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First syntheses of D-mannose penta- and decasaccharides, the repeating unit and its dimer of the cell-wall mannan of *Candida kefyr* IFO 0586

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 $\label{eq:abstract} \begin{aligned} \textbf{Abstract} & -\alpha-D-Mannopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 2)-\alpha-D-mannopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 6)-[\alpha-D-mannopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 2)-\alpha-D-mannopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 2)-\alpha-D-mannopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 6)-[\alpha-D-mannopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 2)-\alpha-D-mannopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 2)-\alpha-D-ma$

 \rightarrow 6)-[α -D-mannopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 2)- α -D-mannopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 2)]- α -D-mannopyranose, the repeating unit and its dimer of the cell wall mannan of the pathogenic yeast Candida kefyr IFO 0586, have been efficiently synthesized via their allyl glycosides by using allyl 3,4,6-tri-*O*-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranoside, allyl 6-*O*-acetyl-3,4-di-*O*-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranoside as synthons. The blocked pentasaccharide was regio- and stereoselectively prepared by coupling of allyl 3,4-di-*O*-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranoside with 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 2)-6-*O*-acetyl-3,4-di-*O*-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate, and then with 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 2)-3,4,6-tri-*O*-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate in a one-pot manner. © 2003 Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved.

1. Introduction

Candida species are opportunistic pathogens of humans that frequently cause severe systemic infections in patients with AIDS,¹ cancer,² and burns³ as well as in those under immunosuppressive or radiation therapy.⁴ An impressive feature of these fungi is that they synthesize cell wall polysaccharides containing predominantly mannose residues.⁵⁻⁷ It has been reported that the mannose oligosaccharides present in the fungal D-mannans deeply influence many fundamental biological processes in the organisms. The α -linked oligo-D-mannosyl side chains of cell-wall mannan of the pathogenic yeast Candida species play important roles in the binding of yeast cells to the marginal zone of mouse spleen⁸ and in the processes of several types of yeast flocculation.⁹ The alkali-released α -linked D-manno-oligosaccharides obtained from a Candida albicans cell-wall mannan were potent inhibitors of lymphoproliferation induced by the parent D-mannan.^{10,11} Furthermore, many of them (if not all) are antigenically relevant. Hence, there is a great need for usable quantities of the

natural oligosaccharides with a well-defined structure and composition for biological studies aiming at a better understanding of these phenomena at the molecular level. Given the intrinsic difficulty in obtaining complex natural oligosaccharides and glycoconjugates in a pure and homogeneous form from natural sources because of the presence of mixtures of glycosylated species (glycoforms). A major opportunity is provided by chemical synthesis.

As part of our continuing efforts dedicated to developing efficient strategies for the construction of sugars, we have prepared a lot of oligosaccharides with various structures present in natural sources including fungi.^{12–16} In 1994, Kobayashi et al.¹⁷ conducted a structural analysis of an antigenic cell wall mannan isolated from the pathogenic yeast Candida kefyr IFO 0586 and found that this sugar has a long α -(1 \rightarrow 6)-linked Dmannopyranosyl backbone and many short α -(1 \rightarrow 2)linked D-mannopyranosyl side-chains in a comb-like structure as shown in Figure 1. The reasons mentioned above, together with the fact that there have been no reports dealing with the synthesis of these highly branched oligosaccharides, prompted us to develop an efficient method for the synthesis of this kind of complex carbohydrate. The preparation of allyl- α -D-penta-

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Figure 1. The structures of the cell-wall mannan of Candida kefyr IFO 0586 and the synthesized oligosaccharides 1 and 2.

mannoside 1 and allyl- α -D-decamannoside 2 (Fig. 1), the repeating unit and its dimer of the cell wall mannan of the pathogenic yeast *Candida kefyr* IFO 0586 are presented as typical examples using the strategy developed here.

2. Results and discussion

For the synthesis of the complex decasaccharide 2, we needed 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzoyl-D-mannopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate 3, allyl 3,4,6-tri-O-benzoyl-D-mannopyranoside 5, allyl 6-O-acetyl-3,4-di-O-benzoyl-α-Dmannopyranoside 7, and allyl 3,4-di-O-benzoyl-Dmannopyranoside 9 as building materials. Compound 3 was prepared according to the reported procedure.¹⁸ The glycosyl acceptor 5 was obtained from coupling of 2-O-acetyl-3,4,6-tri-O-benzoyl-D-mannopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate 4^{18} with allyl alcohol followed by 2-O-deacetylation in 87% yield (Scheme 1). The glycosyl acceptors 7 and 9 were derived from 2,6-di-O-acetyl-3,4-di-O-benzoyl-D-mannopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate 6 which was made according to the method developed in our laboratory.¹⁶ We were lucky to find that coupling of 6 with allyl alcohol in the presence of TMSOTf (0.3 equiv.) gave two compounds; one was the required glycosyl acceptor 7 in 31%, and another was allyl 2,6-di-O-acetyl-3,4-di-O-benzoyl-D-mannopyranoside 8 in 63% yield. During the glycosylation process of 6 with allyl alcohol, some of the 2-O-acetyl groups of 6 were removed, and it was observed that with the increase of the amount of TMSOTf added to the reaction system, the 2-O-acetyl group removed product 7 was increased. Selective removal of the acetyl groups of 8 in MeOH containing 0.5% HCl gave the glycosyl acceptor 9 in 93% yield.

