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Total Asymmetric Synthesis of Long-chain, Branched Carbohydrates and of an Aza-C-Disaccharide

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Abstract: Michael addition of (-)-(18,5R,6R,7S)-6,7-bis(methoxymethoxy)-2,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]-octan-3-one lithium enolate to (+)-(1R,4S,5S,6S)-5-benzeneselenyl-6-chloro-3-methylidene-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-one gives a single adduct with high stereoselectivity. It was converted into a derivative of β -D-(1 \rightarrow 3)-C-linked 1,5-dideoxy-1,5-imino-lyxopyranoside of α -D-mannofuranurono-6,1-lactone and other long-chain, branched sugars.

Glycosidases are key enzymes in the biosynthesis and processing of glycoproteins, which are macromolecules involved in recognition (cell-cell, host-pathogene interactions) and control of biological mechanisms and structures.² Inhibition of glycosidases³ may be useful for the treatment of diseases such as diabetes, cancer, viral and bacterial infections, and inflammation.⁴ Polyhydroxypiperidines and pyrrolidines (azasugars) are promising inhibitors; unfortunately, they often inhibit more than one enzyme *in vivo*. It is believed that selectivity would be increased if the azasugar would include not only the steric and charge information of the glycosyl moiety which is liberated during the glycosidase-catalysed hydrolysis, but also that of the aglycone which it is attached to. Such inhibitors could be dideoxy-iminoalditols linked to other sugars through non-hydrolysable links such as in the aza-C-disaccharides. A first example (1,5-dideoxy-1,5-imino-D-mannitol linked at C(6) of D-galactose through a CH₂ unit) has been prepared by Johnson and coworkers⁵ applying the Suzuki reaction. Recently, Baudat and Vogel⁶ have used the cross-aldolisation of a 7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-one derivative with a protected form of 2,6,7-trideoxy-2,6-imino-D-glycero-L-manno-heptose to generate the first example of a (1→3)-C-linked azadisaccharide in which 1,5,6-trideoxy-1,5-imino-β-galactose is linked at C(3) of D-altro-hexouronic acid through a hydroxymethylene unit.

a) ref. 9, 2 steps, b) CH2(OCH3)2, P2O5, c) DBU, MeOH, d) mCPBA, CHCl3, e) LiHMDS, THF, f) ref. 11, 2 steps, g) THF, h) MeOH, AcOH

We report here a new approach to the total synthesis of long-chain, branched carbohydrates and of new kinds of $(1\rightarrow 3)$ -C-linked azadisaccharides. These are obtained through the Michael addition of the lithium enolate of a protected 5-deoxy-arabino-hexofuranurono-6,1-lactone ((-)-5) to enone (+)-7. Both reactants are derived from the optically pure 7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-2-yl derivatives⁷ (+)-1 and (-)-2, respectively ("naked sugars of the first generation").

Epoxidation of (+)-1, followed by acidic treatment provided (+)-3. Acetalisation of the free hydroxyl in (+)-3 using (MeO)₂CH₂ (CH₂Cl₂, P₂O₅, 20°C), methanolysis with MeOH (DBU, 20°C, 10 min, recovery of the chiral auxiliary: methyl camphanate) and treatment with (MeO)₂CH₂ (CH₂Cl₂, P₂O₅, 20°C, 20 min) gave ketone 4 (57% after flash chromatography on silica gel). Regioselective Baeyer-Villiger rearrangement of 4 with 1.1 eq. of *m*-chloroperbenzoic acid (mCPBA) in the presence of anhydrous NaHCO₃ (2.5 eq., CH₂Cl₂, 20°C, 16h) provided the uronolactone (-)-5 (90%). The lithium enolate 6 was generated by treatment of (-)-5 with (Me₃Si)₂NLi (THF, -78°C, 30 min.). A THF solution of enone (+)-7 derived from the "naked sugar" (-)-2 was added slowly (40 min) into a stirred THF solution of the lithium enolate of 6 (-70°C). The adduct 8 was quenched with 8:1 MeOH/AcOH at -78°C and furnished a single product (-)-9 (90%). The ladduct 8 was quenched with 8:1 MeOH/AcOH at -78°C and furnished a single product (-)-9 (90%). The high double-diastereoselectivity of the Michael addition of 6 to (+)-7 can be explained by invoking steric factors: the *exo* face of 6 adds selectively to (+)-7 giving enolate 8, the *exo* face of which then reacts selectively with the proton source to afford (-)-9.

a) MOMCI, (i-Pr)2NEt, b) BnOH, BuLi, c) (i-Bu)Me₂SiOSO₂CF₃, 2,6-lutidine, d) OsO₄-2H₂O, Me₃NO, NaHCO₃, e) Ac₂O, NEt₃, DMAP cat.,f) mCPBA, NaHCO₃, g) H₂, Pd/C, DPPA, NEt₃, BnOH, h) Bu₄NF on silica, i) H₂, Pd(OH)₂/C.

Reduction of (-)-9 with NaBH₄ (MeOH/THF, 0°C, 15 min), followed by oxidative elimination of the phenylseleno group with 1 eq. of mCPBA (THF/CH₂Cl₂, -78°C, 2h, then 20°C, 2h) furnished 10 (86%). Protection of the endo alcohol as a MOM ether (20 eq. MeOCH₂Cl, 30 eq. (i-Pr)₂NEt, CH₂Cl₂, 0-20°C, 48h; then more MeOCH₂Cl (20 eq.), 20°C, 4h) led to 11 (75%). Alcoholysis of lactone 11 with BnOLi (THF, 0-15°C, 4h), followed by acidification with AcOH gave furanose 12 which was silylated with (t-Bu)-Me₂SiOSO₂CF₃ in 2,6-lutidine (-15°C, 1h) to yield 13 (61%, 4:1 mixture of α- and β-anomer). Double hydroxylation of the chloroalkene 13 with Me₃NO and OsO₄·2aq. and NaHCO₃ (5:1 THF/H₂O, 20°C, 1h), followed by acetylation with Ac₂O/Et₃N/DMAP (CH₂Cl₂, 20°C, 16 h) furnished 14 (65%), the Baeyer-Villiger oxidation (mCPBA, NaHCO3,CHCl3, 20°C, 16 h) of which provided the doubly-branched tredecuronolactone derivative 15 (61%). Debenzylation (H₂,Pd/C, AcOEt, 20°C, 16h), followed by reaction of the free carboxylic acid with (PhO)₂P(O)N₂ and Et₂N (anhydrous toluene, 20°C, 5h) led to the corresponding isocyanate. This product was treated without purification with BnOH (100°C, 16h) to give the benzylcarbamate 16 (61%). 14 Cleavage of the silvl group with Bu₄NF on silica gel (THF, 0°C), followed by hydrogenolysis of the benzylcarbamate moiety of 17 (H₂, Pd(OH)₂/C, AcOEt, 20°C, 24h) provided the partially protected aza-C-disaccharide (-)-20 (70%)¹⁵, the formation of which results from equilibration of free amine 18 with imine 19 which is then hydrogenated. All the structures of the new compounds described here were confirmed by their mode of formation, spectral data and elemental analysis.

This work demonstrates the unprecedented use of "naked sugar"- derived Michael donors and acceptors in the stereoselective construction of long-chain, branched sugars and analogues¹⁶, as well as new disaccharide mimics including β -D-(1 \rightarrow 3)-C-azapyranosides of hexoses.

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