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### ABSTRACT

An efficient glycosylation strategy was applied in the synthesis of  $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ -[ $\alpha$ -D-arabinopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 4)$ ]- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1-3)-[ $\alpha$ -D-arabinopyranosyl-(1-6)]-D-glucopyranose to secure  $\beta$ -D-(1-3) glycosidic bond formation between glucopyranosyl residues. The new strategy using a 4,6-O-benzylidenated acceptor avoided generation of the  $\alpha$  major isomer in the attempted  $\beta$ -D-(1-3) glycosylation under standard glycosylation conditions. The hexasaccharide we prepared showed about 30% tumor growth inhibition towards S180 model study.

Key Words: Oligosaccharide; Laminarin; Glycosylation; Antitumor agent.

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## INTRODUCTION

Many natural polysaccharides, such as lentinan,  $[1,2]$  schizophyllan,  $[3]$  pestalosan<sup>[4]</sup> and other fungal  $(1\rightarrow 6)$ -branched  $(1\rightarrow 3)$ - $\beta$ -D-glucans,<sup>[5-7]</sup> exhibit high inhibition to the growth of implanted tumors in mice. It is believed that the activity is closely related to the organization of the  $(1\rightarrow 3)$ - $\beta$ -D-linked backbone into a triple helix, the frequency and complexity of the side-branching, and to the polymer molecular weight.<sup>[8,9]</sup> To investigate the structure-activity relationship, we have synthesized a series of  $\beta$ -D-glucosyl oligosaccharides to mimic the repeating units of natural  $\beta$ -glucan chains.<sup>[10]</sup> The mice tumor tests revealed that our synthetic glucosyl oligosaccharides showed weaker antitumor activities compared to their natural polysaccharides. However, a literature survey found that some synthetic branching-oligosaccharides with arabinose side-chains exhibited antitumor activity as high as natural polysaccharides.<sup>[11]</sup> We thus focused our attention on the synthesis of  $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ - $[\alpha$ -Darabinopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 4)$ ]- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ -[ $\alpha$ -Darabinopyranosyl $-(1 \rightarrow 6)$ ]-D-glucopyranose to mimic the bioactive arabinosyl curdlan.

To prepare this hexas accharide, one would think that a  $3+3$  strategy is more efficient. However, the unexpected  $\alpha$  glycosides were predominantly formed in this case using fully acylated imidates or thioglycosides as glycosyl donors under standard glycosylation conditions (see Scheme 1 for examples).<sup>[12]</sup> However, we found that a 4,6-O-benzylidenated acceptor was helpful in  $\beta$ -D-(1-3) bond formation. Here we report the synthesis of  $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ -[ $\alpha$ -D-arabinopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 4)$ ]- $\beta$ -D-



Scheme 1. a) NIS, TMSOTf,  $CH_2Cl_2$ , 56%; b) TMSOTf,  $CH_2Cl_2$ , 77%.

