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Direct stereospecific synthesis of triterpene and steroid 2-deoxy-\alpha-glycosides

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Stereospecific synthesis of 2-deoxy- α -glycosides of methyl glycyrrhetate, methyl deoxy-cholate, and cholesterol was performed by glycosylation of the corresponding alcohols with glycal acetates in the presence of a cation-exchange resin (H⁺) and LiBr.

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Recently¹⁻³ we reported the two-step synthesis of 2-deoxyhexopyranosides via stereospecific glycosylation of triterpene alcohols with glycal acetates in the presence of iodine-containing activators, such as N-iodosuccinimide (NIS) and di(sym-collydine)iodonium perchlorate (IDCP). The reaction of glycals with alcohols under the conditions of acidic catalysis, which was used for preparation of 2-deoxyglycosides, allows one to exclude the steps of 2-deoxy-2-iodoglycoside synthesis and deiodination. To synthesize triterpene 2-deoxyglycosides, we used sulfonic acid cationites and LiBr as activators.

Under the conditions mentioned,⁵ glycyrrhetinic acid methyl ester (1a) was glycosylated with hexa-O-acetyllactal (2) and hexa-O-acetylmaltal (3), deoxycholic acid methyl ester (1b) was glycosylated with 3,4,6-tri-O-acetyl-D-glucal (4) and 3,4-di-O-acetyl-L-rhamnal (5), and cholesterol (1c) was glycosylated with 3,4-di-O-acetyl-L-rhamnal (5).

Glycosylation resulted in 2-deoxy- α -glycosides of triterpene (6a,b) (54 and 58% yields) and steroid (6c,d,e)

(~80% yield) alcohols. β-Anomers were not detected by TLC or NMR. Deacetylation of the compounds obtained with KOH in MeOH gave target 4-O-(β-D-galactopyranosyl)- and 4-O-(α-D-glucopyranosyl)-2-deoxy-α-D-arabino-hexopyranosides of 18β-glyccyrthetinic acid methyl ester (7a,b), 2-deoxy-α-D-arabino-hexopyranoside of deoxycholic acid methyl ester (7c), and 2,6-dideoxy-α-L-arabino-hexopyranosides of deoxycholic acid (7d) and cholesterol (7e) (76—90% yield) (Scheme 1). Compounds 7a,b are 2-deoxy disaccharide analogs of glyccyrthizic acid, a natural glycoside from licorice (Glycyrrhiza) root extract.

The structure of compounds 6 and 7 was established by NMR spectroscopy and also by comparison of the retention factors and physicochemical characteristics of the compounds obtained with those of glycosides synthesized earlier using IDCP and NIS methods. The signals in the NMR spectra were assigned on the basis of literature data for aglycones^{6—9} and carbohydrate moieties. ^{9—11} The ¹³C NMR spectra of the aglycone moieties of the glycosides synthesized were the same as

Reagents: i. KU-2-8 (H+), LiBr; ii. 5% KOH/MeOH

for the starting alcohols 1a-c except the chemical shifts of C(3) atoms, which were characterized by a downfield shift. The signals of the anomeric C(1') atoms of glycosides 6a, b and 7a, b are present at δ 93.3—93.6 ppm (cf. Refs. 5, 12). The signals of CH₃COO groups at δ ~170 ppm are absent in the spectra of compounds 7a-e, but the signals of the MeOOC group of the aglycone are retained in the spectra of glycosides 7a-d. The complete assignment of the proton signals in the ¹H NMR spectra of compounds 6a, b appeared to be hindered by overlap of a number of signals. The signals of the H(1') protons are doublets with $J_{1\cdot 2} = 1.1-1.4$ Hz (α -glycosidic bond)¹² in the low-field region (δ 5.10 and 5.15 ppm).

As was described previously, ¹³ diol **1b** is glycosylated regiospecifically at O(3) to yield glycosides **6c**, **d**. This is confirmed by the fact that the C(3) signals in the ¹³C NMR spectra shifted down-field after glycosylation, while the position of the C(12) signals remained unchanged. The yields of glycosides **6c** and **6e** are higher than those of **6c**, **e** obtained *via* 2-deoxy-2-iodo derivatives. ⁹, ¹³

The signal of the anomeric C(1') atom in the spectrum of glycoside 6c is located at δ 95.2 ppm as in the spectra of this compound obtained by the IDCP procedure. The signals of the C(1') atoms in the ^{13}C NMR spectra of glycosides 6d and 6e are present at δ 98.2 and 99.2 ppm. This was previously observed in the spectrum of triterpene 2,6-deoxy- α -L-arabino-hexopyranoside. The ^{1}H NMR spectra of glycosides 6c and 6e agreed with those obtained for these compounds synthesized by IDCP¹³ and NIS⁹ methods. The signal of the H(1') proton at the anomeric center in the ^{1}H NMR spectrum of glycoside 6d is present in the low-field region at δ 4.90 ppm as a doublet with $J_{1',2'} = 1.8$ Hz. This suggests its equatorial position and α -glycosidic linkage.

