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Iodoacetoxylation of Glycals Using Cerium(IV) Ammonium Nitrate, Sodium Iodide, and Acetic Acid: Stereoselective Synthesis of 2-Deoxy-2-iodo-α-mannopyranosyl Acetates

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ABSTRACT

The reactions of glycals with ceric(IV) ammonium nitrate and sodium iodide in the presence of acetic acid provides 2-deoxy-2-iodo- α -mannopyranosyl acetates with good stereoselectivity. In the majority of the cases examined, the selectivity was considerably better than that from reactions using *N*-iodosuccinimide and HOAc.

In connection with our studies on the synthesis of 2-deoxy-glycosides from 2-deoxy-2-iodoglycosyl donors, $^{2-4}$ we were interested in developing improved methods for the synthesis of 2-deoxy-2-iodoglycosyl acetates of either the *manno* or *gluco* configuration. Prior to the initiation of these studies, we utilized the reaction of a glycal with *N*-iodosuccinimide and HOAc in a suitable solvent. $^{5.6}$ As summarized in Figure 1, this method provides the α -manno isomer (2) as the major product when the reactions are performed at ambient or subambient temperatures, with selectivity decreasing as the

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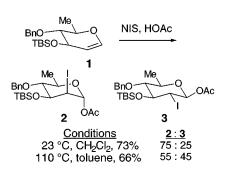


Figure 1. Iodoacetoxylation of **1** using *N*-iodosuccinimide (NIS) and HOAc.

reaction temperature is raised.³ In some cases, we have obtained up to 9:1 selectivity for the α -manno iodo acetate isomer in reactions performed at -78 °C;² however, in most cases selectivity for the α -manno isomer (cf., **2**) is no better than 3–4:1, as in the iodoacetoxylation of **1**. On the other

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hand, the amount of the β -gluco isomer (e.g., 3) that can be obtained by this method reaches a maxium of approximately 50% when the reactions are performed in toluene at reflux (i.e., selectivity is no better than ca. 50:50 under these conditions).³ Accordingly, it was desirable to develop more selective methods for synthesis of either iodo acetate stereoisomer.

Stimulated by the well-known azidonitration reaction, ^{7,8} which involves the addition of azide radical, generated from NaN₃ and ceric(IV) ammonium nitrate (CAN), to a glycal, we decided to explore the reactions of glycals with CAN and NaI. To our considerable delight, we found that this reaction constitutes a very useful method for synthesis of 2-deoxy-2-iodo-α-mannopyranosyl acetates (Figure 2). These reactions were typically performed by slow addition of 1.3 equiv of NaI to a solution of glycal, 2.6 equiv of CAN and 10 equiv of HOAc in CH₃CN. Total reaction times were generally 2–7 h. Products were isolated either by chromatography or by recrystallization. The reaction stereoselectivity was not highly temperature sensitive, although in most cases the best yields were obtained when the reactions were

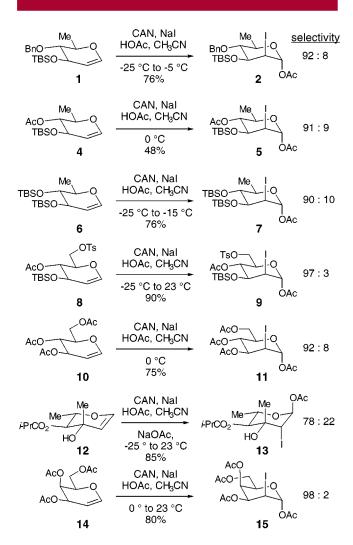


Figure 2. Iodoacetoxylation of glycals using NaI, HOAc, and ceric(IV) ammonium nitrate (CAN) in CH₃CN.

performed at temperatures ranging from -25 °C to ambient. As indicated by the examples presented in Figure 2, a range of standard carbohydrate protecting groups (e.g., acetate esters, silyl and benzyl ethers) are fully compatible with this new iodoacetoxylation reaction.

