

## Note

### Synthesis of methyl 3-amino-3,6-dideoxy- $\alpha$ -L-hexopyranosides branched at C-3\*

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3-Amino-3-deoxy sugars are components of aminocyclitol<sup>1</sup>, macrolide<sup>2</sup>, and anthracycline antibiotics<sup>3</sup>. The therapeutic value of these drugs has stimulated the development of diverse strategies<sup>3b,c</sup> for the synthesis of the component sugars.

One route to branched-chain aminodeoxyhexoses is based on the cyclisation of sugar dialdehydes with C<sub>2</sub> nitro-compounds<sup>4</sup> as exemplified by the synthesis<sup>5</sup> of L-vancosamine. Recently, Gómez Sánchez *et al.*<sup>6</sup> reported that the reaction of methyl nitroacetate, using sodium ethoxide as catalyst, with the dialdehyde **1**, obtained by periodate oxidation of methyl  $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranoside, gave a crystalline product **2** (13.5%) and a mixture (6.5%) of two isomers of **2**.

We now report the synthesis of branched-chain 3-amino-3,6-dideoxy sugars by cyclisation of **1** with (a) methyl nitroacetate, using potassium fluoride<sup>7</sup> as catalyst, and reduction of the major product obtained; and (b) cyanoacetamide, using piperidine or sodium ethoxide as catalyst, and Hofmann rearrangement of the product.

The first reaction gave, as the major product, crystalline **2** (31%). The diacetates **3** and **4** were isolated after acetylation of the material in the mother liquors. Compounds **2–4** had n.m.r. data identical to those reported<sup>6</sup>, and **2** and **5** showed also the same m.p. and optical rotation as those reported<sup>6</sup>. Catalytic (Pt) hydrogenation of **2** in the presence of a stoichiometric amount of hydrochloric acid afforded 98% of the amine **6**, *N,O*-acetylation of which gave **7** (90%).

The second reaction followed by acetylation of the products gave **8** (40%) and **9** (3%). When piperidine alone was used as catalyst, **8** (41%) and traces of **9** were isolated. Following the method<sup>8</sup> for the synthesis of 3-*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino-3-cyano-3-deoxy sugars, treatment of **8** with an excess of lead tetra-acetate and *tert*-butyl alcohol gave **10** (98%), Zemplén deacetylation of which gave the diol **11** (92%). Reduction<sup>8,9</sup> of the nitrile group in **10** with CoCl<sub>2</sub>–NaBH<sub>4</sub> followed by acetylation afforded **12** (62%).

The structures of **2–12** were established on the basis of elemental analysis and spectroscopic data (Tables I and II). The configurations at C-2 and C-4 and the

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TABLE I

<sup>1</sup>H-N.m.r. data ( $\delta$  in p.p.m.,  $J$  in Hz) for 2-12

Compound	Chemical shift					
	H-1	H-2	H-4	H-5	Me-5	MeO
2 <sup>b</sup>	4.61d	4.52dd	4.10d	4.24q	1.12d	3.20s
3 <sup>d,e</sup>	4.86d	5.70d	5.15d	4.50m	1.20d	3.29s
4 <sup>e</sup>	4.71d	5.84 <sup>f</sup>	6.03bs	4.24dq	1.18d	3.27s
5 <sup>e,g</sup>	4.82d	5.80d	5.85bs	4.50q	1.08d	3.25s
6 <sup>b</sup>	4.55d	3.88dd	3.83d	4.32q	1.11d	3.22s
7 <sup>e,g</sup>	4.70d	5.25d	5.82d	4.75q	1.16d	3.40s
8 <sup>e,b</sup>	4.87d	5.18d	4.99d	3.94dq	1.11d	3.32s
9 <sup>d</sup>	5.00d	5.49d	5.36s	4.43q	1.15d	3.42s
10 <sup>e,e</sup>	4.83d	5.62d	5.38d	4.09dq	1.20d	3.40s
11 <sup>a,b</sup>	4.55d	4.00 <sup>f</sup>	3.58dd	3.66m	1.15d	3.27s
12 <sup>a,e</sup>	4.77d	5.95bs	5.63bd	3.83m	1.10d	3.32s

