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### Metal-free hydroxy and aminocyanation of furanos-3-uloses

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### 1. Introduction

One of the research axes, developed in our laboratory, is the synthesis of  $[2',5'-bis-O-(tert)butyldimethylsilyl)-\beta-D-ribofuranosyl]-3'-spiro-5"-(4"-amino-1",2"-oxathiole-2",2"-dioxide)thymine analogues, known as TSAO-T. It is a nucleoside analogue with a spiro-heterocycle at position 3'.[1] Its derivatives are known for their ability to inhibit the reverse transcriptase of HIV-1 and HCV.[1,2] The spiro ring of these compounds is directly related to the biological activity, which was demonstrated by Das et al. in 2011, thanks to the crystal structure of the TSAO-T / HIV-1 complex.[3] Subsequently, a large number of modifications of the spiro ring has been described, leading to the appearance of new families such as ATSAO-T and PTSAO-T.[4–7]$ 



Figure 1: Molecular structures of TSAO-T, ATSAO-T and PTSAO-T

ABSTRACT

TSAO-T and ATSAO-T analogues are molecules of interest that are able to inhibit the reverse transcriptase (RT) of HIV-1 and HCV. We also recently highlighted their antiproliferative properties. In all cases, the spiro cycle was a required group for biological activities, which led chemists to produce many derivatives, especially on this ring. These structures can be accessed through the formation of glycoaminonitriles and glycocyanhydrins using methodologies not always adapted to the synthesis of large quantities. Moreover, these latter are poorly versatile (substrate-dependent), need expensive cyanogenic agents and implies the use of a metal in non-catalytic amounts. For this reason, we report here a new metal-free methodology for the synthesis of glycoaminonitriles and glycocyanhydrins using molecular iodine (I<sub>2</sub>).

Regarding the ATSAO-T family, the endocyclic oxygen of the spiro ring was substituted by a nitrogen atom (Figure 1). We recently designed new derivatives of TSAO-T and ATSAO-T with antiproliferative activities.[8] All these structures are accessible *via* scaffold molecules such as glycocyanhydrins **3a,b** and glycoaminonitriles **4a-d** (Scheme 1) which can be prepared from uloses **1** or **2**.[9] Glycocyanhydrins are usually obtained through the method developed by Bourgeois using KCN in a biphasic mixture of solvents (Scheme 1).[9,10] It is possible to obtain either the *allo* **3a** or *gluco* **3b** derivative by modifying the reaction time and the temperature, compound **3a** being the kinetic product and **3b** the thermodynamic one.

Glycoaminonitriles can be obtained using the Strecker reaction which has been widely documented.[9,11] With regard to the preparation of TSAO analogues, ulose **1** is reacted with primary amines in the presence of Ti(OiPr)<sub>4</sub> to enhance the electrophilic character of the carbonyl group (**Scheme 1**). Once the imine intermediate is formed (not isolated), the cyanogenic agent TMSCN is added, affording the aminonitrile derivatives **4-d** in usually good yields. Ti(OiPr)<sub>4</sub> probably induces the stereoselectivity of the reaction by promoting the addition of cyanide ions on the  $\beta$ -face. The only disadvantages of this methodology are the poor versatility (substrate-dependent), the use of an expensive cyanogenic agent as well as the use of a metal in

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Scheme 1: Previous methods for the preparation of glycocyanhydrins and glycoaminonitriles.

non-catalytic amounts (1.2 equiv.). In our current work, we therefore tried to develop a more versatile, cost-effective and metal-free methodology. Obviously, the stereoselectivity was crucial, as the configurations of the C-3 carbons are important for biological activities of TSAO derivatives.[1]  $I_2$  is a relatively weak oxidant and Lewis acid, which allows the use of acid-labile functional groups, such as isopropylidene or esters. These properties also allow the access to chemoselective reactions, which makes molecular iodine a very interesting reagent, especially in glycochemistry.[12–15] For this reason, we report here a new methodology for the synthesis of glycoaminonitriles and glycocyanhydrins using molecular iodine ( $I_2$ ).

