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Supplementary Information

# Site-Selective Benzoin-type Cyclization of Unsymmetrical Dialdoses Catalyzed by N-Heterocyclic Carbene for Divergent Cyclitol Synthesis

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**1. General Information.** Reactions were conducted under argon atmosphere and silica gel was used for column chromatography unless otherwise noted. All melting points are uncorrected. NMR (500 and 125 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C, respectively) was measured in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) and coupling constants (*J*) are presented in parts per million relative to tetramethylsilane and hertz, respectively. Abbreviations are as follows: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet; br, broad. <sup>13</sup>C peak multiplicity assignments were made based on DEPT. IR spectroscopy was recorded using an attenuated total reflectance FTIR, and the wave numbers of maximum absorption peaks are presented in cm<sup>-1</sup>. Quadrupole, double-focusing magnetic sector, and TOF mass spectrometers were used for EI-, FAB-, and ESI-MS, respectively.

**2.** Materials. (COCl)<sub>2</sub>, Et<sub>3</sub>N, 2,6-lutidine, TMSCl, MeOH and  $CH_2Cl_2$  were purchased and distilled prior to use. Other starting materials, reagents and solvents were purchased and used as supplied unless a literature for the preparation is cited. Commercially available anhydrous solvents were used as reaction solvents, except for MeOH and  $CH_2Cl_2$ . DMSO and pyridine utilized in reactions were anhydrous grade. Triazoliums **4**, **5**, *ent*-**5**, **6** and *ent*-**6** were prepared as reported.<sup>1</sup>

Tetra-O-benzyl-D-sorbo-hexodialdose (1a): To a stirred solution of DMSO (1.03 OBn mL, 14.4 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (23 mL) cooled at -78 °C, was added a solution of -0 BnO, (COCl)<sub>2</sub> (1.20 mL, 13.9 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (11 + 1.5 mL wash). After 2 min, a solution BnO of 2,3,4,5-tetra-O-benzyl-D-solbitol<sup>2</sup> (3.00 g, 5.53 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (21 + 1.5 mL ŌBn wash) was added. After 1.5 h, Et<sub>3</sub>N (3.52 mL, 25.0 mmol) was added. After 10 min, pentane (56 mL) was added, and the mixture was allowed to warm to rt by removing the cooling bath. The resulting white suspension was filtered through a pad of Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, which was washed with a 1:1 mixture of pentane and EtOAc (30 mL  $\times$  3). The volume of the combined filtrate and washings was reduced by evaporation to ca. 30 mL, and the resulting suspension was further diluted with pentane (30 mL). The precipitate was removed by filtration and washed with the mixed solvent (10 mL  $\times$  3). Concentration of the combined filtrate and washings gave a 53:35:3:9 mixture of 1a, EtOAc, toluene and DMSO (3.50 g, containing 2.98 g of 1a, quant) as a yellow oil: IR: 3086, 3063, 3032, 2932, 2870, 2723, 1732, 1497, 1454, 1396, 1377, 1350, 1331, 1312, 1250, 1211, 1119, 1084, 1072, 1026, 914, 849, 795, 752. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 3.96 (dd, J = 5.5, 4.5, 1H), 3.99 (dd, J = 4.5, 2.0, 1H), 4.06 (d, J = 5.5, 1H), 4.08 (t, J = 4.5, 2.0, 1H), 4.06 (d, J = 5.5, 1H), 4.08 (t, J = 4.5, 2.0, 1H), 4.06 (d, J = 5.5, 1H), 4.08 (t, J = 4.5, 2.0, 1H), 4.06 (d, J = 5.5, 1H), 4.08 (t, J = 4.5, 2.0, 1H), 4.06 (d, J = 5.5, 1H), 4.08 (t, J = 4.5, 2.0, 1H), 4.06 (d, J = 5.5, 1H), 4.08 (t, J = 4.5, 2.0, 1H), 4.06 (d, J = 5.5, 1H), 4.08 (t, J = 4.5, 2.0, 1H), 4.06 (d, J = 5.5, 1H), 4.08 (t, J = 4.5, 2.0, 1H), 4.08 (t, J = 4.5, 2.5, 1H), 4.08 (t, J = 4.5, 2.5, 1H), 4.08 (t, J = 4.5, 2.5, 1H), 4.08 (t, J = 4.5, 1H), 4.08 (t, J = 4 1H), 4.38 (d, J = 11.5, 1H), 4.45 (d, J = 11.5, 1H), 4.49 (d, J = 11.5, 1H), 4.50 (d, J = 11.0, 1H), 4.52

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(d, J = 11.0, 1H), 4.53 (d, J = 11.5, 1H), 4.64 (d, J = 11.5, 1H), 4.75 (d, J = 11.5, 1H), 7.17–7.19 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.27–7.36 (m, 16H), 9.67 (d, J = 2.0, 1H), 9.69 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 72.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 73.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 73.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 74.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 78.7 (CH), 79.5 (CH), 81.5 (CH), 83.4 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 128.07 (CH), 128.10 (CH), 128.31 (CH), 128.34 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 128.45 (CH), 128.48 (CH), 136.91 (C), 136.94 (C), 137.0 (C), 137.1 (C), 199.9 (CH), 200.9 (CH). HRMS–ESI m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>34</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>, 561.2248; found, 561.2247. IR, and <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR were in good agreement with those reported.<sup>2</sup> The mixture was used as **1a** (85% w/w) in the reactions in Table 1.



**1,6-Di-O-benzyl-3,4-O-isopropylidene-D-sorbitol (S1):** In a flask equipped with a Dean–Stark apparatus, a suspension of 3,4-O-isopropylidene-D-sorbitol<sup>3</sup> (500 mg, 2.25 mmol) and dibutyltin oxide<sup>4</sup> (1.2 g, 4.7 mmol) in toluene (23 mL) was heated under reflux for 6 h. Volatile materials were removed by evaporation,

and the residue was dissolved in toluene (11 mL). To the solution, were added benzyl bromide (1.1mL, 9.0 mmol) and tetrabutylammonium iodide (805 mg, 2.25 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 22 h. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, and subsequent chromatography of the resulting residue (hexane/EtOAc 5:2) afforded the title compound (652 mg, 71%) as a colorless oil:  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  + 6.92 (*c* 1.48, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR: 3445, 3086, 3063, 3028, 2986, 2916, 2866, 1497, 1454, 1369, 1315, 1250, 1215, 1165, 1072, 1030, 953, 880, 814, 737. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 1.37 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 3H), 2.60 (br s, 1H), 2.73 (br s, 1H), 3.56 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 6.5, 1H), 3.59 (d, *J* = 6.0, 2H), 3.71 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 3.0, 1H), 3.78–3.85 (br m, 1H), 3.95–4.00 (br m, 1H), 4.05 (t, *J* = 7.5, 1H), 4.10 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 3.0, 1H), 4.54 (d, *J* = 12.0, 1H), 4.56 (s, 2H), 4.58 (d, *J* = 12.0, 1H), 7.26–7.37 (m, 10H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 26.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 69.2 (CH), 71.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 71.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 72.0 (CH), 73.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 73.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 76.1 (CH), 137.7 (C), 137.9 (C). HRMS–ESI *m*/*z*: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>, 425.1935; found, 425.1935.



**1,6-Di-O-Benzyl-2,5-bis-***O-tert***-butyldiphenylsilyl-3,4-***O***-isopropylidene-D-sorbitol (S2):** To stirred a solution of **S1** (6.30 g, 15.7 mmol) and imidazole (6.40 g, 94.2 mmol) in DMF (35 mL), was added *tert*-butylchlorodiphenylsilane (12.2 mL, 47.0 mmol). After 24 h, water (200 mL) was added and the whole was

extracted with a 4:1 mixture of hexane and EtOAc (200 mL  $\times$  2). The combined organic layers were washed with water and brine (400 mL each), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane to hexane/EtOAc 97:3) to yield the title compound (12.4

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g, 90%) as a colorless oil:  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  + 6.8 (*c* 1.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR: 3071, 3048, 3032, 2959, 2932, 2893, 2859, 1470, 1458, 1427, 1377, 1366, 1250, 1215, 1142, 1111, 1026, 1007, 968, 937, 914, 880, 822, 741, 702. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 0.92 (s, 9H), 1.00 (s, 9H), 1.30 (s, 3H), 1.49 (s, 3H), 3.29 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 6.0, 1H), 3.38 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 4.5, 1H), 3.41 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 4.0, 1H), 3.46 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 6.0, 1H), 3.95 (d, *J* = 12.0, 1H), 3.96–4.00 (m, 3H), 4.07 (d, *J* = 12.0, 1H), 4.10 (d, *J* = 12.0, 1H), 4.36 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 2.5, 1H), 4.51 (t, *J* = 6.5, 1H), 6.91–6.94 (m, 2H), 7.04–7.07 (m, 2H), 7.15–7.41 (m, 18H), 7.62–7.69 (m, 8H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 19.4 (C), 19.5 (C), 27.00 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.04 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 71.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 71.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 72.53 (CH), 72.54 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 72.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 73.9 (CH), 77.2 (CH), 79.2 (CH), 109.5 (C), 127.1 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 127.45 (CH), 127.48 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 138.2 (C), 138.4 (C). HRMS–ESI *m*/*z*: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>55</sub>H<sub>66</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>, 901.4290; found, 901.4290.



