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INTRODUCTION

Aminosugars have attracted burgeoning interest due to their widespread applications in chemistry, biochemistry, medicine and other pharmaceutical areas.¹⁻⁶ These are a group of structurally diverse unusual sugars bearing amino substitution on a normal sugar scaffold, which have been shown to closely relate to the activity of the aminosugar-containing antibiotics.^{$7-10$}

Fig. 1

Since aminosugars are often found in naturally occurring antibiotics, it would be useful to construct a library of naturally occurring antibiotic analogs with the original sugars replaced with synthetic ones. **This** strategy is termed glycodiversification, a concept with fruitful applications *(Figure 1).*

Unlike furanoses, many pyranoses exist in a chair conformation with distinct axial and equatorial hydroxy groups, which have been utilized as the controls for many stereo- and regioselective chemical transformations.¹¹ These methods allow for regio- and stereoselective introduction of amino groups onto the sugar generating library of aminosugars. This review will focus on the stereoselective and regioselective introduction of amino groups in a pyranose system and provide a brief coverage of the general synthetic protocols in glycodiversification.

I. SYNTHESIS OF AMINOSUGARS

The syntheses of naturally and non-naturally occurring aminosugars have been well documented.¹²⁻¹⁴ Even so, there are several shortcomings in the current synthetic methodology of aminosugars. 1) There is no systematic protocol for the synthesis of a carbohydrate library. Indepth knowledge covering a wide range of carbohydrate-associated reactions is often essential. Therefore, carbohydrate synthesis is considered to be one of the most challenging synthetic tasks. **2)** The syntheses of most of the aminosugars begin with different starting materials. For the synthesis of a library of unusual sugars, this will increase the synthetic challenge. In addition, structural variations often alter the chemical reactivity of carbohydrates. For example, a reaction that works on a glucose scaffold may not be effective on a 6-amino (or 6-azido) glucose scaffold, making it very difficult to extend the reported methods to a different sugar. **3)** There is a deficiency in current methodologies for the conversion of synthetic aminosugars into glycosyl donors for glycosylation due to a paradox *(Figure* 2). For the introduction of functional groups, such as deoxygenation and aminosubstitution, harsh conditions are often needed, thus, a stable anomeric group is desirable. On the other hand, a labile anomeric group that can be activated under mild conditions is beneficial for effective glycosylation. Clearly, these two criteria are working against each other. To avoid complications during glycosylation, Wong, Crich, and others¹⁵⁻²⁵ have used arylthio or alkylthio groups, such as phenylthio or ethylthio, as the protecting group on C-1. Phenylthio or ethylthio groups are stable enough to withstand the conditions for amino group incorporation and deoxygenation, and can also be activated for glycosylation directly.

Fig. 2

1. Choice of Starting Sugars

Most of the glycosyl donors, such as glycosyl halides, glycosyl acetates, and glycosyl trichloroacetimidates, are not suitable for the procedures of aminosugar synthesis because of their instability at room temperature and long term storage. Therefore, arylthio or alkylthio groups, such as phenylthio or ethylthio groups, are often used for the synthesis of aminosugars and corresponding derivatives. In addition, methyl glycosides, such as methyl glucoside, are often used as starting materials since the anomeric methoxy group can withstand most of the chemical conditions employed for aminosugar synthesis. Nevertheless, the methoxy group is far too stable to be activated for direct glycosylation. Several Lewis acid-catalyzed hydrolyses are often used for such a purpose but these methods lack generality, especially for perbenzyl protected carbohydrates. However, we have discovered **a** protocol giving modest to excellent yields for the conversion of diverse modified methyl glycosides into acetyl glycosides, which can be transformed into different glycosyl donors following the reported procedures.

2. Divergent Synthesis

The idea of divergent synthesis is to begin the construction of a library of aminosugars from the same starting sugar, after which the synthesis can be branched into separate routes, leading to different aminosugars at the end.²⁶ Divergent synthesis reduces the synthetic burden and expedites the timeline for library construction, while still allowing one to obtain a structurally diverse aminosugar library. The drawback, however, is the large-scale initial synthetic steps.

Methyl glucoside is commercially available at relatively low cost, which makes it one of the ideal starting materials for the divergent approach, as long as the synthetic challenges of converting the synthesized carbohydrate derivatives into glycosyl donors can be overcome. We also favor the use of **phenylthioglucopyranoside** for two reasons. First, unlike ethylthioglucopyranoside, **phenylthioglucopyranoside** is easy to crystallize and thereby avoids the formidable task of column chromatography. Second, the synthesis of thioglycoside often requires the use of excess thiol. However, the excess thiophenol can be readily removed by co-evaporating with other organic solvents. On the other hand, p-thiocresol is a solid at room temperature, making its removal more challenging. Examples of employing these pyranoses as starting material will be discussed later.

3. General Synthetic Protocols

Three synthetic approaches for the development of general protocols should be considered in advance: amino group incorporation (non-azido and azido approaches), hydroxy group epimerization, and regioselective deoxygenation.

a) Amino Group Incorporation. Non-azido Approach

Introduction of amino groups at C-1 and C-2 positions of a pyranose scaffold *via* the glycal has been reported extensively. Alternatively, commercially available glucosamine and galactosamine can serve as the starting material for 2-aminopyranose. Incorporation of amino groups at C-3 and C-4 is relatively indirect since nucleophilic substitution using amine as the nucleophile is often competed by elimination. Reductive amination (for example: using NH₄OAc and NaBH,CN) of a ketosugar is suitable for installing amino groups only with equatorial configuration. Attaching an aikylamino group at C-6 can be achieved by reductive amination or nucleophilic substitution. In general, we find that it is less convenient to employ amino groups in the synthesis of aminosugars than azido groups. Nevertheless, several representative examples will be discussed below.

