

# Improvement on the Synthesis of Primary Amino Sugar Derivatives *via N*-Benzyl Intermediates

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## ABSTRACT

Primary tosylates **1a-d** were converted to the corresponding amino species **3a-d**. Benzylamine was proved effective for the substitution of tosylates, using acetonitrile (MeCN) as the solvent of choice and citric acid to remove excess of the reagent from crude products **2a-d**. Debenzylation was carried out at *circa* (*ca.*) atmospheric pressure of hydrogen gas in the presence of acetic acid (AcOH). The method was also demonstrated in a demo batch experiment for the synthesis of compound **3a** on a 50 g scale of **1a**.

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## 1. Introduction

The importance of amino sugars in medical and biological applications have been long recognized [1], proving their essential value in studies about the mechanisms of cell-protein recognition [2] and interactions with nucleic acids [3]. In addition, antibiotic research has found fertile ground in this class of compounds [4] and the developments of potent inhibitors of glycosidases [5] have also gained credit along with the preparation of semisynthetic glycoconjugate vaccines for anticancer therapies [6].

In the course of our program on the synthesis of sugar derived dyes [7,8], we needed to prepare a batch quantity of 6'-amino-6'-deoxy-2,3:5,6:3',4'-tri-*O*-isopropylidene-lactose dimethyl acetal **3a** [9], in order to expand the library of naturalized dyes for textile dyeing studies [10]. Literature procedures indicated sodium azide as the most popular reagent to elaborate the primary tosylate **1a** to the corresponding azido intermediate [11], which would be hydrogenated to **3a** (Scheme 1).

The replacement of a tosylate group on a sugar type scaffold with sodium azide has been documented in polar aprotic solvents such as *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF) or dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO) at high temperature and on multigram scale without any safety concern [12,13]. However, the potential hazards associated to the use of

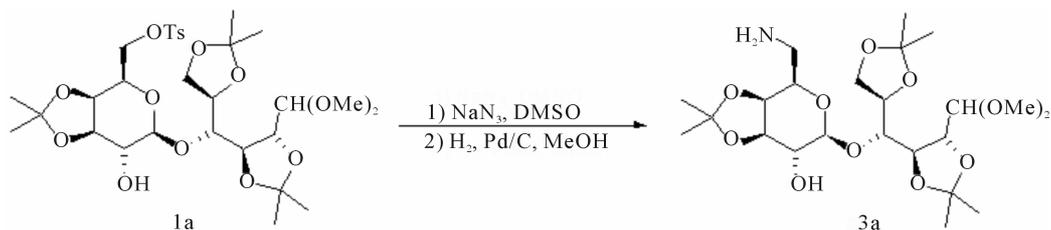
sodium azide in substitution processes [14] prompted us to seek out a safer route to scale up the synthesis of **3a** accordingly. Benzylamine is a routine chemical for the installation of a masked primary amino group on organic structures, generally unmasked under transition metal catalysed hydrogenation [15]: a two-step sequence which may well work for **1a**. Some reports have shown the use of benzylamine on cyclodextrin tosylates [16-22] and only few others on monosaccharide type structures [23, 24].

In most cases, benzylamine or derivative thereof has been used as the reaction solvent [16-18,20,23,24] to accomplish the substitution of the tosylates. Here, we would like to propose a practical method for the elaboration of sugar derived primary tosylates to the corresponding amino species *via N*-benzylamine intermediates, to provide a convenient protocol and a safer alternative to the use of hazardous sodium azide.

## 2. Results and Discussion

Compounds **1a-1d** were chosen as model structures, to investigate the potential of benzylamine in promoting the substitution of the tosylate group (Figure 1). Isopropylidene acetals **1a** [25], **1b** [26] and **1c** [10,27] were synthesized according to literature procedures. Whereas **1d** was achieved from the elaboration of known dimethyl

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Scheme 1. Synthesis of 3a.

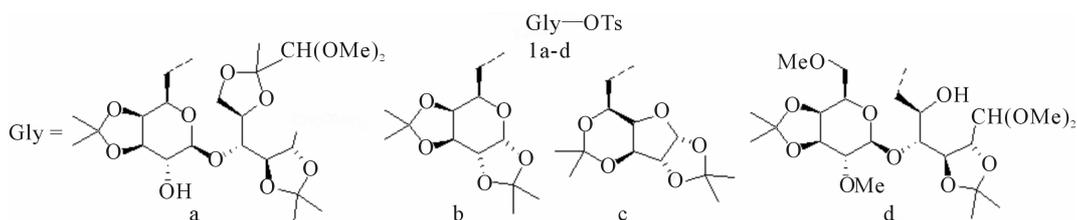


Figure 1. Model tosylates 1a-d.

ether **4** [28] which was treated initially with *aqueous* (*aq.*) 60% acetic acid (AcOH) to obtain **5** in 72% yield [29]. Next, tosylation of the primary alcohol of **5** [30] led to the formation of **6**, which upon protection of the *cis*-diol moiety with 2-methoxypropene and camphor-sulphonic acid (CSA) [31] delivered the desired **1d** in 63% yield for two steps from **5** (Scheme 2).

