

# RECONSTRUCTION OF GLYCAN CHAINS OF GLYCOPROTEIN<sup>a</sup>

## BRANCHING MANNOPENTAOSIDE AND MANNOHEXAOSIDE

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**Abstract**—Synthetic routes to the branching mannopentaoside **4** and mannohexaoside **5** are described employing properly protected mannobioside **13** as a key intermediate.

In 1978, Li *et al.*<sup>2</sup> proposed the structure **1** for the lipid-linked oligosaccharide precursor in glycoprotein biosynthesis. According to the proposed biosynthetic scheme,<sup>3</sup> the whole oligosaccharide unit in **1** is transferred from the lipid carrier to the newly synthesized protein and is further processed to give rise to the various high mannose type<sup>4</sup> of glycan chains linked to proteins. Typical examples of these glycan chains may be represented by glycopeptides **2** and **3** which have been reported to be involved in such glycoproteins as ovalbumin,<sup>5</sup> *Aspergillus oryzae*  $\alpha$ -amylase,<sup>6</sup> Chinese hamster ovary cell membrane,<sup>7</sup> and human IgM<sup>8</sup>.

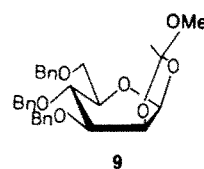
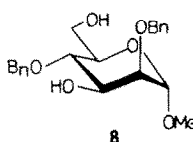
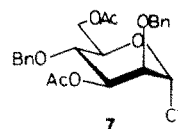
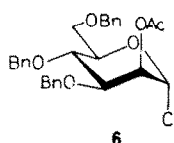
As part of our project on the synthetic studies on glycan chains present at cell surfaces, we describe a regio- and stereo-controlled approach to the synthesis of branching mannopentaoside **4** and mannohexaoside **5**, the outer chains of glycopeptides **2** and **3**. Synthetic studies on **4** and **5** may be considered as part of the experiments directed toward the construction of the whole glycan unit present in lipid-linked oligosaccharide precursor **1**.

Structures of target molecules **4** and **5** could be

retrosynthesized into three monosaccharide synthons, **6**, **7** and **8**. It is to be noted that synthons **6** and **7** are properly protected to have dual functions; first acting as a glycosyl donor toward OH functions and then upon selective removal of the protective groups being transformed into a glycosyl acceptor.

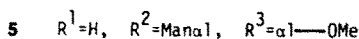
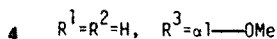
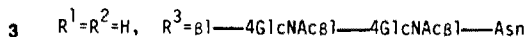
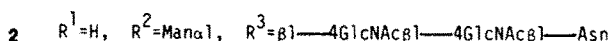
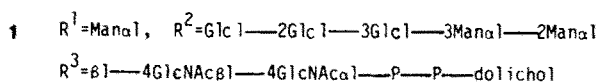
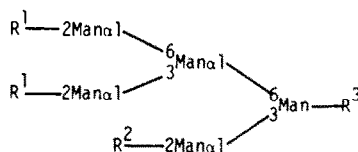
### Synthesis of the key intermediate disaccharide

Acetylation of methyl 2,4-di-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside **8**<sup>9</sup> gave diacetate **10** and subsequent acetolysis of **10** afforded a 72% yield of triacetate **11**. Configuration at C-1 of **11** was determined to be  $\alpha$  according to <sup>13</sup>C NMR data which showed the signal for C-1 at  $\delta$  90.9 (<sup>1</sup>J<sub>CH</sub> = 175.0 Hz) in good agreement with the empirical rule of Bock and Pedersen.<sup>10</sup> Of the two



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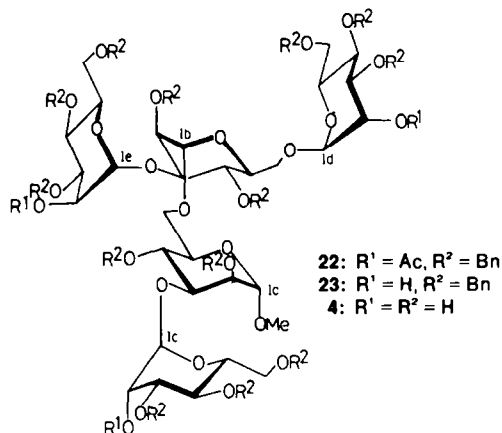
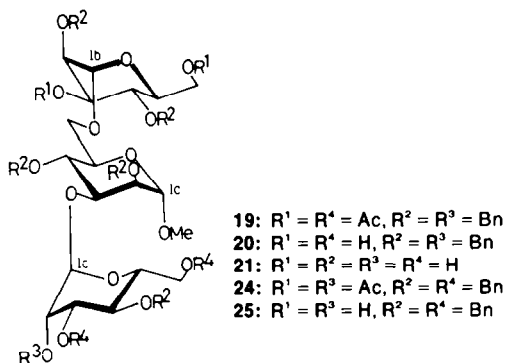
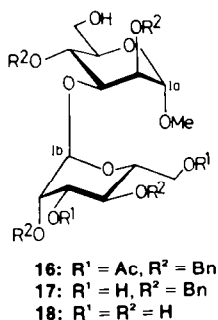
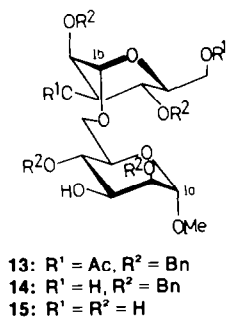
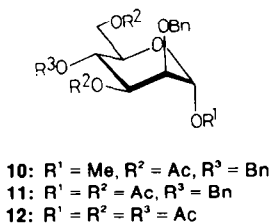
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benzyl groups in **10**, one at O-4 was proved to be more susceptible to acetolysis; thus acetolysis of **10** under the same condition but at 25° gave rise the formation of tetraacetate **12**. Stereochemistry at C-1 of **12** was assigned to be  $\alpha$  by comparing the proton chemical shift of the anomeric hydrogen of **12** ( $\delta$  6.14, d,  $J = 2$  Hz) with that of **11** ( $\delta$  6.15, d,  $J = 2$  Hz). And the signal for H-4 appeared at  $\delta$  5.46 as a triplet with  $J_{34} = J_{45} = 10$  Hz, thus confirming the cleavage of the benzyl group at O-4. Similar susceptibility of the benzyl group at O-4 compared to that at O-3 was recently observed by Pom-pom.<sup>11</sup>

Treatment of **11** in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  saturated with HCl led to the chloride **7** in 99.4% yield, which showed the signal for C-1 at 90.0 with  $^1J_{\text{CH}} = 180.9$  Hz indicating  $\alpha$  anomeric stereochemistry.

