2,3,4-Tri-O-acetyl-1,6-anhydro- β -D-mannopyranose, an artifact produced during carbohydrate analysis. A total synthesis of 2,3,5-tri-O-acetyl-1,6-anhydro- β -D-mannofuranose

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ABSTRACT

This study confirms that 2,3,4-tri-O-acetyl-1,6-anhydro-β-D-mannopyranose is an artifact produced during carbohydrate analysis. A new synthesis of 2,3,5-tri-O-acetyl-1,6-anhydro-β-D-mannofuranose is also described, and a novel dimer, 1,6':6,1'-dianhydro-2,3:2',3'-di-O-isopropylidene-5,5'-di-O-(1-methoxyethyl)-di-α-D-mannofuranose, has been isolated. The structure of the dimer is confirmed by X-ray analysis of a derivative, 1,6':6,1'-dianhydro-2,3:2',3'-di-O-isopropylidene-di-α-D-mannofuranose.

INTRODUCTION

Polysaccharides are susceptible to degradation under harsh reaction conditions (for a review, see ref 1). For example, during routine analysis² of hydrolyzing polysaccharides with CF₃CO₂H to individual sugars, small amounts of degradation products^{3,4} are always obtained. Even the simple sugar, p-mannose, upon treatment with CF₃CO₂H under conditions identical to that of polysaccharide analysis, produces an artifact. This paper deals with the identification of the artifact obtained from p-mannose and confirmation of its structure by comparison with an authentic, synthetic compound.

D-Mannose was converted to D-mannitol hexaacetate with and without prior treatment with CF₃CO₂H. The procedure involved: (i) treatment with 2 M CF₃CO₂H for 30 min at 110°C, (ii) reduction to D-mannitol with sodium borohy-

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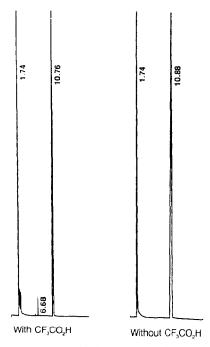
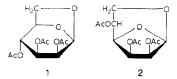


Fig. 1. Gas-liquid chromatogram of D-mannitol hexaacetate derived from D-mannose.

dride, and (iii) acetylation of the D-mannitol with acetic anhydride in pyridine to give D-mannitol hexaacetate. In the acid-treatment step there is always an artifact observed by GLC analysis (Fig. 1).

Gas chromatographic positive-ion chemical-ionization mass spectroscopic analysis of the artifact (peak at 6.68 min, Fig. 1) showed a single molecular ion at m/z 289 (M + 1) corresponding to the molecular weight m/z 288 and major fragmentation peaks at m/z 229, 169, and 109 due to the loss of three acetyl groups. This data suggests that the artifact is an anhydromannose, either 2,3,4-tri-O-acetyl-1,6-anhydro- β -D-mannofuranose (1) or 2,3,5-tri-O-acetyl-1,6-anhydro- β -D-mannofuranose (2).



1,6-Anhydro-β-D-mannopyranose has been previously synthesized^{5,6}, and it is widely used in the synthesis of biologically active compounds⁷. Large quantities of anhydromannose can be obtained by a pyrolytic procedure⁸ in low yield or via a high-yield synthesis⁹ from D-mannose. In the present study, the need for an authentic sample of the compound and the lack of a reliable source of 1,6-

anhydro- β -D-mannofuranose^{10,11} led us to investigate the total synthesis of this compound.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

2,3,4-Tri-*O*-acetyl-1,6-anhydro-β-D-mannopyranose (1) (ref 9) and 2,3,5-tri-*O*-acetyl-1,6-anhydro-β-D-mannofuranose (2) have been synthesized from D-mannose. 2,3:5,6-Di-*O*-isopropylidene-α-D-mannofuranose (3) was oxidized with Collins' reagent¹² or with Me₂SO-acetic anhydride¹³ to the known¹⁴ 2,3:5,6-di-*O*-isopropylidene-D-mannono-1,4-lactone (4) (Scheme 1). Selective hydrolysis of the 5,6-*O*-isopropylidene group with acetic acid in water at 60°C produced 2,3-*O*-isopropylidene-D-mannono-1,4-lactone (5). The primary hydroxyl group was tosylated to give

Scheme 2.

6 using a limited amount of *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride in pyridine, and the C-5 hydroxyl group was subsequently protected as the *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl ether using *tert*-butylchlorodimethylsilane and imidazole in DMF¹⁵ to obtain 2,3-*O*-isopropylidene-5-*O*-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-6-*O*-*p*-tolylsulfonyl-D-mannono-1,4-lactone (7). The 1,4-lactone was reduced to the lactol 8 using diisobutylaluminum hydride

Scheme 3.

(DIBAL-H)¹⁶ in toluene at -78° C, and no overreduced product was obtained. It was expected that, by treatment with base, lactol 8 should undergo internal nucleophilic substitution to form 1,6-anhydro-p-mannofuranose (10). Contrary to this expectation, lactol 8, upon treatment with a base such as sodium hydride in DMF, underwent smooth rearrangement, followed by internal nucleophilic substitution¹⁷, to form 1,6-anhydro-2,3-O-isopropylidene-4-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl- β -p-mannopyranose (9), along with some O-desilylated product (11) (Scheme 2). (Note that similar rearrangements have been previously observed. See ref 17.) The alcohol 9 was deprotected¹⁵ with tetrabutylammonium fluoride to give the known compound^{8,18}, 2,3-O-isopropylidene-1,6-anhydro- β -p-mannopyranose (11). Treatment of 11 with pyridinium p-toluenesulfonate (PpTS)¹⁹ in refluxing methanol afforded 1,6-anhydro- β -p-mannopyranose (12) which, upon acetylation, produced

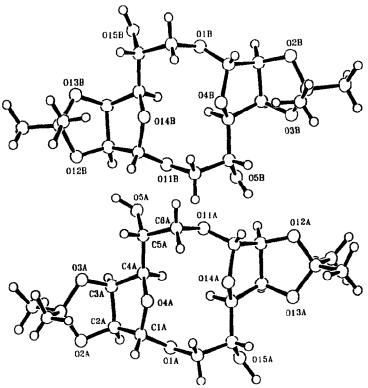


Fig. 2. Ball-and-stick representations of the two crystallographically independent molecules of dimer-diol 19. The molecules have been drawn to illustrate the similar conformations of the central 12-membered rings. The oxygen atoms have been labeled. The oxygen atom labels show the pseudocentrosymmetric relationship between the two molecules: e.g., this relationship is present between (O1A, O1B), (O4A, O4B), etc.