Experimental

IR spectra were recorded on a Specord M80 spectrophotometer in Nujol. UV spectra were recorded on a Specord UV M400 spectrophotometer in methanol. ¹³C and ¹H NMR spectra were registered on a Bruker AM-300 instrument (75.5

and 300 MHz, respectively) in CDCl₃ with tetramethylsilane as the internal standard.

TLC was performed on Silufol (Czech Republic) plates using CH₂Cl₂—MeOH (10:1) (A) and AcOEt—pentane (1:1) (B) as developing systems. The compounds were visualized by treating the plates with 20% phosphotungstic acid in ethanol and subsequent heating at 100—120 °C for 2—3 min. Column chromatography was performed on Silica gel L 40/100 mm (Czech Republic).

Melting points were determined on a Boetius instrument. Specific optical rotations were taken on a Perkin-Elmer 241 MC polarimeter.

Solvents (CH₂Cl₂ and MeCN) were refluxed over P_2O_5 for 2 h and then distilled. Molecular sieves 4 Å were activated at 160–180 °C and 1–5 Torr for 3 h. Cation-exchange resin KU-2-8 (H⁺) was dried as described in Ref. 4. 18β-Glycyrrhetinic acid methyl ester 1a was obtained by the method ¹⁴ from β-glycyrrhizic acid. Glycals 2–5 were prepared by the procedure similar to that described previously. ¹⁵

Synthesis of glycosides 6a—e. Anhydrous LiBr (0.7 g), alcohol 1a—c. activated molecular sieves 4 Å, and 0.9 g of dried cation-exchange resin were added to a solution of glycal 2—5 in 30 mL of a CH₂Cl₂—CH₃CN mixture (1:1 vol.). The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h (monitoring by TLC, A), filtered, and quenched with Et₃N. The solvents were removed in vacuo. A residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL), washed with cold 1 M HCl solution and saturated NaHCO₃, and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed, and the residue was chromatographed in pentane—AcOEt. A resulting product was reprecipitated with ether or hexane from CHCl₃ or CH₂Cl₂.

3-0-[3,6-Di-O-acetyl-2-deoxy-4-O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-Oacetyl- β -D-galactopyranosyl)- α -D-arabino-hexopyranosyl]-18 β glycyrrhetinic acid methyl ester (6a). Glycoside 6a (0.56 g, 54.2 %, cream-colored powder) was obtained from hexa-Oacetyllactal 2 (0.56 g, 1 mmol) and alcohol 1a (0.48 g, 1 mmol). R_f 0.65 (A); 0.59 (B); decomp.p. 232–234 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +36° (c 0.09, CHCl₃). Found (%): C, 60.2; H, 7.7. $C_{55}H_{80}O_{19}$. Calculated (%): C, 63.2; H, 7.7. UV (MeOH), $\lambda_{\text{max}}/\text{nm}$: 248.4 (lgs 3.97). IR, v/cm^{-1} : 1760—1750 (OAc), 1730—1720 (COOCH₃), 1660 (—C(11)=O). ¹H NMR (8, ppm, J/Hz): 0.80, 0.92, 1.11, 1.12, 1.15, 1.36 (all s, 21 H, 7 CH₃); 1.20-2.00 (m, CH₂, aglycone CH, H(2')); 2.03, 2.05, 2.08, 2.10, 2.13 (all s, 18 H, 6 Ac); 2.32 (s, 1 H, H(9)); 2.75 (d, 1 H, H(18), J = 13.5); 3.25 (dd, 1 H, H(3), $J_{3.2e} =$ 4.5, $J_{3,2a} = 11.4$); 3.69 (s, 3 H, OCH₃); 4.15-4.36 (m, 6 H, H(5'), H(6'a,b), H(5''), H(6''a,b); 4.41 (t, 1 H, H(4'), $I_{4',3'} =$ $J_{4',5'} = 9.9$; 4.72 (dd, 1 H, H(3"), $J_{3'',4''} = 3.6$, $J_{3'',2''} =$ 10.2); 5.15 (d, 1 H, H(1'), $J_{1',2'e} = 1.1$); 5.22 (dd, 1 H, H(4"), $J_{4",3"} = 3.6$, $J_{4",5"} = 1.2$); 5.33 (ddd, 1 H, H(3'), $J_{3',4'} = 9.9$, $J_{3^{\circ},2^{\circ}e} = 11.5$); 5.43 (d, 1 H, H(1"), $J_{1^{\circ},2^{\circ}} = 8.1$); 5.56—5.61 (m, 2 H, H(2"), H(12)). ¹³C NMR (δ , ppm): 21.9 (C(2)); 82.7 (C(3)); 200.3 (C(11)); 128.6 (C(12)); 169.7 (C(13)); 177.8 (C(30)); 51.7 (C(31)); 93.4 (C(1')); 36.9 (C(2')); 69.9 (C(3')); 79.1 (C(4')); 71.7 (C(5')); 62.8 (C(6')); 101.6 (C(1"));72.8 (C(2")); 73.5 (C(3")); 69.8 (C(4")); 76.6 (C(5")); 62.8 (C(6")); 169.9, 170.1, 170.2, 170.6, 170.9 (OCOCH₃)); 20.7,20.8, 20.9, 21.0 (OCOCH₃).

