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Synthesis of

1-[3,5-bis-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- β -D-gluco-pyranosyl)-2,4,6-trihydroxyphenyl]ethanone: An intermediate of potential usefulness for synthesis of bis-C-glucosyl flavonoids

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Abstract

Bis-glycosylation of 3,5-dibenzyloxyphenol with 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyl- α -D-glucopyranosyl fluoride in a two-step sequence produced the bis-glucosylated product, 3,5-dibenzyloxy-2,6-bis-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl)phenol. Subsequent hydrogenolytic debenzylation and acetylation gave the undeca-O-acetyl derivative, which, when subjected to a Friedel-Crafts acylation with borontrifluoride-acetic acid, gave the 4-C-acetyl target compound, 1-[3,5-bis-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl)-2,4,6-trihydroxyphenyl]-ethanone. © 1997 Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved.

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Recently, naturally occurring mono-C-glycosyl flavonoids in which the stereochemistry at C-1 is exclusively of the β -D-configuration have been isolated from plants [1]. Some of them have shown biological activities such as DNA binding [2] and hypotensive activity [3]. The synthesis of aryl C-glycosyl compounds has received much attention in recent times. 1 We have reported a synthetic proce-

dure for mono- β -C-glucosylflavonoids that possess a phloroglucinol skeleton as the A-ring [5].

Naturally occurring bis-C-glycosyl flavonoids that have an A-ring, for example, 6,8-bis-C-glucopyrano-sylapigenin, have also shown hypotensive activity [3]. As for the synthesis of a bis-C-glycosylic arene, two methods have been previously described. In the field of flavonoids, naturally occurring mono-C-glycosyl flavonoids were glycosylated with acetylated glycosyl bromides in the presence of lithium methoxide to give the bis-C-glycosyl compounds in vanishingly low yields [1]. Then Parker and Koh reported the

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¹ For two recent review articles see ref. [4].

Scheme 1.

regiospecific synthesis of bis-C-glycosylic arenes for the kidamycins [6]. In that report, a reversed polarity strategy was applied using a nucleophilic lithiated glycal. Unfortunately, this method did not appear to be suitable for our purposes. There is no report of an application of a carbohydrate-derived electrophile for the efficient preparation of bis-C-glycosylic arenes.

In this paper, we wish to report the synthesis of $1-[3,5-bis-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-\beta-D-glucopyranosyl)-2,4,6-trihydroxyphenyl]ethanone [1, bis-C-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-\beta-C-glucopyranosyl)phloroacetophenone] in good yield.$

Initially, we used our method in an attempt to synthesize a model of a bis-C-glucosyl compound. Glucosylation carried out under a variety of conditions did not afford the desired compound (Scheme 1). Glucosylation of dibenzyl phloroglucinol (4) in the presence of an excess of the D-glucopyranosyl fluoride 2 [7] did not give the desired bis-C-glucosyl compound, and TLC monitoring showed a complex

reaction mixture. We therefore chose a strategy to connect two sugars sequentially to the protected phloroglucinol derivative 4 in a stepwise manner, followed by C-acetylation using a Friedel-Crafts acylation method (Scheme 2).

Along these lines, first coupling of dibenzyl phloroglucinol 4 and glucosyl fluoride 2 in the presence of boron trifluoride etherate at -20 °C at RT for 1 h gave the mono-C- β -D-glucosyl compound 5 regioselectively in 24% yield. From the observation of two doublet signals for the aromatic protons of 5 at 6.15 and 6.25 ppm (J = 2.3 Hz), respectively, in the ¹H NMR spectrum, it was determined that the glucose moiety was positioned ortho to the hydroxy group of 4. The configuration of the sugar moiety of **5** was determined to be β as $J_{1'2'}$ 9.9 Hz in the ¹H NMR spectrum of acetylated 6 [8] that was derived from 5. This glucosylation also gave the α glucoside 7 in 12% yield and the β glucoside 8 in 6% yield. These configurations were determined from the ¹H NMR spectra of the corresponding acetylated compounds 9 and 10 [5], and their yields were determined from them. However, no α -C-glucosyl compound was formed, presumably because of increased steric hindrance via the C-C linkage with the aryl moiety.

