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**Converting unprotected monosaccharides into functionalised lactols in aqueous media: metal-mediated allylation combined with tandem hydroformylation-cyclisation**

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## EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

**General remarks:** All air- or sensitive operations were performed using standard Schlenk-techniques under a purified argon atmosphere. The deionised water was deoxygenated prior to use. Toluene was purified over alumina column and degassed. 9,9-Dimethyl-2,7-bissulfonato-4,5-bis(diphenylphosphino)xanthene sodium salt was prepared according to a literature procedure.<sup>1</sup> All other reagents were purchased and used as received. The synthesis gas [CO (99.999%)/H<sub>2</sub> (99.999%), 1:1] was purchased from Linde AG. NMR spectra were recorded at room temperature in MeOD using Bruker Avance 600 NMR and referenced against tetramethylsilane. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of compounds **3t**, **4**, **5** and **6** were analysed by PERCH software with spin simulation/iteration techniques.<sup>2</sup> HRMS were recorded using Bruker Micro Q-TOF with ESI (electro spray ionisation) operated in positive mode. The ICP-OES measurements were performed with a SPECTRO CIROS<sup>CCD</sup> spectrometer equipped with a free running 27.12 MHz generator at a power of 1400 W. The sample introduction was performed by a cross-flow nebulizer with a double pass Scott type spray chamber and a sample uptake rate of 2 mL/min. The outer gas flow was 12 L/min, the intermediate gas flow was 1 L/min and the nebulizer gas flow was 1.00 mL/min.

**Allylation of unprotected monosaccharides – gram-scale synthesis (details given apply for the allylation of D-mannose):** 5 g (27.8 mmol) of D-mannose was dissolved in 600 mL of EtOH:H<sub>2</sub>O (10:1) at room temperature. 6.7 g (55.5 mmol, 2 eq.) of tin powder and 7.2 mL (83.4 mmol, 3 eq.) of allyl bromide were added. The reaction mixture was stirred under Ar atmosphere at room temperature for 20 min after which the temperature was gradually raised to 60 °C. A greyish suspension was obtained after stirring for ~2 h. The colour of the reaction mixture turned gradually to yellow as the stirring was continued for 24 h. The conversion of the starting material was followed by TLC (MeOH/acetone, 1:1). After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was neutralized by adding 18 mL of 5 M NaOH. 300 mL of dichloromethane and 300 mL of water were added, and the phases were separated. The aqueous phase was washed with dichloromethane (2 x 150 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (2 x 200 mL). The combined aqueous layers were filtered through

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<sup>1</sup> W. P. Mul, K. Ramkisoensing, P. C. J. Kamer, J. N. H. Reek, A. J. van der Linden, A. Marson, P. W. N. M. van Leeuwen, *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2002**, *344*, 293-298.

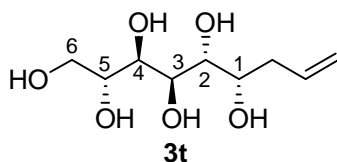
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celite. The colourless filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain the crude product as a white solid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis of the crude product: conversion 100 %, diastereomeric ratio 3:1 (threo:erythro).

The crude product was dissolved in 350 mL of EtOH (60 °C). Upon cooling, the major diastereomer **3t** precipitated as a white crystalline solid. Typically, 2.8 g (45 %) of pure diastereomer was obtained.

*Analytical data (the atoms are numbered as in the original carbohydrate structure)*