### 2. Results and discussion

As uloses 1 and 2 (Figure 2) are the most commonly used for the preparation of TSAO-T or ATSAO-T derivatives, we selected them as substrates for the development of the hydroxycyanation and aminocyanation reactions.[1,10]



Figure 2: Chemical structures of uloses 1 and 2.[1,10]

Concerning the formation of glycocyanhydrins, the main objective was the development of a more efficient and easier methodology. The solubility of the substrates and the reagents being very different (protected carbohydrates and KCN), the method developed by Bourgeois requires the use of a biphasic mixture of solvents. Vigorous stirring is therefore needed, which makes the synthesis difficult when using large quantities. However, using I<sub>2</sub> in the presence of KCN allows the formation of the intermediate ICN which is soluble in organic solvents. Under these conditions, biphasic mixtures are no longer required. Thus, in a first step, we tested the reaction of ulose 1 with only the presence of I<sub>2</sub> and KCN in dichloromethane at room temperature (RT) (Scheme 2).



Scheme 2: First attempt to form glycocyanhydrin using I<sub>2</sub>.

Substrate **1** is completely converted after 48 hours of stirring. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra indicates the presence of a mixture of two epimers **3a** and **3b**. Without the use of diiodine, the formation of cyanhydrins was not detected. Therefore, I<sub>2</sub> allows the activation of the carbonyl at C-3 and nucleophilic attack of cyanide ions. Surprisingly, by adding 2 equiv. of potassium carbonate (K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>) to these reaction conditions, ulose **1** was completely converted in 24h but without remarkable influence on the stereoselectivity.

From our previous work, reactions involving  $I_2$  are strongly affected by solvent effects.[14,16,17] Consequently, we tested different solvents for this reaction. As shown in **Table 1**, tetrahydrofuran (entry 2) and *tert*-butanol (entry 3) led to similar results to those obtained with DCM (same reaction time and same diastereomeric ratio). In the case of methanol (entry 4), a total conversion was obtained after only 2h of stirring at RT.

 Table 1: Effect of solvent on the formation of glycocyanhydrins from ulose

 1.

Entry	Solvent	Time	Conversion	Yield*	Ratio 3a/3b
1	DCM	24h	100%	N.D.	65/35
2	THF	24h	100%	N.D.	65/35
3	t-BuOH	24h	100%	N.D.	60/40
4	MeOH	2h	100%	90% ( <b>3a</b> )	100/0

\*N.D.: Not Determined.

Moreover, 1D NMR spectroscopic analysis of the reaction mixture showed no trace of compound **3b**. Despite its known instability, the product was obtained in 90% yield after rapid purification on silica gel. The use of methanol as solvent led to the formation of the glycocyanhydrin with an *allo* configuration, even with longer reaction times. This was unexpected because under Bourgeois conditions (Scheme 1), compound **3a** was described as the kinetic product of the reaction. Using I<sub>2</sub>, only compound **3a** was obtained even after 24 hours of stirring. This compound therefore seems to be stabilized, which will be discussed in scheme 4. Based on these results, the methodology was applied to ulose **2** (**Table 2**).

 Table 2: Effect of solvent on the formation of glycocyanhydrins from ulose

 2.



Reaction conditions:  $K_2CO_3$  (2 equiv.),  $I_2$  (2 equiv.), KCN (2 equiv.) at RT. \*N.D.: Not Determined.

As observed in entry 1 of **Table 2** (DCM as solvent), the reaction led to a mixture of cyanhydrins **5a** and **5b** with a 70/30 ratio and a total conversion after 24h. On the other hand, when using MeOH, only the formation of compound **5a** (having a *ribo* configuration) was observed after 3h of stirring at RT. A rapid purification on silica gel (to avoid isomerization and degradation) allowed the isolation of this product in 97% yield. Thus, the use of I<sub>2</sub> in methanol in a homogeneous phase, provided the glycocyanhydrins **3a** and **5a**, with excellent stereoselectivity and yields. A possible explanation on this remarkable stereoselectivity will be discussed latter in **Scheme 4**.

