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## Copper mediated iodoacetoxylation and glycosylation: effective and convenient approaches for the stereoselective synthesis of 2-deoxy-2-iodo glycosides

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#### ABSTRACT

Copper(II) triflate catalyzed stereoselective glycosylation of 2-iodo-glycosyl acetate donor is reported. Anomeric activation of 2-deoxy-1-O-acetyl sugar employing  $Cu(OTf)_2$  found to be an attractive as well effective alternative reagent to the most frequently used triflic acid (TfOH) source such as TMSOTf or TBSOTf. Scope of the reaction was explored for various aglycones. This protocol involves simple reaction operation, employs less expensive and non-toxic reagent system, and enables the stereoselective preparation of 2-deoxy-2-iodo-glycosides. Furthermore, CuI/NaIO<sub>4</sub> in the presence of AcOH at ambient temperature promoted the regioselective iodoacetoxylation of various glycals to access 2-iodo-glycosyl acetates. © 2016 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved.

2-Deoxy sugars and their derivatives have been recognized as important synthetic intermediates for constructing several valuable glycoconjugates<sup>1</sup> and natural products.<sup>2</sup> The presence of  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$  linkage in 2-deoxy glycosides plays a crucial role in molecular recognition, reactivity, and adhesion of glycosubstances and linked to several cellular processes.<sup>1.2</sup> In this context, stereoselective glycosylation strategies serve as an important chemical tool for assembling venerable sugar molecules and related natural products to probe their biological activities. In view of their pharmacological properties, the stereoselective preparation of 2-deoxy sugars has gained considerable attention and remains a challenging task.<sup>3–5</sup>

The most common and reliable method for the preparation of 2-deoxy glycosides involves glycosylation of 2-deoxy-2-halo-glycosyl acetate donor<sup>6,7</sup> with aglycones using Brønsted acid such as triflic acid (TfOH). In addition, the oxidative iodoglycosylation of glycals using NIS,<sup>8a-c</sup> IDCP<sup>8d,e</sup> or molecular iodine<sup>8f,g</sup> as electrophilic iodonium ion equivalent provide 2-iodoglycosides. Subsequent reductive elimination or deiodonation from C-2 position would generate the 2-deoxy glycoside.<sup>7c</sup> The C-2 substituent in 2-halo-glycosyl acetate play a crucial role in chemical glycosylation as the stereodirecting group and induced anchimeric assistance to control the stereoselectivity.<sup>7</sup> Although promoters such as TMS-OTf and TBS-OTf were found to be suitable reagents for anomeric activation of 2-deoxy-1-*O*-acetyl donors,<sup>6a</sup> strong acidic behavior and excessive loading of catalyst, low reaction temperature, and need of additives such as molecular sieves have remained as the associated disadvantages. Therefore, developing an efficient and convenient glycosylation method by employing economical and non-toxic catalyst for incorporating glycosidic linkage in deoxy sugars in a stereocontrolled manner is highly desirable.

Owing to the inherent moisture/air stability and unique characteristic, Cu(II) triflate and its analogous catalysts have shown remarkable applicability in synthetic organic chemistry.<sup>9</sup> Recent studies on the comparison of metal triflates and strong Brønsted acids reveal that copper(II) triflate is the most effective and promising catalytic system to generate in situ TfOH in highly efficient green transformations.<sup>10</sup> Inspired by this fact and considering the versatile reactivity of Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> as an inexpensive and moisture stable catalyst, we focused to investigate the glycosylation of 2deoxy-2-iodo- $\alpha$ -mannopyranosyl acetate donor under mild reaction conditions.

We recently demonstrated the efficiency of Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> as Lewis acid catalyst in stereoselective glycosylation of glycals to generate various functionalized 2,3-unsaturated glycosides.<sup>11a</sup> In continuation of our research in glycochemistry,<sup>11</sup> herein we report Cu(II) triflate as an alternative and effective catalyst for the anomeric activation of 2-iodo-glycosyl acetate enabling the







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stereoselective preparation of 2-deoxy-2-iodoglycosides. Furthermore, the regioselective iodoacetoxylation of several glycals was achieved by employing copper(I) iodide as the halide source and stoichiometric NaIO<sub>4</sub> as the oxidant in acetic acid at room temperature. We believe that copper mediated glycosylation and preceding oxidative iodoacetoxylation transformations would find its applicability in glycochemistry for synthesizing biologically important deoxy-sugar derivatives.

