Supporting Information

Glycosylation catalysed by a chiral Brønsted acid

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General Experimental Methods:

Melting points were recorded on a Kofler hot block and are uncorrected. Proton and carbon nuclear magnetic resonance (δ_H , δ_C) spectra were recorded on Bruker DPX 400 (400 MHz) spectrometer. All chemical shifts are quoted on the δ -scale in ppm using residual solvent as an internal standard. Low resolution mass spectra were recorded on a Micromass Platform 1 spectrometer using electospray ionisation in either positive or negative polarity (ES⁺ and/or ES⁻). High resolution mass spectra were recorded by Mr. Robin Procter on a Walters 2790-Micromass LCT electrospray ionisation mass spectrometry using either electrospray ionisation (NH₃, CI) techniques as stated. M/z values are reported in Daltons and are followed by their percentage abundance in parentheses. Optical rotations were measured on a Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter with a path length of 1 dm. Concentrations are given in g / 100 ml. Thin Layer Chromatography (t.l.c.) was carried out on Merck silica gel 60F₂₅₄ aluminium-backed plates. Visualisation of the plates was achieved using a u.v. lamp $(\lambda_{\text{max}} = 254 \text{ or } 365 \text{ nm}), \text{ and/or ammonium molybdate } (5\% \text{ in } 2M \text{ H}_2\text{SO}_4), \text{ or }$ sulphuric acid (5% in EtOH). Flash column chromatography was carried out using Sorbsil C60 40/60 silica.

Preparation of Glycosyl Donors

Glycosyl donor **2** was prepared from commercially available 2,3,4,6-Tetra-O-benzyl- α/β -D-galactopyranose as follows:

Reagents and Conditions: (i) Cl₃CCN, DBU, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C, 2h

O-(2,3,4,6-Tetra-O-benzyl-α/β-D-galactopyranosyl) trichloroacetimidate 2^{i,ii}

2,3,4,6-Tetra-O-benzyl- α/β -D-galactopyranose (1.00 g, 1.850 mmol) was dissolved in freshly distilled CH₂Cl₂ (20 ml) and cooled to 0 °C under an argon atmosphere. DBU (0.114 ml, 0.740 mmol) was added followed by trichloroacetonitrile (0.946 ml, 9.248 mmol). After 2 h, t.l.c (petrol:ethyl acetate, 3:1, with 1% added triethylamine) indicated the formation of two products (R_f 0.58 and R_f 0.39) and complete consumption of starting material (R_f 0.16). The reaction was concentrated *in vacuo*

and the resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (petrol:ethyl acetate, 5:1, with 1% added triethylamine) to afford O-(2,3,4,6-Tetra-O-benzyl- α / β -D-galactopyranosyl) trichloroacetimidate **2** (1.10 g, 87%) as a pale yellow oil; (400 MHz, CDCl₃) [7.9:1 mixture of α : β anomers observed] 3.49-3.71 (18.8H, m), 3.77 (1H, at, J 6.6 Hz), 3.99-4.21 (25.7H, m), 4.27 (7.9H, dd, J 10.0 Hz, J 3.4 Hz), 4.39-4.50 (17.8H, m), 4.74-5.01 (43.5H, m), 5.78 (1H, d, J_{1,2} 8.1 Hz, H-1 β), 6.55 (1H, d, J_{1,2} 3.5 Hz, H-1 α), 7.25-7.38 (178H, m), 8.54 (7.9H, br s, NH β), 8.65 (1H, br s, NH α); δ _C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 60.4, 68.3, 72.2, 72.9, 73.0, 73.5, 74.4, 74.6, 74.8, 75.0, 75.3, 75.9, 77.9, 78.1, 82.2, 91.5, 95.2, 98.7, 127.5, 127.5, 127.6, 127.7, 127.8, 127.9, 128.0, 128.2, 128.2, 128.3, 128.3, 128.4, 128.5, 137.8, 138.3, 138.4, 138.5, 138.5, 161.3; m/z (ES⁺) 604 (M+Na⁺, 100%).

Glycosyl donor 7 was prepared from commercially available D-galactose as follows:

Reagents and Conditions: (i) PhCH(OMe)₂, CSA, DMF, 60 °C, 250 mbar, 1.5 h; then AllBr, NaH, DMF, 0.5 h; then BnBr, NaH, DMF, 3.5 h; (ii) $[Ir(coa)(PPh_2Me)_2]PF_0$, H₂, THF, 16h; then NIS, H₂O, 16 h; (iii) Cl₃CCN, DBU, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C, 2h

Allyl 2,3-di-O-benzyl-4,6-O-benzylidene-α/β-D-galactopyranoside 9ⁱⁱⁱ

Benzaldehyde dimethyl acetal (3.19 ml, 21.25 mmol) was added to a solution of D-Galactose (3.19 g, 17.71 mmol) and camphor sulfonic acid (0.041 g, 0.177 mmol) in DMF (50 ml). The resulting solution was heated to 60 °C on a rotary evaporator under a pressure of 250 mbar. After 1.5h, t.l.c (ethyl acetate) indicated the formation of a single product (R_f 0.30) and complete consumption starting material (R_f 0). The crude reaction mixture was diluted with DMF (50 ml) and allyl bromide (2.30 ml, 26.57 mmol). The mixture was cooled to 0 °C and NaH (60% in mineral oil, 0.850 g, 21.25 mmol) was added. After addition was complete, the reaction mixture was stirred for 0.5 h at RT and then diluted with benzyl bromide (8.43 ml, 70.84 mmol). The reaction was again cooled to 0 °C and further NaH (60% in mineral oil, 2.125 g, 53.13 mmol) added. After 3.5 h at RT, t.l.c (petrol:ethyl acetate, 3:1) indicated the formation of two major products (R_f 0.33 and R_f 0.26). Methanol (25 ml) was added portion-wise in order to quench the reaction. The reaction was then concentrated *in*

vacuo. The resulting residue was dissolved in ether (100 ml), washed with water (200 ml), and the aqueous layer extracted with ether (2 x 100 ml). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (200 ml), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (petrol:ethyl 3:1) afford Allyl 2,3-di-O-benzyl-4,6-O-benzylidene- α/β -Dacetate. galactopyranoside 9 (5.2 g, 60%) as a white solid; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) [4:1 mixture of α:β anomers observed] 3.33 (4H, m), 3.39 (1H, m), 3.45-3.54 (2H, m), 3.57 (4H, dd, J 9.6 Hz, J 3.8 Hz), 3.70-3.85 (3H, m), 3.90 (4H, dd, J 9.6 Hz, J 7.9 Hz), 3.94-3.96 (1H, m), 4.00-4.19 (13H, m), 4.22-4.53 (11H, m), 4.63-4.82 (15H, m), 4.88-5.04 (4H, m), 5.15-5.23 (5H, m), 5.29-5.39 (5H, m), 5.50-5.58 (5H, m), 5.91-6.03 (5H, m), 7.21-7.60 (75H, m); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (100 MHz, CDCl₃) [major α anomer quoted] 66.4, 69.2, 70.2, 72.1, 74.0, 75.3, 78.5, 79.2, 101.3, 102.7, 117.2, 126.5, 127.5, 127.7, 127.8, 127.9, 128.1, 128.1, 128.3, 128.3, 128.9, 134.3, 135.3, 137.8, 138.5, 138.9; *m/z* (ES⁺) 485 $(M+Na^+, 100\%)$.

O-(2,3-di-O-benzyl-4,6-O-benzylidene- α -D-galactopyranosyl) trichloroacetimidate 7^{iv}

(1,5-Cyclooctadiene)bis(methyl-diphenylphosphine)iridium(I) hexafluorophosphate (0.073 g, 0.086 mmol) was dissolved in freshly distilled THF (10 ml). The reaction mixture was placed under a hydrogen atmosphere, resulting in a colour change from red to colourless. Allyl 2,3-di-O-benzyl-4,6-O-benzylidene-α/β-D-galactopyranoside 9 (0.843 g, 1.725 mmol) was then added as a solution in freshly distilled THF (10 ml). After 16h, N-Iodosuccinimide (2.04 g, 8.625 mmol) was added followed by H₂O (5 ml). After 16 h, t.l.c (petrol:ethyl acetate, 1:1) indicated the formation of 2 major products (R_f 0.22 and R_f 0.18) and complete consumption of starting materials (R_f 0.56 and R_f 0.52). The reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (40 ml) and the organic layer washed with sodium thiosulfate (10% solution, 40 ml). The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 x 20 ml). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (40 ml), then brine (40 ml), dried (MgSO₄), filtered concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dried under high vacuum for 2 h, and 2,3-di-O-benzyl-4,6-O-benzylidene-α/β-Dof then the crude mixture galactopyranoses 10 was dissolved in freshly distilled CH₂Cl₂ (20 ml) and cooled to 0 °C under an argon atmosphere. DBU (0.107 ml, 0.690 mmol) was added followed by trichloroacetonitrile (0.882 ml, 8.625 mmol). After 2 h, t.l.c (petrol:ethyl acetate, 4:1,

with 1% added triethylamine) indicated the formation of two major products (R_f 0.33 and R_f 0.31) and complete consumption of starting material (R_f 0.05). The reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and the resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (petrol:ethyl acetate, 4:1, with 1% added triethylamine) to afford *O*-(2,3-di-*O*-benzyl-4,6-*O*-benzylidene-α-D-galactopyranosyl) trichloroacetimidate **7** (0.590 g, 57%, 2 steps) as a pale yellow oil; δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) [10:1 mixture of α:β anomers observed] 3.67-3.70 (1H, m), 3.84 (10H, br s), 3.96-4.14 (23H, m), 4.23-4.31 (32H, m), 4.64-4.94 (44H, m), 5.50 (1H, s, PhCHα), 5.52 (10H, s, PhCHβ), 6.23 (1H, d, $J_{1,2}$ 3.8 Hz, H-1β), 6.65 (10H, d, $J_{1,2}$ 3.4 Hz, H-1α), 7.26-7.43 (143H, m) 7.50-7.55 (22H, m), 8.27 (1H, br s, NHβ), 8.57 (1H, br s, NHα); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 65.2, 69.0, 72.3, 73.1, 74.5, 74.6, 75.1, 95.5, 101.1, 126.3, 127.4, 127.5, 127.7, 128.1, 128.2, 128.3, 128.3, 129.1, 137.6, 138.2, 138.3, 161.0. 163.6; *m/z* (ES⁺) 616 (M+Na⁺, 100%).