Considering these results, we extended our work to the synthesis of glycoaminonitriles. Thus, ulose 1 was treated in the presence of  $I_2$ , KCN and benzylamine in methanol. The reaction mixture was stirred at RT and under an argon atmosphere. The

total conversion was reached after 4h. Analysis of NMR and mass spectra of the reaction mixture indicate the presence of glycocyanhydrin **3a** and no traces of glycoaminonitriles. The nucleophilic addition of cyanide ions to the carbonyl thus appears to be faster than that of the amine. Moreover, the resulting cyanhydrin **3a** did not evolve to the formation of the corresponding



Scheme 3: One-pot - two steps synthesis of compound 4d.

Table 3: One-pot - two steps synthesis of glycoaminonitriles.



Reaction conditions: <sup>a</sup>  $I_2$  (1 equiv.) and R'NH<sub>2</sub> (1.2 equiv.) were added successively to a methanolic solution of ulose **1**. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2h at RT and KCN (2 equiv.) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for another 2h. <sup>b</sup>  $I_2$  (1 equiv.) and R'NH<sub>2</sub> (1.2 equiv.) were added successively to a methanolic solution of ulose **2**. The reaction mixture was stirred for 6h at RT and KCN (2 equiv.) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 6h at RT and KCN (2 equiv.) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for another 6h. <sup>c</sup> Ulose **1** or **2** was dissolved in a commercial methanolic solution of ammonia (1M) and  $I_2$  (1 equiv.) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 24h at RT and KCN (2 equiv.) was then added. The reaction mixture was finally stirred for another 24h.

aminonitrile. This suggests that compound **3a** is not a reaction intermediate. To facilitate the formation of glycoaminonitriles, we performed a two-step addition of the reactants. First, the imine intermediate was obtained by adding  $I_2$  (1 equiv.) and benzylamine (1.2 equiv.) to a methanolic solution of ulose **1**. The mixture was stirred at RT for 2h and KCN (2 equiv.) was added (Scheme 3). After an additional 2h of stirring, spectrometric analyses indicated

a complete conversion. After treatment followed by purification on silica gel, only the derivative **4d** was obtained in 70% yield. No trace of the corresponding diastereomer was detected. The "one pot - two steps" synthesis in methanol allowed the formation of glycoaminonitrile **4d** in only 4h. To verify the versatility of the method, several amines were engaged in the aminocyanation reaction using uloses **1** and **2**. The results are reported in **Table 3**.

Under the aminocyanation conditions, ulose 1 was more reactive than ulose 2 with 4h (2h + 2h) and 12h (6h + 6h) of reaction times respectively. In comparison with the formation of cyanohydrins, it is interesting to note that the addition of potassium carbonate during the synthesis of glycoaminonitriles did not influence the reaction times. Using molecular iodine, this method led to the formation of glycoaminonitriles with the desired allo (4a, 4d-4g) and ribo (6a-6e) configurations in 35 - 80% yields after purification on silica gel. These yields were not as excellent as those obtained from the classical method involving Ti(OiPr)<sub>4</sub>.[9] However, this new protocol allows the use of a larger variety of primary amines. The presence of an unsaturated amine did not lead to the formation of iodinated derivatives (entries 5 and 6) and the use of long alkyl chain amines did not affect the formation of the corresponding glycoaminonitriles (entries 9 and 10).

Configurations of the quaternary carbons of cyanohydrins **3a-b** and **5a-b** were determined using NMR spectroscopy and derivatization by several research teams.[18–21] Regarding compound **4d**, the configuration was determined in a previous work by both X-ray crystallography and NOE effects.[22] These indicated that the diastereomer with the (R) configuration at carbon C-3 was exclusively formed by the stereoselective attack of the cyanide ion on the  $\beta$ -face.

I<sub>2</sub> may act as both a dehydrating agent and a Lewis acid to lead to the imine intermediate. On the other hand, once KCN is solubilized in the reaction mixture, cyanide ions probably form the reagent ICN (soluble in organic solvents) in the presence of I<sub>2</sub>. The formation of ICN is then certainly influenced by the solubility of KCN. The latter being much more soluble in methanol than in the other solvents tested, the formation of ICN is then faster, as well as its attack on the imine intermediate, which could explain the shorter reaction times with MeOH. Once ICN is formed, we assume that it reacts in concert with the imine to lead to the *N*iodinated species **7** and **8** (Scheme 4).