**2,5-Bis-O-***tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl-3,4-O-isopropylidene-D-sorbitol (S3): A mixture of S2 (23.1 g, 26.3 mmol), NBS (13.1 g, 73.6 mmol), CaCO<sub>3</sub> (23.2 g, 231 mmol), water (50 mL) and CCl<sub>4</sub> (450 mL) was stirred under the irradiation of a visible light lamp for 24 h at 20–25 °C in a water bath.<sup>5</sup> The whole was shaken

with a 4:1 mixture of hexane/EtOAc (450 mL) in a separating funnel, and the organic layer was separated and passed through a silica gel pad (600 g), which was eluted with a 4:1 mixture of hexane/EtOAc (5.5 L). The combined elute was evaporated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane to hexane/EtOAc 5:1) to give the title compound (13.0 g, 71%) as a colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 0.98 (s, 9H), 1.09 (s, 9H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.45 (s, 3H), 1.84 (dd, J = 6.5, 5.5, 1H), 1.91 (dd, J = 7.0, 5.5, 1H), 3.38 (m, 1H), 3.43 (m, 1H), 3.55–3.59 (m, 2H), 3.78 (m, 1H), 3.80 (m, 1H), 4.14 (dd, J = 6.5, 2.5, 1H), 4.31 (t, J = 6.5, 1H), 7.14–7.19 (m, 2H), 7.24–7.45 (m, 10H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.5, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 7.5, 2H), 7.70 (d, J = 7.5, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 7.5, 2H). <sup>1</sup>H NMR was in good agreement with that reported.<sup>6</sup>



2,5-Bis-O-tert-butyldiphenylsilyl-3,4-O-isopropylidene-D-sorbo-hexodial-

**dose** (1b): To a stirred solution of DMSO (0.62 mL, 8.8 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (13.5 mL) cooled at -78 °C, was added a solution of (COCl)<sub>2</sub> (0.72 mL, 9.3 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (8.0 + 2.0 mL wash). After 2 min, a solution of **S3** (2.34 g, 3.37 mmol) in

 $CH_2Cl_2$  (11 + 2.5 mL wash) was added. After 1.5 h,  $Et_3N$  (0.80 mL, 5.6 mmol) was added. After 10 min, pentane (70 mL) was added, and the mixture was allowed to warm to rt by removing the cooling

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bath. The resulting suspension was filtered through a pad of Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, which was washed with a 1:1 mixture of pentane and EtOAc (50 mL × 3). The volume of the combined filtrate and washings was reduced by evaporation to ca. 10 mL, and the resulting suspension was further diluted with pentane (20 mL). The precipitate was removed by filtration and washed with the mixed solvent (20 mL × 3). Concentration of the combined filtrate and washings gave a 45:10:45 mixture of **1b**, DMSO and EtOAc (2.72 g, containing 2.34 g of **1b**, quant) as a pale yellow oil: IR: 3071, 3051, 3017, 2986, 2959, 2932, 2959, 2897, 1736, 1489, 1474, 1381, 1323, 1258, 1238, 1219, 1188, 1146, 1111, 1084, 1030, 999, 937, 895, 868, 822, 756, 745. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 1.06 (s, 9H), 1.09 (s, 9H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.45 (s, 3H), 4.09 (dd, J = 2.0, 0.5, 1H), 4.33 (dd, 4.5, 1.0, 1H), 4.41 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.0, 1H), 4.46 (dd, J = 8.0, 4.5, 1H), 7.31–7.46 (m, 12H), 7.58–7.68 (m, 8H), 9.34 (d, J = 0.5, 1H), 9.40 (d, J = 1.0, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 19.3 (C), 19.4 (C), 26.76 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.80 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.86 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.91 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 76.8 (CH), 77.6 (CH), 78.12 (CH), 78.14 (CH), 110.4 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.80 (CH), 127.84 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 130.09 (CH), 130.14 (CH), 130.2 (C), 132.0 (C), 132.1 (C), 132.4 (C), 132.9 (CH), 135.7 (CH), 135.76 (CH), 135.81 (CH), 135.84 (CH), 201.00 (CH), 201.04 (CH). HRMS–ESI m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C4<sub>1</sub>H<sub>50</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>, 717.3038; found, 717.3035. The mixture was used as **1b** (86% w/w) in the reactions in Table 2.

OTBDPS **1,6-Di-O-benzyl-2,5-di-O-tert-butyldiphenylsilyl-D-sorbitol (S4):** To a stirred solution of S2 (15.1 g, 17.2 mmol) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (150 mL), were added silica gel (50 g) and 10% aq. oxalic acid (5 mL), and the suspension was heated at 60 °C.<sup>7</sup> After 2 d, silica gel (50 g), 10% aq. oxalic acid (5 mL) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (150 mL) were added.

After 2 d, another portion of silica gel (50 g), 10% aq. oxalic acid (5 mL) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (150 mL) was added. After additional 2 d, the silica gel was removed by filtration through a glass filter and successively washed with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (1 L). The combined filtrate was evaporated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 19:1) to yield the title compound (12.0 g, quant) as a colorless oil:  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  –6.01 (*c* 1.77, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR: 3510, 3410, 3071, 3051, 3013, 2959, 2932, 2893, 2859, 1470, 1454, 1427, 1389, 1362, 1261, 1215, 1111, 1026, 1007, 937, 910, 822, 756, 702. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 1.02 (s, 9H), 1.03 (s, 9H), 2.94 (d, *J* = 5.5, 1H), 3.84–3.48 (m, 5H), 3.93–3.96 (m, 1H), 4.02 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 4.5, 1H), 4.07 (t, *J* = 5.5, 1H), 4.11 (t, *J* = 6.0, 1H), 4.13 (d, *J* = 12.0, 1H), 4.14 (d, *J* = 12.0, 1H), 4.18 (d, *J* = 12.0, 1H), 4.25 (d, *J* = 12.0, 1H), 7.06–7.10 (m, 4H), 7.22–7.24 (m, 6H), 7.27–7.35 (m, 8H), 7.38–7.48 (m, 4H), 7.62–7.63 (m, 2H), 7.67–7.71 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 19.4 (C), 19.5 (C), 27.0 (CH<sub>3</sub> × 2), 70.4 (CH), 70.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 70.8 (CH), 71.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 72.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 73.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 73.5 (CH), 74.0 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 127.44 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 127.57 (CH), 133.0 (C), 133.1 (C), 134.1

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(C), 134.3 (C), 135.7 (CH), 135.8 (CH), 135.9 (CH), 136.1 (CH), 137.7 (C), 138.1 (C). HRMS–ESI *m*/*z*: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>52</sub>H<sub>62</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>, 861.3977; found, 861.3977.



**1,6-Di-O-benzyl-2,5-bis-***O-tert***-butyldiphenylsilyl-3,4-***O***-carbonyl-D-sorbi-tol (S5):** To a stirred solution of S4 (11.6 g, 13.8 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (70 mL), was added carbonyldiimidazole (5.59 g, 34.5 mmol). After 20 h, water (70 mL) was added, and the whole was extracted with  $CHCl_3$  (70 mL × 2). The combined

organic layers were washed with brine (210 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 10:1 to 9:1) to yield the title compound (1.90 g, quant) as a colorless oil:  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  +20.1 (*c* 1.07, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR: 3132, 3067, 3048, 3017, 2959, 2932, 2893, 2859, 2801, 2743, 2712, 1798, 1589, 1489, 1474, 1458, 1427, 1381, 1366, 1258, 1215, 1180, 1138, 1111, 1038, 1030, 999, 961, 937, 907, 822, 756, 702. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 1.00 (s, 9H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 3.04 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 3.5, 1H), 3.11 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 4.5, 1H), 3.41 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 6.0, 1H), 3.54 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 8.0, 1H), 3.89 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 6.0, 1.0, 1H), 3.94 (d, *J* = 11.5, 1H), 3.99 (d, *J* = 11.5, 1H), 4.07 (ddd, *J* = 4.5, 3.5, 2.5, 1H), 4.12 (d, *J* = 11.5, 1H), 4.20 (d, *J* = 11.5, 1H), 4.70 (dd, *J* = 4.5, 2.5, 1H), 5.23 (dd, *J* = 4.5, 1.0, 1H), 6.97–6.99 (m, 2H), 7.01–7.04 (m, 2H), 7.17–7.23 (m, 6H), 7.26–7.45 (m, 12H), 7.59–7.65 (m, 8H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 19.2 (C), 19.4 (C), 26.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.76 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 69.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 70.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 71.6 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 128.15 (CH), 128.22 (CH), 129.72 (CH), 129.74 (CH), 130.0 (CH), 130.1 (CH), 131.7 (C), 132.4 (C), 133.6 (C), 133.9 (C), 135.6 (CH), 135.7 (CH), 135.9 (CH), 136.0 (CH), 137.2 (C), 137.8 (C), 155.2 (C). HRMS–ESI *m*/*z*: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>53</sub>H<sub>60</sub>NaO<sub>7</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>, 887.3770; found, 877.3774.