Preparation of Glycosyl Acceptors

Glycosyl acceptors **3** and **5a** are both commercially available.

Glycosyl acceptor **5b** was prepared from commercially available methyl α -D-glucopyranoside as follows:

Reagents and Conditions: (i) TIPSCl, Imidazole, DMF, 16 h; then BnBr, NaH, DMF, 16 h; then TBAFH₂O, THF, 16 h

Methyl-2,3,4-*O*-benzyl-α-D-glucopyranose 5b^v

Methyl α-D-glucopyranoside (5.00 g, 25.75 mmol) and imidazole (5.26 g, 77.25 mmol) were dissolved in anhydrous DMF (40 ml) and the reaction mixture cooled to 0 °C. TIPSCl (6.06 ml, 28.33 mmol) was slowly added and then the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to RT. After 16 h the reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the resulting residue dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (100 ml). The organic layer was washed with H₂O (100 ml) and the aqueous layer extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 x 100 ml). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (100 ml), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The crude residue was dried under high vacuum for 2 h and then dissolved in anhydrous DMF (150 ml). The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and NaH (60% in mineral oil, 5.15 g, 128.79 mmol) was added. The mixture was allowed to warm to RT, then BnBr (15.63 ml, 128.79 mmol) was slowly added. After 16 h the reaction was quenched with MeOH and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting residue was dissolved in Et₂O (200 ml) and washed with H₂O (200 ml). The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (2 x 100 ml) and the combined organic layers washed with brine (200 ml), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The crude residue was combined with TBAFH₂O (13.47 g, 51.50 mmol) and dissolved in THF (50 ml). After 16 h, t.l.c (petrol:ethyl acetate, 1:1) indicated the formation of a single major product (R_f 0.45). The reaction was diluted with H₂O (50 ml) and the aqueous layer extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (4 x 50 ml). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (100 ml), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated in

vacuo. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (petrol:ethyl acetate, 1:1) to afford methyl-2,3,4-*O*-benzyl-α-D-glucopyranose **5b** (11.12 g, 93%) as a white crystalline solid; $[\alpha]_D^{18} + 26.2$ (*c*, 1.0 in CHCl₃) [Lit. $[\alpha]_D^{21} + 27.5$ (*c*, 1.0 in CHCl₃)]⁵; δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 1.65 (1H, s, OH), 3.33 (3H, s, OMe), 3.45-3.52 (2H, m), 3.60-3.73 (2H, m), 3.73 (1H, dd, *J* 11.6 Hz, *J* 2.0 Hz), 3.98 (1H, at, *J* 9.4 Hz), 4.54 (1H, d, *J*_{1,2} 3.3 Hz, H-1), 4.60-4.65 (2H, m), 4.76-4.87 (3H, m), 4.97 (1H, d, *J* 10.9 Hz), 7.22-7.34 (15H, m, 15 x Ar-H); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 55.2, 61.9, 70.7, 73.4, 75.0, 75.8, 80.0, 82.0, 98.2 (C-1), 127.6, 127.9, 128.0, 128.1, 128.1, 128.4, 128.5, 138.1, 138.1, 138.7; m/z (ES⁺) 487 (M+Na⁺, 100%).

Glycosyl acceptor $\mathbf{5c}$ was prepared from commercially available methyl α -D-mannopyranoside as follows:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{HO} \quad \text{OH} \\ \text{HO} \quad \text{OMe} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{(ii)} \\ \text{Ph} \quad \text{OMe} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{Ph} \quad \text{OO} \quad \text{OBn} \\ \text{Ph} \quad \text{OO} \quad \text{OH} \\ \text{OMe} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{(iii)} \\ \text{Ph} \quad \text{OO} \quad \text{OH} \\ \text{OMe} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{OMe} \\ \text{5c} \end{array}$$

Reagents and Conditions: (i) PhCH(OMe)₂, CSA, DMF, 60 °C, 250 mbar, 5 h; (ii) DIBAL-H, toluene, 2 h

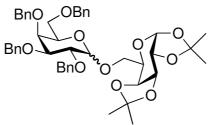
Methyl-2-O-benzyl-4,6-di-O-benzylidene- α -D-mannopyranoside $5c^{vi}$

Benzaldehyde dimethylacetal (9.74 ml, 64.89 mmol) was added to a solution of methyl α-D-mannopyranoside (5.04 g, 25.96 mmol) and camphor sulfonic acid (0.060 g, 0.260 mmol) in DMF (75 ml). The resulting solution was heated to 60 °C on a rotary evaporator under a pressure of 250 mbar. After 3 h, TLC (petrol/ethyl acetate, 3:1) indicated complete conversion of starting material (Rf 0.0) to two products (Rf 0.50 and 0.80). Further benzaldehyde dimethyl acetal (4.87 ml, 32.45 mmol) and camphor sulfonic acid (0.030 g, 0.130 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. After 2 h, TLC (petrol/ethyl acetate, 3:1) indicated the formation of a single product (Rf 0.80). The solvent was removed *in vacuo*, the residue coevaporated with toluene (50 ml), then dissolved in DCM (100 ml), and washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (50 ml) and brine (50 ml). The organic phase was then dried (MgSO4), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting crude mixture of *endo* and *exo*-dibenzylidene derivatives 11 was dissolved in freshly distilled toluene (150 ml) and cooled to -40 °C under an atmosphere of argon. Di-*iso*-butyl aluminium hydride (64.89 ml, 64.89 mmol of a 1 M solution in toluene) was slowly added to the reaction

mixture and then the mixture was allowed to slowly warm to RT. After 2h, t.l.c (petrol:ethyl acetate, 3:1) indicated complete consumption of starting material (R_f 0.80) and formation of two products ($R_{\rm f}$ 0.40 and $R_{\rm f}$ 0.30). MeOH was added dropwise to quench the reaction and then the reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (250 ml). The organic layer was washed with Rochelle's Salt (10% solution, 200 ml), then brine (200 ml), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (petrol:ethyl acetate, 3:1) to afford the undesired compound 12 (R_f 0.30) and the desired methyl-2-O-benzyl-4,6di-O-benzylidene-α-D-mannopyranoside **5c** (4.25 g, 44%) as a white crystalline solid $(R_f 0.40)$; m.p 43-45°C; $[\alpha]_D^{18} + 1.4$ (c, 1.0 in CHCl₃) [Lit. m.p 44-46°C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} +$ 1.10 (c, 1.0 in CHCl₃)]⁶; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 2.38 (1H, br s, OH), 3.31 (3H, s, OMe), 3.69-3.80 (3H, m), 3.86 (1H, at, J 9.4 Hz), 4.03 (1H, dd, J 9.9 Hz, J 3.5 Hz), 4.21 (1H, dd, J 9.4 Hz, J 4.0 Hz), 4.60-4.71 (3H, m), 5.52 (1H, s, PhCH), 7.20-7.50 (10H, m, 10 x Ar-H); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 55.0, 63.3, 68.7, 68.8, 73.7, 78.5, 79.5, 99.4, 102.1, 126.3, 127.0, 127.8, 128.0, 128.1, 128.3, 128.6, 129.0, 129.1, 129.8, 134.5, 137.4, 137.6; *m/z* (ES⁺) 395 (M+Na⁺, 100%).

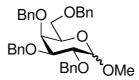
Glycosylation Reactions

2,3,4,6-Tetra-O-benzyl- α/β -D-galactopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 6)$ -1:2,3:4-Di-O-isopropylidene-D-galactopyranoside 4^{vii}