3-O-[3,6-Di-O-acetyl-2-deoxy-4-O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- α -D-glucopyranosyl)- α -D-arabino-hexopyranosyl]-18β-glycyrhetinic acid methyl ester (6b). Glycoside 6b (0.60 g, 58 %, cream-colored powder) was obtained from hexa-O-acetylmaltal 3 (0.56 g, 1 mmol) and alcohol 1a (0.48 g, 1 mmol). $R_{\rm f}$ 0.64 (A); 0.61 (B); decomp.p. 187—190 °C; $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{20}$ +53° (c 0.06, CHCl₃). Found (%): C, 60.1; H, 7.0. C₅₅H₈₀O₁₉. Calculated (%): C, 63.2; H, 7.7. UV (MeOH),

 $λ_{\text{max}}/\text{nm}$: 247.8 (lge 4.05). IR, $ν/\text{cm}^{-1}$: 1760—1750 (OAc); 1730—1720 (COOCH₃); 1660 ($-\text{C}_{11}$ =O). ¹H NMR (δ, ppm, J/Hz): 0.63, 0.74, 0.77, 0.96, 1.06, 1.08, 1.30 (all s, 21 H, 7 CH₃); 1.10—1.90 (m, CH₂, aglycone CH, H(2')); 1.95, 1.98, 2.03 (all s, 18 H, 6 Ac); 2.27 (s, 1 H, H(9)); 2.75 (d, 1 H, H(18), J = 13.8); 3.26 (dd, 1 H, $J_{3,2e} = 4.4$, $J_{3,2e} = 11.3$); 3.63 (s, 3 H, OCH₃); 4.00—4.25 (m, 8 H, H(4'), H(5'), H(6'a,b), H(4"), H(5"), H(6'a,b)); 4.90—5.00 (m, 1 H, H(2")); 5.10 (d, 1 H, H(1'), $J_{1',2'} = 1.4$); 5.20—5.30 (m, 2 H, H(3'), H(3")); 5.50 (d, 1 H, H(1"), $J_{1'',2''} = 4.0$); 5.60 (s 1 H, H(12)). ¹³C NMR (δ, ppm): 21.7 (C(2)); 82.6 (C(3)); 200.0 (C(11)); 128.6 (C(12)); 169.1 (C(13)); 176.8 (C(30)); 51.7 (C(31)); 93.3 (C(1')); 35.4 (C(2')); 67.6 (C(3'')); 76.6 (C(4'')); 66.8 (C(5'')); 62.4 (C(6'')); 69.2 (C(2'')); 68.4 (C(3'')); 69.4 (C(4'')); 69.6 (C(5'')); 62.4 (C(6'')); 169.8, 170.1, 170.6, 170.7, 170.8 (OCOCH₃)); 20.6, 20.7, 20.8, 20.9 (OCOCH₃).

