

NUCLEAR OVERHAUSER EFFECTS AND CONFORMATIONS OF BRANCHED TRISACCHARIDE METHYL β -GLYCOSIDES THAT CONTAIN A 2,3-DISUBSTITUTED GALACTOSE RESIDUE

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ABSTRACT

On the basis of the n.O.e. data and theoretical calculations, it was found that <90% of one conformer was present in aqueous solution for each of a series of trisaccharide methyl β -glycosides with a 2,3-disubstituted galactose residue.

INTRODUCTION

This paper reports a study of the conformations of branched oligosaccharides on the basis of the n.O.e. and theoretical calculations. In the preceding paper¹, glycosides that contained a 3,4-disubstituted Gal residue of the general formula A-(1 \rightarrow 4)[B-(1 \rightarrow 3)]- β -D-Gal-OMe were studied, and we now report on glycosides that contain a 2,3-disubstituted Gal residue, namely, A-(1 \rightarrow 2)[B-(1 \rightarrow 3)]- β -D-Gal-OMe: **1** A = α -D-Glc, B = α -D-Man; **2** A = β -D-Glc, B = α -D-Man; **3** A = α -D-Glc, B = α -L-Rha; and **4** A = β -D-Glc, B = α -L-Rha. The substituents are equatorial whereas, in the 3,4-disubstituted analogues¹, one substituent was axial and the other was equatorial.

Conformational analysis and the n.O.e. data for the glycosides **1-4** are absent from the literature. However, Lemieux *et al.*² studied the determinant oligosaccharide of the blood-group substance with B specificity, namely, α -L-Fuc-(1 \rightarrow 2)[α -D-Gal-(1 \rightarrow 3)]- β -D-Gal-OMe, which is related to **1-4**. The conformation of this trisaccharide glycoside was proposed on the basis of theoretical calculations using the HSEA method and analysis of the ¹H-n.m.r. data.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The n.O.e.'s, observed after pre-irradiation of the anomeric protons of the glycosidic linkages, *i.e.*, H-1' of D-Glc and H-1'' of the α -D-Man or α -L-Rha residues in **1-4**, are given in Table I, and those for the disaccharide glycosides^{3,4} related to the disaccharide units of **1-4** are presented in Table II. The procedure for theoretical conformational analysis of **1-4** is described in the preceding paper¹.

TABLE I

N.O.e. (%) OBSERVED ON PRE-IRRADIATION OF ANOMERIC PROTONS OF **1-4**

Glycoside	Irradiation of H-1'		Irradiation of H-1''	
	Observed	n.O.e.	Observed	n.O.e.
α -D-Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)[α -D-Man-(1 \rightarrow 3)]- β -D-Gal-OMe (1)	H-2'	9.8 (1.3) ^a	H-2''	7.0 (2.7)
	H-2	7.7 (1)	H-3	2.6 (1)
	H-1	1.0 (0.1)	H-4	11.6 (4.5)
	OMe	1.9 (0.2)		
β -D-Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)[α -D-Man-(1 \rightarrow 3)]- β -D-Gal-OMe (2)	H-2'	2.1 (0.2)	H-2'',3	7.7 (1)
	H-3',5'	15.9 (1.4)	H-4	7.7 (1)
	H-2,3''	11.2 (1)		
	OMe	1 (0.1)		
α -D-Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)[α -L-Rha-(1 \rightarrow 3)]- β -D-Gal-OMe (3)	H-2'	11.0 (2.5)	H-2''	5.5 (0.5)
	H-2	7.1 (1)	H-3	11.6 (1)
	H-1	1.1 (0.2)	H-4	1.0 (0.1)
	OMe	1.2 (0.2)	H-3'	2.3 (0.2)
β -D-Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)[α -L-Rha-(1 \rightarrow 3)]- β -D-Gal-OMe (4)			H-5' ^b	
	H-2'	1.7 (0.2)	H-2''	6.4 (0.7)
	H-3'	5.6 (0.6)	H-3	9.6 (1)
	H-5'	7.4 (0.9)	H-4	1.1 (0.1)
	H-2	8.7 (1)		
	H-2''	3.5 (0.4)		
	OMe	1.7 (0.2)		

^aRelative values of the n.O.e. are given in brackets. ^bN.O.e. was not measured.