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glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow3)$ - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow3)$ - $\alpha$ -D-arabinopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow6)$ ]-Dglucopyranose based on a sequential glycosylation strategy, and antitumor activities of the hexasaccharide.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Glycosylation of 2,3,5-tri-O-benzoyl- $\alpha$ -D-arabinofuranosyl trichloroacetimidate (1), Scheme 2, and allyl 2,6-di-O-benzoyl-3-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside (2)<sup>a</sup> in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> with TMSOTf as promoter afforded allyl 2,3,5-tri-O-benzoyl- $\alpha$ -Darabinofuranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 4)$ -2,6-di-O-benzoyl-3-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl- $\alpha$ -D-glycopyranoside  $(3, 78.4\%)$ . Removal of the *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl (TBS) group from 3 with tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF) was not straightforward. Thus, disaccharide 3 was treated with 90% aqueous trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) under reflux for 3 h to generate 4 in 95% yield. The  $\alpha$ -(1 $\rightarrow$ 4) glycosidic bond of 4 was very stable under these acidic conditions. Condensation of 4 with  $2,3,4,6$ -tetra-O-benzoyl- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate (5) under standard glycosylation conditions gave trisaccharide 6 in good yield (80.4%). Treatment of 6 with  $PdCl<sub>2</sub>$  in MeOH yielded 7, which was further transformed into imidate 8 by reacting with trichloroacetonitrile and DBU in methylene chloride; yield of 68.3% for two steps. Critical glycosylation of trisaccharide imidate 8 and disaccharide diol  $9^{[10]}$  using the method as described in the preparation of 3 gave desired pentasaccharide 10 as the predominant product.<sup>b</sup> Acetylation of 10 with acetic anhydride in pyridine followed by  $CeCl<sub>3</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O$  catalyzed regioselective removal of the di-O-isopropylidene group<sup>[13]</sup> gave pentasaccharide diol 11 in 50% yield (from 9). H- $1<sup>III</sup>$  and H-2<sup>II</sup> of 11 in its <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum appear at  $\delta$  4.45 ppm (*J* 7.3 Hz) and 4.72 ppm, respectively, confirming the  $\beta$ -(1-3) linkage between sugar units II and III. Primary hydroxyl group favored glycosylation of 11 and 1 in  $CH_2Cl_2$  at  $-15^{\circ}C$ furnished the hexasaccharide derivative 12 in 65% yield. HMQC experiments showed  $C^{-1}$ <sup>III</sup> at 100.96 ppm (<sup>13</sup>C NMR), while the corresponding H-1<sup>III</sup> appeared at 4.47 ppm ( $^1$ H NMR), indicating a  $\beta$  linkage between sugar residue II and III in 12. Full deprotection of 12 with 90% TFA, followed by deacetylation with NaOMe in MeOH, afforded target hexasaccharide 13 in 43% isolated yield.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>To a solution of allyl 2,6-di-*O*-benzoyl-3-*O-a*-D-glucopyranoside (1.0 g, 2.33 mmol) in dry DMF (8 mL) was added imidazole (380 mg) and TBSCl (385 mg, 2.56 mmol) at rt. After 4 h, the mixture was worked up as usual to give syrupy allyl 2,6-di-O-benzoyl-3-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl- $\alpha$ -Dglucopyranoside (872 mg, 69%). To prove the structure, a small amount of the above compound was acetylated with acetic anhydride in pyridine to give the following  ${}^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $-0.14$ , 0.17 (2 s, 6 H, 2 SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.73 (s, 9 H, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 3.99 (dd, 1 H, J 7.3, 13.2 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>- $CH = CH<sub>2</sub>$ ), 4.16–4.20 (m, 2 H, H-5, OCH<sub>2</sub>–CH = CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.31 (dd, 1 H, J 5.5, 12.5 Hz, H-6a), 4.36  $(t, 1 H, J 9.1 Hz, H-3)$ , 4.49 (dd, 1 H, J 2.6, 12.5 Hz, H-6b), 5.05 (dd, 1 H, OCH<sub>2</sub> – CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.09 (m, 2 H, H-1, H-4), 5.14 (dd, 1 H, J 3.7, 9.1 Hz, H-2), 5.25 (dd, 1 H, J 1.6, 12.7 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>- $CH = CH_2$ ), 5.80–5.84 (m, 1 H, OCH<sub>2</sub>-CH = CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.43–8.25 (m, 10 H, Ph). These spectra assignments are consistent with the proposed structure for 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Compound 10 was contaminated by an inseparable side product, presumably the decomposed donor based on mass analysis. Thus it was hydrolyzed directly to give pure 11.



Scheme 2. a) TMSOTf, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 78.4% for 3; 80.4% for 6; 65% for 12; b) 90% TFA, 95%. c) Pd<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, MeOH; d) CCl<sub>3</sub>CN, DBU, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 68.3% for two steps; e) Ac<sub>2</sub>O, Pyr; CH<sub>3</sub>CN, CeCl<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O, H<sub>2</sub>O, 50% from 9; f) 90% TFA; NaOMe. MeOH, 43% for two steps.

Kun min mice weighing 20–22 g were used for the bioassay. Seven-day-old S180 ascites (0.2 mL, about  $2\times10^6$  cells) were transplanted into the right groins of mice. The test samples, dissolved in distilled water, were injected daily for 7 days starting 24 h after tumor implantation. At the end of the tenth day, the mice were killed, and the tumors were extirpated and weighted. The results are summarized in Table 1.