In the majority of cases that we have examined, the CAN-NaI-HOAc protocol has proven to be much more selective than the N-iodosuccinimide (NIS)-HOAc procedure summarized in Figure 1. Thus, for example, while the iodoacetoxylation of 1 using NIS and HOAc provides 2 with maximum selectivity of 75:25, use of the CAN-NaI-HOAc protocol provides 2 with 92:8 selectivity. In other comparative cases, 4 gave a 91:9 mixture of 5 and the β -gluco isomer using the CAN-NaI-HOAc method, while with NIS and HOAc the selectivity was 88:12 (61% yield). Similarly, 8 provided an 80:20 mixture (75%) of 7 and its β -gluco diastereomer using NIS and HOAc, while the selectivity was 97:3 using the CAN-NaI-HOAc procedure. The one exception is the iodoacetoxylation of 12, which with CAN-NaI-HOAc provided a 78:22 mixture favoring 13, while with NIS-HOAc at -78 °C a 90:10 mixture is obtained.² However, it should be noted that the CAN-NaI-HOAc reaction of 12 was performed in the presence of NaOAc in order to suppress acid-catalyzed decomposition reactions of this substrate. When this reaction was performed in the absence of NaOAc, using the standard conditions employed for all other substrates, 13 was obtained with 94:6 selectivity, but in only 18% yield. The major product obtained under these conditions was the 1,1'-disaccharide 16, resulting from Ferrier elimination of the tertiary alcohol followed by acidcatalyzed dimerization. The new CAN-NaI-HOAc protocol also appears to be more selective than the recently introduced iodoacetoxylation method involving diacetoxyiodine(I) anions, based on the comparitive case provided by glycal 6 (the enantiomer of 6 provided a 73:27 mixture of ent-7 and the gluco isomer using the diacetoxyiodine(I) anion procedure).9

The mechanism of this new iodoacetoxylation process is unclear at present. It is conceivable that the reaction could proceed by addition of an iodine atom (I•) to C(2) of the glycal, by analogy to the azidonitration reaction. O Carbonbased radicals are also known to add to glycals at the C(2) position, but radical addition trans to the C(3) substituent is generally favored, NaI unlike the iodoacetoxylation reactions summarized here. 2-Iodo-1α-nitrates are intermediates in the CAN-NaI reactions of glycals and are converted to the iodoacetates in a substitution step after the iodonitration. The reaction mixtures become colored during the course of the

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experiments, indicating that some I₂ is generated. However, treatment of glycal 8 with I2 and HOAc in CH3CN led to none of the desired glycosyl iodoacetate. In addition, complex mixtures (containing none of 11) were obtained when 10 was treated with CAN, I2, and HOAc in CH3CN. 12,13 Use of CAN and I2 in alcohol solvent has been reported to be a useful method for alkoxyiodination and iodonitration of olefins. 12,13 However, our results indicate that I2 is not an intermediate in the CAN-NaI-HOAc iodoacetoxylation procedure. One additional and relevant piece of information is that complex product mixtures, again containing none of the desired iodoacetate 11, were obtained in attempts to perform the iodoacetoxylation of triacetyl-D-glucal (10) using ceric(IV) sulfate in place of ceric(IV) ammonium nitrate. This experiment indicates that the nitrate ligand on Ce(IV) plays an important role in the reaction.

This information prompts us to consider the possiblity that

iodonium nitrate (INO₃) could be an intermediate in the CAN-NaI reaction. ^{14,15} When cyclohexene was used as the substrate, *trans*-1-iodo-2-nitratocyclohexane (**17**) was obtained in 71% isolated yield (Figure 3). Products of alkene

Figure 3. Iodonitration of Cyclohexene using CAN-NaI-HOAc.

iodination were not obtained when ceric(IV) sulfate was used in place of CAN in the cyclohexene experiment summarized in Figure 3, once again pointing to the key role of the nitrate ligands in these experiments.

In summary, we have demonstrated that the reactions of glycals with NaI and ceric(IV)ammonium nitrate in the presence of acetic acid consititutes an efficient, stereoselective method for synthesis of 2-deoxy-2-iodomannopyranosyl acetates. In most cases the selectivity of this new method is superior to that obtained by using NIS and HOAc or diacetoxyiodine(I) anions.⁹ Applications of the glycosyl iodoacetates in the synthesis of 2-deoxy-α-glycosides are reported in the accompanying Letter.¹⁶

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Supporting Information Available: Tabulated spectroscopic data for iodo acetates **2**, **5**, **7**, **9**, and **15**. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at http://pubs.acs.org.

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