



## Radical mediated stereoselective synthesis of chiral spiroacetals from enol-esters<sup>†</sup>

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### Abstract

Stereoselective synthesis of chiral spiroacetals starting from enol-ester **1**, derived from D-manno lactone, is described. The strategy involves 1,4-addition of a variety of alcohols to **1** in the presence of NBS to give  $\alpha$ -bromo acetals, which undergo a regio- and stereoselective radical cyclisation to give highly functionalised chiral spiroacetals. © 2000 Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved.

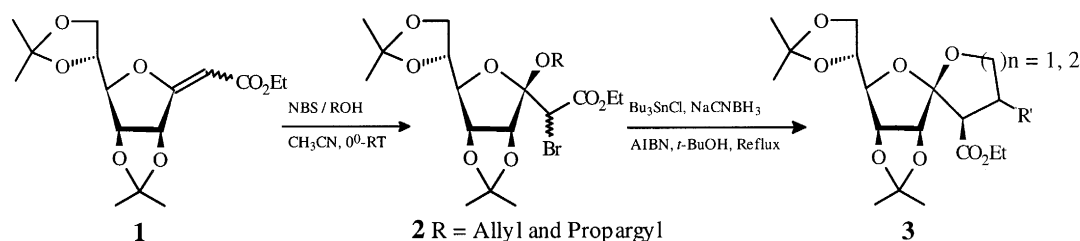
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Spiroacetals such as 1,6-dioxaspiro[4,4]nonane, 1,6-dioxaspiro[4,5]decane and 1,7-dioxaspiro[5,5]undecane are part structures of several natural products of biological importance (for example: sex pheromones, polyether antibiotics etc.). These metabolites are produced from sources that include insects, microbes, plants, fungi and marine organisms.<sup>1</sup> Papulachandrans A–D,<sup>2,3</sup> having antibiotic activity, represent a pyranoside based spiroacetal class of natural products. The interesting pharmacological importance of natural products containing spiroacetals has triggered immense interest for the development of synthetic methods for spiroacetals<sup>4,5</sup> and enantiomerically enriched spiroacetals from carbohydrates.<sup>6–8</sup> Herein, we report a protocol, utilising an intramolecular radical cyclisation of  $\alpha$ -halo acetals of chiral templates derived from mannofuranoside enol-ester **1**, for the synthesis of functionalised enantiomerically enriched spiroacetals.

The formation of a C–C bond at the anomeric centre of sugars can lead to stereoselective C-glycoside formation.<sup>9–11</sup> In the present study, intramolecular regio- and stereoselective radical cyclisation<sup>12</sup> was envisaged as the appropriate route for C–C bond formation on chiral  $\alpha$ -halo acetals<sup>13,14</sup> (Scheme 1) derived from the enol-ester **1**<sup>15</sup> prepared from D-mannose. Radical reactions on enol-esters<sup>16</sup> have been rarely exploited in organic synthesis.

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Scheme 1.

The enol-ester **1**, derived from D-manno lactone on reaction with NBS in the presence of propargyl alcohol gave  $\alpha$ -bromo acetal **4**<sup>17–21</sup> through a 1,4-addition reaction. The epimers were separated by chromatography and independently subjected to regio- and stereoselective radical cyclisation<sup>22</sup> of the 5-hexynyl system using *n*-Bu<sub>3</sub>SnCl<sup>23,24</sup>–NaCNBH<sub>3</sub><sup>25</sup> in presence of AIBN in *t*-BuOH at reflux to afford the functionalised spiroacetal **5**.<sup>‡</sup> The stereochemistry at the spirocentre was defined by extensive <sup>1</sup>H NMR studies (DQFCOSY, NOESY, difference NOE and indirect couplings). Of special significance is the characteristic cross peak in the NOESY spectrum between H-3 and H-5.

Having utilised successfully enol-ester **1** for the synthesis of functionalised spiroacetals, the methodology was extended to the synthesis of a variety of spiroacetals. Accordingly, **1** was subjected to addition with propargylic alcohols such as butyne-1,4-diol and 4-butynol to give acetals **6** and **7** (Table 1), respectively. Similarly reaction of **1** with allyl alcohol and *cis*-butene-1,4-diol furnished **10** and **11**, respectively.

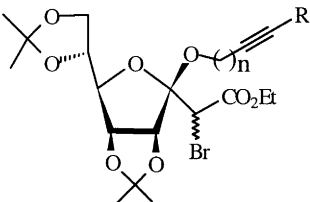
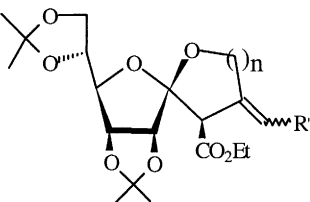
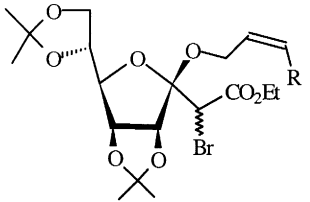
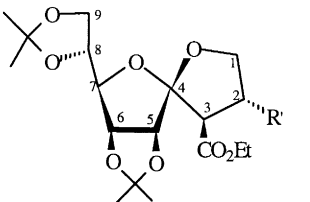
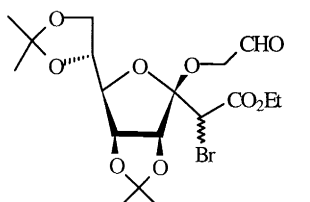
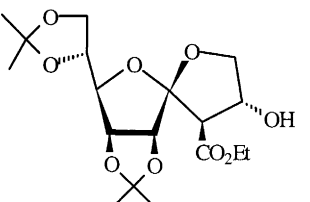
The alcohol **6** underwent radical cyclisation to afford **8** as a mixture of geometrical isomers, while acetal **7** gave the 1,7-dioxaspiro[5,4]decane system **9**.<sup>‡</sup> Characteristic indirect couplings (<sup>3</sup>*J*) in the six-membered ring, as well as the cross peak in the NOESY spectrum between protons H-4 and H-6 were utilised to fix the structure and stereochemistry of **9**. Similarly the acetals **10** and **11** were reacted with *n*-Bu<sub>3</sub>SnCl–NaCNBH<sub>3</sub> to afford the spiroacetals **12** and **13**, respectively. The indirect couplings *J*<sub>1,2</sub>, *J*<sub>1',2</sub> and *J*<sub>2,3</sub> of 7.8, 7.8 and 4.7 Hz are consistent with the expected stereochemistry at C-2 in **12**.