In conclusion, we have described the synthesis of the hexasaccharide 13 having a  $(1\rightarrow 3)$ - $\beta$ -D-glucan backbone and two arabinofuranosyl side chains. We showed here that a predominant  $\beta$  product could be formed using a 4,6-O-benzylidenated Downloaded At: 07:03 23 January 2011 Downloaded At: 07:03 23 January 2011

Sample	Dose (mg/Kg)	Tumor growth inhibition $(\%)$	Body weight $(g)$		Tumor	
			Day 1	Day $10$	weigth $(g)$	p
Control	0		20.0	29.6	$1.68 \pm 0.63$	< 0.001
<b>CTX</b>	$80\times1$	89.3	21.3	27.4	$0.19 \pm 0.11$	< 0.01
13	$5.0\times7$	35.1	20.1	29.7	$1.09 \pm 0.63$	< 0.01
13	$1.5 \times 7$	33.9	20.0	26.9	$1.11 \pm 0.60$	< 0.01
13	$0.5 \times 7$	31.5	20.0	29.6	$0.15 \pm 0.41$	< 0.01

**Table 1.** Preliminary studies on antitumor activity of hexasaccharide 13.

glucopyranosyl acceptor in complex oligosaccharide synthesis, while the  $\alpha$  major was generated using 4,6-diacylated acceptor under the same reaction conditions. The hexasaccharide 13 showed a mild antitumor activity towards S180 model study.

#### EXPERIMENTAL

General methods. Optical rotations were determined at  $20^{\circ}$ C with a Perkin– Elmer Model 241-Mc automatic polarimeter. <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY and HMQC spectra were recorded with ARX 400 spectrometers for solutions in CDCl<sub>3</sub> and D<sub>2</sub>O. Chemical shifts are given in ppm downfield from internal Me<sub>4</sub>Si, or DSS in case of D<sub>2</sub>O. Mass spectra were measured using MALDI-TOF-MS with  $(\alpha$ -cyano-4hydroxycinnamic acid (CCA) as matrix. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica gel  $HF_{254}$  with detection by charring with 30% (v/v)  $H_2SO_4$  in MeOH or in some cases by a UV detector. Column chromatography was conducted by elution of a column ( $16 \times 240$  mm,  $18 \times 300$  mm,  $35 \times 400$  mm) of silica gel ( $100-200$ mesh) with EtOAc–petroleum ether (bp  $60-90^{\circ}$ C) as the eluent. Solutions were concentrated at  $<60^{\circ}\text{C}$  under diminished pressure.

Allyl 2,3,5-tri-O-benzoyl- $\alpha$ -D-arabinofuranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 4)$ -2,6-di-O-benzoyl-3-Otert-butyldimethylsilyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (3). Compound 1 (1.33 g, 2.2 mmol) and 2 (1.09 g, 2.0 mmol) were pre-dried in one flask under vacuum for 4 h. The mixture was then dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15 mL). To the solution was added Me<sub>3</sub>SiOTf (35  $\mu$ L, 0.19 mmol) under an N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere at 0°C. The mixture was stirred at these conditions for 1 h, then neutralized with triethylamine, concentrated under reduced pressure, and purified on a silica gel column with petroleum ether–EtOAc (6:1) as the eluent to give 3 (1.54 g, 78.4%) as a syrup;  $[\alpha_{D}]^{20} + 31^{\circ}$  (c 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(CDCI_3)$   $\delta$  -0.01 (s, 3 H, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.16 (s, 3 H, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.68 (s, 9 H, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 3.98– 4.40 (m, 2 H, H-3<sup>I</sup>, H-5<sup>I</sup>), 4.13 (dd, 1 H, J 5.1, 11.9 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>-CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.22 (dd, 1 H, J 5.1, 13.0 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>-CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.45-4.53 (m, 4 H, H-6a<sup>I</sup>, H-6b<sup>I</sup>, H-4<sup>II</sup>, H-4<sup>I</sup>), 4.69–4.75 (m, 2 H, H-5a<sup>II</sup>, H-5b<sup>II</sup>), 5.05 (d, 1 H, *J* 3.7 Hz, H-1<sup>I</sup>), 5.11–5.13 (m, 1 H,  $OCH_2-CH=CH_2$ ), 5.15 (dd, 1 H, J 3.7, 9.5 Hz, H-2<sup>I</sup>), 5.26–5.28 (m, 1 H,  $OCH_2-$ CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.51 (d, 1 H, J 3.3 Hz, H-3<sup>II</sup>), 5.68 (s, 1 H, H-1<sup>II</sup>), 5.85 (m, 1 H, OCH<sub>2</sub>- $CH = CH<sub>2</sub>$ ), 5.87 (s, 1 H, H-2<sup>II</sup>), 7.37–8.29 (m, 25 H, Ph).