5.97 (d, 1 H,  $J$  7.7 Hz, HO-4)<sup>e</sup>, 5.12 (d, 1 H,  $J$  8.5 Hz, HO-2)<sup>e</sup>, and 3.68 (s, 3 H, COOMe).  
 3.82 (s, 3 H, COOMe), and 2.10 (s, 6 H, 2 Ac).  
 3.76 (s, 3 H, COOMe), and 2.10-2.00 (2 s, 6 H, 2 Ac).  
 3.80 (s, 3 H, COOMe), and 2.05, 1.98 (2 s, 6 H, 2 Ac).  
 8.45 (bs, 3 H, NH<sub>3</sub>)<sup>e</sup>, 6.10 (d, 1 H,  $J$  6.5 Hz, HO-4)<sup>e</sup>, 5.27 (d, 1 H,  $J$  8.1 Hz, HO-2)<sup>e</sup>, and 3.68 (s, 3 H, COOMe).  
 6.65 (bs, 1 H, NH)<sup>e</sup>, 3.75 (s, 3 H, COOMe), and 2.25, 2.23, 1.85 (3 s, 9 H, 3 Ac).  
 7.84, 7.82 (2 s, 2 H, NH<sub>3</sub>)<sup>e</sup>, and 2.10, 2.07 (2 s, 6 H, 2 Ac).  
 6.45, 5.90 (2 bs, 2 H, NH<sub>3</sub>), and 2.11, 2.09 (2 s, 6 H, 2 Ac).  
 5.01 (s, 1 H, NH)<sup>e</sup>, 2.16, 2.14 (2 s, 6 H, 2 Ac), and 1.40 (s, 9 H, Me<sub>3</sub>C).  
 7.44 (s, 1 H, NH)<sup>e</sup>, 5.98 (d, 1 H,  $J$  4.7 Hz, HO-4)<sup>e</sup>, 5.61 (d, 1 H,  $J$  6.1 Hz, HO-2)<sup>e</sup>, and 1.40 (s, 9 H, Me<sub>3</sub>C).  
 6.20 (dd, 1 H,  $J$  7.9 and 5.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 5.47 (bs, 1 H, NH-3), 3.94 (m, 1 H, CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 3.70 (dd, 1 H,  $J$  14.8 and 5.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 2.04, 1.99, 1.98 (3 s, 9 H, 3 Ac), and 1.32 (bs, 9 H, Me<sub>3</sub>C).

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TABLE I (Continued)

Compound	Chemical shift		
	$J_{1,2}$	$J_{4,5}$	$J_{5,6}$
2	3.4	0	6.5
3	3.7	9.8	6.5
4 <sup>b</sup>	1.8	1.6	6.5
5	3.5	0	6.8
6	3.2	0	6.5
7	4.7	1.8	6.5
8	3.8	9.9	6.3
9	3.7	0	6.5
10	4.0	10.0	6.3
11	4.0	9.7	6.0
12	3.7	9.5	6.1

<sup>a</sup> 300 MHz. <sup>b</sup> For solution in (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO. <sup>c</sup> Exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O. <sup>d</sup> 200 MHz. <sup>e</sup> For solution in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (internal Me<sub>4</sub>Si). <sup>f</sup> Pseudo-t. <sup>g</sup> 80 MHz. <sup>h</sup>  $J_{2,3}$ . <sup>i</sup> 1.6 Hz.

