

# Stereoselective Synthesis of a New cis Monocyclic $\beta$ -lactam Bearing a Sugar Moiety at Its N1 Position and Its Physical Characterization

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**Abstract:** Synthesis of a new monocyclic  $\beta$ -lactam containing a sugar moiety at its N1 position *via* [2+2] cycloaddition reaction of ketene and imine is described. Reaction of achiral phenoxy ketene with chiral aldimine derived from chiral 2, 3, 4, 6-tetra-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosylamine and 2-hydroxy-3-methoxy benzaldehyde resulted in the formation of 2 as a single diastereomer. Then its physical characterization has been determined at the AM1 level of theory.

## Introduction

O-Acyl-protected glycosylamines and their imine derivatives, particularly the 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-pivaloyl-D-galactopyranosylamine and its acetyl derivative are effective chiral auxiliaries in Strecker and Ugi syntheses of  $\alpha$ -amino acids [1-3]. Glycosylamines are valuable intermediates in the preparation of nucleosides and drugs [4-7]. Carbohydrate-derived auxiliaries utilize an efficient stereoselective potential in a number of nucleophilic addition reactions on prochiral imines,  $\alpha$ -Amino acids,  $\beta$ -amino acids and their derivatives can be synthesized in few synthetic steps, with high enantiomeric purity. The asymmetric Staudinger reaction utilizing 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosylimine or 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosylimine as the chiral auxiliary in the synthesis of 2-azetidinones has been reported by us [8] and others [9]. In this paper a new sugar based monocyclic 2-azetidinone has been synthesized as a single diastereomer based on asymmetric synthesis and then its physical characterization has been determined at the AM1 level of theory.

## Results and Discussion

D-(+)-Galactose was chosen as the starting material for the synthesis of  $\beta$ -D-galactosylamine. 2, 3, 4, 6-Tetra-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl bromide was readily displaced by an azido group. Under this condition the replacement involves inversion of configuration at the anomeric site and thus the  $\alpha$ -glycopyranosyl halide yields a  $\beta$ -glycopyranosyl azide through an oxonium ion. Heterogeneous reduction of the azide group with Raney Nickel in ethyl acetate gave 2, 3, 4, 6-tetra-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosylamine. The molecular structure of 1 is shown in Fig. 1. The N1—C7 bond length [1.273 (3) Å] conforms to the expected value for a normal C N bond. The methoxy group at C2 is rotated slightly around the C2—O2 bond; the torsion angle C8—O2—C2—C3 is 16.3 (4). The C7—C6 [1.448 (3)] and N1—C9 [1.435 (3) Å] bond lengths are consistent with those in a related structure we reported recently [10]. The pyranosyl ring adopts a chair conformation. In the crystal structure, the bond lengths and angles are in normal ranges [11].

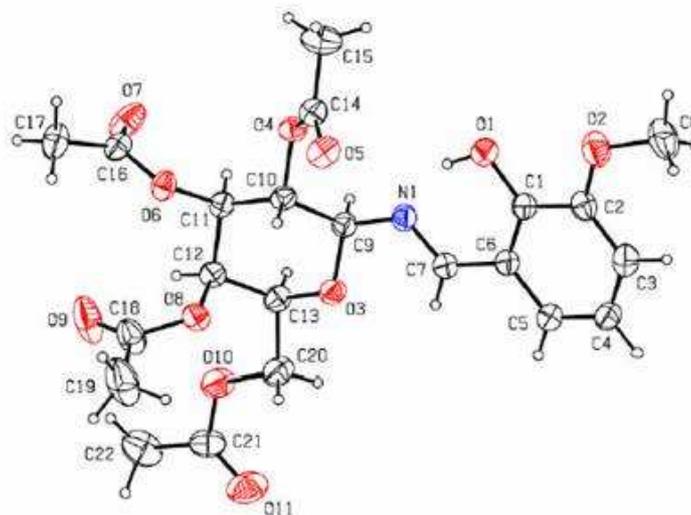
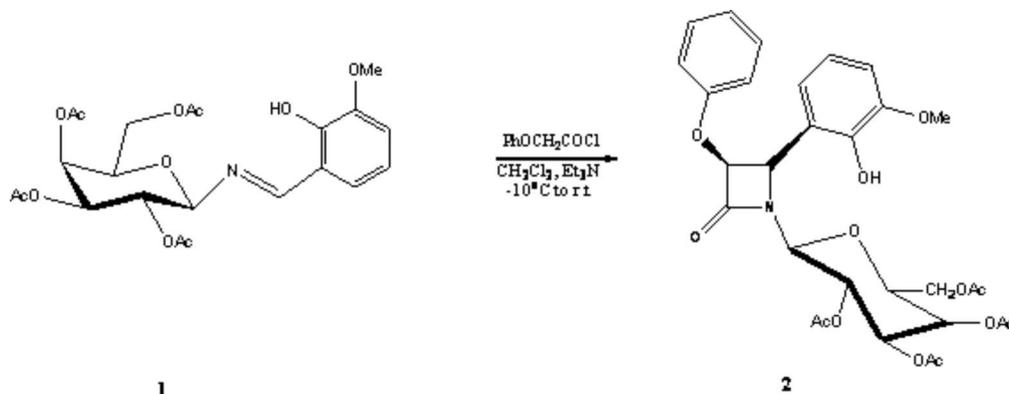