Scheme 4: Suggested mechanism.

The reversibility of this step, towards the imine formation, should only be possible with the use of a good dissociating solvent for the N-I bond, such as MeOH. When using DCM, THF or *t*-BuOH, it seems that the formation of these molecules is irreversible. Moreover, when methanol is used, the formation of

compound **8** could become reversible and thus lead to compound **7**, stabilized with the oxygen atom at C-2. The use of diiodine in the presence of KCN in methanol would thus induce a better stereoselectivity than in DCM, THF or *t*-BuOH. This would also explain the excellent stereoselectivity observed with cyanohydrins **3** and **5**, no matter the reaction time.

### 3. Conclusion

By substituting Ti(OiPr)<sub>4</sub> with molecular iodine and TMSCN with potassium cyanide, it was possible to synthesize stereoselectively glycocyanhydrins and glycoaminonitriles with different amines and sugars. Even if yields remained moderate, this methodology is metal-free, carried out in a homogeneous phase and does not require the use of expensive cyanogenic agents. This new protocol would allow the production of new TSAO-T and ATSAO-T derivatives.

#### 4. Experimental

### 4.1. General considerations

All reagent-grade chemicals were obtained from commercial suppliers and were used as received. Characterizations of known compounds were in accordance with literature. Optical rotations were recorded in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution. FTIR spectra were obtained using ATR and are reported in cm<sup>-1</sup>, <sup>1</sup>H (400 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz) spectra were recorded on a Bruker Advance III spectrometer in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.<sup>1</sup>H NMR coupling constants are given in Hz. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were referenced against the signal of residual CHCl<sub>3</sub> 7.26 ppm. The proton and carbon signal assignments were determined from decoupling experiments, COSY spectra and HSQC spectra. TLC were performed on Silica F<sub>254</sub> and detection by UV light at 254 nm or by charring with cerium molybdate reagent. Column chromatography was performed on Silica Gel 60 (230 mesh). High-resolution electrospray mass spectra in the positive ion mode were obtained on a Q-TOF Ultima Global hybrid quadrupole/time-of-flight instrument, equipped with a pneumatically assisted electrospray (Z-spray) ion source and an additional sprayer (Lock Spray) for the reference compound. The source and desolvation temperatures were kept at 80 and 150 °C, respectively. Nitrogen was used as the drying and nebulizing gas at flow rates of 350 and 50 L/h, respectively. The capillary voltage was 3.5 kV, the cone voltage 100 V and the RF lens1 energy was optimized for each sample (40 V). For collision-induced dissociation (CID) experiments, argon was used as collision gas at an indicated analyser pressure of 5.10-5Torr and the collision energy was optimized for each parent ion (50-110 V). Lock mass correction, using appropriate cluster ions of sodium iodide (NaI)<sub>n</sub>Na<sup>+</sup>, was applied for accurate mass measurements. The mass range was typically 50-2050 Da and spectra were recorded at 2 s/scan in the profile mode at a resolution of 10000 (FWMH).

### 4.2. General procedure for the preparation of glycocyanhydrins:

Ulose **1** or **2** (0.571 mmol) was suspended in methanol (5 mL) in a 10 mL round bottom flask and potassium carbonate (2 equiv., 1.142 mmol), diiodine (2 equiv., 1.142 mmol) and potassium cyanide (2 equiv., 1.142 mmol) were added successively. The reaction mixture was then stirred at room temperature for 2 to 3 hours and monitored by TLC. Excess of diiodine was reduced using a saturated solution of sodium thiosulfate until a white color is obtained (~1-2 mL). DCM (10 mL) and water (5 mL) were added and the organic layer separated. The aqueous phase was extracted 3 times with dichloromethane or ethyl acetate and the combined organic phases were dried over magnesium sulfate. After evaporation under reduced pressure, the solid residue can be purified by short silica-gel column chromatography (Cyclohexane

/ Ethyl acetate; 9/1). Compounds **3a** and **5a** were obtained as a colorless oil in 90% and 97% yields respectively. Spectroscopic analyses were in agreement with the literature.[1,10]

## 4.3. General experimental procedure for the preparation of glycoaminonitriles:

From ulose **1** (except **4a**): Ulose **1** (0.359 mmol) was suspended in methanol (4 mL) in a 10 mL round bottom flask. Diiodine (1 equiv., 0.359 mmol) and the desired primary amine (1.2 equiv., 0.431 mmol) were added successively. The reaction mixture was then stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. KCN (2 equiv., 0.720 mmol) was then added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for another 2 hours and monitored by TLC.