The iodoacetoxylation of glycals to access 2-deoxy-2-iodo-glycopyranosyl acetate donor is an important transformation in carbohydrate chemistry.<sup>8,12</sup> We envisioned that NaIO<sub>4</sub> oxidant would efficiently promote the *umpolung* of copper halide in the presence of acetic acid to generate the electrophilic I-OAc intermediate. Subsequent reaction with an electron-rich double bond following intrinsic regioselective opening of resulting iodonium ion intermediate with a nucleophile, OAc in this case, would provide the 1–2-*trans*-iodo-acetate.

To test this hypothesis, the 3,4,6-tri-O-acetyl-D-glucal (1a) was subjected to iodoacetoxylation using equimolar amount of CuI and  $NaIO_4$  in acetic acid as the solvent (Table 1). To our delight, reaction was completed in utmost 1 h at room temperature to afford the desired glycosyl acetate 2a in 97% yield (entry 1). An improved diastereoselectivity in favor of  $\alpha$ -manno isomer (dr; 87:13) was observed when compared with our previous report (dr; 80:20).<sup>11k</sup> Other oxidants such as H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, oxone, and CuO in combination with CuI were unsuccessful, however the use of stoichiometric PIDA (phenyliodonium diacetate) as the oxidant resulted in 56% yield albeit with lower dr, 76:24 (entry 2). Notably, the iodoacetoxylation of **1a** with  $NH_4I/H_2O_2$  in  $Ac_2O/$ AcOH gives 2a in 85% with dr 83:17.<sup>12c</sup> On the other hand, molecular iodine in combination with Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O produces 2a with selectivity upto 92 and a decreased yield (88%) albeit at high temperature.<sup>8f</sup>

The generality and scope of reaction was further illustrated with substrate comprising various protecting groups in glucals. Thus, the iodoacetoxylation of glucals **1b–1d** underwent smoothly to access the corresponding 2-deoxy-2-iodo-glycosyl-1-O-acetates **2b–2d** in good yields (Table 1, entries 3–5). Furthermore, D-galactal (**1e**) and various 6-deoxy sugar derived glycals **1f–1j** conveniently underwent regioselective iodoacetoxylation to deliver the desired

#### Table 1

CuI/NaIO<sub>4</sub> promoted iodoacetoxylation of glycals<sup>a</sup>



| _ | Entry          | Glycal                                   | Product | Yield <sup>b</sup> (%) | dr <sup>c</sup> |
|---|----------------|--|---------|------------------------|-----------------|
|   | 1              | 3,4,6-Tri-O-acetyl-D-glucal (1a)         | 2a      | 97                     | 87:13           |
|   | 2 <sup>d</sup> | 1a                                       | 2a      | 56                     | 76:24           |
|   | 3              | 3,4,6-Tri-O-methyl-D-glucal (1b)         | 2b      | 87                     | 60:40           |
|   | 4              | 3,4,6-Tri-O-benzyl-D-glucal (1c)         | 2c      | 92                     | 48:52           |
|   | 5              | 3,4,6-Tri-O-benzoyl-D-glucal (1d)        | 2d      | 98                     | 91:09           |
|   | 6              | 3,4,6-Tri-O-acetyl-D-galactal (1e)       | 2e      | 95                     | 95:05           |
|   | 7              | 3,4-Di-O-acetyl-D-rhamnal (1f)           | 2f      | 88                     | 73:27           |
|   | 8              | 3,4-Di-O-acetyl-L-rhamnal ( <b>1g</b> )  | 2g      | 86                     | 65:35           |
|   | 9              | 3,4-Di-O-acetyl-D-xylal (1h)             | 2h      | 84                     | 42:58           |
|   | 10             | 3,4-Di-O-acetyl-D-arabinal (1i)          | 2i      | 93                     | 79:21           |
|   | 11             | 3,4-Di-O-acetyl-L-arabinal ( <b>1j</b> ) | 2j      | 86                     | 79:21           |
|   | 12             | Per-O-acetyl-D-lactal (1k)               | 2k      | 92                     | 94:06           |
|   | 13             | Per-O-acetyl-D-maltal (11)               | 21      | 96                     | 90:10           |
|   |                |  |         |                        |                 |

 $^{\rm a}\,$  Reaction conditions: Glycal (1.0 equiv), Cul (1.1 equiv), NaIO\_4 (1.1 equiv), acetic acid (0.5 mL), room temperature.

<sup>b</sup> Isolated yields.