C2-Azaglycosides are ubiquitous building blocks in various biologically important glycoconjugates including glycoproteins, peptidoglycans, glycolipids, and glycosaminoglycans. In this context, the selective C2-N-functionalization as well as glycosidic bond formation is synthetically challenging. In 1976, Lemieux *et al.* introduced the use of 2-deoxy-2-phthalimidoglycosyl halides **(A)** in glycosylation reactions as a convenient method for the synthesis of 2 amino-2-deoxy-B-p-glycopyranosides $(Scheme I).^{27}$ The B-selectivity comes from the neigh-

Scheme 1

The participating nature of the phtalimido group governs the stereochemistry of the glycosidic linkage. After glycosylation, the deprotection of the phtalimido to the free amine requires refluxing conditions which could be too harsh for other functional groups to endure. Another novel approach for the introduction of amino groups on both C-1 and C-2 positions was reported by Griffith *et al.*²⁸ which utilizes the stereoselective iodoglycosylation of glycals with iodonium di-sym-collidine perchlorate (IDCP) and benzene sulfonamide to afford 2-iodo- α sulfonamidopyranoside (Scheme 2). The benzenesulfonamide acts as a participating group in glycosylations and gives 2-f3-iodo-1 -a-sulfonamidohexoses **(C).** In addition, it was found that

Scheme 2

the sulfonamide could migrate in the presence of lithium ethanethiolate to give β -glycosides. Deprotection of the sulfonamide followed by acetylation provides 2-N-acetamido-B-pyranosides in good yields. The utility of the sulfonamidoglycosylation methodology has been demonstrated in the total synthesis of the natural product chitinase inhibitor, allosamidin and more recently in the total chemical synthesis of an N-linked glycopeptide.

While azidonitration is an extremely useful method for introduction of nitrogen at C-2 of the pyranose ring, amination and glycosylation remain two separate steps requiring the conversion of the azidonitrate into a suitable glycosyl donor for glycosylation. An elegant method was developed by FitzsimmonsLeBlanc to couple amination with glycosylation into a more concise sequence of synthetic manipulations *(Scheme* 3).29 The approach taken by Fitzsimmons and LeBlanc involves a photoinduced [4 *+2]* cycloaddition of dibenzyl azodicarboxylate (BnO,CN=NCO,Bn, DBAD) with glycals to stereoselectively introduce nitrogen at C-2. The resulting cycloadducts **(D)** could then be used directly as donors for glycosylation reactions. Raney Ni deprotection of nitrogen followed by acetylation affords 2-N-acetamido- β -pyranosides.

Recent advances in synthetic methodology have provided new opportunities for one-pot amination and glycosylation of glycals. The extension of the nitrogen transfer nitridomanganese(V) complexes by Du Bois and Carreira allowed the aziridination of glycals with (saltmen)Mn(N) and trifluoroacetic anhydride *(Scheme 4).3"* In the presence of acid and water the initial product, N-trifluoroacetyl aziridine, opens to afford the corresponding free reducing

sugars. However, treatment of the N-trifluoroacetylaziridine with a Lewis acid and thiophenol affords the thioglycoside in good yield and high stereoselectivities. More recently, the introduction of one pot acetamidoglycosylation by Gin³¹ and coworkers provides direct access to 2-N**acetamido-P-pyranosides.** The reaction of the glycal with the first set of reagents results in the formation of an oxazoline intermediate, which upon treatment with acidic resin and alcohol acceptors, opens to afford the β -glycoside products in good to moderate yield. This is the first method that directly affords the desired 2-N-acetamido- β -pyranosides from glycals, which should facilitate the synthesis of glycoconjugates containing these monosaccharides.

b) Amino Group Incorporation. Azido Approach

Typically, the amino group needs to be protected in order to make the synthesis of the glycosyl donor and glycosylation feasible. Unfortunately, most of the nitrogen protecting groups that have been developed participate in glycosylation reactions and afford the P-glycoside as the major product. Therefore, the synthesis of **2-N-acetamido-a-pyranosides** relies upon 2-azidoglycosyl donors or other non-participating protecting groups on the nitrogen.³² Very recently, Kerns and coworkers have utilized the oxazolidinone protecting group between the 3-OH and 2-NH of the pyranose ring to effectively eliminate neighboring group participation in glycosylation reactions *(Scheme* **5).33** This simple and elegant strategy provides a general and useful solution to the synthesis of α -linked glycosides of 2-aminosugars.

Oxazolidinone Protection of 2-Aminosugars for the Synthesis of a-Linked Glycosides Scheme 5

A brief review of the commonly used mine protecting groups is shown in *Table* 1. The protecting groups that influence the stereoselectivity of glycosylation are specifically cited.

