

## Note

### Methyl 2-amino-2-deoxy-D-glucoside 6-phosphates

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2-Acetamido-2-deoxy-D-hexose phosphates are components of many biochemically important polysaccharides<sup>1–4</sup>. Although hexosamine phosphates and their derivatives are essential for the complete characterisation of the structure of these polysaccharides these compounds have not been fully described<sup>5</sup>. We now report on the preparation and characterisation of the methyl 2-amino-2-deoxy- $\alpha$ - and - $\beta$ -D-glucoside 6-phosphates. Methyl 2-amino-2-deoxy- $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -D-glucoside 6-phos-

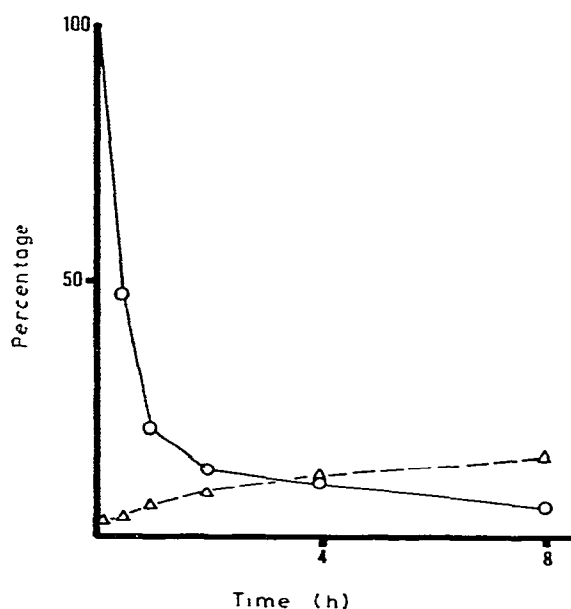


Fig 1 Methyl glycosidation of 2-amino-2-deoxy-D-glucose 6-phosphate —○—, reducing power, --△--, released inorganic phosphorus

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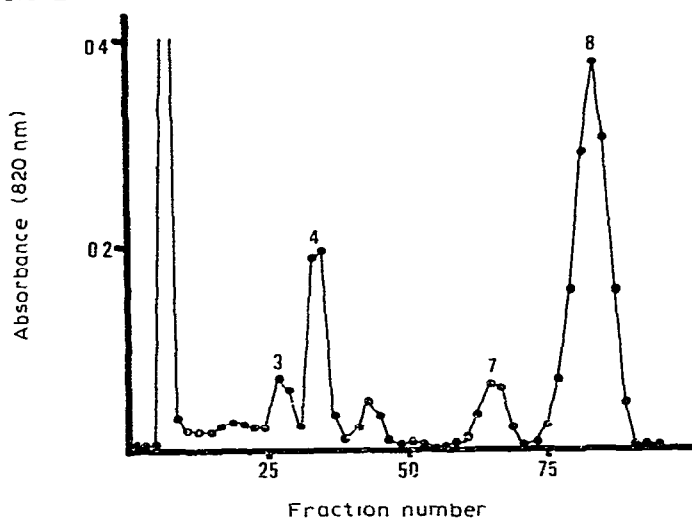


Fig 2 Elution profile on Dowex 50W-X2 ( $H^+$ ) resin of the product mixture obtained on methyl glycosidation of 2-amino-2-deoxy-D-glucose 6-phosphate