Only one preponderant conformer (<90%) was found to be selected for each of **1-4**. The angles of rotation around the glycosidic bonds in the Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)-Gal units [ϕ_1 (C-1'-O), ψ_1 (O-C-2)] and in the Man-(1 \rightarrow 3)-Gal or Rha-(1 \rightarrow 3)-Gal units [ϕ_2 (C-1''-O), ψ_2 (O-C-3)] for the optimal conformers are given in Table III.

The results of the n.O.e. calculations $f_{s'}^d$, where d and s are observed and irradiated nuclei in optimal conformations of trisaccharides, as well as the average values $\langle f_{s'}^d \rangle$ are summarized in Table IV.

α -D-Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)[α -D-Man-(1 \rightarrow 3)]- β -D-Gal-OMe (**1**). — After pre-irradiation of H-1' and H-1'' of **1**, an n.O.e. was observed only on the protons of the irradiated residues and the galactose residue (Table I).

The preferred conformer of **1** (Table III) is depicted in Fig. 1 in which the non-admissible approach of the non-bonded α -D-Glc and α -D-Man residues will occur only when ψ_1 and ψ_2 are $>-30^\circ$. Therefore, the corresponding regions of conformational maps of α -D-Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)- β -D-Gal-OMe and α -D-Man-(1 \rightarrow 3)- β -D-Gal-OMe^{3,4} on cross-sections of the potential surface of **1**, ϕ_1 - ψ_1 and ϕ_2 - ψ_2 , are of high energy (Fig. 2). On the basis of the position of $\Delta 1$ kcal.mol⁻¹ energy contours, it is concluded that the most probable angles are ψ_1 -40 to -50°, ϕ_1 -60 to -70°, ψ_2 -50 to -70°, ϕ_2 -50 to -70°.

The observed values of the n.O.e. (Table I) demonstrate that ϕ and ψ for **1** are within the above limits. Thus, H-1'' of the α -D-Man residue in the optimal con-

TABLE II

N.O.e. (%) OBSERVED ON PRE-IRRADIATION OF ANOMERIC PROTONS OF DISACCHARIDE GLYCOSIDES

Glycoside	Observed protons		
	H-3	H-4	H-2'
α -D-Man-(1 \rightarrow 3)- β -D-Gal-OMe	3.8 (1) ^a	8.1 (2.1)	7.2 (1.9)
α -L-Rha-(1 \rightarrow 3)- β -D-Gal-OMe	6.6 (1)	0.6 (0.1)	5.2 (0.8)
	H-2	H-2'	H-3' + H-5'
α -D-Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)- β -D-Gal-OMe	7.0 (1)	6.9 (1)	
β -D-Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)- β -D-Gal-OMe	7.6 (1)	2.0 (0.3)	11 (1.4)

^aRelative n.O.e. values are in brackets.

TABLE III

OPTIMAL VALUES OF ϕ AND ψ (°) IN THE PREFERRED CONFORMERS OF **1-4**

Glycoside	ϕ_1 (C-1'-O)	ψ_1 (O-C-2)	ϕ_2 (C-1''-O)	ψ_2 (O-C-3)
1	-68.3	-40.0	-65.5	-51.9
2	57.7	15.3	-68.4	-55.2
3	-71.8	-39.7	51.7	-10.0
4	50.7	17.5	51.7	-23.4

formation of **1** (Fig. 1) in the α -D-Man-(1 \rightarrow 3)- β -D-Gal unit is closer to H-4 than to H-3 of the β -D-Gal residue [$r(\text{H-1}''\text{-H-4}) = 2.4 \text{ \AA}$, $r(\text{H-1}''\text{-H-3}) = 2.9 \text{ \AA}$]. Hence, the calculated value of the n.O.e. $f_{\text{H-1}''}^{\text{H-4}}$ is many times larger than that of $f_{\text{H-1}''}^{\text{H-3}}$ (Table IV). The observed n.O.e. for H-4 pre-irradiation of H-1'' is 5-fold higher than that for H-3 (Table I), which confirms the presence of the above conformation of **1** in aqueous solution. The ratio of the average values $\langle f_{\text{H-1}''}^{\text{H-3}} \rangle$ and $\langle f_{\text{H-1}''}^{\text{H-4}} \rangle$ after statistical calculation was 1:6 (Table IV).

