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Experimental evidence on the hydroxymethyl group conformation in alkyl β-D-mannopyranosides

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Abstract—A rotational population study of the hydroxymethyl group of alkyl β-D-mannopyranosides was performed by means of CD and NMR spectroscopy. Three different benzyl, acetyl, and p-bromobenzoyl series of alkyl β-D-mannopyranosides with different chiral and nonchiral aglycons were synthesized and analyzed. Different rotational populations were observed for each series by changing the structure of the aglycon. The results showed a clear correlation between the rotational population of the hydroxymethyl group around the C5–C6 bond and the pK_a of the bonded alcohol (aglycon). The population of the gt rotamer gradually increased as the gt increased while that of the gt rotamer decreased and the population of the gt rotamer remained almost constant. This is explained by the gt-anomeric effect. For chiral alkyl derivatives, the results also showed a close dependence on the absolute configuration of the aglycon. Comparison of rotational population anomers revealed the dependence of the hydroxymethyl group on the anomeric configuration and a greater dependence on the aglycon structure in the gt-anomers. gt-anomers.

1. Introduction

Apart from their well-appreciated roles as supporting matrices, energy storage, and biosynthetic starting materials, carbohydrates are cast in a variety of interesting settings such as glycoconjugate antibiotics, ¹ antitumor agents² and cardiotonic glycosides.³ The importance of carbohydrate domains (in the context of glycoproteins and glycolipids) as elements in cell surface recognition is clear from their role in cellular adhesion^{4,5} and as blood group determinants.⁶

To understand the biological functions of saccharides from a molecular point of view, it is of primary importance⁷ to know the conformational preferences of these species in solution, in addition to their three-dimensional structures. Due to the flexibility of the glycosidic linkages and the rotation of the hydroxymethyl and other pendant groups, the conformational analysis of an oligosaccharide is difficult. In fact, the factors governing the rotamer populations of the hydroxymethyl group are still not fully understood.

The conformation of the hydroxymethyl group around the C5–C6 bond can be expressed by the torsional angle ω (O5–C5–C6–O6), although it is generally defined by means of the populations of its three main rotamers, the gauche gauche (gg), the gauche trans (gt), and the trans gauche (tg) (Fig. 1).

Figure 1. Molecular structure of an alkyl β-D-mannopyranoside in its three main rotamers, the gg ($ω = -60^{\circ}$), gt ($ω = 60^{\circ}$), and tg ($ω = 180^{\circ}$) rotamers around the C5–C6 bond.

Our previous studies on the rotational population dependence of the hydroxymethyl group in gluco-, galacto-, and α -D-mannopyranosides, as well as in disaccharides, and the aglycon and its absolute configuration, have revealed remarkable conformational properties. To complete our hydroxymethyl rotamer population studies for the three most important monosaccharides in nature, we have synthesized three different alkyl β -D-mannopyranosides series and analyzed them by means of CD and NMR spectroscopy. The

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results show a clear correlation between the hydroxymethyl rotational populations around the C5–C6 bond and the pK_a of the bonded alcohol (aglycon). The rotational populations are explained on the basis of different values of the *exo*-anomeric effect and by occasionally also taking into account nonbonded interactions. The results also establish the highest population as the gg or gt rotamer depending on the aglycon.

2. Results and discussion

The model alkyl β-D-mannopyranosides were synthesized in good yields as shown in Scheme 1. The commercially available tri-O-benzyl-glucal was treated with dimethyldioxirane (DMDO) to obtain the corresponding 1,2-anhydro sugar, which by adding ZnCl₂ and the appropriate alcohol led to the alkyl β-D-glucopyranosides 1–6 in good yields. 12 Oxidation with DMSO-Ac₂O and subsequent reduction with NaBH₄ in $CH_2Cl_2/MeOH$ (1:1) led to the alkyl β -D-mannopyranosides 7–12.¹³ Deprotection of the benzyl groups and subsequent acetylation or p-bromobenzoylation led to the tetra-O-acetyl derivatives 13–18 or to the tetra-O-(pbromobenzoyl) derivatives 19–24, respectively. The 1-acyl derivatives 25 and 26 were obtained by per-acetylation and per-p-bromobenzoylation of D-mannose, respectively.

All these compounds were mainly characterized on the basis of their one- (^{1}H and ^{13}C) and two-dimensional NMR spectra. The anomeric configuration was assigned in each case on the basis of the T-ROESY NMR experiment. Furthermore, the lower chemical shift values obtained for H3 and H5 in the acetyl derivatives than in the corresponding α -anomers 10 confirmed the assignment. In addition, the T-ROESY NMR spectra also showed a strong cross-peak between the anomeric proton H1 and the aglyconic proton H α , confirming that for the more stable conformation, these two protons are located on the same side.

The rotamer populations of the hydroxymethyl group were calculated from the observed $J_{\rm H5,H6\it R}$ and $J_{\rm H5,H6\it S}$ coupling constants (accuracy $\pm 0.1\,\rm Hz$) and by using

the Karplus equations recently proposed by Serianni co-workers. 14 The 1H NMR signals of the prochiral protons at C6, H6R and H6S were differentiated according to the data in the literature, 15 on the basis of their chemical shifts and coupling constants. In general, for the Dmanno-series saccharides, H6R proton signals appear at a higher field than H6S signals (δ H6S> δ H6R). The reverse behavior was observed for acetyl-D-manno-series saccharides ($\delta H6R > \delta H6S$), and $J_{H5,H6R}$ coupling constants have higher values than $J_{H5,H6S}$. Thus, compounds 7–12 showed chemical shifts for H6S between δ 3.82 and 3.74 and for H6R between 3.73 and 3.68, compounds 19–24 for H6S between δ 4.78 and 4.68 and for H6R between 4.51 and 4.43. As expected, the acetyl derivatives 13-18 showed the reverse behavior, chemical shifts for H6S were located at a higher field $(\delta 4.17-4.12)$ than those for H6R $(\delta 4.31-4.23)$. Independent of the substitution, all model compounds 7–24 showed higher $J_{H5,H6R}$ coupling constants than $J_{H5,H6S}$. Tables 1–3 show the $J_{\rm H5,H6}$ coupling constants and calculated rotameric populations (%) around the C5-C6 bond for the β -D-mannose derivatives 7–26. ¹⁶

Analysis of the data for the three sets of model compounds (Tables 1–3) revealed a general increase in the $J_{{\rm H5,H6}R}$ coupling constant values from 1-acyl, to primary, to secondary, and to tertiary alkyl β -D-mannopyranosides; the chiral (–)-menthyl mannopyranosides 10 and 22 being an exception in this behavior. On the other hand, the $J_{{\rm H5,H6}S}$ coupling constant values obtained for the alkyl mannopyranosides remained almost constant in each series. To calculate rotamer populations of the hydroxymethyl group, each pair of $J_{{\rm H5,H6}}$ coupling constant values were used in the Karplus equations pro-

Table 1. $J_{\text{H5,H6}}$ Coupling constants (CDCl₃) and calculated rotameric populations (%) for the alkyl tri-benzyl β-p-mannopyranosides **7–12**

Compd.	Aglycon	$J_{{ m H5,H6}S}$	$J_{{ m H5,H6}\it R}$	P_{gg}	P_{gt}	P_{tg}
7	Methyl	2.0	5.2	48	46	6
8	Isopropyl	1.9	5.6	44	51	5
9	Cyclohexyl	1.9	5.7	43	52	5
10	(-)-Menthyl	1.8	5.1	50	46	4
11	(+)-Menthyl	1.7	5.8	43	54	3
12	tert-Butyl	1.7	5.7	44	53	3

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Scheme 1. Synthesis of the alkyl β -D-mannopyranosides 7–24.

Table 2. $J_{\rm H5,H6}$ Coupling constants (CDCl₃) and calculated rotameric populations (%) for the alkyl tetra-acetyl β-p-mannopyranosides 13–18 and for the penta-acetyl β-p-mannopyranoside 25

Compd.	Aglycon	$J_{{ m H5,H6}S}$	$J_{{ m H5,H6}\it R}$	P_{gg}	P_{gt}	P_{tg}
25	(Acetyl)	1.5	4.9	54	45	1
13	Methyl	2.6	5.3	43	44	13
14	Isopropyl	2.3	5.8	39	51	10
15	Cyclohexyl	2.7	5.8	37	49	14
16	(-)-Menthyl	2.9	6.2	31	53	16
17	(+)-Menthyl	2.5	6.4	29	55	16
18	tert-Butyl	2.7	6.5	29	57	14

Table 3. $J_{\rm H5,H6}$ Coupling constants (CDCl₃) and calculated rotameric populations (%) for the alkyl tetra-(p-bromobenzoyl)- β -D-mannopyranosides **19–24** and for the penta-(p-bromobenzoyl)- β -D-mannopyranoside **26**

Compd.	Aglycon	$J_{{ m H5,H6}S}$	$J_{{ m H5,H6}\it R}$	P_{gg}	P_{gt}	P_{tg}
26	(p-Br-benzoyl)	2.8	4.5	50	35	15
19	Methyl	3.1	4.6	47	34	18
20	Isopropyl	3.2	5.0	42	38	19
21	Cyclohexyl	3.3	5.3	38	41	21
22	(-)-Menthyl	2.9	4.5	50	34	16
23	(+)-Menthyl	3.1	5.8	34	48	18
24	tert-Butyl	3.2	6.1	31	51	19

posed by Serianni et al. ¹⁴ This set of equations was chosen since it provides a more accurate representation of the rotameric populations in solution and, in contrast to other Karplus equations, positive values for the *tg* rotamer population. ¹⁶

As expected, the mentioned coupling constants behavior was reflected in the calculated rotamer populations of the hydroxymethyl group (Tables 1–3). Thus, as shown in Figures 2–4 from the 1-acyl (25, 26), to the primary (7, 13, 19), to secondaries (8–11, 14–17, 20–23), and to the tertiary (12, 18, 24) alkyl β -D-mannopyranosides the gt rotamer population increased, the gg population decreased, and that for the least populated tg rotamer remained almost constant, with the (–)-menthyl derivatives 10 and 22 being an exception.