Protecting Group	Formation	Cleavage	Nature of Protecting Group	Ref.
N-Phthalimido $(if$ present on $C-2)$	a) Phthalic anhydride, CHCl ₃ , 70°C b) $Et3N$, $0^{\circ}C$	NH ₂ NH ₂ •OAc, reflux	Participating, favors β -glycoside	34
Acetyl	$Ac2O$, Pyridine	a) (Boc) ₂ O ₂ DMAP, THF b) NaOMe, MeOH c) TFA, NaOH		35
Fmoc (9-fluorenyl- methyl chloroformate)	Fmoc-Cl, dioxane, $Na, CO3$, 14 h	20% piperidine		36
Troc (trichloroethyl oxycarbonyl) $(if$ present on $C-2)$	Cl ₃ CCH ₂ OCOCl ₃ Pyridine	NaOMe, MeOH	Armed effect, increases reactivity, favors β -glycoside	37
TCP (tetrachlorophthaloyl) $(if$ present on $C-2)$	Tetrachlorophthalic anhydride, microwaves, 90%	a) N a $BH4$ b) AcOH	Armed effect, increases reactivity, favors β -glycoside	38
Trifluoroacetyl $(if$ present on $C-2)$	a) NH ₂ NH ₂ , EtOH b) TFAA, Pyridine, $Ac2O$, Pyridine	K_2CO_3 , MeOH	Participating group	39
CBZ (benzyl chloroformate)	PhCH ₂ OCOCl, $Na, CO3, H, O, OoC$	H ₂ /Pd-C or TMSBr, PhSMe, TFA, 0°C		40
(Boc), O (ditertbutyl dicarbonate)	(Boc) ₂ O, Et ₃ N, $CH,Cl,$, $0^{\circ}C$	TFA/CH ₂ Cl ₂ contractors and		

Table 1. Commonly Used Amine Protecting Groups

We favor the popular azido group as an amino group surrogate for the synthesis of aminosugars (or azidosugars) because of the following advantages: 1) An azido group can be easily installed from an activated hydroxy group *via* S_N2 substitution; 2) The azido group is relatively stable to many reductive and oxidative conditions; 3) Unlike the carbamate type protecting group for amines, azido compounds have good solubility in organic media, allowing expedient chromatographic purification; 4) Azido groups can be converted to amino groups conveniently by hydrogenation or the Staudinger reaction; 5) Azido groups can be modified to the corresponding amide *via* a Staudinger ligation. These reactions are particularly useful for the synthesis of oligosaccharides as shown below in *Table* 2. In addition there are some literature procedures where azides can selectively be reduced to the corresponding amino group.

Table 2. Transformation of Azido Groups

Table 3. Methods for the Synthesis of 2-Azidopyranoses

In general, there are two main strategies for introducing azido groups onto the pyranose scaffold: addition and substitution reactions. The procedures for the diastereoselective incorporation of azido groups *via* addition reactions have attracted **a** lot of attention, especially for the 2 azidopyranoses. There are various approaches to introduce an azido group. These include, azidonitration of glycal,⁵¹ addition of haloazides to glycals,⁵² from 1,6-anhydro sugars by opening of the corresponding 2,3-epoxide derivatives,^{53,56,57} azide substitution of 2-sulfonate derivatives,^{54,55,58,59} diazo transfer of 2-amino-2-deoxyaldoses using TfN₂,⁶⁴⁻⁶⁷ azide substitution 1,6-anhydro-β-mannopyranoses,⁶⁰⁻⁶² azide displacement in 2-deoxy-2-iodo-1,6-anhydroglucopyranose,⁶³ or through 2-deoxy-2-hydrazinoglucopyranose *(Table 3)*.^{47,68}

The procedures for the substitution of a hydroxy group for an azido group have also been well-documented and can be grouped into two types of transformations: direct hydroxy group substitution and two-step substitution processes. The former can be achieved by using DPPA (or HN₂), PPh₂ and DEAD (or DIAD) through a Mitsunobu reaction. It is a one-pot reaction, however, purification is often complicated by the multiple reagents used. The second method involves converting the hydroxy group into a leaving group *via* tosylation, mesylation, or triflation, followed by nucleophilic substitution with azide ion. The crude tosylate, mesylate, or triflate can be used directly for azide substitution. Selective tosylation of a primary hydroxy group in the presence of secondary hydroxy groups is one of the advantages of employing TsCl. Unlike tosylation, mesylation can be used for converting both primary and secondary hydroxy groups to azido groups. Nevertheless, higher temperatures (up to 120°C) are needed for the azide substitution of a secondary mesylated hydroxy group. Triflation facilitates azide substitution at room temperature, albeit the reagent, triflic anhydride, is more expensive than TsCl and MsCl. A summary of typical azide substitution conditions is shown in *Table 4.*

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c) Epimerization of Hydroxy Group