The significant increase in statistical weight of conformers with ψ_2 -50 to -70° in the Man-(1 \rightarrow 3)-Gal unit of **1**, as compared with that of the corresponding disaccharide glycoside, can be seen from the ratio of the n.O.e. for H-4 and H-3, which is ~5 for **1** (Table I) and only 2.1 for the disaccharide glycoside (Table II). It is noteworthy that, for α -D-Glc-(1 \rightarrow 4)[α -D-Man-(1 \rightarrow 3)]- β -D-Gal-OMe¹ where ψ_2 values of -40 to -70° are prohibited, the n.O.e. for H-4 and H-3 are equal. Thus, various regions of the surface ϕ - ψ of α -D-Man-(1 \rightarrow 3)- β -D-Gal-OMe appear to be permitted for two branched trisaccharides with the same unit Man-(1 \rightarrow 3)-Gal (cf. Figs. 2b and 8b in ref. 1).

The differences in conformation of the Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)-Gal unit in **1** and in α -D-Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)- β -D-Gal-OMe can be seen easily from a comparison of the n.O.e. for H-2' of the pre-irradiated Glc moiety and H-2 of the Gal moiety, the ratio of which is 1 for the disaccharide glycoside (Table II) and 1.3 for **1** (Table I); this is con-

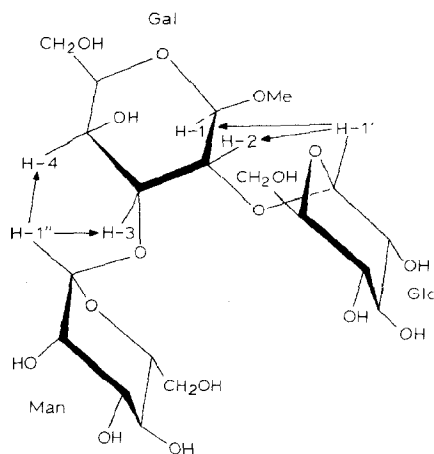


Fig. 1. Molecular model of the preferred conformer of α -D-Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)[α -D-Man-(1 \rightarrow 3)]- β -D-Gal-OMe (**1**) (optimal values of ϕ and ψ are given in Table III). The protons for which n.O.e.'s are observed are indicated by arrows.

TABLE IV

CALCULATED AVERAGE VALUES OF THE n.O.e. (%) AND THE n.O.e. (f_s^d) FOR OPTIMAL CONFORMATIONS OF **1-4**

Glycoside	Pre-irradiation of H-1'			Pre-irradiation of H-1''		
	Observed n.O.e.	f_s^d	$\langle f_s^d \rangle$	Observed n.O.e.	f_s^d	$\langle f_s^d \rangle$
1	H-2'	22	21 (1.2) ^a	H-2''	17	16 (4.2)
	H-2	7	17 (1)	H-3	1	3.8 (1)
	H-1	2.5	2.5 (0.2)	H-4	23	22 (5.8)
	H-4	2.5	2.5 (0.2)	H-1''	23	22 (5.8)
2	H-2'	6.1	6.1 (0.2)	H-2''	19	17.5 (0.8)
	H-3'	17.5	18.2 (0.6)	H-3	0	3.7 (0.2)
	H-5'	18.1	19.0 (0.6)	H-4	22	21.7 (1)
	H-2	25	22.6 (0.75)	H-3,2''		21.2 (1)
	H-3''	9.4	7.6 (0.25)			
	H-2,3''		30.2 (1)			
3	H-2'	24	24.0 (1.4)	H-2''	11.8	11.1 (0.6)
	H-2	5.5	17.5 (1)	H-3	17.2	19.5 (1)
	H-1	2.0	2.5 (0.15)	H-4	0	3.1 (0.15)
				H-3'	4.9	3.5 (0.2)
4				H-5'	0	2.0 (0.1)
	H-2'	6.1	6.1 (0.25)	H-2''	14.7	14.5 (0.7)
	H-3'	17.5	17.5 (0.7)	H-3	18.9	19.6 (1)
	H-5'	18.5	19.0 (0.8)	H-4	0	3.0 (0.15)
	H-2	26.6	24.6 (1)			
	H-1	2.5	0			
	H-2''	6.5	7.7 (0.3)			

^aRelative n.O.e. values are in brackets.