**2,5-Di**-*O*-tert-butyldiphenylsilyl-3,4-*O*-carbonyl-D-sorbitol (S6): To a solution of S5 (11.9 g, 13.8 mmol) in a 1:1 mixture of MeOH and EtOAc (100 mL), was added 20% Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (wetted with 50% water, 1.9 g, 2.8 mmol), and the mixture was stirred under a H<sub>2</sub> atmosphere (4 atm) at 60 °C. After 46 h, the

whole was filtered through celite (15 g), which was washed with EtOAc (100 mL × 5). The combined filtrate and washings were evaporated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 5:1 to 4:1 and then 2:1) to yield the title compound (8.67 g, 92%) as a white solid of mp 142–143 °C:  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  +38.7 (*c* 1.12, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR: 3472, 3071, 3051, 3017, 2959, 2932, 2893, 2859, 1794, 1589, 1474, 1427, 1339, 1362, 1308, 1261, 1215, 1184, 1130, 1111, 1084, 1053, 999, 937, 895, 822, 756, 706. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 1.03 (s, 9H), 1.06 (s, 9H), 1.17–1.19 (m, 1H), 1.46–1.49 (m, 1H), 3.19 (ddd, J = 11.5, 7.0, 3.5, 1H), 3.29 (dt, J = 11.5, 3.5, 1H), 3.64–3.71 (m, 2H), 3.81 (dd, J = 6.5, 1.5, 1H), 3.97 (q, J = 3.5, 1H), 4.60 (t, J = 3.5, 1H), 5.02 (dd, J = 3.5, 1.5, 1H), 7.37–7.41 (m, 8H), 7.44–7.47 (m,

4H), 7.63–7.67 (m, 6H), 7.72–7.73 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 19.2 (C), 19.3 (C), 26.8 (CH<sub>3</sub> × 2), 62.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 62.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 72.6 (CH), 73.4 (CH), 76.8 (CH), 78.8 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 130.06 (CH), 130.11 (CH), 130.2 (CH), 131.7 (C), 132.1 (C), 133.46 (C), 133.49 (C), 135.5 (CH), 135.6 (CH), 135.9 (CH), 136.0 (CH), 154.7 (C). HRMS–ESI m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>48</sub>NaO<sub>7</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>, 707.2831; found, 707.2829.



2,5-Di-*O-tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl-3,4-*O*-carbonyl-D-*sorbo*-hexodialdose (1d): → O To a stirred solution of DMSO (0.19 mL, 2.7 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4 mL) cooled at → O -78 °C, were added a solution of (COCl)<sub>2</sub> (0.22 mL, 2.6 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.5 +

0.5 mL wash) and, after 2 min, a solution of S6 (701 mg, 1.02 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3.5 + 0.5 mL wash). After 1.5 h, Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.64 mL, 4.6 mmol) was added. After 10 min, pentane (20 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to rt by removing the cooling bath. The resulting suspension was filtered through a pad of Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, which was washed with a 1:1 mixture of pentane and EtOAc (10 mL  $\times$  3). The volume of the combined filtrate and washings was reduced by evaporation to ca. 10 mL, and the resulting suspension was further diluted with pentane (20 mL). The precipitate was removed by filtration and washed with the mixed solvent (10 mL  $\times$  3). Concentration of the combined filtrate and washings gave a 27:10:55:8 mixture of 1d, DMSO, EtOAc and an unidentified byproduct, which was estimated to be a hydrate, as a pale yellow oil (870 mg, containing 551 mg of 1d, 79%): IR: 3071, 3051, 3017, 3001, 2959, 2932, 2893, 2859, 1813, 1736, 1473, 1427, 1381, 1366, 1261, 1173, 1134, 1111, 1072, 999, 937, 887, 849, 822, 760, 745. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 1.10 (s, 9H), 1.12 (s, 9H), 4.06 (dd, J = 2.0, 1.0, 1H), 4.45 (d, J = 2.5, 1H), 4.78 (dd, J = 4.5, 2.5, 1H), 4.89 (dd, 4.5, 2.0, 1H) 7.37–7.50 (m, 12H), 7.61–7.65 (m, 8H), 9.13 (s, 1H), 9.50 (d, J = 1.0, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 19.2 (C), 19.4 (C), 26.66 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.73 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 76.8 (CH), 77.11 (CH), 77.13 (CH), 78.0 (CH), 128.10 (CH), 128.12 (CH), 128.14 (CH), 128.19 (CH), 130.5 (CH), 130.57 (CH), 130.59 (CH), 130.7 (CH), 131.2 (CH), 131.8 (CH), 132.3 (CH), 135.7 (CH), 135.9 (CH), 153.6 (C), 199.5 (CH), 200.5 (CH). HRMS-ESI m/z:  $[M + Na + 2MeOH]^+$  calcd for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>52</sub>NaO<sub>9</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>, 767.3042; found, 767.3043. This mixture was used as 1d (63% w/w) in the reactions in Table 3.

## 3. Benzoin-type Cyclization of Dialdoses.

**General Procedure of the Benzoin-type Cyclization of Dialdoses:** Dialdose (1a, 1b or 1d) was dissolved in toluene (0.050 M) and added to a stirred suspension of triazolium salt (4, 5, *ent*-5, 6 or *ent*-6), and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> or NaOBz in toluene (the same amount as above). After the indicated time, water was added, and the whole was extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was evaporated to give a crude mixture. Yields and diastereomeric ratios of the products and the recovery yield of 1a, 1b and 1d were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR of the crude mixture using Ph<sub>3</sub>CH (5.55 ppm) as an internal standard. When

toluene-d<sub>8</sub> was used as a solvent, instead of toluene, <sup>1</sup>H NMR of the reaction mixture was directly measured without any workup. The isolation of each isomers from the crude mixture was performed by column chromatography and/or preparative TLC (vide infra).

(2S,3S,4R,5S,6R)-2,3,4,5-Tetrabenzyloxy-6-hydroxycyclohexanone **(2aα)**: OBn BnO, The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (toluene/MeOH 19:1) after partial separation by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 4:1 to 3:1): a BnO ΌH ŌΒn colorless syrup.  $[\alpha]^{27}_{D} - 27.6$  (c 1.14, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) {lit<sup>2</sup>:  $[\alpha]^{28}_{D} - 40.4$  (c 0.6, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)}. IR: 3468, 3086, 3063, 3028, 2924, 2874, 1744, 1497, 1454, 1396, 1366, 1312, 1261, 1215, 1126, 1076, 1026, 914, 752. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 3.36 (br s, 1H), 3.79 (t, J = 3.0, 1H), 4.15 (ddd, J = 4.5, 3.0, 2.0, 1H), 4.22 (dd, J = 4.0, 3.0, 2.0, 1H), 4.36 (d, J = 12.0, 1H), 4.39 (d, J = 12.0, 1H), 4.45 (d, J = 12.0, 1H), 4.46(dd, J = 4.5, 1.5, 1H), 4.52-4.54 (br m, 1H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 4.56 (d, J = 12.0, 1H), 4.73 (d 4.88 (d, J = 12.0, 1H), 7.08–7.10 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.21 (m, 2H), 7.29–7.38 (m, 16H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR: 72.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 72.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 73.0 (CH), 73.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 73.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 74.3 (CH), 80.3 (CH), 81.2 (CH), 82.2 (CH), 127.56 (CH), 127.64 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.77 (CH), 127.80 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 137.0 (C), 137.68 (C), 137.71 (C), 138.0 (C), 205.4 (C). HRMS-ESI m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>34</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>, 561.2248; found, 561.2248. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR were in good agreement with those reported.<sup>2</sup> The stereochemistry was confirmed by the small coupling constants between the  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -protons (J = 4.5 and 4.0 Hz) and the long-range NOESY couplings of the  $\alpha$ -protons and the  $\beta$ -protons (J = 1.5 and 2.0 Hz, 2.0 Hz OBn 1.5 Hz respectively) as well as the NOESY correlation between the  $\alpha$ -protons.  $H_{4}$ H<sub>5</sub> OBn These indicate that the  $\alpha$ -protons were oriented in the axial positions and ÓВ'n

 $\beta$ -protons in the equatorial positions.