A first investigation into the conditions needed to replace the tosylate moiety with an *N*-benzyl radical, was started on **1a** using a slight excess of benzylamine (1.2 eq.) in refluxing tetrahydrofuran: but regrettably, no reaction occurred. Increasing the polarity of the medium using acetonitrile (MeCN) did not aid the formation of **2a** at the same temperature, *circa* (*ca.*) 67°C. However, the process did proceed at the reflux temperature of MeCN (*ca.* 80°C).

Interestingly, a trial carried out in DMF demonstrated that the polarity of the medium had relative influence on this substitution process, since **2a** could be obtained at 90°C. Thus, when less polar solvents such as toluene and chlorobenzene were used, formation of **2a** was achieved as well at 110°C and 130°C, respectively. We also found that MeCN was the best medium for a clean process, as indicated by the monitoring of the reaction mixtures through thin layer chromatography (TLC) analysis. However, full conversion of **1a** to **2a** required a large excess (10 eq.) of benzylamine, posing an issue for the isolation of the desired compound. Therefore, MeCN was evaporated and the residue was partitioned between dichloromethane (DCM) and a solution of citric acid stoichiometric to the theoretical leftover of benzylamine, to retain this reagent in the *aq.* phase as the corresponding citrate salt. This work-up operation was followed by TLC analysis, which did not show any evidence of benzylamine in the organic solution containing **2a**. Next, hydrogenation of **2a** was carried out at *ca.* atmospheric

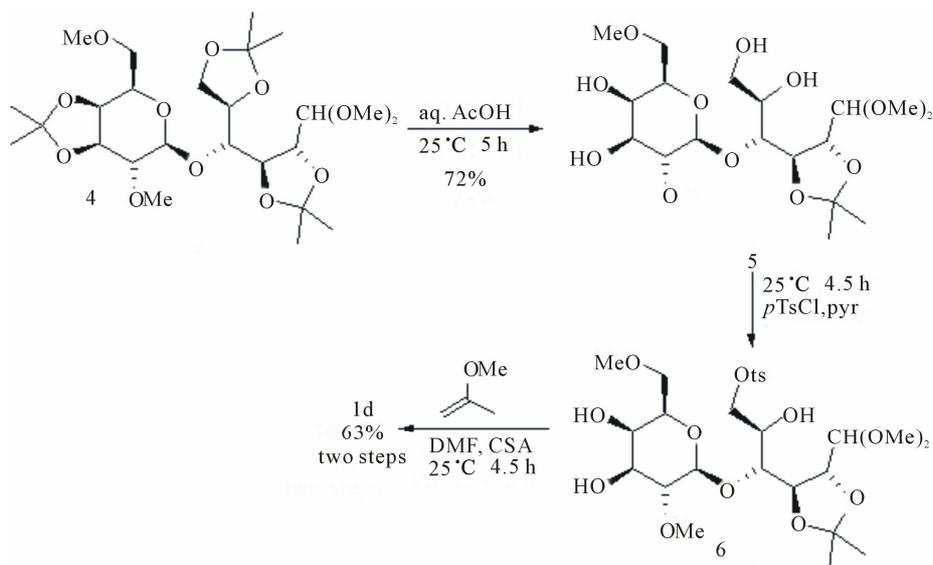
pressure in methanol (MeOH) with Pd/C as catalyst (see experimental) and in the presence of AcOH, to recover amine **3a** in excellent yield after an *aq.* NaOH work-up. The two-step protocol was later transferred to species **1b-d**, which produced amines **3b** [32], **3c** [33] and **3d** respectively without changing the experimental conditions (Scheme 3).

The efficacy of the method was also proved in a scale-up demo batch experiment for the synthesis of compound **3a**. Initially, 50 g of **1a** were converted to the corresponding **2a** derivative, following the procedure tested on small scale: but modifying slightly the part concerning the removal of the excess of benzylamine. In the relevant case, crude **2a** was partitioned between the citric acid *aq.* solution and DCM at 0°C, to allow the dissipation of the exotherm which may originate (see experimental). Then, hydrogenation of compound **2a** was carried out without amending the procedure described on small scale: but, it required a longer reaction time (*ca.* 30 h) to complete. Compound **2a** (35.4 g) was obtained in 94% yield.

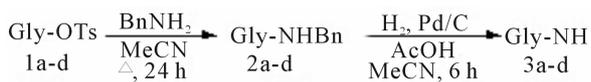
### 3. Conclusions

We showed that benzylamine could be used on model tosylates **1a-d** to obtain the corresponding *N*-benzyl intermediates **2a-d**. The reactions were carried out in MeCN as the solvent of choice and citric acid proved efficient to remove the excess of benzylamine. **2a-d** were thus recovered with good purity for the next step. Standard hydrogenation of **2a-d** in the presence of AcOH set the stage for the definition of a general two-step procedure to final **3a-d**. A scale-up example concerning the synthesis of **3a** was also provided, showing the potential of the method for process development on bulk scale.