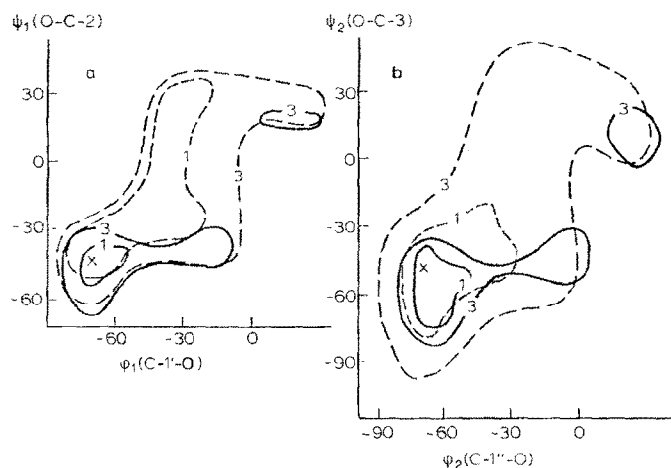


Fig. 2. Cross-sections of the potential surface of α -D-Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)[α -D-Man-(1 \rightarrow 3)]- β -D-Gal-OMe (**1**): (a) ϕ_1 - ψ_1 (ϕ_2 -65.5°, ψ_2 -51.9°) and (b) ϕ_2 - ψ_2 (ϕ_1 -68.3°, ψ_1 -40.0°); —, equipotentials of $\Delta 1$ and $\Delta 3$ kcal.mol⁻¹; x, local minima; ---, energy contours for the corresponding disaccharide glycosides.

nected with the relative increase of the distance between H-1' and H-2 at negative values of ψ . Moreover, there is a response on H-1 of the Gal residue of **1** (Table I), which is absent³ from α -D-Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)- β -D-Gal-OMe, that also confirms the validity of the ψ_1 values of -40 to -60° in this unit of **1**.

Thus, all the n.O.e. data demonstrate the existence of one preferred conformer of **1** in aqueous solution.

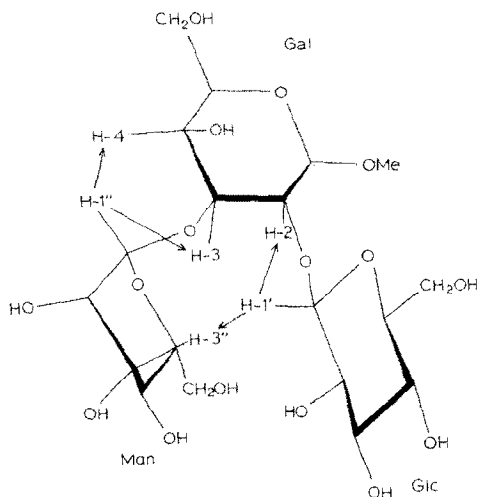


Fig. 3. Molecular model of the preferred conformer of β -D-Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)[α - β -Man-(1 \rightarrow 3)]- β -D-Gal-OMe (**2**).

β -D-Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)[α -D-Man-(1 \rightarrow 3)]- β -D-Gal-OMe (**2**). — Pre-irradiation of H-1' of **2** results in an n.O.e. for H-3'' of the α -D-Man residue (Table I), which is non-bonded to the β -D-Glc residue. The distance between these protons is 2.5 Å in the optimal conformation of **2** (Table III, Fig. 3).

The freedom of rotation about the glycosidic linkage of the Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)-Gal unit of **2** is slightly different from that in β -D-Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)- β -D-Gal-OMe (see cross-section ϕ_1 - ψ_1 in Fig. 4a). On the other hand, for the Man-(1 \rightarrow 3)-Gal unit, the range (-40° - $+40^\circ$) for ψ_2 , which is possible for α -D-Man-(1 \rightarrow 3)- β -D-Gal-OMe⁴, is prohibited for **2** (see cross-section ϕ_2 - ψ_2 in Fig. 4b). Thus, for **1** and **2**, the conformations of the Man-(1 \rightarrow 3)-Gal unit are the same (*cf.* Figs. 2b and 4b).

This conclusion is proved also by the n.O.e. values (Table I) for **1** and **2**. The n.O.e. for H-4 caused by pre-irradiation of H-1'' is many-fold higher than that for H-3 (the precise value of the n.O.e. for H-3 of **2** was not determined due to overlapping of the signals for H-3 and H-2'', but this signal is weak according to the pattern of the spectrum). The calculated ratio of the average n.O.e. values $\langle f_{H-1''}^{H-3} \rangle$ and $\langle f_{H-1''}^{H-4} \rangle$ is $\sim 1:6$ (Table III), but it is stressed that the calculated sum of the n.O.e. for H-2'' and H-3 is equal to the n.O.e. for H-4 which agrees with the experimental data (Table I).