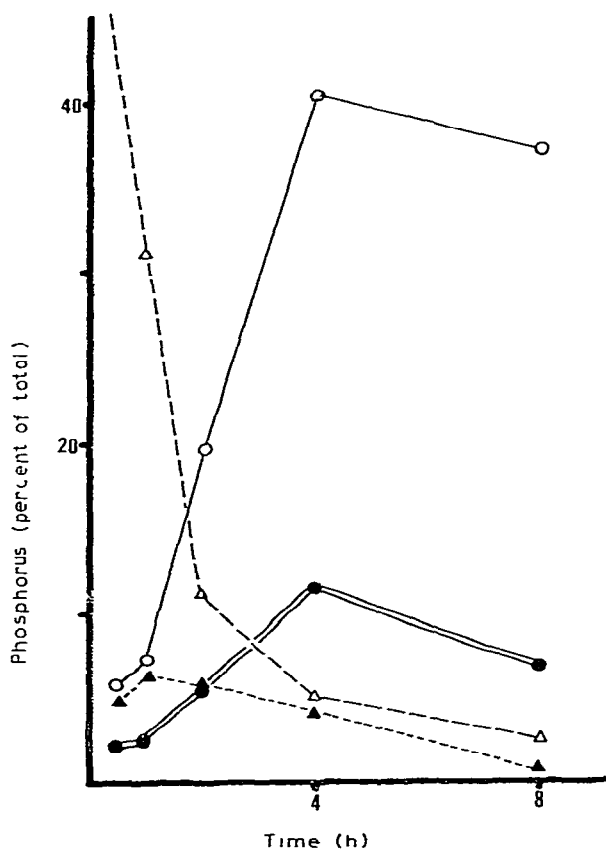


Fig 3 Rates of production and decomposition of 2-amino-2-deoxy-D-glucose 6-phosphate derivatives during methyl glycosidation at  $100^\circ$  --- $\triangle$ ---, 2-amino-2-deoxy-D-glucose 6-phosphate — $\circ$ —, methyl 2-amino-2-deoxy-D-glucoside 6-phosphate, — $\bullet$ —, methyl 2-amino-2-deoxy-D-glucoside 6-(methyl phosphate), --- $\blacktriangle$ ---, 2-amino-2-deoxy-D-glucose 6-(methyl phosphate)

TABLE I

PHYSICAL CONSTANTS OF SEPARATED GLYCOSIDES

| Fractions <sup>a</sup> | R <sub>GLC</sub> 61 | Periodate consumption<br>(mol/PO <sub>4</sub> ) | [ $\alpha$ ] <sub>D</sub> (c)<br>(degrees) |
|------------------------|---------------------|---|--|
| 3                      | 1.27                | 3.90  | —  |
| 4a                     | 1.80                | 1.85  | —38 (0.08)                                 |
| 4b                     |                     |   | —116 (0.16)                                |
| 8a                     | 1.33                | 2.08  | —39 (0.06)                                 |
| 8b                     |                     |   | +120 (0.13)                                |

<sup>a</sup>Key 3, 2-amino-2-deoxy-D-glucose 6-(methyl phosphate), 4a, methyl 2-amino-2-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-glucoside 6-(methyl phosphate) 4b, methyl 2-amino-2-deoxy- $\alpha$ -D-glucoside 6-(methyl phosphate), 8a, methyl 2-amino-2-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-glucoside 6-phosphate, 8b, methyl 2-amino-2-deoxy- $\alpha$ -D-glucoside 6-phosphate

TABLE II

<sup>13</sup>C-CHEMICAL SHIFTS AND CARBON-PHOSPHORUS COUPLINGS (Hz, IN PARENTHESES) OF 2-AMINO-2-DEOXY-D-GLUCOSE 6-PHOSPHATE DERIVATIVES

| Fractions <sup>a</sup> | C-1   | C-2  | C-3  | C-4  | C-5       | C-6       | MeO-1 | P-OMe     |
|------------------------|-------|------|------|------|-----------|-----------|-------|-----------|
| 3( $\alpha$ )          | 90.1  | 55.1 | 70.4 | 70.1 | 71.4(7.4) | 65.0(4.9) | —     | 53.8(6.1) |
| ( $\beta$ )            | 93.7  | 57.6 | 72.7 | 70.2 | 75.8(7.3) | 65.0(4.9) | —     | 53.8(6.1) |
| 4a                     | 101.1 | 58.4 | 73.0 | 70.1 | 75.8(8.6) | 64.8(4.9) | 56.7  | 53.8(6.1) |
| 4b                     | 97.0  | 54.9 | 70.7 | 70.0 | 71.8(8.6) | 64.8(4.9) | 56.2  | 53.8(4.9) |
| 8a                     | 100.8 | 58.4 | 72.7 | 70.1 | 75.9(7.3) | 64.3(4.9) | 56.6  | —         |
| 8b                     | 97.0  | 54.8 | 70.6 | 69.8 | 71.8(8.6) | 64.4(4.9) | 56.2  | —         |

<sup>a</sup>For key see Table I

phate was prepared by treatment of the parent sugar with methanol in the presence of Dowex 50 (H<sup>+</sup>) resin at 100° (Fig. 1). The reaction product was fractionated<sup>6</sup> on Dowex 50W-X2 resin (Fig. 2), which revealed by-products as well as the methyl 2-amino-2-deoxy- $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -D-glucoside 6-phosphates. The rates of formation are shown in Fig. 3.

