## Conversion of glycosyl fluorides into $\underline{c}$ -glycosides using organoaluminum reagents. Stereospecific alkylation at c-6 of a pyranose sugar

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Summary: Various furanosyl and pyranosyl fluorides react rapidly with alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, and aryl organoaluminum reagents at or below room temperature to form C-glycosides in 68-93% yields. Effective application of this procedure to a 6-fluoro 1,6-anhydroglucose derivative produced a chain-extended sugar stereospecifically.

The great and diverse medicinal value of many C-glycosides has stimulated development of many new synthetic methods for their preparation. Having previously utilized the very strong affinity of aluminum for fluoride ions, we were intrigued by the possibility that organoaluminum reagents might activate glycosyl fluorides toward carbon-carbon bond formation. With some new and effective procedures now available for preparation of glycosyl fluorides, be report here the results in Table I for very mild C-glycoside formation via reaction of various glycosyl fluorides with organoaluminum reagents (eq. 1).

Several features of the results are especially noteworthy, as follows: (1) various unsaturated and therefore easily functionalized hydrocarbon groups can be introduced at the anomeric center; (2) the requisite unsaturated organoaluminum reagents are easily prepared via hydroalumination of terminal acetylenes or via organoaluminum chloride metathesis with organolithium species; (3) diisobutylaluminum hydride can convert a furanosyl fluoride into its parent tetrahydrofuran; (4) the reaction mechanism undoubtedly involves intermediate oxenium ions as indicated, for example, by the same product being formed from both of the mannofuranosyl fluorides; and (5) both furanosyl and pyranosyl fluorides undergo this type of C-glycoside formation.

TABLE I.

GLYCOSYL FLUORIDE		R <sub>2</sub> A1R	• -	C-GLYCOSIDE	l <sup>a</sup> (α:β) <sup>c</sup>
$\times^{\circ}$		<u>R</u>	<u>R</u> '		
F	α-F	Et	Et	79%	(>20:1)
	α-F	i-Bu	$\underline{t}$ -CH=CHC $_6^{H}$ $13^{\underline{n}}^{d}$	76%	(>20:1)
	α-F	Et	$C \equiv CC_6^{H_{13}} - \underline{n} (5 \text{ Equiv})^e$	85%	(>20:1)
	α-F	Ph	Et (2 Equiv) <sup>f</sup>	68%	(>20:1)
	α-F	i-Bu	H	71%	
	β-F	Et	Et	76%	(>20:1)
BnO OBn BnO OBn		Et Et	Et	93% 79%	(6:1) (3:1)
BnO OBn		Et	Et	86%	(1:1)
BnO OF*  BnO OBn		i-Bu	$\underline{\mathbf{t}}$ -CH=CHC $_{6}^{\mathrm{H}}$ 13- $\underline{\mathbf{n}}^{\mathrm{d}}$	85%	(2.6:1)

Bn = PhCH<sub>2</sub>. 
All new compounds were fully characterized spectroscopically and by microanalysis and/or by high resolution mass spectrometry. 
bYield of product after purification by short path chromatography or by preparative tlc. 
cAnomeric ratio determined by  $^{1}$ H NMR.  $^{1}$ -Bu<sub>2</sub>AlH + HC=CCC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>1</sub>3- $^{1}$ .  $^{0}$ -Et<sub>2</sub>AlCl + LiC=CC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>1</sub>3- $^{1}$ .  $^{1}$ -EtAlCl<sub>2</sub> + 2 PhLi; highly selective transfer of phenyl group was observed after stirring overnight at room temperature. 
Containing a small amount of the anomeric fluoride: see ref. 5a.

The ready availability and cheap price of natural carbohydrates in many enantiomerically pure forms has made these chiral, non-racemic compounds very popular starting materials for synthesis of various complex organic molecules. 6 However, attempts to transfer chirality predictably from the ring-substituted carbon atoms of pyranose sugars to exocyclic (off-template<sup>7</sup>) positions (e.g. C-6) have been rare. $^8$  Some success has been achieved recently by incorporating C-6 into a second ring and then allowing the rigidity of the bicyclic system to influence the stereochemistry of carboncarbon bond formation at C-6.7a,9 Toward this significant and challenging goal, we converted 6phenylthio 1,6-anhydro-D-glucose derivative 2a10 into the corresponding fluorides 2b and 2c.11 Although fluoride 2b, with acetate ester protecting groups, was unreactive toward triethylaluminum, fluoride 2c, with benzyl ether protecting groups, reacted smoothly and stereospecifically to give exclusively the exo-substitution product 3 in 84% yield after purification by short path column chromatography (eq. 2).12 The exo configuration of the ethyl group was established unambiguously by  $^1$ H NMR (J<sub>5,6</sub> endo  $^0$  Hz; H-1, H-1, H-3, H-4 and H-5, broad singlets)  $^{10}$  and by  $^{13}$ C NMR [-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, δ (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 27.8]; equivalent carbon atoms in derivatives with syn- interactions with neighboring benzyloxy groups appeared in the range δ 21.6-22.6. This extremely successful, stereospecific alkylation at the off-template C-6 position of a 1,6-anhydroglucose system now can be applied to highly stereocontrolled syntheses of several biologically important chain-extended carbohydrates, including for example (-)-pestalotin ( $\frac{4}{9}$ ), a synergist of the plant-growth regulator gibberellin.  $^{13}$ 

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- 12. [a]  $_{2}^{28}$  26.5° (C 0.9, CHC1<sub>3</sub>);  $_{3}^{13}$ C (CDC1<sub>3</sub>); & 138.0, 138.0, 128.5, 128.5, 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8 (Ph), 101.1 (C-1), 78.0, 77.8, 77.2 (C-2,3,4), 76.6, 76.5 (C-5,6), 72.1, 71.7, 71.2 (PhCH<sub>2</sub>), 27.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 9.7 (-CH<sub>3</sub>); mass spectrum: m/e 369.169 (calcd for M-PhCH<sub>2</sub> 369.170).
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