Condensation of **3** and **5** with TMSOTf as catalyst and 4 Å molecular sieves in CH_2Cl_2 at rt afforded the disaccharides **10** in 88% yield. Deallylation of **10** with PdCl₂ followed by activation with CCl₃CN in the presence of DBU, afforded the disaccharide donor **11** in 80% yield (for two steps) (Scheme 2). Similar procedures gave another disaccharide donor **13**.

Coupling of 9 and 13 with TMSOTf as catalyst and 4 Å molecular sieves in CH₂Cl₂ at -45°C regio- and stereoselectively afforded the trisaccharides 14 in 91% yield (Scheme 3). No $(1 \rightarrow 2)$ -linked trisaccharide was detected both from ¹H NMR and TLC. Acetylation of 14 confirmed 6-O-glycosylation as the ¹H NMR spectrum of acetylated trisaccharide 15 showed a newly emerged doublet of doublets at δ 5.54 ppm for H-2. Condensation of 14 with 11 afforded the blocked pentasaccharide 16 in 90% yield. The ¹H NMR data of 16 contained structurally characteristic information, i.e. one acetyl signal (δ 1.95), one allyl signal (δ 5.43–5.27) and five H-1 signals (δ 5.60, 5.58, 5.39, 5.27, and 5.12). The ¹³C NMR spectrum of **16** gave five signals for C-1 (100.04, 99.65, 99.42, 98.36, 98.04) with ${}^{2}J_{C1-H1}$ from 170 to 176.8 Hz indicating complete α -linkages. Encouraged by the smooth coupling reaction results, a one-pot procedure for the synthesis of the pentasaccharide 16 was carried out. Thus, treatment of 9 and 13 with TMSOTf as catalyst and 4 Å molecular sieves in CH_2Cl_2 at -45°C, followed by addition of 11 at rt afforded compound 16 in 83% yield. Selective removal of the 6-O-acetyl group of the pentasaccharide 16 gave the glycosyl accepter 18. Deallylation of 16 with PdCl₂ followed by activation with CCl₃CN in the presence of DBU gave the pentasaccharide donor 17. The fully protected decasaccharide 19 was obtained by coupling 17 with 18 in 50% yield. The ¹H NMR data of 19



Scheme 1. Reagents and conditions: (a) i. allyl alcohol (2 equiv.), TMSOTf (0.1 equiv.), CH_2Cl_2 , rt, 1 h; ii. methanol/0.5% HCl, rt, 12 h, 87% (over the two steps); (b) allyl alcohol (2 equiv.), TMSOTf (0.3 equiv), CH_2Cl_2 , rt, 1 h, 31% for 7 and 63% for 8; (c) methanol/0.5% HCl, rt, 12 h, 93%.



Scheme 2. Reagents and conditions: (a) CH_2Cl_2 , TMSOTf (cat.), rt, 1 h, 88% for 10 and 92% for 12; (b) i. PdCl₂, CH_3OH , rt, 4 h; ii. CCl_3CN , DBU, CH_2Cl_2 , rt, 2 h, 80% for 11 and 81% for 13 (over the two steps).



Scheme 3. *Reagents and conditions*: (a) CH_2Cl_2 , TMSOTf (cat.), rt, 1 h, 91% for 14, 90% for 16, 50% for 19; (b) Ac_2O , pyridine, rt, 3 h, 100%; (c) i. 13 (1.0 equiv.), TMSOTf (cat.), CH_2Cl_2 , MS 4 Å Powder, $-45^{\circ}C$ -rt, 1.5 h; ii. 11 (1.2 equiv.), rt, 1 h, 83% (over the two steps); (d) i. $PdCl_2$, $CH_3OH-CH_2Cl_2$, 4 h; ii: CCl_3CN , DBU, CH_2Cl_2 2 h, 85% (over the two steps); (e) methanol/0.5% HCl, rt, 12 h, 92%; (f) $CH_3OH-CH_2Cl_2$ (9:1) satd with dry NH_3 , 40°C, 24 h, 91% for 1, 95% for 2.

contained structurally characteristic information, i.e. one acetyl signal (δ 1.87), one allyl signal (δ 5.36–5.20) and ten H-1 signals (δ 5.70, 5.62, 5.62, 5.48, 5.39, 5.32,

5.28, 5.24, 5.20, and 4.98). The ¹³C NMR spectrum of **19** gave ten signals for C-1 (100.07, 99.99, 99.72, 99.55, 99.43, 99.34, 98.89, 98.26, 98.19, 98.17). Deprotection

of 16 and 19 using NH_3 in $CH_3OH-CH_2Cl_2$ gave compounds 1 and 2. The NMR spectra of the 1 and 2 are shown in Figures 2–5.