It is envisaged that this synthetic method would be convenient for the synthesis of valuable primary amino



Scheme 2. Synthesis of 1d.



Scheme 3. Synthesis of 3a-d.

sugar species, where the *N*-benzyl group may be attractive within a suited synthetic plan.

## 4. Experimental

**General Remarks.** Commercially available reagents and solvents were purchased from SigmaAldrich and they were used directly. TLC analysis was performed using Fluka aluminium foils coated with 25 mm particle size silica gel matrix F254. TLC development involved either UV (254 nm) or visible light inspection, followed by either treatment with an acid solution of *p*-anisaldehyde or a basic solution of  $\text{KMnO}_4$  and heating. Flash chromatography was performed on Merck silica gel 60 (particle size 0.040 - 0.063 mm, 230 - 400 mesh ASTM) according to the procedure of Still [34]. Melting points were recorded on a Melting Point Apparatus SMP3-STUART SCIENTIFIC. Optical rotations were measured on a Jasco DIP-370 polarimeter using a 100 mm path-length cell at 589 nm. Infra-red spectra were recorded in a KBr disk on a Perkin Elmer-Spectrum BX FTIR system. Absorptions were quoted in wavenumbers ( $\nu_{\text{max}}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded with a Varian Gemini spectrometer operating at 200.13 ( $^1\text{H}$ ) and 50.3 MHz ( $^{13}\text{C}$ ) or on a Bruker Avance II 250 spectrometer operating at 250.15 ( $^1\text{H}$ ) and 62.9 MHz ( $^{13}\text{C}$ ). Spin resonances were reported as chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) in parts per million (ppm) and referenced to the residual peak of the solvent employed as follows:  $\text{CDCl}_3$  7.27 ppm ( $^1\text{H}$  NMR) and 77.0 ppm ( $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, central band),

$\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  3.31 ppm ( $^1\text{H}$  NMR, central band) and 49.0 ppm ( $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, central band). Spin multiplicity was indicated by s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, dd = double doublet, m = multiplet, br = broad. Coupling constants  $J$  were reported in Hertz. Mass spectra were recorded on a ThermoScientific LCQ-Fleet mass spectrometer under electrospray ionisation (ESI, +c technique). Mass spectrometric analyses were quoted in the  $m/z$  form. Elemental analyses were recorded on a Perkin Elmer 240 C Elemental Analyzer.

**General procedure A: synthesis of *N*-benzyl intermediates 2a-d.** A solution of benzylamine (10 mmol) in MeCN (20 mL) was brought to reflux and a solution of the appropriate tosylate **1a-d** (1 mmol) in MeCN (5 mL) was added dropwise over 0.3 h. The resulting mixture was refluxed until the tosylate disappeared as indicated by TLC analysis and it was cooled to 20°C. The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo* and the crude residue was dissolved in DCM (30 mL) washed with 0.3 M citric acid (10 mL), *aq.* saturated (sat.)  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (30 mL) and brine (30 mL). The organic phase was separated, dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and concentrated to dryness under reduced pressure, to yield the desired product which was purified by flash chromatography.

**General procedure B: synthesis of amino sugar derivatives 3a-d.** The appropriate *N*-benzyl intermediate **2a-d** (1 mmol) was dissolved in MeOH (20 mL) and AcOH (3 mmol, 0.18 g) was added. The solution was degassed by three vacuum- $\text{N}_2$  purge cycles, Pd/C catalyst [2% w/w, 50% wet Degussa type, (10% w/w loading, dry basis)] was added and the suspension was subjected to further three purge cycles. Then, a balloon of  $\text{H}_2$  gas was used to replace  $\text{N}_2$  by the same purging technique and the mixture was stirred at 20°C under  $\text{H}_2$  at *ca.* 1 atm of

pressure for 6 h. After replacing H<sub>2</sub> with N<sub>2</sub> as described above, the suspension was filtered and the filtrate was evaporated to dryness *in vacuo*. The residue was partitioned between DCM (30 mL) and *aq.* 1 M NaOH (10 mL) and the organic phase was separated, washed with brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> to yield compounds **3a-d**, which were purified by flash chromatography.