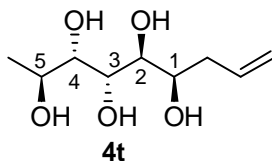


**Compound 3t:** White solid. Mp 186-188 °C,  $R_f = 0.62$  (MeOH/acetone = 1:1),  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +22.8$  (c 1.0,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ )  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz, MeOD, 25 °C): d 5.90 (dddd, 1 H,  $J_{\text{CH},\text{CH}2\text{b}} = 6.5$  Hz,  $J_{\text{CH},\text{CH}2\text{a}} = 7.5$  Hz,  $J_{\text{CH},\text{CH}2\text{-cis}} = 10.2$  Hz,  $J_{\text{CH},\text{CH}2\text{-trans}} = 17.2$  Hz, olefinic CH), 5.14 (dddd, 1 H,  $J_{\text{CH-trans},\text{CH}2\text{b}} = -1.4$  Hz,  $J_{\text{CH-trans},\text{CH}2\text{a}} = -1.5$  Hz,  $J_{\text{CH-trans},\text{CH-cis}} = -2.2$  Hz,  $J_{\text{CH-trans},\text{CH}} = 17.2$  Hz, olefinic  $\text{CH}_2\text{-trans}$ ), 5.07 (dddd, 1 H,  $J_{\text{CH-cis},\text{CH}2\text{b}} = -0.9$  Hz,  $J_{\text{CH-cis},\text{CH}2\text{a}} = -0.9$  Hz,  $J_{\text{CH-trans},\text{CH-cis}} = -2.2$  Hz,  $J_{\text{CH-cis},\text{CH}} = 10.2$  Hz, olefinic  $\text{CH}_2\text{-cis}$ ), 3.95 (ddd, 1 H,  $J_{1,2} = 1.6$  Hz,  $J_{1,\text{CH}2\text{a}} = 6.2$  Hz,  $J_{1,\text{CH}2\text{b}} = 7.8$  Hz, H-1), 3.91 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{3,4} = 1.1$  Hz,  $J_{2,3} = 9.2$  Hz, H-3), 3.84 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{5,6\text{a}} = 3.5$  Hz,  $J_{6\text{a},6\text{b}} = -11.5$  Hz, H-6a), 3.81 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{3,4} = 1.1$  Hz,  $J_{4,5} = 8.5$  Hz, H-4), 3.73 (ddd, 1 H,  $J_{5,6\text{a}} = 3.5$  Hz,  $J_{5,6\text{b}} = 6.1$  Hz,  $J_{6\text{a},6\text{b}} = -11.5$  Hz, H-5), 3.66 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{5,6\text{a}} = 6.1$  Hz,  $J_{6\text{a},6\text{b}} = -11.5$  Hz, H-6b), 3.56 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{1,2} = 1.6$  Hz,  $J_{2,3} = 9.2$  Hz, H-2), 2.39 (dddd, 1 H,  $J_{\text{CH}2\text{a},\text{CH-cis}} = -0.9$  Hz,  $J_{\text{CH}2\text{a},\text{CH-trans}} = -1.5$  Hz,  $J_{\text{CH}2\text{a},\text{CH}} = 7.5$  Hz,  $J_{\text{CH}2\text{a},\text{CH}2\text{b}} = -14.1$  Hz,  $\text{CH}2\text{a}$ ), 2.35 (dddd, 1 H,  $J_{\text{CH}2\text{b},\text{CH-cis}} = -0.9$  Hz,  $J_{\text{CH}2\text{b},\text{CH-trans}} = -1.4$  Hz,  $J_{\text{CH}2\text{b},\text{CH}} = 6.5$  Hz,  $J_{\text{CH}2\text{a},\text{CH}2\text{b}} = -14.1$  Hz,  $\text{CH}2\text{b}$ ).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz, MeOD, 25 °C): d 136.6 (olefinic CH), 117.5 (olefinic  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 72.9 (C-5), 72.5 (C-2), 71.1 (C-4), 71.0 (C-1), 70.2 (C-3), 65.0 (C-6), 39.3 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ).

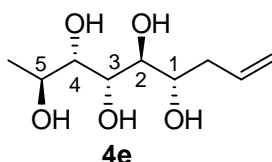
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**Compound 4:** White solid.  $R_f = 0.74$  (MeOH/acetone = 1:1). HRMS:  $m/z$ : calcd. for  $C_9H_{18}O_5Na$   $[M+Na]^+$ : 229.1046; found: 229.1051.