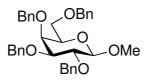
A solution of O-(2,3,4,6-Tetra-O-benzyl- α/β -D-galactopyranosyl) trichloroacetimidate 2 (50 mg, 0.073 mmol) and 1,2:3,4-di-O-isopropylidene-α-Dgalactopyranoside 3 (38 mg, 0.146 mmol) in freshly distilled toluene (1 mL) were added to a flame-dried round-bottomed flask containing activated 3 Å molecular sieves (100 mg) under argon. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min, before the reaction was activated by addition of either TMSOTf (2μ l, 0.011 mmol) or (R)/(S)-1 (8.5 mg, 0.011 mmol). When t.l.c (petrol:ethyl acetate, 4:1) indicated the complete consumption of starting material (R_f 0.52 and R_f 0.35) and the formation of two products (R_f 0.22 and R_f 0.18) the reaction was quenched by the addition of triethylamine and filtered through Celite®. The mixture was then concentrated in vacuo and the resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (petrol:ethyl acetate, 3:1) to afford 2,3,4,6-Tetra-O-benzyl-α/β-D-galactopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 6)$ -1:2,3:4-Di-O-isopropylidene-D-galactopyranoside **4** as a pale yellow oil; δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) [Data provided for 1:7 mixture of α:β anomers (Table 1, entry 3)] 1.32 (48H, s), 1.45 (24H, s), 1.50 (24H, s), 3.50-3.59 (28H, m), 3.70 (7H, dd, J 10.7 Hz, J 7.5 Hz), 3.74-3.79 (2H, m), 3.84 (7H, dd, J 9.9 Hz, J 7.9 Hz), 3.90 (7H, br d, J 2.7 Hz), 3.95-3.98 (1H, m), 4.01-4.10 (13H, m), 4.14 (7H, dd, J 10.7 Hz, J 3.4 Hz), 4.23 (7H, dd, J 7.9 Hz, J 2.1 Hz), 4.30-4.34 (9H, m), 4.39-4.52 (24H, m), 4.59-4.63 (16H, m), 4.71-4.86 (24H, m), 4.93-4.96 (8H, m), 5.03 (1H, d, $J_{1,2}$ 3.4 Hz, H-1_b α), 5.07 (7H, d, J 10.9 Hz), 5.52 (1H, d, $J_{1.2}$ 5.1 Hz, H-1_a α), 5.58 (7H, d, $J_{1.2}$ 4.8 Hz, H- $1_a\beta$), 7.23-7.41 (146H, m), 7.45-7.48 (14H, m); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 24.4, 25.1, 26.0, 26.0, 67.4, 68.6, 69.6, 70.5, 70.7, 71.5, 73.1, 73.3, 73.5, 74.5, 74.7, 79.1, 81.9, 96.4, 104.7, 108.6, 109.3, 127.3, 127.5, 127.5, 127.8, 127.9, 128.1, 128.3, 128.4, 128.4, 128.6, 137.9, 138.6, 139.0; *m/z* (ES⁺) 800 (M+NH₄⁺, 100%).

Methyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyl-α/β-D-galactopyranoside 6a^{viii}



A solution of O-(2,3,4,6-Tetra-O-benzyl- α/β -D-galactopyranosyl) trichloroacetimidate 2 (50 mg, 0.073 mmol) in freshly distilled toluene (1 mL) was added to a flame-dried round-bottomed flask containing activated 3 Å molecular sieves (100 mg) under argon. Anhydrous MeOH 5a (6 µl, 0.146 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min, before the reaction was activated by addition of either TMSOTf (2µl, 0.011 mmol) or (R)-1 (8.5 mg, 0.011 mmol). When t.l.c (petrol:ethyl acetate, 4:1) indicated the complete consumption of starting material $(R_f \ 0.52 \ and \ R_f \ 0.35)$ and the formation of two products $(R_f \ 0.32 \ and \ R_f \ 0.30)$ the reaction was quenched by the addition of triethylamine and filtered through Celite®. The mixture was then concentrated in vacuo and the resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (petrol:ethyl acetate, 4:1) to afford methyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyl-α/β-D-galactopyranoside **6a** as a pale yellow oil; δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) [Data provided for 1:10 mixture of α:β anomers (Table 3, entry 1)] 3.39 (3H, s, $OCH_3\alpha$), 3.51-3.55 (20H, m, H-3 β , H-5 β), 3.56 (30H, s, OCH₃ β), 3.57-3.63 (22H, m, H-6 α , H-6 α ', H-6 β , H-6' β), 3.82 (10H, dd, $J_{1,2}$ 7.5 Hz, $J_{2,3}$ 9.7 Hz, H-2 β), 3.91 (10H, br d, J 2.4 Hz, H-4 β), 3.93-3.99 (3H, m, H-3 α , H-4 α , H-5 α), 4.03-4.07 (1H, m, H-2 α), 4.29 (10H, d, $J_{1,2}$ 7.5 Hz, H-1 β), 4.39-4.51 (22H, m, 2 x PhCHH' α , 2 x PhCHH'β), 4.58 (1H, d, J 11.6 Hz, PhCHH'α), 4.64 (10H, d, J 11.6 Hz, PhCHH'β), 4.69-4.78 (33H, m, H-1 α , 2 x PhCHH' α , 3 x PhCHH' β), 4.84-4.88 (2H, m, 2 x PhCHH'α), 4.92 (10H, d, J 10.9 Hz, PhCHH'β), 4.94-4.97 (11H, m, PhCHH'α, PhCHH' β), 7.25-7.40 (220H, m, 20 x Ar-H α , 20 x Ar-H β); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 57.0, 68.9, 73.0, 73.4, 73.4, 73.6, 74.5, 75.1, 79.6, 82.1, 105.0, 127.5, 127.5, 127.8, 127.9, 128.1, 128.1, 128.3, 128.4, 128.4, 137.9, 138.5, 138.6, 138.8; m/z (ES⁺) 572 $(M+NH_4^+, 100\%).$

Methyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyl-β-D-galactopyranoside 6a⁸



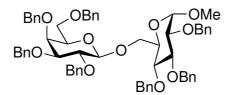
O-(2,3,4,6-Tetra-O-benzyl- α/β -D-galactopyranosyl) A solution of trichloroacetimidate 2 (50 mg, 0.073 mmol) in freshly distilled toluene (1 mL) was added to a flame-dried round-bottomed flask containing activated 3 Å molecular sieves (100 mg) under argon. Anhydrous MeOH 5a (6 µl, 0.146 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min, before the reaction was activated by the addition of (S)-1 (8.5 mg, 0.011 mmol). When t.l.c (petrol:ethyl acetate, 4:1) indicated the complete consumption of starting material (R_f 0.52 and R_f 0.35) and the formation of a single product (R_f 0.30) the reaction was quenched by the addition of triethylamine and filtered through Celite®. The mixture was then concentrated in vacuo and the resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (petrol:ethyl acetate, 4:1) to afford methyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyl- β -Dgalactopyranoside **6a** as white crystalline solid; m.p $83-85^{\circ}$ C; $[\alpha]_{D}^{18} - 0.9$ (c, 1.0 in CHCl₃) [Lit. m.p 83-85.5°C; $[\alpha]_D^{27} - 0.84$ (c, 0.7 in CHCl₃)]⁸; δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 3.51-3.55 (2H, m, H-3, H-5), 3.56 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.58-3.63 (2H, m, H-6, H-6'), 3.82 (1H, dd, $J_{1,2}$ 7.5 Hz, $J_{2,3}$ 9.7 Hz, H-2), 3.91 (1H, br d, J 2.4 Hz, H-4), 4.29 (1H, d, $J_{1,2}$ 7.5 Hz, H-1), 4.45 (2H, ABq, J 12.0 Hz, PhCH₂), 4.64 (1H, d, J 11.6 Hz, PhCHH'), 4.71-4.78 (3H, m, 3 x PhCHH'), 4.92 (1H, d, J 10.9 Hz, PhCHH'), 4.96 (1H, d, J 11.6 Hz, PhCHH'), 7.25-7.40 (20H, m, 20 x Ar-H); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 57.0, 68.9, 73.0, 73.4, 73.4, 73.6, 74.5, 75.1, 79.6, 82.1, 105.0, 127.5, 127.5, 127.8, 127.9, 128.1, 128.1, 128.3, 128.4, 128.4, 137.9, 138.5, 138.6, 138.8; m/z (ES⁺) 572 (M+NH₄⁺, 100%).

2,3,4,6-Tetra-O-benzyl- α/β -D-galactopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 6)$ -methyl-2,3,4-tri-O-benzyl- α -D-glucopyranoside $6b^{ix}$

A solution of O-(2,3,4,6-Tetra-O-benzyl- α/β -D-galactopyranosyl) trichloroacetimidate **2** (50 mg, 0.073 mmol) and methyl-2,3,4-O-benzyl- α -D-glucopyranose **5b** (68 mg, 0.146 mmol) in freshly distilled toluene (1 mL) were added

to a flame-dried round-bottomed flask containing activated 3 Å molecular sieves (100 mg) under argon. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min, before the reaction was activated by addition of either TMSOTf (2µl, 0.011 mmol) or (R)-1 (8.5 mg, 0.011 mmol). When t.l.c (petrol:ethyl acetate, 4:1) indicated the complete consumption of starting material (R_f 0.52 and R_f 0.35) and the formation of two products (R_f 0.34 and R_f 0.31) the reaction was quenched by the addition of triethylamine and filtered through Celite®. The mixture was then concentrated in vacuo and the resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (petrol:ethyl acetate, 4:1) to 2,3,4,6-Tetra-O-benzyl- α/β -D-galactopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 6)$ -methyl-2,3,4-tri-Oafford benzyl- α -D-glucopyranoside **6b** as a pale yellow oil; δ_H (400 MHz, C_6D_6) [Data provided for 1:1.2 mixture of α : β anomers (Table 3, entry 4)] 3.12 (3H, s, OMe α), 3.14 (3.6H, s, OMe β), 3.39 (1.2H, dd, $J_{2,3}$ 9.7 Hz, $J_{3,4}$ 2.9 Hz, H-3_b β), 3.43 (1.2H, m, H-3_a β), 3.50 (1H, dd, $J_{1,2}$ 3.4 Hz, $J_{2,3}$ 9.6 Hz, H-2_a α), 3.61-3.66 (2.4H, m, H-2_a β , H- $6_b\beta$), 3.73-3.87 (7.8H, m, H- $6_a\alpha$, H- $6_b\alpha$, H- $6_b\alpha$, H- $4_a\beta$, H- $4_b\beta$, H- $6_a\beta$, H- $6_b\beta$), 3.88-3.94 (2H, m, H- $4_a\alpha$, H- $5_a\alpha$), 3.96-4.08 (3.2H, m, H- $4_b\alpha$, H- $6_a\alpha$, H- $5_a\beta$), 4.11 (1H, dd, $J_{2,3}$ 10.2 Hz, $J_{3,4}$ 2.7 Hz, H-3_b α), 4.16 (1.2H, dd, $J_{1,2}$ 7.5 Hz, $J_{2,3}$ 9.7 Hz, H-2_b β), 4.21-4.32 (8.6H, m, H- $2_b\alpha$, H- $3_a\alpha$, H- $5_b\alpha$, PhC $\underline{H}_2\alpha$, H- $5_b\beta$, PhC $\underline{H}_2\beta$), 4.34-4.38 (3.2H, m, PhC $\underline{H}_2\alpha$, H-6'_aβ), 4.44 (1.2H, d, $J_{1,2}$ 7.5 Hz, H-1_bβ), 4.46-5.13 (26.6H, m, H-1_aα, 10 x PhC<u>H</u>H'α, H-1_aβ, 12 x PhC<u>H</u>H'β), 5.29 (1H, d, $J_{1,2}$ 3.4 Hz, H-1_bα), 7.04-7.20 (47.4H, m, 21 x Ar-Hα, 22 x Ar-Hβ), 7.24-7.45 (29.6H, m, 14 x Ar-Hα, 13 x Ar-Hβ); δ_C (100 MHz, C_6D_6) 54.9, 55.0, 68.7, 69.0, 70.0, 70.7, 71.3, 72.7, 72.8, 73.0, 73.5, 73.7, 74.7, 74.8, 75.1, 75.2, 75.3, 75.5, 76.2, 78.3, 78.6, 78.6, 79.9, 81.1, 81.2, 82.3, 82.4, 82.7, 98.2, 98.4, 104.6, 127.4, 127.6, 127.7, 127.8, 128.0, 128.1, 128.2, 128.2, 128.4, 128.5, 128.5, 128.6, 128.6, 138.7, 139.2, 139.2, 139.5, 139.7, 139.8; m/z (ES⁺) 1004 $(M+NH_4^+, 100\%).$

