

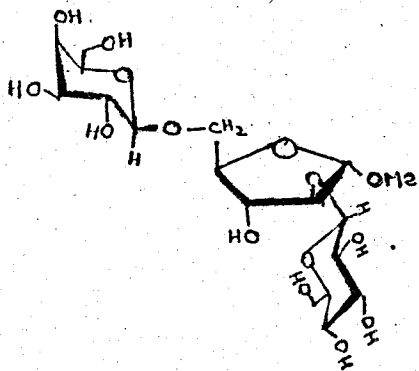
SYNTHESIS OF TWO BRANCHED TRISACCHARIDES  
CONTAINING A CENTRAL FURANOSIDE UNIT

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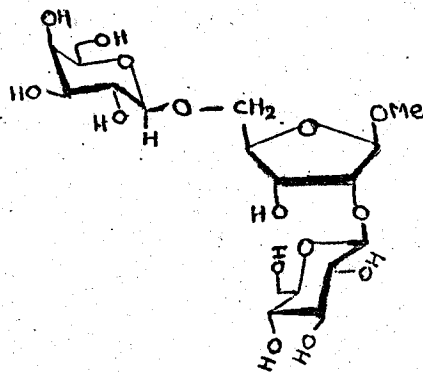
Branched trisaccharides occur in a variety of biological systems and consequently there is a great interest in their synthesis<sup>1</sup>. Our work up to now in synthesis of such compounds dealt with the blocking and deblocking of a central pyranoside unit<sup>2</sup>. Here we report the use of a furanoside moiety as the central unit for synthesis of two branched trisaccharides. In a previous communication we reported<sup>3</sup> the use of 1,3-dichloro-1,1,3,3-tetraisopropylidisiloxane to simultaneously protect the 3,5 hydroxyls of methyl $\alpha$ -D-arabinofuranoside. The resulting methyl 3,5-O-(tetraisopropylidisiloxanyl)- $\alpha$ -D-arabinofuranoside was glycosylated with acetobromo glucose and silver triflate to give the  $\beta$ 1  $\rightarrow$ 2 linked gluco-arabino disaccharide as the sole product. Following a suggestion of Markiewicz<sup>4</sup>, we carried out the partial cleavage of the doubly linked TIPDSI group by treating the disaccharide with 0.2M HCl in Dioxan and water (4:1, 0.5h, 30°C) to give in high yield the 3-silylated 5-hydroxy derivative. The free hydroxyl was treated with acetobromogalactose under Hanessian<sup>5</sup> conditions to yield a single product. Removal of the blocking groups gave in good yield the branched disaccharide methyl 2-O-( $\beta$ -D-gluco-pyranosyl)-5-O-( $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl)- $\alpha$ -D-arabinofuranoside (1). Commencing with methyl  $\beta$ -D-ribofuranoside and using the same sequence of reactions, we obtained the branched trisaccharide methyl 2-O-( $\beta$ -D-gluco-pyranosyl)-5-O-( $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl)- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranoside (2). All compounds had H and <sup>13</sup>C nmr spectra in accordance with assigned structures.

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