2,3,4-tri-O-acetyl-1,6-anhydro- β -D-mannopyranose (1), identical in all respects to the compound previously generated.

In order to alleviate the problem of ring expansion, the C-5 HO-group in 6 was protected as its 1-methoxyethyl ether 20 using methyl vinyl ether in the presence of PpTS (Scheme 3, p-toluenesulfonic acid 20 has been replaced with PpTS to minimize polymerization of methyl vinyl ether). The resultant diasteriomeric mixture of 2,3-O-isopropylidene-5-O-(1-methoxyethyl)-6-O-(p-tolylsulfonyl-p-mannono-1,4-lactone (13) was reduced by diisobutylaluminum hydride (DIBAL-H)¹⁶ to lactol 14. Upon treatment with sodium hydride in DMF, lactol 14 produced two compounds which were separated by chromatography. The slower moving compound 1,6-anhydro-2,3-O-isopropylidene-5-O-(1-methoxyethyl)- β -p-mannofuranose (15), upon hydrolysis of the 1-methoxyethyl protecting group, produced the known 10 1,6-anhydro-2,3-O-isopropylidene- β -p-mannofuranose (16) that was further characterized as its 5-acetate 10 17. Acetate 17, upon hydrolysis of the acetonide protecting group with PpTS in refluxing methanol, followed by acetylation with acetic anhydride in pyridine, furnished 1,6-anhydro-2,3,5-tri-O-acetyl- β -p-mannofuranose (2).

The faster moving compound, a dimer, 1,6':6,1'-dianhydro-2,3:2',3'-di-O-iso-propylidene-5,5'-di-O-(1-methoxyethyl)-di-α-D-mannofuranose (18), upon hydrolysis of the 1-methoxyethyl protecting group, gave a single compound, a dimer-diol, 1,6':6,1'-dianhydro-2,3:2',3'-di-O-isopropylidene-di-α-D-mannofuranose (19). Mass spectroscopic analyses of the dimer-diol (19) and its diacetate derivative (20) confirmed the dimeric structure. Detailed analyses of the ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of the dimer-diol (19), dimer-diacetate (20), dimer-dibenzoate (21), and dimer-di-p-bromobenzoate (22) confirmed that they were symmetrical dimers and

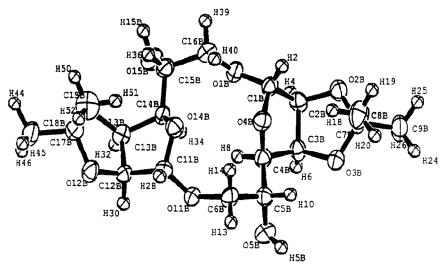


Fig. 3, ORTEP drawing of dimer-diol 19 with complete atom numbering.

TABLE I
Crystallographic data for dimer-diol 19

Crystal dimensions	$0.09 \times 0.11 \times 0.26$ mm, rectangular shape
Empirical formula	$C_{18}H_{28}O_{10}$
Formula weight	404.4
Crystal system	triclinic
Lattice parameters:	a = 9.930 (2) Å,
	b = 10.118 (1) Å
	c = 11.177 (1) Å
	$\alpha = 87.58 (1)^{\circ}$
	$\beta = 67.76 (1)^{\circ}$
	$\gamma = 75.74 (1)^{\circ}$
Unit cell volume	$V = 944.9 (6) \text{ Å}^3$
Space group	P1 (#1)
Z value	2
Calcd crystal density	$1.421 \mathrm{g}\mathrm{cm}^{-3}$
F(000)	432 e
Diffractometer	Enraf-Nonius CAD-4
X-radiation	$Cu K\alpha (\lambda = 1.54178 \text{ Å},$
	graphite monochromator)
μ (Cu $K\alpha$)	9.4 cm^{-1}
Temperature	23℃
2θ maximum for data collection	119.9°
Data summary:	
No. total data measured	3109
No. data without standards	3021
No. unique data with $I \ge 3\sigma(l)$	2607
Number of variables	713
Residuals: R; wtd R	0.039; 0.068
Goodness-of-fit indicator	2.21
Maximum shift/error in final l s	0.07
Min and max in final difference map	−0.25, 0.20 e Å

the anomeric configurations were α . Finally, a single-crystal X-ray crystallographic analysis of the dimer-diol 19 firmly established its structure.

The crystal structure of 19 contains two independent molecules in the acentric triclinic space group P1. The molecules are related by an approximate center of symmetry; a preliminary crystallographic model in the centric space group P1 with one molecule per asymmetric unit was refined to an R factor of 0.35. Ball-and-stick model drawings of the molecules are shown in Fig. 2, and an ORTEP drawing is shown in Fig. 3. The X-ray crystallographic data and the positional parameters of dimer-diol (19) are shown in Tables I and II, respectively. The structures and conformations of the central 12-membered rings of the two molecules are virtually identical. A rigid-body, least-squares fit of the 12-atom rings gave rms and maximum deviations in position of 0.093 and 0.158 Å, respectively. The major differences between the molecules are associated with the conformations of the acetone-ketal five-membered rings. A search of the Cambridge Structural

