



A Facile Synthesis of α -*N*-Ribosyl-Asparagine and α -*N*-Ribosyl-Glutamine Building Blocks

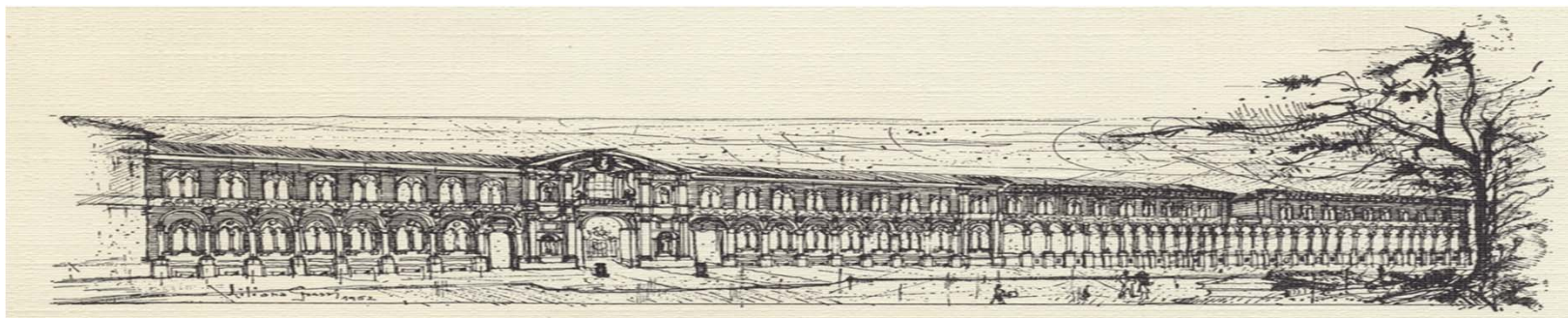
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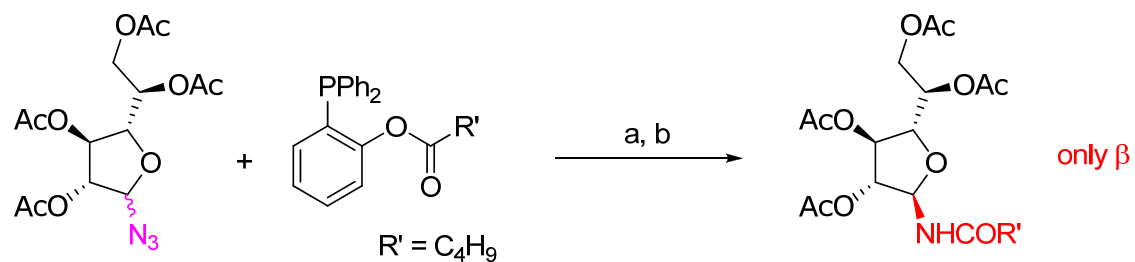
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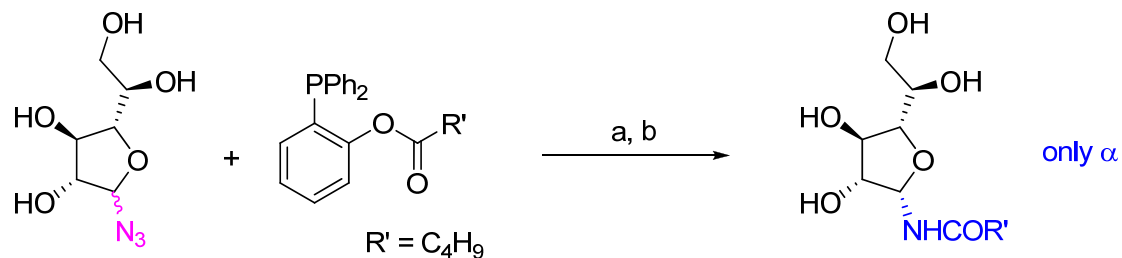
Background: *Staudinger ligation, a stereoselective process*