Since the substitution of a hydroxy group with an azido group is often carried out *via* S_N 2 substitution, it is essential to be able to stereoselectively epimerize a hydroxy group on the glucopyranose scaffold to ensure the desired stereochemistry of the installed azido group. Many procedures have been reported in the literature, which include oxidation-reduction and nucleophilic substitution processes. The former involves an oxidation of a hydroxy group to a keto group followed by stereoselective hydride reduction. In this method, the vicinal protecting groups influence the stereoselectivity. The latter can be carried out by converting the secondary hydroxy group into a leaving group followed by S_N^2 substitution using, for example, OAc or NO₂ as nucleophiles. Due to steric hindrance of the secondary hydroxy groups on a pyranose scaffold, it is often unsatisfactory to use the Mitsunobu reaction for epimerization. A summary of typical epimerization conditions is shown in *Table 5.*

d) Regioselective Deoxygenation

Many aminosugars contain the features of deoxygenation. There are many well-established methods in the literature for deoxygenation, nevertheless, harsh conditions are often employed. Therefore, deoxygenation generally proceeds before the introduction of the azido group. Tosylation followed by hydride reduction is the most convenient method for 6-deoxygenation. For deoxygenation of a secondary hydroxy group, Barton reduction⁷⁵ or dehalogenation⁷⁶ are the commonly employed methods. Dideoxysugars can be synthesized in a similar fashion. Typical procedures for deoxysugars synthesis are summarized in *Scheme 6.* Azido groups can be reduced under conditions for deoxygenation using $LiAlH₄$ or $nBu₃SnH$. Therefore, to avoid an additional protection step, it is recommended that azido incorporation be carried out after deoxygenation.

Scheme 6

4. Examples for the Synthesis of Aminosugars

u) Synthesis of 4- andor 6-Aminopyranoses - *Binding Motif-based Aminosugar Synthesis*

Given the complexity of the aminosugars found in naturally occurring aminoglycoside antibiotics, it is arduous to outline or predict conclusions regarding the structure-activity relationship

Fig. 3

of unusual sugars among the vast numbers of unusual sugar-containing antibiotics. Therefore, Wong and coworkers have proposed several binding motifs based on the commonly observed structural features of unusual sugars on aminoglycosides *(Figure* **3).77,78** These include *gluco-/gulacto-* 1,3 hydroxyamino and *cis-/trans*-1,2-hydroxyamino substructures. Following these binding motifs, four new natural and non-natural binding motifs, including *gluco-/galacto-1*,3-diamino and variants of *gluco-lgulucto-* 1,3-hydroxyamino substructures have also been proposed *(Figure* **3)?9**

The divergent synthesis of the aminosugar library is outlined in *Scheme* 7.26 Since

Divergent Synthesis of Aminosugars with Designed Binding Motifs

Scheme 7

methyl glucopyranoside was used as the starting material, a general procedure for converting the synthesized azidosugars into glycosyl donors is necessary. Selective hydrolysis of the anomeric methoxy group to a hydroxy group for the perbenzylated azidosugars based on the reported methods $^{83-87}$ was problematic due to the concomitant deprotection of the benzyl groups. However, a general protocol for converting these azidosugars into glycosyl donors was developed. The anomeric methoxy group and all the benzyl groups can be converted into acetyl groups using Ac20 with a catalytic amount of H,SO, *(Scheme 8).* The resulting acetyl glycosides can then be transformed into the glycosyl trichloroacetimidate as the glycosyl donor,⁸⁸ which could then be coupled to the acceptor of choice. The constructed aminosugar library will undergo glycosylation in favor of the formation of the β -glycosidic bond due to the presence of an acetyl group at the $O-2$ position.

Employing the philosophy of divergent synthesis and phenylthioglucopyranoside as the starting material, the other library can be constructed in a similar fashion as previously described *(Scheme 9).89* The importance of having a 2-0-benzyl group in this library will be discussed later. nioglucopyranosis
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Synthesis of Glycosyl Donors from Phenylthioglucose

Scheme 9

b) Synthesis of 3-Aminoglycopyrunoses

The trichloroacetimidate and phenylthio glycosyl donors of 3-azidoglucopyranose or **3,6-diazidoglucopyranose** can be readily obtained from diacetone-D-glucose *via* reported methods (Scheme 10).⁸⁸ While 3-azidopyranoses can be prepared readily from diacetone-D-

Examples for the Synthesis of 3-Azidosugars Scheme 10

glucose, the synthesis of 3-azidopyranoses with deoxygenation is rather challenging although it can be achieved from D-fucose *(Scheme 11)*.¹⁵² Alternatively, 3,6-dideoxy-3-aminopyranoses can

Synthesis of 3,6-Dideoxy-3-aminopyranoses

Scheme 11

be prepared from the route using diacetone-D-glucose.¹⁵³ Nevertheless, the azido group was reduced and protected as a carbamate.

c) Synthesis of 2-Aminoglycopyranoses

Of the above methods,⁵¹⁻⁶⁸ the most widely used reaction for the preparation of 2-azido analogues was the azidonitration of glycals developed by Leimieux and co-workers in 1979 *(Scheme 12).5'* This reaction occurred by the addition of ceric ammonium nitrate and sodium azide on protected glycals to afforded epimeric mixtures of 2-azido-2-deoxy- 1 -0-nitropyranoses. The stereochemistry of the addition favored the formation of the equatorial 2-azido derivative with respect to the axial epimer.