Furthermore, glucosylation of crude 5 with glucosyl fluoride 2 in the presence of boron trifluoride etherate at $-78 \rightarrow 0$ °C for 1 h proceeded smoothly

Scheme 2.

to give only the bis-C- β -D-glucosyl compound 11 in 88% yield. This was an unexpected result. From the reactivity of 4 with 2 as mentioned above, together with the observation of one singlet distributed to aromatic proton of 11 at 6.44 ppm in the ¹H NMR spectrum at 120 °C, it was presumed that the second glucose moiety was positioned ortho to the hydroxy group in 5. The ¹H NMR spectrum of acetate 12 in Me_2SO-d_6 at room temperature did not show distinct peaks, and the signals were broad. By raising the temperature to 160 °C, the signals were sharped, and chemical shift values for the methines and methylenes of the two glucose moieties were clear and equivalent, respectively. Judging from $J_{1',2'} = J_{1'',2''} =$ 9.6 Hz, the anomeric configuration of both glucose moieties of 11 is β .

Friedel–Crafts acetylation of 12 with the boron trifluoride–acetic acid complex, with concomitant O-deacetylation of the phenolic acetoxy functions, gave the desired bis-C-2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-D-glucopyranosylphloroacetophenone 1 in 60% yield. As the product is distinct from 12, the chemical shift values in the ¹H NMR spectrum in CDCl₃ at 50 °C of the individual signals on the two glucose moieties of 1 were shown to be equivalent, as the peaks were plainly discerned.

The methodology as described above for the synthesis of bis-C-glycosyl compounds is therefore now available. Syntheses of bis-C-glycosyl flavonoids are in progress.

1. Experimental

General methods.—All nonaqueous reactions were carried out under a dry argon atmosphere with dry, fleshly distilled solvents, unless otherwise noted. All reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) carried out on 0.25 mm E. Merck Silica Gel 60 F₂₅₄ plates using either UV light for visualization or ethanolic phosphomolybdic acid (5%) solution, or ethanolic ferric chloride (2%) solution and heat as developing agents. Wakogel C-300 (particle size 0.045-0.075 mm) was used for column chromatography. Melting points are uncorrected. Optical rotations were recorded for solutions in CHCl3 on a JASCO DIP-370 digital polarimeter. IR spectra were recorded on a Horiba FT-200 IR spectrometer as KBr pellets or as thin films on NaCl plates. Mass spectra were recorded on a JEOL JMS-AX-505HA mass spectrometer under either electron-impact (EIMS) or fast-atom bombardment (FAB) conditions using 3nitrobenzyl alcohol as the matrix. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL JNM-EX270 instruments and calibrated with Me₄Si as the internal reference. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Hitachi R-90H instruments and calibrated with Me₄Si as the internal reference.

3,5-Dibenzyloxy-2-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyl- β -Dglucopyranosyl)phenol (5), 3, 5 - dibenzyloxyphenyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyl- α -D-glucopyranoside (7) and 3,5-dibenzyloxyphenyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyl- β -Dglucopyranoside (8).—To a stirred mixture of 3,5-dibenzyloxyphenyl (4, 1.694 g, 5.53 mmol, 3 equiv), 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyl- α -D-glucopyranosyl fluoride (2, 1.00 g, 1.84 mmol), and powdered 4 Å molecular sieves (0.3 g) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (12 mL) at -20 °C, BF₃ · Et₂O (680 μ L, 5.53 mmol, 3 equiv) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 15 min. The reaction temperature was raised from -20 °C to room temperature, and the mixture was stirred for 1 h. After adding water, the resulting mixture was filtered through a Celite pad. The filtrate was extracted with CHCl₃, the organic layer was washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, and evaporated in vacuo. The residual syrup was column chromatographed on silica gel (7:1:0.1 hexane–EtOAc–HOAc) to give a fraction of crude 5 [738 mg, 24% (yield based the 1 H NMR spectrum)]: R_f 0.36 (2:1:0.1 hexane-Et₂O-HOAc) as a colorless syrup and a fraction containing glucosides 7 and 8 as a colorless syrup (386 mg). Product 5 was used for the next step due to difficulty of its purification. O-glucosides 7 and 8 were separated by preparative HPLC (9:1 hexane-EtOAc), followed by recrystallization from 95:5 hexane-Et₂O to give colorless crystals of each compound.