3. Conclusion

In summary, a highly efficient and concise synthesis of the mannose pentasaccharide and decasaccharide

of the cell-wall mannan of the pathogenic yeast *Candida kefyr* IFO 0586 was achieved by regio- and stereoselective glycosylation using glycosyl trichloroimidates as the donors and partially protected sugars as the acceptors. The sole use of acyl groups in the synthesis substantially simplified the procedure. This method should be useful for the synthesis of other complex mannose oligosaccharides in the future.



Figure 2. ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 1 (solvent D₂O at 25°C, 400 MHz Bruker ARX 400 spectrometer).



Figure 3. ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 1 (solvent D₂O at 25°C, 100 MHz Bruker ARX 400 spectrometer).



Figure 4. ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 2 (solvent D₂O at 25°C, 400 MHz Bruker ARX 400 spectrometer).



Figure 5. ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2 (solvent D₂O at 25°C, 100 MHz Bruker ARX 400 spectrometer).

4. Experimental

4.1. General methods

Optical rotations were determined at 25°C with a Perkin-Elmer Model 241-Mc automatic polarimeter. Melting points were determined with a 'Mel-Temp' apparatus. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded with Bruker ARX 400 spectrometers (400 MHz for ¹H, 100 MHz for ¹³C) for solutions in CDCl₃ or D₂O as indicated. Chemical shifts are given in ppm downfield from internal Me₄Si. Mass spectra were measured using MALTI-TOF-MS with CCA as matrix. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica gel HF_{254} with detection by charring with 30% (v/v) H₂SO₄ in MeOH or in some cases by a UV detector. Column chromatography was conducted by elution of a column (16×240 mm, 18×300 mm, 35×400 mm) of silica gel (100-200 mesh) with EtOAcpetroleum ether (60–90°C) as the eluent. Solutions were concentrated at <60°C under reduced pressure.

4.2. Allyl 3,4,6-tri-O-benzoyl-α-D-mannopyranoside 5

solution of 2-O-acetyl-3,4,6-tri-O-benzoyl-α-D-А mannopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate 4 (4.3 g, 6.4 mmol) and allyl alcohol (0.7 ml, 10 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL) was stirred with dried molecular sieves (4 Å, 1 g) under N_2 for 15 min, and then TMSOTf (135 μ L, 0.7 mmol) was added. After 1 h, the reaction mixture was neutralized with Et₃N, filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. The resulting residue without purification was directly dissolved in MeOH (150 mL) containing 0.5% HCl. The solution was stirred at rt for 12 h, at the end of which time TLC (2:1 petroleum ether-EtOAc) indicated that the starting material had disappeared. The mixture was neutralized with Et₃N and then concentrated to dryness. The residue was partitioned between water and CH₂Cl₂, the organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to a syrup. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography (2:1 petroleum ether–EtOAc) gave **5** as a syrup (2.9 g, 87% for the two steps): $[\alpha]_D$ –15.1 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz): δ 8.03–7.33 (m, 15 H, 3 PhH), 5.95 (m, 1 H, CH=CH₂), 5.94 (dd, 1 H, J_{3,4}= J_{4,5}=9.8 Hz, H-4), 5.70 (dd, 1 H, J_{2,3}=3.1 Hz, J_{4,5}=9.8 Hz, H-3), 5.33 (dd, 1H, ²J=1.5 Hz, ³J_{trans}=17.2 Hz, CH=CH₂), 5.24 (dd, 1 H, ²J=1.5 Hz, ³J_{cis}=10.4 Hz, CH=CH₂), 5.03 (d, 1 H, J_{1,2}=1.6 Hz, H-1), 4.58 (dd, 1 H, H-6), 4.48 (dd, 1 H, H-6'), 4.40–4.08 (m, 4 H, CH₂CH=CH₂, H-2, 5). Anal. calcd for C₃₀H₂₈O₉: C, 67.66; H, 5.30. Found: C, 67.93; H, 5.27.

4.3. Allyl 6-*O*-acetyl-3,4-di-*O*-benzoyl-α-D-mannopyranoside 7 and Allyl 2,6-di-*O*-acetyl-3,4-di-*O*-benzoyl-α-Dmannopyranoside 8