This protocol, however, brings with it an additional step, that of the conversion to the corresponding glycosyl donor. Azidophenylselenylation of the glycal double bond is a one-step approach to introduce two molecules as reported by Tingoli *et aL9'* When this reaction is initiated by an electrophilic phenylselenium species like PhSeCl in the presence of azides, Markovnikov adducts are usually obtained. Nevertheless, Tingoli *et al.* obtained anti-Markovnikov addition products by treatment of an olefin with sodium azide and diphenyl diselenide in the presence of (diacetoxyiodo) benzene. They proposed a mechanism initiated by addition to the olefin of an azido radical formed by oxidation of the azido ion. This reaction was incorporated by Santoyo-Gonzalez et al. and others^{92,93} to carry out a one-step regiospecific preparation of 2-azido-2-deoxy glycosides bearing a leaving group with good glycosylating properties *(Scheme 13)*. Another approach, used by Pozsgay *et al.*⁹⁴ capitalizes on the observation of van Boom *et al.*, who found that azide substitution of a triflyloxy group at C-2 of β -linked

mannopyranose derivatives affords 2-azido-gluco-compounds, whereas the corresponding *a*diastereomers are unreactive.⁵⁸ Pozsgay *et al.* used a manno precursor that already contained a good leaving group at the anomeric position which did not interfere with the nucleophilic introduction of the azido group and could be exploited for anomeric activation *(Scheme* 14).

Alternatively, the 2-azidoglucopyranose or **2,6-diazidoglucopyranose** can be obtained from commercially available glucosamine (*Scheme 15*).⁹⁰

d) Synthesis of 1 -Arninoglycopyranoses

The synthesis of C-1 azido sugars has been reported on numerous occasions.^{95,96} The general protocol as adopted by Murphy *et al.* involves the introduction of a stable azide at the anomeric center using SnC1, and TMS-N, *(Scheme* 16)

11. STEREOSELECTIVE GLYCOSYLATION

1. Background in Glycosylation

It has long been acknowledged that "half of the sugar chemistry resides at the anomeric carbon atom". Indeed, soon after the total synthesis of glucose by Emil Fischer, 97 he demon-

strated the unique properties of the hemiacetal function by an acid-catalyzed condensation reaction with methanol to give the corresponding methyl glucoside. We now know this method as the Fischer glycoside synthesis.⁹⁸ Remarkably, there was no need for protecting groups, as more often is the case today in such transformations. Since then, generations of $20th$ century carbohydrate chemists have instinctively and steadily contributed to the art and science of glycoside synthesis while experiencing many challenges.⁹⁹ Today, the total synthesis of an oligosaccharide comprising over a dozen sugar units can be achieved in relatively good yield and with impressive stereocontrol, especially under optimized conditions. Newer methods of sterocontrolled glycoside synthesis, including oligosaccharides, have been a great source of challenge and inspiration for several decades since the venerable Koenigs-Knorr methods and its variations.¹⁰⁰

The formation of a β -glycosidic bond can be achieved by the presence of an acyl protecting group at the 0-2 position *via* neighboring group participation *(Figure 4).* The formation of a α -glycosidic bond is, however, more challenging, despite great advances. The stereocontrolled synthesis of α -glycosides can be affected by such factors as electronic effects, steric hindrance, solvent, and conformation. To date, there is no general protocol for stereoselective glycosylation for formation of a α -glycosidic bond despite numerous efforts.

There are myriad glycosylation methods documented in the literature. Nevertheless, few of these methods are compatible with the synthesized aminosugar donors. In addition, the armed and disarmed effects (defined below) of protecting groups and azido groups on the reactivity of pyranose further limit the options for available donors.¹⁰¹ The reactivity of glycosyl donors can be enhanced with an electron-donating protecting group, such as benzyl (Bn), leading to the term "armed glycosyl donor" (Figure 5). On the other hand, having an electron-withdrawing protecting group, such as acetyl (Ac), benzoyl (Bz), or azido group, will decrease the reactivity of the glycosyl donor, which is classified as a "disarmed glycosyl donor" *(Figure 5).* To simplify the options, accommodate the variation in the reactivity of glycosyl donors, and acquire essential stereoselectivity for glycodiversification, we have discovered that, for the formation **of** P-linked

Fig. *5*

aminosugar, trichloroacetimidate group is superior for disarmed donors bearing an Ac group at C-2. The phenylthio group is suitable for armed donors bearing a Bn protecting group at C-2, which can be used for the formation of α -linked aminosugars. The discussion of glycosylation in this review will follow this narrative.

2. Formation of a β-Glycosidic Bond

The selectivity for the β -glycosidic bond is better referred to as the preference for the formation of a 1.2-trans-glycosidic linkage in pyranoses with *galacto-* or *gluco-configurations*. For the pyranoses with *manno*-configuration, 1,2-*trans* (or 1,2-*cis*) is the better description for the preferred glycosidic bonds. **As** mentioned previously, high selectivity for the formation of the P-glycosidic bond can be achieved by the presence of an acyl protecting group at the *0-2* position *via* neighboring group participation. However, it is known that the presence of electronwithdrawing groups, such as Ac, Bz, and $N₃$ groups, will lower the reactivity of azidosugars toward glycosylation,¹⁰¹ therefore, a more reactive anomeric group is desirable. Glycosyl trichloroacetimidate, 102 prepared by the reaction of sugars with an anomeric hydroxy group and trichloroacetonitrile in the presence of DBU, is used frequently due to its superior reactivity for glycosylation. Thus, for a library of azidosugars with peracetyl groups, glycosyl trichloroacetimidates are more advantageous than phenylthioglycosides.