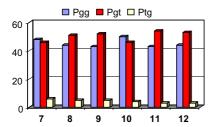


Figure 2. Calculated rotameric populations for compounds 7–12 (benzyl series).

As can be observed in Figure 5 there is a clear correlation between the rotamer population (Tables 1–3) and the p K_a of the alcohol¹⁷ bonded to the mannopyranosyl system for all model compounds, except the (–)-menthyl derivatives **10** (benzyl series) and **22** (benzoyl series) (see below). ¹⁸ This correlation can be explained by the stereo-

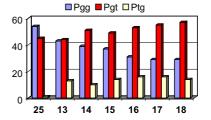


Figure 3. Calculated rotameric populations for compounds 13–18 and 25 (acetyl series).

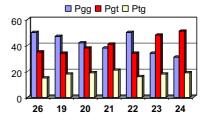


Figure 4. Calculated rotameric populations for compounds 19–24 and 26 (benzoyl series).

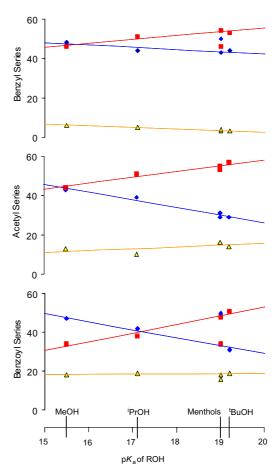


Figure 5. Plots of rotamer populations versus pK_a of bonded alcohols for the three different series. P_{gg} (blue lines), P_{gt} (red lines) and P_{tg} (yellow lines).

electronic *exo*-anomeric effect (Fig. 6)¹⁹ but not by steric effects, since the bulkier secondary and tertiary alkyl

Figure 6. Illustration of the molecular orbitals involved in the *exo*-anomeric effect.

group (compared to the methyl) would lead to decreased gt populations through nonbonded interactions with the hydroxymethyl group. The value of the exo-anomeric effect must increase from primary, to secondary, and to tertiary alkyl mannopyranoside derivatives, ²⁰ producing a gradual shortening and lengthening of the O1–C1 and O5-C1 bonds, respectively, and leading to different rotamer populations. Thus, an increase in the exo-anomeric effect produces increases and decreases in the gt and gg populations, respectively. The smaller $J_{\rm H5,H6}$ coupling constant values obtained for the 1-acyl derivatives 25 and 26 compared to the alkyl mannopyranosides 13-18 and 19-24, respectively, support this explanation. The delocalization of the nonbonding electron pair of the exocyclic oxygen with the C=O bond in the 1-acyl derivatives lead to a low or nil participation of the stereoelectronic exo-anomeric effect and therefore high gg and low gt rotamer populations were obtained. This relationship between the exo-anomeric effect and the rotamer population of the hydroxymethyl group seems to be general, since in alkyl gluco-8 and galactopyranosides,9 an increase in the stereoelectronic exoanomeric effect also led to an increase in the population of the gt rotamer. Additionally, according to the pyranoside substitution (benzyl, acetyl, or benzoyl) and the aglycon, the gg or gt rotamer has the highest population.

The (-)-menthyl mannopyranosides 10, 16, and 22 deserve special consideration. Depending on the series, this aglycon led to the gg (benzyl and benzoyl series) or gt (acetyl series) rotamer as the most populated. For these stereoisomers, the isopropyl group, located syn to the endocyclic oxygen O5 in its most stable conformation, is close to the hydroxymethyl group at C6 and therefore nonbonded interactions between these two groups are possible (Fig. 7). This explains why for these benzyl and benzoyl derivatives the gg rotamer is the most populated and in the acetyl series it is gt. The larger size of the benzyl and benzoyl groups than the acetyl group led the former derivatives to higher nonbonded interactions with the isopropyl group. For this reason, the rotamer populations of the (-)-menthyl derivatives 10 and 22 do not show the above mentioned correlation with its pK_a (Fig. 5).

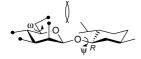


Figure 7. (–)-Menthyl β -D-mannopyranosides 10, 16, and 22.

On the other hand, the (+)-menthyl derivatives have the isopropyl group in an *anti* disposition with respect to the

endocyclic oxygen O5 and therefore without nonbonded interactions. In addition, these secondary alkyl mannopyranosides possess higher gt and lower gg rotamer populations than the other secondary alkyl mannopyranosides (Tables 1–3). This result can be explained in terms of a stronger exo-anomeric effect, as a consequence of its high pK_a value.

The alkyl β -D-mannopyranosides have been substituted with p-bromobenzoyl groups in order to accurately analyze the $J_{\rm H5,H6}$ coupling constant of the prochiral H6 proton signals, since these groups affect the proton and carbon resonances where they are located, leading therefore to less crowded NMR spectra. In addition, these exciton-coupled chromophores permit their circular dichroism (CD) spectra to be measured. The high sensitivity and straightforward spectral interpretation of the circular dichroic exciton chirality method²¹ provides additional conformational information. On the basis of the additivity of the amplitude $(A \text{ value})^{22,23}$ or the principle of pairwise additivity,²⁴ and taking into account the interchromophoric distance and the dihedral angle of the chromophores involved in a pairwise interaction, the CD spectra of our model alkyl mannopyranosides must show deep negative split CD curves, mainly as a consequence of the intense negative sign of the 2/3, 3/4, and 2/4 pairwise interactions (Fig. 8). However, the amplitudes of the CD curves cannot be identical, because the alkyl mannopyranosides with different rotamer populations will exhibit different contributions of the pairwise interactions involving the chromophore at the 6 position (Fig. 9).



Figure 8. Pairwise interactions with constant intensity and negative sign for mannopyranosides.

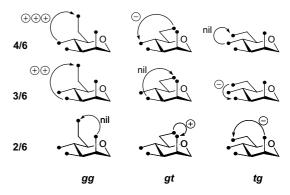


Figure 9. Pairwise interactions involving the chromophore at the 6 position in each of the three stable rotamers.

The alkyl tetra-*O*-(*p*-bromobenzoyl)-β-D-mannopyranosides exhibited negative split CD curves, more specifically, negative first Cotton effects at 250 nm and

positive second Cotton affects at 232 nm, centered on the *p*-bromobenzoate λ_{max} 245 nm (Figs. 10 and 11).

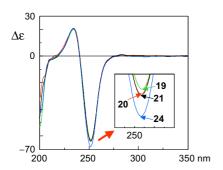


Figure 10. CD spectra comparison of the model methyl, isopropyl, cyclohexyl, and *tert*-butyl β-p-mannopyranosides 19–21 and 24, respectively (in CH_3CN).

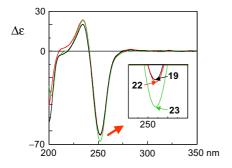


Figure 11. CD spectra comparison of the model methyl, (–)-menthyl, and (+)-menthyl β-D-mannopyranosides 19, 22 and 23, respectively (in CH₃CN).

For comparative analysis, the intensities of the first Cotton effects are more accurate, because occasionally the presence of a background ellipticity alters the intensity of the Cotton effects at short wavelengths and therefore, the intensities of the second Cotton effects and the amplitudes (A values) of the CD spectra of our model compounds may not be precise. For this reason, Figures 10 and 11 contain an amplified view of these first Cotton effects at 250 nm and Table 4, their intensities ($\Delta \varepsilon_1$).

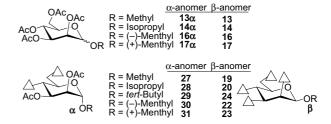
The intensity of the first Cotton effect of the CD spectra for nonchiral alkyl β -D-mannopyranosides **19–21** and **24** gradually increased from the methyl (–62.8), isopropyl (–63.7), cyclohexyl (–63.9), and *tert*-butyl (–67.9) β -D-mannopyranosides, while for the chiral alkyl β -D-mannopyranosides, a higher intensity of the first Cotton

effect was observed for the (-)-menthyl derivative 22 (-63.2) than for its stereoisomer (+)-menthyl 23 (-67.9), as expected. These intensities are consistent only with a gradual decrease in the contribution of the positively coupled 4/6 pairwise interaction (gg rotamer) (Fig. 9).

For CD and NMR data comparison, 1H NMR spectra of compounds **19–24** were also recorded in CD₃CN (Table 4), since rotamer populations might be solvent dependent. As listed in Table 4, the intensities of the CD first Cotton effects ($\Delta \varepsilon_1$) and the rotamer populations calculated from the $J_{\rm H5,H6}$ coupling constants of the NMR spectra are in good agreement.

In addition, comparison of the NMR data in $CDCl_3$ (Table 3) with those in CD_3CN (Table 4) reveals a slight solvent dependence of the rotamer populations, the population of the gg rotamer increasing at the expense of the gt for the polar solvent.

Comparative analysis, β versus α : The calculated rotational populations of the α -¹⁰ and β -anomers of alkyl mannopyranosides, obtained by applying the same set of equations, were compared (Scheme 2). The analysis shows a higher dependence on the structure of the aglycon and a clearer behavior for the β than for the α anomers (Fig. 12 for the acetyl series, Fig. 13 for benzoyl).



Scheme 2.

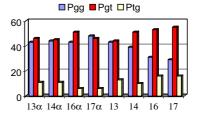


Figure 12. Comparison between rotational population of anomers for the acetyl series.