A solution of 2,6-di-O-acetyl-3,4-di-O-benzoyl-α-Dmannopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate 6 (11 g, 17.8 mmol) and allyl alcohol (2.4 mL, 35 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (200 mL) was stirred with dried molecular sieves (4 Å, 4 g) under N_2 for 15 min, and then TMSOTf (1.0 mL, 5.3 mmol) was added. After 1 h, the reaction mixture was neutralized with Et₃N, filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. Purification of the residue by chromatography (3:1 petroleum ether-EtOAc) gave allyl 6-O-acetyl-3,4-di-O-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranoside 7 (2.6 g, 31%) and allyl 2,6-di-O-acetyl-3,4-di-O-benzoyl-α-Dmannopyranoside **8** (5.7 g, 63%). For 7: $[\alpha]_D$ –13.4 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.97–7.26 (m, 10 H, 2 BzH), 5.98 (m, 1 H, $CH = CH_2$), 5.85 (dd, 1H, $J_{3,4} = J_{4,5} = 10$ Hz, H-4), 5.65 (dd, 1 H, $J_{2,3} = 3.0$ Hz, $J_{3,4} = 10$ Hz, H-3), 5.37 (dd, 1H, ${}^{2}J = 1.5$ Hz, ${}^{3}J_{trans} = 17.2$ Hz, CH = CH₂), 5.27 (dd, 1 H, ${}^{2}J = 1.5$ Hz, ${}^{3}J_{cis} = 17.2$ Hz, CH = CH₂), 5.27 (dd, 1 H, ${}^{2}J = 1.5$ Hz, ${}^{3}J_{cis} = 1.5$ Hz, ${}^{3}J_{cis}$ 10.4 Hz, $CH = CH_2$), 5.00 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2} = 1.5$ Hz, H-1), 4.34-4.19 (m, 5 H, $CH_2CH = CH_2$, H-2, H-5, H-6), 4.10(dd, 1 H, $J_{5,6'}=6.1$ Hz, $J_{6,6'}=12.8$ Hz, H-6'), 2.05 (s, 3 H, COCH₃). Anal. calcd for C₂₅H₂₆O₉: C, 63.82; H,

5.57. Found: C, 63.61; H, 5.53. For **8**: $[\alpha]_D - 17.5$ (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.96–7.33 (m, 10 H, 2 BzH), 5.96 (m, 1 H, CH=CH₂), 5.78–5.76 (m, 2 H, H-3, 4), 5.48 (dd, 1 H, H-2), 5.36 (dd, 1 H, ²*J*=1.3 Hz, ³*J*_{trans}=17.1 Hz, CH=CH₂), 5.28 (dd, 1 H, ²*J*=1.3 Hz, ³*J*_{cis}=10.4 Hz, CH=CH₂), 4.99 (d, 1 H, *J*_{1,2}=1.7 Hz, H-1), 4.37-4.09 (m, 5 H, CH₂CH=CH₂, H-5, 6, 6'), 2.16, 2.07 (2s, 6 H, 2 COCH₃). Anal. calcd for C₂₇H₂₈O₁₀: C, 63.28; H, 5.51. Found: C, 63.03; H, 5.47.

4.4. Allyl 3,4-di-O-benzoyl-α-D-mannopyranoside 9

A solution of **8** (5.6 g, 10.9 mmol) in MeOH (160 mL) containing 0.5% HCl was stirred at rt for 12 h, at the end of which time TLC (2:1 petroleum ether-EtOAc) indicated that the starting material had disappeared. The mixture was neutralized with Et₃N and then concentrated to dryness. The residue was partitioned between water and CH₂Cl₂, the organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to a syrup. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography (2:1 petroleum ether–EtOAc) gave **9** as a syrup (4.4 g, 93%): $[\alpha]_D$ –18.6 (*c* 2.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz): δ 8.00–7.32 (m, 10 H, 2 PhH), 5.97 (m, 1 H, CH=CH₂), 5.82–5.75 (m, 2 H, H-3, 4), 5.39–5.27 (m, 2 H, CH=CH₂), 5.05 (d, 1 H, J_{1,2}=1.6 Hz, H-1), 4.31-3.70 (m, 6 H, CH₂CH=CH₂, H-2, 5, 6, 6'). Anal. calcd for C₂₃H₂₄O₈: C, 64.48; H, 5.65. Found: C, 64.23; H, 5.68.

4.5. Allyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$ -3,4,6-tri-*O*-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranoside 10

A solution of allyl 3,4,6-tri-O-benzoyl-α-D-mannopyranoside 5 (2.90 g, 5.45 mmol) and 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzoyl-α-D-mannopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate 3 (4.44 g, 6.00 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (60 mL) was stirred with dried molecular sieves (4 A, 2 g) under N₂ for 15 min, and then TMSOTf (105 µL, 0.55 mmol) was added. After 1 h, the reaction mixture was neutralized with Et₃N, filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography (3:1 petroleum ether-EtOAc) gave 10 as a syrup (5.33 g, 88%): $[\alpha]_{D}$ -37.9 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.10–7.20 (m, 35 H, 5 BzH), 6.14–5.86 (m, 6 H, $CH = CH_2$, 2 H-4, 2 H-3, H-2), 5.31 (dd, 1 H, ${}^{2}J=1.4$ Hz, ${}^{3}J_{\text{trans}}=18.5$ Hz, CH = CH₂), 5.22 (dd, 1 H, ${}^{2}J=1.3$ Hz, ${}^{3}J_{\text{cis}}=10.4$ Hz, CH = CH₂), 5.28 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2} = 1.6$ Hz, H-1), 5.22 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2} = 1.6$ Hz, H-1), 4.69–4.40 (m, 7 H, H-2, 2 H-5, 4 H-6), 4.27-3.99 (m, 2 H, $CH_2CH = CH_2$). Anal. calcd for $C_{64}H_{54}O_{18}$: C, 69.18; H, 4.90. Found: C, 68.98; H, 4.99.