TABLE II
Atomic coordinates for dimer-diol 19

Atom	x^{-a}	y ^u	z ^a	$B_{\rm eq}^{-a}$
O-1A	0.7505	0.3368	0.2242	3.1 (3)
O-1B	0.2606 (6)	0.6719 (5)	0.7924 (6)	3.2(3)
O-2A	0.5085 (8)	0.1548 (6)	0.1597(7)	4.6 (4)
O-2B	0.5090(7)	0.8547 (6)	0.8497 (6)	3.7(3)
O-3A	0.2896 (7)	0.3360(6)	0.2202 (6)	3.7(3)
O-3B	0.7385 (7)	0.6894(6)	0.7645 (6)	3.4(3)
O-4A	0.4774 (7)	0.4119 (6)	0.3431(6)	3.1(3)
O-4B	0.4699 (7)	0.5469 (6)	0.8468 (6)	3.1 (3)
O-5A	0.2277 (7)	0.6743 (6)	0.2261 (6)	4.0 (3)
O-5B	0.8568 (7)	0.3893 (6)	0.6008 (6)	4.1 (3)
O-11A	0.4170 (7)	0.7656 (5)	0.3361(6)	3.1(3)
O-11B	0.6003 (6)	0.2490(6)	0.6666 (6)	3.2(3)
O-12A	0.6764 (7)	0.9493 (6)	0.3716 (6)	3.8 (3)
O-12B	0.3343 (7)	0.0568 (6)	0.6546 (6)	3.8 (3)
O-13A	0.8913 (7)	0.7699 (6)	0.3107 (6)	3.2 (3)
O-13B	0.1299 (7)	0.2400 (6)	0.6673 (6)	3.5 (3)
O-14A	0.6148 (7)	0.6528 (6)	0.4096 (6)	3.0 (3)
O-14B	0.3317 (7)	0.3214 (6)	0.7969 (6)	3.2 (3)
O-15A	1.0001 (7)	0.4727 (6)	0.1783 (6)	4.1 (3)
O-15R	0.0760 (7)	0.5723 (7)	0.6771 (6)	4.3 (4)
C-1A	0.6031 (9)	0.3014 (7)	0.2687 (8)	3.1 (4)
C-IB	0.3691 (9)	0.6788 (7)	0.8503 (8)	2.9 (4)
C-1D C-2A	0.565 (1)	0.2746 (8)	0.3503 (8)	3.4 (4)
C-2A C-2B	0.478 (1)	0.7667 (7)	0.7722 (8)	3.2 (4)
C-2 <i>B</i> C-3A	0.4238 (9)	0.3929 (8)	0.1600 (8)	3.1 (4)
C-3B	0.6391 (9)		0.7013 (8)	3.0 (4)
C-4A	0.6391 (9)	0.6665 (7)	0.2522 (7)	
C-4A C-4B		0.4958 (7)		2.7 (4)
	0.5992 (8)	0.5296 (7)	0.7215 (7)	3.0 (4)
C-5A	0.2749 (9)	0.6021 (7)	0.3242 (8)	3.0 (4)
C-5B	0.730 (1)	0.4059 (7)	0.7246 (7)	3.1 (4)
C-6A	0.2997 (9)	0.6952 (8)	0.4124 (8)	3.3 (4)
C-6B	0.665 (1)	0.2798 (8)	0.7580 (8)	3.4 (5)
C-7A	0.3408 (9)	0.1908 (7)	0.1933 (7)	3.0 (4)
C-7B	0.6497 (9)	0.7906 (7)	0.8695 (7)	3.1 (4)
C-8A	0.302 (1)	0.152(1)	0.0838 (9)	4.7 (6)
C-8B	0.617(1)	0.721(1)	0.995(1)	5.1 (7)
C-9A	0.260(1)	0.129(1)	0.317(1)	5.2 (7)
C-9B	0.744(1)	0.896(1)	0.859(1)	4.7 (6)
C-11A	0.5215 (8)	0.7831 (7)	0.3946 (7)	2.8 (4)
C-11B	0.4574 (8)	0.2103 (7)	0.7256 (7)	3.1 (4)
C-12A	0.6401 (9)	0.8561 (7)	0.3025 (7)	3.0 (4)
C-12B	0.4059 (8)	0.1680 (7)	0.6202 (8)	3.0 (4)
C-13A	0.7974 (9)	0.7430 (7)	0.2438 (7)	2.8 (4)
C-13B	0.2725 (9)	0.2890 (7)	0.6178 (7)	2.9 (4)
C-14A	0.7431 (8)	0.6141 (7)	0.2869 (7)	2.8 (4)
C-14B	0.2757 (8)	0.3982 (7)	0.7050(7)	2.7 (4)
C-15A	0.8685 (9)	0.4895 (7)	0.2976 (7)	3.0 (4)
C-15B	0.1222 (9)	0.5033 (7)	0.7760 (7)	3.1 (4)
C-16A	0.800(1)	0.3651 (7)	0.3265 (8)	3.2 (5)
C-16B	0.143(1)	0.6001(8)	0.8643 (8)	3.5 (5)

TABLE II (continued)