From ulose **2** (except **6a**): Ulose **2** (0.359 mmol) was suspended in methanol (4 mL) in a 10 mL round bottom flask. Diiodine (1 equiv., 0.359 mmol) and the desired primary amine (1.2 equiv., 0.431 mmol) were added successively. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 hours. KCN (2 equiv., 0.720 mmol) was then added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for another 6 hours and monitored by TLC.

For compounds **4a** and **6a**: Ulose **1** or **2** (0.359 mmol) was dissolved in a 1M methanolic solution of ammonia (4 mL) in a 10 mL round bottom flask. Diiodine (1 equiv., 0.359 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours. KCN (2 equiv., 0.720 mmol) was then added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for another 24 hours and monitored by TLC.

Excess of diiodine was reduced using a saturated solution of sodium thiosulfate until a white color is obtained (~1-2 mL). DCM (10 mL) and water (5 mL) were added and the organic layer separated. The aqueous phase was extracted 3 times with dichloromethane and the combined organic phases were dried over magnesium sulfate. After evaporation under reduced pressure, the residue can be purified by fast silica-gel column chromatography (Cyclohexane / Ethyl acetate; 9/1) to afford the entitled compound. Compounds **4a**,[23] **4d**,[22] **6a**[24] and **6b**[22] were obtained as colorless oils in 45%, 70%, 81% and 73% yields respectively. Spectroscopic analyses were in agreement with the literature.[22–24] Some analytical data were performed for compounds **4d** and **6b** to complement those in the literature.

### 4.3.1. 3-N-benzyl-3-amino-3-C-cyano-3-deoxy-1,2:5,6-di-O-isopropylidene-α-D-glucofuranose (4d)[22]

70%; colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.46 – 7.25 (m, 5H, H-A<sub>r</sub>), 5.93 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.74 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.42 (ddd, *J* = 8.7, 6.2, 4.4 Hz, 1H, H-5), 4.18 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 6.2 Hz, 1H, H-6<sub>b</sub>), 4.08 (d, *J* = 12,2 Hz, 1H, PhCH<sub>2b</sub>), 4.04 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H, H-6<sub>a</sub>), 3.95 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H, PhCH<sub>2a</sub>, H-4), 2.42 (s, 1H, NH), 1.60 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.38 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.35 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.34 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.8 (C<sub>q</sub>-Ar), 128.5, 128.3, 127.5 (CH-Ar), 117.7 (CN), 113.9 (C<sub>q</sub>), 110.3 (C<sub>q</sub>), 104.5 (C<sub>1</sub>), 82.4 (C<sub>2</sub>), 81.1 (C<sub>4</sub>), 75.2 (C<sub>5</sub>), 68.8 (C<sub>3</sub>), 67.6 (C<sub>6</sub>), 49.9 (PhCH<sub>2</sub>), 26.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>); [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>20</sup><sub>2</sub> +52 (c 0.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