Tetra-O-acetyl furanosyl azides give 1,2-*trans*-amides



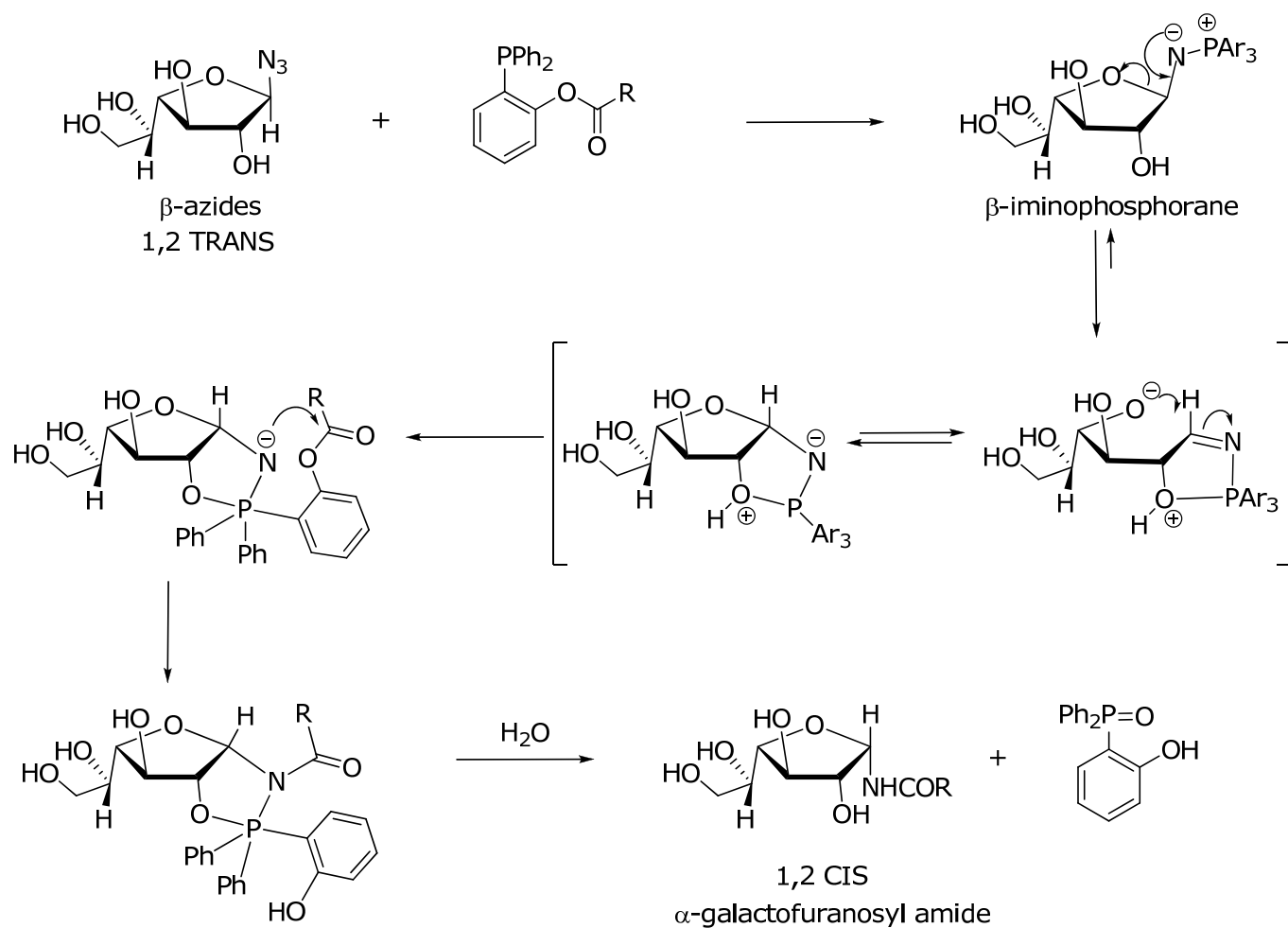
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Unprotected furanosyl azides give 1,2-*cis*-amides