2,3,4,6-Tetra-O-benzyl- α/β -D-galactopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 6)$ -methyl-2,3,4-tri-O-benzyl- α -D-glucopyranoside $6b^9$



A solution O-(2,3,4,6-Tetra-O-benzyl- α/β -D-galactopyranosyl) of trichloroacetimidate 2 (50 mg, 0.073 mmol) and methyl-2,3,4-O-benzyl-α-Dglucopyranose **5b** (68 mg, 0.146 mmol) in freshly distilled toluene (1 mL) were added to a flame-dried round-bottomed flask containing activated 3 Å molecular sieves (100 mg) under argon. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min, before the reaction was activated by addition of (S)-1 (8.5 mg, 0.011 mmol). When t.l.c (petrol:ethyl acetate, 4:1) indicated the complete consumption of starting material (R_f 0.52 and R_f 0.35) and the formation of a single major product (R_f 0.31) the reaction was quenched by the addition of triethylamine and filtered through Celite®. The mixture was then concentrated in vacuo and the resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (petrol:ethyl acetate, 4:1) to afford 2,3,4,6-Tetra-O-benzyl-α/β-Dgalactopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 6)$ -methyl-2,3,4-tri-O-benzyl- α -D-glucopyranoside **6b** as a white crystalline solid; m.p 125-127°C; $[\alpha]_D^{18} + 11.4$ (c, 1.0 in CHCl₃) [Lit. m.p 126-128°C; $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ + 12.0 $(c, 1.0 \text{ in CHCl}_3)]^9$; δ_H (400 MHz, C_6D_6) [1:70 mixture α : β anomers observed, major β anomer quoted] 3.14 (3H, s, OMe), 3.39 (1H, dd, $J_{2,3}$ 9.7 Hz, $J_{3,4}$ 2.9 Hz, H-3_b), 3.43 (1H, m, H-3_a), 3.61-3.66 (2H, m, H-2_a, H-6_b), 3.74-3.80 (2H, m, H-4_a, H-6'_b), 3.82-3.86 (2H, m, H-4_b, H-6_a), 4.03-4.08 (1H, m, H-5_a), 4.16 (1H, dd, $J_{1,2}$ 7.5 Hz, $J_{2,3}$ 9.7 Hz, H-2_b), 4.24-4.32 (3H, m, H-5_b, PhC<u>H</u>₂), 4.38 (1H, dd, $J_{6.6}$, 10.8 Hz, $J_{5.6}$ 1.5 Hz, H-6, 4.44 (1H, d, $J_{1.2}$ 7.5 Hz, H-1, 4.46 (1H, d, $J_{12.0}$ Hz, PhCHH'), 4.52 (2H, at, J 12.0 Hz, PhCH₂), 4.61 (1H, d, J 12.0 Hz, PhCHH'), 4.61 (1H, d, J 11.3 Hz, PhCHH'), 4.67-4.70 (2H, m, H-1_a, PhCHH'), 4.79 (2H, m, PhCH₂), 4.92 (1H, d, J 12.0 Hz, PhCHH'), 5.01-5.10 (3H, m, PhCH₂, PhCHH'), 7.05-7.19 (22H, m, 22 x Ar-H), 7.24-7.45 (13H, m, 13 x Ar-H); δ_C (100 MHz, C_6D_6) 55.0, 68.8, 69.0, 70.7, 72.7, 73.0, 73.5, 73.7, 74.7, 74.8, 75.2, 75.3, 75.5, 78.6, 79.9, 81.2, 82.3, 82.7, 98.2, 104.7, 127.4, 127.6, 127.7, 127.8, 127.9, 127.9, 128.0, 128.1, 128.2, 128.2, 128.4, 128.5, 128.5, 128.6, 128.6, 138.7, 139.2, 139.2, 139.5, 139.7, 139.8; *m/z* (ES^{+}) 1004 $(M+NH_{4}^{+}, 100\%)$.

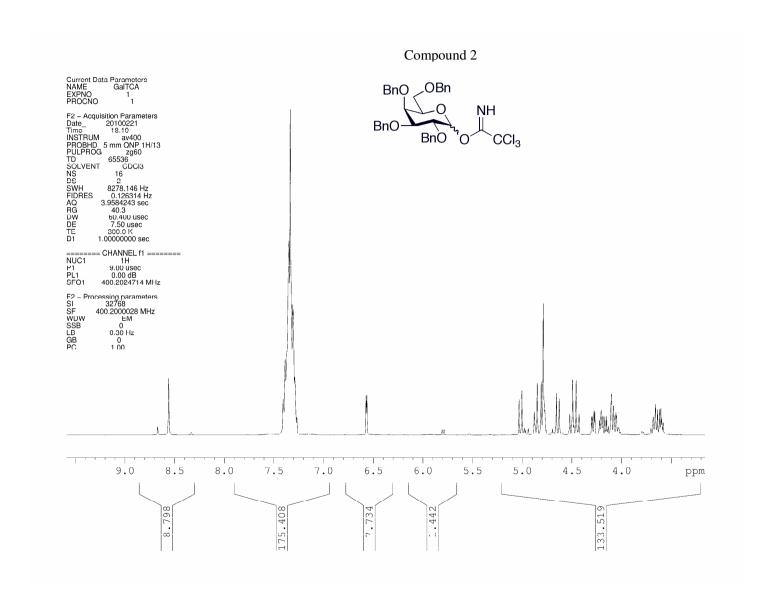
2,3,4,6-Tetra-O-benzyl- α/β -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 2)$ -methyl-3-O-benzyl-4,6-O-benzylidene- α -D-mannopyranoside 6c

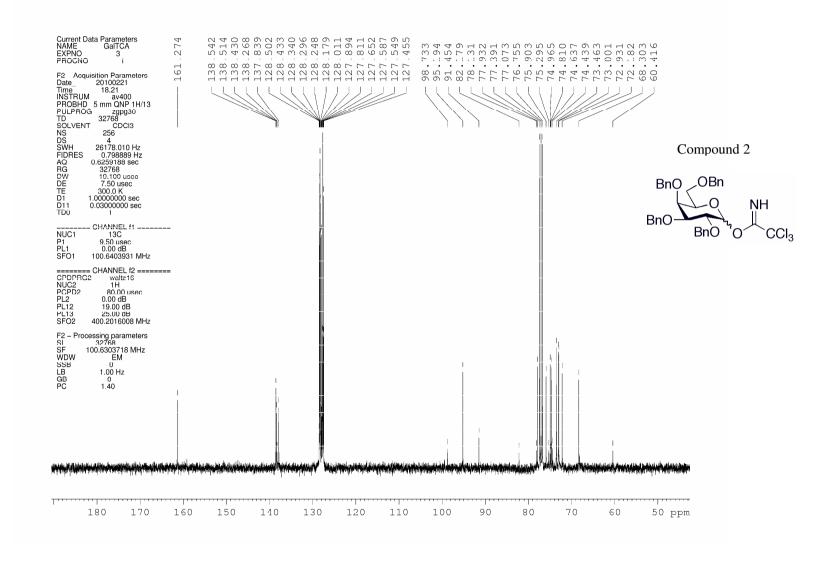
A solution of O-(2,3,4,6-Tetra-O-benzyl- α/β -D-galactopyranosyl) trichloroacetimidate 2 (50 mg, 0.073 mmol) and methyl-2-O-benzyl-4,6-di-Obenzylidene-α-D-mannopyranoside **5c** (54 mg, 0.146 mmol) in freshly distilled toluene (1 mL) were added to a flame-dried round-bottomed flask containing activated 3 Å molecular sieves (100 mg) under argon. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min, before the reaction was activated by addition of either TMSOTf $(2\mu l, 0.011 \text{ mmol})$ or (R)/(S)-1 (8.5 mg, 0.011 mmol). When t.l.c (toluene:ethyl acetate, 4:1) indicated the complete consumption of starting material (R_f 0.72 and R_f 0.65) and the formation of two products (R_f 0.50 and R_f 0.46) the reaction was quenched by the addition of triethylamine and filtered through Celite®. The mixture was then concentrated in vacuo and the resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (toluene:ethyl acetate, 12:1) to afford 2,3,4,6-Tetra-O-benzyl-α/β-Dglucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 2)$ -methyl-3-O-benzyl-4,6-O-benzylidene- α -D-mannopyranoside **6c** as a pale yellow oil; δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) [Data provided for 1:6 mixture of α : β anomers (Table 3, entry 8] 3.31 (18H, s, OCH₃β), 3.32 (3H, s, OCH₃α), 3.38 (6H, dd, J 8.6 Hz, J 5.1 Hz), 3.42-3.49 (8H, m), 3.52 (6H, dd, J 9.6 Hz, J 2.8 Hz), 3.55-3.59 (1H, m), 3.69 (6H, at, J 8.3 Hz), 3.73-3.90 (29H, m), 3.95 (6H, br d, J 2.5 Hz), 4.00 (1H, dd, J 10.0 Hz, J 3.7 Hz), 4.22-4.38 (32H, m), 4.51 (1H, d, J 12.1 Hz, PhC<u>H</u>H'α), 4.56 (6H, d, $J_{1,2}$ 7.8 Hz, H-1_b β), 4.59-4.87 (59H, m), 4.95 (6H, d, J 11.6 Hz, PhCHH' β), 5.44 (1H, s, PhCH α), 5.54 (1H, d, $J_{1,2}$ 3.8 Hz, H-1_b α), 5.61 (6H, s, PhCHβ), 7.15-7.39 (196H, m), 7.49-7.51 (14H, m); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) [major β anomer quoted] 54.8 (OCH₃), 64.2, 68.2, 68.8, 72.4, 73.2, 73.5, 74.5, 74.9, 76.7, 78.2, 79.6, 82.8, 100.3 (C-1_a), 101.4 (Ph<u>C</u>H), 103.6 (C-1_b), 125.3, 126.2, 126.3, 127.2, 127.2, 127.3, 127.5, 127.5, 127.8, 127.8, 127.9, 128.0, 128.1, 128.2, 128.3, 128.4, 128.7, 129.0 (17 x ArCH), 137.8, 137.9, 139.0 (3 x ArC); m/z (ES⁺) 917 (M+Na⁺, 100%). (HRMS (ES⁺) Calcd. for $C_{55}H_{58}O_{11}Na$ (MNa⁺) 917.3877. Found 917.3872).

