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Methyl 2,6-Anhydro-3,4-di-O-methyl- α -D-mannoside. An Intramolecular Nucleophilic Displacement of Mesylate with Inversion

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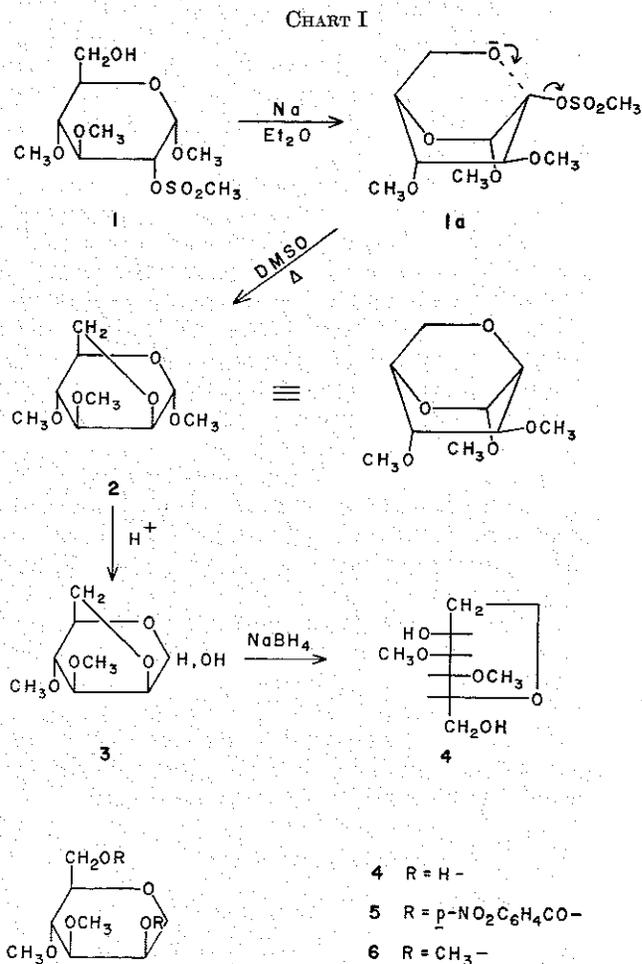
Recent publications from this laboratory have described reactions of carbohydrate mesyloxy groups with various nucleophilic reagents.^{2,3} Reaction of methyl 2-O-mesyl-3,4,6-tri-O-methyl- α -D-glucoside with aqueous sodium hydroxide,² methanolic sodium methoxide, or sodium methoxide in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO)³ gave only products resulting from nucleophilic attack at sulfur in the mesyloxy group. No evidence for nucleophilic displacement of the mesyloxy group, involving Walden inversion, could be detected.

Selective demesylation of methyl 2,6-di-O-mesyl-3,4-di-O-methyl- α -D-glucoside⁴ made available methyl 2-O-mesyl-3,4-di-O-methyl- α -D-glucoside (1) and it was postulated that this compound might be induced to undergo an intramolecular displacement of the mesyloxy group resulting in a new 2,6-anhydro sugar.

Treatment of 1 with excess sodium methoxide in refluxing anhydrous methanol failed to show any reaction. When 1 was treated with 1.1 equiv. of potassium *t*-butoxide in anhydrous DMSO at 70°, thin layer chromatography indicated a slow reaction and the formation of a small amount of a compound running faster than 1. After 20 hr. the mixture contained a small amount of this product together with a large amount of unchanged starting material and some methyl 3,4-di-O-methyl- α -D-glucoside.

To decrease demesylation due to intermolecular reaction with alkoxide ion, the 6-sodio salt was prepared by treatment of 1 with sodium in ether and the condensation was carried out at 85° at high dilution in DMSO.

The fast-running product was isolated by ether extraction and column chromatography as a clear sirup which crystallized after distillation. This compound was shown to be the expected methyl 2,6-anhydro-3,4-di-O-methyl- α -D-mannoside (2) by a series of reactions



which ruptured the 1,5 ring and left the 2,6 ring intact (see Chart I). Mild acid hydrolysis removed the glycosidic methyl group and the resulting 2,6-anhydro-D-mannose derivative 3 was reduced with sodium borohydride to an anhydroxitol derivative, 2,6-anhydro-3,4-di-O-methyl-D-mannitol, preferably called 1,5-anhydro-3,4-di-O-methyl-D-mannitol (4). This compound crystallized and also gave a crystalline di-*p*-nitrobenzoate (5).