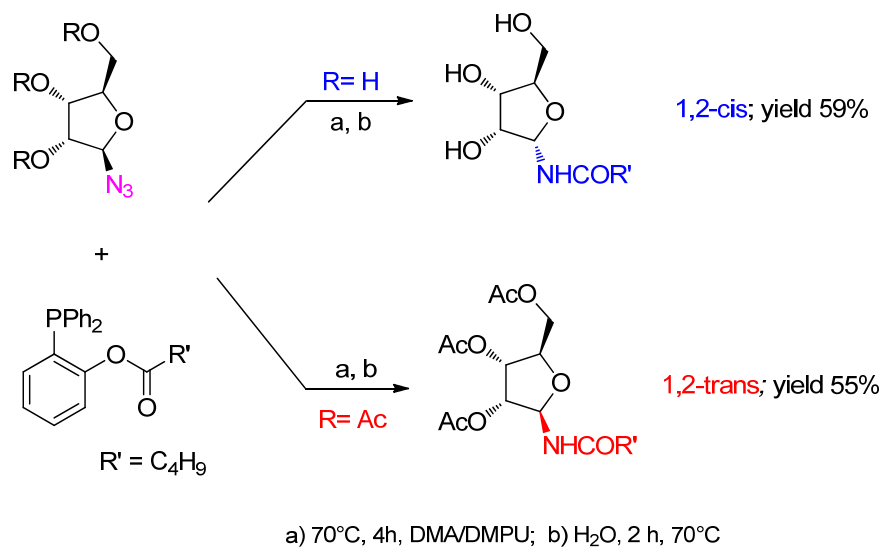
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Background: Proposed mechanism for anomeric inversion in unprotected Galf amides



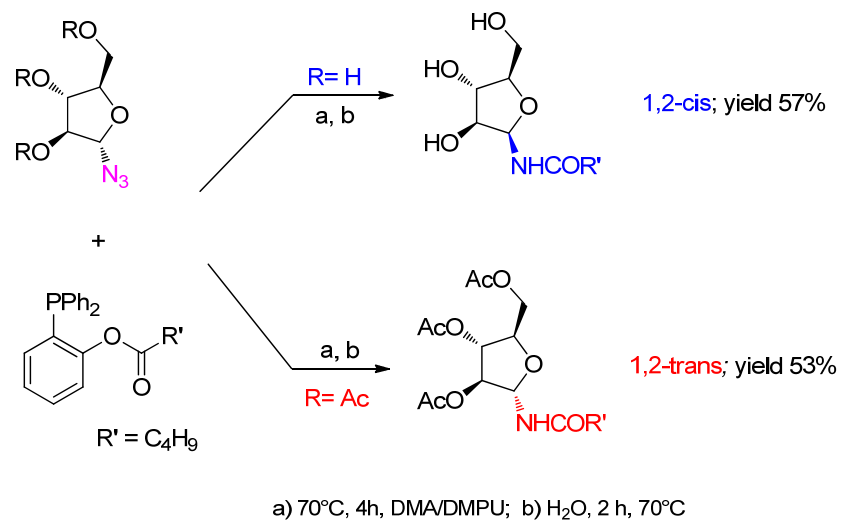
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Ribofuranosylamides

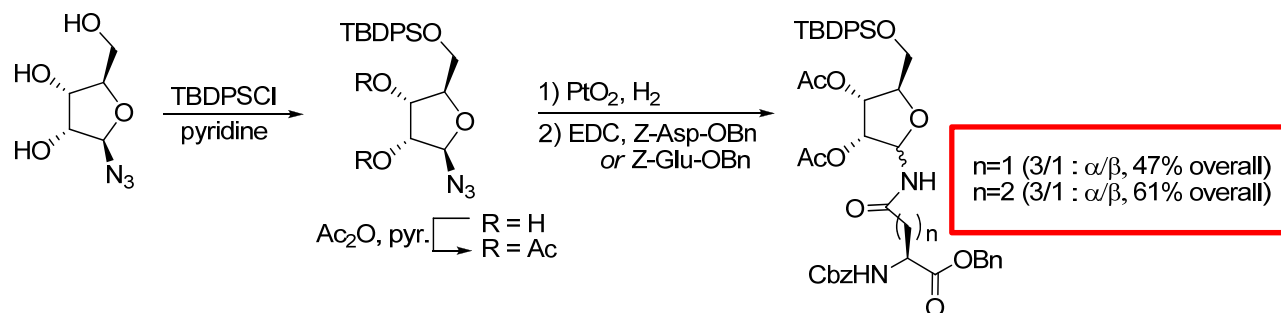


The process is controlled by the configuration and the protection state of the hydroxyl group in position 2