Anal. Calcd for  $C_{55}H_{58}O_{15}Si$ : C, 66.92; H, 5.92. Found: C, 67.18; H, 5.85.

Allyl⊃2,3,4,5-tetra-*O*-benzoyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl-(1→3)-[2,3,5-tri-*O-*benzoyl-α- $D$ -arabinofuranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 4)$ ]-2,6-di- $O$ -benzoyl- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside (6). A solution of compound 3 (1.283 g, 1.3 mmol) in 90% aqueous trifluoroacetic acid (10 mL) was stirred at 60 C for about 3 h, then co-evaporated with toluene under diminished pressure to give a residue. Purification of the residue by column chromatography  $(3.1 \text{ petroleum ether-EtoAc})$  gave 4  $(1.079 \text{ g}, 95.1\%)$  as a syrup. To a solution of compound 4 (1.05 g, 1.2 mmol) and 5 (1.00 g, 1.35 mmol) in anhydrous  $CH_2Cl_2$ (12 mL) was added TMSOTf (35  $\mu$ L, 0.19 mmol) under an N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere at 0<sup>o</sup>C. The mixture was stirred under this condition for 1.5 h, neutralized with  $Et_3N$  and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified on a silica gel column with 3:1 petroleum ether-EtOAc as the eluent to give 6 (1.40 g, 80.4%) as a syrup;  $[\alpha_{\rm D}]^{20}$  + 30° (c 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.90 (dd, 1 H, J 6.3, 14.3 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>),  $3.96-3.98$  (m, 2 H, H-5<sup>1</sup>, H-4<sup>1</sup>), 4.25 (dd, 1 H, J 5.2, 14.3 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.19-4.21  $(m, 1 H, H-5^{\text{II}}), 4.49-4.69$   $(m, 7 H, H-6a^{\text{I}}, H-6b^{\text{I}}, H-6a^{\text{II}}, H-6b^{\text{II}}, H-3^{\text{I}}, H-4^{\text{III}}, H-5a^{\text{III}}),$ 4.75 (dd, 1 H, J 3.9, 12.0 Hz, H-5b<sup>III</sup>), 4.94 (dd, 1 H, J 3.7, 10.1 Hz, H-2<sup>I</sup>), 4.99 (dd, 1 H, J 1.3, 10.4 Hz,  $=$ CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.09 (d, 1 H, J 3.7 Hz, H-1<sup>I</sup>), 5.11 (dd, 1 H, J 1.6, 10.4 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.13 (d, 1 H, J 8.0 Hz, H-1<sup>II</sup>), 5.42 (d, 1 H, J 4.4 Hz, H-3<sup>III</sup>), 5.45 (dd, 1 H, J 9.6, 8.0 Hz, H-2<sup>II</sup>), 5.54 (t, 1 H, *J* 9.6 Hz, H-4<sup>II</sup>), 5.63 (t, 1 H, *J* 9.6 Hz, H-3<sup>II</sup>), 5.64– 5.67 (m, 1 H,  $=$ CH), 5.90–5.92 (m, 2 H, H-1<sup>III</sup>, H-2<sup>III</sup>), 7.07–8.26 (m, 45 H, Ph). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  63.05 (C-6<sup>I</sup>), 63.50 (C-6<sup>I</sup>), 63.97 (C-5<sup>III</sup>), 68.66 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 69.05 (C-4<sup>I</sup>), 70.45 (C-4<sup>II</sup>), 71.84 (C-2<sup>II</sup>), 72.13 (C-5<sup>II</sup>), 73.24 (C-3<sup>II</sup>), 73.86 (C-2<sup>I</sup>), 74.45 (C-5<sup>I</sup>), 77.23 (C-3<sup>I</sup>), 78.27 (C-3<sup>III</sup>), 81.76 (C-2<sup>III</sup>), 82.70 (C-4<sup>III</sup>), 94.92 (C-1<sup>I</sup>), 101.12 (C-1<sup>II</sup>), 108.35 (C-1<sup>III</sup>), 111.85 (=CH<sub>2</sub>), 164.89, 164.96, 165.23, 165.26, 165.55, 165.62, 166.13, 166.20, 166.30 (CO).

Anal. Calcd for  $C_{83}H_{70}O_{24}$ : C, 68.68; H, 4.86. Found: C, 68.92; H, 4.73.