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J = 3.0, 1H, 4.30 (t, J = 9.0, 1H), 4.35–4.95 (m, 8H), 4.87 (d, J = 9.0, 1H), 7.10-7.38 (m, 20H). The stereochemistry was determined by the large coupling constants of the protons at the 3–6 positions (J = 9.0 Hz each), which indicate that these four protons were oriented in the axial positions.



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(2R,3S,4R,5R,6S)-2,3,4,5-Tetrabenzyloxy-6-hydroxycyclohexanone **(3aα):** The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (toluene/MeOH 19:1) after partial separation by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 4:1 to 3:1).

Recrystallization from EtOAc/hexane (1:5) gave white solids with mp 127–130 °C:  $[\alpha]^{27}$  +9.74 (*c* 1.80, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) {lit<sup>2</sup>: mp 129–131 °C,  $[\alpha]^{27}$ <sub>D</sub> –6.7 (*c* 1,8, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)}. IR: 3406, 3086, 3063, 3032, 2913, 2859, 1734, 1497, 1454, 1420, 1400, 1358, 1312, 1211, 1134, 1123, 1096, 1076, 1042, 1026, 976, 914, 883, 733. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 3.42 (br s, 1H), 3.81 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.0, 1H), 4.12 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 1.0, 1H), 4.14 (t, *J* = 2.0, 1H), 4.18 (t, J = 9.0, 1H), 4.19 (br s, 1H), 4.59 (d, J = 11.5, 1H), 4.67 (d, J = 12.0, 1H), 4.73 (d, J = 12.0 = 12.0, 2H, 4.86 (d, J = 11.0, 1H), 4.88 (d, J = 12.0, 1H), 4.90 (d, J = 11.0, 1H), 4.93 (d, J = 11.5, 1H), 4.94 (d, J = 11.5, 1H), 4.95 (d, J = 11.5, 1H), 4.95 (d, J = 11.5, 1H), 4.95 (d, J = 11.5, 1H), 4.96 ( 1H), 7.28–7.33 (m, 18H), 7.37–7.39 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 73.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 73.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 74.7 (CH), 74.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 76.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 77.9 (CH), 79.8 (CH), 82.5 (CH), 83.6 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 127.68 (CH), 127.70 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 128.08 (CH), 128.13 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 137.3 (C), 137.9 (C), 138.1 (C), 138.3 (C), 204.2 (C). HRMS-ESI m/z:  $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>34</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>, 561.2248; found, 561.2249. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR were in good agreement with those reported.<sup>2</sup> The stereochemistry was confirmed by the large coupling NOESY 1.0 ∙/- н<sub>6</sub> constants of the protons at the 2–4 positions (J = 9.0 Hz each) and the long-H∤  $H_5$ range coupling between the protons at the 2- and 6-positions (J = 1.0 Hz) as BnO BnO OH well as the NOESY correlation between the protons at the 4- and 6-positions, 9.0 ()Bn ÒBn Ò **9.0** indicating that these protons are oriented in the axial position.

(2R,3S,4R,5R,6R)-2,3,4,5-Tetrabenzyloxy-6-hydroxycyclohexanone (**3aB**): OBn The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (toluene) after partial BnO, .OH separation by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 4:1), using DIOL silica gel: BnO  $[\alpha]^{20}$  +15.1 (*c* 2.21, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR: 3433, 3090, 3063, 3032, 3009, 2870, 1740, 1497, ŌBn 1454, 1389, 1366, 1261, 1215, 1096, 1072, 1026, 914, 748. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 3.05 (br d, J = 1.5, 1H), 3.76 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.5, 1H), 3.97 (ddd, J = 4.0, 2.5, 1.0, 1H), 3.98 (t, J = 4.0, 1H), 4.17 (dd, J = 4.0, 1.0, 1H),4.43 (d, J = 11.5, 1H), 4.48 (d, J = 11.5, 1H), 4.54 (d, J = 11.5, 1H), 4.62 (d, J = 12.0, 1H), 4.64 (d, J = 12.0, = 11.5, 1H, 4.65 (d, J = 12.0, 1H), 4.68 (d, J = 12.0, 1H), 4.76 (d, J = 12.0, 1H), 4.86 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.5, 1H) 1H), 7.14–7.16 (m, 2H), 7.27–7.33 (m, 18H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 72.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 72.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 73.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 73.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 74.4 (CH), 76.8 (CH), 76.9 (CH), 79.6 (CH), 81.2 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.75 (CH), 127.78 (CH), 127.81 (CH), 127.86 (CH), 127.90 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 128.32 (CH), 128.34 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 137.1 (C), 137.4 (C), 138.0 (C), 138.1 (C), 206.2 (C). HRMS-ESI m/z:  $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>34</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>, 561.2248; found, 561.2248. The stereochemistry was confirmed by the large coupling constants of the protons at the 5- and 6-positions (J = 8.5 Hz), indicating that these protons are oriented H<sub>5</sub>\_8.5 Hz in the axial positions, and the other coupling constants within the range

between 1.0 to 4.0 Hz as well as the long-range coupling (J = 1.0 Hz)



between the protons at the 2- and 4-positions, indicating these protons are in the equatorial positions.



(2S,3S,4S,5S,6R)-2,5-Bis-tert-butyldiphenylsiloxy-6-hydroxy-3,4-isopropylidenedioxycyclohexanone (2ba): To a stirred suspension of ent-6 (33 mg, 73 μmol) and NaOBz (11 mg, 73 μmol) in toluene (7 mL), was added a solution of 1b (252 mg, 363 µmol) in toluene (7.5 mL). After 12 h, the whole was

concentrated in vacuo at 50 °C to give a 74:16:10 mixture of the title compound, 2bß and 3aa. The title compound was characterized by <sup>1</sup>H NMR as a mixture with  $2b\beta$  and  $3a\alpha$  because of the instability under purification conditions: <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 1.12 (s, 9H), 1.13 (s, 9H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 3.13 (br d, J = 7.5, 1H), 3.77 (dd, J = 10.5, 4.5, 1H), 4.06 (dd, J = 7.5, 6.0, 1H),

4.30 (t, J = 6.0, 1H), 4.33 (dd, J = 10.5, 6.0, 1H), 4.37 (d, J = 4.5, 1H), 7.10-7.43 (m, 20H). On the basis of the coupling constants, this compound likely takes a boat or twist boat conformation. The stereochemistry was determined after conversion into 2ca (vide infra).





(2S,3S,4S,5S,6S)-2,5-Bis-tert-butyldiphenylsiloxy-6-hydroxy-3,4-isopropylidenedioxycyclohexanone (2bβ): Column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 97:3) followed by three times preparative TLC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, pentane/EtOAc 95:5 four-timedevelopment and hexane/EtOAc 95:5 three-time-development) gave the title compound with some impurity as a colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 1.11 (s, 9H), 1.13 (s, 9H), 1.25 (s, 3H),

1.41 (s, 3H), 2.87 (d, J = 4.5, 1H), 3.07 (dd, J = 9.5, 2.5, 1H), 3.59 (dd, J = 9.5, 8.5, 1H), 4.48 (d, J = 1.5, 1H), 4.58 (d, J = 1.58, 1H), 4.58 2.5, 1H), 4.64 (t, J = 9.5, 1H), 4.69 (dd, J = 8.5, 4.5, 1H), 7.32–7.80 (m,

20H). The stereochemistry was determined by the large coupling constants between the protons at the 3–6 positions (J = 9.5, 9.5 and 8.5 Hz) as well as the NOESY correlation between the protons at the 4- and 6-positions, indicating these four protons were oriented in the axial positions.