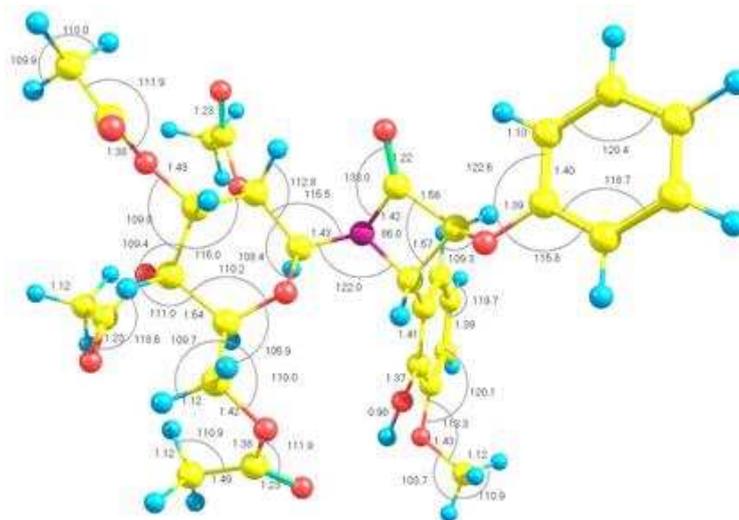
Figure 1. An ORTEP-3 view of (I), with the atom-numbering scheme and 20% probability displacement ellipsoids.

Schiff base 1 was transformed to  $\beta$ -lactam 2 by treatment with phenoxyacetyl chloride and triethylamine in dry methylene chloride with cooling in ice-salt bath. The reaction progress was monitored by TLC and the presence of a new compound was confirmed. The IR spectrum showed the characteristic absorption of  $\beta$ -lactam carbonyl at 1774.4 and ester carbonyls at 1743.5  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum showed the methoxy protons at 3.77, and four methyl protons at 2.19-1.88. The  $\beta$ -lactam ring protons H<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>4</sub> and sugar protons resonated at 5.45-4.06 and aromatic protons at 7.61-6.72. The  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  spectrum exhibited the following signals: 4COCH<sub>3</sub> at 19.77-19.29, OCH<sub>3</sub> at 54.99, sugar carbons at 89.47-54.99, CHN at 59.44, PhOCHCO at 80.47, aromatic carbons at 128.69-114.38, 4COCH<sub>3</sub>,  $\beta$ -lactam C=O at 169.12-167.43.

The mass spectrum showed the base peak at 43(COCH<sub>3</sub>), 482 (C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>11</sub>) and a peak at 69 which is due to C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>1</sub><sup>+</sup>.



We next performed theoretical calculations to present a viable structure for the product. All calculations in this work were carried out with the AM1 level of theory using the GAUSSIAN03 [12] suite of programs. More information about these methods is available elsewhere [13]. Figure 2 presents the optimized structure of the molecule with bond lengths and bond angles shown.



**Figure 2.** AM1 optimized geometry and with all bond lengths shown in angstroms (Å), and bond angles in degrees (°). In the figure, yellow spheres are carbon, blue spheres are hydrogen atoms, purple spheres are nitrogen, and red spheres are oxygen atoms.

Table 1 shows the thermodynamic properties for the structure in Figure 1 where T (temperature in K), S (entropy in  $\text{J mol}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$ ),  $C_p$  (heat capacity at constant pressure in  $\text{kJ mol}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$ ), and  $\Delta H = H^\circ - H^\circ_{298.15}$  (enthalpy content, in  $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ ),  $T_1=100 \text{ K}$ ,  $T_2=298.15 \text{ K}$ , and  $T_3=1000 \text{ K}$  calculated AM1 frequencies. The fits were performed according to the equations implemented by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) [14].

T (K)	$C_p$ (J/mol.K)	S (J/mol.K)	$\Delta H$ (kJ/mol)
100.00	319.39	684.05	20.67
200.00	486.26	957.20	61.03
298.15	654.17	1182.29	116.91
300.00	657.42	1186.35	118.12
400.00	829.87	1399.33	192.57
500.00	984.08	1601.52	283.47
600.00	1113.54	1792.76	388.55
700.00	1220.54	1972.71	505.42
800.00	1309.30	2141.66	632.05
900.00	1383.52	2300.29	766.80
1000.00	1446.07	2449.39	908.37

**Table 1.** Thermodynamic properties of the molecule in Figure 1, calculated at the AM1 level of theory, where  $C_p$  is the heat capacity in  $\text{J mol}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$ , S is the entropy in  $\text{J mol}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$ , and  $\Delta H$  is the standard enthalpy  $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ .