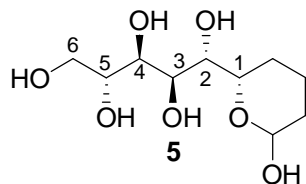
**4t:**  $^1H$  NMR (600 MHz, MeOD, 25 °C): d 5.90 (dddd, 1 H,  $J_{CH,CH2b} = 6.5$  Hz,  $J_{CH,CH2a} = 7.5$  Hz,  $J_{CH,CH2-cis} = 10.2$  Hz,  $J_{CH,CH2-trans} = 17.2$  Hz, olefinic CH), 5.11 (dddd, 1 H,  $J_{CH-trans,CH2b} = -1.5$  Hz,  $J_{CH-trans,CH2a} = -1.5$  Hz,  $J_{CH-trans,CH-cis} = -2.2$  Hz,  $J_{CH-trans,CH} = 17.2$  Hz, olefinic  $CH_{2-trans}$ ), 5.04 (dddd, 1 H,  $J_{CH-cis,CH2b} = -1.0$  Hz,  $J_{CH-cis,CH2a} = -1.1$  Hz,  $J_{CH-trans,CH-cis} = -2.2$  Hz,  $J_{CH-cis,CH} = 10.2$  Hz, olefinic  $CH_{2-cis}$ ), 3.92 (ddd, 1 H,  $J_{1,2} = 1.6$  Hz,  $J_{1,CH2a} = 6.3$  Hz,  $J_{1,CH2b} = 7.7$  Hz, H-1), 3.91 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{3,4} = 1.3$  Hz,  $J_{2,3} = 8.9$  Hz, H-3), 3.81 (dq, 1 H,  $J_{5,CH3} = 6.3$  Hz,  $J_{4,5} = 7.7$  Hz, H-5), 3.54 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{3,4} = 1.3$  Hz,  $J_{4,5} = 7.7$  Hz, H-4), 3.52 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{1,2} = 1.6$  Hz,  $J_{2,3} = 8.9$  Hz, H-2), 2.37 (dddd, 1 H,  $J_{CH2a, CH-cis} = -1.1$  Hz,  $J_{CH2a, CH-trans} = -1.5$  Hz,  $J_{CH2a,CH} = 7.5$  Hz,  $J_{CH2a,CH2b} = -14.0$  Hz,  $CH_{2a}$ ), 2.34 (dddd, 1 H,  $J_{CH2b, CH-cis} = -1.0$  Hz,  $J_{CH2b, CH-trans} = -1.5$  Hz,  $J_{CH2b,CH} = 6.5$  Hz,  $J_{CH2a,CH2b} = -14.0$  Hz,  $CH_{2b}$ ), 1.27 (d, 3 H,  $J_{5,CH3} = 6.3$  Hz,  $CH_3$ ).

$^{13}C$  NMR (150 MHz, MeOD, 25 °C): d 137.0 (olefinic CH), 117.1 (olefinic  $CH_2$ ), 75.1 (C-4), 73.0 (C-2), 71.2 (C-1), 70.5 (C-3), 69.2 (C-5), 39.6 ( $CH_2$ ), 20.6 ( $CH_3$ ).

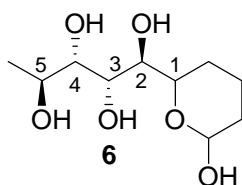


**4e:**  $^1H$  NMR (600 MHz, MeOD, 25 °C): d 5.95 (dddd, 1 H,  $J_{CH,CH2a} = 6.9$  Hz,  $J_{CH,CH2b} = 7.2$  Hz,  $J_{CH,CH2-cis} = 10.3$  Hz,  $J_{CH,CH2-trans} = 17.1$  Hz, olefinic CH), 5.11 (dddd, 1 H,  $J_{CH-trans,CH2a} = -1.3$  Hz,  $J_{CH-trans,CH2b} = -1.3$  Hz,  $J_{CH-trans,CH-cis} = -2.3$  Hz,  $J_{CH-trans,CH} = 17.1$  Hz, olefinic  $CH_{2-trans}$ ), 5.05 (dddd, 1 H,  $J_{CH-cis,CH2b} = -1.2$  Hz,  $J_{CH-cis,CH2a} = -1.9$  Hz,  $J_{CH-trans,CH-cis} = -2.3$  Hz,  $J_{CH-cis,CH} = 10.3$  Hz, olefinic  $CH_{2-cis}$ ), 3.90 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{3,4} = 1.3$  Hz,  $J_{2,3} = 7.7$  Hz, H-3), 3.81 (dq, 1 H,  $J_{5,CH3} = 6.2$  Hz,  $J_{4,5} = 7.7$  Hz, H-5), 3.78 (ddd, 1 H,  $J_{1,CH2a} = 3.3$  Hz,  $J_{1,CH2b} = 6.2$  Hz,  $J_{1,2} = 6.2$  Hz, H-1), 3.61 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{1,2} = 6.2$  Hz,  $J_{2,3} = 7.7$  Hz, H-2), 3.54 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{3,4} = 1.3$  Hz,  $J_{4,5} = 7.7$  Hz, H-4), 2.48 (dddd, 1 H,  $J_{CH2a, CH-trans} = -1.3$  Hz,  $J_{CH2a, CH-cis} = -1.9$  Hz,  $J_{CH2a,CH} = 6.9$