 3α -O-(3,4,6-Tri-O-acetyl-2-deoxy- α -D-arabino-hexopyranosyl)deoxycholic acid methyl ester (6c). Glycoside 6c (0.54 g, 79.1 %, powder) was obtained from 3,4,6-tri-O-acetyl-D-glucal 4 (0.54 g, 2 mmol) and alcohol 1b (0.41 g, 1 mmol). R_f 0.62 (A); 0.70 (B); decomp.p. 95—97 °C; $\{\alpha\}_D^{20}$ +62° (c 0.09, CHCl₃). Ref.¹³: decomp.p. 93—95 °C; $\{\alpha\}_D^{20}$ +64° (c 0.07, CHCl₃).

3α-O-(3,4-Di-O-acetyl-2,6-dideoxy-α-D-arabino-hexopyranosyl)deoxycholic acid methyl ester (6d). Glycoside 6d (0.5 g, 80.8 %, amorphous powder) was obtained from 3,4-di-O-acetyl-L-rharmal 5 (0.42 g, 2 mmol) and alcohol **1b** (0.41 g, 1 mmol). R_f 0.61 (A); 0.73 (B). Found (%): C, 68.0: H, 8.7. C₃₅H₅₆O₉. Calculated (%): C, 67.7; H, 9.1. ¹³C NMR (δ, ppm): 27.2 (C(2)); 85.5 (C(3)); 28.7 (C(11)); 73.2 (C(12)); 174.4 (C(24)); 51.5 (C(25)); 98.2 (C(1')); 35.6 (C(2')); 69.2 (C(3')); 75.0 (C(4')); 65.5 (C(5')); 17.8 (C(6')); 169.6, 169.7 (OCOCH₃)); 20.8, 20.9 (OCOCH₃). ¹H NMR (δ, ppm, J/Hz): 0.64 (s, 3 H, H(18)); 0.88 (s, 3 H, H(19)); 1.13 (d, 3 H, H(21), J = 6.3); 1.21 (d, 3 H, H(6'), J = 6.7); 1.10—2.50 (m, CH₂, CH); 2.09, 2.10 (2 s, 6 H, 2 Ac); 3.63 (s, 3 H, OCH₃); 3.90 (dq, 1 H, H(5'), $J_{5',4'} = 9.3$, $J_{5',6'} = 6.5$); 4.75 (t, 1 H, H(4'), $J_{4',3'} = J_{4',5'} = 9.3$); 4.90 (d, 1 H, H(1'), $J_{1',2'e} = 1.8$); 5.25—5.30 (m, 1 H, H(3')).

3-O-(3,4-Di-O-acetyl-2,6-dideoxy-α-L-arabino-hexopyranosyl)cholest-5-en-3β-ol (6e). Glycoside 6e (0.49 g, 81.1 %, cream-colored powder) was obtained from 3,4-di-O-acetyl-L-rhamnal 5 (0.56 g, 1 mmol) and cholesterol 1c (0.38 g, 1 mmol) after reprecipitation with hexane from CHCl₃. R_f 0.66 (A); m.p. 125–127 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ –96° (c 0.08, CHCl₃). Found (%): C, 74.2; H, 10.4. $C_{37}H_{60}O_{6}$. Calculated (%): C, 73.9; H, 10.1. ¹³C NMR (δ, ppm): 27.6 (C(2)); 76.7 (C(3)); 140.3 (C(5)); 122.1 (C(6)); 99.2 (C(1')); 34.5 (C(2')); 69.4 (C(3')); 74.7 (C(4')); 65.7 (C(5')); 17.9 (C(6')); 170.0, 170.7 (OCOCH₃); 20.9, 21.5 (OCOCH₃). Ref.⁹: m.p. 123 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ –103° (c 0.335, CHCl₃).

Glycosides 7a—e were obtained by deacetylation of glycosides 6a—e with 5% KOH in MeOH according to the procedure reported in Ref. 1. The target compounds were chromatographed (pentane—ethyl acetate) and reprecipitated with pentane or hexane from CHCl₃ or CH₂Cl₂.