Atom	x a	y ^a	z a	$B_{\rm eq}^{-a}$
C-17A	0.844(1)	0.9156 (8)	0.3383 (9)	3.9 (5)
C-17B	0.167(1)	0.1021 (7)	0.7085 (8)	3.2 (4)
C-18A	0.927(1)	0.985(1)	0.217(1)	5.2 (7)
C-18B	0.101(1)	0.014(1)	0.648(1)	4.2 (6)
C-19A	0.876(1)	0.947(1)	0.454(1)	5.4 (7)
C-19B	0.101(1)	0.105(1)	0.854(1)	5.4 (7)
H-1	0.626(7)	0.222 (7)	0.313 (6)	3 (1)
H-2	0.320(7)	0.710(6)	0.937 (6)	2(1)
H-3	0.656(8)	0.256 (6)	0.078 (6)	2(1)
H-4	0.437(8)	0.822 (7)	0.712(6)	3(1)
H-5	0.43(1)	0.419 (9)	0.08(1)	6 (2)
H-6	0.696(8)	0.679 (7)	0.611 (7)	3(1)
H-7	0.511 (9)	0.536 (7)	0.206 (6)	3(1)
H-8	0.55(1)	0.512 (7)	0.658 (7)	4(2)
H-9	0.187 (8)	0.557 (7)	0.381 (6)	3(1)
H-10	0.765 (7)	0.427 (6)	0.796 (5)	2(1)
H-11	0.203 (9)	0.764 (7)	0.451 (7)	3(1)
H-12	0.34(1)	0.63(1)	0.476 (9)	6(2)
H-13	0.747 (8)	0.199 (7)	0.764 (6)	3(1)
H-14	0.569 (8)	0.300 (7)	0.846 (7)	3(1)
H-15	0.17 (1)	0.16(1)	0.121 (9)	7(2)
H-16	0.35 (1)	0.05 (1)	0.06(1)	8 (3)
H-17	0.36 (1)	0.201 (8)	0.004 (8)	5(2)
H-18	0.55 (1)	0.660 (9)	0.995 (8)	5 (2)
H-19	0.56 (1)	0.784 (8)	1.064 (8)	4(2)
H-20	0.715 (9)	0.691 (7)	1.006 (7)	4(1)
H-21	0.14(2)	0.17(1)	0.36 (1)	10 (3)
H-22	0.30(2)	0.16(1)	0.39 (1)	12 (4)
H-23	0.28 (1)	0.04(1)	0.311 (7)	4(2)
H-24	0.84 (1)	0.85 (1)	0.875 (8)	6(2)
H-25	0.69 (1)	0.98(1)	0.93 (1)	7(2)
H-26	0.76 (1)	0.94(1)	0.77 (1)	8(3)
H-27	0.467 (6)	0.822 (5)	0.482 (5)	1(1)
H-28	0.467 (8)	0.135 (7)	0.780 (6)	3(1)
H-29	0.609 (6)	0.909 (5)	0.760 (0)	1(1)
H-30	0.507 (8)	0.309 (3)	0.536 (6)	3(1)
H-31	0.859 (7)	0.739 (6)	0.336 (6)	2(1)
	0.839 (7)	0.739 (6)	0.145 (6)	2(1)
H-32 H-33	0.701 (6)	0.590 (5)	0.333 (7)	0.8 (9)
				6(2)
H-34	0.36 (1)	0,43 (1)	0.656 (9)	
H-35	0.894 (7)	0,508 (7)	0.371 (6)	3(1)
H-36	0.044 (7)	0.456 (6)	0.831 (6)	2(1)
H-37	0.889 (6)	0.291 (5)	0.332 (5)	1(1)
H-38	0.706 (9)	0.383 (7)	0.408 (7)	3(1)
H-39	0.035 (9)	0.670 (8)	0.898 (7)	4(2)
H-40	0.17 (1)	0.553 (9)	0.925 (9)	6 (2)
H-41	0.93 (1)	0.948 (9)	0.138 (8)	5 (2)
H-42	1.05 (1)	0.958 (7)	0.198 (7)	4 (2)
H-43	0.90(1)	1.09(1)	0.239 (9)	6 (2)
H-44	-0.03(1)	0.04(1)	0.680 (9)	7 (2)

0.1820

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12(3)

10(3)

11(4)

H-15A

H-5A

H-5B

Atom	x ^a	y "	z ^u	$B_{\rm eq}^{-a}$	
H-45	0.12(1)	-0.06(1)	0.68(1)	6(2)	
H-46	0.146 (8)	0.013 (6)	0.547 (7)	3(1)	
H-47	1.00(1)	0.93(1)	0.42(1)	6(2)	
H-48	0.81(1)	0.89(1)	0.53(1)	9(3)	
H-49	0.82(1)	1.04(1)	0.492 (9)	6(2)	
H-50	-0.02(1)	0.133(8)	0.888 (8)	5 (2)	
H-51	0.13(1)	0.17(1)	0.89(1)	9(3)	
H-52	0.13(1)	0.01(1)	0.89(1)	8 (3)	
H-15B	-0.0321	0.6063	0.7167	4(2)	

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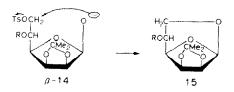
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Database current to July, 1992 revealed no other compounds with this 12-membered ring.

The formation of products 15 and 18 can be rationalized mechanistically. Lactol 14 (β -form), upon treatment with strong base, can undergo internal nucleophilic substitution to give 1,6-anhydro- β -D-mannofuranose (15), or the α -form can displace the tosyl group in a bimolecular reaction to give the dimeric structure 18 (Scheme 4). Selective hydrolysis of the acetonide protecting group of the dimeric diol 19 was unsuccessful. During treatment of 19 with PpTS in refluxing methanol, the labile 1,6-anhydro linkage underwent hydrolytic cleavage, along with the acetonide group, producing methyl D-mannopyranoside. GLC and GLC-MS anal-



R = CH(OMe)Me

Scheme 4.

[&]quot; Esd's appear in parentheses and refer to the last significant digit.

yses showed that the artifact was identical with the synthetic 2,3,4-tri-O-acetyl-1,6-anhydro- β -D-mannopyranose (1) and different from 2,3,5-tri-O-acetyl-1,6-anhydro- β -D-mannofuranose (2).

EXPERIMENTAL

Melting points were determined on an Electrothermal melting-point apparatus and are uncorrected. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on an IBM WP 270 SY at 270 MHz and 69.75 MHz, respectively, in CDCl₃ (Me₄Si as internal standard) unless otherwise stated. IR spectra were recorded on an IBM IR/32 (FTIR) spectrophotometer. GLCS were recorded on a Varian 6000 gas chromatograph (oven temperature 235°C, detector and ionization temperature 250°C, fid, column SP 2330, 30 m). Electron-ionization mass spectra (EIMS) were recorded on a Hewlett–Packard 5890 MSDS. Low-ionization mass spectra were obtained by chemical ionization with methane as reagent gas on a Finnigan 4021 spectrometer, and high-resolution MS (HRMS) was determined on a Kratos MS-50. Optical rotations were recorded on a Perkin–Elmer 241 MC polarimeter. Column chromatography was performed on Silica Gel-60 (70–230 mesh, E. Merck), and thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out on silica gel G plates (0.25 mm thickness, E Merck).

Preparation of 2,3,4-tri-O-acetyl-1,6-anhydro-β-p-mannopyranose (1).—Method A. A solution of p-mannose (0.5 g, 2.77 mmol) in pyridine (10 mL) and p-toluenesulfonyl chloride (0.7 g, 3.67 mmol) was stirred for 12 h at room temperature. The pyridine was evaporated, and the final traces were removed by azeotropic distillation with toluene. The crude product (6-O-p-tolylsulfonyl-p-mannose) was dissolved in anhyd DMF (10 mL), and hexane-washed NaH (0.4 g) was added. After stirring for 15 h at room temperature the reaction mixture was cooled to 0°C, and excess NaH was quenched with glacial acetic acid. Excess acetic acid was removed by azeotropic distillation with toluene, and the crude product, 1,6-anhydro- β -pmannopyranose, was acetylated with Ac₂O (20 mL) in pyridine (20 mL). The mixture was poured onto ice and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic extract was washed with water, then with brine, and dried (Na₂SO₄). After evaporation of solvent, pyridine residues were removed by azeotropic distillation with toluene. Product 1 was purified by column chromatography over silica gel using 1:1 EtOAc hexane as eluent: yield, 0.47 g (59%). The product was identical with the product from method B below.