Table 4. $J_{H5,H6}$ Coupling constants (CD₃CN), calculated rotameric populations (%), and CD data (CH₃CN) for the alkyl tetra-(p-bromobenzoyl)-β-mannopyranosides 19–24

Aglycon	$J_{{ m H5,H6}S}$	$J_{{ m H5,H6}\it R}$	P_{gg}	P_{gt}	P_{tg}	$\Delta arepsilon_1$
Methyl	3.0	3.9	56	27	17	-62.8
Isopropyl	3.0	4.2	52	30	17	-63.7
Cyclohexyl	3.1	4.6	47	34	18	-63.9
(–)-Menthyl	2.9	4.0	55	29	16	-63.2
(+)-Menthyl	3.0	5.1	43	40	17	-67.9
tert-Butyl	3.0	4.9	44	38	17	-67.9
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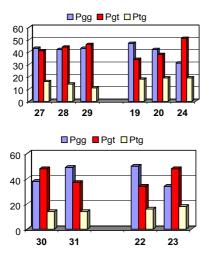


Figure 13. Comparison between rotational population of anomers for the benzoyl series: nonchiral alkyl (top) and chiral alkyl (bottom) mannopyranosides.

In addition, as the p K_a of the aglycon increases, the population of the gt rotamer does also, independently of the anomeric configuration, and the population of the gg or tg rotamer decreases, depending respectively on the β or α anomeric configuration.

As can be observed at the bottom of Figure 13, the rotational population of the hydroxymethyl group in the menthyl mannopyranosides depends on the nonbonded interactions between this group and the isopropyl group. Thus the syn location to the endocyclic oxygen O5 of the isopropyl group for the (–)-menthyl β -D-and (+)-menthyl α -D-mannopyranosides leads to higher gg and smaller gt population than the (+)-menthyl β -D-and (–)-menthyl α -D-mannopyranosides, which have the isopropyl group in the anti location.

This analysis reveals that the hydroxymethyl group rotational population depends on the anomeric configuration. The β -anomers show a higher dependence and unambiguous rotational behavior.

3. Conclusions

The rotational population of the hydroxymethyl group of alkyl β-D-mannopyranosides is dependent on the structure of the aglycon and its absolute configuration, as well as on the anomeric configuration. This was determined by analyzing the $^3J_{H5,H6R}$ and $^3J_{H5,H6S}$ values and CD spectral data. Furthermore, a clear relationship between this population around the C5–C6 bond and the pK_a of the bonded alcohol (aglycon) was observed. Thus, as the pK_a increased, the population of the gt/ggrotamers gradually increased/decreased respectively, while the population of the tg rotamer remained almost constant. These results point to a stereoelectronic exoanomeric effect as responsible for this, along with steric effects. In addition, a different, higher dependence on the structure of the aglycon was observed for the β -anomers than for the α -anomers.

4. Experimental

4.1. General

¹H NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz, and ¹³C NMR at 100 MHz, VTU 300.0 K. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million. The residual solvent peak (CDCl₃) was used as an internal reference, 7.26 for proton and 77.0 ppm for the central peak for carbon NMR. Optical rotations were measured on a digital polarimeter in a 1 dm cell. UV and CD spectra were recorded in the range 400–200 nm using 10 mm cells. The concentrations of the CD samples were ascertained from the UV spectra, using the experimentally determined ε values at 245 nm: tetra-(p-bromobenzoate) ε 76,400.

For analytical and preparative thin-layer chromatography, silica gel ready-foils and glass-backed plates (1 mm) were used, being respectively, developed with 254 nm UV light and/or spraying with AcOH/H₂O/H₂SO₄ (80:16:4) and heating at 150 °C. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (60 Å). All reagents were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification. Solvents were dried and distilled before use. All reactions were performed under a dry nitrogen atmosphere. The compounds prepared were characterized on the basis of their one- (¹H and ¹³C) and two-dimensional (COSY, HMQC, and TROESY) NMR spectra, as well as by elemental analysis, MS, UV, and CD spectroscopy.

4.2. General procedure for the preparation of β -glucopyranosides

A solution of dimethyldioxirane in acetone (2 equiv, ca. 0.075 M) was added to a stirred solution of the tri-Obenzyl-D-glucal in dry CH₂Cl₂ (5mL/mmol) at 0°C under nitrogen atmosphere, and the reaction stirred at 0°C for 30min. The 1,2-anhydro sugar thus obtained was concentrated under reduced pressure and left under vacuum for 2h. Then it was dissolved in dry THF (10 mL/mmol) under dry nitrogen, and molecular sieves and the corresponding alcohol (10 equiv) added. The reaction mixture was cooled to -78 °C and 0.5 equiv of a 1.0 M solution of ZnCl₂ in diethyl ether then added. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight. The mixture was diluted with Et-OAc, filtered, and washed with water; then the combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. The product was purified by flash column chromatography.

4.3. General procedure for the preparation of β-mannopyranosides

The sugar was treated with a 1:2 acetic anhydride/dimethyl sulfoxide (8 mL/mmol) mixture, that was previously stirred for 15 min. The reaction was left 1–2 days at room temperature under a nitrogen atmosphere. Then it was concentrated to dryness, dissolved in CH₂Cl₂, and washed with water. The combined

organic extracts were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered, and evaporated in vacuum. Then, 2equiv of sodium borohydride was added to a solution of the crude reaction mixture in dry 1:1 CH₂Cl₂/MeOH (10 mL/mmol) at 0 °C in a nitrogen atmosphere and then the ice bath removed. When the reaction was complete (approx. 2h), it was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and washed with water, 1% citric acid solution, NaHCO₃, and brine. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and evaporated in a vacuum. The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography.

4.4. General procedure for the debenzylation and acetylation or benzoylation

To a solution of the substrate in dry ethanol (10 mL/ mmol) was added 50 mg/mmol of palladium at 5% on activated carbon with sufficient hydrogen. After the reaction was complete, the mixture was diluted in ethanol, filtered through a bed of Celite and evaporated under reduced pressure. Then the crude reaction mixture was divided between two round-bottom flasks. To the first flask, 20 mL/mmol of a 1:1 solution of dry pyridine/acetic anhydride was added at room temperature and stirred overnight. Excess solvent was removed under reduced pressure in the presence of toluene, and the residue purified with column chromatography. Dry pyridine (10 mL/mmol) was added to the second flask, and then treated with 6 equiv of p-bromobenzoyl chloride and DMAP as catalyst. The solution was heated at 60°C and stirred overnight. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure in of toluene and the residue presence chromatographed.

4.5. Methyl 3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl-β-D-glucopyranoside 1

Following the general procedure for the preparation of β-glucosides, a solution of DMDO in acetone (10.0 mL, 0.75 mmol) was added to a solution of 222 mg (0.53 mmol) of the tri-O-benzyl-D-glucal in CH₂Cl₂ (2.5 mL) at 0 °C. The anhydro sugar was dissolved in 5.0 mL of dry THF and MeOH (1.0 mL, 24.7 mmol) and a 1.0 M solution of ZnCl₂ in Et₂O (250 μL, 0.25 mmol) were added. The crude reaction mixture was purified by chromatography on silica gel (n-hexane/EtOAc, 7.5:2.5) to give 1 (189 mg, 0.41 mmol, 77% yield): TLC R_f = 0.29 (n-hexane/EtOAc, 6:4); $[\alpha]_D = +1.9$ (c 1.4, CHCl₃); MS (EI) m/z (relative intensity) 373 ($[M^+-C_7H_7]$, 8.9), 341 (5.2), 91 (100); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.36–7.18 (m, 15H), 4.91 (d, J=11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (d, J=11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, $J=10.7 \,\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.63 \,\mathrm{(d,} J=12.2 \,\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.55 \,\mathrm{(d,}$ $J=12.2 \,\mathrm{Hz}$, 1H), 4.54 (d, $J=10.7 \,\mathrm{Hz}$, 1H), 4.18 (d, J=7.4 Hz, H-1), 3.75 (dd, J=1.9 and 10.8 Hz, H-6_{proS}), 3.71 (dd, J=4.5 and 10.8 Hz, H-6_{pro R}), 3.63–3.52 (m, 3H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 3.49 (m, H-5); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 138.5 (s), 137.9 (s \times 2), 128.2–127.4 (aromatic Cs), 103.6 (d, C-1), 84.4 (d, C-3), 77.4 (d, C-4), 74.9 (t \times 2), 74.8 (d, C-5), 74.4 (d, C-2), 73.3 (t), 68.7 (t, C-6), 56.9 (q, C-1'). Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₃₂O₆: C, 72.39; H, 6.94. Found: C, 72.33; H, 7.12.

4.6. iso-Propyl 3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl-β-D-glucopyranoside 2

Following the general procedure for the preparation of β-glucosides, 35.0 mL (2.63 mmol) of a solution of DMDO in acetone was added to a solution of the glucal (512 mg, 1.23 mmol) in 6.0 mL of dry CH_2Cl_2 at 0 °C. Later, the product was directly dissolved in THF (12.0 mL), and isopropanol (1 mL, 13.0 mmol) and zinc chloride (600 μL, 0.60 mmol) were added. Flash column chromatography with n-hexane/EtOAc (7.5:2.5) as eluent yielded 2 (451 mg, 0.92 mmol, 75% yield): TLC $R_f = 0.37$ (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 7:3); $[\alpha]_D = -7.7$ (*c* 1.4, CHCl₃); MS (EI) m/z (relative intensity) 401 $([M^+-C_7H_7], 3.2), 341 (3.9), 91 (100); {}^1H NMR (CDCl_3)$ δ 7.37–7.19 (15H), 4.95 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (d, $J = 10.8 \,\mathrm{Hz}$, 1H), 4.83 (d, $J = 11.3 \,\mathrm{Hz}$, 1H), 4.61 (d, $J = 12.2 \,\mathrm{Hz}$, 1H), 4.58 (d, $J = 12.2 \,\mathrm{Hz}$, 1H), 4.55 (d, $J = 10.8 \,\mathrm{Hz}$, 1H), 4.31 (d, $J = 7.6 \,\mathrm{Hz}$, H-1), 4.02 (sep. $J = 6.1 \,\mathrm{Hz}, \,\mathrm{H2'}$), 3.74 (dd, $J = 1.7 \,\mathrm{and} \,10.8 \,\mathrm{Hz}, \,\mathrm{H-6_{proS}}$), 3.68 (dd, J = 4.9 and 10.8 Hz, H-6_{proR}), 3.60–3.48 (m, 4H), 1.29 (d, $J = 6.1 \,\text{Hz}$, 3H), 1.21 (d, $J = 6.1 \,\text{Hz}$, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 138.7 (s), 138.2 (s), 138.1(s), 128.3–127.5 (aromatic Cs), 101.1 (d, C-1), 84.6 (d, C-3), 77.6 (d, C-4), 75.1 (t), 75.0 (d, C-5), 74.9 (t), 74.7 (d, C-2), 73.3 (t), 71.8 (d, C2'), 69.0 (t, C-6), 23.4 (q), 21.9 (q); Anal. Calcd for C₃₀H₃₆O₆: C, 73.15; H, 7.37. Found: C, 73.18; H, 7.49.