Having properly protected glycosyl donor **7** prepared, selective glycosidation at O-6 of the diol **8** with **7** was next studied. When **8** was glycosylated with 0.86 molar equivalents of glycosyl donor **7** under Hanessian-Banoub conditions,<sup>12</sup> protected mannobiosides **13** and **16** were isolated in 38.6 and 5.9% yield respectively, along with a 6.5% yield of the protected mannotriose **19**, and starting diol **8** was recovered in 45% yield. However, by employing two molar equivalents of glycosyl donor **7** in this reaction, **13** was isolated in 56.4% yield as well as a 19.8% yield of **19**. Using excess of chloride **7** and minimizing both the formation of the isomer **16** and the recovery of **8**, overall conversion of **8** into **13** became practical, although the ratio of **13** vs **19** was lowered to 3:1 from 6:1. Newly introduced stereochemistry in **13**, **16** and **19** were determined by the following  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data. In the case of **13**, signals for two anomeric carbons appeared at  $\delta$  97.4 ( $^1J_{\text{CH}} = 168.6$  Hz) for C-1b and  $\delta$  97.7 ( $^1J_{\text{CH}} = 168.6$  Hz) for C-1a. In the case of **16**, signals for two anomeric carbons appeared at  $\delta$  98.8 ( $^1J_{\text{CH}} = 169.1$  Hz) for C-1a and  $\delta$  99.3 ( $^1J_{\text{CH}} = 172.1$  Hz) for C-1b. In the case of **19**, signals for three anomeric carbons appeared at  $\delta$  97.3 ( $^1J_{\text{CH}} = 170.6$  Hz) for C-1b,  $\delta$  98.4 ( $^1J_{\text{CH}} = 170.6$  Hz) for C-1a, and  $\delta$  99.3 ( $^1J_{\text{CH}} = 173.5$  Hz) for C-1c.



Structure of **13** was further confirmed by the transformation into free mannobioside **15**. Zémpfen deacetylation of **13** into **14** and subsequent hydrogenolysis of **14** afforded **15** as an amorphous solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum taken in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  at 60° showed the signals of two anomeric protons at  $\delta$  4.73 (d,  $J = 2$  Hz, H-1a) and  $\delta$  4.91 (d,  $J = 2$  Hz, H-1b).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  showed the signals for two anomeric carbons at  $\delta$  100.3 ( $^1J_{\text{CH}} = 170.9$  Hz, C-1b) and  $\delta$  101.8 ( $^1J_{\text{CH}} = 170.9$  Hz, C-1a). The formation of 1-6 interglycosidic linkage in mannobioside **15** was also proven by  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data which showed the presence of a deshielded signal<sup>13</sup> for C-6a at  $\delta$  66.4 compared to the signal for C-6b which appeared at  $\delta$  61.6.

The structures of two minor products **16** and **19** were confirmed as follows. Compound **16** was saponified into the authentic triol **17** which had been prepared by a different and an unambiguous route<sup>14</sup> and had been converted into free mannobioside **18**.<sup>15</sup> Compound **19** was saponified into **20** which was hydrogenolysed giving mannotriose **21** identical with the authentic sample.<sup>1</sup>

As the key intermediate **13** was prepared in 5 steps from dibenzylether **8** and the structure was determined unequivocally, further elongation of glycan chains of the glycosyl acceptors **13** and **14** was undertaken.

#### Synthesis of branching mannopentaoside **4** and mannohexaoside **5**

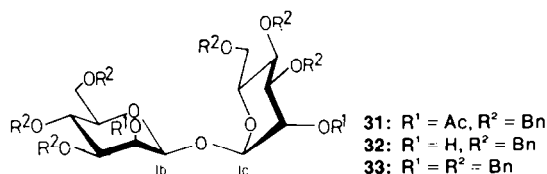
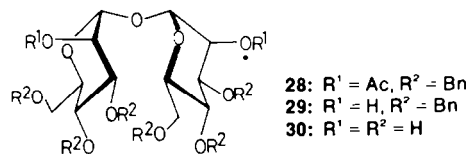
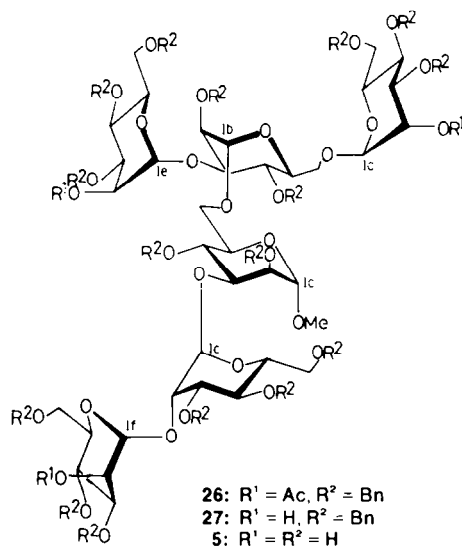
Triol **14** was glycosylated according to Hanessian-Banoub procedure<sup>12</sup> with the mannosyl donor **6**<sup>15</sup> prepared from 5.5 molar equivalents of orthoester **9**<sup>17</sup> to give a 73.3% yield of protected mannopentaoside **22** after column chromatography over silicagel. From less polar fractions of the chromatogram, 2-O-acetyl-3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl-D-glucal was isolated as a side product in

18.4% yield based on **9**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **22** showed three singlets for acetyl groups at  $\delta$  2.03, 2.06 and 2.10 which indicate the successful introduction of three mannosyl residues on the glycosyl acceptor **14** simultaneously. Anomeric configurations of newly introduced mannosyl residues were assigned to be  $\alpha$  according to  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data which showed signals at  $\delta$  96.9 ( $^1J_{\text{CH}} = 169.1$  Hz, C-1d), 98.2 ( $^1J_{\text{CH}} = 170.6$  Hz, C-1a and C-1b), and 99.6 ( $^1J_{\text{CH}} = 173.5$  Hz, C-1c and C-1e) corresponding to five anomeric carbons. Zémlen saponification of **22** in MeOH-THF-NaOMe afforded triol **23** in 87.6% yield which was subsequently hydrogenolysed over 10% Pd-C in aq EtOH giving the target mannopentaoside **4** as an amorphous solid. The structure of **4** was deduced from the synthetic sequence and was confirmed by the following  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum taken in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  at  $60^\circ$  showed the signals for five anomeric protons as doublets at  $\delta$  4.72 (H-1a), 4.87 (H-1b), 4.89 (H-1d), 5.09 (H-1e) and 5.12 (H-1c).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ) showed the signals for five anomeric carbons at  $\delta$  100.2 (C-1b and C-1d), 101.9 (C-1a), 103.1 (C-1e), and 103.3 (C-1c), and each signals showed showed  $^1J_{\text{CH}} \approx 170$  Hz confirming the  $\alpha$ -configurations at all anomeric centers.