<sup>d</sup> Reaction was performed with PhI(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.1 equiv) instead of NaIO<sub>4</sub>.

2-deoxy glycosyl acetates **2f**-**2j** (entries 6–11). In contrast, the reaction of p-glucal (**1a**) and p-galactal (**1e**) with stoichiometric CAN (2.6 equiv) and Nal/AcOH gives the corresponding glycosyl acetates **2a** and **2e** in 75% and 80% yield, respectively, with a slight variation in dr.<sup>6a</sup> Indeed, the iodoglycosylation of **1e** using NIS in AcOH at 110 °C gives **2e** in a moderate yield 64%.<sup>12d</sup> Further comparison of iodoacetoxylation reactions of **1a** and **1f** using polymer-bound iodate reagent (~4 equiv) highlights the advantage of the present protocol in terms of selectivity and yields.<sup>12e,f</sup> The synthetic utility of this method was further highlighted for disaccharide substrates such as p-lactal (**1k**) and p-maltal (**1l**) to generate the 2-deoxy-disacchaides 1-*O*-acetates **2k**-**2l** in satisfactory yields with a good dr (entries 12 and 13). However, p-lactal (**1k**) gives **2k** in 75% yield by employing I<sub>2</sub>/Cu (OAc)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O in AcOH at 80 °C.<sup>12g</sup>

Having identified a mild and facile method for the synthesis of 2deoxy-2-iodo-glycosyl acetates, we next considered the possibility of copper triflate catalyzed glycosylation of 2-iodo-glycosyl acetate donor. Accordingly, the chemical glycosylation of 2-deoxy-2-iodo- $\alpha$ -mannopyranosyl acetate donor (**2a**) with menthol (**3a**) as the acceptor was performed using 10 mol % of Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> as the promoter. The initial experiment using DCM as the solvent resulted only 30% conversion of the starting material at room temperature in 20 h (**Table 2**, entry 1). Preliminary optimization employing common organic solvents such as CH<sub>3</sub>CN, toluene, and 1,4-dioxane resulted in poor to moderate conversion (entries 2–4). Switching the solvent to 1,2-dichloroethane afforded the desired product **4a** in 68% yields in 20 h (entry 5). However, significant improvement in the rate was realized when the reaction was performed at 60 °C for 1 h, furnishing the glycoside **4a** in 82% yield (entry 6).

Although 5 mol % of Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> was effective and optimal catalytic amount in the glycosylation of **2a** with **3a** and 2-deoxy-glycoside **4a** was similarly isolated in 86% yield (Table 2, entry 7). Further decreasing the quantity of Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> resulted in poor conversion albeit at a longer reaction time (entries 8 and 9). No further improvement was observed when the reaction was performed in the presence of molecular sieves (4 Å MS). Importantly, the reaction proceeded with complete selectivity furnishing the single diastereomer, menthyl 3,4,6-tri-O-acetyl-2-deoxy-2-iodo- $\alpha$ -Dmannopyranoside (**4a**).<sup>13</sup> The spectroscopic data correlated with that of literature report, was found consistent in accordance with the assigned structure.<sup>8g</sup>

#### Table 2

Optimization of Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> catalyzed glycosylation<sup>a</sup>



| Entry | Catalyst<br>(mol %) | Solvent            | Temp<br>(°C) | Time<br>(h) | Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)<br>(Conv <sup>c</sup> ) |
|-------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------|--|
| 1     | 10                  | Dichloromethane    | rt           | 20          | NR (30%)                                       |
| 2     | 10                  | Acetonitrile       | rt           | 20          | 38   |
| 3     | 10                  | Toluene            | rt           | 16          | NR (20%)                                       |
| 4     | 10                  | 1,4-Dioxane        | rt           | 20          | NR (20%)                                       |
| 5     | 10                  | 1,2-Dichloroethane | rt           | 20          | 57   |
| 6     | 10                  | 1,2-Dichloroethane | 60           | 1           | 82   |
| 7     | 5                   | 1,2-Dichloroethane | 60           | 1           | 86   |
| 8     | 2                   | 1,2-Dichloroethane | 60           | 8           | 45   |
| 9     | 1                   | 1,2-Dichloroethane | 60           | 10          | NR (20%)                                       |

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **2a** (0.37 mmol), menthol (**3a**) (0.40 mmol).

<sup>b</sup> Isolated yields, NR = not recorded.

<sup>c</sup> Progress of reaction was monitored by TLC analysis at given time.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Based on relative integration of anomeric proton in <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum.

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