Method B. A solution of p-mannose (0.5 g, 2.77 mmol) in pyridine (10 mL) and p-toluenesulfonyl chloride (0.7 g, 3.67 mmol) was stirred for 12 h at room temperature. The pyridine was evaporated, and trace amounts of solvent-base were removed by azeotropic distillation with toluene. The resulting crude 6-O-p-tolylsulfonyl-p-mannose was refluxed in MeOH (8 ML) with NaOMe (1 mL, 25 wt% in MeOH) for 20 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0°C, acetic acid (2 mL) was added, and the solvent was removed by distillation under aspirator

vacuum. The crude product, 1,6-anhydro-β-D-mannopyranose, was acetylated with Ac₂O (20 mL) in pyridine (20 mL). After workup and purification as described earlier, 2,3,4-tri-O-acetyl-1,6-anhydro-β-D-mannopyranose was obtained in 58% yield; mp 83°C [lit.⁸ 90–91°C]; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ – 124.76° (c 1, CHCl₃), [lit.⁸ – 123.6°]; ¹H NMR: δ 5.44 (s, 3 H), 5.28 (dd, 1 H, J 5.5, 1.6 Hz), 5.02 (dd, 1 H, J 5.5, 1.6 Hz), 4.82 (s, 1 H), 4.63 (d, 1 H, J 5.8 Hz), 4.25 (dd, 1 H, J 7.8, 0.8 Hz), 3.87 (dd, 1 H, J 7.8, 5.8 Hz), 2.17 (s, 3 H), 2.15 (s, 3 H), and 2.07 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR: δ 169.75, 169.69, 169.50, 99.44, 73.75, 71.83, 67.63, 66.87, 65.27, 20.91, 20.80, and 20.61; HRMS Calcd for $C_{12}H_{17}O_8$ (M + H)⁺ m/z 289.0924; found m/z 289.0924.

Preparation of 2,3:5,6-di-O-isopropylidene-D-mannono-1,4-lactone (4).—Method A. A solution of 2,3:5,6-di-O-isopropylidine-α-D-mannofuranose (3; 1.0 g, 3.84 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added to a stirred solution of Collins' reagent¹² (6.0 g, 23.3 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (120 mL), and the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. The organic solution was then decanted and washed with water, brine, and dried (Na₂SO₄). Product 4 was purified by column chromatography over silica gel using 1:1 EtOAc-hexane: yield, 0.8 g (80%); mp 125°C [lit. 14 126°C]; IR (KBr) 1784 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR: δ 4.65-4.91 (m, 2 H), 4.38-4.47 (m, 2 H,), 4.04-4.18 (m, 2 H), 1.48 (s, 3 H), 1.47 (s, 3 H), 1.45 (s, 3 H), 1.43 (s, 3 H).

Method B. A solution of compound 3 (1.4 g, 5.38 mmol) in Me_2SO (19 mL) was treated with Ae_2O (12.7 mL, 134 mmol), and the mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature. The mixture was poured over ice, and the product was extracted with ether. The ether extract was washed with water, brine, and dried (Na_2SO_4) . Product 4 was purified by crystallization from ether-hexane; yield, 79%. The product was identical with the product from method A above.

Preparation of 2,3-O-isopropylidene-4-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-1,6-anhydro-β-D-mannopyranose (9).—A solution of 4 (0.8 g, 3.1 mmol) in glacial acetic acid (6 mL) and water (1 mL) was stirred for 4 h at 60°C. The solvent was removed by azeotropic distillation with toluene under reduced pressure to obtain the 2,3-O-isopropylidene-p-mannono-1,4-lactone (5). The crude product was used for the next step without further purification: IR (KBr) 3450 and 1786 cm⁻¹.

A solution of **5** (0.8 g, 3.63 mmol) in pyridine (6 mL) and *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride (0.9 g, 4.72 mmol) was stirred for 10 h at room temperature. The mixture was poured into ice and extracted with CH_2CI_2 . The organic extract was washed successively with water, cold N HCl, water, aq NaHCO₃, water, and brine, and then it was dried (Na₂SO₄). After evaporation of the solvent the product, 2,3-*O*-isopropylidene-6-*O*-*p*-tolylsulfonyl-D-mannono-1,4-lactone (6), was purified by column chromatography over silica gel using 1:1 EtOAc-hexane as eluent: yield, 0.7 g (61%); IR (KBr) 3500, 1796 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR: δ 7.81 (d, 2 H, *J* 7.0 Hz), 7.37 (d, 2 H, *J* 7.0 Hz), 4.83-4.94 (m, 2 H), 4.16-4.50 (m, 4 H), 2.46 (s, 3 H), 1.45 (s, 3 H), and 1.41 (s, 3 H).

A mixture of 6 (0.3 g, 0.8 mmol), imidazole (143 mg, 2.10 mmol) and tert-butylchlorodimethylsilane (158 mg, 1.05 mmol) in anhyd DMF (3 mL) was stirred for 10 h at room temperature. The mixture was diluted with CH_2CI_2 and water,

and the organic extract was washed with water, aq NaHCO₃, water, and brine, and then it was dried (Na₂SO₄). After evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure, the crude product, 2,3-O-isopropylidene-5-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-6-O-p-tolylsulfonyl-D-mannono-1,4-lactone (7), was dried under vacuum and used for the next step; yield, 98%; IR (KBr) 1797 cm⁻¹.