Spiroacetals containing hydroxyl groups have been the subject of recent interest. After successful radical cyclisation of 5-hexenyl, 5- and 6-hexynyl systems, the study was extended to the 5-oxo<sup>26</sup> radical system to furnish spiroacetals bearing hydroxyl groups. Accordingly, **10** was subjected to ozonolysis to afford aldehyde **14**, which successfully underwent regio and stereoselective cyclisation onto the carbonyl to afford the spiroacetal **15** in 84% yield, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub> +31.2 (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

Thus, in the present radical cyclisation protocol: (a) less well studied enol-ester radical reactions are utilised; (b) enol-ester **1** prepared from D-manno lactone by olefination was exploited for the first time; and (c) 5-hexenyl, 5- and 6-hexynyl and 5-oxo systems have been efficiently used to provide

<sup>‡</sup> Spectral data of selected compounds. Compound **5**: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub> +78.7 (*c* 1.8, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.26 (t, 3H, *J*<sub>7,1</sub> 7.1 Hz, –OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.30, 1.37, 1.43, 1.44 (4s, 12H), 3.58 (s, 1H, H-3), 3.87 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>8,9'</sub> 4.1, *J*<sub>9,9'</sub> 8.7 Hz, H-9'), 3.97 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>6,7</sub> 2.8, *J*<sub>7,8</sub> 8.2 Hz, H-7), 4.07 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>8,9</sub> 6.2 Hz, H-9), 4.19 (m, 2H, –OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.36 (ddd, 1H, H-8), 4.44 (br.d, 1H, *J*<sub>1',1</sub> 12.8 Hz, H-1'), 4.57 (ddd, 1H, H-1), 4.82 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>5,6</sub> 6.0 Hz, H-6), 4.83 (d, 1H, H-5), 5.07 (br.s, 1H, *J*<sub>4,5</sub> 3.5 Hz, C=CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.26 (dd, 1H, C=CH<sub>2</sub>); FABMS: 369 (M–15). Compound **9**: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub> –19.4 (*c* 1.15, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.24 (t, 3H, *J*<sub>7,1</sub> 7.03 Hz, –OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.29, 1.37, 1.43, 1.45 (4s, 12H), 2.09 (br.d, 1H, *J*<sub>1,2'</sub> 2.6, *J*<sub>2,2'</sub> 14.0 Hz, H-2'), 2.51 (ddd, 1H, *J*<sub>1,2</sub> 12.5, *J*<sub>1',2</sub> 5.8 Hz, H-2), 3.36 (s, 1H, H-4), 3.68 (ddd, 1H, *J*<sub>1,1'</sub> 10.8 Hz, H-1), 3.78 (br. dd, 1H, H-1'), 3.79 (m, 1H, *J*<sub>7,8</sub> 3.4, *J*<sub>8,9</sub> 8.1 Hz, H-8), 3.96 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>9,10</sub> 4.3, *J*<sub>10,10'</sub> 8.9 Hz, H-10), 4.09 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>9,10'</sub> 6.3 Hz, H-10'), 4.10–4.25 (m, 2H, –OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.37 (ddd, 1H, H-9), 4.67 (d, 1H, *J*<sub>6,7</sub> 5.9 Hz, H-6), 4.78 (dd, 1H, H-7), 4.97 (t, 1H, *J*<sub>1,7</sub> 1.7 Hz, C=CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.03 (t, 1H, C=CH<sub>2</sub>); FABMS: 399 (M+1), 398 (M<sup>+</sup>), 383 (M–15).

Table 1

$\alpha$ -Bromo acetal	Spiroacetal	Yield (%)
 <p>4 <math>n = 1</math>, <math>R = H</math>  6 <math>n = 1</math>, <math>R = CH_2OH</math>  7 <math>n = 2</math>, <math>R = H</math></p>	 <p>5 <math>n = 1</math>, <math>R' = H</math>  8 <math>n = 1</math>, <math>R' = CH_2OH</math>  9 <math>n = 2</math>, <math>R' = H</math></p>	<p>62 79 78</p>
 <p>10 <math>R = H</math>  11 <math>R = CH_2OH</math></p>	 <p>12 <math>R' = CH_3</math>  13 <math>R' = CH_2CH_2OH</math></p>	<p>85 67</p>
 <p>14</p>	 <p>15</p>	<p>84</p>

highly functionalised spiroacetals with a variety of functional groups that could be used for further functionalisation.

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