4.6. 2,3,4,6-Tetra-O-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$ -3,4,6-tri-O-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl trichloro-acetimidate 11

A mixture of compound 10 (3.82 g, 3.44 mmol) and $PdCl_2$ (100 mg) in MeOH (150 mL) was stirred vigorously for 4 h at rt, TLC (2:1 petroleum ether–EtOAc) indicated that the reaction was complete. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite and the filtrate was concentrated to dryness. The resulting compound was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (40 mL), then CCl₃CN (1.5 ml, 15 mmol) and DBU (100 µL, 0.71 mmol) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h, at the end of which time TLC (2:1 petroleum ether–EtOAc) indicated that the reaction was complete. Concentration of the reaction mixture followed by purification on a silica gel column with 2:1 petroleum ether-EtOAc as the eluent furnished the disaccharide donor **11** (3.34 g, 80% two steps): $[\alpha]_D$ –24.5 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.72 (s, 1 H, N*H*), 8.09–7.26 (m, 35 H, 7 Bz*H*), 6.64 (d, 1 H, *J*_{2,1}=1.9 Hz, H-1), 6.19-5.93 (m, 5 H, 2 H-4, 2 H-3, 1 H-2), 5.37 (d, 1 H, *J*_{1',2'}=1.5 Hz, H-1), 4.75–4.48 (m, 7 H, H-2, 2 H-5, 4 H-6). Anal. calcd for C₆₃H₅₀Cl₃NO₁₈: C, 62.26; H, 4.15. Found: C, 62.08; H, 4.19.

4.7. Allyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$ -6-O-acetyl-3,4-di-O-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranoside 12

A solution of 7 (1.5 g, 3.19 mmol) and 2,3,4,6-tetra-Obenzoyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate (3) (2.60 g, 3.51 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (40 mL) was stirred with dried molecular sieves (4 A, 1 g) under N_2 for 15 min, and then TMSOTf (50 µL) was added. After 1 h, the reaction mixture was neutralized with Et₃N, filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography (3:1 petroleum ether-EtOAc) gave 12 as a syrup (3.35 g, 92%): $[\alpha]_D$ -45.3 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.01–7.26 (m, 30 H, 6 BzH), 6.10–5.86 (m, 6 H, CH=CH₂, 2 H-4, 2 H-3, H-2), 5.35-5.31 (dd, 1 H, ${}^{2}J=1.5$ Hz, ${}^{3}J_{\text{trans}}=$ 17.2 Hz, $CH = CH_2$), 5.27–5.24 (dd, 1 H, ²J=1.3 Hz, ${}^{3}J_{cis} = 10.4$ Hz, CH = CH₂), 5.25 (d, 1 H, $J_{2,1} = 1.7$ Hz, H-1), 5.21 (d, 1 H, $J_{2,1}$ =1.7 Hz, H-1), 4.72-4.01 (m, 9 H, $CH_2CH = CH_2$, H-2, 2 H-5, 4 H-6), 2.17 (s, 3 H, COCH₃). Anal. calcd for C₅₉H₅₂O₁₈: C, 67.55; H, 5.00. Found: C, 67.75; H, 5.04.

4.8. ,3,4,6-Tetra-*O*-benzoyl-α-D-mannopyranosyl-(1→2)-6-*O*-acetyl-3,4-di-*O*-benzoyl-α-D-mannopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate 13

A mixture of compound 12 (2.30 g, 2.19 mmol) and PdCl₂ (70 mg) in MeOH (100 mL) was stirred vigorously for 4 h at rt, TLC (2:1 petroleum ether–EtOAc) indicated that the reaction was complete. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite, and the filtrate was concentrated to dryness. The resulting compound was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL), then CCl₃CN (1.0 mL, 10 mmol) and DBU (50 µL) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h, at the end of which time TLC (2:1 petroleum ether-EtOAc) indicated that the reaction was complete. Concentration of the reaction mixture followed by purification on a silica gel column with 2:1 petroleum ether-EtOAc as the eluent, furnished the disaccharide donor 13 (2.05 g, 81% two steps): $[\alpha]_{D}$ -43.7 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.73 (s, 1 H, NH), 8.09–7.26 (m, 30 H, 6 BzH), 6.65 (d, 1 H, $J_{2,1} = 1.7$ Hz, H-1), 6.19-5.89 (m, 5 H, 2 H-4, 2 H-3, H-2), 5.35 (d, 1 H, *J*_{2',1'}=1.3 Hz, H-1), 4.80-4.34 (m, 7 H, H-2, 2 H-5, 4 H-6), 2.17 (s, 3 H,

 $COCH_3$). Anal. calcd for $C_{58}H_{48}Cl_3NO_{18}$: C, 60.40; H, 4.19. Found: C, 60.61; H, 4.16.