Fractions 3 and 4 contained the methyl ester of 2-amino-2-deoxy-D-glucose 6-phosphate and methyl 2-amino-2-deoxy- $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -D-glucoside 6-phosphate, respectively, as indicated by the results of periodate oxidation, phosphomonoesterase treatment, and <sup>13</sup>C-n.m.r. spectroscopy.

Chromatography on Dowex 50W-X8 (H<sup>+</sup>) resin separated the anomers as shown in Fig. 4. Data on the mono- and di-esters are given in Tables I and II.

It should be noted in structural studies of phosphate-containing polysaccharides by <sup>13</sup>C-n.m.r. spectroscopy that the chemical shifts of mono- and di-esters are different.

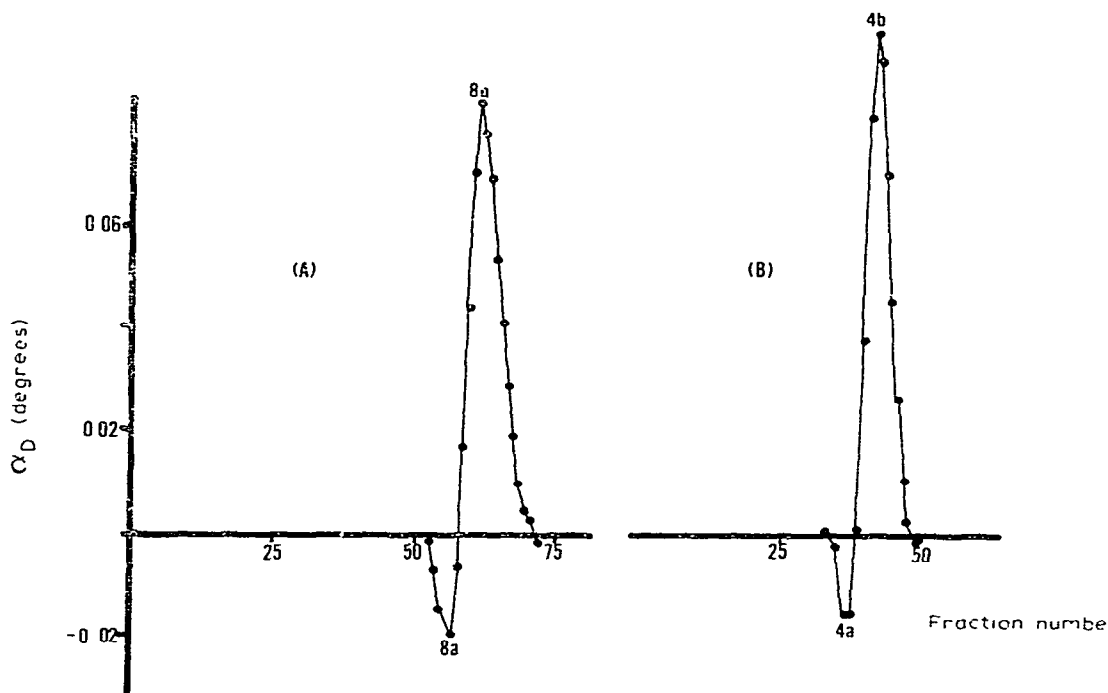


Fig 4 Elution profiles on Dowex 50W-X8 ( $H^+$ ) resin of methyl 2-amino-2-deoxy- $\alpha,\beta$ -D-glucoside 6-phosphate (A, 7.5-ml fractions) and methyl 2-amino-2-deoxy- $\alpha,\beta$ -D-glucoside 6-(methyl phosphate) (B, 4.6-ml fractions) Optical rotations recorded in a 0.5-dm cell

