

Synthesis of sugar-annulated dispiro pyrrolizidines through intermolecular 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition reaction

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ABSTRACT

An expedient method for the synthesis of glyco dispiro pyrrolizidines is reported through 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition reaction (1,3 DC reaction). The novel glycosyl dipolarophile derived from dicyclohexylidene glucose underwent neat [3+2] cycloaddition reaction with the azomethine ylide generated from 1,2-diketones and cyclic amino acid to give the corresponding glycosidic heterocycles in good yields.

Keywords: Carbohydrates, 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition, azomethine ylide, dispiroheterocyclics, pyrrolizidines, glycosides.

1. INTRODUCTION

Carbohydrates are one of the most important classes of organic compounds in nature. In recent years, much attention has been focused on the synthesis and development of glycosidase inhibitors [1] because of an increasing awareness of the vital role played by carbohydrates in biological process. A variety of carbohydrate-derived heterocyclic compounds have been synthesized and found to act as potent inhibitor of various glycosidases. Therefore, it is now recognized that carbohydrates are at the heart of a multitude of biological events. With this stimulating biological background, the efficient synthesis of not only carbohydrates themselves, but also carbohydrate-containing heterocycles is becoming more and more important in the field of organic chemistry and chemical biology [2]. Hence there has been renewed interest in the synthesis of carbohydrate based heterocycles.

1,3-Dipolar cycloaddition reactions are efficient methods for the construction of heterocyclic units in a highly regio- and stereoselective manner [3-5]. In particular, the chemistry of azomethine ylides has gained significance in recent years as it serves as an expedient route for the construction of nitrogen-containing five-membered heterocycles, which constitute the central skeleton of numerous natural products [6]. Amongst various aza heterocycles, functionalized pyrrolizidines are a class of alkaloids with significant biological activity [7,8]. Spiro compounds represent an important class of naturally occurring substances characterized by their pronounced biological properties [9-15], including potent aldose reductase

inhibitions and polio and rhinovirus 3C-proteinase inhibitions.

Continuing our interest in the area of 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition reaction [16,17] and prompted by reports on the structural features and biological activity of carbohydrates and spiropyrrolidines, we contemplated fusing structurally unique spiro-pyrrolidine motifs with properly functionalized glycoside derivatives, on the assumption that fusion might lead to a new class of carbohydrate-based heterocycles with potential biological activities. Towards this end, we report, for the first time, a simple and short approach to a new series of sugar-fused dispiropyrrolidines by using sarcosine and 1,2-di/tri ketones (isatin/ ninhydrin/ acenaphthoquinone) to generate azomethine ylide that react with a sugar-derived precursors derived from dicyclohexylidene glucose.

2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

IR spectra were recorded on a SHIMADZU 8300 series FT-IR instrument. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ using TMS as an internal standard on a Bruker 300 spectrometer at 300 MHz. ¹³C NMR was recorded on a Bruker 300 spectrometer at 75 MHz. Mass spectra were recorded Thermo Finnigan (LCQ) Amax 6000 ESI mass spectrometer. Elemental analysis was carried out using Perkin-Elmer CHNS 2400B instrument.

2.1. Representative procedure for the synthesis of dipolarophile **3**

To a stirred solution of sugar aldehyde 1 (1mmol) and dimedone 2 (1mmol) in ethanol (10 mL), triethylamine (1 mmol) was added at room temperature and stirring was continued for 4 h. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was poured in to the ice water (5 mL) sticky solid was formed which was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×20 mL). The organic phase was successively washed with brine (15 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography using hexane and ethyl acetate and (9:1) as eluent to afford the corresponding dipolarophile in good yields.