(2R,3S,4S,5R,6S)-2,5-Bis-tert-butyldiphenylsiloxy-6-hydroxy-3,4-isopropylidenedioxycyclohexanone (3ba): The title compound was isolated by column νOΗ chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 95:5) as a colorless oil:  $\left[\alpha\right]^{20}$  +9.70 (c 1.63, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR: 3503, 3071, 3051, 3013, 2959, 2932, 2901, 2859, 1736, 1474, 1462, 1427, 1381, 1261, 1219, 1173, 1157, 1111, 1072, 1022, 968, 937, 891, 845, 822, 799, 760, 741. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 1.08 (s, 9H), 1.16 (s, 9H), 1.38 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 3H), 3.00 (d, *J* = 6.5, 1H), 3.69 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.0, 1H), 3.76 (ddd, J = 6.5, 3.0, 1.0, 1H), 4.34 (dd, J = 11.0, 9.0, 1H), 4.42 (dd, J = 11.0, 1.0, 1H), 4.50(dd, J = 3.0, 2.0, 1H), 7.32–7.43 (m, 12H), 7.53–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.75–7.78 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 19.6 (C × 2), 26.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 70.2 (CH), 75.8 (CH), 76.0 (CH), 77.8 (CH), 77.9 (CH), 112.6 (C), 127.3 (CH), 127.42 (CH), 127.44 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 129.67 (CH), 129.74 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 132.1 (C), 133.0 (C), 133.1 (C), 133.9 (C), 135.8 (C), 136.1 (CH), 136.2 (CH), 136.7 (CH), 205.3 (C). HRMS-ESI m/z:  $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>50</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>, 717.3038; found, 717.3039. The stereochemistry was determined by the large coupling constants of the protons at the 2–4 positions (J = 11.0 and 9.0 Hz) and the NOESY correlations between NOESY  $H_5$ the protons at the 2- and 4-positions and the protons at the 4- and 6-1.0 Hz OH 0 position as well as the long-range coupling (J = 1.0 Hz) between the -0 protons at the 2- and 6 positions, indicating these four protons are Ò ÖSi 9.0 Hz  $H_3$ 11.0 Hz oriented in the axial positions.



(2R,3S,4S,5R,6R)-2,5-Bis-*tert*-butyldiphenylsiloxy-6-hydroxy-3,4-isopropylidenedioxycyclohexanone (3b $\beta$ ): The title compound was not formed in the reaction but found in a crude mixture after several hours and isolated by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 97:3), preparative TLC (pentane/EtOAc 19:1

three-time-development) and then preparative DIOL silica TLC (hexane/EtOAc 8:1) as a colorless oil:  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  +33.9 (*c* 0.16, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR: 3422, 3071, 3051, 3013, 2959, 2928, 2893, 2859, 1740, 1470, 1427, 1381, 1261, 1231, 1192, 1153, 1111, 1076, 1030, 957, 860, 822, 795, 760, 745. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 1.06 (s, 9H), 1.15 (s, 9H), 1.43 (s, 3H), 1.51 (s, 3H), 1.91 (br d, *J* = 3.0, 1H), 3.61 (br t, *J* = 3.0, 1H), 3.98 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.5, 1H), 4.22 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 2.5, 1H), 4.33 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 9.5, 1H), 4.72 (d, *J* = 10.5, 1H), 7.29–7.44 (m, 12H), 7.63–7.65 (m, 2H), 7.73–7.79 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 19.3 (C), 19.6 (C), 26.80 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.84 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 69.6 (CH), 76.5 (CH), 76.7 (CH), 76.9 (CH), 77.1 (CH), 111.9 (C), 127.2 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 130.0 (CH), 132.4 (C), 133.2 (C), 133.4 (C), 133.5 (C), 135.9 (CH), 136.1 (CH), 136.2 (CH), 136.3 (CH), 204.2

(C). HRMS-ESI m/z:  $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>50</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>, 717.3038; found, 717.3037. The stereochemistry was determined by the large coupling constants of the protons at the 2–4 positions (J = 10.5 and 9.5 Hz), indicating these three protons are oriented in the axial positions.



The resulting suspension was filtered through a pad of Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, which was washed with a 1:1 mixture of pentane and EtOAc (20 mL  $\times$  3). The combined filtrate and washings were evaporated, and the resulting residue was further suspended with a 1:1 mixture of pentane and EtOAc (10 mL) and filtered. The removed precipitate was washed with the mixed solvent (2 mL  $\times$  3). Concentration of the combined filtrate and washings gave a 62:22:10:6 mixture of 1b, DMSO, EtOAc and an unidentified impurity, which was estimated to be a hydrate, as pale yellow oil (1.20 g, containing 1.04 g of 1b, 89%). The oil was dissolved in toluene (29 mL) and added to a stirred suspension of ent-6 (134 mg, 296 µmol) and NaOBz (42.7 mg, 296 µmol) in toluene (30 mL). After 3 h, water (120 mL) was added, the whole was extracted with EtOAc (120 mL), and the organic layer was washed with brine (120 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated to give brown amorphous (1.30 g). To a stirred solution of the amorphous in MeCN (18 mL) cooled at -20 °C, was dropwise added 46% aq. HF (2.0 mL). After 6 h, sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (20 mL) was added, the whole was extracted with EtOAc (20 mL  $\times$  2) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (40 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 5:1 to 3:1) to give the title compound (388 mg, 40%) as a colorless oil along with **2cB** and **3ca**:  $[\alpha]^{20}$  –7 (*c* 0.06, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR: 3502, 3071, 3051, 3013, 2997, 2959, 2932, 2893, 2859, 1740, 1470, 1427, 1339, 1362, 1261, 1215, 1192, 1157, 1134, 1111, 1076, 1030, 922, 876, 853, 822, 802, 760, 741. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 1.04 (s, 9H), 1.16 (s, 9H), 1.53 (d, J = 4.0, 1H), 3.14 (d, J = 8.5, 1H), 3.19 (d, J = 7.0, 1H), 4.04 (ddd, J = 4.0, 3.0, 2.5, 1H), 4.10 (dddd, J = 4.0, 1H), 4.10 (dddd, J = 4.0,J = 8.5, 4.5, 2.5, 2.0, 1H, 4.27 (ddd, J = 7.0, 4.0, 1.0, 1H), 4.34 (ddd, J = 4.0, 3.0, 2.0, 1H), 4.70 (dd, 2.0, 1H)), 4.70 (dd, 3.0, 2.0, 1H) J = 4.5, 1.0, 1H, 7.34–7.46 (m, 12H), 7.62–7.64 (m, 2H), 7.69–7.72 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 19.3 (C), 19.4 (C), 26.89 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.93 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 69.4 (CH), 74.0 (CH), 75.9 (CH), 80.08 (CH), 80.13 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.75 (CH), 127.82 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 130.0 (CH), 132.1 (CH), 132.4 (CH), 132.8 (C), 133.3 (C), 135.7 (CH), 135.8 (CH), 136.0 (CH), 136.4 (CH), 206.0 (C). HRMS-ESI 9% nOe 2.0 Hz OH ψH<sub>2</sub> m/z:  $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>46</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>, 677.2725; found, 677.2723.  $H_3$ 1.0 Hz He  $H_{4}$ H<sub>5</sub> The stereochemistry was determined by the long-range coupling (J = 1.0)OSi Hz) and the nOe between the protons at the 2- and 6-positions (9%), ĊН Ю Ò ÒSi

indicating these protons are oriented in the axial positions.

7.54–7.58 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.64 (m, 2H), 7.67–7.70 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 19.4 (C), 19.7 (C), 26.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 72.0 (CH), 73.7 (CH), 76.4 (CH), 76.9 (CH), 78.6 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 127.89 (CH), 127.93 (CH), 129.88 (CH), 129.90 (CH), 130.3 (CH), 131.8 (C), 132.0 (C), 132.4 (C), 134.1 (C), 135.6 (CH), 135.8 (CH), 135.9 (CH), 136.2 (CH), 205.2 (C). HRMS-ESI *m*/*z*: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd 9.5 Hz for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>46</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>, 677.2725; found, 677.2725. The large coupling ,Ò  $H_2$  $H_5$ 9.0 Hz constants of the protons at the 3–6 positions (J = 9.5, 9.0 and 8.5 Hz) as НО НО~ OH well as the NOESY correlation between the protons at the 4- and 6-Q . SSi 8.5 Hz ΄ Śi Η<sub>ś</sub> position, indicating these protons are oriented in the axial positions, is NOESY consistent with the proposed stereochemistry.