**4-O-(6-Benzylamino-6-deoxy-3,4-O-isopropylidene-β-D-galactopyranosyl)-2,3:5,6-di-O-isopropylidene-aldehydo-D-glucose dimethyl acetal 2a.** The synthesis of **2a** was carried out using benzylamine (1.1 g) tosylate **1a** (0.66 g) and MeCN according to **general procedure A**. *N*-benzyl intermediate **2a** (0.55 g, 92.1%) was isolated after the reported work-up and a flash column chromatography procedure [MeOH:ethyl acetate (EtOAc): DCM = 5:5:90] as off white foam, m. p. 48°C - 50°C; *R<sub>f</sub>* (MeOH:EtOAc:DCM = 5:5:90) 0.26; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>27</sup> +15.0 (*c* 0.95, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (ν<sub>max</sub>): 3597, 3476 (br), 3064, 2990, 2936, 2907, 2836, 1454, 1382, 1373, 1245, 1217, 1158, 1123 and 1068 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.41-7.24 (5H, Ar), 4.53-4.40 (2H, m), 4.34-4.16 (3H, m), 4.08-3.75 (8H, m), 3.57-3.49 (1H, m), 3.39 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.29 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.12-3.02 (2H, m), 2.75 (1H, dd, *J* = 12.4 and *J* = 3.0 Hz), 1.98 [1H, s (br), OH], 1.51 [6H, s, (CH<sub>3</sub> acetonide)<sub>2</sub>], 1.39 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub> acetonide), 1.38 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub> acetonide), 1.33 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub> acetonide), and 1.31 ppm (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub> acetonide); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 140.3, 128.2 (2C), 128.1 (2C), 126.8, 110.2, 110.1, 108.3, 106.8, 103.4, 79.3, 78.3, 77.8, 75.9, 75.7, 74.7, 74.2, 73.0, 64.5, 57.1, 54.3, 53.9, 49.8, 28.2, 27.3, 26.4, 26.3, 25.6 and 24.1 ppm; ESI (<sup>m/z</sup>, +c) Calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>48</sub>NO<sub>11</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 598.70, Found 598.71; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>47</sub>NO<sub>11</sub> (597.69): C, 60.29; H, 7.93; N, 2.34. Found: C, 60.10; H, 7.86; N, 2.24.

**4-O-(6-Amino-6-deoxy-3,4-O-isopropylidene-β-D-galactopyranosyl)-2,3:5,6-di-O-isopropylidene-aldehydo-D-glucose dimethyl acetal 3a.** Compound **2a** (0.60 g) was used in the synthesis of **3a** along with Pd/C (12 mg), MeOH and H<sub>2</sub> gas according to **general procedure B**. Amino derivative **3a** (0.45 g, 89.0%) was isolated after the reported work-up and a flash column chromatography procedure [1% v/v conc. NH<sub>4</sub>OH/(MeOH:DCM = 10:90)] as pale yellow foam, m. p. 54°C - 56°C; *R<sub>f</sub>* [1% v/v conc. NH<sub>4</sub>OH/(MeOH:DCM = 10:90)] 0.45; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>27</sup> +25.9 (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), lit. [9] [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>29</sup> +29.8 (*c* 0.42, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 4.56-4.42 (2H, m), 4.36-4.16 (3H, m), 4.07-3.89 (5H, m), 3.69-3.62 (1H, m), 3.58-3.49 (1H, m), 3.46 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.44 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.11 (1H, dd, *J* = 13.4 and *J* = 8.6 Hz, H<sub>2</sub>NCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.87 (1H, dd, *J* = 13.4 and *J* = 3.6 Hz, H<sub>2</sub>NCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.50 [6H, s, (CH<sub>3</sub> acetonide)<sub>2</sub>], 1.39 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub> acetonide), 1.38 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub> acetonide) and 1.32 ppm [6H, s, (CH<sub>3</sub> acetonide)<sub>2</sub>]; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 110.1 (2C), 108.3, 106.5, 103.6, 79.4, 78.2, 77.8, 75.8, 75.7, 75.3,

74.5, 74.2, 64.5, 56.9, 54.2, 43.1, 28.1, 27.2, 26.3, 26.2, 25.6 and ppm 24.1; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>47</sub>NO<sub>11</sub> (507.57): C, 54.43; H, 8.14; N, 2.76. Found: C, 54.36; H, 7.95; N, 2.69.

**Scale up synthesis of 3a.** In a three neck round bottomed flask equipped with a condenser, a thermometer and a dropping funnel, benzylamine (80.8 g, 0.75 mol) was dissolved in MeCN (500 mL) under nitrogen. The mixture was brought to reflux and a solution of compound **1a** (50.0 g, 0.075 mol) in MeCN (50 mL) was added dropwise over 0.3 h. Reflux was maintained for 24 h, after which the solution was cooled to 20°C and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in DCM (300 mL) and *aq.* 0.9 M citric acid (250 mL) was added at 0°C under vigorous stirring, using a mechanical agitator. The two phase mixture was kept in ice for further 0.3 h: then it was warmed to 20°C. The organic phase was separated, washed with *aq.* sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2 × 300 mL) followed by brine (2 × 250 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo* and crude compound **1b** was dissolved in MeOH (450 mL). AcOH (0.23 mol, 13.8 g) was added at 0°C and the resulting mixture was warmed to 20°C, to carry out the hydrogenation process in the presence of Pd/C (0.9 g) following the protocol described in **general procedure B**. After 30 h, H<sub>2</sub> gas was replaced by N<sub>2</sub> and the suspension was filtered. The filtrate was evaporated to dryness and the residue was partitioned between DCM (300 mL) and *aq.* 1 M NaOH (230 mL). The organic phase was separated, washed with brine (2 × 250 mL) and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, to yield compound **3a** (35.4 g, 94%) as off white foam.