TABLE II

<sup>13</sup>C-N.m.r. data for **2**, **3**, and **5-12**

Compound	C-1	C-2	C-4	C-3	C-5	C-6	MeO	Others
<b>2</b> <sup>a,b</sup>	98.9	65.8	71.7	94.7	64.9	15.9	54.8	164.68(CO), 53.0 (COOCH <sub>3</sub> )
<b>3</b> <sup>d</sup>	96.0	—73.3, 70.4	—	91.9	64.9	17.3	55.4	169.4, 169.2 (2 CO), 162.2 (COOMe), 53.3 (COOCH <sub>3</sub> ), and 20.5 (2 CH <sub>3</sub> CO)
<b>5</b> <sup>a,d</sup>	96.6	67.7	72.5	90.4	64.9	16.1	55.6	169.8, 169.0 (2 CO), 163.5 (COOMe), 54.0 (COOCH <sub>3</sub> ), and 20.8, 20.3 (2 CH <sub>3</sub> CO)
<b>6</b> <sup>a,d</sup>	98.9	65.2	68.9	62.7	65.2	16.5	55.5	167.8 (CO), and 54.0 (COOCH <sub>3</sub> )
<b>7</b> <sup>d,e</sup>	97.4	69.6	71.3	60.9	64.5	16.3	55.2	173.5, 169.3, 167.9 (4 CO), 52.6 (COOCH <sub>3</sub> ), and 22.7, 21.2, 20.5 (3 CH <sub>3</sub> CO)
<b>8</b> <sup>a,b</sup>	94.5	69.3	71.2	52.0	62.9	16.5	54.9	168.8, 168.6 (2 CO), 164.1 (CONH <sub>2</sub> ), 115.7 (CN), and 20.2, 20.1 (2 CH <sub>3</sub> CO)
<b>9</b> <sup>a,e</sup>	95.8	66.4	78.8	48.2	62.4	16.0	55.8	170.1, 169.6 (2 CO), 163.7 (CONH <sub>2</sub> ), 117.3 (CN), and 20.7, 20.5 (2 CH <sub>3</sub> CO)
<b>10</b> <sup>a,d</sup>	96.2	69.0	71.6	58.5	63.8	16.9	55.5	169.9, 169.6 (2 CO), 152.6 (CONH), 114.9 (CN), 81.7 (CMe <sub>3</sub> ), 28.1 (CMe <sub>3</sub> ), and 20.8, 20.7 (2 CH <sub>3</sub> CO)
<b>11</b> <sup>a,b</sup>	98.2	69.2	72.7	61.3	65.0	17.3	54.7	154.7 (CO), 116.1 (CN), 79.2 (CMe <sub>3</sub> ), and 28.0 [C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ]
<b>12</b> <sup>a,d</sup>	97.5	69.9	72.4	59.7	64.4	17.7	55.5	175.4, 171.8, 169.0 (3 CO), 154.0 (CON), 79.6 (CMe <sub>3</sub> ), 41.4 (CH <sub>2</sub> N), 28.1 [C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ], and 23.2, 20.7 (3 CH <sub>3</sub> CO)

<sup>a</sup> 75 MHz. <sup>b</sup> For a solution in (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO. <sup>c</sup> 50 MHz. <sup>d</sup> For a solution in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (internal Me<sub>4</sub>Si). <sup>e</sup> 20 MHz.

fluoride (0.1 equiv.), and dibenzo-18-crown-6 ether (0.1 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred at 45° for 4.5 h and then concentrated. Water (20 mL) was added to the residue, the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 100 mL), and the combined extracts were dried, filtered, and concentrated. Crystallisation of the crude product from ethyl acetate or ether gave methyl 3,6-dideoxy-3-*C*-methoxycarbonyl-3-nitro- $\alpha$ -L-galacto-hexopyranoside (**2**; 0.50 g, 31%), m.p. 168–170°,  $[\alpha]_D - 218^\circ$  (*c* 1, methanol) {lit.<sup>6</sup> m.p. 168–170°,  $[\alpha]_D - 222^\circ$  (chloroform)};  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}}$  3484, 3384, 1742, 1557, and 1338  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . For the <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-n.m.r., see Tables I and II (Found: C, 40.93; H, 5.42; N, 5.13. C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>8</sub> calc.: C, 40.76; H, 5.70; N, 5.28%).

Conventional treatment of the mother liquors with acetic anhydride–acetic acid–acetyl chloride (2:2:5 mL) and column chromatography of the crude product gave, first, a mixture (0.30 g), not studied further, then a mixture (0.52 g, 25%) of methyl 2,4-di-*O*-acetyl-3,6-dideoxy-3-*C*-methoxycarbonyl-3-nitro- $\alpha$ -L-gluc(o or allo)-hexopyranoside (**3**) and methyl 2,4-di-*O*-acetyl-3,6-dideoxy-3-*C*-methoxycarbonyl-3-nitro- $\alpha$ -L-tal(o or ido)hexopyranoside (**4**). Crystallisation from ether–hexane gave **3**, m.p. 160–161°,  $[\alpha]_D - 124^\circ$  (*c* 1, chloroform);  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}}$  1759, 1559, and 1348  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . For the <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-n.m.r., see Tables I and II (Found: C, 44.58; H, 5.24; N, 3.92. C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>10</sub> calc.: C, 44.70; H, 5.48; N, 4.01%). The mother liquors contained **3** and **4** in the ratio 1:3.