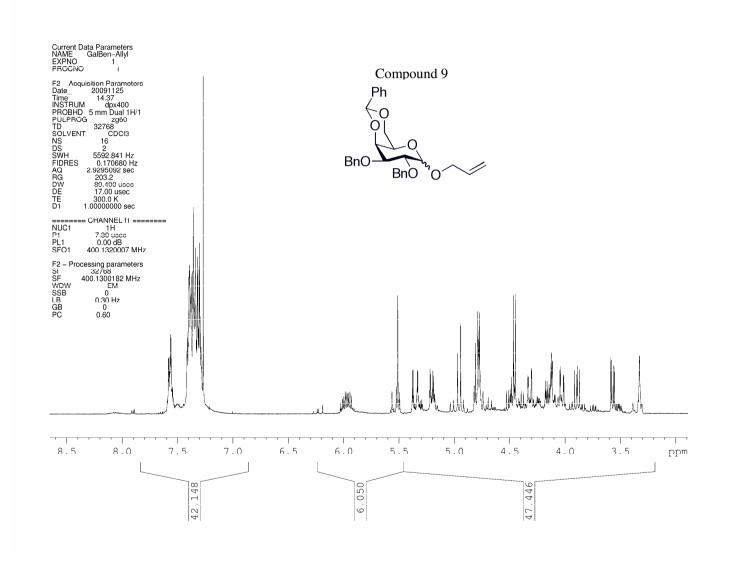
2,3-Di-O-benzyl-4,6-O-benzylidene- α/β -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 6)-1:2,3:4-Di-O-isopropylidene-D-galactopyranoside 8

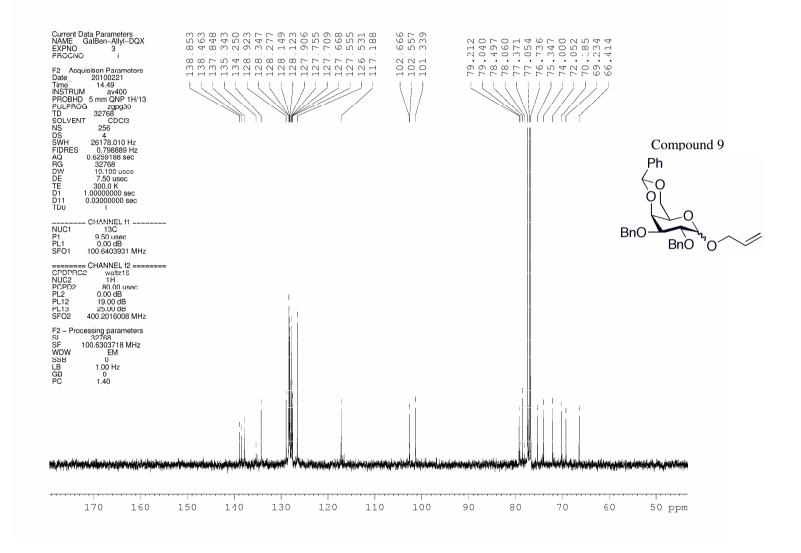
A O-(2,3-di-O-benzyl-4,6-O-benzylidene- α -D-galactopyranosyl) solution of trichloroacetimidate 7 (43 mg, 0.073 mmol) and 1,2:3,4-di-O-isopropylidene-α-Dgalactopyranoside 3 (38 mg, 0.146 mmol) in freshly distilled toluene (1 mL) were added to a flame-dried round-bottomed flask containing activated 3 Å molecular sieves (100 mg) under argon. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min, before the reaction was activated by addition of either TMSOTf (2 μ l, 0.011 mmol) or (R)/(S)-1 (8.5 mg, 0.011 mmol). When t.l.c (petrol:ethyl acetate, 4:1) indicated the complete consumption of starting material (R_f 0.52 and R_f 0.35) and the formation of two products (R_f 0.31 and R_f 0.27) the reaction was quenched by the addition of triethylamine and filtered through Celite®. The mixture was then concentrated in vacuo and the resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (petrol:ethyl acetate, 4:1) to afford 2,3-Di-O-benzyl-4,6-O-benzylidene-α/β-Dgalactopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 6)$ -1:2,3:4-Di-O-isopropylidene-D-galactopyranoside **8** as a pale yellow oil; δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) [Data provided for 1:3.4 mixture of α : β anomers (Table 4, entry 3)] 1.33 (26.4H, s), 1.46 (13.2H, s), 1.51 (13.2H, s), 3.03 (3.4H, br s), 3.57 (3.4H, dd, J 9.5 Hz, J 3.7 Hz), 3.73 (3.4H, dd, J 10.6 Hz, J 7.3 Hz), 3.77-3.79 (3.4H, m), 3.87 (3.4H, dd, J 9.5 Hz, J 7.8 Hz), 3.99-4.05 (5.4H, m), 4.07 (1H, d, J 3.5 Hz), 4.09-4.13 (6.4H, m), 4.17-4.34 (18.6H, m), 4.45 (3.4H, d, J_{1.2} 7.8 Hz, H-1_b β), 4.57-4.61 (4.4H, m), 4.71-4.85 (15.2H, m), 5.08 (4.4H, m), 5.49-5.52 $(5.4H, m, H-1_a\alpha, PhC\underline{H}\alpha, PhC\underline{H}\beta), 5.59 (3.4H, d, J_{1,2} 5.1 Hz, H-1_a\beta), 7.25-7.42$ (48.4H, m), 7.47-7.57 (17.6H, m); δ_C $(100 MHz, CDCl_3)$ 24.4, 25.0, 26.0, 26.1 (4 x)<u>CH</u>₃), 66.4, 67.3, 69.2, 69.6, 70.5, 70.8, 72.1, 74.2, 75.0, 75.5, 78.2, 78.8, 96.4 (C- $1_a\beta$), 101.2 (C- $1_b\alpha$), 104.3, 104.4 (Ph<u>C</u>H α / β), 108.6 (C- $1_a\alpha$), 109.3 (C- $1_b\beta$), 126.4, 126.5, 127.4, 127.6, 127.8, 128.1, 128.1, 128.3, 128.3, 128.5, 128.9, 129.0 (12 x