The protected mannobioside **13** could also be employed as a key intermediate for the synthesis of mannohexaoside **5** in a following way.

Glycosidation of **13** with mannosyl donor **6** under Hanessian-Banoub conditions gave a 90.7% yield (based on **13**) of protected mannotrioside **24** as well as a 22.0% yield (based on **9**) of 2-O-acetyl-3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl-D-glucal as a by-product.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **24** showed three singlets for acetyl groups at  $\delta$  1.96, 2.01 and 2.06 and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum showed signals for three anomeric carbons with  $^1J_{\text{CH}} = 172$ –174 Hz at  $\delta$  97.6 (C-1b), 98.5 (C-1a) and 99.6 (C-1c), confirming introduction of a new mannosyl residue at O-3a of **13** with  $\alpha$  anomeric configuration. Deacetylation of **24** gave an 83.2% yield of triol **25**, of which structure was further confirmed by the transformation into free mannotrioside **21** identical with the authentic sample.<sup>1</sup>

Glycosidation of the glycosylacceptor **25** with 6.5 molar equivalents of glycosyl donor **6** and subsequent chromatography of the product gave a 31.7% yield of the protected mannohexaoside **26**,  $R_f$  0.40 in toluene-THF (10:1), along with four side products at  $R_f$  0.67, 0.62, 0.44 and 0.30. A compound with  $R_f$  0.62 was obtained as a 1:1 mixture with a compound with  $R_f$  0.67 and was tentatively assigned as 2-O-acetyl-3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl-D-glucal from its  $R_f$  value. The by-product at  $R_f$  0.44 was isolated in a 6.8% yield based on **9** and was assigned to be protected mannobioside **28** from  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data which revealed a singlet (6H) for two acetyl groups at  $\delta$  2.10 and a signal for two anomeric carbons at  $\delta$  92.8 with  $^1J_{\text{CH}} = 173.5$  Hz. Saponification of **28** and subsequent hydrogenolysis led to free mannobioside **30** which showed a singlet for two anomeric carbons at  $\delta$  95.5 with  $^1J_{\text{CH}} = 171.9$  Hz in  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR in agreement with the reported data.<sup>18</sup> The product at  $R_f$  0.30 was isolated in an 1.3% yield based on **9** and was determined to be **31** from  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data showing a singlet for two acetyl groups at  $\delta$  2.12 and two signals for anomeric carbons at  $\delta$  98.0 with  $^1J_{\text{CH}} = 160.3$  Hz for C-1b and at  $\delta$  98.1 with  $^1J_{\text{CH}} = 170.6$  Hz for C-1a. The structure of **31** was further confirmed by its transformation into free mannobioside **33** which showed two doublets with  $J = 2$  Hz for two anomeric protons at  $\delta$  4.84 and 5.12 in  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum, and two signals for



two anomeric carbons at  $\delta$  100.0 ( $^1J_{\text{CH}} = 159.2$  Hz) for C-1b and 100.7 ( $^1J_{\text{CH}} = 171.9$  Hz) for C-1a.

Protected mannohexaoside **26** was saponified into **27** which in turn was hydrogenolysed in a usual way to give the target mannohexaoside **5**.  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data confirmed the structure as follows. Six doublets with  $J = 2$  Hz for anomeric protons appeared at  $\delta$  4.70 (H-1a), 4.85 (H-1b), 4.88 (H-1d), 5.02 (H-1f) 5.12 (H-1e) and 5.28 (H-1c), and four signals with  $^1J_{\text{CH}} \approx 170$  Hz at  $\delta$  99.6 (C-1b and C-1d), 101.1 (C-1c), 101.3 (C-1a), 102.5 (C-1e and C-1f) confirmed  $\alpha$  configuration at all anomeric centers.

In conclusion, a practical synthetic route toward branching mannopentaoside **4** and mannohexaoside **5** which constitute a part structure of high mannose type glycan chain of several glycoproteins such as ovalbumin, *Asperigillus oryzae*  $\alpha$ -amylase, Chinese hamster ovary cell membranes and human IgM, has been developed using regioselectively protected mannobioside **13** as a key intermediate.

#### EXPERIMENTAL

All m.ps were determined with a Yanagimoto micro m.p. apparatus and were uncorrected. Optical rotations were determined with a Perkin-Elmer Model 141 polarimeter for solns in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  at  $25^\circ$ , unless otherwise noted. IR spectra were recorded with an EPI-G2 Hitachi spectrophotometer, as KBr discs for the crystalline samples and as neat films for the liquid samples.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra were recorded with a Varian HA-100 NMR spectrometer, using TMS as an internal standard. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded with a JNM-FX 100FT NMR spectrometer at 25.05 MHz. The values of  $\delta_C$  and  $\delta_H$  are expressed in ppm downward from the internal standard for the solns in CDCl<sub>3</sub> unless otherwise noted. Column chromatography was performed on columns of Silica Gel Merck (70–230 mesh; E. Merck, Darmstadt, West Germany). Tlc was performed on precoated plates (layer thickness, 0.25 mm; E. Merck, Darmstadt, West Germany) of Silica Gel 60 F<sub>254</sub>.

**Methyl 3,6-di-O-acetyl-2,4-di-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside 10**

To a soln of **8** (2.05 g, 5.5 mmol) in pyridine (10 ml) was added Ac<sub>2</sub>O (5 ml) at  $-5^{\circ}$ – $0^{\circ}$  and the mixture was stirred for 3 days at room temp. Excess Ac<sub>2</sub>O was destroyed by adding MeOH (22 ml) at  $0^{\circ}$ . Evaporation of the mixture *in vacuo* gave a residual oil which was co-evaporated 3 times with toluene to give a crude **10** which was used for the next step. An analytical sample was obtained by chromatography of the crude **10** over SiO<sub>2</sub> (toluene–EtOAc 5:1),  $R_f$  0.53 in toluene–EtOAc (3:1).  $[\alpha]_D + 12.6^{\circ}$  ( $c = 1.36$ ). NMR  $\delta_H$ : 1.94 (3H, s, OAc), 2.03 (3H, s, OAc), 3.32 (3H, s, OMe), 5.20 (1H, dd,  $J_{23} = 3$  Hz,  $J_{34} = 9$  Hz, H-3),  $\delta_C$ : 20.9 (COCH<sub>3</sub>), 55.0 (OMe), 63.4 (C-6), 69.6 (C-5), 72.9 (C<sub>2</sub>O–CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 73.3 (C-3), 73.9 (C-4), 74.7 (C<sub>4</sub>O–CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 75.7 (C-2), 98.7 (C-1,  $^1J_{CH} = 169.1$  Hz). (Found: C, 65.56; H, 6.63. C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>8</sub> requires: C, 65.49; H, 6.60%).