Hz,  $J_{\text{CH2a,CH2b}} = -15.2$  Hz,  $\text{CH2a}$ ), 2.25 (dddd, 1 H,  $J_{\text{CH2b, CH-cis}} = -1.2$  Hz,  $J_{\text{CH2b, CH-trans}} = -1.3$  Hz,  $J_{\text{CH2b,CH}} = 7.2$  Hz,  $J_{\text{CH2a,CH2b}} = -15.2$  Hz,  $\text{CH2b}$ ), 1.26 (d, 3 H,  $J_{5,\text{CH3}} = 6.2$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3$ ).  
 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz, MeOD, 25 °C): d 137.0 (olefinic CH), 117.1 (olefinic  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 75.1 (C-4), 75.0 (C-2), 74.1 (C-1), 72.2 (C-3), 68.8 (C-5), 37.9 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 20.6 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ).



**Compound 5:** White solid,  $R_f = 0.22$  (EtOAc/MeOH= 9:1).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz, MeOD, 25 °C): d 5.43 (br s, 1 H, anom. H), 4.45 (br s, 1 H, H-1), 4.10 (dd (appears as d), 1 H,  $J_{2,3} = 9.4$  Hz, H-2), 3.81 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{6a,5} = 3.7$  Hz,  $J_{6a,6b} = -11.3$  Hz, H-6a), 3.73 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{3,4} = 1.1$  Hz,  $J_{4,5} = 8.6$  Hz, H-4), 3.67 (ddd, 1 H,  $J_{6a,5} = 3.7$  Hz,  $J_{6b,5} = 6.2$  Hz,  $J_{4,5} = 8.6$  Hz, H-5), 3.62 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{6b,5} = 6.2$  Hz,  $J_{6a,6b} = -11.3$  Hz, H-6b), 3.56 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{3,4} = 1.1$  Hz,  $J_{2,3} = 9.4$  Hz, H-3), 1.95-1.87 (m, 2 H, ring-H), 1.66-1.54 (m, 4 H, ring H).  
 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz, MeOD, 25 °C): d 103.9 (C-anom.), 79.0 (C-2) 76.9 (C-1), 72.8 (C-5), 71.2 (C-3), 70.9 (C-4), 65.3 (C-6), 32.2 (C-ring), 29.6 (C-ring), 17.1 (C-ring).  
 HRMS:  $m/z$ : calcd. for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_7\text{Na}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ]: 275.1101; found: 275.1096.



**Compound 6:** White solid,  $R_f = 0.54$  (EtOAc/MeOH= 9:1).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz, MeOD, 25 °C): d 5.43 (br s, 1 H, anom. H), 4.45 (br s, 1 H, H-1), 4.08 (dd (appears as d), 1 H,  $J_{2,3} = 9.4$  Hz, H-2), 3.77 (dq, 1 H,  $J_{5,\text{CH3}} = 6.3$  Hz,  $J_{4,5} = 8.1$  Hz, H-5), 3.58 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{3,4} = 1.2$  Hz,  $J_{2,3} = 9.4$  Hz, H-3), 3.47 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{3,4} = 1.2$  Hz,  $J_{4,5} = 8.1$  Hz, H-4), 1.95-1.87 (m, 2 H, ring H), 1.66-1.53 (m, 4 H, ring H), 1.26 (d, 3 H,  $J_{5,\text{CH3}} = 6.3$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3$ ).  
 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz, MeOD, 25 °C): d 103.8 (C-anom), 79.2 (C-2), 76.8 (C-1), 74.6 (C-4), 70.9 (C-3), 68.2 (C-5), 32.1 (C-ring) 29.6 (C-ring), 20.6 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 17.0 (C-ring).  
 HRMS:  $m/z$ : calcd. for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_6\text{Na}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ] $^+$ : 259.1152; found: 259.1139.