Methylation of 4 gave a tetramethyl derivative which was shown to be 1,5-anhydro-2,3,4,6-tetra-O-methyl-D-mannitol (6) by comparison of its physical properties with those of an authentic sample prepared by methylation of styracitol (1,5-anhydro-D-mannitol).

The only previously reported 2,6-anhydro sugar derivative, methyl 2,6-anhydro- α -D-altrose, was prepared by Rosenfeld, Richtmeyer, and Hudson.⁵

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Recently Meyer zu Reckendorf has reported⁶ the preparation of a 2,6-imino derivative of methyl α -D-altropyranoside. Both of these compounds were prepared by reactions involving displacement of a primary tosyloxy group at C-6 by attack from anionoid forms of hydroxyl or amino groups at C-2 of D-altrose derivatives without configurational inversion. These ring closures were effected with relatively mild nucleophilic reagents, sodium acetate in absolute ethanol⁶ and sodium hydroxide in aqueous Methyl Cellosolve.⁵ In our case it was necessary to employ a dipolar aprotic solvent, DMSO, and preferable to preform the anionic form at C-6 in order to achieve the displacement of the secondary mesyloxy group at C-2 with inversion. This reaction, and presumably the others described above leading to 2,6 rings, must occur *via* the boat configuration **1a** of the pyranose ring in order to achieve the correct stereochemistry.

The reaction we describe appears to be the first example of displacement of a ring secondary sulfonyloxy group by attack from the anionic form of the primary hydroxyl at C-6. Recently a large number of 2',5'- and 3',5'-anhydro derivatives of the pentose nucleosides have been reported.⁷⁻⁹ All of these are derived from displacement of sulfonyloxy groups on the 5' or primary position by attack of anionoid forms of the respective ring secondary hydroxyls. However, reactions have been described⁷⁻⁹ in which ring secondary sulfonyloxy groups in pentose nucleosides have been displaced with inversion by an intramolecular attack of an anionoid form derived from the 2-keto group of the pyrimidine moiety giving rise to 2,2'- and 2,3'-anhydro derivatives.

An example of participation by the primary hydroxyl at C-6 in the opening of the 2,3-anhydro ring during acid hydrolysis of methyl 2,3-anhydro-D-hexopyranosides has been recently reported.¹⁰ The reaction gives predominantly the 3,6-anhydro derivative by ring opening at C-3 and there is no evidence reported for opening at C-2 to give a 2,6-anhydro derivative.

Experimental Section^{11,12}

Methyl 2,6-Anhydro-3,4-di-O-methyl- α -D-mannoside (2).—To a solution of methyl 2-O-mesyl-3,4-di-O-methyl- α -D-glucoside (1, 2.4 g., 7.95 mmoles) in anhydrous ether (100 ml.) was added 50% sodium in paraffin dispersion (0.42 g., 9.1 mmoles) and the solution was refluxed for 2 hr. Anhydrous dimethyl sulfoxide

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(DMSO,¹³ 600 ml.) was added and the solution was stirred at 85° overnight. The cooled solution was poured into ice-water (3500 ml.) and the mixture was extracted continuously with ether for 48 hr. Evaporation of the dried (Na₂SO₄) ether extract gave an oil containing DMSO. T.l.c. (ether) showed a major product, running faster than starting material, which gave a distinctive red-brown color with the spray reagent. Smaller amounts of starting material and demesyloxy product were also evident. Fractionation of the residue on a column of silica gel (300 g.) using ether as eluent gave the major product, methyl 2,6-anhydro-3,4-di-O-methyl- α -D-mannoside (2, 0.776 g., 47.5%) as a clear sirup which crystallized after distillation. Recrystallization from ether-hexane gave white prisms, m.p. 37-38.5°, [α]_D²⁵ +52° (c 2.0, carbon tetrachloride). V.p.c. showed a single peak, *R_v* (TMG)¹⁴ 0.72, on an Apiezon L column at 183°.

Anal. Calcd. for C₂₀H₃₆O₈: C, 52.94; H, 7.90; mol. wt., 204.2. Found: C, 53.03; H, 7.89; mol. wt., 204.8 (by vapor pressure lowering), 204 (by mass spectrometry).