*Methyl 2,4-di-O-acetyl-3,6-dideoxy-3-C-methoxycarbonyl-3-nitro- $\alpha$ -L-galacto-hexopyranoside (5).* — Conventional treatment of **2** (0.22 g, 0.83 mmol) with acetic anhydride–acetic acid–acetyl chloride (2:2:4 mL), with column chromatography (5:1 ether–hexane) of the crude product, gave **5** (0.28 g, 96%), m.p. 192–194°,  $[\alpha]_D - 166^\circ$  (*c* 1, chloroform) {lit.<sup>6</sup> m.p. 187–190°,  $[\alpha]_D - 155^\circ$ }  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}}$  1758, 1560, 1375, and 1347  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . For the <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-n.m.r., see Tables I and II (Found: C, 44.53; H, 5.57; N, 4.24. C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>10</sub> calc.: C, 44.70; H, 5.48; N, 4.01%).

*Methyl 3-amino-3,6-dideoxy-3-C-methoxycarbonyl- $\alpha$ -L-galactopyranoside hydrochloride (6).* — A suspension of PtO<sub>2</sub> in water (25 mL) containing M HCl (2.6 mL) was prehydrogenated, then **2** (0.7 g) was added, and the hydrogenation was continued for 60 h. The mixture was filtered, insoluble material was washed with water, and the combined filtrate and washings were concentrated under diminished pressure to give **6** (0.7 g, 98%), m.p. 113–114°,  $[\alpha]_D - 106^\circ$  (*c* 1, water);  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}}$  3500–3250, 1741, 1596, 1490, and 1051  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . For the <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-n.m.r., see Tables I and II. C.i.-mass spectrum: *m/z* 235 (45) (M<sup>+</sup> – HCl), 204 (100) (M<sup>+</sup> – HCl – OCH<sub>3</sub>). An elemental analysis could not be obtained because the compound is highly hygroscopic.

Conventional treatment of **6** (0.1 g) with acetic anhydride–pyridine (2:2 mL) at room temperature for 6 h, with column chromatography (ethyl acetate) of the crude product, gave the 2,4-diacetate **7** (0.12 g, 90%), m.p. 150–151° (from ether),  $[\alpha]_D - 111^\circ$  (*c* 1, chloroform);  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}}$  3385, 3355, 1741, 1670, 1536, 1229, and 1056  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . For the <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-n.m.r., see Tables I and II (Found: C, 49.78; H, 6.30; N, 4.00. C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>9</sub> calc.: C, 49.86; H, 6.41; N, 3.88%).

*Reaction of 1 with cyanoacetamide.* — (a) *Piperidine as catalyst.* A solution of **1** (ref. 7a) (0.5 g, 3.0 mmol), cyanoacetamide (0.49 g), and piperidine (1%) in 1,4-dioxane (9 mL) and water (3 mL) was stored at room temperature (16 h), then concentrated.

Conventional treatment of the residue with acetic anhydride–acetic acid–acetyl chloride (2:2:4 mL), with column chromatography (ether) of the crude product, gave methyl 2,4-di-*O*-acetyl-3-carbamoyl-3-*C*-cyano-3,6-dideoxy- $\alpha$ -L-*gluco*-hexopyranoside (**8**; 0.39 g, 41%), m.p. 217–218°,  $[\alpha]_D - 131^\circ$  (*c* 1, chloroform);  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}}$  3461, 3244, 1765, 1713, 1686, and 1600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . For the  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -n.m.r., see Tables I and II (Found: C, 49.50; H, 5.92; N, 9.04.  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_7$  calc.: C, 49.68; H, 5.77; N, 8.91%).