In the preferred conformation of **2** (Fig. 3), H-1'' of the Man-(1 \rightarrow 3)-Gal unit is in close proximity to H-4 of the Gal residue [$r(\text{H-1''}-\text{H-4}) = 2.3 \text{ \AA}$] and, to a lesser extent, to H-3 [$r(\text{H-1''}-\text{H-3}) = 3 \text{ \AA}$]. For the Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)-Gal unit, H-1' and H-2 are in van der Waals contact [$r(\text{H-1'}-\text{H-2}) = 2.4 \text{ \AA}$]. Moreover, H-1' and H-3'' of the Glc and Man residues are in close proximity. The observation of an n.O.e. for H-3'' caused by pre-irradiation of H-1' is a significant argument for the proposed conformation of **2**.

Because of overlapping of the signals for H-2 and H-3'', the sum of average values $\langle f_{H-1'}^{H-2} \rangle + \langle f_{H-1'}^{H-3''} \rangle$ was calculated and found to be 5-fold higher than that of

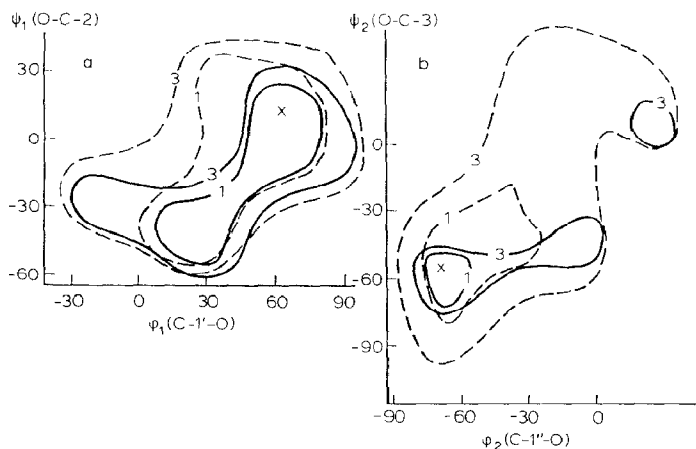


Fig. 4. Cross-sections of the potential surface of β -D-Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)[α -D-Man-(1 \rightarrow 3)]- β -D-Gal-OMe (**2**): (a) ϕ_1 - ψ_1 ($\phi_2 -68.4^\circ$, $\psi_2 -55.2^\circ$) and (b) ϕ_2 - ψ_2 ($\phi_1 57.7^\circ$, $\psi_1 15.3^\circ$) (*cf.* legend to Fig. 2).

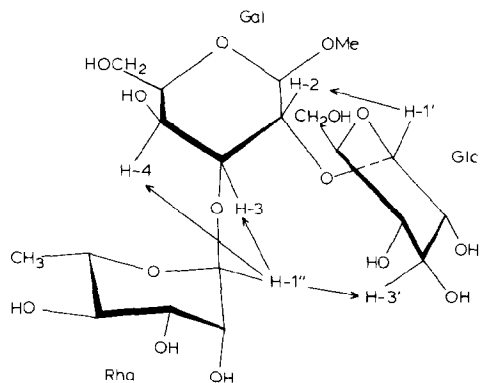


Fig. 5. Molecular model of the preferred conformer of α -D-Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)[α -L-Rha-(1 \rightarrow 3)]- β -D-Gal-OMe (**3**).

$\langle f_{H_1}^{H_2} \rangle$ (Table IV). The observed ratio of the corresponding n.O.e. is ~ 5.5 (Table I). Thus, the n.O.e. value for H-3'' caused by pre-irradiation of H-1' is almost equal to that for H-2' or about 3-fold lower than that for H-2.

α -D-Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)[α -L-Rha-(1 \rightarrow 3)]- β -D-Gal-OMe (**3**). — After pre-irradiation of H-1' and H-1'' of **3**, the n.O.e. was observed for protons of the Gal residue associated with the inter-unit linkage as well as much lower n.O.e. values for the adjacent protons (H-2 and H-1 in the former and H-3 and H-4 in the latter; Table I). Moreover, the n.O.e. observed for H-3' on pre-irradiation of H-1'' (Table I) is to be expected on the basis of the molecular model **3** (Fig. 5).

The approach of the non-bonded α -D-Glc and α -L-Rha residues to less than the admissible distances in **3** occurs at $\psi_1 > -20^\circ$ in the Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)-Gal unit and at $\psi_2 > 0^\circ$ in the Rha-(1 \rightarrow 3)-Gal unit (cf. the cross-section in Fig. 6).

