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# <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR study of nonsymmetrical $\alpha, \alpha$ -trehalose derivatives

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A detailed study of the reaction of  $\alpha,\alpha$ -trehalose with pivaloyl chloride showed the high efficiency of this acyl chloride for obtaining symmetric and nonsymmetric hepta, hexa-, and penta-pivalate derivatives. These derivatives are of great utility as starting materials for the synthesis of deoxy-, amino-, and chloro- $\alpha,\alpha$ -trehalose derivatives having biological activity 2,3. In that study, the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the symmetric trehalose derivatives were assigned, but owing to instrumental limitations, those of the nonsymmetric derivatives, such as 2,4,6-tri-O-pivaloyl- $\alpha$ -D-gluco-pyranosyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-pivaloyl- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside (1), 2,3,6-tri-O-pivaloyl- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside (1)

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TABLE I <sup>1</sup>H NMR chemical shifts and coupling constants for  $\alpha, \alpha$ -trehalose derivatives <sup>a</sup>

Assignment	1	2	3	
Chemical shifts (δ)	b			
H-1	5.32(d)	5.35(d)	5.34(d)	
H-2	4.93(dd)	4.98(dd)	4.90(dd)	
H-3	4.15(dt) <sup>c</sup>	5.33(t)	4.13(dt) <sup>c</sup>	
H-4	4.98(t)	3.52(t)	4.96(t)	
H-5	3.88(ddd)	3.73(ddd)	3.93(ddd)	
H-6a	4.01(dd)	4.33(dd)	4.09(dd)	
H-6b	4.01(dd)	4.26(dd)	4.09(dd)	
H-1'	5.38(d)	5.43(d)	5.31(d)	
H-2'	5.03(dd)	5.02(dd)	4.98(dd)	
H-3'	5.62(t)	5.60(t)	5.38(t)	
H-4'	5.14(t)	5.13(t)	$3.50(dt)^{d}$	
H-5'	3.92(ddd)	3.88(ddd)	3.84(ddd)	
H-6'a	4.13(dd)	4.12(dd)	4.30(dd)	
H-6'b	4.00(dd)	4.00(dd)	4.30(dd)	
Coupling constants	(Hz)			
$J_{1,2}$	3.7	3.9	3.7	
$J_{2,3}$	10.1	9.7	10.2	
$J_{3,4}$	10.1	9.7	10.2	
$J_{4,5}$	10.1	9.7	10.2	
$J_{5,6a}$	2.1	2.1	2.1	
$J_{5,6{ m b}}$	5.7	5.7	5.7	
$J_{6a,6b}$	12.0	12.0	12.0	
$J_{1',2'}$	3.7	3.9	3.7	
$J_{2',3'}$	9.8	9.8	9.8	
$J_{3',4'}$	9.8	9.8	9.8	
$J_{4',5'}$	9.8	9.8	9.8	
$J_{5',6'a}$	1.5	1.5	1.5	
$J_{5',6'b}$	6.1	6.0	6.0	
$J_{6'a,6'b}$	12.3	12.3	12.3	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Measured for solutions in CDCl<sub>3</sub> and Me<sub>4</sub>Si as the internal reference at 300 MHz. <sup>b</sup> Chemical shifts for *tert*-butyl groups are not given since they are similar to those reported<sup>4</sup>. <sup>c</sup>  $J_{\text{H-3,OH}} = 4.1$  Hz. <sup>d</sup>  $J_{\text{H-4'OH}} = 4.1$  Hz.

D-glucopyranosyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-pivaloyl- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside (2), and 2,4,6-tri-O-pivaloyl- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside (3), could not be completely assigned, nor were the  $^{13}$ C NMR signals of compounds 1–5 assigned. We report herein the complete and unequivocal assignment of the signals of the  $^{1}$ H (Table I) and  $^{13}$ C NMR (Table II) spectra of these compounds, determined by two-dimensional COSY and HETCOR multipulse sequences, as exemplified for 2.

In the  ${}^{1}\text{H-}{}^{1}\text{H-}\text{COSY}$  contour plot of **2** (Fig. 1), the broadened triplet at  $\delta$  3.52 was assigned to H-4 from its chemical shift, since it is the only hydrogen atom geminal to a hydroxyl group. This assignment was further confirmed by the sharpening of the signal after addition of D<sub>2</sub>O. The H-4 signal is coupled to H-5, which appears as a double double doublet (ddd) at  $\delta$  3.73, and to H-3, which

TABLE II		
<sup>13</sup> C NMR chemical shifts of	α,α-trehalose der	rivatives a

Chemical shifts( $\delta$ ) $^b$	1	2	3	4	5
C-1	90.00	89.39	89.99	89.13	89.56
C-2	72.39	69.70	72.63	70.42	69.72
C-3	70.44	73.10	70.43	69.37	73.16
C-4	70.42	70.05	70.48	67.80	70.18
C-5	68.70	70.60	68.52	68.41	70.58
C-6	61.94	62.77	61.87	61.61	62.76
C-1'	89.58	89.22	89.89	89.13	89.56
C-2'	70.42	70.34	69.91	70.42	69.72
C-3'	69.52	69.40	72.63	69.37	73.16
C-4'	67.86	67.88	69.85	67.80	70.18
C-5'	68.25	68.31	72.55	68.41	70.58
C-6'	61.63	61.62	62.81	61.61	62.76