Diisobutylaluminum hydride (1.5 mL, M in hexane) was added dropwise by syringe under a positive flow of N_2 to a cold, stirred solution (-78° C) of γ -lactone 7 (0.4 g, 0.82 mmol) in anhyd toluene (5 mL). The stirring was continued for 4 h at -78° C. It was quenched with acetic acid (0.2 mL) and diluted with EtOAc and water. The organic extract was washed with dil NaOH, water, and brine, and dried (Na_2SO_4). The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the crude product, 2,3-O-isopropylidene-5-O-tert-buyldimethylsilyl-6-O-p-tolylsulfonyl-p-mannofuranose (8), was used for the next step: yield, 90%; ¹H NMR: δ 7.77 (d, 2 H, J 8.2 Hz), 7.32 (d, 2 H, J 8.2 Hz), 5.24 (s, 1 H), 4.0-4.71 (m, 6 H), 2.41 (s, 3 H), 1.35 (s, 3 H), 1.25 (s, 3 H), 0.75 (s. 9 H), 0.03 (s, 3 H), and 0.02 (s, 3 H).

A solution of **8** (350 mg, 0.71 mmol) in anhyd DMF (5 mL) was stirred with NaH (30 mg, prewashed with hexane, 1.25 mmol) for 90 min at ambient temperature. After cooling to 0°C, the mixture was quenched with acetic acid (0.2 mL) and diluted with water and EtOAc. The organic extract was washed with water, then with brine, and dried (Na₂SO₄). After evaporation of the solvent, the products were purified by column chromatography over silica gel using 1:1 EtOAc-hexane as eluent. Compound **9** was obtained in 35% yield: mp 105–106°C; ¹H NMR: 5.36 (s, 1 H), 4.41 (d, 1 H, J 7.0 Hz), 4.10 (m, 2 H), 3.96 (d, 2 H, J 7.0 Hz), 3.74 (t, 1 H, J 7.0 Hz), 1.60 (s, 3 H), 1.40 (s, 3 H), 0.95 (s, 9 H), 0.16 (s, 6 H); HRMS: Calcd for C₁₅H₂₈O₅SiH, m/z (M + 1)⁺ 317.1784; found 317.1790. Some *O*-desilylated product, 2,3-*O*-isopropylidene-1,6-anhydro- β -p-mannopyranose (**11**) was also obtained: yield, 12%; mp 155–156°C [lit.¹⁸ 161–162°C, lit.⁸ 157–160°C).

Preparation of 2,3-O-isopropylidene-1,6-anhydro-β-D-mannopyranose (11).—A solution of 9 (34 mg, 0.11 mmol) and tetrabutylammonium fluoride (35 mg, 0.11 mmol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (2 mL) was stirred for 10 min. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc and water, and the organic extract was washed with water, then with brine, and dried (Na₂SO₄). Product 11 was purified by column chromatography over silica gel using 1:1 EtOAc-hexane as eluent: yield, 70%; mp 154–155°C [lit.¹⁸ 161–162°C, lit.⁸ 157–160°C]; ¹H NMR: δ 5.36 (d, 1 H, J 2.8 Hz), 4.53 (dd, 1 H, J 6.0, 1.2 Hz), 4.23 (d, 1 H, J 6.0 Hz), 3.98–4.10 (m, 3 H), 3.78 (t, 1 H, J 7.0 Hz), 1.54 (s, 3 H), and 1.33 (s, 3 H).

Preparation of 2,3,4-tri-O-acetyl-1,6-anhydro- β -D-mannopyranose (1) from 2,3-O-isopropylidene-1,6-anhydro- β -D-mannopyranose (11).—A solution of 11 (20 mg, 0.1 mmol) and PpTS (20 mg, 0.08 mmol) in dry MeOH (5 mL) was refluxed under N₂ for 30 h. The solution was evaporated to dryness, and the crude 1,6-anhydro- β -D-mannopyranose (12) was acetylated with Ac₂O (1 mL) in pyridine (1 mL). After usual workup and purification, 2,3,4-tri-O-acetyl-1,6-anhydro- β -D-mannopyranose

(1) was obtained in 90% yield; mp 83°C. This compound is identical in all respects with the compound synthesized above.

2,3-O-Isopropylidene-5-O-(1-methoxyethyl)-1,6-anhydro-β-D-mannofuranose (15) and 1,6':6,1'-dianhydro-2,3:2',3'di-O-isopropylidene-5,5'-di-O-(1-methoxyethyl)-di-α-D-mannofuranose (18).—Methyl vinyl ether (4 mL) was condensed with the aid of a cold finger in a flask containing γ-lactone 6 (1.4 g, 3.76 mmol) and PpTS (200 mg, 0.8 mmol) in dry CHCl₃ (10 mL) under N₂. The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 48 h. Excess methyl vinyl ether was removed by bubbling N₂ through the mixture. The mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and water. The organic extract was washed with water, then with brine, and dried (Na₂SO₄). The crude product, 2,3-*O*-isopropylidene-5-*O*-(1-methoxyethyl)-6-*O*-p-tolylsulfonyl-D-mannono-1,4-lactone (13) (1.5 g) was used as such for the next step: IR (KBr) 1790 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR; δ 7.80 (d, 2 H, J 8.0 Hz), 7.35 (d, 2 H, J 8.0 Hz), 4.0-4.9 (m, 5 H), 3.60-3.73 (m, 2 H), 3.23-3.30 (m, 3 H), 2.45 (s, 3 H), 1.42 (s, 3 H), 1.38 (s, 3 H), and 1.22-1.31 (m, 3 H).

Diisobutylaluminum hydride (5 mL, M solution in hexane) was added dropwise to a cold (-78° C) solution of γ -lactone 13 (0.7 g, 1.6 mmol) in dry toluene (10 mL) under N₂. The mixture was stirred for 7 h at -78° C. After quenching with acetic acid (1 mL), the mixture was diluted with dil NaOH (1%, 100 mL). The product was extracted with EtOAc. The organic extract was washed with water, then with brine, and dried (Na₂SO₄). The crude product, 2,3-O-isopropylidene-5-O-(1-methoxyethyl)-6-O-p-tolylsulfonyl-p-mannofuranose (14) was used for the next step without further purification: yield, 0.6 g; ¹H NMR: δ 7.81 (d, 2 H, J 8.0 Hz), 7.34 (d, 2 H, J 8.0 Hz), 5.26 and 5.30 (s each, 1 H,), 4.02–4.85 (m, 7 H.), 3.18 and 3.29 (s each, 3 H.), 2.43 (s, 3 H), and 1.23–1.46 (m, 9 H).