**1,3,6-Tri-O-acetyl-2,4-di-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranose 11**

To a soln of **10** (2.16 g, 4.6 mmol) in Ac<sub>2</sub>O (30 ml) and AcOH (15 ml) was slowly added conc H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (0.45 ml) at  $-10^{\circ}$ . The mixture was stirred for 1 hr at  $-10^{\circ}$  and NaOAc (5 g) was added. Ac<sub>2</sub>O and AcOH was evaporated *in vacuo* and the residue was partitioned between ice–water (50 ml) and EtOAc (70 ml  $\times$  3). Organic layer was washed with water, NaHCO<sub>3</sub> aq, dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and evaporated to give an oily product. Chromatography over SiO<sub>2</sub> (150 g, toluene–EtOAc 5:1) afforded **11** as a viscous oil (1.645 g, 71.8%). Compound **11** gave the same  $R_f$  value with **10** in toluene–EtOAc (3:1) but could be separated from **10** in CCl<sub>4</sub>–CH<sub>3</sub>COCH<sub>3</sub> (10:1),  $R_f$  (10) 0.55 and  $R_f$  (11) 0.48.  $[\alpha]_D + 31.1^{\circ}$  ( $c = 0.09$ ). NMR  $\delta_H$ : 1.96 (3H, s, Ac), 2.04 (3H, s, Ac), 2.08 (3H, s, Ac), 5.20 (1H, dd,  $J_{23} = 3$  Hz and  $J_{34} = 9.5$  Hz, H-3), 6.15 (1H, d,  $J_{12} = 2$  Hz, H-1),  $\delta_C$ : 20.8 (COCH<sub>3</sub>), 21.0 (COCH<sub>3</sub>), 62.8 (C-6), 71.9 (C-5), 72.5 (C-3), 72.5 (C<sub>2</sub>O–CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 73.0 (C-4), 74.2 (C-2), 74.8 (C<sub>4</sub>O–CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 90.9 (C-1,  $^1J_{CH} = 175.0$  Hz). (Found: C, 63.97; H, 6.14. C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>9</sub> requires: C, 64.18; H, 6.22%).

When above acetolysis of **10** was performed under the same conditions but at  $25^{\circ}$ , a more polar product ( $R_f$  0.34 in toluene–EtOAc 3:1) began to appear after 2–3 hr, which was isolated and purified by chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, toluene–EtOAc 3:1) to afford 1,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-2-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranose **12** as an oil.  $[\alpha]_D + 11.9^{\circ}$  ( $c = 1.35$ ). NMR  $\delta_H$ : 1.97 (3H, s, Ac), 2.01 (3H, s, Ac), 2.05 (3H, s, Ac), 2.10 (3H, s, Ac), 5.16 (1H, dd,  $J_{23} = 3$  Hz,  $J_{34} = 10$  Hz, H-3), 5.46 (1H, t,  $J_{34} = J_{45} = 10$  Hz, H-4), 6.14 (1H, d,  $J_{12} = 2$  Hz, H-1). (Found: C, 57.18; H, 5.95. C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>10</sub> requires: C, 57.53; H, 5.98%).

**3,6-Di-O-acetyl-2,4-di-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl chloride 7**

A soln of **11** (873 mg, 1.79 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (45 ml) was saturated with dry HCl at  $-5^{\circ}$ – $10^{\circ}$  and stirred for 5 hr at  $25^{\circ}$ . The mixture was evaporated *in vacuo* below  $30^{\circ}$  (bath) to afford **7** as a syrup (824 mg, 99.4%) which was used directly for the next step,  $R_f$  0.62 in toluene–EtOAc (3:1).  $[\alpha]_D + 54.7^{\circ}$  ( $c = 0.70$ ). NMR  $\delta_H$ : 1.96 (3H, s, Ac), 2.04 (3H, s, Ac), 5.46 (1H, dd,  $J_{23} = 3$  Hz,  $J_{34} = 9$  Hz, H-3), 6.00 (1H, d,  $J_{12} = 2$  Hz, H-1),  $\delta_C$ : 20.8 (COCH<sub>3</sub>), 62.4 (C-6), 72.4 (C-3, C-4 and C-5), 73.1 (C<sub>2</sub>O–CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 74.9 (C<sub>4</sub>O–CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 78.4 (C-2), 90.0 (C-1,  $^1J_{CH} = 180.9$  Hz).

**Selective mannosylation of methyl 2,4-di-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside 8**

(A) a mixture of **8** (554 mg, 1.48 mmol) and AgSO<sub>3</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> (540 mg,

2.10 mmol) in two-necked flask was dried for 3 hr at room temp in high vacuum. To this mixture was injected Me<sub>2</sub>NCONMe<sub>2</sub> (0.6 ml) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.7 ml) under Ar. To the mixture was further added a soln of **7** (590.5 mg, 1.27 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.7 ml) at  $-5^{\circ}$ . And the mixture was stirred for 1 hr at  $-5^{\circ}$  and for 24 hr at  $25^{\circ}$  under Ar. Usual work-up and chromatography of the product over SiO<sub>2</sub> (700 g, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>–Me<sub>2</sub>CO 40:1) afforded **19** (119.0 mg, 6.5%),  $R_f$  0.57 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>–Me<sub>2</sub>CO (30:1).  $[\alpha]_D + 36.6^{\circ}$  ( $c = 0.145$ ). NMR  $\delta_H$ : 1.93 (3H, s, Ac), 1.94 (3H, s, Ac), 1.98 (3H, s, Ac), 2.00 (3H, s, Ac), 3.28 (3H, s, OMe),  $\delta_C$ : 54.6 (OMe), 66.2 (C-6a), 77.1 (C-3a), 97.3 ( $^1J_{CH} = 170.6$  Hz, C-1b), 98.4 ( $^1J_{CH} = 170.6$  Hz, C-1a), 99.3 ( $^1J_{CH} = 173.5$  Hz, C-1c). (Found: C, 67.15; H, 6.49. C<sub>69</sub>H<sub>78</sub>O<sub>20</sub> requires: C, 67.52; H, 6.40%). Further elution with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>–Me<sub>2</sub>CO (30:1) afforded **13** (457 mg, 38.6%),  $R_f$  0.49 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>–Me<sub>2</sub>CO (30:1).  $[\alpha]_D + 31.1^{\circ}$  ( $c = 0.785$ ). NMR  $\delta_H$ : 1.96 (3H, s, Ac), 2.02 (3H, s, Ac), 3.30 (3H, s, OMe),  $\delta_C$ : 54.6 (OMe), 66.2 (C-6a), 97.4 ( $^1J_{CH} = 168.6$  Hz, C-1b), 97.7 ( $^1J_{CH} = 168.6$  Hz, C-1a). (Found: C, 67.55; H, 6.49. C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>52</sub>O<sub>13</sub> requires: C, 67.48; H, 6.55%).