**6-Benzylamino-6-deoxy-1,2:3,4-di-O-isopropylidene-α-D-galactopyranose 2b.** The synthesis of **2b** was carried out using benzylamine (10 mmol, 1.1 g) tosylate **1b** (1 mmol, 0.41 g) and MeCN according to **general procedure A**. *N*-Benzyl intermediate **2b** (0.29 g, 83.4%) was isolated after the reported work-up and a flash column chromatography procedure [0.5% v/v conc. NH<sub>4</sub>OH/(MeOH:DCM = 5:95)] as colorless syrup; *R<sub>f</sub>* [0.5% v/v conc. NH<sub>4</sub>OH/(MeOH:DCM = 5:95)] 0.31; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>27</sup> -61.9 (*c* 0.88, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (ν<sub>max</sub>): 3665, 3065, 3029, 2991, 2935, 1495, 1454, 1384, 1373, 1256, 1212, 1166 and 1069 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.37-7.23 (5H, m, Ar), 5.56 (1H, d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, C<sup>1</sup>H), 4.61 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.8 and *J* = 2.2 Hz, C<sup>3</sup>H), 4.33 (1H, dd, *J* = 5.2 and *J* = 2.2 Hz, C<sup>2</sup>H), 4.21 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.8 and *J* = 1.8 Hz, C<sup>4</sup>H), 4.01-3.91 (1H, m, C<sup>5</sup>H), 3.91-3.76 [2H, m (AB system), PhCH<sub>2</sub>N-], 2.97 (1H, dd, *J* = 12.6 and *J* = 8.4 Hz, BnNHCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.79 (1H, dd, *J* = 12.6 and *J* = 4.4 Hz, BnNHCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.56 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub> acetonide), 1.45 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub> acetonide) and 1.34 ppm [6H, s, (CH<sub>3</sub> acetonide)<sub>2</sub>]; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 140.2, 128.3 (2C), 128.1 (2C), 126.8, 109.2, 108.4, 96.4, 72.0, 70.9, 70.6, 66.8,

53.7, 49.1, 26.2, 26.0, 25.0 and 24.4 ppm; ESI ( $m/z$ , +c) Calcd for  $C_{19}H_{28}NO_5$   $[M+H]^+$  350.43, Found 350.30; Anal. Calcd for  $C_{19}H_{27}NO_5$  (349.21): C, 65.31; H, 7.79; N, 4.01. Found: C, 65.26; H, 7.70; N, 4.32.

**6-Amino-6-deoxy-1,2:3,4-di-O-isopropylidene- $\alpha$ -d-galactopyranose 3b.** Compound **2b** (0.36 g) was used in the synthesis of **3a** along with Pd/C (7.0 mg), MeOH and  $H_2$  gas according to **general procedure B**. Amino derivative **3b** (0.27 g, 90.6%) was isolated after the reported work-up and a flash column chromatography procedure [1% v/v conc.  $NH_4OH$ /(MeOH:DCM = 10:90)] as pale yellow syrup;  $R_f$  [1% v/v conc.  $NH_4OH$ /(MeOH:DCM = 10:90)] 0.39;  $[\alpha]_D^{27}$  -50.2 ( $c$  0.95,  $CHCl_3$ ), lit. [32]  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  -53.1 ( $c$  1.03,  $CHCl_3$ );  $^1H$  NMR (200.13 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  5.55 (1H, d,  $J = 5.2$  Hz,  $C^1H$ ), 4.60 (1H, dd,  $J = 8.0$  and  $J = 2.4$  Hz,  $C^3H$ ), 4.32 (1H, dd,  $J = 5.2$  and  $J = 2.4$  Hz,  $C^2H$ ), 4.21 (1H, dd,  $J = 8.0$  and  $J = 1.8$  Hz,  $C^4H$ ), 3.73-3.66 (1H, m,  $C^5H$ ), 2.99 (1H, dd,  $J = 13.2$  and  $J = 7.8$  Hz,  $H_2NCH_2$ ), 2.82 (1H, dd,  $J = 13.2$  and  $J = 5.0$  Hz,  $H_2NCH_2$ ), 1.44 [6H, s, ( $CH_3$  acetonide) $_2$ ] and 1.33 ppm [6H, s, ( $CH_3$  acetonide) $_2$ ];  $^{13}C$  NMR (50.3 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  109.2, 108.4, 96.4, 71.8, 70.8, 70.6, 69.4, 42.3, 26.1, 26.0, 24.9 and 24.4 ppm; Anal. Calcd for  $C_{12}H_{21}NO_5$  (259.30): C, 55.58; H, 8.16; N, 5.40. Found: C, 55.45; H, 7.99; N, 5.52.