2,6-Anhydro-3,4-di-O-methyl-D-mannose (3).—Methyl 2,6-anhydro-3,4-di-O-methyl- α -D-mannoside (2, 0.40 g.) was treated with 1 N hydrochloric acid at 60° for 2 hr. and the solution was then passed down a column of Amberlite IR-45 (OH⁻) resin. Evaporation of the effluent gave a yellow sirup (0.31 g.), [α]_D²⁵ -31.7° (c 1.89, chloroform). T.l.c. (acetone) showed only one component running slower than starting material. The n.m.r. spectra of the sirup as solutions in D₂O and CDCl₃ were consistent with a mixture of the α and β anomers of 2,6-anhydro-3,4-di-O-methyl-D-mannose (3).

1,5-Anhydro-3,4-di-O-methyl-D-mannitol (4).—Sirupy **3** (0.22 g.) was dissolved in water (8 ml.) and a solution of sodium borohydride (0.2 g.) in water (8 ml.) was added dropwise with stirring. T.l.c. (acetone) indicated complete reaction after 1 hr. Excess borohydride was destroyed by addition of a few drops of glacial acetic acid and the solution was freed from cations by passage down a column of Amberlite IR-120 (H⁺) resin. Concentration of the aqueous effluent afforded a solid residue, and borate ions were removed by repeated evaporation with methanol leaving a clear sirup (0.20 g.). The sirup was chromatographed on a column of silica gel (25 g.) with acetone as eluent giving pure 1,5-anhydro-3,4-di-O-methyl-D-mannitol (4, 0.17 g.) which crystallized. Recrystallization from ether gave white prisms, m.p. 80-80.5°, [α]_D²⁵ -16.3° (c 2.7, chloroform).

Anal. Calcd. for C₈H₁₆O₅: C, 50.00; H, 8.37. Found: C, 50.09; H, 8.39.

Treatment of **4** with 2.5 equiv. of *p*-nitrobenzoyl chloride in boiling pyridine followed by pouring into water afforded a solid residue which was collected by filtration and washed with 0.1 N sodium hydroxide and water. Recrystallization from ethanol gave pale yellow crystals of 1,5-anhydro-3,4-di-O-methyl-2,6-di-O-*p*-nitrobenzoyl-D-mannitol (**5**), m.p. 146.5-147.5°, [α]_D²⁵ -37.6° (c 2.1, chloroform).

Anal. Calcd. for C₂₂H₂₂N₂O₁₁: C, 53.87; H, 4.52; N, 5.71. Found: C, 53.90; H, 4.53; N, 5.91.

1,5-Anhydro-2,3,4,6-tetra-O-methyl-D-mannitol (6).—To a solution of **4** (0.10 g.) in anhydrous redistilled tetrahydrofuran (10 ml.) was added sodium hydride powder¹⁵ (50 mg.) and methyl iodide (2 ml.), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature. T.l.c. (acetone) showed that reaction was complete in 2 hr. giving one product having the same *R_f* value as authentic 1,5-anhydro-2,3,4,6-tetra-O-methyl-D-mannitol. Methanol was added dropwise to destroy the excess sodium hydride and removal of solvents gave a solid residue. Extraction with ether and concentration of the extracts gave a sirupy residue **6** (70 mg.) which was purified by distillation at 12 mm. (bath temperature 100°), [α]_D²⁵ -39.6° (c 2.12, ethanol). V.p.c. showed a single component, *R_v* (TMG) 0.83, on an Apiezon L column at 183°.

A sample of 1,5-anhydro-2,3,4,6-tetra-O-methyl-D-mannitol was prepared by methylation of styracitol¹⁶ (1,5-anhydro-D-mannitol) by the procedure of Kuhn, *et al.*¹⁷ The sirupy product

(13) DMSO was dried and distilled over Linde 13X Molecular Sieves.

(14) *R_v* (TMG) is the relative retention volume compared with methyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-methyl- α -D-glucoside (TMG) as standard. On an Apiezon L column, 6 ft. \times 0.25 in. at 183°, helium flow rate 170 cc. min.⁻¹, TMG had a retention time of 18 min.

(15) A 55% oil dispersion of sodium hydride was washed with anhydrous ether under an atmosphere of dry nitrogen to remove the oil.

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was distilled twice and had the following physical constants: n_D^{25} 1.4521, $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -40.2° (c 2.49, ethanol).¹⁸ V.p.c. on Apiezon L at 183° gave R_f (TMC) 0.83.

Comparison of the infrared and n.m.r. spectra of this compound with those obtained from **6** identified the latter as 1,5-anhydro-2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-methyl-*D*-mannitol.

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