Data for compound 7: mp 62–63 °C; $[\alpha]_{D}^{23} + 87.6^{\circ}$ $(c 1.00, CHCl_3); R_f 0.40 (2:1:0.1 hexane-Et_2O-$ HOAc); IR (KBr): 3089, 3062, 3032, 2899, 2868, 1601, 1497, 1454, 1379, 1362, 1211, 1163, 1124, 1097, 1061, 1028, 818, 735, 696 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 3.55 (dd, 1 H, J 1.7, 10.9 Hz, H-6'a), 3.68-3.75 (m, 2 H, H-2', 6'b), 3.78-3.88 (m, 2 H, H-4', 5'), 4.17 (t, 1 H, J 9.1 Hz, H-3'), 4.41 (d, 1 H, J 12.2 Hz, benzylic CH₂), 4.49 (d, 1 H, J 10.6 Hz, benzylic CH₂), 4.60 (d, 1 H, J 12.2 Hz, benzylic CH₂), 4.67, 4.78 (d, each 1 H, J 11.9 Hz, benzylic CH₂), 4.85 (d, 1 H, J 10.6 Hz, benzylic CH₂), 4.88, 5.05 (d, each 1 H, J 10.7 Hz, benzylic CH₂), 4.98 (s, 4 H, benzylic CH₂), 5.46 (d, 1 H, J 3.6 Hz, H-1'), 6.33 (t, 1 H, J 2.0 Hz, ArH), 6.40 (d, 2 H, J 2.0 Hz, ArH), 7.11–7.42 (m, 30 H, ArH); EIMS: m/z 828 [M]⁺. Anal. Calcd for $C_{54}H_{52}O_8$: C, 78.24; H, 6.32. Found: C, 78.23; H, 6.38.

Data for compound **8**: mp 63–64 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ – 12.0° (c 1.00, CHCl₃); R_f 0.43 (2:1:0.1 hexane–Et₂O–HOAc); IR (KBr): 3089, 3062, 3030, 2904, 2868, 1614, 1595, 1497, 1454, 1377, 1357, 1211, 1165, 1138, 1072, 1028, 833, 750, 735, 696 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 3.57–3.77 (m, 6 H, sugar ring protons), 4.49–5.01 (m, 12 H, benzylic CH₂), 4.94 (d, 1 H, J 9.3 Hz, H-1'), 6.35 (s, 3 H, ArH), 7.15–7.40 (m, 30 H, ArH); EIMS: m/z 828 [M]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₅₄H₅₂O₈: C, 78.24; H, 6.32. Found: C, 78.42; H, 6.31.

1,3,5-Triacetoxy-2-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- β -Dglucopyranosyl)benzene (6).—A solution of crude 5 (738 mg) and 10% palladium-on-charcoal (70 mg) in EtOAc (4 mL) and EtOH (12 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 1 day under an H₂ atmosphere. The catalyst was filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. Subsequently, the residue was dissolved in Ac₂O (20 mL) and pyridine (6 mL), and a catalytic amount of 4-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP) was then added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 day. The reaction mixture was quenched with ice-cold M HCl and extracted with EtOAc. The extracts were washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, and evaporated in vacuo. The product was column chromatographed on silica gel (1:1 hexane-EtOAc) to afford crude 6 [8] (260 mg). Crude 6 was purified by preparative HPLC (3:2 hexane–EtOAc) to give pure 6 as colorless crystals.

Data for compound **6**: mp 147–149 °C [8]; $[\alpha]_{D}^{23}$ -68.6° (c 1.00, CHCl₃); R_f 0.21 (1:1 hexane-EtOAc); IR (KBr): 1778, 1757, 1369, 1225, 1180, 1124, 1039 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃ at 50 °C): δ 1.77, 2.00, 2.03, 2.05 (s, each 3 H, -OAc), 2.24 (s, 3 H, ArOAc), 2.35 (s, 6 H, ArOAc), 3.75 (ddd, 1 H, J 2.0, 4.6, 9.6 Hz, H-5'), 4.00 (dd, 1 H, J 2.0, 12.5 Hz, H-6'a), 4.38 (dd, 1 H, J 4.6, 12.5 Hz, H-6'b), 4.73 (d, 1 H, J 9.9 Hz, H-1'), 5.14 (t, 1 H, J 9.6 Hz, H-4'), 5.25 (dd, 1 H, J 9.2, 9.6 Hz, H-3'), 5.60 (dd, 1 H, J 9.2, 9.9 Hz, H-2'), 6.88 (s, 2 H, ArH); 13 C NMR [(CD₃)₂CO]: δ 20.3, 20.6, 20.7, 20.9 (-OAcs), 62.8 (C-6'), 69.2 (C-4'), 70.9 (C-2'), 73.0 (C-1'), 75.0 (C-3'), 76.8 (C-5'), 119.7 (C-2, 4, 6), 151.8 (C-1,3,5), 168.9, 169.6, 170.0, 170.4, 170.7 (-OAcs); FABMS: m/z 583 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for $C_{26}H_{30}O_{15}$: C, 53.61; H, 5.19. Found: C, 53.44; H, 5.21.