2.1.1. 2-[(3'aR,5'R,6'S,6'aR)-6'-(benzyloxy)-tetrahydrospiro[cyclohexane-1,2'-furo[2,3d][1,3]dioxole]-5'-ylmethylidene]-5,5-dimethylcyclohexane-1,3-dione (3)

Colourless powder. Yield 70%. m.p; 152 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz); δ 0.85 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H), 1.41-1.64 (m, 10H), 2.02 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (d, *J* = 12 Hz, 1H), 4.37-4.47 (m, 3H), 5.67 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.2-7.24 (m, 5H), 7.49 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz); ppm 22.49, 23.12, 24.94, 25.90, 26.02, 30.74, 33.29, 34.41, 70.27, 71.42, 72.41, 84.49, 85.42, 106.49, 114.42, 127.49, 128.52, 128.59, 130.49, 136.72, 147.44, 194.37, 194.88. MS (ESI); *m/z* 441.2 (M⁺+1).

2.2. General procedure for synthesis of cycloadducts (6,8,10)

To a mixture of ninhydrin 5/ isatin 7/ acenaphthequinone 9 (1 mmol) and proline 4 (2 mmol), glycosylidene dimedone 3 (1 mmol) was added and heated under reflux in methanol (20 mL) until the disappearance of the starting materials as evidenced by TLC. The solvent was removed under vacuo. The crude product was subjected to column chromatography using petroleum ether-ethyl acetate as eluent.

2.2.1. Spectral data of compound 6

Colourless powder. Yield; 61%. m.p: 66 °C. IR (KBr); 1722, 1726, 1732, 1734 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz); δ 0.92 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 3H), 1.25-1.39 (m, 8H), 1.42-1.60 (m, 6H), 1.91- 1.94 (m, 1H), 2.13- 2.16 (m, 1H), 2.22 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 2.32(d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 2.90-2.97 (m, 1H), 3.43 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.07-4.12 (m, 2H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.73- 6.82 (m, 5H), 7.95- 8.03 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz); ppm 20.52, 21.54, 22.47, 23.24, 24.17, 25.67, 26.54, 27.12, 29.06, 32.19, 33.08, 50.08, 50.49, 53.15, 57.89, 66.18, 67.42, 69.51, 75.79, 80.15, 81.23, 103.87, 113.67, 119.87, 120.78, 121.08, 122.21,

122.25, 123.37, 127.54, 128.99, 130.02, 131.15, 132.61, 134.49, 195.78, 196.08, 201.19, 201.68. MS (ESI); *m/z* 654.5 (M⁺+1). Anal.Calcd for C₃₉H₄₃NO₈; C, 71.65; H, 6.63; N, 2.14%. Found; C, 71.68; H, 6.67; N, 2.09%.

2.2.2. Spectral data of compound 8

Colourless powder. Yield; 59%. m.p; 64 °C. IR (KBr); IR (KBr); 1697, 1730, 1733 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz); δ .92 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 3H), 1.28-1.47 (m, 10H), 1.53-1.59 (m, 4H), 1.82- 1.90 (m, 1H), 2.03- 2.11 (m, 1H), 2.18(d, *J* = 9 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (d, *J* = 9 Hz, 2H), 2.89-2.91 (m, 1H), 3.32 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.96- 4.07 (m, 2H), 4.42(d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.82- 7.21 (m, 6H), 7.55- 7.82 (m, 3H), 8.37 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz); ppm 20.52, 21.54, 22.47, 23.24, 24.17, 25.67, 26.54, 27.12, 29.06, 32.19, 33.08, 50.08, 50.49, 53.15, 57.89, 66.18, 67.42, 69.51, 75.79, 80.15, 81.23, 103.87, 113.67, 119.81, 120.44, 121.29, 124.45, 125.06, 125.95, 126.26, 127.16, 128.26, 128.46, 132.37, 133.27, 174.12, 201.38, 201.75. MS (ESI); *m/z* 641.4 (M⁺+1). Anal.Calcd for C₃₈H₄₄N₂O₇; C, 71.23; H, 6.92; N, 4.37%. Found; C, 71.31; H, 6.98; N, 4.26%.