**6-Benzylamino-6-deoxy-1,2:3,5-di-O-isopropylidene- $\alpha$ -d-glucofuranose 2c.** The synthesis of **2c** was carried out using benzylamine (10 mmol, 1.1 g) tosylate **1c** (1 mmol, 0.41 g) and MeCN according to **general procedure A**. *N*-benzyl intermediate **2c** (0.26 g, 74.4%) was isolated after the reported work-up and a flash column chromatography procedure (MeOH:DCM = 2:98) as colorless syrup;  $R_f$  (MeOH:DCM = 2:98) 0.36;  $[\alpha]_D^{27}$  +33.5 ( $c$  0.97,  $CH_3OH$ ); IR ( $\nu_{max}$ ): 3634, 3090, 3065, 2992, 2939, 2837, 1456, 1384, 1375, 1245, 1163, 1080 and 1019  $cm^{-1}$ ;  $^1H$  NMR (200.13 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.36-7.19 (5H, m, *Ar*), 6.00 (1H, d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz,  $C^1H$ ), 4.58 (1H, d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz,  $C^2H$ ), 4.32 (1H, dd,  $J = 3.8$  and  $J = 7.0$  Hz,  $C^4H$ ), 4.19 (1H, d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz,  $C^3H$ ), 3.82 (2H, s,  $PhCH_2NH-$ ), 3.79-3.69 (1H, m,  $C^5H$ ), 2.94 (1H, dd,  $J = 12.4$  and  $J = 3.6$  Hz,  $BnNHCH_2$ ), 2.76 (1H, dd,  $J = 12.4$  and  $J = 7.8$  Hz,  $BnNHCH_2$ ), 1.49 (3H, s,  $CH_3$  acetonide), 1.36 (3H, s,  $CH_3$  acetonide), 1.34 (3H, s,  $CH_3$  acetonide) and 1.32 ppm (3H, s,  $CH_3$  acetonide);  $^{13}C$  NMR (50.3 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  140.3, 128.4 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 126.9, 112.1, 106.4, 100.8, 84.1, 81.1, 75.0, 71.3, 53.8, 51.7, 27.1, 26.5, 24.2 and 24.1 ppm; ESI ( $m/z$ , +c) Calcd for  $C_{19}H_{28}NO_5$   $[M+H]^+$  350.43, Found 350.28; Anal. Calcd for  $C_{19}H_{27}NO_5$  (349.42): C, 65.31; H, 7.79; N, 4.01. Found: C, 65.07; H, 7.71; N, 4.27.

**6-Amino-6-deoxy-1,2:3,5-di-O-isopropylidene- $\alpha$ -d-glucofuranose 3c.** Compound **2c** (0.36 g) was used in the synthesis of **3c** along with Pd/C (7.0 mg), MeOH and  $H_2$  gas according to **general procedure B**. Amino de-

rivative **3c** (0.23 g, 88.7%) was isolated after the reported work-up and a flash column chromatography procedure [1% v/v conc.  $NH_4OH$ /(MeOH:DCM = 10:90)] as pale yellow syrup;  $R_f$  [1% v/v conc.  $NH_4OH$ /(MeOH:DCM = 10:90)] 0.43;  $[\alpha]_D^{27}$  +41.3 ( $c$  0.86,  $CHCl_3$ ), lit. [33]  $[\alpha]_D^{19}$  +39.2 ( $c$  1.12,  $CHCl_3$ );  $^1H$  NMR (200.13 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  6.00 (1H, d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz,  $C^1H$ ), 4.58 (1H, d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz,  $C^2H$ ), 4.27 (1H, dd,  $J = 7.0$  and  $J = 3.6$  Hz,  $C^4H$ ), 4.19 (1H, d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz,  $C^3H$ ), 3.56-3.47 (1H, m,  $C^5H$ ), 3.00 (1H, dd,  $J = 13.2$  and  $J = 3.6$  Hz,  $H_2NCH_2$ ), 2.80 (1H, dd,  $J = 13.2$  and  $J = 7.6$  Hz,  $H_2NCH_2$ ), 1.50 (3H, s,  $CH_3$  acetonide), 1.37 [6H, s, ( $CH_3$  acetonide) $_2$ ] and 1.33 ppm (3H, s,  $CH_3$  acetonide);  $^{13}C$  NMR (50.3 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  112.0, 106.3, 100.7, 84.0, 80.7, 75.0, 73.6, 44.7, 27.0, 26.4, 24.0 and 23.9 ppm; Anal. Calcd for  $C_{12}H_{21}NO_5$  (259.30): C, 55.58; H, 8.16; N, 5.40. Found: C, 55.37; H, 7.96; N, 5.53.