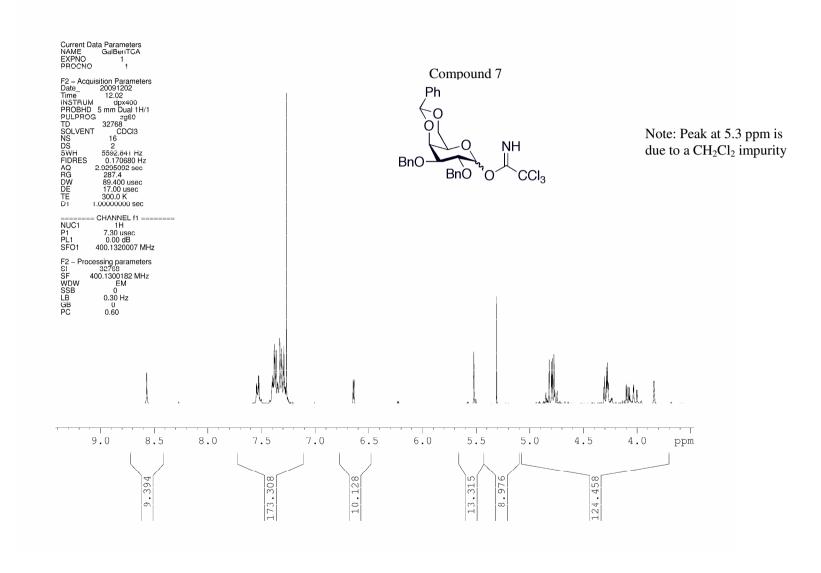
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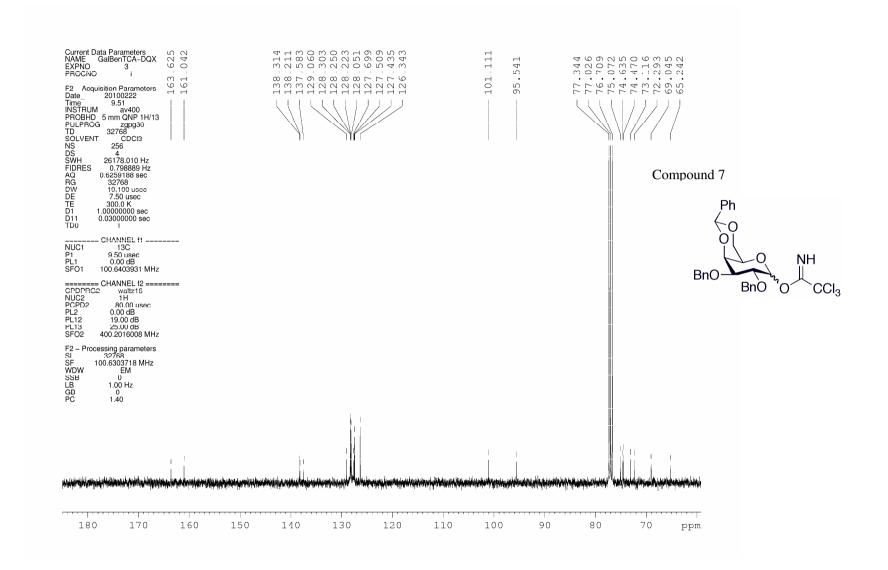


