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## Efficient Synthesis of (+)-1,8,8a-Tri*-epi*-swainsonine, (+)-1,2-Di*-epi*-lentiginosine, (+)-9a-*epi*-Homocastanospermine and (–)- 9-Deoxy-9a-*epi*-homocastanospermine from D-Glucose Derived Aziridine Carboxylate and Study of their Glycosidase Inhibitory Activities.

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General methods. Melting points were recorded with Thomas Hoover melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded with FTIR as a thin film or in nujol mull or using KBr pellets and are expressed in cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H (300 MHz), <sup>13</sup>C (100 MHz), and <sup>13</sup>C (75 MHz) NMR spectra were recorded using CDCl<sub>3</sub> or D<sub>2</sub>O as a solvent. Chemical shifts were reported in  $\delta$  unit (ppm) with reference to TMS as an internal standard and J values are given in Hz. Decoupling experiments confirmed the assignments of the signals. Elemental analyses were carried out with C, H-analyzer. Optical rotations were measured using polarimeter at 25 °C. Thin layer chromatography was performed on pre-coated plates (0.25 mm, silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub>). Column chromatography was carried out with silica gel (100-200 mesh). The reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware under dry N2. Methanol, pyridine, THF, were purified and dried before use. n-Hexane was used is the distillation fraction between 40-60 °C. 10% Pd-C was purchased from Aldrich and/or Fluka. After decomposition of the reaction with water, the work-up involves- washing of combined organic layer with water, brine, drying over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporation of solvent at reduced pressure. For enzyme inhibition studies substrates were purchased from Sigma Chemicals Co., USA.  $\alpha$ -Glucosidase from yeast  $\alpha$ -mannosidase from jack bean and  $\beta$ -xylanase from thermomyces ianuginosus were purchased from Sigma Chemicals Co. USA. β-Glucosidase was extracted and purified from sweet almonds and used. The crystal deposited Cambridge structure has been at the Crystallographic Data Centre and allocated the deposition number CCDC 644419.























































































































