfur trioxide pyridine complex (16.0 g, 101 mmol), and the mixture was stirred for 15 h at room temperature. Methanol (150 mL) was added, and the mixture was concentrated. Ethyl acetate was added to the residue, and the precipitate was filtered off and washed with ethyl acetate. The combined filtrate and washings were washed with brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 and then concentrated, to give a crude sulfo derivative **10**. To a solution of crude **10** in methanol (300 mL) was added 28% sodium methoxide / methanol (40 mL), and the mixture was stirred for 15 h at room temperature. After cooling the reaction mixture to 0 °C and adjusting the pH to 8 with 2N HCl, the reaction mixture was concentrated. Column chromatography (dichloromethane:methanol = 10:1) on silica gel (400 g) gave **11** (12.2 g, 90.3 %) as an amorphous mass: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} -56^\circ$ (*c* 1.1, methanol); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (200 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 1.15 (d, 3H, $J_{5,6} = 6.6$ Hz, H-6 of Fuc), 2.79 (dd, 1H, $J_{1\text{ax},1\text{eq}} = 12.4$ Hz, $J_{1\text{ax},2} = 9.8$ Hz, H-1 α of DNJ), 4.22 (m, 2H, H-3,4 of Gal), 4.45 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2} = 7.4$ Hz, H-1 of Gal), 5.58 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2} = 3.8$ Hz, H-1 of Fuc), 7.23-7.44 (m, 15H, 3Ph); FAB-MS *m/z* 846 (M-Na).

Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{48}\text{NO}_{17}\text{SNa}\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$: C, 53.03; H, 5.79; N, 1.55. Found: C, 53.10; H, 5.92; N, 1.75.

***O*-(3-*O*-Sulfo- β -D-galactopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 4)-[*O*- α -L-fucopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 3)]-1,5-dideoxy-1,5-imino-D-glucitol, sodium salt (**13**). A solution of **11** (2.70 g, 3.10 mmol) in methanol (80 mL) and H_2O (8 mL) was stirred for 15 h at 35 °C under H_2 gas in the presence of 10% Pd/C (2.0 g). The precipitate was filtered off and washed with methanol. The combined filtrate and washings were concentrated. The residue was dissolved in methanol (30 mL) and H_2O (30 mL), and 2N NaOH (7.8 mL) was added to the mixture. The mixture was refluxed (at 100 °C) for 3 h under argon gas. After cooling the reaction mixture to 0 °C and adjusting the pH to 8 with 2N HCl, the reaction mixture was concentrated. Methanol was added to the residue, and the precipitate was filtered off and washed with methanol. The combined filtrate and washings were concentrated. The residue was dissolved in H_2O , electrodialed, and then lyophilized to give **13** (1.69 g, 94.9 %) as an amorphous powder: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} -36^\circ$ (*c* 0.5, H_2O); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, D_2O) δ 1.20 (d, 3H, $J_{5,6} = 6.6$ Hz, H-6 of Fuc), 2.84 (dd, 1H, $J_{1\text{ax},1\text{eq}} = 12.6$ Hz, $J_{1\text{ax},2} = 10.8$ Hz, H-1 α of DNJ), 3.35 (dd, 1H, $J_{1\text{eq},2} =$**

4.8Hz, H-1eq of DNJ), 3.65 (dd, 1H, $J_{1,2} = 7.8\text{Hz}$, $J_{2,3} = 9.9\text{Hz}$, H-2 of Gal), 4.28 (d, 1H, H-4 of Gal), 4.33 (dd, 1H, $J_{3,4} = 3.3\text{Hz}$, H-3 of Gal), 4.58 (d, 1H, H-1 of Gal), 4.75 (m, 1H, H-5 of Fuc), 5.43 (d, 1H, $J_{1,2} = 3.9\text{Hz}$, H-1 of Fuc); FAB-MS m/z 550 (M-Na).

Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{32}\text{NO}_{16}\text{SNa}\cdot 1.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$: C, 36.00; H, 5.87; N, 2.33. Found : C, 36.29; H, 6.10; N, 2.50.

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