4.7. Cyclohexyl 3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl-β-D-glucopyranoside 3

Following the general procedure for the preparation of β-glucosides, a solution of dimethyldioxirane (34.0 mL, 2.55 mmol) and the glucal (442 mg, 1.06 mmol) in 5.0 mL of CH₂Cl₂ were utilized. Then, a solution of the resulting substrate in 10.0 mL of THF was treated with ZnCl₂ (500 μL, 0.50 mmol) and cyclohexanol (1.0 mL, 9.5 mmol), to yield compound 3 (313 mg, 0.59 mmol, 55% yield) after chromatography on silica gel (n-hexane/EtOAc, 9:1): TLC R_f = 0.44 (n-hexane/Et-OAc, 7.5:2.5); $[\alpha]_D = -9.9$ (c 3.3, CHCl₃); MS (EI) m/z(relative intensity) 441 ($[M^+-C_7H_7]$, 0.8), 341 (1.9), 91 (100); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.39–7.22 (m, 15H), 4.98 (d, J=11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, J=10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (d, $J=11.3 \,\mathrm{Hz}$, 1H), 4.63 (d, $J=12.2 \,\mathrm{Hz}$, 1H), 4.57 (d, $J=12.2 \,\mathrm{Hz}$, 1H), 4.56 (d, $J=10.8 \,\mathrm{Hz}$, 1H), 4.37 (d, J=7.5 Hz, H-1), 3.77 (dd, J=1.8 and 10.8 Hz, H-6_{proS}), 3.70 (dd, J=4.9 and 10.8 Hz, H-6_{proR}), 3.69 (m, $\dot{H}1'$), 3.63–3.55 (m, 3H), 3.52 (m, H-5), 2.07 (m, 1H), 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.60 (m, 1H), 1.50 (m, 1H), 1.45–1.21 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 138.6 (s), 138.1 (s), 138.0 (s), 128.2-127.4 (aromatic Cs), 101.0 (d, C-1), 84.5 (d, C-3), 77.5 (d, C-4), 77.5 (d, C1'), 74.9 (d, C-5), 74.9 (t), 74.8 (t), 74.6 (d, C-2), 73.2 (t), 68.9 (t, C-6), 33.5 (t), 31.8 (t), 25.4 (t), 24.0 $(t\times 2)$; Anal. Calcd for C₃₃H₄₀O₆: C, 74.41; H, 7.57. Found: C, 74.43; H, 7.81.

4.8. (1*R*,2*S*,5*R*)-Menthyl 3,4,6-tri-*O*-benzyl-β-D-glucopyranoside 4

Following the general procedure for the preparation of β-glucosides, p-glucal (924 mg, 2.22 mmol), and DMDO (82.0 mL, 6.02 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (11.0 mL) were

used. Then, the residue was dissolved in 25.0 mL of THF and treated with a solution of ZnCl2 in diethyl ether $(1.0\,\mathrm{mL},$ 1.00 mmol) and L-(-)-menthol (3.5 g, 22.2 mmol). After flash chromatography (n-hexane/ EtOAc, 9:1), compound 4 (655 mg, 1.11 mmol, 50%) was obtained: TLC $R_f = 0.50$ (n-hexane/EtOAc, 8:2); $[\alpha]_D = -37.8$ (c 1.3, CHCl₃); MS (EI) m/z (relative intensity) 497 ($[M^+-C_7H_7]$, 0.8), 341 (3.0), 91 (100); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.39–7.22 (m, 15H), 4.95 (d, J=11.4 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (d, J=10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (d, J=11.4 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d, J=12.2 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, $J=10.8\,\mathrm{Hz}$, 1H), 4.54 (d, $J=12.2\,\mathrm{Hz}$, 1H), 4.32 (d, 3.53-3.46 (m, 3H), 2.30 (m, 1H), 2.06 (br d, J=12.5 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (d, J=12.7 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (m, 1H), 1.24 (m, 1H), 1.04–0.80 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 138.7 (s), 138.2 (s), 138.1 (s), 128.4–127.5 (aromatic Cs), 99.9 (d, C-1), 84.7 (d, C-3), 77.5 (d, C-4), 77.0 (d, C-1'), 75.1 (t), 75.0 (d, C-5), 75.0 (t), 74.5 (d, C-2), 73.6 (t), 69.2 (t, C-6), 47.7 (d), 40.8 (t), 34.3 (t), 31.4 (d), 25.1 (d), 23.0 (t), 22.2 (q), 21.0 (q), 15.7 (q); Anal. Calcd for $C_{37}H_{48}O_6$: C, 75.48; H, 8.22. Found: C, 75.44; H, 8.66.

4.9. (1*S*,2*R*,5*S*)-Menthyl 3,4,6-tri-*O*-benzyl-β-D-glucopyranoside 5

Following the general procedure for the preparation of β-glucosides, 483 mg (1.16 mmol) of D-glucal in 5.8 mL of dry CH₂Cl₂ was treated with 44mL (3.30mmol) of a DMDO solution in acetone. Later, the residue was dissolved in THF (16.4mL) and 1.3 g (8.24mmol) of D-(+)menthol and 0.58 mmol of ZnCl₂ (580 µL of a solution 1.0 M) were added. Column chromatography (n-hexane/EtOAc, 9:1) of the residue gave 5 (376 mg, 0.64 mmol, 55%): TLC R_f = 0.48 (n-hexane/EtOAc, 8:2); $[\alpha]_D = +17.0$ (c 1.5, CHCl₃); MS (EI) m/z (relative intensity) 497 ($[M^+-C_7H_7]$, 1.4), 432 (0.4), 341 (3.4), 91 (100); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.42–7.25 (m, 15 H), 5.01 (d, J=11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (d, J=10.7 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 4.64–4.59 (m, 3H), 4.36 (d, $J = 7.0 \,\text{Hz}$, H-1), 3.79 (br d, $J = 10.7 \,\text{Hz}$, H-6_{proS}), 3.72– 3.57 (m, 5H), 3.45 (dd, J=3.9 and 10.6Hz, H-1'), 2.34–2.28 (m, 2H), 1.70–1.65 (m, 2H), 1.43–1.35 (m, 2H), 1.16 (m, 1H), 1.07–0.83 (m, 11H); ¹³C NMR $(CDCl_3)$ δ 138.5 (s), 138.1 (s), 138.0 (s), 128.1–127.2 (aromatic Cs), 103.7 (d, C-1), 84.5 (d, C-3), 81.3 (d, C-1'), 77.4 (d, C-4), 75.1 (d, C-5), 74.9 (t), 74.8 (t), 74.6 (d, C-2), 73.0 (t), 68.9 (t, C-6), 48.2 (d), 43.1 (t), 34.0 (t), 31.4 (d), 25.1 (d), 22.7 (t), 22.1 (q), 20.9 (q), 15.7 (q); Anal. Calcd for $C_{37}H_{48}O_6$: C, 75.48; H, 8.22. Found: C, 75.47; H, 8.43.

4.10. tert-Butyl 3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl-β-D-glucopyranoside 6

Following the general procedure for the preparation of β-glucosides, a solution of 526 mg (1.26 mmol) of p-glucal in CH₂Cl₂ (6.0 mL) and 33.5 mL (2.51 mmol) of DMDO were used. Treatment of the anhydro sugar with 1.0 mL of *tert*-butanol (10.5 mmol) and 650 μL (0.65 mmol) of ZnCl₂ in dry THF (13.0 mL), after column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 9:1), gave compound 6 (285 mg, 0.56 mmol, 45%, yield):

TLC R_f =0.44 (n-hexane/EtOAc, 7.5:2.5); [α]_D=-12.9 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); MS (EI) m/z (relative intensity) 415 ([M⁺-C₇H₇], 0.8), 341 (2.2), 91 (100); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.38–7.21 (m, 15H), 4.98 (d, J = 11.2Hz, 1H), 4.86 (d, J = 11.2Hz, 1H), 4.86 (d, J = 11.2Hz, 1H), 4.56 (d, J = 11.7Hz, 1H), 4.54 (d, J = 12.2Hz, 1H), 4.43 (d, J = 7.7Hz, H-1), 3.73 (dd, J = 1.8 and 10.7Hz, H-6_{pros}), 3.66 (dd, J = 5.2 and 10.7Hz, H-6_{pros}), 3.63–3.48 (m, 4H), 1.32 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 138.7 (s), 138.2 (s), 138.1 (s), 128.2–127.4 (aromatic Cs), 97.2 (d, C-1), 84.7 (d, C-3), 77.6 (d, C-4), 76.0 (d, C-2'), 74.9 (t), 74.8 (d, C-5), 74.8 (t), 74.7 (d, C-2), 73.2 (t), 69.1 (t, C-6), 28.7 (q×3); Anal. Calcd for C₃₁H₃₈O₆: C, 73.49; H, 7.56. Found: C, 73.49; H, 7.78.