3,5-Diacetoxyphenyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- α -D-glucopyranoside (9) and 3,5-diacetoxyphenyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- β -D-glucopyranoside (10).—A fraction containing glucosides 7 and 8 (386 mg) was treated in a similar manner as that described above. The

resulting acetate derivatives were column chromatographed on silica gel (2:1 hexane–EtOAc) to afford **9** [5] (120 mg, 12% based on **2**) and **10** [5] (59 mg, 6% based on **2**) as colorless crystals.

Data for compound **9**: mp 58-59 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{23} + 112^\circ$ (c 1.22, CHCl₃); R_f 0.47 (2:3 hexane–EtOAc); IR (KBr): 1755, 1614, 1603, 1462, 1435, 1371, 1225, 1198, 1124, 1041, 899 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.04, 2.05, 2.06, 2.07 (s, each 3 H, –OAc), 2.28 (s, 6 H, ArOAc), 4.02–4.11 (m, 2 H, H-5', 6'a), 4.27 (dd, 1 H, J 4.6, 12.2 Hz, H-6'b), 5.05 (dd, 1 H, J 3.6, 10.2 Hz, H-2'), 5.15 (dd, 1 H, J 9.2, 10.2 Hz, H-4'), 5.64 (dd, 1 H, J 9.2, 10.2 Hz, H-3'), 5.68 (d, 1 H, J 3.6 Hz, H-1'), 6.65 (t, 1 H, J 2.0 Hz, ArH), 6.77 (d, 2 H, J 2.0 Hz, ArH); FABMS: m/z 541 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for $C_{24}H_{28}O_{14}$: C, 53.34; H, 5.22. Found: C, 53.27; H, 5.22.

Data for compound **10**: mp 157–158 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ – 24.0° (c 1.06, CHCl₃); R_f 0.39 (2:3 hexane–EtOAc); IR (KBr): 1751, 1616, 1601, 1458, 1435, 1371, 1225, 1170, 1126,1084, 1066, 1038, 903 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.03, 2.05, 2.06, 2.08 (s, each 3 H, –OAc), 2.28 (s, 6 H, ArOAc), 3.87 (ddd, 1 H, J 2.6, 5.6, 7.9 Hz, H-5'), 4.17 (dd, 1 H, J 2.6, 12.2 Hz, H-6'a), 4.26 (dd, 1 H, J 5.6, 12.2 Hz, H-6'b), 5.06–5.32 (m, 4 H, H-1', 2', 3', 4'), 6.65–6.68 (m, 3 H, ArH); FABMS: m/z 541 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₄H₂₈O₁₄: C, 53.34; H, 5.22. Found: C, 53.21; H, 5.09.

3,5-Dibenzyloxy-2,6-bis-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyl-β-Dglucopyranosyl)phenol (11).—To a stirred mixture of 5 (764 mg, 0.92 mmol, 1 equiv), 2 (500 mg, 0.92 mmol), and powdered 4 Å molecular sieves (0.2 g) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (6 mL) at -78 °C, BF₃ · Et₂O (227 μ L, 1.84 mmol, 2 equiv) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 15 min. The temperature was gradually raised to 0 °C with stirring for 30 min. After adding water, the resulting mixture was filtered through a Celite pad. The filtrate was extracted with CHCl₃, the organic layer was washed with water and brine and dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, and the solvent was evaporated in vacuo. The residual syrup was column chromatographed on silica gel (6:1:0.1 hexane-EtOAc-HOAc) to give 11 (1.10 g, 88%) as a colorless syrup.

Data for compound 11: $[\alpha]_D^{23} - 7.00^\circ$ (c 1.00, CHCl₃); R_f 0.31 (5:1:0.1 hexane–EtOAc–HOAc); IR (thin film): 3304, 3088, 3062, 3030, 3007, 2912, 2866, 1952, 1875, 1809, 1616, 1597, 1512, 1497, 1454, 1439, 1360, 1331, 1310, 1282, 1255, 1225, 1209, 1146, 1088, 1028, 1003, 910 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (Me₂SO- d_6 at 120 °C): δ 3.59–5.06 (m, 34 H, sugar

ring protons and benzylic CH₂), 6.44 (s, 1 H, ArH), 6.89–7.40 (m, 50 H, ArH), 8.33 (s, 1 H, ArOH); FABMS: m/z 1351 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₈₈H₈₆O₁₃: C, 78.20; H, 6.41. Found: C, 78.39; H, 6.43.

