

SYNTHESIS OF METHYLENE BRIDGED C-DISACCHARIDES¹⁾

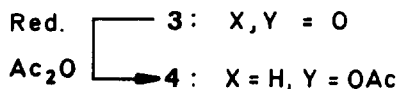
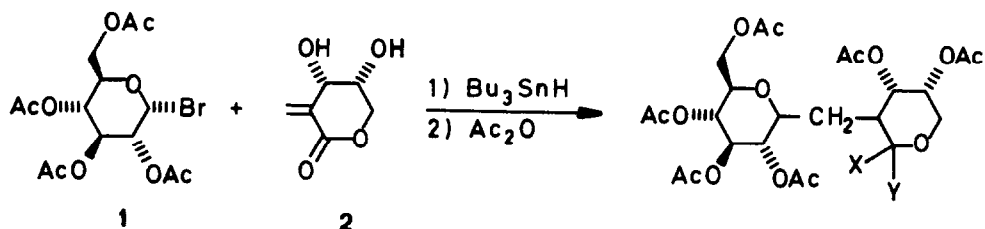
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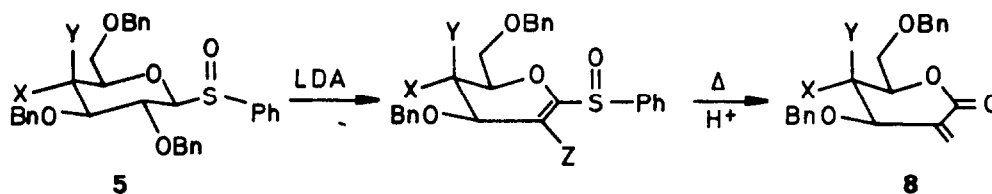
Abstract: Addition of glycosyl radicals to the α -methylene lactones **8** obtained from the corresponding glycopyranosyl phenylsulfoxides **5a,b** in convenient two step procedures provides methylene bridged C-disaccharides in high diastereoselectivities. Thus, after reduction of the lactone moiety the methylene bridged analogs **9-11** of kojibiose, ristobiose, and α -L-fucopyranosyl(1 \rightarrow 2)-D-galactose, respectively, were obtained.

The C-disaccharide synthesis developed by Giese and Witzel permits the connection of two tetrahydropyran rings by a methylene group.²⁾ This method is based on the addition of a glycosyl radical to an exo-methylene γ -lactone followed by hydrogen atom abstraction.³⁾ Thus, from D-glucopyranosyl bromide **1**, α -methylene lactone **2**, and tributyltin hydride the C-disaccharide lactone **3** was obtained, which after reduction and O-acetylation provided the desired C-disaccharide **4**.²⁾ Compounds of this type are above all of interest as potential enzyme inhibitors.⁴⁾



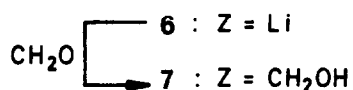
The formation of various glycosyl radical intermediates was possible without difficulties⁵⁾, however, the access to the required α -methylene γ -lactones of carbohydrates was very limited. This problem could now be solved by applying the α -alkylidene glycono- γ -lactone synthesis of Schmidt and Kast.⁶⁾

The direct generation of C-2-lithiated glycols **6** from the readily available glycopyranosyl-phenylsulfoxides **5** (via the corresponding glycols) provides a simple route for reactions with electrophiles at C-2 of carbohydrates.⁶⁾ Reaction of formaldehyde with the species **6a** and **6b** generated from 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyl-D-glucopyranosyl- and D-galactopyranosyl-phenylsulfoxides **5a,b**,⁷⁾ respectively, with two equivalents of lithium diisopropylamide (LDA) afforded the 2-hydroxymethyl substituted glycols **7a** and **7b** in excellent yields (**7a**: 77%; **7b**: 84%). Simple heating in toluene in presence of traces of acid led directly to the desired α -methylene γ -lactones **8a,b** of D-glucose and D-galactose (**8a**: 64% **8b**: 65%), which could be readily isolated and characterized. Thus, interesting starting materials are available for the synthesis of methylene group (1 \rightarrow 2)-bridged C-disaccharides.