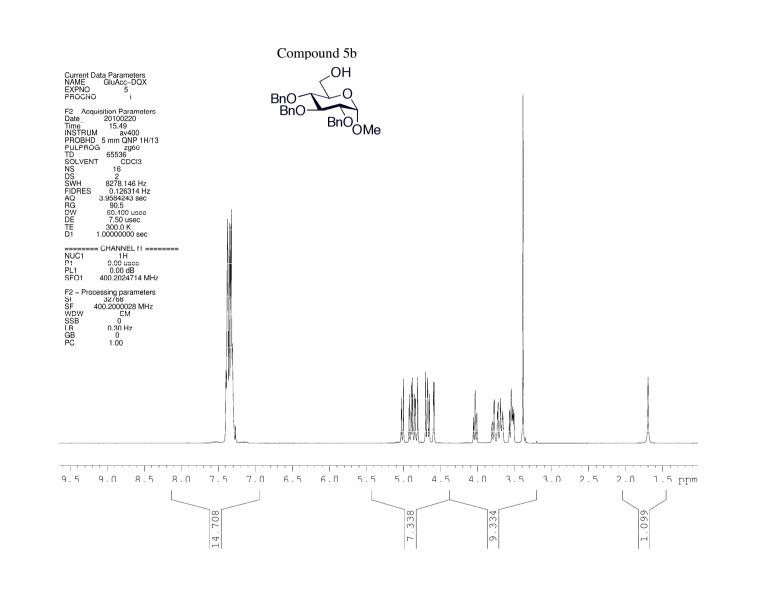


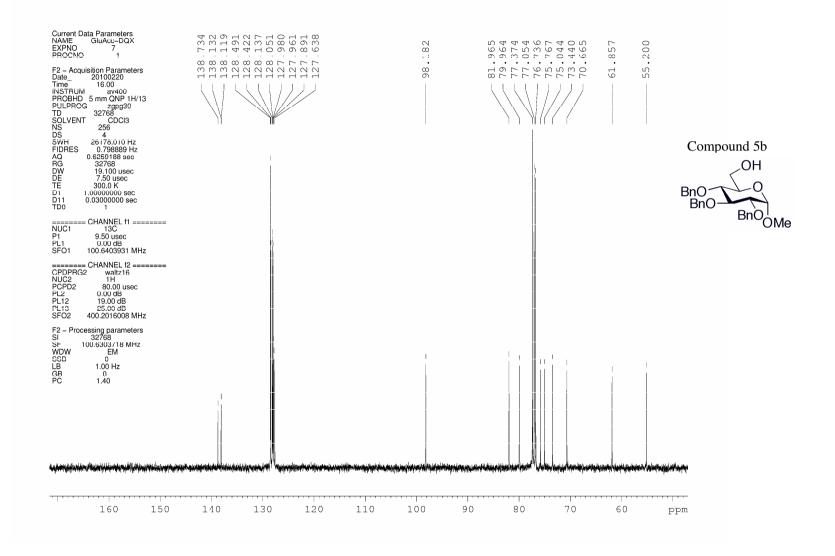


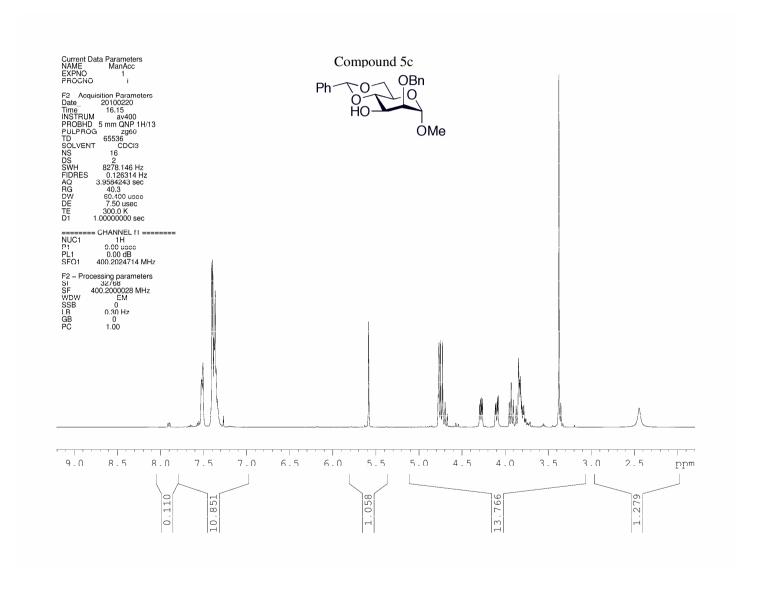


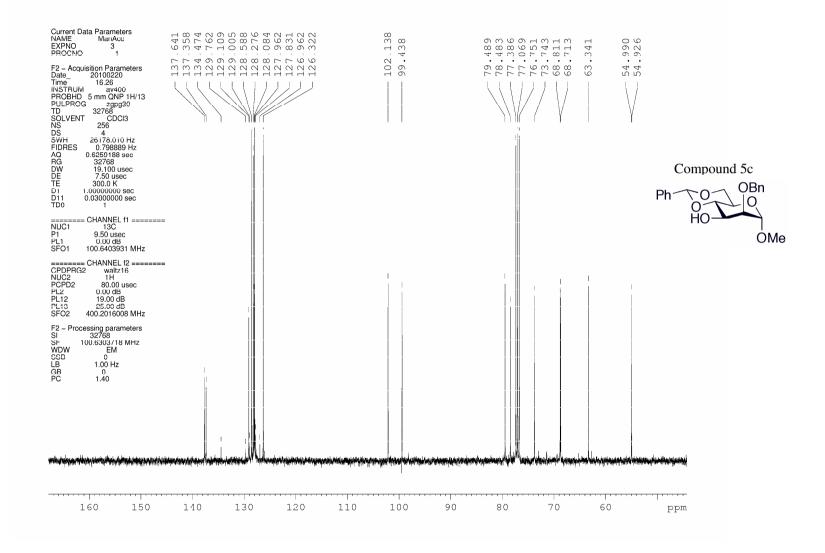


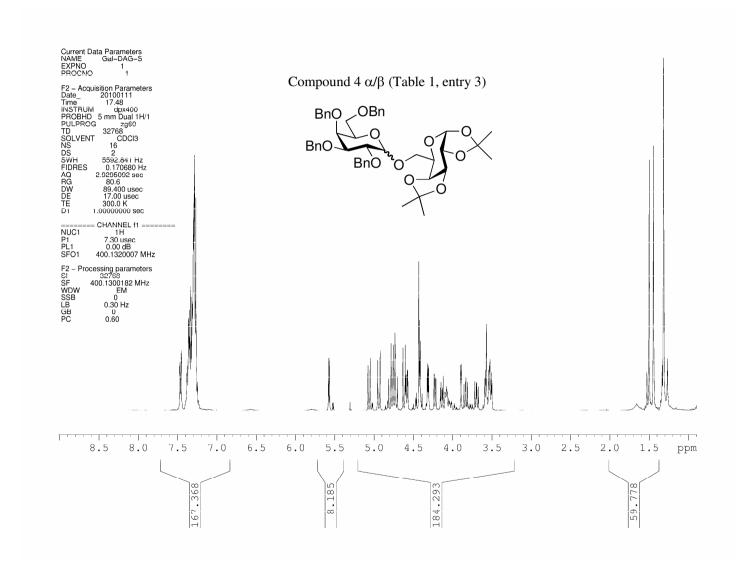


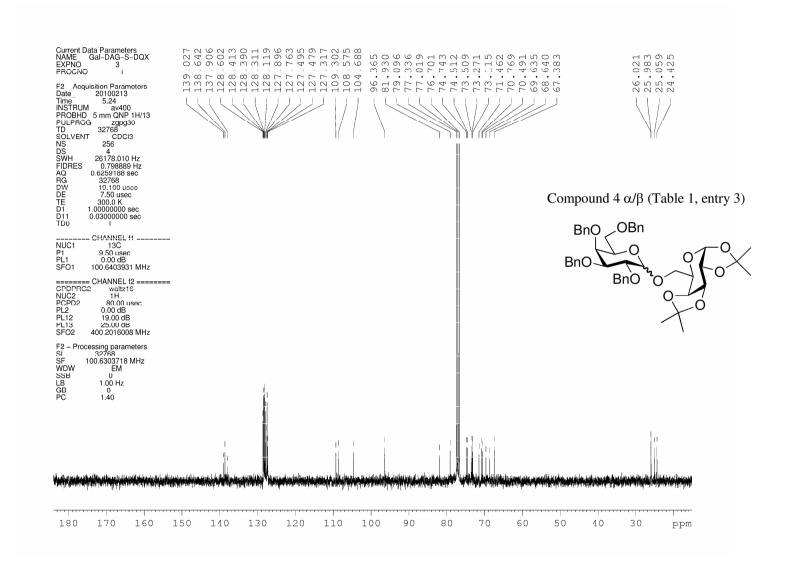


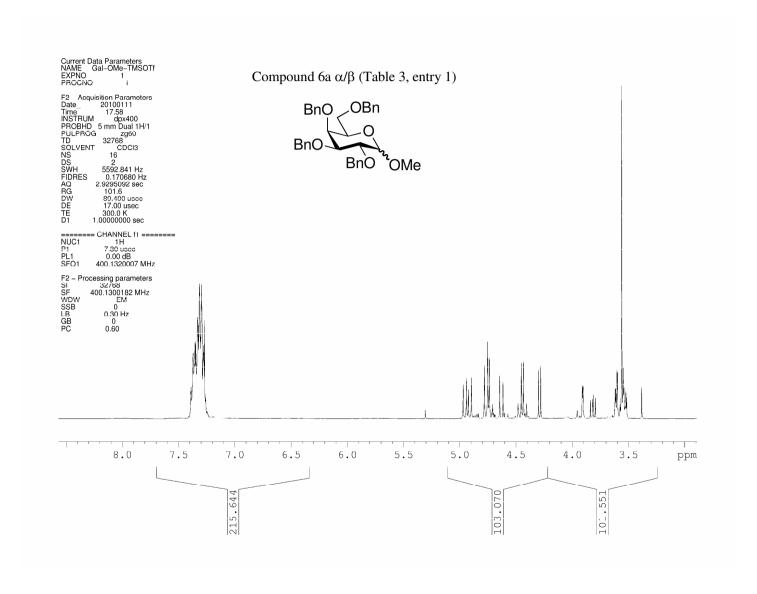


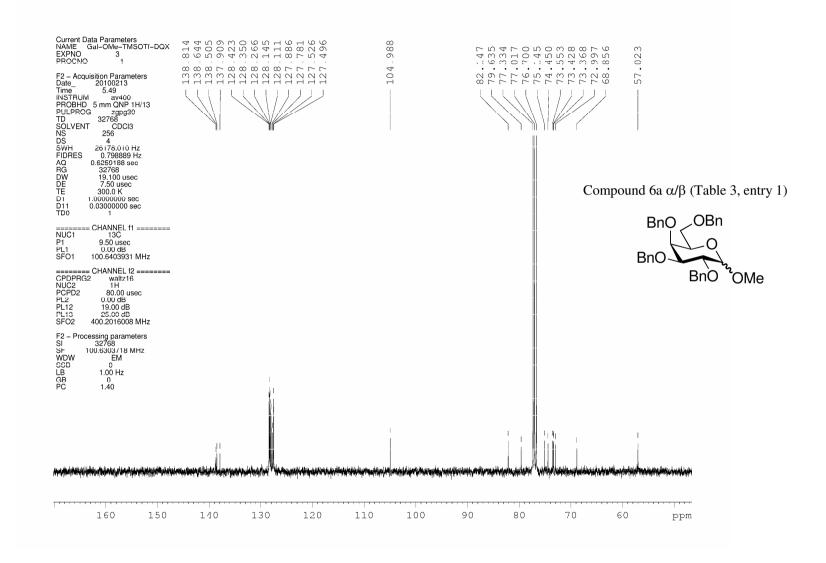


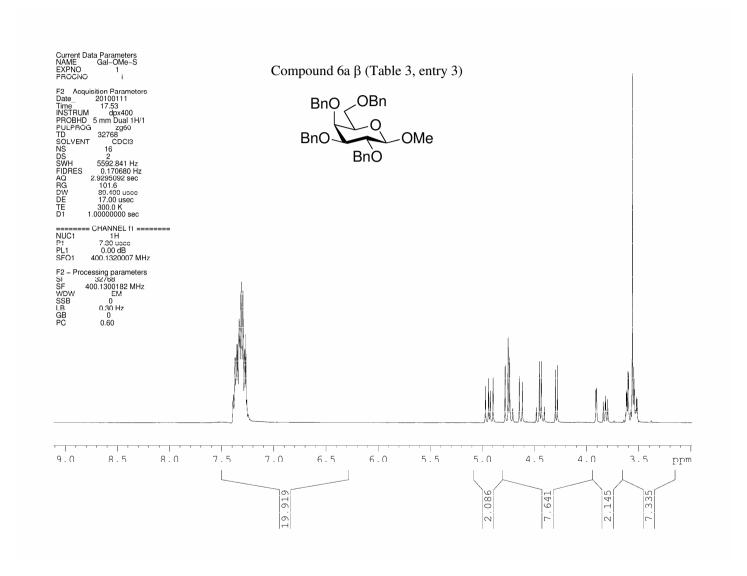


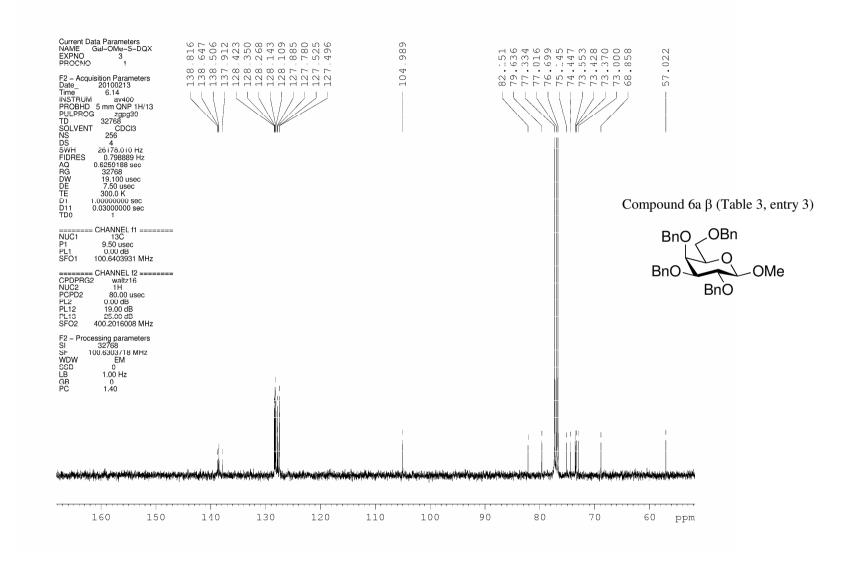