4.11. Methyl 3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl-β-D-mannopyranoside 7

Following the general procedure for β-mannosides, compound 7 was obtained with a 65% yield (96 mg, 0.21 mmol) after column chromatography (n-hexane/ EtOAc, 6:4): TLC $R_f = 0.15$ (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 6:4); $[\alpha]_D = -18.6$ (c 1.6, CHCl₃); MS (EI) m/z (relative intensity) 373 ($[M^+-C_7H_7]$, 0.2), 341 (2.8), 91 (100); NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.21–7.37 (m, 15H), 4.89 $J=10.8\,\mathrm{Hz}$, 1H), 4.77 (d, $J=11.9\,\mathrm{Hz}$, 1H), 4.68 (d, $J=11.9 \,\mathrm{Hz}$, 1H), 4.64 (d, $J=12.2 \,\mathrm{Hz}$, 1H), 4.57 (d, $J=12.2 \,\mathrm{Hz}$, 1H), 4.54 (d, $J=10.8 \,\mathrm{Hz}$, 1H), 4.33 (s, H-1), 4.10 (br s, H-2), 3.86 (t, J=9.3 Hz, H-4), 3.79 (dd, J=2.0 and 10.8 Hz, H-6_{proS}), 3.73 (dd, J=5.2 and 10.8 Hz, H-6_{proR}), 3.57 (dd, J=3.1 and 9.3 Hz, H-3), 3.56 (s, 3H), 3.44 (m, H-5); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 138.2 (s), 138.1 (s), 137.7 (s), 128.4–127.5 (aromatic Cs), 100.6 (d, C-1), 81.4 (d, C-3), 75.2 (d, C-5), 75.0 (t), 74.2 (d, C-4), 73.4 (t), 71.3 (t), 69.1 (t, C-6), 68.1 (d, C-2), 56.8 (q, C-1'); Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₃₂O₆: C, 72.39; H, 6.94. Found: C, 72.38; H, 7.24.

4.12. *iso*-Propyl 3,4,6-tri-*O*-benzyl-β-D-mannopyranoside 8

According to the general procedure for the preparation of β-mannosides, 430 mg (0.87 mmol) of glucopyranoside 2 provided, after column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 7.5:2.5), compound **8** (277 mg, 0.56 mmol, 64%): TLC R_f =0.19 (n-hexane/EtOAc, 7:3); $[\alpha]_D = -27.4$ (c 2.2, CHCl₃); MS (EI) m/z (relative intensity) 401 ($[M^+-C_7H_7]$, 0.7), 341 (4.4), 91 (100); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.38–7.22 (m, 15H), 4.90 (d, $J=10.8 \,\mathrm{Hz}$, 1H), 4.78 (d, $J=11.9 \,\mathrm{Hz}$, 1H), 4.67 (d, $J=11.9 \,\mathrm{Hz}$, 1H), 4.62 (d, $J=12.1 \,\mathrm{Hz}$, 1H), 4.58 (d, J=12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d, J=10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (s, H-1), 4.09 (sept, $J = 6.1 \,\text{Hz}$, H-2'), 4.06 (br s, H-2), 3.84 (t, J=9.4 Hz, H-4), 3.77 (dd, J=1.9 and 10.8 Hz, H- 6_{proS}), 3.69 (dd, J=5.6 and 10.8 Hz, H- 6_{proR}), 3.58 (dd, J= 3.1 and 9.4 Hz, H-3), 3.43 (m, H-5), 1.29 (d, J=6.1 Hz, 3H), 1.17 (d, J=6.1 Hz, 3H); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 138.1 (s), 138.0 (s), 137.7 (s), 128.1–127.2 (aromatic Cs), 97.4 (d, C-1), 81.4 (d, C-3), 75.0 (t), 74.8 (d, C-5), 74.0 (d, C-4), 73.1 (t), 70.9 (t), 70.7 (d, C-2'), 69.1 (t, C-6), 68.5 (d, C-2), 23.2 (g), 21.4 (g); Anal. Calcd for C₃₀H₃₆O₆: C, 73.15; H, 7.37. Found: C, 73.15; H, 7.72.

4.13. Cyclohexyl 3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl- β -D-mannopyranoside 9

Synthesis of compound 9 was carried out from 3 (437 mg, 0.82 mmol) as described in the general procedure for β-mannosides. Column chromatography (nhexane/EtOAc, 7.5:2.5) of the residue gave 9 (267 mg, 0.50 mmol, 61%): TLC R_f =0.21 (n-hexane/EtOAc, 7.5:2.5); $[\alpha]_D = -27.7$ (c 2.6, CHCl₃); MS (EI) m/z (relative intensity) 441 ([M⁺-C₇H₇], 0.6), 341 (4.7), 91 (100); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.38–7.24 (m, 15H), 4.90 (d, $J=10.9\,\mathrm{Hz}$, 1H), 4.79 (d, $J=11.9\,\mathrm{Hz}$, 1H), 4.67 (d, $J=11.9 \,\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$), 4.62 (d, $J=12.1 \,\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$), 4.58–4.53 (m, 2H), 4.54 (s, H-1), 4.07 (d, J=2.6 Hz, H-2), 3.84 (t, J=9.4 Hz, H-4), 3.79 (dd, J=1.9 and 10.8 Hz, H-6_{proS}), 3.74 (m, H-1'), 3.69 (dd, J=5.7 and 10.8 Hz, H-6_{proR}), 3.57 (dd, J=3.1 and 9.1 Hz, H-3), 3.43 (m, H-5), 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.54 (m, 1H), 1.45 (m, 1H), 1.33–1.18 (m, 4H); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 138.2 (s), 138.1 (s), 137.7 (s), 128.2–127.3 (aromatic Cs), 97.2 (d, C-1), 81.5 (d, C-3), 76.4 (d, C-1'), 75.0 (d, C-5), 74.9 (t), 74.1 (d, C-4), 73.2 (t), 71.0 (t), 69.2 (t, C-6), 68.6 (d, C-2), 33.3 (t), 31.5 (t), 25.4 (t), 23.9 (t), 23.8 (t); Anal. Calcd for C₃₃H₄₀O₆: C, 74.41; H, 7.57. Found: C, 74.42; H, 7.56.

4.14. (1*R*,2*S*,5*R*)-Menthyl 3,4,6-tri-*O*-benzyl-β-D-mannopyranoside 10

Following the procedure for β -mannosides, compound 10 was obtained from glucopyranoside 4 (611 mg, 1.04 mmol) with a 65% yield (395 mg, 0.67 mmol), after column chromatography (n-hexane/EtOAc, 9:1): TLC $R_f = 0.44$ (n-hexane/EtOAc, 7.5:2.5); $[\alpha]_D = -49.6$ (c 1.6, CHCl₃); MS (EI) m/z (relative intensity) 497 $([M^+-C_7H_7], 0.3), 341 (2.5), 91 (100); {}^1H NMR (CDCl_3)$ δ 7.39–7.24 (m, 15H), 4.90 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (d, $J = 12.0 \,\mathrm{Hz}$, 1H), 4.67 (d, $J = 12.0 \,\mathrm{Hz}$, 1H), 4.63–4.56 (m, 3H), 4.53 (s, H-1), 4.02 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, H-2), 3.86 $(t, J = 9.5 \,\text{Hz}, \text{ H-4}), 3.74 \,(\text{dd}, J = 1.8 \text{ and } 10.7 \,\text{Hz}, \text{ H-4})$ 6_{proS}), 3.70 (dd, J = 5.1 and 10.7 Hz, $H-6_{proR}$), 3.60– 3.54 (m, 2H), 3.40 (m, H-5), 2.28 (m, 1H), 1.98 (d, $J = 12.1 \,\mathrm{Hz}$, 1H), 1.65 (d, $J = 12.2 \,\mathrm{Hz}$, 2H), 1.35 (m, 1H), 1.28 (m, 1H), 1.00–0.81 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 138.4 (s), 138.3 (s), 138.0 (s), 128.4–127.5 (aromatic Cs), 96.1 (d, C-1), 81.9 (d, C-3), 76.5 (d, C-1'), 75.3 (d, C-5), 75.2 (t), 74.4 (d, C-4), 73.6 (t), 71.2 (t), 69.7 (t, C-6), 69.2 (d, C-2), 47.7 (d), 40.4 (t), 34.3 (t), 31.3 (d), 25.3 (d), 23.1 (t), 22.3 (q), 21.0 (q), 15.9 (q); Anal. Calcd for C₃₇H₄₈O₆: C, 75.48; H, 8.22. Found: C, 75.43; H, 8.60.

4.15. (1*S*,2*R*,5*S*)-Menthyl 3,4,6-tri-*O*-benzyl-β-D-mannopyranoside 11

Following the procedure for β-mannosides, 324 mg (0.55 mmol) of glucopyranoside **5** led to compound **11** (239 mg, 0.41 mmol, 74%), after column chromatography (n-hexane/EtOAc, 9:1): TLC R_f = 0.42 (n-hexane/EtOAc, 7.5:2.5); [α]_D = +8.9 (c 1.1, CHCl₃); MS (EI) m/z (relative intensity) 497 ([M⁺-C₇H₇], 0.1), 432 (0.3), 341 (3.8), 91 (100); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.41–7.24 (m, 15H), 4.91 (d, J=10.9 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (d, J=11.8 Hz,

1H), 4.69 (d, J=11.8Hz, 1H), 4.63 (d, J=12.2Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, J=12.2Hz, 1H), 4.58 (d, J=10.9Hz, 1H), 4.46 (s, H-1), 4.10 (d, J=2.3Hz, H-2), 3.86–3.78 (m, 2H), 3.70 (dd, J=5.8 and 10.7Hz, H-6_{proR}), 3.57 (dd, J=2.4 and 9.0Hz, H-3), 3.48–3.40 (m, 2H), 2.28 (m, 1H), 2.10 (m, 1H), 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.40–1.28 (m, 2H), 1.40 (q, J=11.7Hz, 1H), 1.00–0.83 (m, 8H), 0.76 (d, J=6.9Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 138.2 (s), 138.1 (s), 137.7 (s), 128.1–127.2 (aromatic Cs), 100.9 (d, C-1), 81.7 (d, C-3), 81.3 (d, C-1'), 75.0 (d, C-5), 74.8 (t), 74.1 (d, C-4), 73.2 (t), 71.0 (t), 69.3 (t, C-6), 68.3 (d, C-2), 48.0 (d), 43.0 (t), 34.0 (t), 31.4 (d), 25.4 (d), 22.9 (t), 22.0 (q), 20.9 (q), 16.0 (q); Anal. Calcd for C₃₇H₄₈O₆: C, 75.48; H, 8.22. Found: C, 75.45; H, 8.34.