(2R,3S,4S,5R,6S)-2,5-Bis-tert-butyldiphenylsiloxy-3,4,6-trihydroxycyclohex-**TBDPSO** HO, , OH anone (3ca): The title compound was isolated by preparative TLC (hexane/EtOAc 2:1) as a colorless solid of mp 153–154 °C:  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  +49.5 (*c* 0.04, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR: 3429, HO °O 3071, 3048, 3017, 2997, 2959, 2928, 2897, 2859, 1744, 1462, 1427, 1339, 1362, TBDPSŌ 1261, 1215, 192, 1173, 1134, 1111, 1072, 1030, 999, 968, 941, 899, 822, 802, 775, 741. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 1.07 (s, 9H), 1.17 (s, 9H), 2.01 (d, J = 5.5, 1H), 2.39 (d, J = 2.5, 1H), 3.05 (d, J = 6.5, 1H), 3.62 (ddd, J = 9.0, 5.5, 2.0, 1H), 3.89 (ddd, J = 6.5, 3.0, 1.0, 1H), 4.14 (td, J = 9.0, 2.5, 1H), 4.22 (dd, J = 9.0, 1.0, 1H) 1H), 4.29 (dd, J = 3.0, 2.0, 1H), 7.37–7.46 (m, 12H), 7.58–7.61 (m, 2H), 7.70–7.74 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 19.7 (C), 27.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 71.6 (CH), 74.7 (CH), 75.6 (CH), 76.7 (CH), 78.8 (CH), 127.63 (CH), 127.64 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 129.97 (CH), nOe 130.02 (CH), 132.4 (C), 132.6 (C), 135.7 (CH), 136.0 (CH), 136.1 (CH), 4% ۱<sub>6</sub> 1.0 Hz 136.4 (CH), 203.8 (C). HRMS-ESI m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for HO HO OH C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>46</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>, 677.2725; found, 677.2724. This compound has a similar q SI 9.0 Hz ÒSi Ò coupling and nOe correlation patterns to those of  $3b\alpha$ , which is consistent  $H_3$ 9.0 Hz with the proposed stereochemistry.



(2*S*,3*S*,4*S*,5*S*,6*S*)-2,5-Bis-*tert*-butyldiphenylsiloxy-3,4-carbonyldioxy-6hydroxycyclohexanone (2d $\beta$ ) (Table 3, entry 1): 1d (26.0 mg, 38.2 µmol) was dissolved in toluene-d<sub>8</sub> (0.75 mL) and added to a stirred suspension of 4 (2.8 mg, 7.6 µmol) and NaOBz (1.1 mg, 7.6 µmol) in toluene-d<sub>8</sub> (0.75 mL). After 12 h, the

whole was concentrated in *vacuo* to give a 56:44 mixture of the title compound and **3da**. The title compound was characterized by <sup>1</sup>H NMR as a mixture with **3da** because of the instability under purification conditions: <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 1.06 (s, 9H), 1.18 (s, 9H), 3.65 (dd, J = 12.0, 2.5, 1H), 3.71 (dd, J = 9.5, 8.0, 1H), 3.75 (d, J = 2.5, 1H), 4.63 (d, J = 8.0, 1H), 5.21 (dd, J = 12.0, 9.5, 1H), 7.35–7.78 (m,

(2R,3S,4S,5R,6S)-2,5-Bis-tert-butyldiphenylsiloxy-3,4-carbonyldioxy-6-

20H). The stereochemistry was determined by the large coupling constants of the protons at the 3–6 positions (J = 12.0, 9.5 and 8.0 Hz) as well as the nOe between the protons at the 4- and 6-positions (7%), indicating these protons are oriented in the axial positions.





hydroxycyclohexanone (3da) (Table 3, entry 6): To a stirred solution of DMSO (0.12 mL, 1.7 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.8 mL) cooled at -78 °C, was added a solution of (COCl)<sub>2</sub> (0.14 mL, 1.6 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.4 mL). After 2 min, a solution of S6 (494 mg, 720 µmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.4 + 0.5 mL wash) was added. After 1 h, Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.42 mL, 3.0 mmol) was added. After 5 min, pentane (8 mL) was added, and the mixture was allowed to warm to rt by removing the cooling bath. The resulting suspension was filtered through a pad of Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, which was washed with a 1:1 mixture of pentane and EtOAc (5 mL  $\times$  3). The volume of the combined filtrate and washings was reduced by evaporation to ca. 5 mL, and the resulting suspension was further diluted with pentane (5 mL) and filtered. The removed precipitate was washed with the mixed solvent (5 mL  $\times$  3). Concentration of the combined filtrate and washings gave a 50:7:30:23 mixture of 1d, EtOAc, toluene and an unidentified byproduct, which was estimated to be a hydrate, as a pale yellow oil (527 mg, containing 335 mg of 1d, 68%). A part of the oil (500 mg) was dissolved in toluene (9.5 mL) and added to a stirred suspension of ent-6 (43.2 mg, 95.4 µmol) and NaOBz (13.7 mg, 95.4 µmol) in toluene (9.5 mL). After 2 h, water (40 mL) was added and the whole was extracted with EtOAc (40 mL  $\times$  2). The combined organic layers were washed with brine and evaporated to give an 87:7:6 mixture of the title compound,  $3d\beta$  and  $2d\beta$ . The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 8:1) using DIOL silica (40 g) to give the title compound (189 mg, 58%) as a white amorphous of mp 53–58 °C: [α]<sup>20</sup>D +4.79 (*c* 1.05, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR: 3497, 3073, 3050, 3017, 3001, 3959, 2932, 2895, 2860, 1827, 1746, 1589, 1489, 1472, 1464, 1449, 1437, 1427, 1393, 1364, 1308, 1261, 1215, 1194, 1171, 1194, 1171, 1115, 1059, 1022, 989, 951, 934, 868, 822, 760, 702, 667, 625, 615, 596. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 1.06 (s, 9H), 1.18 (s, 9H), 3.07 (d, J = 6.0, 1H), 3.76 (dd, J = 6.0, 3.5, 1H), 4.25 (dd, J = 12.0, 2.0, 1H), 4.51(d, J = 11.0, 1H), 4.58 (dd, J = 3.5, 2.0, 1H), 4.91 (dd, J = 12.0, 11.0, 1H), 7.36-7.48 (m, 12H), 7.52-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.67–7.70 (m, 4H), 7.73–7.75 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 19.57 (C), 19.59 (C), 26.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 68.9 (CH), 76.0 (CH), 77.04 (CH), 77.9 (CH), 79.3 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.8 (CH), nOe 12% 127.9 (CH), 130.0 (CH), 130.1 (CH), 130.2 (CH), 130.4 (CH), 131.0 (C),

131.9 (C), 132.2 (C), 132.8 (C), 135.6 (C), 135.98 (CH), 136.01 (CH), 136.4 (CH), 153.4 (C), 202.6 (C). HRMS-ESI m/z:  $[M + K]^+$  calcd for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>44</sub>KO<sub>7</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>, 719.2257; found, 719.2259. The stereochemistry was



determined by the large coupling constants of the protons at the 2–4 positions (J = 12.0 and 11.0 Hz) and the nOe between the 2- and 6-protons and the 4- and 6-protons (5% and 12%, respectively), indicating these four protons are oriented in the axial positions.

(2R,3S,4S,5R,6R)-2,5-Bis-tert-butyldiphenylsiloxy-3,4-carbonyldioxy-6-hy-TBDPSO .OH droxycyclohexanone ( $3d\beta$ ): The title compound was isolated by preparative TLC 0. 0= (toluene/hexane 4:1) as a colorless oil:  $[\alpha]^{20}$  +19 (c 0.22, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR: 3449, 3071. TBDPSÖ 3051, 3021, 2997, 2955, 2928, 2859, 1821, 1751, 1655, 1589, 1462, 1427, 1385, 1366, 1308, 1261, 1192, 1161, 1115, 1057, 1030, 953, 937, 845, 822, 799, 745. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 1.06 (s, 9H), 1.16 (s, 9H), 2.08 (br d, J = 2.5, 1H), 3.72 (dd, J = 3.0, 2.5, 1H), 4.35 (dd, J = 3.0, 2.5, 1H), 4.62 (dd, J = 3.0, 2.5, 1H), 4.5, 1H), 4.5, 1H, 4.5, 1H), 4. J = 11.5, 2.5, 1H, 4.81 (d, J = 11.0, 1H), 4.91 (dd, J = 11.5, 11.0, 1H), 7.33–7.48 (m, 12H), 7.60–7.64 (m, 4H), 7.68–7.72 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 19.2 (C), 19.5 (C), 26.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 68.5 (CH), 75.9 (CH), 76.9 (CH), 78.6 (CH), 78.7 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 128.00 (CH), 128.03 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 130.1 (CH), 130.38 (CH), 130.40 (CH), 131.1 (C), 132.30 (C), 132.34 (C), 132.6 (C), 135.7 (CH), 135.9 (CH), 136.0 (CH), 136.1 (CH), 154.0 (C), 200.7 (C). HRMS-ESI m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>44</sub>NaO<sub>7</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>, 703.2518; found, 703.2516. The stereochemistry was determined by the large 6% OН coupling constants of the protons at the 2–4-positions (J = 11.0 and 11.5 nOe Hz) as well as the nOe between the protons at the 5- and 6-positions (6%), O 0 indicating only the protons at the 2–4-positions are oriented in the axial 0″ ÒSi 11.5 Hz positions. 11.0 Hz