Two problems often encountered with glycosyl trichloroacetimidates are the formation of undesired acetylamidoglycoside by-product *via* the Chapman rearrangement (Figure 6),¹⁰³⁻¹⁰⁵

and the lack of stability for long-term storage. Therefore, variants of trichloroacetimidate donors, such as *N*-phenyl trichloroacetimidate, have also been developed.¹⁰⁶⁻¹⁰⁸

3. Formation of a a-Glycosidic Bond

The selectivity for the α -glycosidic bond is better referred to as the preference for the formation of a 1,2-cis-glycosidic linkage in pyranoses with *galacto-* or gluco-configurations. The preference for the α -glycoside can be directed most conveniently by both the kinetic anomeric effect, and by avoidance of neighboring group participation at $C-2$.¹⁰⁹ The former can be further tuned by the control of temperature and solvent. Nevertheless, a general and stereospecific protocol has yet to be established. The latter can be achieved by the introduction of ether type protecting groups such as Bn or PMB. The presence of electron-donating groups, such as Bn or PMB, will, however, increase the reactivity of glycosyl donors toward glycosylation, making the anomeric trichloroacetimidate too reactive to be properly purified. Therefore, a more stable but readily accessible phenylthioglycoside is more suited for the formation of the α -glycosidic bond.

Thioglycosides have been extensively studied as useful glycosyl donors due to their high stability under many organic operations.¹⁵⁴ On the other hand, other glycosyl donors, such as, glycosyl trichloroacetimidates and bromides are preferably prepared just before the glycosylation step. Thioglycosides are stable for long-term storage, and can be activated by various thiophilic agents such as NBS,¹¹⁰ PhHgOTf,¹¹¹ DMTST,¹¹² IDCP,¹¹³ NIS,¹¹⁴ and TrClO_c.¹¹⁵

It is also proposed that a β -phenylthioglycoside may provide superior 1,2-cis-selectivity than an α -phenylthioglycoside due to a S_N^2 type glycosylation mechanism. The combined features of 2-O-Bn and β -phenylthioglycoside can be generated as described previously. The use of ether mixed with CH₂Cl₂ is also known to increase the selectivity for the α -glycosidic bond, presumably due to the preference for this S_N^2 type of glycosylation mechanism, which is favored in less polar solvents like ether (Figure **7).22,116**

SNZ-type Glycosylation Mechanism and Associated Selectivity Fig. 7

111. AMINOGLYCOSIDE ANTIBIOTIC SYNTHESIS **1.** Background

One of the immediate applications of an aminosugar library is the synthesis of aminoglycoside antibiotics since they consist of, primarily, aminosugars that are assembled *via* specific glycosidic linkages. Aminoglycoside antibiotics, such as neomycin and kanamycin, have been widely used against both gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria for over fifty years (Figure 8).^{4, 117} Unlike vancomycin, the so-called last line of defense, which is active only

against gram-positive pathogens, aminoglycoside antibiotics have the advantages of high and broad-spectrum activity.

Fig. 8

Neomycin and kanamycin are two of the most studied aminoglycoside antibiotics. Neomycin belongs to a group of aminoglycosides containing a 4,5-disubstituted 2-deoxystreptamine core, while kanamycin contains a 4,6-disubstituted 2-deoxystreptamine core. These two antibiotics exert their antibacterial activity by binding selectively toward the A-site decoding region of 16s rRNA, thereby disrupting protein synthesis.

Nevertheless, there are two problems associated with aminoglycoside antibiotics. The first one is the rapid emergence of drug resistance from infectious microorganisms.¹¹⁸⁻¹²⁰ The second problem is their relatively high cytotoxicity; therefore, aminoglycosides are generally administered orally with close monitoring or are limited to external use. However, with recent discoveries from structural studies involving aminoglycoside-bound rRNA molecules, $^{121-123}$ the X-ray structure of aminoglycoside-modifying enzymes,¹²⁴⁻¹³⁰ and advances in carbohydrate synthesis, aminoglycoside antibiotics have become a focus for new drug development. 117 In general, there are two types of approaches reported for syntheses of new aminoglycoside antibiotics. The first one is modification of existing aminoglycosides, which is well-reviewed by Mobashery and co-workers.^{117a} The second approach is to apply glycosylation strategies on selected cores, such as 2-deoxystreptamine (ring 11) and neamine (rings I and **11),** and create libraries of new aminoglycosides. The first strategy has been pioneered by Umezawa, 117b Remers,¹⁴⁰ and others followed by Mobashery^{117c} and Hannessian.^{147,148} An example will be given below. The latter arises from the concept of glycodiversification.

2. Approach from Modifications of Existing Aminoglycosides

Due to the amino groups present on aminoglycoside, one of the challenging tasks in this approach is the regioselective protection and modification of amino groups. Over the years there

have been numerous protecting groups employed to protect the amine functionality in non-regioor regioselective fashions. For example, Mobashery and his co-workers have used N-benzyloxy**carbonyloxy-5-norbornene-endo-2,3-dicarboximide** (N-BND) for introduction of the carbobenzyloxy (Cbz) group on free neamine *(Scheme 17)."'* They also used N-butoxycarbonyloxy-5 **norbornene-endo-2.3-dicarboximide** (N-tBND), a sterically encumbered reagent, for introduction

of the butoxycarbonyl (Boc) in the presence of zinc acetate to furnish a di-Boc analogue as the major product. Next, they found that Neamine coordinates the copper(I1) ion differently than the zinc ion. When they reacted di-tert-butyldicarbonate with neamine in the presence of the copper **(11)** ion they could selectively protect the **N3** and N6' amines. Subsequently, reaction with N-BND in the presence of zinc acetate furnished the mono-Cbz protected analogue along with a small quantity of the di-Cbz derivative, which could be separated by column chromatography.