2,3,4,6-Tetra-*O*-benzoyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl-(1→3)-[2,3,5-tri-*O*-benzoyl-α-Darabinofuranosyl-(1→4)]-2,6-di-*O-*benzoyl-α-ɒ-glucopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate (8). To a solution of compound  $6$  (1.435 g, 0.99 mmol) in methanol (20 mL) was added  $PdCl_2$  (0.17 g, 0.50 mmol) at rt. The mixture was stirred under these conditions for 3 h, then filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (3:1 petroleum ether–EtOAc) gave 7 (1.19 g, 85.3%) as a syrup. This syrup was dissolved in anhydrous  $CH_2Cl_2$  (6 mL), and trichloroacetonitrile (0.3 mL, 3 mmol) and DBU (0.05 mL, 0.33 mmol) were added subsequently. The mixture was stirred at rt for 2 h, and then concentrated. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (3:1 petroleum ether–EtOAc) gave 8 (1.052 g, 80.1%) as an amorphous solid;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} + 44^{\circ}$  (c 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.14 (m, 3 H, H-5<sup>1</sup>,  $H-5^{\text{II}}$ ,  $H-4^{\text{I}}$ ),  $4.55-4.80$  (m, 8 H,  $H-6a^{\text{I}}$ ,  $H-6b^{\text{I}}$ ,  $H-6a^{\text{II}}$ ,  $H-6b^{\text{II}}$ ,  $H-5a^{\text{III}}$ ,  $H-5b^{\text{III}}$ ,  $H-4^{\text{III}}$ , H-3<sup>I</sup>), 5.09 (d, 1 H, J 7.9 Hz, H-1<sup>II</sup>), 5.21 (q, 1 H, J 3.5, 10.2 Hz, H-2<sup>I</sup>), 5.45–5.47 (m, 2 H, H-2<sup>II</sup>, H-3<sup>III</sup>), 5.51 (t, 1 H, J 9.5 Hz, H-4<sup>II</sup>), 5.64 (t, 1 H, J 9.5 Hz, H-3<sup>II</sup>), 5.95 (s, 1 H,  $H-1^{\text{III}}$ ), 5.97 (s, 1 H, H-2<sup>III</sup>), 6.53 (d, 1 H, *J* 3.4 Hz, H-1<sup>I</sup>), 7.11–8.26 (m, 45 H, Ph), 8.27 (s,1 H, N H).

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>82</sub>H<sub>66</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>24</sub>: C, 63.31; H, 4.28. Found: C, 63.03; H, 4.31.

2,3,4,6-Tetra-*O*-benzoyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl-(1→3)-[2,3,5-tri-*O*-benzoyl-α-Darabinofuranosyl-(1→4)]-2,6-di-*O-*benzoyl-β-<code>D-glucopyranosyl(1→3)-2- $O$ -acetyl-</code>  $4,6$ -O-benzylidene- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ -1,2-O-isopropylidene- $\alpha$ -D-glucofura**nose (10).** To a solution of **8** (1.17 g, 0.75 mmol) and **9** (0.34 g, 0.67 mmol) in dry