Arabinofuranosylamides

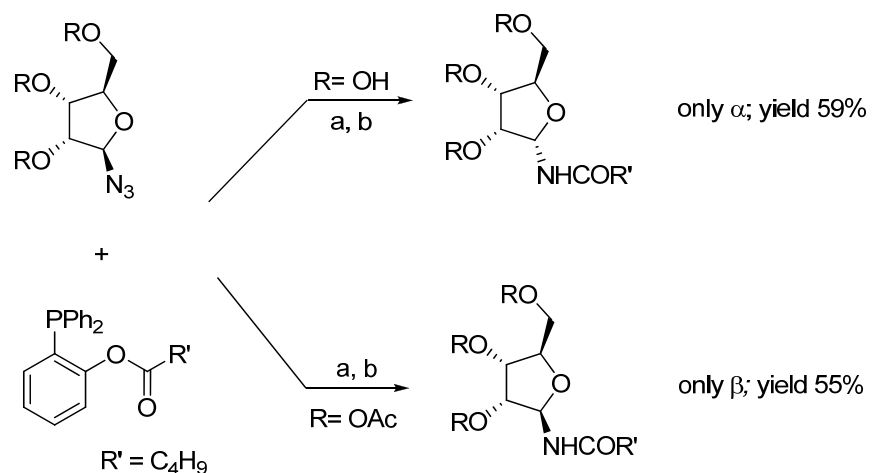


Previous synthesis of ribosylated amino acids



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Traceless Staudinger ligation of Ribofuranosyl azides with functionalized phosphines

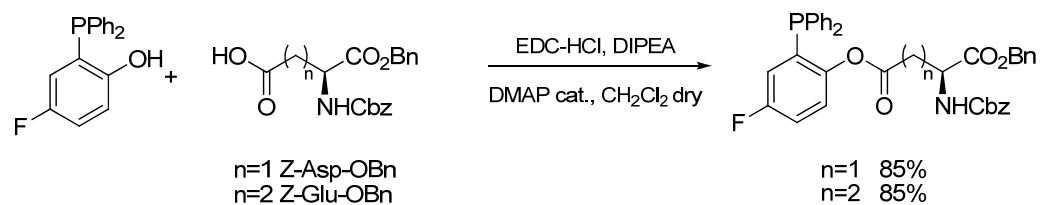


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a) 70°C, 4h, DMA/DMPU; b) H₂O, 2 h, 70°C

Chem. Eur. J. **2012**, *18*, 6895-6906.

