# 2302272 – Org Chem II – Part IV

# Lecture 4

# **Carbohydrate-2**



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#### **Recommended Textbook:**

Chapter 23 in *Organic Chemistry*, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, L. G. Wade, Jr., **2010**, Prentice Hall (Pearson Education)

# Key concepts:

# 1) เราสามารถปรับเปลี่ยนโครงสร้างของ monosaccharide ได้ อย่างไรบ้าง?



## Monosaccharides – Reactions at hydroxyl groups

#### 1) Formation of Ethers



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- Treating a sugar with methyl iodide and silver oxide converts the hydroxyl groups to methyl ethers
- Silver oxide polarizes the bond, making the methyl carbon strongly electrophilic



 Normal sugars contain several hydroxyl groups and are very soluble in water but rather insoluble in organic solvents; the ethers are more soluble in organic solvents

## Monosaccharides – Reactions at hydroxyl groups

#### 2) Formation of Esters



 Treatment with acetic anhydride and pyridine (as a mild basic catalyst) converts sugar hydroxyl groups to acetate esters



 The anomeric C—O bond is not broken in the acylation, and the stereochemistry of the anomeric carbon atom is usually preserved

penta-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-fructofuranoside

# Key concepts:

- 1) เราสามารถปรับเปลี่ยนโครงสร้างของ monosaccharide ได้ อย่างไรบ้าง? (ต่อ)
- 2) Sugar alcohol คืออะไร?
- 3) Reducing / nonreducing sugar คืออะไร?

#### 3) Reduction

- Like other aldehydes and ketones, aldoses and ketoses can be reduced to the corresponding polyalcohols, called sugar alcohols
- The most common reagents are **sodium borohydride** or **catalytic hydrogenation**
- Sugar alcohols are named by adding the suffix -*itol* to the root name of the sugar. The following equation shows the reduction of glucose to glucitol, sometimes called sorbitol



D-glucitol (D-sorbitol) an alditol

#### 3) Reduction

 Sorbitol is used as a sugar substitute





• Example: reduction of fructose



D-glucitol + D-mannitol a mixture of alditols

# 4) Oxidation

• **Tollen's test** detects aldehydes, which react with Tollens reagent to give carboxylate ions and metallic silver, often in the form of a silver mirror on the inside of the container.

$$R \xrightarrow[]{} O \\ || \\ C \xrightarrow[]{} H \\ aldehyde \\ Tollens reagent \\ Tollens reagent \\ C \xrightarrow[]{} O \\ || \\ C \xrightarrow[]{} O \\ |$$

 Sugars that reduce Tollens reagent to give a silver mirror are called reducing sugars (mostly, aldose in the open-chain form)



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#### 4) Oxidation

- Benedict's test is a complex mixture of sodium carbonate, sodium citrate and copper(II) sulfate pentahydrate
- It is commonly used to detect the presence of reducing sugars





#### 4) Oxidation • How about ketoses?

• Fructose undergoes rearrangement called lobrey-de bruyn-wankenstein rearrangement with the base as shown



(reducing sugars)

5) Formation of Glycoside (Nonreducing sugars)

Let's recap the chemistry of aldehyde-ketone / hemiacetal / acetal first!

#### 5) Formation of Glycoside (Nonreducing sugars)

- Treatment with an alcohol and a trace of acid catalyst converts aldoses and ketoses to the **acetals** we call **glycosides**.
- Both anomers of the glycoside are formed (as an equilibrium mixture). The more stable anomer predominates.



• Like other acetals, glycosides are stable to basic conditions, but they hydrolyze in aqueous acid to a free sugar and an alcohol.