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 $CH_2Cl_2$  was added TMSOTf (20 µL, 0.11 mmol) under an N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere at 0<sup>o</sup>C. The mixture was stirred under these conditions for 1.5 h, then neutralized with  $Et_3N$ , concentrated under reduced pressure, and purified on a silica gel column with 3:2 petroleum ether–EtOAc as the eluent to give crude 10 (1.02 g) as a syrup. This syrup was treated with acetic anhydride (1 mL) in pyridine (2.0 mL) at rt for 4 h and concentrated with the help of toluene. The above crude product was dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>CN, then CeCl<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (100 mg, 0.26 mmol) and H<sub>2</sub>O (0.1 mL) were added. The mixture was stirred under reflux for 3 h, then diluted with water, extracted with methylene chloride  $(3 \times 15 \text{ mL})$ . The organic phases were combined, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (1:2 petroleum ether–EtOAc) gave 11 (653 mg, 50.1% from 9) as a solid;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} - 4^{\circ}$  (c 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.26 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.44 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.78 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 2.99 (d, 1 H, J 4.1 Hz, OH), 3.36–3.38 (m, 1 H, H-5<sup>II</sup>), 3.51–3.53 (m, 1 H, H-5), 3.59 (dd, 1 H, J 5.4, 8.7 Hz, H-4<sup>II</sup>), 3.67–3.71 (m, 2 H, H-6a, H-6b), 3.77–3.80  $(m, 2 H, H-6a, H-6b), 3.88$  (t, 1 H, J 8.5 Hz, H-4<sup>III</sup>), 3.98 (m, 1 H, H-5<sup>I</sup>), 4.04 (t, 1 H, J 8.7 Hz), 4.09-4.12 (m, 1 H), 4.19-4.25 (m, 3 H), 4.29 (t, 1 H, J 8.9 Hz, H-3<sup>II</sup>), 4.31  $(q, 1 \text{ H}, J 5.4, 14.6 \text{ Hz}, \text{H-5a}^V)$ , 4.45 (d, 1 H, J 7.3 Hz, H-1<sup>III</sup>), 4.46–4.54 (m, 5 H), 4.68 (dd, 1 H, J 2.3, 14.6 Hz, H-5b<sup>V</sup>), 4.71–4.73 (m, 2 H, J 7.9, 8.9 Hz, H-1<sup>II</sup>, H-2<sup>II</sup>), 4.99 (d, 1 H, J 7.7 Hz, H-1<sup>IV</sup>), 5.18 (dd, 1 H, J 7.0, 8.2 Hz, H-2<sup>III</sup>), 5.34 (d, 1 H, J 3.7 Hz, H-3<sup>V</sup>), 5.45 (dd, 1 H, J 9.4, 11.0 Hz, H-2<sup>IV</sup>), 5.48 (s, 1 H, PhCH), 5.54 (t, 1 H, J 9.4 Hz, H-4<sup>IV</sup>), 5.61 (d, 1 H, *J* 3.7 Hz, H-1<sup>I</sup>), 5.66 (t, 1 H, *J* 9.4 Hz, H-3<sup>IV</sup>), 5.70 (d, 1 H, J 0.7 Hz, H-2<sup>V</sup>), 5.74 (s, 1 H, H-1<sup>V</sup>), 7.13–8.21 (m, 50 H, Ph); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  26.79, 26.29, 29.30, 62.89, 63.23, 63.79, 64.19, 66.50, 68.05, 68.61, 70.08, 71.71, 72.04, 72.31, 72.63, 73.10, 73.78, 73.95, 77.19, 78.02, 78.47, 78.70, 79.51, 81.07, 81.55, 82.34, 82.70, 99.52, 99.68, 99.79, 101.364, 104.11 (C-1<sup>V</sup>), 107.65 (PhCH), 112.20 (CMe 2), 164.30, 164.86, 164.88, 165.16, 165.49, 165.52, 165.90, 166.11, 166.25, 168.31 (CO).

Anal. Calcd for  $C_{104}H_{96}O_{35}$ : C, 65.54; H, 5.08. Found: C, 65.27; H, 5.14.