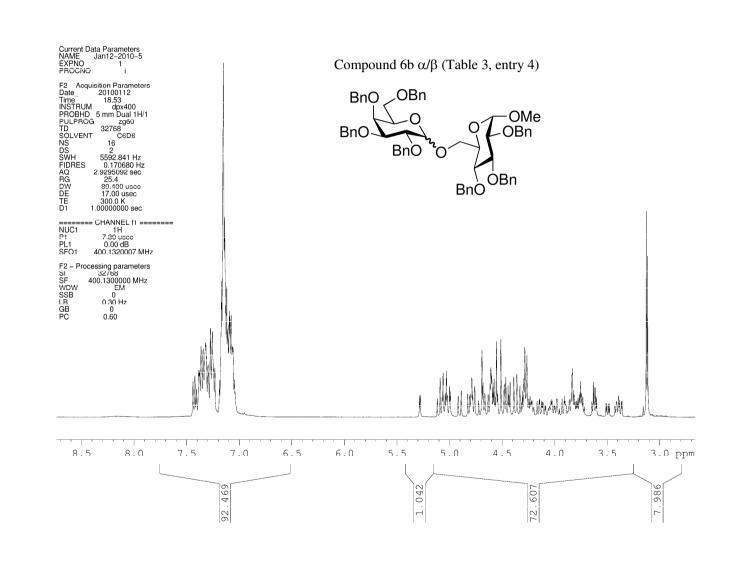


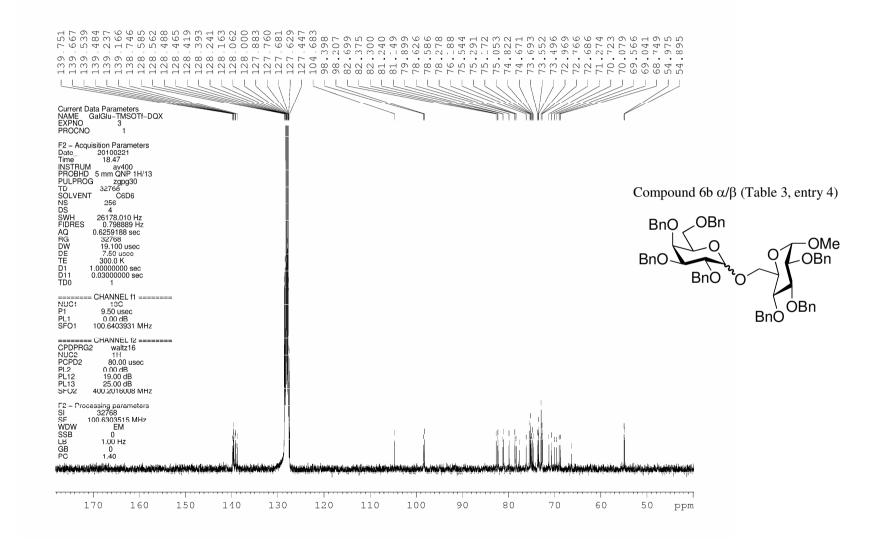


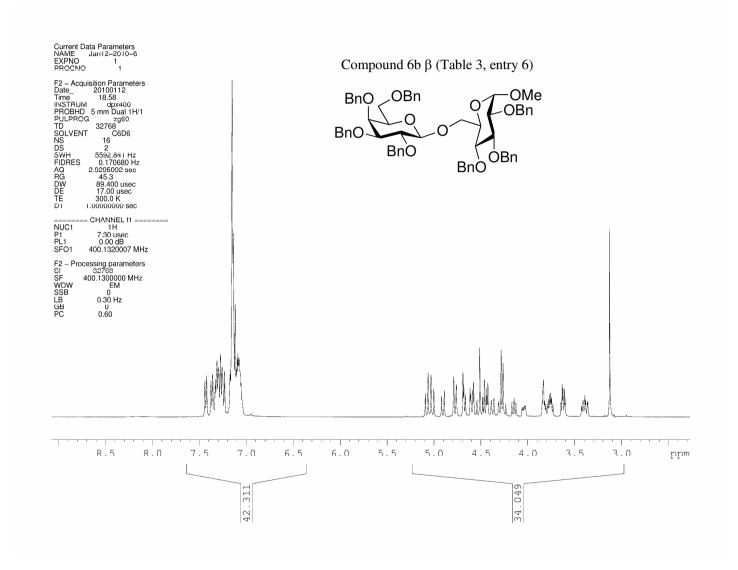


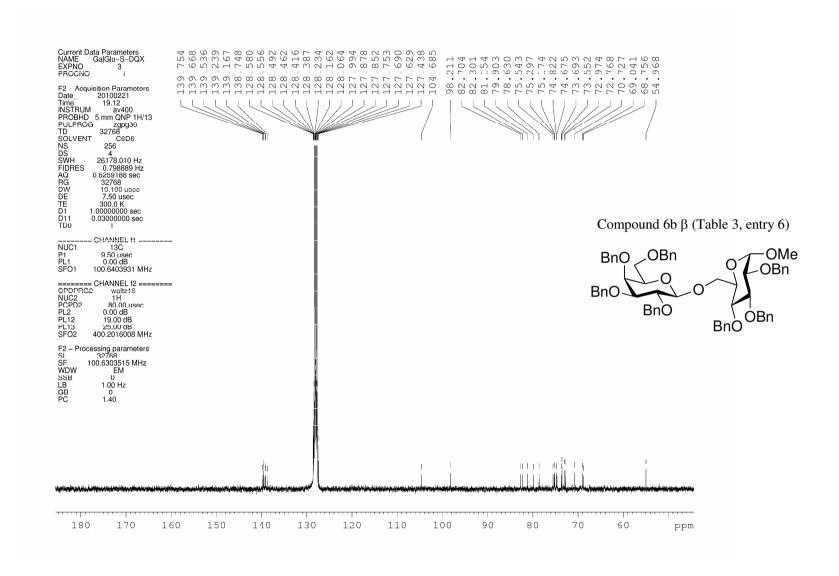


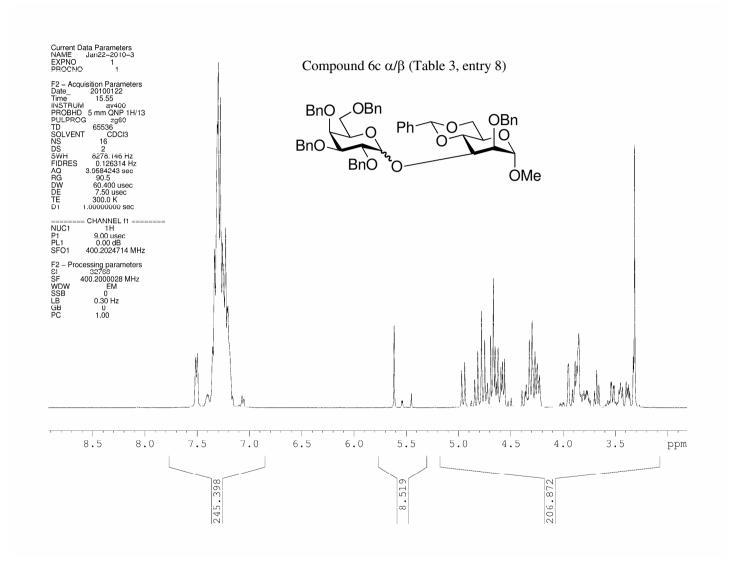


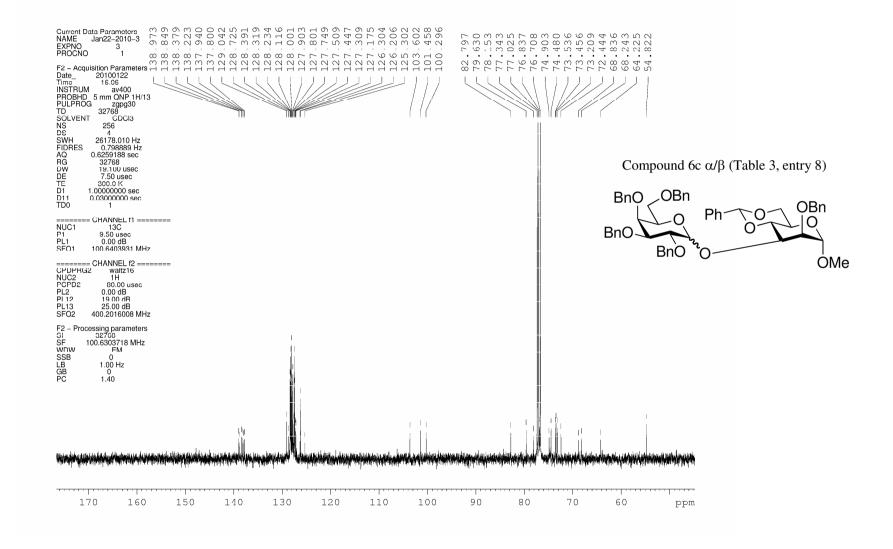


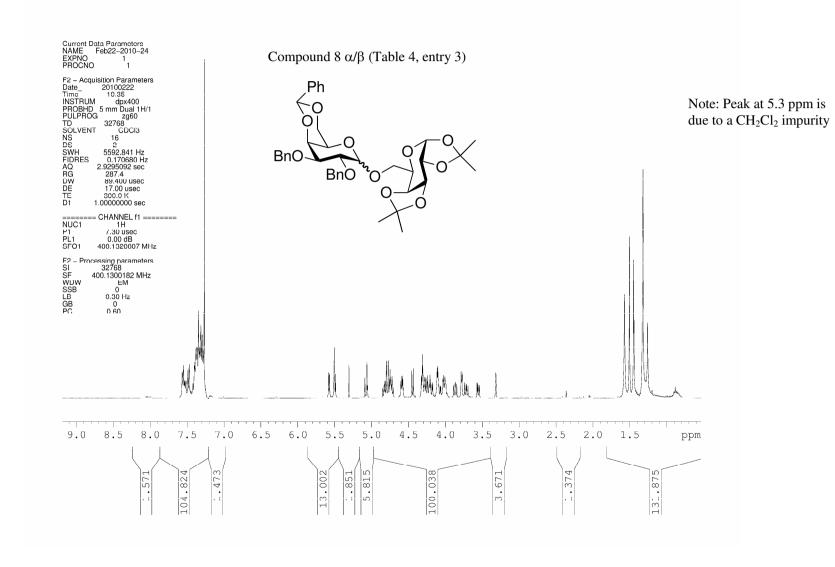


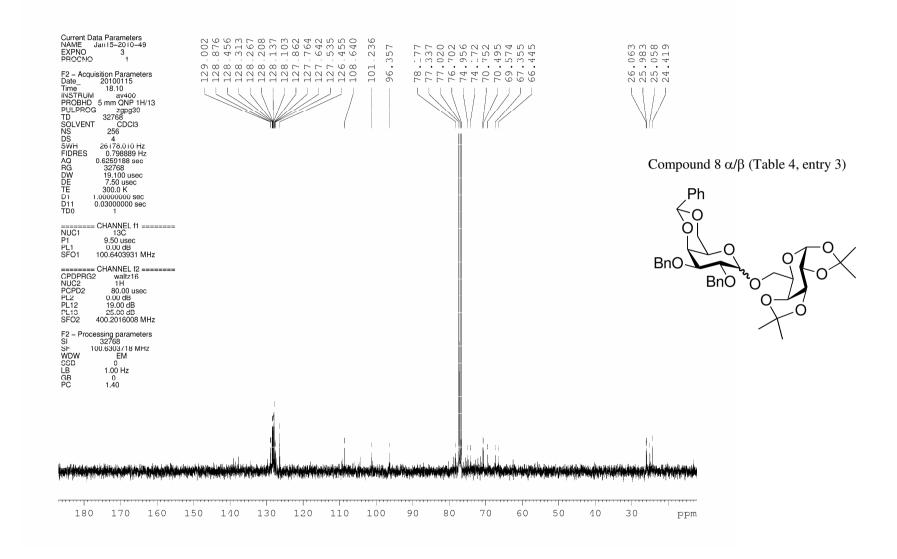












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