#### 5) Formation of Glycoside

(Nonreducing sugars)

Mechanism:



#### 5) Formation of Glycoside

An **aglycone** is the group bonded to the anomeric carbon atom of a glycoside.



amygdalin a component of laetrile, a controversial cancer drug

a glycoprotein *N*-glycoside (showing the linkage from carbohydrate to protein)

# Key concepts:

# 4) Disaccharide คืออะไร? Glycosidic bond คืออะไรและมี แบบไหนที่สำคัญบ้าง?

#### Disaccharides

- Contains two monosaccharides joined together by a glycosidic linkage
- Anomeric carbon of a sugar can react with the hydroxyl group of an alcohol to give an acetal called a glycoside; If the hydroxyl group is part of another sugar molecule, then the glycoside product is a disaccharide



#### Disaccharides

 In naturally occurring disaccharides, there are three common glycosidic bonding arrangements



Maltose, 4-O- $(\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl)-D-glucopyranose

1.2) *β*-1,4' Linkage



Cellobiose, 4-O- $(\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl)-D-glucopyranose

#### Disaccharides

#### 2) 1,6' Linkage

The anomeric carbon of one sugar is linked to the oxygen of the terminal carbon (C6) of another



Gentiobiose, 6-O-( $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl)-D-glucopyranose

#### 3) 1,1' Linkage

Joined by a direct glycosidic linkage between two anomeric carbon atoms

Both monosaccharide units in sucrose are present as **acetals**, or glycosides; **sucrose does not reduce Tollens reagent; (non-reducing sugar)** 



Sucrose,  $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $\beta$ -D-fructofuranoside

# Key concepts:

# 5) Polysaccharide คืออะไร? มีชนิดไหนที่สำคัญบ้าง?

- Contain many (usually hundreds or thousands) monosaccharide units joined by glycosidic bonds to form a polymer chain
- Smaller polysaccharides, containing about three to ten monosaccharide units, are sometimes called oligosaccharides



 Except for units at the ends of chains, all the anomeric carbon atoms of polysaccharides are involved in acetal glycosidic links. Therefore, polysaccharides give no noticeable reaction with Tollens reagent

1) Cellulose



 a polymer of D-glucose, is the most abundant organic material. Cellulose is synthesised by plants as a structural material to support the weight of the plant





- Cellulose is composed of D-glucose units linked by β-1,4' glycosidic bonds.
- This bonding arrangement is rather rigid and very stable, giving cellulose desirable properties for a structural material

# 2) Starches



- Plants use starch granules for storing energy
- About 20% of the starch is water-soluble amylose, and the remaining 80% is waterinsoluble amylopectin





# 2) Starches

#### 2.1) Amylose – Helical Structure

The linkage in amylose kinks • the polymer chain into a helical structure. This kinking increases hydrogen bonding with water and lends additional solubility (compared with cellulose)



The inside of the helix is just the right size and polarity to accept an **iodine** molecule. When iodine is lodged within this helix, a deep blue starch-iodine complex results. This is the basis of the starch-iodide test for oxidizers





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- 2) Starches
- 2.2) Amylopectin

- The insoluble fraction of starch, is also primarily an  $\alpha$ -1,4' polymer of glucose
- The difference between amylose and ٠ amylopectin lies in the **branched** nature of amylopectin, with a branch point about every 20 to 30 glucose units

HO chain Another starts at each ٠ branch point, connected to the main chain by an α-1,6' glycosidic linkage



# 3) Chitin:

• Chitin forms the exoskeletons of insects. In crustaceans, chitin forms a matrix that binds calcium carbonate crystals into the exoskeleton.



- It is a polymer of *N*-acetylglucosamine, an amino sugar (actually an amide) that is common in living organisms.
- In N-acetylglucosamine, the hydroxyl group on C2 of glucose is replaced by an amino group (forming glucosamine), and that amino group is acetylated.

N-Acetylglucosamine, or 2-acetamido-2-deoxy-D-glucose



## 3) Chitin:

- Chitin is bonded like cellulose (β-1,4' glycosidic bonds) giving chitin structural rigidity, strength, and stability that exceed even that of cellulose.
- Like other amides, N-acetylglucosamine forms exceptionally strong hydrogen bonds between the amide carbonyl groups and N-H protons.

Chitin, or poly (1,4'-O- $\beta$ -2-acetamido-2-deoxy-D-glucopyranoside), a  $\beta$ -1,4-linked polymer of N-acetylglucosamine