**4-O-(2,6-Di-O-methyl- $\beta$ -d-galactopyranosyl)-2,3-O-isopropylidene-aldehydo-d-glucose dimethyl acetal 5.**

A solution of dimethyl acetal **4** (1.0 g, 1.86 mmol) in 60% aq. AcOH (14.0 mL) was stirred at 20°C for 20 h, after which TLC analysis (MeOH:EtOAc = 10:90) revealed the disappearance of **4** ( $R_f = 0.73$ ) and the formation of a major product ( $R_f = 0.22$ ). The reacting mixture was concentrated at reduced pressure and repeatedly co-evaporated with toluene (5  $\times$  20 mL). The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (MeOH:EtOAc = 10:90) to obtain compound **5** (0.61 g, 72% yield) as off white solid, m. p. 136°C - 139°C;  $R_f$  (MeOH:EtOAc = 10:90) 0.22;  $[\alpha]_D^{27}$  -19.6 ( $c$  1.18,  $CHCl_3$ ); IR ( $\nu_{max}$ ): 3445, 3378, 2934, 2877, 2835, 2834, 1455, 1384, 1370, 1240, 1201, 1138, 1112-1035 (br) and 1015  $cm^{-1}$ ;  $^1H$  NMR (250.15 MHz,  $CD_3OD$ ):  $\delta$  4.59 (1H, dd,  $J = 7.0$  and  $J = 6.2$  Hz), 4.49 (1H, d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 4.39 (1H, d,  $J = 6.2$  Hz), 4.33 (1H, d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz), 3.88-3.75 (5H, m), 3.63-3.52 (3H, m), 3.55 (3H, s,  $OCH_3$ ), 3.48 (1H, dd,  $J = 3.5$  and  $J = 9.9$  Hz), 3.42 [6H, s,  $C^1H(OCH_3)_2$ ], 3.35 (3H, s,  $OCH_3$ ), 3.17 (1H, dd,  $J = 7.8$  and  $J = 9.9$  Hz), 1.42 (3H, s,  $CH_3$  acetonide) and 1.38 ppm (3H, s,  $CH_3$  acetonide);  $^{13}C$  NMR (62.8 MHz,  $CD_3OD$ ):  $\delta$  111.1, 106.5, 104.1, 82.7, 78.8, 77.4, 76.7, 74.6, 74.4, 73.5, 72.6, 70.4, 63.5, 61.3, 59.4, 55.8, 53.8, 27.9 and 27.3 ppm; ESI ( $m/z$ , +c) Calcd for  $C_{19}H_{36}NaO_{12}$   $[M+Na]^+$  479.47, Found 479.29; Anal. Calcd for  $C_{19}H_{36}O_{12}$  (456.48): C, 49.99; H, 7.95. Found: C, 49.97; H, 7.93.

**4-O-(2,6-Di-O-methyl-3,4-O-isopropylidene- $\beta$ -d-galactopyranosyl)-2,3-O-isopropylidene-6-O-tosyl-aldehydo-d-glucose dimethyl acetal 1d.** A solution of *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride (0.89 g, 4.67 mmol) in dry pyridine (5 mL) was added dropwise to a solution of **5** (0.53 g, 1.17 mmol) in dry pyridine (5.6 mL) at 0°C. The resulting mixture was stirred for 5 h, after which TLC analysis (MeOH:EtOAc = 10:90) indicated the quantitative conversion of **5** ( $R_f = 0.22$ ) to a new product ( $R_f =$

0.56). Therefore, the reaction mixture was warmed to 20°C, MeOH (2.5 mL) was added and stirring continued for 0.5 h. The solvents were evaporated *in vacuo* and the crude residue was dissolved in dry DMF (3.4 mL) under argon and treated with 2-methoxypropene (0.3 mL, 3.0 mmol) and CSA (23 mg, 0.1 mmol) at 0°C. The mixture was warmed to 20°C and stirred for 6 h, after which triethylamine was added and the whole was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (EtOAc:hexane = 50:50) to obtain compound **1d** (0.48 g, 63.2% overall) as a colorless syrup;  $R_f$  (EtOAc:hexane = 50:50) 0.45;  $[\alpha]_D^{27} +1.7$  ( $c$  1.12, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ): 3444, 2986, 2936, 2834, 1598, 1455, 1361, 1245, 1218, 1177 and 1099 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.82 [2H, d (AA'XX'), *Ar*], 7.34 [2H, d (AA'XX'), *Ar*], 4.51 (1H, dd,  $J = 10.8$  and  $J = 3.0$  Hz), 4.46-4.40 (1H, m), 4.37-4.34 (2H, m), 4.21 (1H, dd,  $J = 10.8$  and  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 4.11-3.96 (4H, m), 3.90-3.87 (1H, m), 3.82-3.75 (1H, m), 3.68-3.52 (2H, m), 3.46 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.41 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.40 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.35 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.14 (1H, dd,  $J = 8.2$  and  $J = 6.6$  Hz), 2.44 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>Ph), 1.50 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub> acetonide), 1.36 [6H, s, (CH<sub>3</sub> acetonide)<sub>2</sub>] and 1.33 ppm (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub> acetonide); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  144.7, 133.1, 129.7 (2C), 128.0 (2C), 110.3, 109.9, 104.9, 103.1, 82.7, 79.5, 79.2, 77.2, 75.4, 73.7, 72.2, 71.9, 71.6, 71.4, 59.4, 59.2, 55.6, 53.4, 28.0, 27.2, 26.5, 26.2 and 21.6 ppm; ESI ( $m/z$ , +c) Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>46</sub>NaO<sub>14</sub>S [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 673.72, Found 673.24; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>14</sub>S (650.73): C, 53.53; H, 7.13. Found: C, 53.50; H, 7.12.