2.2.3. Spectral data of compound 10

Colourless powder. Yield; 63%. m.p; 52 °C. IR (KBr); 1720, 1734, 1736 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz); δ 0.92 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 3H), 1.22-1.46 (m, 8H), 1.52-1.61 (m, 6H), 1.86- 1.91 (m, 1H), 2.14- 2.23(m, 1H), 2.18 (d, *J* = 9 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (d, *J* = 9 Hz, 2H), 2.91-2.95 (m, 1H), 3.31 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.06- 4.12 (m, 2H), 4.36 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.72- 7.48 (m, 11H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz); ppm 21.13, 22.45, 23.17, 24.14, 25.28, 25.78, 26.26, 27.12, 29.42, 32.15, 33.16, 51.56, 52.05, 54.27, 58.18, 66.14, 67.25, 69.12, 77.03, 80.14, 81.14 104.01, 113.90, 119.34, 120.42, 121.29, 122.15, 123.13, 124.42, 126.63, 127.62, 128.52, 130.62, 131.92, 132.61, 135.16, 136.18, 139.53, 140.09, 195.42, 200.68, 201.08. MS (ESI); *m/z* 676.6 (M⁺+1). Anal.Calcd for C₄₂H₄₅NO₇; C, 74.64; H, 6.71; N, 2.04%. Found; C, 74.72; H, 6.69; N, 2.01%.

2.3. General procedure for synthesis of cycloadducts (12, 13, 14)

To a mixture of ninhydrin 5/ isatin 7/ acenaphthequinone 9 (1 mmol) and pipercolinic acid 11 (2 mmol), glycosylidene dimedone 3 (1 mmol) was added and heated under reflux in methanol (20 mL) until the disappearance of the starting materials as evidenced by TLC. The solvent was removed under vacuo. The crude product was subjected to column chromatography using petroleum ether-ethyl acetate as eluent.

2.3.1. Spectral data of compound 12

Colourless powder. Yield; 661%. m.p: 54 °C. IR (KBr); 1722, 1726, 1731, 1735 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz); δ 0.93 (s, 3H), 0.97 (s, 3H), 1.15-1.34 (m, 6H), 1.46-1.55 (m, 5H), 1.59-1.65 (m, 5H), 1.88- 1.92 (m, 1H), 2.04- 2.14 (m, 1H), 2.19 (d, J = 9 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (d, J = 9 Hz, 2H), 2.84-2.92(m, 1H), 3.45 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (dd, J = 6.9, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.95- 4.08 (m, 2H), 4.32 (d, J = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.71- 6.83 (m, 5H), 7.92- 8.01 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz); ppm 20.12, 21.43, 22.13, 22.52, 26.34, 27.42, 28.95, 29.42, 30.16, 31.16, 33.17, 34.03, 48.34, 53.05, 54.16, 57.52, 66.82, 68.25, 70.21, 78.39, 80.64, 81.51, 103.74, 114.86, 119.42, 120.93, 121.32, 122.82, 122.81, 123.25, 127.63, 128.93, 130.05, 131.52, 132.62 134.53, 194.53, 195.34, 201.52, 201.86. MS (ESI); m/z 666.3 (M^{+1}). Anal.Calcd for $\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{47}\text{NO}_7$; C, 73.96; H, 7.12; N, 2.10%. Found; C, 73.99; H, 7.21; N, 2.01%.