4.16. *tert*-Butyl 3,4,6-tri-*O*-benzyl-β-D-mannopyranoside 12

Compound 12 was synthesized from 6 (376 mg, 0.74 mmol) as described in the general procedure for preparation of β-mannosides. Column chromatography (n-hexane/EtOAc, 8.5:1.5) of the residue gave compound 12 (218 mg, 0.43 mmol, 58%): TLC $R_f = 0.19$ (nhexane/EtOAc, 7.5:2.5); $[\alpha]_D = -28.5$ (c 1.9, CHCl₃); MS (EI) m/z (relative intensity) 415 ([M⁺-C₇H₇], 0.2), 341 (3.1), 91 (100); 1 H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.40–7.22 (m, 15H), 4.91 (d, J=10.9 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (d, J=11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (s, H-1), 4.56 (d, $J=10.9\,\mathrm{Hz}$, 1H), 4.55 (d, J=12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (d, J=3.1 Hz, H-2), 3.83 (t, J=9.4 Hz, H-4), 3.76 (dd, J=1.7 and 10.7 Hz, H-6_{proS}), 3.68 (dd, J=5.7 and 10.7 Hz, H-6_{proR}), 3.59 (dd, J=3.1and 9.1 Hz, H-3), 3.42 (m, H-5), 1.30 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 138.2 (s), 138.1 (s), 137.7 (s), 128.1– 127.1 (aromatic Cs), 94.1 (d, C-1), 81.7 (d, C-3), 75.9 (s, C-2'), 74.7 (t), 74.6 (d, C-5), 74.0 (d, C-4), 73.0 (t), 70.9 (t), 69.3 (d, C-2), 69.2 (t, C-6), 28.4 (q×3); Anal. Calcd for C₃₁H₃₈O₆: C, 73.49; H, 7.56. Found: C, 73.46; H, 7.82.

4.17. Methyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl-β-D-mannopyranoside 13

Following the procedure for debenzylation and acetylation, using 72 mg (0.16 mmol) of compound 7, compound 13 (36mg, 0.10mmol) was obtained with a 64% yield after chromatography on silica gel (n-hexane/ EtOAc, 5:5): TLC R_f =0.27 (n-hexane/EtOAc, 1:1); $[\alpha]_D = -43.4$ (c 1.1, CHCl₃); MS (EI) m/z (relative intensity) 331 ([M⁺–CH₃O], 2.7), 289 (12.8), 243 (32.2), 200 (46.5), 157 (100); 1 H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 5.48 (dd, J=0.9 and 3.3 Hz, H-2), 5.27 (t, J=10.0 Hz, H-4), 5.06 (dd, J=3.3 and 10.0 Hz, H-3), 4.56 (d, J=0.9 Hz, H-1), 4.31 (dd, J=5.3 and 12.2 Hz, H-6_{proR}), 4.17 (dd, J=2.6 and 12.2 Hz, H-6_{proS}), 3.67 (m, H-5), 3.53 (s, 3) H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 170.7 (s), 170.4 (s), 170.0 (s), 169.6 (s), 99.7 (d, C-1), 72.4 (d, C-5), 71.1 (d, C-3), 68.6 (d, C-2), 66.0 (d, C-4), 62.5 (t, C-6), 57.5 (q, C-1'), 20.8 (q), 20.7 (q), 20.6 (q), 20.5 (q); Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₂₂O₁₀: C, 49.72; H, 6.12. Found: C, 49.72; H, 6.41.

4.18. iso-Propyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-β-D-mannopyranoside 14

Debenzylation and acetylation of compound 8 (120 mg, 0.25 mmol) was performed as described in the general procedure, leading to compound 14 (66 mg, 0.17 mmol, 61%) after column chromatography (n-hexane/EtOAc, 7.5:2.5): TLC $R_f = 0.26$ (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, $[\alpha]_D = -42.9$ (c 1.8, ČHCl₃); MS (EI) m/z (relative intensity) 347 ($[M^+-C_3H_7]$, 0.6), 331 ($[M^+-C_3H_7O]$, 6.5), 289 (1.9), 243 (26.3), 200 (41.4), 157 (100); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 5.40 (d, J=3.3 Hz, H-2), 5.21 (t, J=10.0 Hz, H-4), 5.03 (dd, J=3.3 and 10.0 Hz, H-3), 4.69 (s, H-1), 4.27 (dd, J = 5.8 and 12.1 Hz, H-6_{proR}), 4.12 (dd, J = 2.3and 12.1 Hz, H-6_{proS}), 3.96 (sep, J = 6.2 Hz, H-2'), 3.65 (m, H-5), 2.17 (s, 3 H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.21 (d, J=6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.14 (d, J=6.2 Hz, 3H); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 170.6 (s), 170.4 (s), 170.0 (s), 169.5 (s), 96.7 (d, C-1), 72.2 (d, C-5), 72.1 (d, C-2'), 71.2 (d, C-3), 69.4 (d, C-2), 66.2 (d, C-4), 62.7 (t, C-6), 22.9 (q), 21.6 (q); Anal. Calcd for $C_{17}H_{26}O_{10}$: C, 52.30; H, 6.71. Found: C, 52.31; H, 6.71.

4.19. Cyclohexyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl-β-D-mannopyranoside 15

Debenzylation of 9 (115 mg, 0.22 mmol) and acetylation yielded compound 15 (70 mg, 0.16 mmol, 75%), after column chromatography (n-hexane/EtOAc, 7.5:2.5): TLC $R_f = 0.36$ (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 6:4); $[\alpha]_D = -42.3$ (*c* 1.3, CHCl₃); MS (EI) m/z (relative intensity) 357 $([M^+-C_3H_5O_2], 2.1), 331 (5.0), 289 (2.6), 243 (15.9),$ 200 (56.0), 157 (100); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 5.42 (dd, J=1.0 and 3.4 Hz, H-2), 5.23 (t, J=10.0 Hz, H-4), 5.04 (dd, J=3.4 and 10.0 Hz, H-3), 4.74 (d, J=1.0 Hz, H-1), 4.30 (dd, J = 5.8 and 12.1 Hz, H-6_{proR}), 4.13 (dd, J = 2.7and 12.1 Hz, H-6_{proS}), 3.67–3.63 (m, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.80 (m, 1H), 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.49 (m, 1H), 1.41 (m, 1H), 1.35–1.17 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 170.5 (s), 170.3 (s), 169.9 (s), 169.4 (s), 96.4 (d, C-1), 77.5 (d, C-1'), 72.1 (d, C-5), 71.1 (d, C-3), 69.4 (d, C-2), 66.2 (d, C-4), 62.6 (t, C-6), 32.8 (t), 31.3 (t), 25.3 (t), 23.6 (t), 23.5 (t), 20.7 (q), 20.6 (q), 20.5 (q), 20.4 (q); Anal. Calcd for $C_{20}H_{30}O_{10}$: C, 55.81; H, 7.02. Found: C, 55.80; H, 7.21.

4.20. (1*R*,2*S*,5*R*)-Menthyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl-β-D-mannopyranoside 16

After debenzylation and acetylation of 186 mg (0.31 mmol) of compound **10**, compound **16** was obtained (145 mg, 0.30 mmol, 95% yield) after chromatography on silica gel (n-hexane/EtOAc, 7.5:2.5): TLC R_f =0.46 (n-hexane/EtOAc, 6:4); [α]_D=-81.2 (c 1.5, CHCl₃); MS (FAB) m/z (relative intensity) 509 ([M+Na]⁺, 7.0), 487 ([M+H]⁺, 2.2), 331 (100), 289 (6.1); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 5.37 (d, J=3.3 Hz, H-2), 5.21 (t, J=10.0 Hz, H-4), 5.06 (dd, J=3.3 and 10.0 Hz, H-3), 4.73 (s, H-1), 4.23 (dd, J=6.2 and 12.0 Hz, H-6_{proR}), 4.16 (dd, J=3.0 and 12.0 Hz, H-6_{proR}), 3.50 (dt, J=4.1 and 10.6 Hz, H-1'), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 2.15–1.94 (m,

2H), 1.64–1.59 (m, 2H), 1.32 (m, 1H), 1.22 (m, 1H), 1.00–0.75 (m, 12H); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 170.6 (s), 170.4 (s), 170.1 (s), 169.7 (s), 95.2 (d, C-1), 77.3 (d, C-1'), 72.0 (d, C-5), 71.3 (d, C-3), 69.7 (d, C-2), 66.7 (d, C-4), 63.0 (t, C-6), 47.5 (d), 40.1 (t), 34.2 (t), 31.4 (d), 25.6 (d), 23.5 (t), 22.2 (q), 20.8 (q), 20.7 (q×2), 20.6 (q), 20.5 (q), 16.0 (q); Anal. Calcd for $C_{24}H_{38}O_{10}$: C, 59.24; H, 7.87. Found: C, 59.26; H, 7.98.