4.9. 2,3,4,6-Tetra-*O*-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 2)-6-*O*-acetyl-3,4-di-*O*-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 6)-3,4-di-*O*-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranoside 14

A solution of **13** (1.76 g, 1.53 mmol) and 3,4-di-O-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranoside 9 (647 mg, 1.51 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) was stirred with dried molecular sieves (4 A, 1 g) under N_2 for 15 min, and then TMSOTf (30 μ L) was added. After 1 h, the reaction mixture was neutralized with Et₃N, filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (2:1 petroleum ether-EtOAc) gave 14 as a syrup (1.96 g, 91%): $[\alpha]_D$ -33.2 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.08–7.32 (m, 40 H, 8 Bz*H*), 6.13–5.72 (m, 8 H, $CH = CH_2$, H-2, 3 H-3, 3 H-4), 5.44 (dd, 1 H, ${}^{2}J = 1.5$ Hz, ${}^{3}J_{trans} = 17.2$ Hz, $CH = CH_2$), 5.28 (dd, 1 H, ${}^{2}J = 1.3$ Hz, ${}^{3}J_{cis} = 10.5$ Hz, $CH = CH_2$), 5.29 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2} = 1.5$ Hz, H-1), 5.23 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2} = 1.5$ Hz, H-1), 5.05 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2} = 1.5$ Hz, H-1), 4.76 (dd, 1 H, H-6), 4.65 (dd, 1 H, H-6), 4.46-4.10 (m, 9 H, CH₂CH=CH₂, 3 H-5, 2 H-6, 2 H-2), 3.90 (dd, 1 H, H-6), 3.71 (dd, 1 H, H-6), 2.11 (s, 3 H, COCH₃). Anal. calcd for C₇₉H₇₀O₂₅: C, 66.85; H, 4.97; Found: C, 67.07; H, 4.92.

4.10. 2,3,4,6-Tetra-*O*-benzoyl-α-D-mannopyranosyl-(1→ 2)-6-*O*-acetyl-3,4-di-*O*-benzoyl-α-D-mannopyranosyl-(1→6)-2-*O*-acetyl-3,4-di-*O*-benzoyl-α-D-mannopyranoside 15

To a solution of 14 (1.20 g, 0.84 mmol) in pyridine (20 mL) Ac_2O (2 mL) was added. After the mixture was stirred for 3 h at rt, it was diluted with CH₂Cl₂, washed with 1 N HCl, water, and satd aq NaHCO₃. The organic layers were combined, dried, and concentrated. Purification by column chromatography (2:1 petroleum ether–EtOAc) quantitatively gave 15 as a syrup: $[\alpha]_{D}$ -29.3 (c 1.5, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.03–7.27 (m, 40 H, 8 BzH), 6.14–5.79 (m, 8 H, CH= CH₂, H-2, 3 H-3, 3 H-4), 5.53 (dd, 1 H, H-2), 5.46 (dd, 1 H, ${}^{2}J$ =1.5 Hz, ${}^{3}J_{\text{trans}}$ =17.2 Hz, CH=CH₂), 5.31 (dd, 1 H, ${}^{2}J$ =1.3 Hz, ${}^{3}J_{\text{cis}}$ =10.5 Hz, CH=CH₂), 5.23 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2} = 1.5$ Hz, H-1), 5.20 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2} = 1.5$ Hz, H-1), 5.02 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ =1.5 Hz, H-1), 4.73 (dd, 1 H, H-6), 4.62 (dd, 1 H, H-6), 4.47–4.09 (m, 8 H, $CH_2CH = CH_2$, 3 H-5, 2 H-6, H-2), 3.92 (dd, 1 H, H-6), 3.65 (dd, 1 H, H-6), 2.19, 2.08 (2s, 6 H, 2 COCH₃). Anal. calcd for C₈₁H₇₂O₂₆: C, 66.57; H, 4.97; Found: C, 66.34; H, 5.01.

4.11. Allyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$ -6-*O*-acetyl-3,4-di-*O*-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 6)$ -[2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$ -3,4,6-tri-*O*-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$]-3,4-di-*O*-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranoside 16

A solution of 14 (1.65 g, 1.16 mmol) and 11 (1.56 g, 1.28 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL) was stirred with dried molecular sieves (4 Å, 1.5 g) under N_2 for 15 min,

and then TMSOTf (20 μ L) was added. After 1 h, the reaction mixture was neutralized with Et₃N, filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (1.5:1 petroleum ether-EtOAc) gave 16 as a syrup (2.87 g, 90%): $[\alpha]_{\rm D}$ -45.2 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.00–6.93 (m, 75 H, 15 BzH), 6.20–5.75 (m, 13 H, $CH = CH_2$, 5 H-4, 5 H-3, 2 H-2), 5.60 (d, 1 H, J_{1,2}=1.6 Hz, H-1), 5.58 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ =1.6 Hz, H-1), 5.41 (dd, 1 H, ${}^{2}J$ =1.5 Hz, ${}^{3}J_{\text{trans}} = 18.7$ Hz, CH = CH₂), 5.39 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2} = 1.6$ Hz, H-1), 5.28 (dd, 1 H, ${}^{2}J = 1.3$ Hz, ${}^{3}J_{\text{cis}} = 11.8$ Hz, $CH = CH_2$), 5.27 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2} = 1.6$ Hz, H-1), 5.12 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2} = 1.6$ Hz, H-1), 1.95 (s, 3 H, COCH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.66 (1 C, COCH₃), 166.17, 166.03, 165.70, 165.59, 165.59, 165.59, 165.44, 165.19, 165.19, 165.19, 165.13, 164.94, 164.94, 164.66, 164.65 $(15 \text{ C}, 15 \text{ COPh}), 133.4-128.0 (91 \text{ C}, 15 \text{ Ph}, \text{CH}_2\text{CH} =$ CH_2), 117.80 ($CH_2CH = CH_2$), 100.04, 99.65, 99.42, 98.36, 98.04 (5 C-1, ${}^{2}J_{C1-H1}$ =170-176.8 Hz), 78.95, 77.66, 77.20 (3 C-2), 20.5 (1 C, COCH₃). Anal. calcd for C₁₄₀H₁₁₈O₄₂: C, 68.01; H, 4.81. Found: C, 68.29; H, 4.77.