#### EXPERIMENTAL

*General* — TLC was performed on cellulose (Merck 5577) at room temperature with ethyl acetate-pyridine-acetic acid-water (5.5:2:4) and detection with ninhydrin.<sup>6</sup>  $^{13}C$ -NMR spectra were recorded at room temperature on a JEOL-FX 100 spectrometer at 250 MHz, in the pulsed, Fourier-transform mode with complete proton-decoupling. Chemical shifts are expressed as ppm downfield from the signal (49.8 ppm) of MeOH. Optical rotations were measured for solutions in 0.1- or 0.5-dm tubes with a JASCO DIP-4 Digital polarimeter. Melting points were determined on a Micro Melting Point Apparatus (Yanagimoto). Determinations of phosphorus content<sup>6</sup> and periodate consumption<sup>7</sup> were performed by literature methods. Periodate oxidation was conducted in the dark in 40mM acetate buffer (pH 5.5) at room temperature.

2-Amino-2-deoxy-D-glucose 6-phosphate, prepared by the literature methods<sup>6</sup>, had  $[\alpha]_D +63^\circ$  (equil,  $c$  0.4, water).

*Anal.* Calc for  $C_6H_{14}NO_8P$ : C, 27.81, H, 5.45, N, 5.41, P, 11.95. Found: C, 27.78, H, 5.64, N, 5.58, P, 12.05.

*Glycosidation of 2-amino-2-deoxy-D-glucose 6-phosphate* — To a solution of 2-amino-2-deoxy-D-glucose 6-phosphate (100 mg) in water (250  $\mu$ l) was added drop-

wise with constant stirring, a suspension of Dowex 50W-X4 ( $H^+$ ) resin (20–50 mesh) (10 g) in methanol (75 ml). The mixture was then heated for 8 h at  $100^\circ$ , cooled, and filtered, and the resin was washed with water ( $\sim 10$  vol). The combined filtrate and washings were concentrated to dryness, and the residue was applied to a column (1.5  $\times$  28 cm) of Dowex 50W-X2 ( $H^+$ ) resin (200–400 mesh) and eluted with water at  $4^\circ$  (Fig. 2). Each phosphorus-containing fraction was concentrated to dryness.

Fraction 3 contained 2-amino-2-deoxy-D-glucose 6-(methyl phosphate), which could not be crystallised.

*Anal.* Calc. for  $C_7H_{16}NO_8P$ : C, 30.77; H, 5.90; N, 5.13; P, 11.34. Found: C, 30.78; H, 6.21; N, 5.13; P, 11.18.

Fraction 4 contained methyl 2-amino-2-deoxy- $\alpha,\beta$ -D-glucoside 6-(methyl phosphate). Separation of the anomers was performed on a column (1.2  $\times$  60 cm) of Dowex 50W-X8 ( $H^+$ ) resin (200–400 mesh) by elution with water at  $4^\circ$  (Fig. 4). The  $\beta$  anomer was isolated as a colorless syrup.

*Anal.* Calc. for  $C_8H_{18}NO_8P \cdot H_2O$ : C, 31.48; H, 6.61; N, 4.59; P, 10.15. Found: C, 31.45; H, 6.44; N, 4.94; P, 10.16.

The  $\alpha$  anomer was isolated as a colorless syrup.

Fraction 8 contained methyl 2-amino-2-deoxy- $\alpha,\beta$ -D-glucoside 6-phosphate. Separation of the anomers was performed by the procedure described above (Fig. 4). The  $\beta$  anomer was obtained as an amorphous powder from water–methanol–acetone, which decomposed at  $140^\circ$ .

*Anal.* Calc. for  $C_7H_{14}NO_8P \cdot 2 H_2O$ : C, 27.02; H, 6.52; N, 4.53; P, 10.02. Found: C, 27.38; H, 6.50; N, 4.96; P, 9.99.

The  $\alpha$  anomer was a colorless syrup.

*Anal.* Calc. for  $C_7H_{16}NO_8P$ : C, 30.77; H, 5.90; N, 5.13; P, 11.34. Found: C, 30.75; H, 5.90; N, 5.00; P, 11.52.

Data on these compounds are recorded in Tables I and II.

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