#### 4. Reduction of Inososes.

1,4-Bis-O-tert-butyldiphenylsilyl-L-epi-inositol (epi-7c): To a stirred solution of TBDPSO HO, , OΗ 2ca (69.8 mg, 107 µmol) in THF (1 mL) cooled in an ice-water bath, was added a 1 M solution of BH<sub>3</sub> · THF in THF (0.54 mL, 0.54 mmol), and the mixture was allowed HO ́ОН TBDPSŌ to warm to rt by removing the cooling bath. After 1 h, 10% aq. HCl (2 mL) was added, and volatile materials were removed by evaporation. The residue was extracted with EtOAc (2 mL  $\times$  3), and the combined organic layers were washed with sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2 mL) and brine (2 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 4:1) to give the title compound (57 mg, 80%) as a white solid of mp 174-176 °C: [α]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub>+18.2 (*c* 2.43, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR: 3564, 3507, 3071, 3051, 3013, 2959, 2932, 2893, 2859, 1474, 1427, 1393, 1362, 1215, 1192, 1111, 1084, 1007, 945, 910, 872, 841, 822, 799, 756. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 1.12 (s, 18H), 1.62 (br s, 1H), 1.99 (br s, 1H), 2.29 (br s, 1H), 2.73 (d, J = 8.5, 1H), 3.18 (br s, 1H), 3.29 (br s, 1H), 3.54 (br s, 1H), 3.70 (d, *J* = 7.0, 1H), 4.06 (br s, 1H), 4.13 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 7.0, 1H), 7.35–7.45 (m, 12H),

7.71–7.76 (m, 8H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 19.4 (C), 19.6 (C), 27.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 70.0 (CH), 70.8 (CH), 72.5 (CH), 73.5 (CH), 75.0 (CH), 75.2 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.81 (CH), 127.83 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 130.0 (CH), 132.6 (C), 132.9 (C), 133.0 (C), 133.3 (C), 135.87 (CH), 135.90 (CH), 136.0 (CH), 136.2 (CH). HRMS-ESI m/z:  $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>48</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>, 679.2882; found, 679.2882. The lack of symmetry in <sup>1</sup>H NMR is consistent with the proposed stereochemistry, which was confirmed after conversion into a known compound, epi-inositol hexaacetate (vide infra).



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epi-Inositol hexaacetate: To a stirred solution of epi-7c (4.5 mg, 6.8 µmol) in THF (0.2 mL) cooled in an ice-water bath, was added a 1 M solution of TBAF in THF (0.1 mL, 0.1 mmol). After 5 h, volatile materials were removed by evaporation, and to the residue, were added DMAP (5 mg, 0.04 mmol), pyridine

(2.5 mL, 31 mmol) and acetic anhydride (0.4 mL, 4 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 24 h and allowed to cool to rt. After addition of EtOAc (10 mL), the whole was washed with water (10 mL  $\times$  3) and brine (10 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated. The residue was purified by preparative TLC (hexane/EtOAc 2:1 twice-development) to yield the title compound (2.9 mg, 99% over 2 steps) as a white solid of mp 182–184 °C: <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 2.009 (s, 3H), 2.012 (s, 6H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 6H), 5.06 (dd, J = 10.5, 3.0, 2H), 5.10 (t, J = 3.0, 1H), 5.60 (t, J = 3.0, 2H), 5.71 (t, J = 10.5, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 20.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 65.7 (CH), 67.2 (CH), 68.4 (CH), 68.8 (CH), 169.2 (C), 169.5 (C), 169.8 (C), 170.1 (C). HRMS-ESI m/z:  $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NaO<sub>12</sub>, 455.1160; found, 455.1160. The mp, and <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR were in good agreement with those reported.<sup>8,9</sup>

1,4-Bis-O-tert-butyldiphenylsilyl-L-muco-inositol (muco-7c): To a stirred TBDPSO OH suspension of Me<sub>4</sub>N(AcO)<sub>3</sub>BH (151 mg, 575 µmol) in a 1:1 mixture of MeCN and AcOH (1.3 mL) cooled at -20 °C, was added a solution of 2ca (74.5 mg, 114 µmol) ́́ОН in MeCN ( $0.6 \text{ mL} \times 3 \text{ wash}$ ), and the mixture was allowed to warm to rt by removing TBDPSŌ

the cooling bath. After 8 h, 10% aq. HCl (3 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 30 min. The whole was extracted with EtOAc (3 mL  $\times$  3) and the combined organic layers were washed with sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 4:1) to give the title compound (69.0 mg, 92%) as a colorless oil:  $[\alpha]^{20}$  +2.9 (c 0.16, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR: 3449, 3071, 3051, 3013, 2997, 2955, 2928, 2855, 1470, 1427, 1389, 1362, 1261, 1215, 1192, 1138, 1111, 1084, 1061, 957, 918, 872, 856, 822, 791. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 1.12 (s, 18H), 1.61 (d, J = 2.0, 1H), 2.54 (d, J = 6.5, 1H), 3.58 (dt, J = 3.0, 6.5, 2H), 3.97 (dd, J = 6.5, 3.0, 2H),

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4.05 (dt, J = 2.0, 6.5, 2H), 7.36–7.46 (m, 12H), 7.72–7.75 (m, 8H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 19.5 (C), 27.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 71.0 (CH), 73.1 (CH), 74.9 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 130.0 (CH), 133.1 (C), 133.2 (C), 136.06 (CH), 136.08 (CH). HRMS–ESI m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>48</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>, 679.2882; found, 679.2882. The symmetry in <sup>1</sup>H NMR is consistent with the proposed stereochemistry, which was confirmed after conversion into a known compound, *muco*-inositol hexaacetate (*vide infra*).



*muco*-Inositol hexaacetate: To a stirred solution of *muco*-7c (13.1 mg, 20.0  $\mu$ mol) in THF (0.6 mL) cooled in an ice–water bath, was added a 1 M solution of TBAF in THF (0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol). After 5 h, volatile materials were removed by evaporation, and to the residue, were added DMAP (15 mg, 0.12 mmol), pyridine

(7.5 mL, 93 mmol) and acetic anhydride (1.2 mL, 13 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 24 h and allowed to cool to rt. After addition of EtOAc (20 mL), the whole was washed with water (10 mL × 3) and brine (10 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated. The residue was purified by preparative TLC (hexane/EtOAc 2:1 twice-development) to yield the title compound (8.0 mg, 93% over 2 steps) as a white solid of 178–180 °C: <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 2.08 (s, 12H), 2.11 (s, 6H), 5.28–5.31 (m, 4H), 5.39–5.44 (br m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 20.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 67.4 (CH), 68.7 (CH), 169.0 (C). HRMS–ESI *m/z*: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NaO<sub>12</sub>, 455.1160; found, 455.1160. The mp, and <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (*vide infra*) were in good agreement with those reported.<sup>10</sup>



by removing the cooling bath. After 4 h, 10% aq. HCl (2 mL) was added, and volatile materials were removed by evaporation. The residue was extracted with EtOAc (2 mL × 3), and the combined organic layers were washed with sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2 mL × 3) and brine (2 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 4:1) to give the title compound (38 mg, 83%) as a colorless solid of mp 64–66 °C:  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  +9.94 (*c* 1.06, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR: 3553, 3071, 3051, 3017, 2959, 2932, 2897, 2859, 1856, 1813, 1470, 1427, 1393, 1362, 1339, 1254, 1215, 1169, 1111, 1061, 1022, 980, 934, 880, 826, 799, 756, 706. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 1.11 (s, 9H), 1.16 (s, 9H), 2.72 (d, *J* = 12.0, 1H), 2.79 (d, *J* = 3.0, 1H), 3.19 (dt, *J* = 12.0, 3.0, 1H), 3.60 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 3.0, 1H), 3.73 (q, *J* = 3.0, 1H), 3.84 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 3.0, 1H), 4.32 (t, *J* = 3.0, 1H), 5.19 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 10.0, 1H), 7.38–7.48 (m, 12H), 7.67–7.76 (m, 8H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 19.3 (C), 19.5 (C), 26.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 69.8 (CH), 69.9 (CH), 71.5 (CH), 73.6 (CH), 77.0 (CH), 78.9 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 127.86 (CH), 127.91 (CH), 128.1

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(CH), 129.9 (CH), 130.2 (CH), 130.36 (CH), 130.41 (CH), 131.2 (C), 131.5 (C), 132.7 (C), 133.7 (C), 135.5 (CH), 135.6 (CH), 136.0 (CH), 136.5 (CH), 154.1 (C). HRMS–ESI *m*/*z*: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for

 $C_{39}H_{46}NaO_7Si_2$ , 705.2674; found, 705.2674. The three sequential axial protons having large coupling constants (J = 12.0 and 10.0) were observed in <sup>1</sup>H NMR, being consistent with the proposed stereochemistry, which was confirmed after conversion into a known compound, *epi*-inositol hexaacetate (*vide infra*).