4.12. A one-pot procedure for the preparation of the pentasaccharide 16

A solution of **9** (0.9 g, 2.10 mmol) and **13** (2.45 g, 2.13 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL) was stirred with activated 4 Å molecular sieves (2 g) at rt under N₂ for 20 min. Then the reaction mixture was cooled to -45° C, and TMSOTf (10 µL) was added. After 30 min, temperature was allowed to rise to rt. After the reaction mixture was added **11** (2.83 g, 2.33 mmol) under N₂ at rt. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h, at the end of which time TLC (2:1 petroleum ether–EtOAc) indicated that the reaction was complete. The reaction mixture was neutralized with Et₃N, filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. Purification of the resultant residue by column chromatography with 2:1 petroleum ether–EtOAc as eluent gave **16** (4.7 g, 83%).

4.13. 2,3,4,6-Tetra-*O*-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 2)-6-*O*-acetyl-3,4-di-*O*-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 6)-[2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 2)-3,4,6-tri-*O*-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 2)]-3,4-di-*O*-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate 17

A mixture of compound **16** (1.00 g, 0.36 mmol) and $PdCl_2$ (30 mg) in MeOH (50 mL) was stirred vigorously for 4 h at rt, TLC (1.5:1 petroleum ether–EtOAc) indicated that the reaction was complete. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite and the filtrate was concentrated to dryness. The resulting compound was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL), then CCl₃CN (0.5 ml, 5 mmol) and DBU (50 μ L) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h, at the end of which time TLC (2:1 petroleum ether–EtOAc) indicated that the reaction was complete. Concentration of the reaction mixture followed by purification on a silica gel column with 2:1 petroleum ether–EtOAc as the eluent furnished

the pentasaccharide donor **17** (798 mg, 85% two steps): $[\alpha]_{\rm D}$ -35.0 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.76 (s, 1 H, N*H*), 8.05–6.81 (m, 75 H, 15 Bz*H*), 6.55 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ 1.6 Hz, H-1), 6.16–5.87 (m, 12 H, 5 H-4, 5 H-3, 2 H-2), 5.70 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ =1.3 Hz, H-1), 5.63 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ =1.3 Hz, H-1), 5.38 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ =1.3 Hz, H-1), 5.36 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ =1.3 Hz, H-1), 4.99–3.60 (m, 18 H, 3 H-2, 5 H-5, 10 H-6), 1.93 (s, 3 H, COC*H*₃). Anal. calcd for C₁₃₉H₁₁₄Cl₃NO₄₂: C, 64.79; H, 4.46. Found: C, 64.56; H, 4.50.

4.14. Allyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$ -3,4-di-*O*-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 6)$ -[2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$ -3,4,6-tri-*O*-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$]-3,4-di-*O*-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranoside 18

A solution of 16 (1.2 g, 0.44 mmol) in MeOH (100 mL) containing 0.5% HCl was stirred at rt for 12 h, at the end of which time TLC (1.5:1 petroleum ether-EtOAc) indicated that the starting material had disappeared. The mixture was neutralized with Et_3N , and then concentrated to dryness. The residue was partitioned between water and CH₂Cl₂, the organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated to a syrup. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (1.5:1 petroleum ether-EtOAc) gave 18 as a syrup (978 mg, 92%): $[\alpha]_{D}$ -62.7 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.03–6.96 (m, 75 H, 15 BzH), 6.13-5.71 (m, 13 H, CH=CH₂, 5 H-4, 5 H-3, 2 H-2), 5.56 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ =1.2 Hz, H-1), 5.51 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ = 1.2 Hz, H-1), 5.40 (dd, 1 H, ${}^{2}J=1.5$ Hz, ${}^{3}J_{\text{trans}}=17.2$ Hz, $CH = CH_2$), 5.31 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2} = 1.2$ Hz, H-1), 5.29 (dd, 1 H, $^2J=1.3$ Hz, $^3J_{cis}=10.4$ Hz), 5.25 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}=1.2$ Hz, H-1), 5.08 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}=1.2$ Hz, H-1), 4.86–3.41 (m, 20 H, $CH_2CH = CH_2$, 3 H-2, 5 H-5, 10 H-6). Anal. calcd for $C_{138}H_{116}O_{41}$: C, 68.20; H, 4.81. Found: C, 68.41; H, 4.71.