However, the above protocol has its limitations. First, the poor solubility of polycarbamate groups used for protection of amino groups results in difficulties in purification and characterization of these compounds. Second, the aminoglycoside scaffolds impose limited options for structural modifications. Third, the regioselective methods for amino group protection may vary among various classes of aminoglycosides, thus increasing the synthetic burden. Nevertheless, it is more cost-efficient in producing large quantity of modified aminoglycosides, such as amikacin.

Wong and his co-workers have used $N₃$ as an surrogate of amino group for most of their sugars^{22,101} whereas E. Riguet *et al.* have used trityl groups to protect their amino groups.¹³² The azido group-modified aminoglycosides are less convenient for scale-up production. In the latter case, the bulkiness of the trityl group influences the regioselective modification of the hydroxy groups. However, these methods are valuable in producing guidelines for possible modifications on existing aminoglycosides.

3. Glycodiversification Approach. Preparation of a Pyranmycin Library

The glycodiversification approach is advantageous in expedient construction of a library of aminoglycosides for revealing the essential structure activity relationship **(SAR).** The introduced structural features can be free of limits imposed by the existing aminoglycoside scaffold. However, it is generally more difficult for scale-up synthesis. We will use pyranmycin (neomycin class) and kanamycin as examples for the following discussion.

Pyranmycin prepared by chemical synthesis can be viewed as a neomycin type of antibiotic.26.88 However, pyranmycin differs from neomycin in two aspects: (1) pyranmycin contains a β -linked pyranose as the ring III component, while neomycin contains a furanose, and (2) pyranmycin represents a family of over thirty structurally different members bearing modifications on ring **111.**

Neomycin is also known to be labile under acidic conditions due to the presence of a glycosidic bond from ring 111 furanose, which degrades readily into less active neamine (rings **I** and 11) and inactive neobiosamine (rings **I11** and IV). Since the corresponding glycosidic bond of pyranmycin is made from a pyranose, this gives pyranmycin superior stability to acidic conditions.133 It has been reported that the neamine component (ring **I** and ring **11)** is essential for the antibacterial activity of aminoglycoside antibiotics, such as neomycin and kanamycin.²² Therefore, it is expected that using the glycodiversification strategy to replace ring **111** and ring IV with a pyranose will generate a library of new aminoglycoside antibiotics, pyranmycins, with improved acid-stability. It is also likely that the cytotoxicity of aminoglycosides can be reduced due to the lower orally administered dosage needed for achieving the therapeutically effective concentration of antibiotics.

Several neomycin and ribostamycin (rings **I,** I1 and **Ill** of neomycin) analogs have been synthesized and studied.¹³⁴⁻¹⁴² Some of them show remarkable antibacterial activity. However, the acid-labile glycosidic bond is present in these designs. Only two examples use D-glucopyranose as the ring **III** component *via* the α and β linkages.^{143,144} Nevertheless, these glucopyranose incorporated adducts are less active than neamine, and no further modification has been documented since.

From the reported studies, the intramolecular hydrogen bonding between the 2'-amino group of ring I and the 0-4" atom of ring **Ill** help to orient ring **I** for specific binding with $RNA^[21] According to molecular modeling studies, similar intramolecular hydrogen bonding can$

be mimicked only by a ring III pyranose bearing a β -glycosidic bond, which can be readily achieved using the library of glycosyl trichloroacetimidates. The synthesis of a library of pyranmycins **was** achieved by glycosylation of the neamine derivatives *(Scheme 18),* followed by hydrolysis, Staudinger reaction, and hydrogenation (Scheme 19).

After the determination of minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC), the structure activity relationship (SAR) of ring **I11** D-pyranose on pyranmycin is summarized as follows *(Figure* 9): 1) there is no significant difference in the antibacterial activity among the pyranoses with *allo-, gluco-, and galacto-configurations*; 2) deoxygenation at C-6" (6"-CH₃) substantially increases the activity; 3) a NH, group at C-4" position is essential for activity; deoxygenation of 4"-OH or glycosylation on 4"-OH results in a dramatic decrease in activity; 4) amino group substitution at C-3" has less effect on activity compared to substitution at C-4" and C-6".

Synthesis of the Designed Pyranmycin Scheme 19

Products **Neomycin B Neamine TCOOl TC002 TC003 TC004 TC005 TC006 TC007 TC008 TC012 TC016 TC017 TC018 TC019 TC020 TC021 TC022** R, ____ ____ H H H H H H H OH H H H H H H H H R_2 R_3 R_4 R_5 ____ ____ ____ ___- ____ ____ ---- ___- OH OH H CH,OH OH OH H CH₂NH₃ OH $NH₃$ H $CH₂NH₃$ OH H OH CH₂NH₃ OH H NH_3 CH₃ NH₃ OH H CH₂OH H OH H CH,OH H CH₂OH NH_3 OH H CH₂NH₃ OH H NH₃ CH₂OH OH P-D-Gal H CH,OH OH β -D-Glc H CH₂OH OH OH H H OH NH_3 H CH₃ OH NH, OH H H CH_3 OH OH H CH_3 $MIC (µM)^a$ 2 36 42 16 19 25 9 9 26 29 20 28 45 12 Inactive 19 Inactive Inactive Yield $(\%)$ ____ ____ 37 32 66 40 99 25 87 66 *60* 99 56 19 69 60 78 OH **76**

a) Minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) obtained from antibacterial assay against *Escherichia coli* (ATCC 25922)