(*b*) *Sodium ethoxide as catalyst*. — The solution obtained by the reaction of sodium (0.14 g) in ethanol (10 mL) was added in portions during 3 min to a stirred solution of **1** (ref. 7a) (1.0 g, 6.1 mmol) and cyanoacetamide (0.51 g) in ethanol (30 mL) at 0°. The mixture was kept at 0° for 20 min, then neutralised with Amberlite IR-120 ( $\text{H}^+$ ) resin, filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was treated conventionally with acetic anhydride–acetic acid–acetyl chloride (4:4:12 mL). Column chromatography (4:1 ether–hexane) of the crude product gave, first, methyl 2,4-di-*O*-acetyl-3-carbamyl-3-*C*-cyano-3,6-dideoxy- $\alpha$ -L-*galacto*-hexopyranoside (**9**; 0.06 g, 3%), m.p. 199–200°,  $[\alpha]_D - 140^\circ$  (*c* 1, chloroform);  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}}$  3432, 3207, 1755, 1715, 1684, and 1619  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . For the  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -n.m.r., see Tables I and II (Found: C, 49.42; H, 5.35; N, 9.07.  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_7$  calc.: C, 49.68; H, 5.77; N, 8.91%).

Eluted second was **8** (0.76 g, 40%).

*Methyl 2,4-di-O-acetyl-3-tert-butoxycarbonylamino-3-C-cyano-3,6-dideoxy- $\alpha$ -L-glucopyranoside (10)*. — Lead tetra-acetate (4.50 g) was added to a solution of **8** (0.66 g) in *tert*-butyl alcohol–*N,N*-dimethylformamide (10:5 mL). The mixture was stirred and boiled under reflux for 20 min, then cooled, toluene (100 mL) and ether (25 mL) were added, and the solution was filtered, washed with water ( $2 \times 50$  mL), dried ( $\text{MgSO}_4$ ), and concentrated. Column chromatography (2:1 ether–hexane) of the crude product gave **10** (0.80 g, 98%), m.p. 166–167° (from ether–hexane),  $[\alpha]_D - 87.5^\circ$  (*c* 1, chloroform);  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}}$  3319, 1758, and 1720  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . For the  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -n.m.r., see Tables I and II (Found: C, 52.74; H, 6.70; N, 7.46.  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_8$  calc.: C, 52.84; H, 6.78; N, 7.25%).

*Methyl 3-tert-butoxycarbonylamino-3-C-cyano-3,6-dideoxy- $\alpha$ -L-glucopyranoside (11)*. — To a solution of **10** in dry methanol (20 mL) at  $\sim -15^\circ$  was added freshly prepared methanolic NaOMe (10 mL, 10%). After storage for 20 min at room temperature, the solution was concentrated, and column chromatography (3:1 ether–hexane) of the residue gave **11** (0.15 g, 92%), m.p. 175–176° (from ether–hexane),  $[\alpha]_D - 101^\circ$  (*c* 1, methanol);  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{KBr}}$  3538, 3476, 3275, 2265, and 1738  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . For the  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -n.m.r., see Tables I and II (Found: C, 51.40; H, 7.52; N, 9.47.  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$  calc.: C, 51.65; H, 7.33; N, 9.26%).

*Methyl 3-C-acetamidomethyl-2,4-di-O-acetyl-3-tert-butoxycarbonylamino-3,6-dideoxy- $\alpha$ -L-glucopyranoside (12)*. —  $\text{CoCl}_2$  (0.65 g) was added to a solution of **10** in methanol (45 mL).  $\text{NaBH}_4$  (0.65 g) was then added in small portions during 15 min with stirring. The mixture was kept at room temperature for 60 min, aqueous 30%  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  solution (25 mL) was added, the solution was concentrated, the residue was extracted with ethyl acetate ( $3 \times 50$  mL), and the combined extracts were dried ( $\text{MgSO}_4$ ) and concentrated. The crude product was treated conventionally with acetic anhydride–pyridine (3:2 mL). Column chromatography (ethyl acetate) of the product gave **12** (0.14

g, 62%), isolated as a syrup,  $[\alpha]_D - 65^\circ$  ( $c$  1, chloroform);  $\nu_{\max}^{\text{film}}$  3325, 1750, 1714, 1654, and  $1368\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . For the  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -n.m.r., see Tables I and II. C.i.-mass spectrum:  $m/z$  433 (32) ( $\text{M}^+ + 1$ ), 377 (100) ( $\text{M}^+ + 1 - \text{C}_4\text{H}_8$ ).

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