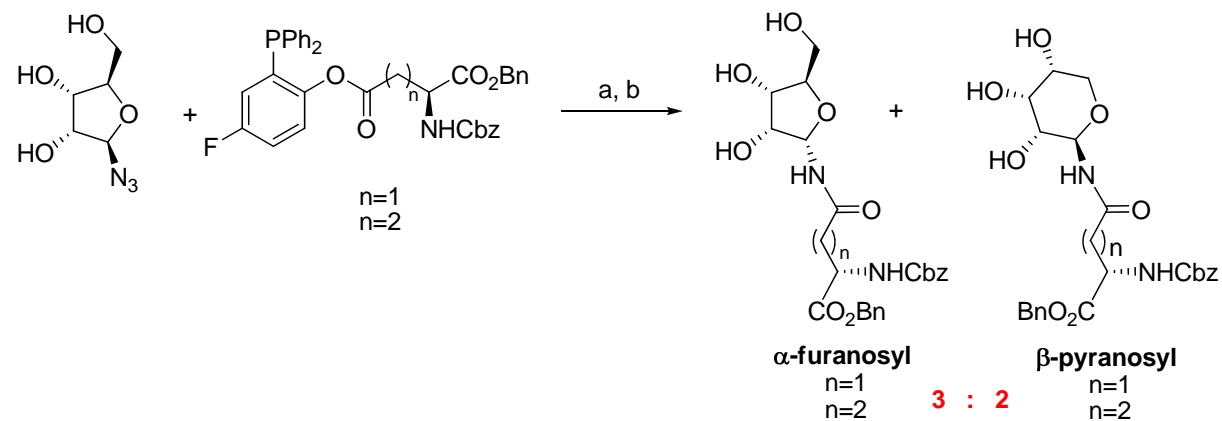
Synthesis of functionalized phosphines



Fluorinated phosphines allowed to obtain excellent amino acid chain transfer

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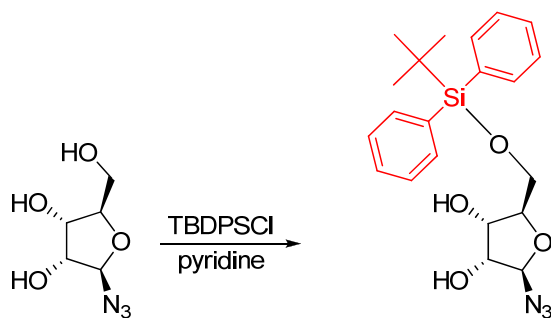
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The β -pyranosyl isomers obtained in these ligation must derive from ring-expansion occurring after ring-opening process

a) 70°C, 20h, DMA/DMPU 98:2; b) H₂O, 2 h, 70°C

Synthesis of 5-TBDPS- β -Ribofuranosyl azides

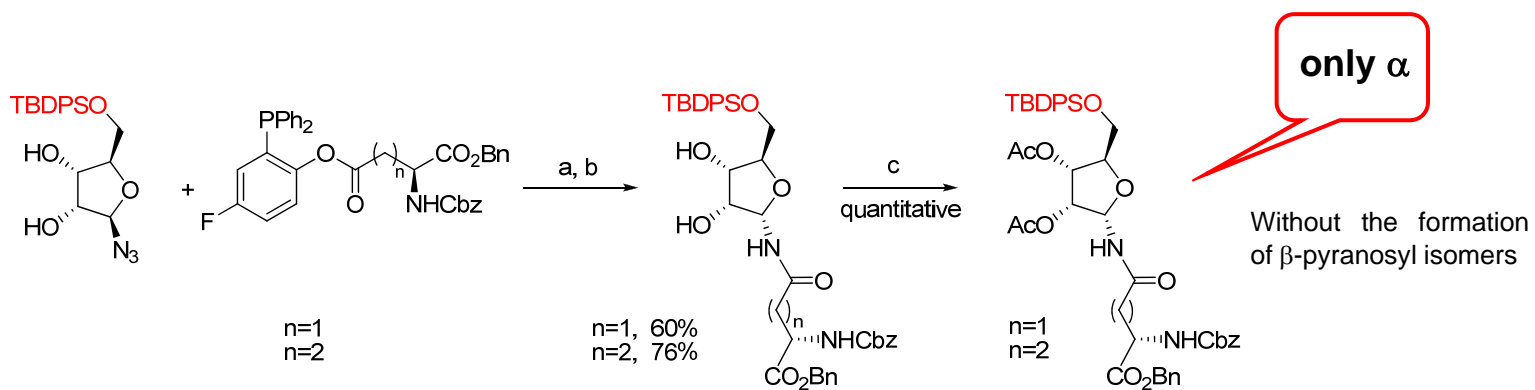


5-TBDPS- β -D-ribofuranosyl azide

Tert-butyldiphenylsilyl ether play a key role for the stereoselectivity and blocks the ring-expansion process

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Traceless Staudinger ligation of 5-TBDPS- β -Ribofuranosyl azides with fluorinated phosphines



a) 70°C, 20h, DMA/DMPU 98:2; b) H₂O, 2 h, 70°C; c) Ac₂O, DMAP cat., CH₂Cl₂.

Conclusion:

- We describe an improved synthesis of α -*N*-Ribosyl-Asparagine and α -*N*-Ribosyl-Glutamine Building Blocks.
- Application of the Staudinger Traceless Ligation protocol allowed to obtain the ribosylated amino acids from 5-TBDPS- β -Ribofuranosyl azide in good yields and with excellent selectivity for the α anomer.

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