	Fitted Thermodynamic Equation ( $T/1000=t$ )
$C_p$	$6.75142*t + 2502.912*t^2 - 1184.28159*t^3 + 117.34776*t^4$
S	$-255.24191*\ln(t) + 3247.10622*t - 1361.86454*t^2/2 - 334.36163*t^3/3 - 4.23578/(2*t^2) - 10.40244$
$\Delta H$	$274.78754*t + 1460.20852*t^2/2 + 97.78182*t^3/3 - 368.91094*t^4/4 + 2.49268/t - 38.3513$

**Table 2.** These were the fitted results to the Shomate equations [14] which are implemented by the JANAF tables of the NIST databases from the data in table 1. These equations converged to an  $R^2$  value of 0.999 on average. These equations have been very good at predicting physical properties of various molecules, as we have tested in the past [15–17].

## Experimental

All required chemicals were purchased from Merck and Fluka chemical companies. Dichloromethane and triethylamine were dried by distillation over CaH<sub>2</sub> and then stored over 4Å molecular sieves. IR spectra were run on a Shimadzu FT-IR 8300 spectrophotometer. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (compound 2) using a Bruker Avance DPX instrument (operating at 250 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H and 62.9 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C). Chemical shifts were reported in ppm ( $\delta$ ) downfield from TMS. All of the coupling constants (J) are in Hertz. The mass spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu GC-MS QP 1000 EX instrument. Melting points were determined in open capillaries with a Buchi 510 melting point apparatus and are not corrected. Thin-layer chromatography (t.l.c.) was carried out on silica gel 254 analytical sheets obtained from Fluka. Column chromatography was performed on Merck Kieselgel (230-270 mesh).

*N*-(2-Hydroxy-3-methoxybenzylidene)-2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosylamine

o-Vanillin (0.87 g, 5.71 mmol) was added to a solution of 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-galactosylamine (2.00 g, 5.76 mmol) in ethanol (35 ml). The mixture was refluxed for 5 h. The resulting yellow crystals of *N*-(2-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzylidene)-2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosylamine were collected in 90% yield by filtration. The Schiff base was recrystallized from ethanol to give prismatic pale-yellow crystals.

Melting point: 180-182 °C.

IR (KBr): 3150-3250 (OH), 1751.2 (C=O), 1635.5 (C=N) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 250 MHz, ppm): 12.44 (OH, br, 1H), 8.53 (NCH, s, 1H), 7.22-6.77 (Ar-H, m, 4H), 5.43-4.07 (sugar protons, m, 7H), 3.86 (OCH<sub>3</sub>, s, 3H), 2.10-1.91 (4 COCH<sub>3</sub>, s, 12H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 62.9 MHz, ppm): 170.43-168.30 (4C=O), 164.63 (C=N), 150.79-114.83 (aromatic carbons), 89.31 (sugar carbon, C<sub>3</sub>), 72.83 (sugar carbon, C<sub>4</sub>), 71.40 (sugar carbon, C<sub>2</sub>), 69.77 (sugar carbon, C<sub>6</sub>), 68.31 (sugar carbon, C<sub>1</sub>), 61.44 (sugar carbon, C<sub>5</sub>), 56.07 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 20.69-20.56 (4COCH<sub>3</sub>).

MS (m/z): 481, 331, 169, 109, 43.

*1*-(2, 3, 4, 6-tetra-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl)-3-phenoxy-4-(2-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-2-azetidinone

A solution of phenoxyacetyl chloride (3.00 mmol, 0.42 mL) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15 mL) was slowly added to a solution of Schiff base 1 (1.0 mmol, 0.48 g) and triethylamine (9 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15 mL) at -15 °C. The reaction mixture was then allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 15 h. It was then washed with water (2×20 mL), saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (15 mL), brine (15 mL) and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The organic solvent was evaporated to give the crude  $\beta$ -lactam which was then purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: n-Hexane/EtOAc 1:1).

IR (KBr): 1743.5 (COCH<sub>3</sub>), 1774.5 (CO,  $\beta$ -lactam) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (250 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.61-6.72 (ArH, m, 9H), 5.45-4.06 (sugar protons, m, 7H, plus C<sub>3</sub>H, C<sub>4</sub>H), 3.77 (OCH<sub>3</sub>, s, 3H), 2.19-1.88 (4COCH<sub>3</sub>, s, 12H)

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (62.9 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 169.12-167.43 (4COCH<sub>3</sub>,  $\beta$ -lactam C=O), 128.69-114.38 (aromatic carbons), 80.47 (PhOCHCO), 59.44 (CHN), 89.47-54.99 (sugar carbons), 54.99 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 19.77-19.29 (4COCH<sub>3</sub>).

MS (m/z): 558, 481, 431, 376, 331, 268, 161, 134, 69, 43.

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