4.15. Allyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$ -6-O-acetyl-3,4-di-O-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 6)$ -[2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$ -3,4,6-tri-O-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$]-3,4-di-O-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$]-3,4,6-tetra-O-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$]-3,4-di-O-benzoyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$]-3,4-di- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$

A solution of **17** (550 mg, 0.21 mmol) and **18** (461 mg, 0.19 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) was stirred with dried molecular sieves (4 Å, 0.5 g) under N₂ for 15 min, and then TMSOTf (5 μ L) was added. After 1 h, the reaction mixture was neutralized with Et₃N, filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. Purification of the residue by a column chromatography (1.3:1 petroleum ether–EtOAc) gave **19** as a syrup (460 mg, 50%): [α]_D –33.7 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.02–6.60 (m, 150 H, 30 BzH), 6.40–5.82 (m, 25 H, CH=CH₂ 10 H-4, 10 H-3, 4 H-2), 5.70 (d, 1 H, J_{1,2}=1.3 Hz, H-1), 5.62 (m, 2 H, 2 H-1), 5.48

(d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ =1.3 Hz, H-1), 5.39(d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ =1.3 Hz, H-1), 5.34 (dd, 1 H, ${}^{2}J$ =1.3 Hz, ${}^{3}J_{trans}$ =17.1 Hz, CH=CH₂), 5.32 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ =1.3 Hz, H-1), 5.28 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ =1.3 Hz, H-1), 5.24 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ =1.3 Hz, H-1), 5.22 (dd, 1 H, ${}^{2}J$ =1.3 Hz, ${}^{3}J_{cis}$ =10.4 Hz, CH=CH₂), 5.20 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ =1.3 Hz, H-1), 4.98 (d, 1 H, $J_{1,2}$ =1.3 Hz, H-1), 4.93–3.26 (m, 38 H, CH₂CH=CH₂, 10 H-5, 20 H-6·6 H-2), 1.87 (s, 3 H, COCH₃); 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.69 (1 C, COCH₃), 166.2-164.5 (30 C, 30 COPh), 133.4–127.5 (181 C, 30 Ph, CH=CH₂), 117.7 (CH=CH₂), 100.07, 99.99, 99.72, 99.55, 99.43, 99.34, 98.89, 98.26, 98.19, 98.17 (10 C-1), 20.4 (1 C, COCH₃). Anal. calcd for C₂₇₅H₂₂₈O₈₂: C, 68.18; H, 4.74. Found: C, 68.32; H, 4.80.

4.16. Allyl α -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$ - α -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 6)$ - $[\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$ - α -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$]- α -D-mannopyranoside 1

Compound **16** (758 mg, 0.28 mmol) was dissolved in an ammonia-saturated solution of 1:9 CH₂Cl₂– CH₃OH (100 mL) at 40°C. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated to about 10 mL, and then CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL) was added. The resultant precipitate was filtered and washed four times with CH₂Cl₂ to afford **1** as white solid (219 mg, 91%): $[\alpha]_D$ +12.3 (*c* 1.0, H₂O); ¹H NMR (D₂O, 400 MHz): δ 5.85 (m, 1 H, CH=CH₂), 5.27–5.17 (m, 2 H, CH=CH₂), 5.19, 5.03, 5.02, 4.94, 4.93 (5s, 5 H, 5 H-1); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, D₂O): 133.52 (1 C, CH₂CH=CH₂), 118.71 (1 C, CH₂CH=CH₂), 102.23, 102.23, 100.7, 98.12, 97.50 (5 C-1). MALDI-TOF MS calcd for C₃₃H₅₆O₂₆: 868.79 [M]. found: 891.65 (M+Na)⁺.

4.17. Allyl α -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$ - α -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 6)$ - $[\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$ - α -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$]- α -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 6)$ - $[\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$]- α -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$ - α -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$]- α -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 2)$ - α -D-mannopyranosyl-

Compound **19** (386 mg, 0.08 mmol) was dissolved in an ammonia-saturated solution of 1:9 CH₂Cl₂– CH₃OH (120 mL) at 40°C. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated to about 30 mL, and then CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL) was added. The resultant precipitate was filtered and washed four times with CH₂Cl₂ to afford **2** as white solid (127 mg, 95%): $[\alpha]_D$ +35.8 (*c* 1.0, H₂O); ¹H NMR (D₂O, 400 MHz): δ 5.94 (m, 1 H, CH=CH₂), 5.35–5.25 (2 H, CH=CH₂), 5.25– 5.02 (10 H-1); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, D₂O): 133.6 (1 C, CH₂CH=CH₂), 118.7 (1 C, CH₂CH=CH₂), 101.97, 101.97, 101.97, 101.97, 100.46, 100.38, 98.11, 97.96, 97.96, 97.39 (10 C-1). MALDI-TOF MS calcd for C₆₃H₁₀₆O₅₁: 1679.50 [M]. found: 1702.61 (M+Na)⁺

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