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# **Supporting Information**

## Stereocontrolled synthesis of polyhydroxylated bicyclic azetidines as new class of iminosugars

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### Structure of 7a determined by X-ray diffraction



Formula:  $C_{15}H_{15}N_1O_4$ 

Unit Cell Parameters: a 6.2246(2) b 26.4216(12) c 8.1454(4) P21

Thermal ellipsoids at 50% probability, hydrogen atoms drawn as spheres of 0.15Å radius for clarity

The crystal structure has been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC 1832560). The data is available free of charge at www.ccdc.cam.uk/conts/retrieving.html

#### Synthesis of epoxy acetate 21' for NOESY analysis

In order to assess the stereochemistry of the epoxidation, acetate **21**' was obtained by esterification of compound **21**:



To a solution of epoxide **21** (8.0 mg, 0.02 mmol, 1 equiv) in Ac<sub>2</sub>O (0.20 mL, 2 mmol, 100 equiv) was added pyridine (0.20 mL, 2.4 mmol, 120 equiv). The solution was stirred at r.t. for 72 h. Water (3 mL) was added slowly at 0 °C. The aqueous phase was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3 x 4 mL). The combined organic layers were then washed with aqueous 2M HCl (2 x 2 mL) and saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated giving acetate **21'** (6 mg, 0.015 mmol, 71 %) with analytical purity as yellowish oil.

 $R_f 0.19$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 2:1).

IR (film) 2918, 1752, 1736, 1246, 1230, 1096, 1037 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 7.46-7.42 (m, 2H, H-Ph), 7.40-7.28 (m, 8H, H-Ph), 4.98 (d, *J*= 11.3 Hz, 1H, PhCH<sub>2</sub>O), 4.74 (d, *J*= 15.3 Hz, 1H, PhCH<sub>2</sub>N), 4.53 (d, *J*= 11.3 Hz, 1H, PhCH<sub>2</sub>O), 4.52 (d, *J*= 11.6 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>OAc), 4.23-4.11 (m, 3H, PhCH<sub>2</sub>N, H-2, CH<sub>2</sub>OAc), 3.65 (d, *J*= 7.4 Hz, 1H, H-1), 3.49 (d, *J*= 2.1 Hz, 1H, H-3), 3.06 (d, *J*= 2.0 Hz, 1H, H-4), 2.05 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 170.2 (C=O), 163.6 (C-7), 137.6 (Cq-Ar), 136.6 (Cq-Ar), 129.0 (CH-Ar), 128.7 (CH-Ar), 128.4 (2 CH-Ar), 128.2 (CH-Ar), 128.1 (CH-Ar), 75.0 (C-2), 73.0 (PhCH<sub>2</sub>O), 68.3 (C-5), 62.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>OAc), 61.6 (C-1), 60.4 (C-3), 57.2 (C-4), 44.7 (PhCH<sub>2</sub>N), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 394.163 ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>: 394.165).

NOE interactions between <u>H-4</u> and Ph<u>CH<sub>2</sub></u>N (see figure 22) probe that alkene epoxidation proceeded from the least hindered convex face.

#### Inhibition assays protocol & results

The glycosidases  $\alpha$ -Galactosidase (from green coffee beans),  $\beta$ -Galactosidase (from *E. coli*),  $\alpha$ -Glucosidase (from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*),  $\beta$ -Glucosidase (from almonds),  $\alpha$ -mannosidase (from Jack Bean) were purchased from Sigma Aldrich and their corresponding *p*-nitrophenyl  $\alpha$ - or  $\beta$ -glycopyranoside were purchased from Fluorochem.

#### General procedure for inhibition assay

Inhibitory potencies were determined by spectrophotometrically measuring the residual hydrolytic activities of the glycosidases against their respective *p*-nitrophenyl  $\alpha$ - or  $\beta$ - glycopyranoside in the presence (at 1 mM) and absence of inhibitor. Kinetics were performed in appropriate buffer and were started by enzyme addition for a total well volume of 100 µL. After 15 to 40 min incubation at given temperature, the reaction was quenched by addition of 100 µL of 1 M Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>. The absorbance of the resulting solutions were determined at 405 nm. For sake of convenience and consistency, 100 mM mother solutions were prepared in DMSO and 10 mM solutions with 10% DMSO were prepared in the proper buffer and used directly for a final DMSO concentration of 1% in all wells. Previously, the stability of the enzymes in presence of various concentrations of DMSO was controlled and the enzyme activity was unaffected.