2.3.2. Spectral data of compound 13

Colourless powder. Yield; 58%. m.p; 62 °C. IR (KBr); 1712, 1728, 17332 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz); δ 0.94 (s, 3H), 0.97 (s, 3H), 1.18-1.34 (m, 5H), 1.38-1.57 (m, 6H), 1.65-1.71 (m, 5H), 1.78- 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.96- 2.05 (m, 1H), 2.23 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 2.93-3.03 (m, 1H), 3.25 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (dd, J = 6.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.04- 4.08 (m, 2H), 4.35 (d, J = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.72- 7.15 (m, 6H), 7.54- 7.85 (m, 3H), 8.25 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz); ppm 21.07, 22.18, 23.05, 23.64, 25.51, 26.22, 28.42, 28.95, 30.16, 32.24, 32.75, 46.65, 54.72, 55.25, 57.62, 67.41, 68.65, 70.86, 78.95, 80.67, 81.38, 103.53, 114.23, 119.93, 120.61, 121.41, 124.63, 125.13, 125.62, 126.66, 127.15, 127.96, 128.16, 132.05, 133.50, 174.76, 201.82, 202.15. MS (ESI); m/z 655.4 (M^{+1}). Anal.Calcd for $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{46}\text{N}_2\text{O}_7$; C, 71.54; H, 7.08; N, 4.28%. Found; C, 71.61; H, 7.12; N, 4.15%.

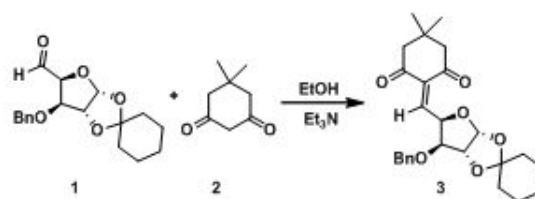
2.3.3. Spectral data of compound 14

Colourless powder. yield; 63%. m.p; 56 °C. IR (KBr); 1719, 1732, 1738 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz); δ 0.91 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 3H), 1.21-1.48 (m, 9H), 1.53-1.72 (m, 7H), 1.89- 1.96 (m, 1H), 2.03- 2.12 (m, 1H), 2.27 (d, J = 9 Hz, 2H), 2.56 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.87-2.93(m, 1H), 3.34 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (dd, J = 6.9, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.95- 4.05 (m, 2H), 4.37 (d, J = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.56- 7.41 (m, 11H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz); ppm 20.18, 21.52, 22.28, 23.91, 24.18, 25.92, 26.39, 27.49, 28.07, 30.61, 32.13, 32.72, 47.65, 53.83, 56.25, 58.62, 67.15, 68.34, 69.72, 78.05, 80.52, 81.52, 103.41, 114.63, 119.84, 120.95, 122.09, 122.82, 123.94, 124.96, 126.25, 127.91, 128.26, 130.16, 131.82, 132.56, 135.53, 136.63, 139.72, 140.15, 194.62, 200.89,

201.13. MS (ESI); m/z 670.4 (M^{+1}). Anal.Calcd for $\text{C}_{43}\text{H}_{47}\text{NO}_7$; C, 74.87; H, 6.87; N, 2.03%. Found; C, 74.94; H, 6.91; N, 1.96%.

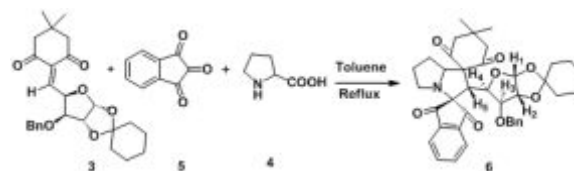
3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Our strategy commenced with the synthesis of glycosylidene dimedone 3 by the base catalysed condensation of dimedone 2 with *O*-benzyl tethered sugar aldehyde [18] 1 (Scheme-1). The structure of the glycoside 3 was deduced on the basis of ^1H NMR spectral data where the presence of singlet at δ 7.49 for alkene proton and two singlets at δ 0.85, 0.92 for two $-\text{CH}_3$ groups of dimedone group confirmed the formation of the product.