Further elution with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>–Me<sub>2</sub>CO (10:1) afforded **16** (70 mg, 5.9%),  $R_f$  0.58 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>–Me<sub>2</sub>CO (10:1).  $[\alpha]_D + 25.7^{\circ}$  ( $c = 0.925$ ). NMR  $\delta_H$ : 1.97 (3H, s, Ac), 2.00 (3H, s, Ac), 3.31 (3H, s, OMe),  $\delta_C$ : 54.6 (OMe), 77.1 (C-3a), 98.8 ( $^1J_{CH} = 169.1$  Hz, C-1a), 99.3 ( $^1J_{CH} = 172.1$  Hz, C-1b). (Found: C, 65.77; H, 6.44. C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>52</sub>O<sub>13</sub> requires: C, 67.48; H, 6.55%). Further elution with the same solvent afforded **8** (249.5 mg, 45%) recovered.

(B) To a soln of **8** (375 mg, 1 mmol), AgSO<sub>3</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> (900 mg, 3.5 mmol) and Me<sub>2</sub>NCONMe<sub>2</sub> (1 ml, 8 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.5 ml) was injected 1/2 of a soln of **7** (928 mg, 2.0 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.6 ml) at  $-5^{\circ}$  and the mixture was stirred for 5 hr at  $25^{\circ}$  under Ar. A remaining soln of **7** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was again injected at  $25^{\circ}$  and the mixture was further stirred for 16 hr at  $25^{\circ}$ . Usual work-up and chromatography of the product over SiO<sub>2</sub> (200 g, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>–Me<sub>2</sub>CO 30:1) afforded **19** (240 mg, 19.8%). Further elution with the same solvent gave **13** (454 mg, 54.4%).

**Methyl 2,4-di-O-benzyl-6-O-(2,4-di-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl)- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside 14**

A soln of **13** (444 mg, 0.5 mmol) in MeOH (10 ml)–2N NaOMe–MeOH (1 ml) was stirred for 16 hr at  $20^{\circ}$ . Neutralization with Amberlist 15 (H<sup>+</sup>) and usual work-up afforded an oily product which was chromatographed over SiO<sub>2</sub> (30 g, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>–Me<sub>2</sub>CO 25:1) to give **14** (300 mg, 83.1%),  $R_f$  0.40 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>–Me<sub>2</sub>CO (20:1).  $[\alpha]_D + 43.2^{\circ}$  ( $c = 0.25$ ). NMR  $\delta_H$ : 3.30 (3H, s, OMe), 5.06 (1H, d,  $J = 2$  Hz, H-1b),  $\delta_C$ : 54.8 (OMe), 66.1 (C-6a), 97.1 ( $^1J_{CH} = 167.7$  Hz) and 97.9 ( $^1J_{CH} = 166.2$  Hz) for C-1a and C-1b. (Found: C, 68.30; H, 6.74. C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>48</sub>O<sub>11</sub> requires: C, 68.70; H, 6.75%).

**Methyl 6-O-( $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl)- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside 15**

A mixture of **14** (300 mg, 0.42 mmol) and 10% Pd–C (200 mg) in EtOH (20 ml) and H<sub>2</sub>O (2 ml) was stirred under H<sub>2</sub> for 11 hr at room temp. Usual work-up afforded an amorphous powder **15** (153.8 mg, 98.0%),  $R_f$  0.42 in nBuOH–EtOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (2:1:1).  $[\alpha]_D + 90.3^{\circ}$  ( $c = 0.67$ , H<sub>2</sub>O). NMR  $\delta_H$  (D<sub>2</sub>O at  $60^{\circ}$ ): 3.40 (3H, s, OMe), 4.73 (1H, d,  $J = 2$  Hz, H-1a), 4.91 (1H, d,  $J = 2$  Hz, H-1b),  $\delta_C$  (D<sub>2</sub>O at  $60^{\circ}$ ): 55.7 (OMe), 61.8 (C-6b), 66.4 (C-6a), 67.4 (C-4a), 67.7 (C-4b), 70.8 (C-2a and C-2b), 71.5 (C-3a and C-3b), 71.6 (C-5a), 73.6 (C-5b), 100.3 ( $^1J_{CH} = 170.9$  Hz, C-1b), 101.8 ( $^1J_{CH} = 170.9$  Hz, C-1a). (Found: C, 41.04; H, 6.37. C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>11</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O requires: C, 41.71; H, 7.00%).

**Methyl 3-O-(2,4-di-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl)-2,4-di-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside 17**

A soln of **16** (110 mg) in MeOH (10 ml) and 2N–NaOMe in MeOH (0.1 ml) was stirred for 16 hr at  $20^{\circ}$ . Neutralization with Amberlist 15 (H<sup>+</sup>) and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to give an oily residue which was chromatographed over SiO<sub>2</sub> (40 g, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>–Me<sub>2</sub>CO, 10:1) to give **17** (48 mg, 48.8%),  $R_f$  0.22 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>–Me<sub>2</sub>CO (10:1).  $[\alpha]_D + 33.1^{\circ}$  ( $c = 0.32$ ). **17** was identified with the authentic sample prepared by an unambiguous route<sup>14</sup> through comparison of <sup>13</sup>C NMR data.

**Methyl 3,6-di-O-(2,4-di-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl)-2,4-di-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside 20**

A soln of **19** (439 mg, 0.36 mmol) in MeOH (15 ml) and 0.2 N NaOMe in MeOH (1.5 ml) was stirred for 16 hr at 20°. Usual work-up gave an oily residue (429 mg) which was chromatographed over SiO<sub>2</sub> (30 g, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-Me<sub>2</sub>CO, 20:1) to afford **20** (298 mg, 78.6%). *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.25 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-Me<sub>2</sub>CO (20:1). [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub>+49.4° (*c* = 0.235). NMR  $\delta_{\text{H}}$ : 3.27 (3H, s, OMe), 5.10 (1H, d, *J* = 2 Hz), 5.21 (1H, d, *J* = 2 Hz),  $\delta_{\text{C}}$ : 54.8 (OMe), 65.7 (C-6a), 97.2 (<sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CH</sub> = 170.6 Hz, C-1b), 98.4 (<sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CH</sub> = 167.7 Hz, C-1a), 99.0 (<sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CH</sub> = 169.1 Hz, C-1c). (Found: C, 69.16; H, 6.71. C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>70</sub>O<sub>16</sub> requires: C, 69.17; H, 6.66%).