1,3,5-Triacetoxy-2,4-bis-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- β -Dglucopyranosyl)benzene (12).—A solution of 11 (2.00 g) and 10% palladium-on-charcoal (200 mg) in EtOAc (8 mL) and EtOH (40 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 1 day under an H₂ atmosphere. After filtering, the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. Subsequently, the residue was dissolved in Ac₂O (40 mL) and pyridine (8 mL), and DMAP (50 mg) was then added. The mixture was stirred at 0°C for 1 day. The reaction mixture was quenched with ice-cold M HCl and extracted with CHCl₃. The extracts were washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The product was column chromatographed on silica gel (100:1 CHCl₃-MeOH) to afford 12 (1.21 g, 89%) as colorless crystals.

Data for compound 12: mp 130–133 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ -72.0° (c 1.00, CHCl₃); R_f 0.49 (20:1 CHCl₃-MeOH); IR (KBr): 1776, 1755, 1611, 1435, 1369, 1230, 1180, 1134, 1092, 1039, 906 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR $(Me_2SO-d_6 \text{ at } 160 \text{ °C}): \delta 1.71, 1.92, 1.96, 1.98 (s,$ each 6 H, -OAc), 2.29 (s, 6 H, ArOAc), 2.35 (s, 3 H, ArOAc), 3.94-4.01 (m, 4 H, H-5', 5", 6'a, 6"a), 4.14 (dd, 2 H, J 4.8, 12.1 Hz, H-6'b, 6"b), 4.73 (d, 2 H, J 9.6 Hz, H-1', 1"), 4.99 (t, 2 H, J 9.2 Hz, H-4', 4"), 5.30 (t, 2 H, J 9.2 Hz, H-3', 3"), 5.51 (dd, 2 H, J 9.2, 9.6 Hz, H-2', 2"), 6.99 (s, 1 H, ArH); ¹³C NMR [(CD₃)₂CO]: δ 20.55, 20.64, 21.2 (OAc), 62.7 (C-6', 6"), 69.2 (C-4', 4"), 70.7 (C-2', 2"), 73.5 (C-1', 1"), 75.2 (C-3', 3"), 76.9 (C-5', 5"), 118.0 (C-6), 119.7 (C-2, 4), 150.9 (C-1,3,5), 168.5, 169.5, 169.7, 170.1, 170.4 (OAc); FABMS m/z 913 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₄₀H₄₈O₂₄: C, 52.63; H, 5.30. Found: C, 52.55; H, 5.27.

1-(3,5-bis[2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl)-2,4,6-trihydroxyphenyl]ethanone (1).—A mixture of 12 (500 mg, 0.548 mmol) and boron trifluoride-acetic acid complex (15 mL) was stirred at 50 °C for 1.5 h. On being cooled, the reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with CHCl₃.

The extracts were washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was column chromatographed on silica gel (70:1 CHCl₃-MeOH) to afford 1 (272 mg, 60%) as colorless crystals.

Data for compound 1: mp 134–137 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ $+11.8^{\circ}$ (c 0.51, CHCl₃); R_f 0.42 (50:1 CHCl₃-MeOH); IR (KBr): 1755, 1620, 1369, 1227, 1093, 1041 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃ at 50 °C): δ 1.92 (br.s, 6 H, -OAc), 1.99, 2.05, 2.13 (s, each 6 H, -OAc), 2.68 (s, 3 H, ArAc), 3.89 (d, 2 H, J 9.8 Hz, H-5', 5"), 4.16 (d, 2 H, J 12.4 Hz, H-6'a, 6"a), 4.32 (dd, 2 H, J 3.4, 12.4 Hz, H-6'b, 6"b), 5.22 (d, 2 H, J 9.1 Hz, H-1', 1"), 5.26 (t, 2 H, J 9.8 Hz, H-4', 4"), 5.36 (t-like, 4 H, H-2', 2", 3', 3"), 8.23 (s, 1 H, ArOH), 8.49 (br.s, 1 H, ArOH), 14.28 (br.s, 1 H, ArOH); ¹³C NMR [(CD₃)₂CO]: δ 20.4, 20.6 (OAc), 33.2 (ArAc), 62.8 (C-6', 6"), 69.0 (C-4', 4"), 70.8 (C-2', 2"), 73.7 (C-1', 1"), 74.7 (C-3', 3"), 77.4 (C-5', 5"), 102.0 (C-3, 5), 105.8 (C-1), 161.4 (C-4), 163.3 (C-2, 6), 169.5, 169.8, 170.0, 170.4 (OAc), 204.6 (ArAc); FABMS: m/z 829 [M + H]⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₃₆H₄₄O₂₂: C, 52.18; H, 5.35. Found: C, 52.37; H, 5.29.

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