A mixture of lactol 14 (0.6 g, 1.38 mmol) and NaH (0.1 g, prewashed with hexane, 4.16 mmol) in anhyd DMF (10 mL) was stirred at ambient temperature for 15 h. After quenching with acetic acid at 0°C, the mixture was diluted with EtOAc and water. The organic extract was washed with water, then with brine, and dried (Na₂SO₄). The products were purified by column chromatography over silica gel using 1:1 EtOAc-hexane as eluent. The faster moving compound, dimer (18), was isolated in 20–25% yield; ¹H NMR: δ 4.93 (s, 2 H), 4.68–4.88 (m, 6 H), 3.80–4.20 (m, 8 H), 3.33 and 3.38 (s each, 6 H), 1.42 (s, 6 H), 1.31–1.39 (m, 6 H), 1.30 (s, 6 H). The slower moving compound, the desired 15, was obtained in 25–30% yield; ¹H NMR: δ 5.25 (d, 1 H, J 4.18 Hz), 4.37–4.99 (m, 5 H), 3.79–3.86 (m, 2 H), 3.33 and 3.31 (s each, 3 H), 1.64 (s, 3 H), 1.44 (s, 3 H), 1.36–1.40 (m, 3 H); HRMS: Calcd for C₁₂H₂₀O₆ NH₄ (M + NH₄)+m/z 278.1603; found m/z 278.1600.

Preparation of 2,3-O-isopropylidene-1,6-anhydro-β-p-mannofuranose (**16**).—A solution of **15** (40 mg, 0.15 mmol)) in acetic acid (2 mL) and water (0.2 mL) was stirred at ambient temperature for 2 h. After workup, the product **16** was purified by chromatography: yield, 95%; mp 95–96°C [lit, 10 93–94°C]; 1 H NMR; δ 5.21 (d, 1 H, J 4.3 Hz), 4.99 (dd, 1 H, J 8.8, J 6.5 Hz), 4.70–4.78 (m, 2 H), 4.34 (d, 1 H, J 6.4 Hz), 3.77 (d, 1 H, J 12.4 Hz), 3.70 (br s, 1 H), 3.15 (br s, 1 H), 1.65 (s, 3 H), 1.45 (s,

3 H); HRMS: Calcd for $C_8H_{11}O_5$ (M - CH_3)⁺m/z 187.0606; found m/g 187.0605.

Preparation of 2,3-O-isopropylidene-5-O-acetyl-1,6-anhydro-β-D-mannofuranose (17).—Compound 16 (30 mg, 0.148 mmol) was acetylated with Ac_2O (1 mL) in pyridine (2 mL) at 0°C. After workup the acetate (17) was obtained in 95% yield; mp 100–101°C, [lit. 10 102–103°C]; ¹H NMR: δ 5.27 (d, 1 H, J 4.13 Hz), 4.99 (dd, 1 H, J 8.53, 6.60 Hz), 4.88 (s, 1 H), 4.72–4.79 (m, 2 H), 4.43 (d, 1 H, J 6.34 Hz), 3.82 (d, 1 H, J 13.25 Hz), 2.17 (s, 3 H), 1.66 (s, 3 H), and 1.45 (s, 3 H).

Preparation of 2,3,5-tri-O-acetyl-1,6-anhydro-β-D-mannofuranose (2).—A solution of 17 (30 mg, 0.123 mmol) and PpTS (25 mg, 0.1 mmol) in dry MeOH was refluxed under N₂ for 4–5 h. After evaporation of solvent, the crude product was acetylated with Ac₂O (1 mL) in pyridine (2 mL) at 0°C. Usual workup and column chromatography over silica gel using 1:1 EtOAc-hexane furnished 2 as an oil: yield, 85%; $[\alpha]_D^{25} - 86.8^\circ$ (c 0.1, CHCl₃) [lit.¹⁰ – 86.8°]; IR (neat) 1751 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR: δ 5.46 (d, 1 H, *J* 4.5 Hz), 5.41 (dd, 1 H, *J* 9.6, 7.0 Hz), 5.16 (dd, 1 H, *J* 9.6, 4.5 Hz), 4.78 (br s, 1 H), 4.55 (d, 1 H, J 7.0 Hz), 4.40 (dd, 1 H, *J* 13.5, 3.0 Hz), 3.86 (dd, 1 H, *J* 13.5, 1.5 Hz), 2.20 (s, 3 H), 2.17 (s, 3 H), and 2.12 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR: δ 170.69, 169.33, 169.20, 95.79, 74.96, 68.20, 66.41, 66.31, 63.67, 21.12 and 20.36 (2 C); CIMS (CH₄): m/z (rel intensity) 289 (M + 1, 100), 317 (M +29, 5), 329 (M +41, 4), 229 (10), 127 (15), and 109 (10); HRMS (EI): Calcd for C₁₀H₁₃O₇ (M – COCH₃), m/z 245.0661; found m/z 245.0664.

1,6': 6,1'-Dianhydro-2,3: 2'3'-di-O-isopropylidene-di-α-D-mannofuranose (19, dimer-diol).—A solution of the dimer 18 (40 mg) in acetic acid (2 mL) and water (0.2 mL) was stirred at ambient temperature for 2 h. After aqueous workup, the dimer-diol 19 was obtained: yield, 95%; mp 248–250°C; ¹H NMR (250 MHz): δ 4.98 (s, 2 H), 4.80 (dd, 2 H, J 10.0, 2.5 Hz), 4.66 (d, 2 H, J 10.0 Hz), 4.09 (dd, 2 H, J 12.0, 2.5 Hz), 3.88–4.02 (m, 6 H), 2.30 (br s, 2 H), 1.40 (s, 6 H), and 1.30 (s, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (62.89 MHz): δ 113.29, 107.09, 85.23, 79.62, 77.81, 68.97, 68.70, 26.42, and 25.37; HRMS (EI): Calcd for $C_{18}H_{24}O_{8}$ (M $-2 \times H_{2}O$), m/z 368.3442; found m/z 368.3445.