These two compounds, **TC002** and **TC005,** from the pyranmycin family and neomycin were subjected to acid-degradation experiments. These two compounds were dissolved in D,O purged with anhydrous HCl (PH *ca.* 1) then sealed in NMR tubes, incubated at 37°C and monitored by 'H NMR. Neomycin underwent a time-dependent acid degradation (20%, 40%, 60%, and 80% degradation after 2, 6, 10, and 14 days), and lost significant antibacterial activity (MIC of acid-treated neomycin increased from 2 μ M to 50 μ M). In contrast, both **TC002** and **TC005** showed no sign of degradation and maintained the same level of antibacterial activity.

4. Glycodiversification Approach. Preparation of a Kanamycin Library

Kanamycin belongs to a group of aminoglycoside antibiotics with 4,6-disubstituted *2* deoxystreptamine.^{4,118} Like neomycin, kanamycin also exerts prominent antibacterial activity against both gram positive and gram negative susceptible strains of bacteria. Nevertheless, kanamycin has become clinically obsolete due to the emergence of aminoglycoside resistant bacteria.¹¹⁸⁻¹²⁰ In order to revive the activity of kanamycin against drug resistant bacteria, numerous attempts have been devoted to the chemical modification of kanamycin. $^{145 \text{-} 148}$ Except for a few publications,^{116,149,150} most works use various carbamates as protecting groups for kanamycin resulting in the production of kanamycin with polycarbamate groups. Two drawbacks were often encountered: the poor solubility of polycarbamates, which produce great difficulties in purification and characterization of these compounds, and the limited options for structural modifications imposed by the kanamycin scaffold.

The α -glycosidic bond between rings II and III is important as the kanamycin analogs with a β -glycosidic bond manifest much weaker antibacterial activity.¹⁵¹ However, unlike the synthesis of the β -glycosidic bond, the control for the stereoselective formation of a glycosidic bond **is** challenging since no neighboring group assistance can be exploited. Nevertheless, the optimal condition for making the α -glycosidic bond was discovered.

Having a 2-O-Bn group, the phenylthiogly coside library is ideal for forming the α glycosidic bond due to the anomeric effect. The neamine acceptor underwent regiospecific glycosylation at the O -6 position resulting in the desired 4,6-disubstituted 2-deoxystreptamine motif *(Scheme 20)*. The optimal stereoselectivity for the formation of the α -glycosidic bond is accomplished by running the reaction in a solution of Et_,O and CH₂Cl₂ in a 3:1 ratio.^{22,116} Further increase in the content of Et₂O has no effect on the stereoselectivity; however, decreasing the Et,O content results in lower stereoselectivity. The glycosylated compounds were often mixed with inseparable impurities. Nevertheless, after hydrolysis of the acetyl groups, the triols can be obtained in good purity and improved α/β ratio. The final products were synthesized as chloride salts using the Staudinger reaction followed by hydrogenation and ion-exchange *(Scheme* 21).

These kanamycin analogs were tested against *Escherichia coli* (ATCC 25922), and *Staphylococcus aureus* (ATCC 25923) using kanamycin B as the control. The SAR of kanamycin B analogs is summarized as follows (Figure 10): (1) a 3"-NH, group is essential, (2) similar to the pyranmycin family, the presence of a 6"-CH, group also increases the activity, (3) unlike the pyranmycin family, an equatorial 4"-NH, group is superior to an axial one. An axial $4"$ -NH₂ group actually decreases the activity.

Scheme 21

a) MIC: minimum inhibitory concentration; b) ATCC 25922; c) ATCC 25923

IV. CONCLUSIONS

Carbohydrate synthesis is one of the most formidable tasks in organic synthesis. The synthesis of aminosugar libraries for practical applications represents an even greater challenge. Nevertheless, through the use of standardized protocols and a divergent synthetic approach, systematic procedures have been developed. Two separate aminosugar libraries, ready for stereoselective glycosylation, will further fuel carbohydrate focused research. The potential of glycodiversification has also been demonstrated in the library construction of pyranmycin and kanamycin B analogs.

V. GLOSSARY

AIBN: 2,2' -azobisisobutyronitrile Bn: benzyl Bz: benzoyl CSA: camphorsulfonic acid DBU: **1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.O]undec-7-ene** DEAD: diethylazodicarboxylate DIAD: **diisopropylazodicarboxylate** DIPEA: **N,N-diisopropylethylamine** DMSO: dimethyl sulfoxide DPPA: diphenyl phosphorylazide DMTST: **dimethyl(methy1thio)sulfonium** triflate IDCP: iodinium dicollidine perchlorate NBS: N-bromosuccinimide NIS: N-iodosuccinimide PMB: p-methoxybenzyl PPTS: pyridinium p-toulenesulfonate TBAI: tetrabutylammonium iodide Tf,O: trifluoromethanesulfonyl acid anhydride TsOH: toluenesulfonic acid TsCl: toluenesulfonyl chloride

TrCIO,: triphenylmethyl perchlorate

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