**Methyl 3,6-di-O-( $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl)- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside 21**

The mixture of **20** (253 mg, 0.24 mmol) and 10% Pd-C (200 mg) in EtOH (40 ml) and H<sub>2</sub>O (4 ml) was stirred under H<sub>2</sub> for 16 hr at 20° and then for 1 hr at 50°. After addition of H<sub>2</sub>O (2 ml), the mixture was further stirred under H<sub>2</sub> for 1 hr at 50°. Usual work-up gave **21** as an amorphous solid (117.3 mg, 94.6%). *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.37 in nBuOH-EtOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (2:1:1). [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub>+99.0° (*c* = 0.50, H<sub>2</sub>O). NMR  $\delta_{\text{H}}$ (D<sub>2</sub>O, at 60°): 3.40 (s, OMe), 4.72 (1H, d, *J* = 2 Hz, H-1a), 4.91 (1H, d, *J* = 2 Hz, H-1b), 5.11 (1H, d, *J* = 2 Hz, H-1c). **21** was identified with the authentic sample prepared previously.<sup>1,9</sup>

**Methyl 2,4-di-O-benzyl-3-O-(2-O-acetyl-3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl)-6-O-[2,4-di-O-benzyl-3,6-di-O-(2-O-acetyl-3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl)- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl]- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside 22**

A mixture of **14** (590 mg, 0.82 mmol) and AgSO<sub>3</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> (1.60 g, 6.2 mmol) was coevaporated with toluene (two times) *in vacuo* and further dried in high vacuum for 3 hr. To this mixture was injected Me<sub>2</sub>NCONMe<sub>2</sub> (1.1 ml, 9.2 mmol) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 ml) under Ar, and then 1/2 volume of a soln of **6** (prepared from **9** 2.28 mg, 4.5 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 ml) successively with stirring at -10°. After stirring for 3 hr at 20°, the remaining soln of **6** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was injected and the mixture was stirred for 16 hr at 20°. The reaction mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and inorganic ppt was filtered off. Filtrate was washed with NaCHO<sub>3</sub> aq, dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and evaporated to give an oil (3.53 g), which was chromatographed over SiO<sub>2</sub> (330 g, toluene-THF 10:1), affording **22** as a foam (1.290 g, 73.3%). *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.27 in toluene-THF (10:1). [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub>+45.2° (*c* = 0.575). NMR  $\delta_{\text{H}}$ : 2.03 (3H, s, Ac), 2.06 (3H, s, Ac), 2.10 (3H, s, Ac), 3.17 (3H, s, OMe),  $\delta_{\text{C}}$ : 54.8 (OMe), 96.9 (<sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CH</sub> = 169.1 Hz, C-1d), 98.2 (<sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CH</sub> = 170.6 Hz, C-1b and C-1a), 99.6 (<sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CH</sub> = 173.5 Hz, C-1c and C-1e). (Found: C, 71.80; H, 6.52. C<sub>128</sub>H<sub>138</sub>O<sub>29</sub> requires: C, 71.82; H, 6.50%). From a less polar fraction, a minor product, 2-O-acetyl-3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl-D-glucal, (392 mg, 18.4% from **9**) was isolated. *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.61 in toluene-THF (10:1). [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub>+26.1° (*c* = 0.44). NMR  $\delta_{\text{H}}$ : 2.03 (3H, s, Ac), 6.59 (1H, s, H-1). (Found: C, 73.27; H, 6.39. C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>6</sub> requires: C, 73.40; H, 6.37%).

**Methyl 2,4-di-O-benzyl-3-O-(3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl)-6-O-[2,4-di-O-benzyl-3,6-di-O-(3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl)- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl]- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside 23**

A soln of **22** (912 mg, 0.43 mmol) in MeOH (25 ml)-THF (10 ml)-2N NaOMe in MeOH (0.8 ml) was stirred for 2.5 hr at 20°. The mixture was diluted with MeOH (30 ml) and was neutralized with Amberlist 15 (H<sup>-</sup>). Usual work-up and chromatography over SiO<sub>2</sub> (150 g, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-THF 20:1) gave **23** (759 mg, 87.6%) as a foam. *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.24 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-THF (30:1). [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub>+63.2° (*c* = 0.31). NMR  $\delta_{\text{H}}$ : 3.24 (3H, s, OMe), 4.90, 4.99, 5.10, 5.21 and 5.23 (five 1H, bs, for five anomeric protons),  $\delta_{\text{C}}$ : 54.6 (OMe), 96.8 (<sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CH</sub> = 170.6 Hz, C-1a), 98.2 (<sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CH</sub> = 169.1 Hz, C-1b), 99.5 (<sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CH</sub> = 170.6 Hz, C-1d), 101.1 (<sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CH</sub> = 167.7 Hz, C-1c and C-1e).

**Methyl 3-O-( $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl)-6-O-[3,6-di-O-( $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl)- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl]- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside 4**

A mixture of **23** (353 mg, 0.17 mmol) and 10% Pd-C (200 mg) in EtOH (20 ml) and H<sub>2</sub>O (4 ml) was stirred under H<sub>2</sub> for 2 days at

25°. Usual work-up afforded **4** as an amorphous solid (137 mg, 87.8%), *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.11 in nBuOH-EtOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (2:1:1). [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub>+108.1° (*c* = 0.185, H<sub>2</sub>O), +115.0° (*c* = 0.30, MeOH). NMR  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (D<sub>2</sub>O, 60°): 4.72 (1H, d, *J* = 2 Hz, H-1a), 4.87 (1H, d, *J* = 2 Hz, H-1b), 4.89 (1H, d, *J* = 2 Hz, H-1d), 5.09 (1H, d, *J* = 2 Hz, H-1e), 5.12 (1H, d, *J* = 2 Hz, H-1c).  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  (D<sub>2</sub>O, 60°): 55.7 (OMe), 79.1 and 79.3 from C-3a and C-3b, 100.2 (<sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CH</sub> = 170.6 Hz, C-1b and C-1d), 101.9 (<sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CH</sub> = 170.6 Hz, C-1a), 103.1 (<sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CH</sub> = 169.1 Hz, C-1e), 103.3 (<sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CH</sub> = 169.1 Hz, C-1c). (Found: C, 41.87; H, 6.31. C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>54</sub>O<sub>26</sub>·3H<sub>2</sub>O requires: C, 41.52; H, 6.74%).