Scheme-1

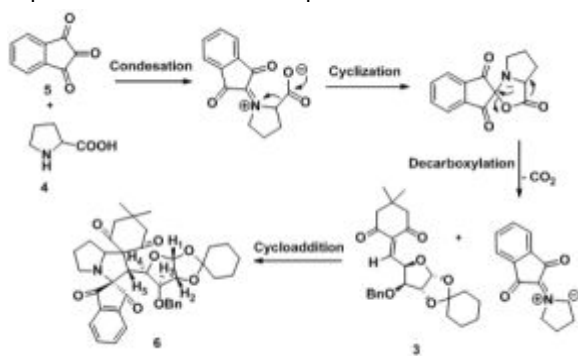
Having synthesized carbohydrate derived dipolarophile 3, we carried out the cycloaddition reaction of azomethine ylide generated in situ by the decarboxylative condensation of ninhydrin 5 and proline 4 with dipolarophile 3 in refluxing toluene, which led to the formation of glyco-dispiropyrrrolizidine 6 as a single product, as evidenced by TLC and spectral analysis. The cycloaddition was found to be highly regioselective. (Schemes-2&3) The structure and the stereochemistry determined by analysis of their ^1H , ^{13}C , DEPT-135, ^1H - ^1H -, ^1H - ^{13}C -COSY, sNOESY experiments in the NMR spectrum. The absolute configurations of these compounds were assigned by establishing the relative stereochemistry of the newly formed stereocentres with those already present in the starting material 1 [19,20].



Scheme-2

In the ^1H NMR spectrum of the compound 6 the N -CH proton (H_5) of the pyrrolizidine ring appeared as a doublet at δ 3.43 (J = 6.9 Hz) which clearly shows the regioselectivity of the cycloadduct. If other isomer had formed H_5 proton would have shown a multiplet instead of a doublet. The H_4 proton of the furanose moiety appeared as a doublet of doublet at δ 3.54 (J = 3.6, 6.9 Hz). The H_1 and H_2 protons of the furanose ring

appeared as two doublets at δ 6.03 ($J = 3.6$ Hz), and δ 4.74 ($J = 3.6$ Hz) respectively. One of the benzyl proton and the H₃ proton appeared as a multiplet in the region δ 4.07- 4.12 and the other benzyl proton appeared as a doublet at δ 4.46 ($J = 12.3$ Hz). The H₆ proton of the pyrrolizidine moiety appeared as a multiplet in the region δ 2.90-2.97 and the *N*-CH₂ protons showed two separate multiplets in the region δ 2.13- 2.16 and δ 1.91- 1.94. From the ¹H-¹H COSY and ¹H-¹³C COSY spectra of 6 we have assigned the signals at δ 6.03 to H₁ proton, δ 4.74 to H₂ proton, δ 3.54 to H₄ proton and δ 3.43 to H₅ proton.



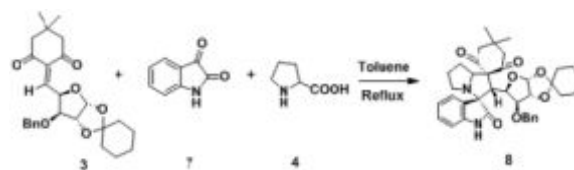
Scheme-3

The off resonance decoupled ¹³C NMR spectrum of the product 6 showed a peak at 57.89 ppm due to *N*-CH carbon of pyrrolizidine ring. The two spiro carbons appeared at 75.79 and 66.18 ppm. The *N*-CH₂ carbon of the pyrrolizidine ring exhibited peak at 53.15 ppm and was confirmed by DEPT-135 & ¹H-¹³C correlation spectrum. The DEPT -135 spectrum showed a peak at 67.42 ppm in negative region confirmed the presence of *O*-CH₂ carbon. The furanose ring carbons appeared at 69.51, 80.15, 81.23, 103.87 ppm. The indane-1,3-dione ring carbonyl carbons exhibited at 195.78, 196.08 ppm and the dimedone carbonyl groups appeared at 201.19, 201.68 ppm.

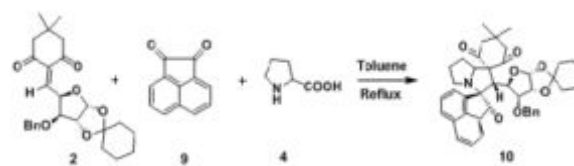
The mass spectrum of the compound 6 showed a molecular ion peak at m/z 654.5 ($M^{+}+1$) which when coupled with the above spectral features confirms the structure of the cycloadduct. Also the product exhibited satisfactory elemental analysis.