4.21. (1*S*,2*R*,5*S*)-Menthyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl-β-D-mannopyranoside 17

Debenzylation and acetylation of compound 11 (52 mg, 0.09 mmol) was performed as in the general procedure, leading to compound 17 (40 mg, 0.08 mmol, 93%) after column chromatography (n-hexane/EtOAc, 7.5:2.5): TLC $R_f = 0.42$ (n-hexane/EtOAc, 6:4); $[\alpha]_D = +9.0$ (c 0.4, CHCl₃); MS (FAB) m/z (relative intensity) 509 $([M+Na]^+, 4.9), 487 ([M+H]^+, 1.4), 331 (100), 289$ (6.9); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 5.43 (d, J=3.3Hz, H-2), 5.20 (t, J=9.9 Hz, H-4), 5.05 (dd, J=3.3 and 9.9 Hz, H-3), 4.66 (s, H-1), 4.28 (dd, J=6.4 and 12.0 Hz, H- $6_{\text{pro}R}$), 4.13 (dd, J=2.5 and 12.0 Hz, H- $6_{\text{pro}S}$), 3.68 (m, H-5), 3.35 (dt, J=4.2 and 10.6 Hz, H-1'), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.12-1.98 (m, 2H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.64–1.56 (m, 2H), 1.39–1.24 (m, 2H), 1.11 (qu, $J = 11.7 \,\mathrm{Hz}$, 1H), 0.97–0.80 (m, 8H), 0.73 (d, $J = 6.9 \,\mathrm{Hz}$, 3H); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 170.6 (s), 170.3 (s), 170.0 (s), 169.5 (s), 99.3 (d, C-1), 82.6 (d, C-1'), 72.0 (d, C-5), 71.1 (d, C-3), 69.1 (d, C-2), 66.3 (d, C-4), 62.8 (t, C-6), 47.7 (d), 42.3 (t), 34.1 (t), 31.5 (d), 25.6 (d), 23.3 (t), 22.2 (q), 20.8 (q), 20.7 (q), 20.6 ($q \times 2$), 20.5 (q), 16.2 (q); Anal. Calcd for C₂₄H₃₈O₁₀: C, 59.24; H, 7.87. Found: C, 59.29; H, 7.79.

4.22. *tert*-Butyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl-β-D-mannopyranoside 18

Debenzylation of compound 12 (91 mg, 0.18 mmol) and acetylation gave compound 18 (71 mg, 0.18 mmol, 97%), after column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 7.5:2.5): TLC R_f =0.35 (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 7.5:2.5); $[\alpha]_D = -30.4$ (c 2.0, CHCl₃); MS (EI) m/z (relative intensity) 347 (0.6), 331 ($[M^+-C_4H_9O]$, 18.9), 289 (12.3), 242 (67.4), 200 (48.4), 157 (100); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 5.33 (dd, J=1.0 and 3.4 Hz, H-2), 5.20 (t, J=9.9 Hz, H-4), 5.08 (dd, J=3.4 and 10.0 Hz, H-3), 4.78 (d, J=1.0 Hz, H-1), 4.26 (dd, J=6.5 and 12.0 Hz, H-6_{proR}), 4.12 (dd, J=2.7 and 12.0 Hz, H-6_{proS}), 3.67 (m, \hat{H} -5), 2.19 (s, 3) H), 2.05 (s, 3 H), 2.04 (s, 3 H), 1.99 (s, 3 H), 1.24 (s, 9 H); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 170.5 (s), 170.4 (s), 169.9 (s), 169.5 (s), 93.1 (d, C-1), 76.5 (d, C-2'), 71.9 (d, C-5), 71.2 (d, C-3), 70.3 (d, C-2), 66.2 (d, C-4), 62.8 (t, C-6), $28.1 (q \times 3), 20.7 (q), 20.5 (q \times 2), 20.4 (q);$ Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₂₈O₁₀: C, 53.46; H, 6.98. Found: C, 53.47; H, 7.10.

4.23. Methyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-(*p*-bromobenzoyl)-β-D-mannopyranoside 19

Debenzylation of compound **7** (45 mg, 0.10 mmol) and then *p*-bromobenzoylation, led to compound **19** (75 mg, 0.081 mmol) in an 83% yield, after chromatogra-

phy on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 7.5:2.5): TLC R_f =0.40 (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 6:4); [α]_D=-177.8 (*c* 0.2, CHCl₃); MS (FAB) m/z (relative intensity) 926 (M⁺, 52.0), 895 (100); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.92–7.41 (m, 16H), 5.90 (t, J=10.0Hz, H-4), 5.88 (d, J=3.1Hz, H-2), 5.57 (dd, J=3.1 and 10.0Hz, H-3), 4.84 (s, H-1), 4.75 (dd, J=3.1 and 12.1Hz, H-6_{proS}), 4.51 (dd, J=4.6 and 12.1Hz, H-6_{proR}), 4.11 (m, H-5), 3.56 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 165.3 (s), 164.9 (s), 164.8 (s), 164.7 (s), 132.0–127.5 (aromatic Cs), 100.0 (d, C-1), 72.2 (d, C-5), 71.9 (d, C-3), 69.7 (d, C-2), 67.3 (d, C-4), 63.1 (t, C-6), 57.6 (q, C-1'); UV (CH₃CN) λ_{max} 245 nm; CD (CH₃CN) λ_{ext} (Δε) 252 nm (-62.8), 234 nm (20.0); Anal. Calcd for C₃₅H₂₆Br₄O₁₀: C, 45.39; H, 2.83. Found: C, 45.35; H, 3.23.

4.24. *iso*-Propyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-(*p*-bromobenzoyl)-β-D-mannopyranoside 20

Debenzylation of compound 8 (120 mg, 0.25 mmol) and then p-bromobenzoylation was performed as in the general procedure, to give compound 20 (167 mg, 0.18 mmol, 72%) after column chromatography (n-hexane/EtOAc, 8.5:1.5): TLC $R_f = 0.50$ (n-hexane/EtOAc, 7:3); $[\alpha]_D = -163.4$ (c 1.6, CHCl₃); MS (FAB) m/z (relative intensity) 977 $([M+Na]^+, 10.5), 955 ([M+H]^+,$ 41.1), 895 (100); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.90–7.42 (m, 16H), 5.85 (t, J=9.9 Hz, H-4), 5.80 (d, J=3.1 Hz, H-2), 5.57 (dd, J=3.1 and 9.9 Hz, H-3), 5.00 (br s, H-1), 4.73 (dd, J = 3.2 and 12.0 Hz, H-6_{proS}), 4.49 (dd, J = 5.0and 12.0 Hz, H-6_{proR}), 4.10 (m, H-5), 4.03 (sep, J=6.2 Hz, H-2'), 1.19–1.16 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 165.3 (s), 165.0 (s), 164.8 (s), 164.7 (s), 132.3–127.5 (aromatic Cs), 96.9 (d, C-1), 72.0 (d, C-3), 72.0 (d, C-5), 72.0 (d, C-2'), 70.5 (d, C-2), 67.5 (d, C-4), 63.4 (t, C-6), 23.0 (q), 21.6 (q); UV (CH₃CN) λ_{max} 245 nm; CD (CH₃CN) λ_{ext} (D ϵ) 252 nm (-63.7), 234 nm (20.7); Anal. Calcd for $C_{37}H_{30}Br_4O_{10}$: C, 46.57; H, 3.17. Found: C, 46.56; H, 3.20.

4.25. Cyclohexyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-(*p*-bromobenzoyl)-β-D-mannopyranoside 21

Following the procedure, debenzylation of compound 9 (115 mg, 0.22 mmol) and then p-bromobenzoylation led to compound 21 (196 mg, 0.20 mmol, 91%) after column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 8.5:1.5): $R_f = 0.58$ (n-hexane/EtOAc, 7:3); $[\alpha]_D = -159.9$ (c 1.2, CHCl₃); MS (FAB) m/z (relative intensity) 1019 ([M+Na]⁺, 10.5), 995 (M⁺, 39.6), 895 (100); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.89–7.42 (m, 16H), 5.84 (t, J=9.9 Hz, H-4), 5.81 (d, J=3.2 Hz, H-2), 5.57 (dd, J=3.2 and 9.9 Hz, H-3), 5.04 (s, H-1), 4.71 (dd, J=3.3 and 11.9 Hz, H- $6_{\text{pro}S}$), 4.50 (dd, J = 5.3 and 11.9 Hz, H- $6_{\text{pro}R}$), 4.09 (m, H-5), 3.72 (m, H-1'), 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.47 (m, 1H), 1.41–1.14 (m, 5H); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 165.2 (s), 165.0 (s), 164.8 (s), 164.6 (s), 132.3–127.5 (aromatic Cs), 96.7 (d, C-1), 77.4 (d, C-1'), 72.0 (d, C-3), 71.9 (d, C-5), 70.5 (d, C-2), 67.6 (d, C-4), 63.4 (t, C-6), 33.0 (t), 31.4 (t), 25.4 (t), 23.7 (t×2); UV (CH₃CN) λ_{max} 245 nm; CD (CH₃CN) λ_{ext} ($\Delta \varepsilon$) 252 nm (-63.9), 234 nm (20.7); Anal. Calcd for $C_{40}H_{34}Br_4O_{10}$: C, 48.32; H, 3.45. Found: C, 48.54; H, 3.53.

4.26. (1*R*,2*S*,5*R*)-Menthyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-(*p*-bromobenzoyl)-β-p-mannopyranoside 22

Debenzylation of compound 10 (186 mg, 0.31 mmol) and then p-bromobenzovlation, gave compound 22 in an 83% yield (275 mg, 0.26 mmol) after chromatography on silica gel (n-hexane/EtOAc, 9:1): TLC R_f =0.59 (nhexane/EtOAc, 7.5:2.5); $[\alpha]_D = -155.3$ (c 1.4, CHCl₃); MS (FAB) m/z (relative intensity) 1050 (M⁺, 10.1), 895 (100); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.92–7.43 (m, 16H), 5.86 (t, $J=10.0\,\mathrm{Hz},\ \mathrm{H}\text{--}4),\ 5.77\ (\mathrm{d},\ J=3.0\,\mathrm{Hz},\ \mathrm{H}\text{--}2),\ 5.58\ (\mathrm{dd},\ \mathrm{d})$ J=3.0 and 10.0 Hz, H-3), 5.07 (s, H-1), 4.78 (dd, J=2.9 and 11.9 Hz, H-6_{proS}), 4.43 (dd, J=4.5 and 11.9 Hz, H-6_{proR}), 4.06 (m, H-5), 3.60 (m, H-1'), 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.27 (m, 1H), 1.12 (m, 1H), 0.93–0.70 (m, 6H), 0.63 (d, J=8.1 Hz, 3H), 0.61 (d, J=7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 165.1 (s), 164.9 (s), 164.8 (s), 164.6 (s), 131.8–127.5 (aromatic Cs), 94.6 (d, C-1), 76.0 (d, C-1'), 72.1 (d, C-3), 71.9 (d, C-5), 70.7 (d, C-2), 67.4 (d, C-4), 62.8 (t, C-6), 47.4 (d), 39.5 (t), 34.2 (t), 31.3 (d), 25.5 (d), 23.4 (t), 22.2 (q), 20.4 (q), 16.0 (q); UV (CH₃CN) λ_{max} 245 nm; CD (CH₃CN) λ_{ext} ($\Delta \epsilon$) 252 nm (-63.2), 234 nm (23.5); Anal. Calcd for C₄₄H₄₂Br₄O₁₀: C, 50.31; H, 4.03. Found: C, 50.30; H, 4.22.