**Methyl 3-O-(2-O-(2-O-acetyl-3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl)-6-O-(3,6-di-O-acetyl-2,4-di-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl)- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside 24**

A mixture of **13** (1.966 g, 2.45 mmol) and AgSO<sub>3</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> (1.95 g, 7.59 mmol) was coevaporated with toluene 2 times and was dried *in vacuo* for 2 hr. To this mixture was injected CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 ml) and Me<sub>2</sub>NCONMe<sub>2</sub> (1.8 ml, 15 mmol) and then at -15° one half of the soln of **6** (prepared from **9** 2.54 g, 5 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 ml) with stirring under Ar. After stirring for 3 hr at 20°, remaining soln of **6** was injected and the mixture was further stirred for 16 hr at 20°. Usual work-up afforded an oily product (6.562 g) which was chromatographed over SiO<sub>2</sub> (500 g, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-Me<sub>2</sub>CO 60:1) to give **24** (2.835 g, 90.7%). *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.64 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-Me<sub>2</sub>CO (20:1). [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub>+41.0° (*c* = 0.385). NMR  $\delta_{\text{H}}$ : 1.96 (3H, s, Ac), 2.01 (3H, s, Ac), 2.06 (3H, s, Ac), 3.24 (3H, s, OMe),  $\delta_{\text{C}}$ : 54.8 (OMe), 97.6 (<sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CH</sub> = 172.1 Hz, C-1b), 98.5 (<sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CH</sub> = 172.1 Hz, C-1a), 99.6 (<sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CH</sub> = 173.5 Hz, C-1c). (Found: C, 69.63; H, 6.46. C<sub>74</sub>H<sub>82</sub>O<sub>19</sub> requires: C, 69.68; H, 6.48%). From less polar fraction, 2-O-acetyl-3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl-D-glucal was isolated in 22.0% yield (523 mg) from **9**. It is to be noted that when above reaction was performed using 1.25 eq. of halide **6**, the yield of **24** was lowered to 54.4% and 26.1% of **13** was recovered.

**Methyl 2,4-di-O-benzyl-6-O-(2,4-di-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl)-3-O-(3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl)- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside 25**

A soln of **24** (2.73 g, 2.14 mmol) in MeOH (75 ml)-THF (30 ml) and 2N-NaOMe in MeOH (0.5 ml) was stirred for 16 hr at 20°. Usual work-up gave an oily product (3.13 g) which was chromatographed over SiO<sub>2</sub> (220 g, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-Me<sub>2</sub>CO 25:1) to afford **25** (2.046 g, 83.2%) as a foam, *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.30 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-Me<sub>2</sub>CO (20:1). [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub>+46.5° (*c* = 0.55). NMR  $\delta_{\text{H}}$ : 3.23 (3H, s, OMe), 5.11 (1H, bd, *J* = 2 Hz) and 5.23 (1H, bd, *J* = 2 Hz) for H-1b and H-1c.  $\delta_{\text{C}}$ : 54.7 (OMe), 97.1 (<sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CH</sub> = 169.1 Hz, C-1b), 98.3 (<sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CH</sub> = 167.7 Hz, C-1a), 101.1 (<sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CH</sub> = 167.7 Hz, C-1c). (Found: C, 71.15; H, 6.83. C<sub>68</sub>H<sub>76</sub>O<sub>16</sub> requires: C, 71.06; H, 6.67%).

Hydrogenolysis of **25** under the same conditions as in the case of **20** afforded a high yield of the trimannoside which was identified with **21** through the comparison of <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>1</sup>H NMR data.

**Methyl 3-O-(2-O-(2-O-acetyl-3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl)-3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl)-6-O-[3,6-di-O-(2-O-acetyl-3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl)- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl]- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside 26**

A mixture of **25** (1.548 g, 1.35 mmol) and AgSO<sub>3</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> (3.4 g, 13.2 mmol) was dried by co-evaporation with toluene for two times and then under high vacuum for 5 hr at 20°. To this mixture was injected Me<sub>2</sub>NCONMe<sub>2</sub> (2.1 ml, 17.5 mmol), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 ml), and 1/3 of a soln of **6** (prepared from **9**, 4.44 g, 8.76 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 ml) with stirring at -15° under Ar. Each of the one half of the remaining soln of **9** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was injected separately after stirring the mixture for 4 hr and 12 hr at 20° respectively. After further stirring for 24 hr at 20°, the mixture was processed as usual to give an oily product (6.97 g), which was chromatographed over SiO<sub>2</sub> (420 g). Elution with toluene-THF (15:1) afforded a fraction which contains an unidentified product of *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.67 and 2-O-acetyl-3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl-D-glucal, *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.62 in a ratio of about 1:1 (1.53 g). Further elution with the same solvent afforded crude **26** (2.84 g) which contains two minor

spots at  $R_f$  0.44 and 0.35 in addition to the major spot at  $R_f$  0.40. Rechromatography over  $\text{SiO}_2$  (500 g, toluene-THF, 18:1) afforded 2-O-acetyl-1-O-(2-O-acetyl-3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl)-3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranose **28** (577 mg, 6.8% from **9**)  $R_f$  0.44 in toluene-THF (10:1). NMR  $\delta_{\text{H}}$ : 2.10 (6H, s, Ac $\times$ 2),  $\delta_{\text{C}}$ : 92.8 ( $^1\text{J}_{\text{CH}} = 173.5$  Hz, C-1a and C-1b). (Found: C, 72.59; H, 6.52.  $\text{C}_{58}\text{H}_{62}\text{O}_{13}$  requires: C, 72.03; H, 6.46%). Further elution gave **26** (1.10 g, 31.7%)  $R_f$  0.40 in toluene-THF (10:1).  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} + 45.8^\circ$  ( $c = 0.275$ ). NMR  $\delta_{\text{H}}$ : 2.05 (3H, s, Ac), 2.09 (3H, s, Ac), 2.10 (3H, s, AC), 3.17 (3H, s, OMe).  $\delta_{\text{C}}$ : 54.7 (OMe), 96.9 ( $^1\text{J}_{\text{CH}} = 172.1$  Hz, C-1a), 98.0 ( $^1\text{J}_{\text{CH}} = 170.0$  Hz, C-1b), 98.2 ( $^1\text{J}_{\text{CH}} = 170.0$  Hz, C-1d), 99.4 ( $^1\text{J}_{\text{CH}} = 170.6$  Hz, C-1f), 99.6 ( $^1\text{J}_{\text{CH}} = 170.6$  Hz, C-1e), 101.0 ( $^1\text{J}_{\text{CH}} = 175.0$ , C-1c). (Found: C, 72.21; H, 6.52.  $\text{C}_{155}\text{H}_{166}\text{O}_{34}$  requires: C, 72.35; H, 6.50%). Further elution with the same solvent afforded another minor product, 2-O-acetyl-1-O-(2-O-acetyl-3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl- $\beta$ -D-mannopyranosyl)-3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranose **31** (107 mg, 1.3% yield from **9**)  $R_f$  0.30.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} + 18.4^\circ$  ( $c = 0.62$ ). NMR  $\delta_{\text{H}}$ : 2.12 (6H, s, Ac $\times$ 2).  $\delta_{\text{C}}$ : 98.0 ( $^1\text{J}_{\text{CH}} = 160.3$  Hz, C-1b), 98.1 ( $^1\text{J}_{\text{CH}} = 170.6$  Hz, C-1a). (Found: C, 71.71; H, 6.62.  $\text{C}_{58}\text{H}_{62}\text{O}_{13}$  requires: C, 72.03; H, 6.46%).