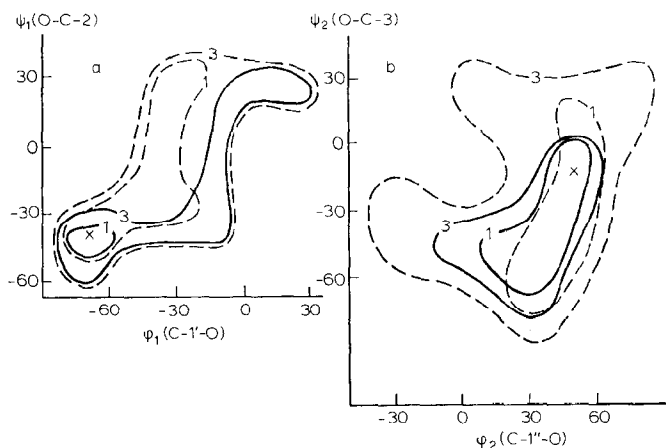


Fig. 6. Cross-sections of the potential surface of α -D-Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)[α -L-Rha-(1 \rightarrow 3)]- β -D-Gal-OMe (**3**): (a) ϕ_1 - ψ_1 (ϕ_2 51.7°, ψ_2 10.0°) and (b) ϕ_2 - ψ_2 (ϕ_1 -71.8°, ψ_1 -39.7°).

The differences in conformation of the disaccharide units **3** and the corresponding disaccharide glycosides are confirmed by the n.O.e. data (Table I). Thus, the n.O.e. values for H-2' and H-2 in α -D-Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)- β -D-Gal-OMe, caused by pre-irradiation of H-1', are each 7% (Table II) whereas, for the Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)-Gal unit of **3**, the n.O.e. for H-2 is much lower than for H-2' (\sim 7 and 11%, respectively, Table I). This effect is caused by significant increase for **3** of the proportion of conformers with ψ_1 in the range -40° — 50° (Fig. 6a), where H-1' and H-2 are remote from each other. In contrast, the relative increase of the n.O.e. for H-3 occurs in the Rha-(1 \rightarrow 3)-Gal unit. Whereas the ratio of the n.O.e. for H-2'' and H-3 of this unit is 0.5 (Table I), it is close to unity for α -L-Rha-(1 \rightarrow 3)- β -D-Gal-OMe (Table II). Such a redistribution of the n.O.e. value shows that, in the Rha-(1 \rightarrow 3)-Gal unit of **3**, there is significantly increased probability for negative values of ψ_2 , at which H-1'' and H-3 are in closer proximity than when ψ_2 is positive. Attention should also be paid to the responses of H-1 in the Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)-Gal unit and H-4 in the Rha-(1 \rightarrow 3)-Gal unit (Table I), which are absent from the disaccharide glycosides^{3,4}.

The data in Tables I and IV show that the n.O.e. values for H-2 and H-1, observed after pre-irradiation of H-1', are \sim 1.5- and \sim 10-fold lower than those for H-2'. The calculated value agrees well with the above ratios of the n.O.e. (Table IV). The observed ratio of the n.O.e. for H-4 and H-3 caused by pre-irradiation of H-1'' is 0.1 and that calculated is 0.15 (Table IV). The calculated values also accord with the n.O.e. for the non-bonded α -D-Glc and α -L-Rha residues, *i.e.*, for H-1'' and H-3' [the distance r (H-1''-H-3') is 3 Å in the preferred conformation (Fig. 5)]. According to experimental and calculated data, the ratio of the n.O.e. for H-3' and H-3 caused by pre-irradiation of H-1'' is 0.2. Moreover, the n.O.e. spectrum of **3** exhibits enhancement of the signal for H-5' caused by pre-irradiation of H-1''. This effect was not quantified due to overlapping of the signals for H-5' and H-4'. Actually, the approach of H-1'' and H-5' and small deviations of ϕ_1 and ψ_1 from the optimal values (Table III) for **3** are also possible. The ratio of the average values $\langle f_{H-1}^{H-5'} \rangle / \langle f_{H-1}^{H-3'} \rangle$ is 0.1 (Table IV), *i.e.*, the n.O.e. for H-5' is twice that for H-3'.