**4-O-(2,6-Di-O-methyl-3,4-O-isopropylidene- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl)-6-benzylamino-6-deoxy-2,3-O-isopropylidene-aldehydo-D-glucose dimethyl acetal 2d.** The synthesis of **2d** was carried out using benzylamine (10 mmol, 1.1 g) tosylate **1d** (1 mmol, 0.65 g) and MeCN according to **general procedure A**. *N*-benzyl intermediate **1d** (0.48 g, 81.9%) was isolated after the reported work-up and a flash column chromatography procedure [0.5% v/v conc. NH<sub>4</sub>OH/(MeOH:DCM = 10:90)] as colorless syrup;  $R_f$  [0.5% v/v conc. NH<sub>4</sub>OH/(MeOH:DCM = 10:90)] 0.38;  $[\alpha]_D^{27} +2.6$  ( $c$  0.90, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ): 3665, 3430 (br), 3028, 2990, 2935, 2835, 1454, 1383, 1372, 1245, 1219, 1202, 1154, 1101, 1076 and 1043 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.38-7.22 (5H, m, *Ar*) 4.51-4.44 (2H, m), 4.37 (1H, d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz), 4.12-4.02 (3H, m), 3.93-3.74 (5H, m), 3.70-3.53 (2H, m), 3.53 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.48 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.41 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.36 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.13 (1H, dd,  $J = 8.0$  and  $J = 6.3$  Hz), 3.04-2.84 (2H, m), 1.51 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub> acetonide), 1.42 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub> acetonide), 1.41 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub> acetonide) and 1.34 ppm (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub> acetonide); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  140.2, 128.3 (2C), 128.1 (2C), 126.9, 110.2, 109.8, 105.0, 102.3, 82.8, 79.2, 78.5, 77.7, 75.6, 73.8, 72.0, 71.5 (2C), 59.8, 59.2, 55.4, 53.8, 53.5, 50.8, 28.1,

27.5, 26.7 and 26.3 ppm; ESI ( $m/z$ , +c) Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>48</sub>NO<sub>11</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 586.69, Found 586.48; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>47</sub>NO<sub>11</sub> (585.68): C, 59.47; H, 8.09; N, 2.39. Found: C, 59.23; H, 8.15; N, 2.69.

**4-O-(2,6-Di-O-methyl-3,4-O-isopropylidene- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl)-6-amino-6-deoxy-2,3-O-isopropylidene-aldehydo-D-glucose dimethyl acetal 3d.**

Compound **2d** (0.60 g) was used in the synthesis of **3d** along with Pd/C (12 mg), MeOH and H<sub>2</sub> gas according to **general procedure B**. Amino derivative **3d** (0.45 g, 91.8%) was isolated after the reported work-up and a flash column chromatography procedure [1% v/v conc. NH<sub>4</sub>OH/(MeOH:DCM = 10:90)] as pale yellow syrup;  $R_f$  [1% v/v conc. NH<sub>4</sub>OH/(MeOH:DCM = 10:90)] 0.52;  $[\alpha]_D^{27} +1.3$  ( $c$  0.80, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ): 3689, 3606, 3414 (br), 2990, 2935, 2835, 1455, 1382, 1372, 1244, 1219, 1202, 1155, 1098, 1075 and 1045 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.50-4.36 (3H, m), 4.13-4.02 (3H, m), 3.87-3.62 (8H, m), 3.58 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.43 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.42 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.36 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.20-3.13 (1H, m), 3.06-2.82 (2H, m), 2.37-2.14 (3H, br), 1.52 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub> acetonide), 1.43 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub> acetonide), 1.41 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub> acetonide) and 1.34 ppm (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub> acetonide); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  110.2, 109.9, 105.1, 102.5, 82.9, 79.3, 79.1, 77.6, 75.7, 73.8 (2C), 72.2, 71.6, 59.8, 59.2, 55.5, 53.5, 43.7, 28.0, 27.4, 26.6 and 26.2 ppm; ESI ( $m/z$ , +c) Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>42</sub>NO<sub>11</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 496.57, Found 496.41; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>41</sub>NO<sub>11</sub> (495.56): C, 53.32; H, 8.34; N, 2.83. Found: C, 53.49; H, 8.00; N, 2.71.

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