After the successful completion of cycloaddition reaction glycosylidene dimedone 3 with ninhydrin 5 and proline 4, we have carried out the cycloaddition reaction of glycosylidene dimedone 3 with the azomethine ylide generated from the proline 4 and isatin 7/ acenaphthequinone 9. The reaction had occurred around the exocyclic double bond of the glycosylidene derivative and resulting in the formation of dispiro pyrrolizidines as a single

product 8 and 10 in both cases. The structure of these products was also established by spectral data. (Schemes-4&5)

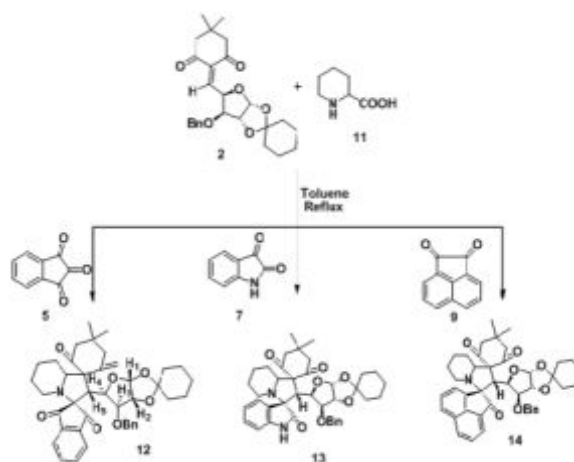


Scheme-4



Scheme-5

In order to extend the scope of the reaction, the same reaction was extended with pipercolinic acid 11. We have studied the reaction of glycosylidene dimedone 3 with azomethine ylide generated *in situ* by the decarboxylative condensation of pipercolinic acid 11 and ninhydrin 5/ isatin 7/ acenaphthequinone 9. The reaction proceeded smoothly resulting in the formation of dispiro pyrrolizidines 12, 13 and 14 as a single product in all cases. The structure of the products was established by spectral data. (Scheme 6)



Scheme-6

For instance, the IR spectrum of the product 13 exhibited a peak at 1712 cm⁻¹ characteristic of oxindole carbonyl carbon. The absorption bands at 1728 and 17332 cm⁻¹ are attributed to the presence of dimedone carbonyl peaks.

The ¹H NMR spectrum of 13 exhibited a doublet at δ 3.25 ($J = 6.6$ Hz) for the *N*-CH proton (H₅) of the pyrrolizidine ring which clearly shows the regioselectivity of the cycloadduct. The H₄ proton of the furanose moiety appeared as a doublet of doublet at δ 3.54 ($J = 3.6, 6.6$ Hz). The H₆ proton of the pyrrolizidine moiety appeared as

a multiplet in the region δ 2.93-3.03 and the *N*-CH₂ protons showed two separate multiplets in the region δ 1.78- 1.85, 1.96- 2.05. The oxindole – *NH* proton appeared as a singlet at δ 8.25. The signals in the ¹³C NMR spectrum of 13 at 67.41, and 78.95, ppm correspond to the two spiro carbons. The oxindole carbonyl carbon appeared at 174.76 ppm and the dimedone carbonyl peaks appeared at 201.82, 202.15 ppm.

Moreover, the presence of a molecular ion peak at *m/z* 655.4 (*M*⁺+1) in the mass spectrum of 13 confirming the structure of the cycloadduct.

4. CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion we have synthesized a series of novel sugar fused dispiro pyrrolizidine derivatives through 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition reaction of azomethine ylide generated from proline/ pipercolinic acid and isatin/ ninhydrin/ acenaphthequinone with sugar derived dipolarophile. The addition is highly regioselective and gave single regioisomer in all the cases studied.

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