2,3,4,6-Tetra-*O*-benzoyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl-(1→3)-[2,3,5-tri-*O*-benzoyl-α-Darabinofuranosyl-(1→4)]-2,6-di-*O-*benzoyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl(1→3)-2-*O-*acetyl- $4,6$ - $O$ -benzylidene- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 3)$ -[2,3,5-tri- $O$ -benzoyl- $\alpha$ -D-arabinofuranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 6)$ ]-1,2-O-isopropylidene- $\alpha$ -D-glucofuranose (12). To a solution of 1 (170 mg, 0.28 mmol) and 11 (533 mg, 0.28 mmol) in dry CH 2Cl <sup>2</sup> (5 mL) was added TMSOTf (10  $\mu$ L, 0.05 mmol) under an N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere at  $-15^{\circ}$ C. The mixture was stirred under these conditions for  $1.5$  h, then neutralized with  $Et_3N$ , concentrated under reduced pressure, and purified on a silica gel column with 2:3 petroleum ether– EtOAc as the eluent to give 12 (428 mg, 65%) as a solid;  $[\alpha]_D^2$ <sup>0</sup> – 6° (c 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.16 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.65 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.35 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 3.09  $(m, 1 H, H-5^{\text{II}}), 3.14-3.17$   $(m, 1 H, H-5^{\text{I}}), 3.52$   $(t, 1 H, J 9.1 Hz, H-4^{\text{II}}), 3.38-3.40$  $(m, 1 H, H-5<sup>III</sup>)$ , 3.77 (t, 1 H, J 9.1 Hz, H-3<sup>II</sup>), 3.91–4.10 (m, 6 H, H-6a<sup>I</sup>, H-6b<sup>I</sup>, H-3<sup>I</sup>,  $\rm H$ -4<sup>I</sup>,  $\rm H$ -4<sup>III</sup>,  $\rm H$ -5<sup>IV</sup>), 4.27–4.29 (m, 3 H,  $\rm H$ -4<sup>IV</sup>,  $\rm H$ -3<sup>III</sup>,  $\rm H$ -2<sup>I</sup>), 4.37 (d, 1 H, *J* 7.9Hz, H-1<sup>II</sup>), 4.47–4.76 (m, 13 H, H-6a<sup>II</sup>, H-6b<sup>II</sup>, H-6a<sup>III</sup>, H-6b<sup>III</sup>, H-6a<sup>IV</sup>, H-6b<sup>IV</sup>, H-5a<sup>I</sup>,  $H-5b^I$ ,  $H-5a^{VI}$ ,  $H-5b^{VI}$ ,  $H-1^{III}$ ,  $H-2^{II}$ ,  $H-4^{VI}$ ), 4.96 (d, 1 H, J 7.5Hz,  $H-1^{IV}$ ), 5.17 (dd, 1 H, J 7.7, 8.2 Hz, H-2<sup>III</sup>), 5.31–5.34 (m, 2 H, H-3<sup>VI</sup>, H-1<sup>VI</sup>), 5.35 (d, 1 H, J 1.4 Hz, H-3<sup>V</sup>), 5.44 (dd, 1 H, J 7.6, 9.4 Hz, H-2<sup>IV</sup>), 5.52–5.56 (m, 3 H, H-2<sup>VI</sup>, H-3<sup>VI</sup>, PhCH), 5.59 (d, 1 H, 3.7 Hz, H-3<sup>IV</sup>), 5.65 (t, 1 H, *J* 9.4 Hz, H-4<sup>IV</sup>), 5.69 (s, 1 H, H-2<sup>V</sup>), 5.75 (s, 1 H, H-1<sup>V</sup>), 7.16–8.02 (m, 65 H, Ph). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  20.31,

21.46, 26.50, 62.97, 63.29, 63.52, 63.76, 63.90, 66.63, 67.06, 67.83, 70.12, 71.78, 72.10, 72.24, 72.65, 73.17, 73.88, 74.06, 74.24, 77.24, 77.65, 77.77, 78.16, 78.57, 78.83, 79.26, 80.20, 81.23, 81.61, 81.69, 82.12, 82.40, 82.78, 99.91 (C-1II), 100.21  $(C-1<sup>IV</sup>)$ , 100.96  $(C-1<sup>III</sup>)$ , 104.65  $(C-5<sup>V</sup>)$ , 105.22  $(C-1<sup>I</sup>)$ , 106.58  $(C-1<sup>IV</sup>)$ , 107.75 (PHCH),  $111.82$  (CMe<sub>2</sub>).

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>130</sub>H<sub>116</sub>O<sub>42</sub>: C, 66.43; H, 4.97. Found: C, 66.79; H, 4.83.

 $\beta$ -D-Glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ -[ $\alpha$ -D-arabinopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 4)$ ]- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ - $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ -[ $\alpha$ -D-arabinopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 6)$ ]-D-glucopyranose (13). Compound 12 (310 mg, 0.132 mmol) was treated with 90% trifluoroacetic acid (6 mL) for 60 min, concentrated and then co-evaporated with toluene. The syrup was dissolved in methanol (15 mL), deacylated with sodium methoxide (0.5 M, kept pH at 9 to 10), neutralized with Amberlite 120 (H<sup>+</sup>), filtered and concentrated. The residue was chromatographically purified on Sephadex LH-20 (EtOAc, then methanol) to yield 13 (53 mg, 43%) as a solid;  $[\alpha]_D + 19^{\circ}$  (c 1, H<sub>2</sub>O); Selected <sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  4.41– 4.72 (m, 3.3 H, H-1<sup>I,II,III,IV</sup> of  $\beta$  isomer), 5.20, 5.25 (2 s, 2 H, H-1<sup>V,VI</sup>), 5.30 (d, 0.7 H, J 2.8 Hz, H-1<sup>I</sup> of  $\alpha$  isomer). Selected <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  103.02, 103.70 (2C), 103.99, 110.23, 110.87 (C-1<sup>I-VI</sup>). MALDI-TOF-MS: Calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>58</sub>O<sub>29</sub>: 930.3 [M]; Found 953.8  $[M+Na]^{+}$ .

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