Specific conditions for each enzyme are the following ones:  $\alpha$ -glucosidase (0.067 M phosphate buffer, pH 6.8, 37 °C,  $K_m = 0.5$  mM),  $\beta$ -glucosidase (0.1 M acetate buffer, pH 5, 37 °C,  $K_m = 3.9$  mM),  $\alpha$ -galactosidase (0.1 M phosphate buffer, pH 6.5, 26 °C  $K_m = 1$  mM),  $\beta$ -galactosidase (0.05 M phosphate buffer with 1 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, pH 7.3, 30 °C,  $K_m = 0.15$  mM),  $\alpha$ -mannosidase (0.2 M acetate buffer, pH 5, 25 °C,  $K_m = 2.0$  mM)

#### Inhibition assays

Enzyme	20a	20b	27	28	Galafold <sup>TM</sup>	1-deoxygulonojirimycin
α-Glucosidase (Saccharomyces cerevisiae)	31 ± 7	46 ±13	32 ± 10	$66 \pm 4$	unknown	unknown
β-Glucosidase (almonds)	$27 \pm 14$	$28 \pm 6$	8 ± 5	$25 \pm 3$	$K_{\rm i} = 540 \ \mu {\rm M}^{[1]}$	< 50 <sup>[2]</sup>
α-Galactosidase (green coffee beans)	$46 \pm 9$	21 ± 2	$19 \pm 3$	-16 ± 9	$K_{\rm i} = 0.013 \ \mu { m M}^{[3]}$ $K_{\rm i} = 0.0016 \ \mu { m M}^{[1]}$	$\begin{split} IC_{50} &= 160 \mu M^{[2]} \\ IC_{50} &= 400 \ \mu M^{[4]} \end{split}$
β-Galactosidase ( <i>E. coli</i> )	$-8 \pm 0.5$	-15 ± 2	n.a.	-16 ± 3	$K_{\rm i} = 13 \ \mu {\rm M}^{[3]},$ $K_{\rm i} = 12.5 \ \mu {\rm M}^{[1]}$	unknown
α-mannosidase (Jack Bean)	n.a.	n.a.	$14 \pm 5$	n.a.	< 50 <sup>[2]</sup>	< 50 <sup>[2]</sup>

Table 1. Inhibitory activity of compounds **20**, **27**, **28**, Galafold and 1-deoxygulonojirimycin. Percentage (%) of inhibition at 1 mM of inhibitor except noted otherwise. n.a. : no activity.

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Fig 1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) and <sup>13</sup>C (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectra of compound 5.



Fig 2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) and  $^{13}$ C (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectra of compound 6.



Fig 3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) and <sup>13</sup>C (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectra of compound 7a.



Fig 4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) and <sup>13</sup>C (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectra of compound 7b.



Fig 5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) and <sup>13</sup>C (75 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) spectra of compound 8.



Fig 6. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) and <sup>13</sup>C (75 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) spectra of compound 9.



Fig 7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) and <sup>13</sup>C (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) spectra of compound 10.



Fig 8. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) and <sup>13</sup>C (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) spectra of compound 11.



Fig 9. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $D_2O$ ) and <sup>13</sup>C (100 MHz,  $D_2O$ ) spectra of compound 12.



Fig 10. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) and <sup>13</sup>C (75MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) spectra of compound 13.



Fig 11. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz,  $D_2O$ ) and <sup>13</sup>C (75MHz,  $D_2O$ ) spectra of compound 14.



Fig 12. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) and <sup>13</sup>C (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectra of compound 15.



Fig 13. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) and <sup>13</sup>C (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectra of compound 16.



Fig 14. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) and <sup>13</sup>C (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectra of compound 17.



Fig 15. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) and <sup>13</sup>C (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) spectra of compound 18.



Fig 15. 2D NOESY NMR spectrum of compound of compound 18.



Fig 16. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) and <sup>13</sup>C (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectra of compound 19.



Fig 17. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) and <sup>13</sup>C (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) spectra of compound 20a.





Fig 18. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) and 2D NOESY NMR spectra of compound 20a.



Fig 19. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $D_2O$ ) and <sup>13</sup>C (100 MHz,  $D_2O$ ) spectra of compound 20b.



Fig 20. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) and <sup>13</sup>C (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectra of compound 21



Fig 21. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) and <sup>13</sup>C (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectra of compound 21'.



Fig 22. 2D NOESY NMR spectrum of compound 21'.



Fig 23. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) and <sup>13</sup>C (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectra of compound 22.



Fig 24. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) and <sup>13</sup>C (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) spectra of compound 23.



Fig 25. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) and <sup>13</sup>C (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectra of compound 24.



Fig 26. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) and <sup>13</sup>C (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectra of compound 25.



Fig 22. 2D NOESY NMR spectrum of compound 25.



Fig 23. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) and <sup>13</sup>C (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) spectra of compound 26.



Fig 24. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) and <sup>13</sup>C (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) spectra of compound 27.



Fig 25. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) and <sup>13</sup>C (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) spectra of compound 28.