3-*O*-[2-Deoxy-4-*O*-(β-D-galactopyranosyl)-α-D-arabino-hexopyranosyl]-18β-glycyrrhetinic acid methyl ester (7a). Glycoside 7a (0.31 g, 78.0 %, cream-colored powder) was obtained from glycoside 6a (0.50 g). R_f 0.22 (A); decomp.p. 221-223 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +47° (*c* 0.04, CHCl₃). Found (%): C, 64.2; H, 8.9. C₄₃H₆₈O₁₄. Calculated (%): C, 63.8; H, 8.5. UV (MeOH), λ_{max}/nm: 247.6 (lgε 4.02). IR, ν/cm⁻¹: 3600-3200 (OH); 1730-1720 (COOCH₃); 1660 (-C(11)=O). ¹³C NMR (δ, ppm): 20.8 (C(2)); 81.7 (C(3)); 200.4 (C(11));

128.6 (C(12)); 169.4 (C(13)); 176.1 (C(30)); 51.9 (C(31)); 93.6 (C(1')); 38.1 (C(2')); 69.2 (C(3')); 78.4 (C(4')); 71.5 (C(5')); 62.2 (C(6')); 100.5 (C(1")); 71.1 (C(2")); 72.3 (C(3")); 69.2 (C(4")); 75.7 (C(5")); 62.2 (C(6")).

3-O-[2-Deoxy-4-O-(α -D-glucopyranosyl)- α -D-arabino-hexopyranosyl]-18 β -glycyrrhetinic acid methyl ester (7b). Glycoside 7b (0.25 g, 66.0 %, cream-colored powder) was obtained from glycoside 6b (0.50 g). $R_{\rm f}$ 0.25 (A); decomp.p. 165—167 °C; $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{20}$ +58° (c 0.06, CHCl₃). Found (%): C, 64.4; H, 8.1. $C_{43}H_{68}O_{14}$. Calculated (%): C, 63.8; H. 8.5. UV (MeOH), $\lambda_{\rm max}/{\rm nm}$: 246.8 (lgs 3.92). IR, $\nu/{\rm cm}^{-1}$: 3600—3200 (OH); 1730—1720 (COOCH₃); 1660 (—C(11)=O). 13C NMR (δ , ppm): 20.9 (C(2)); 81.8 (C(3)); 200.4 (C(11)); 128.6 (C(12)); 169.5 (C(13)); 177.1 (C(30)); 51.8 (C(31)); 93.5 (C(1')); 38.2 (C(2')); 69.2 (C(3')); 75.4 (C(4')); 69.2 (C(5')); 62.2 (C(6')); 93.5 (C(1'')); 72.1 (C(2'')); 72.5 (C(3'')); 72.1 (C(4'')); 71.6 (C(5'')); 62.2 (C(6'')).

 3α -O-(2-Deoxy- α -D-arabino-hexopyranosyl)deoxycholic acid methyl ester (7c). Glycoside 7c (0.43 g, 88.9 %, white powder) was obtained from glycoside 6c (0.6 g). $R_{\rm f}$ 0.35 (A); decomp.p. 104-105 °C; $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{20}$ +85° (c 0.07, CHCl₃). Ref. ¹³: decomp.p. 103-105 °C; $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{20}$ +83° (c 0.08, CHCl₃).

 3α -O-(2,6-Dideoxy- α -D-arabino-hexopyranosyl)deoxycholic acid methyl ester (7d). Glycoside 7d (0.23 g, 89.9 %, amorphous powder) was obtained from glycoside 6d (0.30 g). R_f 0.30 (A). Found (%): C, 69.8; H, 10.1. $C_{31}H_{52}O_7$. Calculated (%): C, 69.4; H, 9.8. ¹³C NMR (δ , ppm): 27.3 (C(2)); 82.3 (C(3)); 28.7 (C(11)); 73.3 (C(12)); 174.6 (C(24)); 51.5 (C(25)); 99.5 (C(1')); 38.4 (C(2')); 69.4 (C(3')); 78.3 (C(4')): 67.5 (C(5')); 17.6 (C(6')).

3-*O*-(2,6-Dideoxy-α-L-arabino-hexopyranosyl)cholest-5-en-3β-ol (7e). Glycoside 7e (0.30 g, 81.6 %, amorphous powder) was obtained from glycoside 6e (0.43 g). $R_{\rm f}$ 0.31 (A); m.p. 128–129 °C; $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{20}$ –107° (c 0.07, CHCl₃). Found (%): C, 76.9; H, 11.4. C₃₃H₅₆O₄. Calculated (%): C, 76.7; H, 10.9. CNMR (δ, ppm): 28.6 (C(2)); 76.3 (C(3)); 140.7 (C(5)); 121.9 (C(6)); 95.3 (C(1')); 38.7 (C(2')); 69.3 (C(3')); 78.2 (C(4')); 67.7 (C(5')); 17.8 (C(6')).

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