a : X = OBn, Y = H

b : X = H, Y = OBn



Applying the radical CC-bond forming reaction to acetobromo-D-glucose (**1**) and α -methylene lactone **8a** provided after reduction and acetylation the methylene bridged analogue **9** of kojibiose in 45 % overall yield (Table).⁸⁾ The intermediate lactone was formed in 70 % yield. The high diastereoselectivity in the radical CC-bond formation between C-1 of compound **1** and the β -methylene carbon of compound **8a**, and in the subsequent hydrogen donation of tributyltin hydride to the α -carbon of the lactone radical is noteworthy. Thus the methylene bridged disaccharide lactone with α -D-glucopyranosyl(1 \rightarrow 2)-D-glucose structure was obtained which afforded after reduction with Na[Al(OC₂H₄OMe)₂(OEt)H] and O-acetylation with acetic anhydride/pyridine the C-disaccharide **9** as a 2:1-mixture of the α/β -anomers.⁸⁾ Similarly, from acetobromo-D-mannose and compound **8a** the methylene analogue **10** of ristobiose with α -D-mannopyranosyl(1 \rightarrow 2)-D-glucose structure was obtained (1:1 α,β -anomer mixture). The frequent occurrence

of the α -L-fucopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 2)-D-galactose moiety in glycoconjugates⁹⁾ was the reason to apply this methodology to acetobromo-L-fucose and the α -methylene lactone of D-galactose **8b**. Again the methylene bridged C-disaccharides **11** were obtained in good yield. However, only the CC-bond formation occurred with high α -selectivity. The radical hydrogen abstraction gave the diastereoisomers in a 3:2-ratio.

Table: Synthesis of Methylene Bridged C-Disaccharides

Glycosyl Halide	Methylene Lactone	C-Disaccharide	Yield (%) Radical Addition (overall)
1	8a	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p>	70 (45)
Tetraacetyl Mannosyl Bromide	8a	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p>	57 (40)
Triacetal Fucosyl Bromide	8b	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p>	62 (41)

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- 8) All new compounds have elemental analysis and spectra that are consistent with the assigned structures. As a typical example, the ¹H-NMR data (300 MHz, CDCl₃) of **9** are given. The tetrahydropyran carbon atoms are numbered from 1 to 6 and 1' to 6', respectively; the bridging methylenegroup is 7.
9, α-Isomer: δ = 1.72 (m, 1H, H-2'), 1.96-2.25 (m, 17H, H-7, OAc), 3.62 (t, 1H, H-6b'), 3.67 (dd, 1H, H-6a'), 3.71-3.86 (m, 2H, H-6b, H-5'), 4.00 (dd, 1H, H-6a), 5.05-4.17 (m, 3H, H-1, H-5, H-4'), 4.51-5.03 (m, 9H, H-2, H-4, H-3', Bn), 5.19 (t, 1H, H-3), 6.21 (d, 1H, H-1'), 7.20-7.45 (m, 15H, Ph), J_{2,3} = J_{3,4} = 9.0, J_{4,5} = 5.5, J_{5,6a} = 2.5, J_{5,6b} = J_{6a,6b} = 12.5, J_{1',2'} = 3.0, J_{5',6a'} = 1.5, J_{5',6b'} = 9.0, J_{6a',6b'} = 9.3 Hz.
9: β-Isomer: δ = 1.82 (m, 1H, H-2'), 1.95-2.20 (m, 17H, OAc), 3.34 (dd, 1H, H-6b'), 3.54 (ddd, 1H, H-5'), 3.68-3.79 (m, 3H, H-1, H-6b, H-6a'), 3.90 (dd, 1H, H-4'), 4.33 (ddd, 1H, H-5), 4.55-5.15 (m, 11H, H-2, H-3, H-4, H-6a, H-3', Bn), 5.46 (d, 1H, H-1'), 7.25-7.45 (m, 15H, Ph), J_{2,3} = J_{3,4} = 9.5, J_{4,5} = 5.5, J_{5,6a} = 2.5, J_{5,6b} = 12.5, J_{1',2'} = 9.5, J_{5',6a'} = 2.0, J_{5',6b'} = 9.0, J_{6a',6b'} = 11.0 Hz.
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