β -D-Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)[α -L-Rha-(1 \rightarrow 3)]- β -D-Gal-OMe (**4**). — After pre-irradiation of H-1', apart from the n.O.e. in the Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)-Gal unit, an n.O.e. was observed for H-2'' of the Rha residue, which was only 2.5 times lower than that for H-2 (Table I). Such an effect proves the close proximity of the β -D-Glc and α -L-Rha residues, mainly of H-1' and H-2'', the separating distance of which is 2.8 Å in the preferred conformation (Fig. 7). Theoretical calculation reproduces the n.O.e. for H-2'' caused by pre-irradiation of H-1'. Thus, the ratio of the calculated average values $\langle f_{H-1}^{H-2''} \rangle$ and $\langle f_{H-1}^{H-2'} \rangle$ is 0.3 (Table IV), and the experimental ratio is 0.4 (Table I).

The cross-sections of the potential surface of **4** are given in Fig. 8. It follows from those results that the angles ϕ_1 and ψ_1 in the Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)-Gal unit practically coincide with those of β -D-Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)- β -D-Gal-OMe³, whereas $\psi_2 < 0^\circ$ is prohibited in the Rha-(1 \rightarrow 3)-Gal unit but is admissible in α -L-Rha-(1 \rightarrow 3)- β -D-Gal-OMe⁴. The

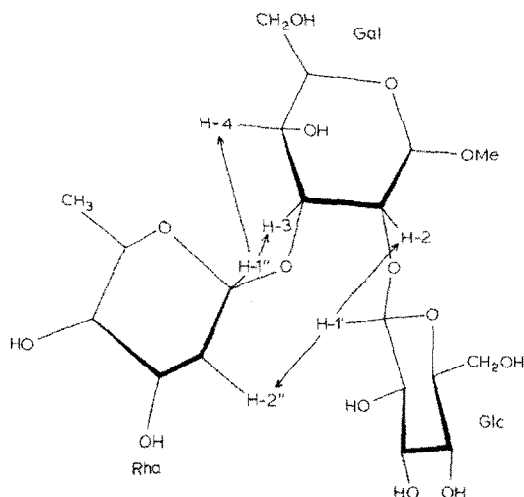


Fig. 7. Molecular model of the preferred conformer of the trisaccharide β -D-Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)[α -L-Rha-(1 \rightarrow 3)]- β -D-Gal-OMe (**4**).

first conclusion is confirmed by the constancy of the ratio of the n.O.e. for H-2 and H-2' caused by pre-irradiation of H-1' in the Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)-Gal unit (Table I) as compared with the corresponding ratio in the disaccharide glycoside (Table II). In contrast, the n.O.e. for H-3 of the Rha-(1 \rightarrow 3)-Gal unit caused by pre-irradiation of H-1' is 1.5-fold higher than that for H-2'' (Table I), whereas, for the disaccharide glycoside, these effects are almost equal (Table II). It follows from such redistribution of the n.O.e. values that the values $\psi_2 > 0^\circ$ become doubtful in **4**. A similar situation occurs in the unit Rha-(1 \rightarrow 3)-Gal of **3**.

It is interesting to compare **4** with β -D-Glc-(1 \rightarrow 4)[α -L-Rha-(1 \rightarrow 3)]- β -D-Gal-OMe¹. If $\psi_2 < 0^\circ$ is permitted for the Rha-(1 \rightarrow 3)-Gal unit of **4** (Fig. 8b), $\psi_2 > 0^\circ$ is permitted only in the other trisaccharide glycoside (Fig. 4 in ref. 1). These conformational differences are clearly realized in the ratio of the n.O.e. for H-2'' and H-3 [0.7 in the former (Table I) and 1.2 in the latter¹]. Thus, for disaccharide units of trisaccharide glycosides, the admissible values of ϕ and ψ may correspond to various regions of the conformational map ϕ - ψ of the corresponding disaccharide units. This example shows that disaccharides are not conformationally rigid.

Thus, conformational analysis of **1-4** indicates that one conformer is preferred, as found for the 3,4-disubstituted analogues¹. It follows that the points of branching with vicinal substitution possess unique conformations due to non-bonded interactions of the substituents. The recognition of this phenomenon allows the conformational analysis of branched oligo- and poly-saccharides to be simplified.