Single-crystal X-ray crystallographic analysis of dimer-diol 19.—A rectangular-shaped crystal was used for X-ray measurements on an Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer equipped with a Cu X-ray source and incident beam graphite monochromator, $\lambda(\text{Cu}\,K\alpha) = 1.5418$ Å. Cell parameters from 25 reflections measured in the range of $10.0 \le \theta \le 38.1^{\circ}$. Data were collected with the $2\theta/\theta$ scan method at a constant speed of 5.49° min⁻¹, $\theta_{\text{range}} = 1.5$ ($0.46 + 0.14 \tan \theta$), maximum $\theta = 59.9^{\circ}$. Each scan recorded as 96 steps with the upper and lower 16 steps used for background correction. Eight standard intensities, recorded at intervals of 1 h of X-ray exposure, showed an average change of -2.3% and were used to apply a decay correction. A ψ -scan absorption correction was applied; the correction factors ranged from 0.86-1.0. A total of 3109 data were measured; 2812 unique data; 2607 data with $I \ge 3\sigma$ (I). All calculations were performed with the TEXSAN system (TEXSAN, Single Crystal Structure Analysis Software, 1989, v.

5.0, Molecular Structure Corporation., 3200 A Research Forest Drive, The Woodlands, Texas 77381) running on either a DEC VaxStation II or a Dec 3100. Initial attempts to solve the structure with direct methods in P1 were unsuccessful. The intensity statistics were appropriate for P-1, and a preliminary solution was obtained with the SIR direct methods link²¹ in this space group. The model, which showed substantial "disorder", was refined to an R-value of 0.35. With the P-1 model as a partial structure, a subsequent SIR calculation in P1 revealed the two crystallographically independent molecules. Preliminary positions for the methyl and hydroxyl hydrogen atoms were obtained from a difference map; positions for the other hydrogens were calculated from the C and O framework. The structure refinement used anisotropic temperature factors for C and O and isotropic terms for H and included a correction for secondary extinction. The quantity minimized was $\sum w(F_0 - F_c)^2$, $w = 1/\sigma^2$ (F_0). The final R, weighted R, and goodness-of-fit values are 0.039, 0.068, and 2.21, respectively; 0.07 maximum shift/error; minimum and maximum values in the $\Delta \rho$ map of -0.25 and 0.20 e Å³. For crystallographic data, see Table I; for atomic coordinates, see Table II.

1,6': 6,1'-Dianhydro-2,3: 2',3'-di-O-isopropylidene-5,5'-di-O-acetyl-di-α-p-man-nofuranose (20).—The dimer-diol 19 (20 mg, 0.05 mmol) was acetylated with Ac₂O (1 mL) in pyridine (2 mL) at 0°C (12 h). After usual workup, the diacetate was obtained in 95% yield; mp 233–235°C; $[\alpha]_D^{15} = 22.8^\circ$ (*c* 0.1, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) 1745 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR: δ 5.07 (d, 2 H, *J* 10 Hz), 4.95 (s, 2 H), 4.64–4.70 (m, 4 H), 4.28 (dd, 2 H, *J* 10.2, 2.4 Hz), 4.13 (d, 2 H, *J* 11.61 Hz), 3.85 (d, 2 H, *J* 11.3 Hz), 2.12 (s, 6 H), 1.40 (s, 6 H), and 1.29 (s, 6 H); ¹³C NMR: δ169.66, 113.16, 107.21, 84.93, 79.22, 75.39, 70.79, 66.63, 26.21, 25.34, and 21.15; HRMS: Calcd for C₂₁H₂₉O₁₂ (M⁺ – CH₃), m/z 473.1659; found m/z 473.1656; CIMS (CH₄): m/z (rel intensity) 489 (M + 1, 100), 517 (M + 29, 8), 529 (M + 41, 5), 473 (10), 429 (8), and 245 (24).

*Preparation of 1,6': 6,1'-dianhydro-2,3: 2',3'-di-O-isopropylidene-5,5'-di-O-ben-zoyl-di-α-*D-*mannofuranose* (**21**).—A solution of the dimer-diol **19** (20 mg, 0.05 mmol) in pyridine (3 mL) was treated with benzoyl chloride (0.5 mL) at 0°C for 2 h. After usual workup, the dibenzoate **21** was purified by column chromatography over silica gel using 4:25 EtOAc-hexane: yield, 95%; mp 270°C; ¹H NMR: δ 7.81 (d, 4 H, *J* 7.0 Hz), 7.31 (m, 2 H), 7.19 (d, 4 H, *J* 7.0 Hz), 5.05 (d, 2 H, *J* 10.12 Hz), 4.73 (s, 2 H), 4.51 (dd, 2 H, *J* 5.6, 2.8 Hz), 4.37 (d, 2 H, *J* 5.6 Hz), 4.25 (dd, 2 H. *J* 10.2, 2.8 Hz), 4.03 (dd, 2 H, *J* 11.9, 1.5 Hz), 3.71 (dd, 2 H, *J* 11.9, 1.5 Hz), 1.13 (s, 6 H), and 0.95 (s, 6 H); ¹³C NMR: δ 165.28, 133.09, 130.21, 129.83, 128.36, 113.24, 107.33, 85.06, 79.32, 75.60, 71.47, 66.71, 26.27, and 25.34.

Preparation of 1,6': 6,1'-dianhydro-2,3: 2',3'-di-O-isopropylidene-5,5'-di-O-p-bromobenzoyl-di-α-D-mannofuranose (22).—A solution of the dimer-diol 19 (30 mg, 0.074 mmol) in pyridine (3 mL) and p-bromobenzoyl chloride (0.15 mL) was stirred for 90 min at 0°C. After usual workup, the product 22 was purified by column chromatography over silica gel using 1:9 EtOAc-hexane as eluent: yield, 95%; mp 270°C; IR (KBr) 1734 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR: δ 7.94 (d, 4 H, J 8.0 Hz), 7.61 (d, 4 H, J 8.0

Hz), 5.32 (d, 2 H, *J* 9.2 Hz), 5.01 (s, 2 H), 4.77 (dd, 2 H, *J* 5.6, 2.8 Hz), 4.65 (d, 2 H, *J* 5.6 Hz), 4.51 (dd, 2 H, *J* 10.0, 2.8 Hz), 4.29 (dd, 2 H, *J* 12.0, 1.4 Hz), 3.98 (dd, 2 H, *J* 12.0, 1.4 Hz), 1.41 (s, 6 H), 1.23 (s, 6 H); ¹³C NMR: δ 164.52, 131.68, 131.32, 129.01, 128.24, 113.29, 107.29, 85.00, 79.24, 75.50, 71.72, 66.60, 26.22, and 25.29.

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