4.27. (1*S*,2*R*,5*S*)-Menthyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-(*p*-bromobenzoyl)-β-D-mannopyranoside 23

Debenzylation of compound 11 (52 mg, 0.09 mmol) and then p-bromobenzoylation led to compound 23 (81 mg, 0.08 mmol, 88%) after column chromatography (n-hexane/EtOAc, 9:1): TLC R_f =0.62 (n-hexane/EtOAc, 7.5:2.5); $[\alpha]_D = -104.7$ (c 0.8, CHCl₃); MS (FAB) m/z(relative intensity) 1049 (M+, 45.9), 895 (100); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.90–7.42 (m, 16H), 5.83 $J=3.2 \,\mathrm{Hz}, \; \mathrm{H}\text{-}2), \; 5.79 \; (t, \; J=9.9 \,\mathrm{Hz}, \; \mathrm{H}\text{-}4), \; 5.57 \; (\mathrm{dd}, \; \mathrm{H})$ J=3.2 and 9.9 Hz, H-3), 4.96 (s, H-1), 4.72 (dd, J=3.0and 11.9 Hz, H-6_{proS}), 4.48 (dd, J = 5.8 and 11.9 Hz, H- $6_{\text{pro}R}$), 4.11 (m, H-5), 3.41 (dt, J=4.2 and 10.6 Hz, H-1'), 2.12 (d, $J=12.8\,\mathrm{Hz}$, 1H), 2.01 (dt, J=2.4 and 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.60-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.33-1.18 (m, 2H), 1.03 (q, J=12.0 Hz, 1H), 0.98-0.79 (m, 8H), 0.72 (d, $J = 6.9 \,\mathrm{Hz}$, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 165.2 (s), 164.9 (s), 164.8 (s), 164.7 (s), 132.3–127.5 (aromatic Cs), 99.3 (d, C-1), 82.1 (d, C-1'), 72.0 (d, C-3), 72.0 (d, C-5), 70.1 (d, C-2), 67.6 (d, C-4), 63.5 (t, C-6), 47.9 (d), 42.4 (t), 34.1 (t), 31.6 (d), 25.5 (d), 23.2 (t), 22.1 (q), 20.8 (q), 16.2 (q); UV (CH₃CN) λ_{max} 245 nm; CD (CH₃CN) λ_{ext} ($\Delta \varepsilon$) 252 nm (-67.9), 234 nm (23.2); Anal. Calcd for C₄₄H₄₂Br₄O₁₀: C, 50.31; H, 4.03. Found: C, 50.34; H, 4.50.

4.28. *tert*-Butyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-(*p*-bromobenzoyl)-β-D-mannopyranoside 24

Compound **24** (131 mg, 0.14 mmol, 75%) was obtained from compound **12** (91 mg, 0.18 mmol), following the procedure for debenzylation and *p*-bromobenzoylation, after column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 9:1): TLC R_f =0.59 (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 7:3); [α]_D=-127.9 (c 0.4, CHCl₃); MS (FAB) m/z (relative intensity) 992 ([M+Na]⁺, 38.9), 895 (100); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ

7.91–7.42 (m, 16H), 5.78 (t, J=9.8 Hz, H-4), 5.72 (d, J=3.2 Hz, H-2), 5.61 (dd, J=3.2 and 9.8 Hz, H-3), 5.08 (s, H-1), 4.68 (dd, J=3.2 and 11.9 Hz, H-6_{pro S}), 4.49 (dd, J=6.1 and 11.9 Hz, H-6_{pro R}), 4.12 (m, H-5), 1.25 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 165.1 (s), 165.0 (s), 164.7 (s), 164.6 (s), 132.2–127.5 (aromatic Cs), 93.4 (d, C-1), 76.7 (s, C-2'), 72.0 (d, C-3), 71.8 (d, C-5), 71.3 (d, C-2), 67.6 (d, C-4), 63.6 (t, C-6), 28.2 (q×3); UV (CH₃CN) λ _{max} 245 nm; CD (CH₃CN) λ _{ext} (Δ ε) 252 nm (–67.9), 234 nm (20.7); Anal. Calcd for C₃₈H₃₂Br₄O₁₀: C, 47.14; H, 3.33. Found: C, 47.17; H, 3.33.

4.29. 1,2,3,4,6-Penta-O-acetyl-β-D-mannopyranoside 25

Commercial D-(+)-mannose (2g, 11.0 mmol) was dissolved in 20 mL/mmol of a 1:1 solution of dry pyridine-acetic anhydride and the reaction stirred overnight. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure in the presence of toluene, and the residue purified by column chromatography (n-hexane/EtOAc, 6:4) to yield compound 25 in a quantitative amount, as a 2:1 mixture of α - and β -anomers. The pure β -anomer was obtained by recrystallization in n-hexane/EtOAc. Spectroscopic data of compound 25 \alpha were identical to those described. ¹⁰ Compound **25** β : TLC R_f =0.35 (n-hexane/Et-OAc, 1:1); $[\alpha]_D = -22.8$ (c 1.6, CHCl₃); MS (EI) m/z(relative intensity) 347 ([M-CH₃CO]⁺, 0.6), 331 (6.2), 242 (72.7), 200 (52.1), 157 (100); ${}^{1}H$ NMR (CDCl₃) δ 5.86 (s, H-1), 5.48 (d, J=3.2 Hz, H-2), 5.29 (t, $J=9.9\,\mathrm{Hz}$, H-4), 5.13 (dd, J=3.2 and 9.9 Hz, H-3), 4.30 (dd, J=4.9 and 12.4 Hz, H-6_{pro R}), 4.14 (dd, J=1.5 and 12.4 Hz, H-6_{proS}), 3.80 (m, H-5), 2.21 (s, 3 H), 2.10 (s, 3 H), 2.09 (s, 3 H), 2.05 (s, 3 H), 2.00 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 170.2 (s), 169.7 (s), 169.4 (s), 169.2 (s), 168.0 (s), 90.1 (d, C-1), 72.7 (d, C-5), 70.3 (d, C-4), 67.9 (d, C-2), 65.1 (d, C-3), 61.7 (t, C-6), 20.3 $(q\times2)$, 20.2 $(q\times2)$, 20.1 (q); Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₂₂O₁₁: C, 49.23; H, 5.68. Found: C, 49.24; H, 5.74.

4.30. 1,2,3,4,6-Penta-*O*-(*p*-bromobenzoyl)-D-mannopyranoside 26

DMAP as catalyst and p-bromobenzoyl chloride (900 mg, 4.10 mmol) were added to a solution of D-(+)mannose (100 mg, 0.55 mmol) in dry pyridine (10 mL/ mmol). The solution was heated at 60°C and stirred overnight. The excess solvent was then removed under reduced pressure in the presence of toluene, and the residue chromatographed with CH₂Cl₂ as eluent, yielding **26** as a 3:1 mixture of α - and β -anomers in a quantitative amount. Compound **26** α : TLC R_f = 0.58 (n-hexane/EtO-Ac, 7.5:2.5); $[\alpha]_D = -64.7$ (c 1.2, CHCl₃); MS (FAB) m/z(relative intensity) 895 $([M^+-C_7H_4BrO_2]^+, 27.3), 307$ (100); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.03–7.44 (m, 20H), 6.56 (s, H-1), 6.12 (t, J=10.1 Hz, H-4), 5.95 (dd, J=3.1 and 10.1 Hz, H-3), 5.84 (br s, H-2), 4.71 (br d, J=12.1 Hz, H-6_{proS}), 4.51 (m, H-5), 4.51 (dd, J=3.7 and 12.1 Hz, H-6_{proR}); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 165.1 (s), 164.9 (s), 164.6 (s), 164.3 (s), 163.1 (s), 132.3–127.3 (aromatic Cs), 91.4 (d, C-1), 71.0 (d, C-5), 70.0 (d, C-3), 69.4 (d, C-2), 66.2 (d, C-4), 62.3 (t, C-6); Anal. Calcd for C₄₁H₂₄Br₅O₁₁: C, 44.96; H, 2.48. Found: C, 44.80; H,

2.63. Compound **25** β: TLC R_f =0.43 (n-hexane/EtOAc, 7.5:2.5); [α]_D=-85.5 (c 1.5, CHCl₃); MS (FAB) m/z (relative intensity) 895 ([M⁺-C₇H₄BrO₂]⁺, 3.3), 307 (100); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.94–7.43 (m, 20H), 6.36 (s, H-1), 6.03 (d, J=3.2 Hz, H-2), 6.02 (t, J=10.0 Hz, H-4), 5.73 (dd, J=3.1 and 10.0 Hz, H-3), 4.74 (dd, J=2.8 and 12.3 Hz, H-6_{proR}), 4.51 (dd, J=4.5 and 12.3 Hz, H-6_{proR}), 4.34 (m, H-5); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 165.2 (s), 164.8 (s), 164.6 (s×2), 163.3 (s), 132.2–127.2 (aromatic Cs), 91.2 (d, C-1), 73.1 (d, C-5), 71.5 (d, C-3), 69.5 (d, C-2), 66.6 (d, C-4), 62.7 (t, C-6); Anal. Calcd for C₄₁H₂₄Br₅O₁₁: C, 44.96; H, 2.48. Found: C, 44.89; H, 2.70.

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