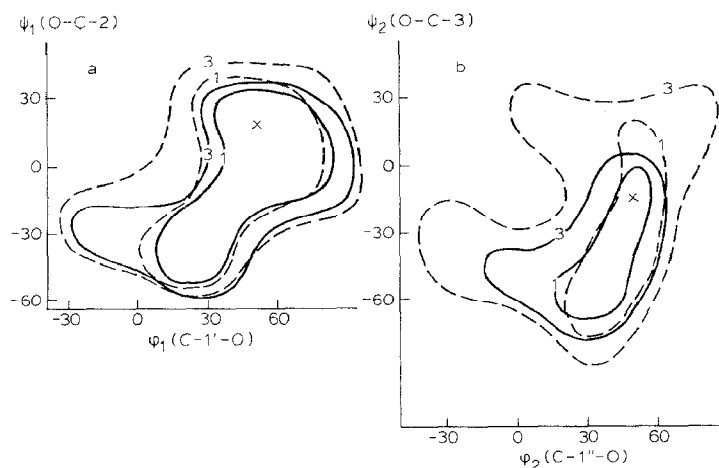


Fig. 8. Cross-sections of the potential surface of β -D-Glc-(1 \rightarrow 2)[α -L-Rha-(1 \rightarrow 3)]- β -D-Gal-OMe (**4**): (a) ϕ_1 - ψ_1 (ϕ_2 51.7°, ψ_2 -23.4°) and (b) ϕ_2 - ψ_2 (ϕ_1 50.7°, ψ_1 17.5°).

EXPERIMENTAL

The ^1H -n.m.r. spectra (Tables V and VI) were recorded with a Bruker AM-300 instrument for solutions in D_2O at 30°. The chemical shift data in Table V are given relative to sodium 4,4-dimethyl-4-silapentanesulfonate. The n.O.e. values were measured within the t.O.e. technique⁵, with D_1 (pre-irradiation time) 0.5 s and D_2 (the relaxation delay) 0.8 s. The synthesis of **1-4** has been described⁶.

TABLE V

CHEMICAL SHIFT DATA^a AND MULTIPLICITIES IN THE ^1H -N.M.R. SPECTRA OF **1-4**

Glycoside	Unit	H-1	H-2	H-3	H-4	H-5	H-6a	H-6b
1	β -D-Gal	4.50d	3.82dd	3.92dd	4.28dd	3.68m	—	—
	α -D-Glc	5.54d	3.51dd	3.69t	3.40dd	3.99ddd	—	—
	α -D-Man	5.09d	3.97dd	3.85dd	3.63t	3.70m	—	—
2	β -D-Gal	4.46d	3.89dd	3.97dd	4.25dd	3.69m	—	—
	β -D-Glc	4.71d	3.27dd	3.48dd	3.40m	3.40m	—	—
	α -D-Man	5.08d	3.98dd	3.91dd	3.66t	3.72m	—	—
3	β -D-Gal	4.48d	3.75dd	3.81dd	3.97dd	—	—	—
	α -D-Glc	5.42d	3.50dd	3.64dd	3.42dd	—	—	—
	α -L-Rha	4.98d	4.03dd	3.78dd	3.43t	3.79dq	1.25d	—
4	β -D-Gal	4.44d	3.82dd	3.89dd	3.97dd	—	—	—
	β -D-Glc	4.67d	3.27dd	3.49t	3.35dd	3.43ddd	3.89dd	3.69dd
	α -L-Rha	5.02d	4.12dd	3.81dd	3.44t	3.81dq	1.26d	—

^aOMe, 3.57–3.63 p.p.m.

TABLE VI

J VALUES (Hz) IN THE ¹H-N.M.R. SPECTRA OF **1-4**

<i>Glycoside</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>J</i> _{1,2}	<i>J</i> _{2,3}	<i>J</i> _{3,4}	<i>J</i> _{4,5}	<i>J</i> _{5,6a}	<i>J</i> _{5,6b}	<i>J</i> _{6,6}
1	β-D-Gal	7.5	9.8	2.9	~1	—	—	—
	α-D-Glc	3.7	9.9	9.9	9.0	2.5	5.5	—
	α-D-Man	1.6	3.5	9.6	9.6	6.2	—	—
2	β-D-Gal	7.6	9.7	2.7	~1	—	—	—
	β-D-Glc	8.1	9.5	9.1	—	—	—	—
	α-D-Man	1.7	3.5	9.5	9.5	6.1	—	—
3	β-D-Gal	7.2	9.8	3.5	~1	—	—	—
	α-D-Glc	3.6	9.6	9.0	9.6	—	—	—
	α-L-Rha	1.7	3.4	9.5	9.5	—	—	—
4	β-D-Gal	7.4	10.0	2.6	~1	—	—	—
	β-D-Glc	7.9	9.1	9.1	8.6	1.8	5.5	12.2
	α-L-Rha	1.7	3.4	9.8	9.8	6.1	—	—

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