### 4.3.2. 3-N-allyl-3-amino-3-C-cyano-3-deoxy-

1,2:5,6-*di*-O-*isopropylidene*- $\alpha$ -D-glucofuranose (4e) 52%; Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.95 (ddt, J = 17.2, 10.2, 6.0 Hz, 1H, CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.87 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H, H-1), 5.28 (dq, J = 17.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2b</sub>=CH), 5.14 (dq, J = 10.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2a</sub>=CH), 4.74 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.36 (ddd, J = 8.8, 6.2, 4.4 Hz, 1H, H-5), 4.15 (dd, J = 9.0, 6.2 Hz, 1H, H-6b), 4.00 (dd, J = 9.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H, H-6a), 3.87 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H, H-4), 3.53 (dd, J = 13.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2b</sub>NH), 3.40 (dt, J = 13.1, 6.2 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2a</sub>NH), 2.23 (s, 1H, NH), 1.56 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.42 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.34 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.33 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 135.5 (CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 117.6 (CN), 117.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>=CH), 114.1 (C<sub>q</sub>), 110.4 (C<sub>q</sub>), 104.6 (C<sub>1</sub>), 82.4 (C<sub>2</sub>), 81.0 (C<sub>4</sub>), 75.2 (C<sub>5</sub>), 69.0 (C<sub>3</sub>), 67.7 (C<sub>6</sub>), 48.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 26.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 325.1763, found 325.1755; [α]<sup>20</sup><sub>P</sub> +59 (c 0.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

### 4.3.3. 3-amino-3-C-cyano-3-deoxy-3-N-nonyl-

1,2:5,6-*di*-O-*isopropylidene*-α-D-*glucofuranose* (*4f*) 60%; Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.87 (d, J =3.5 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.71 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.35 (ddd, J = 8.7, 6.2 Hz, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H, H-5), 4.14 (dd, 1H, J = 8.9, 6.2 Hz, H-6b), 3.99 (dd, J = 8.9, 4.5 Hz, 1H, H-6a), 3.85 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H, H-4), 2.86 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2b</sub>NH), 2.74 – 2.59 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2a</sub>NH), 2.02 (s, 1H, NH), 1.54 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.41 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.33 (s, 6H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.29 – 1.19 (m, 14H, 7 CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.91 – 0.76 (m, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 117.9 (CN), 114.0 (C<sub>q</sub>), 110.2 (C<sub>q</sub>), 104.6 (C<sub>1</sub>), 82.4 (C<sub>2</sub>), 80.9 (C<sub>4</sub>), 75.2 (C<sub>5</sub>), 69.3 (C<sub>3</sub>), 67.7 (C<sub>6</sub>), 45.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 31.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 22.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>39</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 411.2859, found 411.2852; [α]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub> +28 (c 0.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

### 4.3.4. 3-amino-3-C-cyano-3-deoxy-3-N-octadecyl-

1, 2:5, 6-*di*-O-*isopropylidene*-α-D-*glucofuranose* (**4***g*) 50%; Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.89 (d, J =3.5 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.72 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.37 (ddd, J = 8.6, 6.2 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1H, H-5), 4.16 (dd, J = 8.9, 6.2 Hz, 1H, H-6b), 4.00 (dd, J = 8.9, 4.4 Hz, 1H, H-6a), 3.87 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H, H-4), 2.90 – 2.84 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2b</sub>NH), 2.72 -2.66 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2a</sub>NH), 2.03 (s, 1H, NH), 1.56 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.43 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.35 (s, 6H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.26, (m,32 H, 16 CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.87 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 118.0 (CN), 114.0 (C<sub>q</sub>), 110.3 (C<sub>q</sub>), 104.7 (C<sub>1</sub>), 82.4 (C<sub>2</sub>), 81.0 (C<sub>4</sub>), 75.3 (C<sub>5</sub>), 69.4 (C<sub>3</sub>), 67.8 (C<sub>6</sub>), 45.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 32.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 22.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: calcd. for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>57</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 537.4267, found 537.4261; [α]<sup>20</sup><sub>P</sub> +12 (c 0.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

### 4.3.5. 3-N-benzyl-3-amino-5-O-benzyl-3-C-cyano-3deoxy-1,2-O-isopropylidene- $\alpha$ -D-ribofuranose (**6b**)[22]

81%; Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 10H, H-Ar), 5.99 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.74 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.60 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.14 (t, J = 6 Hz, 1H, H-4), 4.02 (d, J = 12 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2b</sub>NH), 3.92 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H, H-5), 3.91 (d, J = 12 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2a</sub>NH), 2.20 (s, 1H, NH), 1.57 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.37 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 138.7 Cq-Ar), 137.5 (Cq-Ar), 127.7, 128.0, 128.6, 128.8 (CH-Ar), 117.5 (CN), 113.7 (Cq), 104.7 (C<sub>1</sub>), 81.5 (C<sub>2</sub>), 79.7 (C<sub>4</sub>), 74.0 (OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 69.6 (C<sub>5</sub>), 68.2 (C<sub>3</sub>), 50.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 26.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 395.1971, found 395.1968; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +42 (c 0.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