<sup>a</sup> Measured for solutions in CDCl<sub>3</sub> and Me<sub>4</sub>Si as the internal standard. <sup>b</sup> Chemical shifts for pivaloyl groups are: (1) 177.90, 177.87, 177.80, 177.74, 177.04, 176.90, 176.36, 39.01, 38.87, 38.83(2), 38.75(2), 38.72, 27.37, 27.31, 27.23, 27.09(2), 27.03, and 27.01. (2) 179.73, 177.87, 177.51, 177.51, 177.39, 176.80, 176.40, 38.97, 38.90(2), 38.88, 38.84, 38.73(2), 27.37, 27.32, 27.22, 27.13, 27.06, 27.04, and 26.89. (3) 179.29, 179.02, 178.20, 177.96, 177.88, 177.16, 39.04, 39.98, 38.94, 38.90, 38.86, 38.84, 27.36, 27.27, 27.18, 27.10, and 27.01. (4) 177.86(2), 177.40(2), 176.66(2), 176.42(2), 38.88(2), 38.85(2), 38.74(2), 38.72(2), 27.37(2), 27.23(2), and 27.06(4). (5) 179.83(2), 178.80(2), 177.57(2), 39.01(2), 38.92(4), 27.35(2), and 27.17(4).

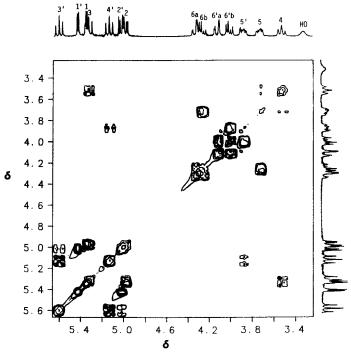


Fig. 1. COSY, homonuclear-correlation spectrum of heptapivalate 2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 300 MHz.

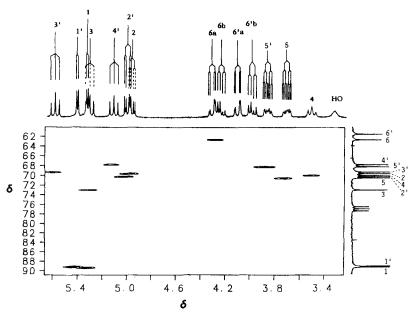


Fig. 2. HETCOR contour-plot of heptapivalate 2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 300 MHz.

appeared as a triplet at  $\delta$  5.33. It was also observed that H-3 is coupled to the signal at  $\delta$  4.98, which appears as a double doublet and was ascribed to H-2, which in turn is coupled to the doublet at  $\delta$  5.35, which is therefore assigned to H-1. As mentioned, the signal for H-5 is found upfield; it is coupled to two sets of double doublets, the first one corresponding to H-6a at  $\delta$  4.33, and the second one to H-6b at  $\delta$  4.26. The coupling of H-4 with the hydroxyl proton allowed the distinction between the signals for H-4 and H-4' and, therefore, between the two groups of signals for each p-glucopyranosyl residue. Thus, the signals for the second p-glucopyranosyl residue (H-1'-H-6b') were easily assigned by comparison of individual multiplicities with those of the first p-glucopyranosyl residue and by the correlations shown in the COSY contour plot.

Once the  $^1H$  NMR spectrum of **2** had been fully assigned, the  $^{13}C$  signals could be assigned by 2D  $^{13}C^{-1}H$  heteronuclear shift correlation (HETCOR, Fig. 2). Thus, the signals at  $\delta$  89.39 and 89.22 correspond to C-1 and C-1', respectively, since they show correlation to the corresponding  $^1H$  NMR signals, and those at  $\delta$  73.10 and 69.40 to C-3 and C-3', respectively. The signals for C-5, C-4, and C-2 appear at  $\delta$  70.60, 70.05, and 69.70, respectively, and those for C-5', C-4', and C-2' at  $\delta$  68.31, 67.88, 70.34, respectively, as again deduced from the correlations. The signals for C-6 and C-6' are found upfield, at  $\delta$  62.77 and 61.62, respectively, although it should be noted that only the correlation of the CH<sub>2</sub>-6 signals was observed on Fig. 2. However, the assignment of C-6' could be deduced as it is the only nonobserved correlation. In an analogous way, the  $^1H^{-1}H$  COSY and the

<sup>13</sup>C-<sup>1</sup>H HETCOR contour plots of all remaining compounds provided the assignments summarized in Tables I and II.

#### **EXPERIMENTAL**

Methods.—Compounds 1–5 were prepared as published<sup>1</sup>. The NMR measurements were carried out on a Varian XL-300GS spectrometer operated with the software package version 6.1D, provided by the manufacturer, at ambient probe temperature (22°C). Chemical shifts were measured in  $\delta$  values from the signal of internal Me<sub>4</sub>Si. The two-dimensional <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C–<sup>1</sup>H chemical-shift correlated spectra were obtained with the standard COSY and HETCOR pulse sequences.

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