*epi*-Inositol hexaacetate: To a stirred solution of *epi*-7d (14.0 mg, 20.5  $\mu$ mol) in MeOH (1.0 mL), was added sodium methoxide (14.0 mg, 259  $\mu$ mol). After 1 h, water (6 mL) was added, and volatile materials were removed by evaporation. The residual was extracted with EtOAc (6 mL), and the organic layer was washed with

brine (6 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated. The residue was dissolved in THF (0.2 mL) and cooled in an ice–water bath. To the solution, was added a 1 M solution of TBAF in THF (0.1 mL, 0.1 mmol), and the mixture was stirred for 1 h. After removal of solvent by evaporation, to the residue, were added DMAP (5 mg, 0.04 mmol), pyridine (2.5 mL, 31 mmol) and acetic anhydride (0.4 mL, 4 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 24 h and allowed to cool to rt. After addition of EtOAc (10 mL), the whole was washed with water (10 mL  $\times$  3) and brine (10 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated. The residue was purified by preparative TLC (hexane/EtOAc 2:1 twice-development) to yield the title compound (6.2 mg, 70% over 3 steps).



(2*R*,3*S*,4*S*,5*R*,6*S*)-2,5-Bis-*tert*-butyldiphenylsiloxy-3,4-carbonyldioxy-6triethylsiloxycyclohexanone (S7): To a stirred solution of  $3d\alpha$  (47.9 mg, 70.3  $\mu$ mol) and pyridine (28  $\mu$ L, 0.35 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1 mL) cooled at -78 °C, was added TESOTf (32  $\mu$ L, 0.14 mmol). After 4 h, MeOH (1 mL) and water

(2 mL) were added. Volatile materials were removed by evaporation, and the residue was extracted with EtOAc (2 mL × 3). The combined organic layers were washed with water (6 mL × 3) and brine (6 mL) and evaporated. The resulting colorless amorphous, containing the title compound, was used in the next reaction after removal of residual solvent by azeotropic distillation with toluene. The title compound was characterized after purification by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 95:5): a colorless solid of mp 125–128 °C.  $[\alpha]^{20}$ D –5.55 (*c* 1.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR: 3071, 3051, 3013, 3001, 2955, 2932, 2878, 2858, 1829, 1809, 1755, 1470, 1427, 1389, 1362, 1188, 1157, 1115, 1061, 1018, 988, 964, 937, 876, 845, 822, 806, 772, 756. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 0.18 (q, *J* = 8.0, 6H), 0.63 (t, *J* = 8.0, 9H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 1.18 (s, 9H), 3.72 (d, *J* = 3.0, 1H), 4.25 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 1.5, 1H), 4.39 (d, *J* = 11.5, 1H), 4.47 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 1.5, 1H), 4.95 (t, *J* = 11.5, 1H), 7.33–7.45 (m, 12H), 7.61–7.65 (m, 4H), 7.69–7.73 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C

NMR: 4.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.6 (C), 19.7 (C), 26.91 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.93 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 70.1 (CH), 76.5 (CH), 76.9 (CH), 78.4 (CH), 79.4 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 129.85 (CH), 129.93 (CH), 130.1 (CH), 131.6 (C), 132.1 (C), 132.49 (C), 132.51 (C), 136.0 (CH), 136.1 (CH), 136.2 (CH), 136.3 (CH), 153.8 (C), 199.4 (C). HRMS–ESI *m*/*z*: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>58</sub>NaO<sub>7</sub>Si<sub>3</sub>, 817.3383; found, 817.3385.



(1S,2S,3R,4S,5S,6R)-2,5-Bis-*tert*-butyldiphenylsiloxy-3,4-carbonyldioxy-6-triethylsiloxycyclohexanol (*myo*-7d): To a stirred solution of the above crude S7 in toluene (1 mL), was added *t*-BuNH<sub>2</sub>·BH<sub>3</sub> (13.7 mg, 176 µmol). After 1h, 10% aq. HCl (2 mL) was added, and the whole was extracted

with EtOAc (6 mL). The organic layer was washed with sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (6 mL) and brine (6 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 95:5) to give the title compound (39.0 mg, 70% over 2 steps) as a colorless oil:  $[\alpha]^{20}$ +8.61 (c 1.69, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR: 3561, 3074, 3051, 3017, 3001, 2955, 2932, 2889, 2878, 2859, 1840, 1817, 1470, 1462, 1427, 1362, 1261, 1188, 1165, 1115, 1957, 995, 937, 821, 775. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 0.21–0.33 (m, 6H), 0.67 (t, *J* = 8.0, 9H), 1.09 (s, 9H), 1.12 (s, 9H), 1.96 (d, *J* = 3.5, 1H), 3.23 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.5, 1H), 3.72 (dd, J = 12.0, 1.5, 1H), 3.76 (dd, J = 10.0, 8.0, 1H), 3.93 (ddd, J = 9.0, 8.0, 3.5, 1H), 4.21 (dd, J = 10.0, 8.0, 1H), 3.93 (ddd, J = 10.0, 8.0, 1H), 4.21 (dd, J = 10.0, 8.0, 1H), 3.93 (ddd, J = 10.0, 8.0, 1H), 4.21 (dd, J = 10.0, 8.0, 1H= 2.5, 1.5, 1H, 4.89 (dd, J = 12.0, 10.0, 1H), 7.35–7.49 (m, 12H), 7.65–7.67 (m, 2H), 7.74–7.77 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 4.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.6 (C), 19.8 (C), 26.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 69.7 (CH), 74.0 (CH), 74.3 (CH), 76.7 (CH), 78.9 (CH), 79.0 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.76 (CH), 127.83 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 130.07 (CH), 130.09 (CH), 131.8 (C), 132.0 (C), 132.5 (C), 133.9 (C), 135.6 (CH), 136.3 (CH), 136.32 (CH), 136.33 (CH), 154.2 (C). HRMS-ESI m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>60</sub>KO<sub>7</sub>Si<sub>3</sub>, 835.3278; found, 835.3278. The five axial protons 9.0 Hz н having large coupling constants were observed in <sup>1</sup>H NMR, being TES consistent with the proposed stereochemistry, which was confirmed  $\cap$ 0SI after conversion into a known compound, myo-inositol hexaacetate 12.0 Hz Ĥ Śi 10.0 Hz (vide infra).



*myo*-Inositol hexaacetate: To a stirred solution of *myo*-7d (7.3 mg, 9.2  $\mu$ mol) in MeOH (1 mL), was added sodium methoxide (30 mg, 0.56 mmol). After 6 h, water was added (5 mL), and the whole was extracted with EtOAc (15 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine (5 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated.

The residue was dissolved in THF (0.2 mL) and cooled in an ice–water bath. To the solution, was added a 1 M solution of TBAF in THF (0.1 mL, 0.1 mmol), and after 1 h, volatile materials were removed by evaporation. To the residue, were added DMAP (5 mg, 0.04 mmol), pyridine (2.5 mL, 31

mmol) and acetic anhydride (0.4 mL, 4 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 24 h and allowed to cool to rt. After addition of EtOAc (10 mL), the whole was washed with water (10 mL × 3) and brine (10 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated. The residue was purified by preparative TLC (hexane/EtOAc 2:1 twice-development) to yield the title compound (4.0 mg, quant over 3 steps) as a white solid of mp 216–218 °C: <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 2.00 (s, 6H), 2.017 (s, 6H), 2.020 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 5.09 (dd, J = 10.0, 3.0, 2H), 5.18 (t, J = 10.0, 1H), 5.50 (t, J = 10.0, 2H), 5.60 (t, J = 3.0, 1H). HRMS–ESI m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NaO<sub>12</sub>, 455.1160; found, 455.1160. The mp and <sup>1</sup>H NMR were in good agreement with those reported.<sup>9,11</sup>

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# 5. NMR Spectra.





 $^{13}$ C NMR of S1



#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR of S2



<sup>1</sup>H NMR of **S3** 





















## <sup>1</sup>H NMR of **1a** (toluene-d<sub>8</sub>)



#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR of **1b**





<sup>1</sup>H NMR of  $2a\alpha$ 

































#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR of $3d\alpha$



## <sup>1</sup>H NMR of $3d\beta$



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR of *epi-***7**c



S42



#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR of *muco*-7c

## <sup>1</sup>H NMR of *epi-***7d**



 $^{1}$ H NMR of **S7** 





## <sup>1</sup>H NMR of *myo*-7d





<sup>1</sup>H NMR of *muco*-inositol hexaacetate (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)









## <sup>1</sup>H NMR of *myo*-inositol hexaacetate