### 4.3.6. 3-N-allyl-3-amino-5-O-benzyl-3-C-cyano-3deoxy-1,2-O-isopropylidene- $\alpha$ -D-ribofuranose (6c)

67%; Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.41 – 7.23 (m, 5H, H-Ar), 5.95 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H, H-1), 5.93 – 5.81 (m, 1H, CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.26 (dd, J = 17.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>=CH), 5.13 (dd, J = 10.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>=CH), 4.74 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.60 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.12 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H, H-4), 3.89 (d, J = 6.00 Hz, 2H, H-5), 3.49 (dt, J = 11.1, 5.1 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2b</sub>NH), 3.40 (dt, J = 12.00, 5.2 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2a</sub>NH), 2.00 (s, 1H, NH), 1.56 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.36 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 137.4 (Cq-Ar), 135.4 (CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 128.5 (CH-Ar), 128.4 (CH-Ar), 128.3 (CH-Ar), 127.9 (CH-Ar), 127.9 (CH-Ar), 117.3 (CN), 117.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>=CH), 113.6 (C<sub>q</sub>), 104.5 (C<sub>1</sub>), 81.4 (C<sub>2</sub>), 79.5 (C<sub>4</sub>), 73.9 (OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 69.5 (C<sub>5</sub>), 68.0 (C<sub>3</sub>), 48.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 26.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{25}N_2O_4$  345.1814, found 345.1811; [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub> +56 (c 0.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

# 4.3.7. 3-amino-5-O-benzyl-3-C-cyano-3-deoxy-3-N-nonyl-1,2-O-isopropylidene- $\alpha$ -D-ribofuranose (**6d**)

82%; Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.27 – 7.18 (m, 5H, H-Ar), 5.95 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.73 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.60 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.09 (t, J = 6.00 Hz, 1H, H-4), 3.88 (dd, J = 6.00 Hz, 200 Hz, 2H, H-5), 2.77 – 2.84 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2b</sub>NH), 2.68 – 2.76 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2a</sub>NH), 1.76 (s, 1H, NH), 1.55 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.43 – 1.52 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.36 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.26 (m, 12H, 6 CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.89 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 138.0 (Cq-Ar), 128.0, 128.0, 128.6 (CH-Ar), 117.7 (CN), 113.7 (Cq), 104.6 (C<sub>1</sub>), 82.0 (C<sub>2</sub>), 79.6 (C<sub>4</sub>), 74.0 (OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 69.7 (C<sub>5</sub>), 68.5 (C<sub>3</sub>), 45.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 32.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 22.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>39</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 431.2910, found 431.2910; [α]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub> +31 (c 0.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

4.3.8. 3-amino-5-O-benzyl-3-C-cyano-3-deoxy-3-Noctadecyl-1,2-O-isopropylidene- $\alpha$ -D-ribofuranose (6e)

52%; Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.49 – 7.02 (m, 5H, CH-Ar), 5.95 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.73 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.60 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.10 (t, *J* = 6.00 Hz, 1H, H-4), 3.89 (dd, *J* = 6.00 Hz, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 2H, H-5), 2.84 – 2.78 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2b</sub>NH), 2.76 – 2.70 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2a</sub>NH), 1.82 (s, 1H, NH), 1.56 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.52 – 1.39 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.36 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.27 (m, 32H, 16 CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.89 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  137.5 (C<sub>q</sub>-Ar), 127.9, 128.0, 128.5 (CH-Ar), 117.7 (CN), 113.6 (C<sub>q</sub>), 104.6 (C<sub>1</sub>), 81.5 (C<sub>2</sub>), 79.5 (C<sub>4</sub>), 74.0 (OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 69.7 (C<sub>3</sub>), 68.5 (C<sub>5</sub>), 45.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 32.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 22.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>); [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>20</sub><sup>20</sup> +26 (c 0.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

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