**Methyl 2,4-di-O-benzyl-3-O-[3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl-2-O-(3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl)- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl]-6-O-[2,4-di-O-benzyl-3,6-di-O-(3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl)- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl]- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside **27****

A soln of **26** (744 mg, 0.29 mmol) in MeOH (30 ml)-THF (12 ml) and 2N NaOMe-MeOH (0.5 ml) was stirred for 7 hr at 20°. Usual work-up and chromatography over  $\text{SiO}_2$  (300 g,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ -THF, 50:1) afforded **27** (686 mg, 96.3%) as a syrup,  $R_f$  0.30 in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ -THF (30:1).  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} + 51.1^\circ$  ( $c = 0.27$ ). NMR  $\delta_{\text{H}}$ : 3.18 (3H, s, OMe).  $\delta_{\text{C}}$ : 54.7 (OMe), 96.9 ( $^1\text{J}_{\text{CH}} = 170$  Hz, C-1a), 98.0 ( $^1\text{J}_{\text{CH}} = 170$  Hz, C-1b), 99.6 ( $^1\text{J}_{\text{CH}} = 170$  Hz, C-1d), 101.0 ( $^1\text{J}_{\text{CH}} = 170$  Hz, C-1e and C-1c), 101.4 ( $^1\text{J}_{\text{CH}} = 170$  Hz, C-1f). (Found: C, 72.63; H, 6.68.  $\text{C}_{148}\text{H}_{160}\text{O}_{31}$  requires: C, 73.14; H, 6.59%).

**Methyl 3-O-[2-O-( $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl)- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl]-6-O-[3,6-di-O-( $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl)- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl]- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside **5****

A soln of **27** (207 mg, 0.84 mmol) in EtOH (25 ml)- $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (5 ml) was stirred under  $\text{H}_2$  in the presence of 10% Pd-C (250 mg) for 14 hr at 20°. Usual work-up afforded **5** (90.6 mg, 94.4%) as an amorphous powder,  $R_f$  0.13 in nBuOH-EtOH- $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (2:1:1).  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} + 92.0^\circ$  ( $c = 0.44$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ). NMR  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 60°): 4.70 (1H, d,  $J = 2$  Hz, H-1a), 4.85 (1H, d,  $J = 2$  Hz, H-1b), 4.88 (1H, d,  $J = 2$  Hz, H-1d), 5.02 (1H, d,  $J = 2$  Hz, H-1f), 5.12 (1H, d,  $J = 2$  Hz, H-1e), 5.28 (1H, d,  $J = 2$  Hz, H-1c).  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 60°): 55.2 (OMe), 99.6 ( $^1\text{J}_{\text{CH}} = 169.9$  Hz, C-1b and C-1d), 101.1 ( $^1\text{J}_{\text{CH}} = 173.8$  Hz, C-1c), 101.3 ( $^1\text{J}_{\text{CH}} = 173.8$  Hz, C-1a), 102.5 ( $^1\text{J}_{\text{CH}} = 170.9$  Hz, C-1e and C-1f). (Found: C, 35.59; H, 5.92.  $\text{C}_{73}\text{H}_{64}\text{O}_{31}\cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$  requires: C, 39.93; H, 6.88%).

**1-O-( $\alpha$ -D-Mannopyranosyl)- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranose **30****

Deacetylation of **28** (270 mg, 0.28 mmol) was performed in a usual way. Chromatography of the product over  $\text{SiO}_2$  (20 g,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ - $\text{Me}_2\text{CO}$ , 20:1) gave **29** as a syrup (180 mg, 72.9%).  $R_f$  0.39 in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ - $\text{Me}_2\text{CO}$  (10:1).  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} + 49.2^\circ$  ( $c = 0.61$ ). NMR  $\delta_{\text{C}}$ : 94.9 ( $^1\text{J}_{\text{CH}} = 170.9$  Hz, two anomeric carbons). (Found: C, 73.16; H, 6.59.  $\text{C}_{54}\text{H}_{58}\text{O}_{11}$  requires: C, 73.45; H, 6.62%). Catalytic hydrogenolysis of **29** (106 mg, 0.12 mmol) in EtOH (10 ml)- $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (2 ml) in the presence of 10% Pd-C (100 mg) was performed in a usual way to afford **30** (42.8 mg) as an amorphous powder.  $R_f$  0.27 in nBuOH-EtOH- $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (2:1:1). NMR  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 60°): 61.2

(C-6), 66.9 (C-4), 70.2 (C-3), 70.6 (C-2), 73.8 (C-5), 95.5 ( $^1\text{J}_{\text{CH}} = 171.9$  Hz, C-1).

**1-O-( $\beta$ -D-Mannopyranosyl)- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranose **33****

Deacetylation of **31** (50 mg) as in the case of **29** and chromatography over  $\text{SiO}_2$  (10 g,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ - $\text{Me}_2\text{CO}$ , 15:1) gave **32** (31.4 mg, 68.7%).  $R_f$  0.48 in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ - $\text{Me}_2\text{CO}$  (10:1).  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} + 55.6^\circ$  ( $c = 0.18$ ). NMR  $\delta_{\text{C}}$ : 98.5 ( $^1\text{J}_{\text{CH}} = 155.9$  Hz, C-1b), 98.9 ( $^1\text{J}_{\text{CH}} = 172.1$  Hz, C-1a). (Found: C, 73.12; H, 6.66.  $\text{C}_{54}\text{H}_{58}\text{O}_{11}$  requires: C, 73.45; H, 6.62%). Hydrogenolysis of **32** (198.5 mg, 0.22 mmol) in EtOH (20 ml)- $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (3 ml) in the presence of 10% Pd-C (100 mg) was performed in a usual way to give **33** (77 mg, 99.1%).  $R_f$  0.30 in nBuOH-EtOH- $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (2:1:1).  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} + 34.7^\circ$  ( $c = 0.285$ ). NMR  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 60°): 4.84 (1H, d,  $J = 1$  Hz, H-1b), 5.12 (1H, d,  $J = 2$  Hz, H-1a).  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 60°): 100.0 ( $^1\text{J}_{\text{CH}} = 159.2$  Hz, C-1b), 100.7 ( $^1\text{J}_{\text{CH}} = 171.9$  Hz, C-1a). (Found: C, 40.12; H, 6.56.  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_{11}\cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  requires: C, 40.00; H, 6.71%).

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