

# Synthesis of novel polymer quaternary ammonium salt derived from glucose as a phase transfer catalyst

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**Abstract.** Alrubaie I, Salim AT, Majeed MM, Radhi AJ. 2022. Synthesis of novel polymer quaternary ammonium salt derived from glucose as a phase transfer catalyst. *Nusantara Bioscience* 14: 25-33. Some new polymers containing quaternary ammonium salts based-carbohydrate starting from methyl-4,6-*O*-benzylidene-glucopyranoside have been prepared. The ammonium groups are connected to the glucose structure in various positions (2 and 3). Our synthesis used methyl-4,6-*O*-benzylidene- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside through nucleophilic reagents to produce the main intermediates. The monomer glucose-quaternary ammonium salts are immobilized on the polyvinyl azide to give the final structure of the Polymer-Supported quaternary ammonium salts. In certain new kinds of phase transfer catalysts, the effectiveness of the polymer glucose-quaternary ammonium salts was tested in the Williamson etherification. Ether synthesis is a typical example of using a phase transfer catalyst. The reactions were performed in a liquid-liquid two-phase system, applying a mixture of toluene and a 50% solution of aqueous sodium hydroxide in the presence of a 20 mg/mmol catalyst (compound 9). Compared to other derivatives, the reaction of 4-nitrophenol with dibromoethylene gives the highest yields. On the other hand, compound 9 with the C16 chain gives high activity in the phase transfer catalyst.

**Keywords:** Carbohydrates, QAS, Quaternary ammonium salts, polymer, PTC

## INTRODUCTION

Phase-transfer catalysis (PTC), a broadly utilized methodology in organic chemistry, has gained growing recognition in recent years for many reasons (Chokaouychai and Zhang 2020; Iribarren and Trujillo 2020; Pudi et al. 2020; Roagna et al. 2020; Weatherley 2020; Xu et al. 2021). For instance, phase transfer catalysis has been identified as an influential green chemistry method that decreases waste generation (Lucchese and Marzorati. 2000; Makosza, 2000; Ikunaka, 2008; Nelson and Benjamin. 2011). In the meantime, the advancement of the asymmetric variant of PTC has created considerable attention because of its possible applicability in the industrial asymmetric synthesis of pharmaceuticals (Haraguchi et al. 2010). The mechanism of PTC typically includes activation of anionic varieties by the carrier of the ion of an aqueous phase, where ions are extremely solvated and unreactive, to a nonpolar organic solvent, where more limited solvation of the ions can lead to enhanced reactivity towards a neutral substrate. Various types of PTC have been utilized, the most common ones being quaternary ammonium salts, with the tetraalkylammonium ion acting as the counter ion of the reactive anion. These quaternary ammonium salts are applied in liquid-liquid phase-transfer catalysis (Annunziata et al. 2000; Chinchilla et al. 2000; Denmark et al. 2011; Waser et al. 2012; Jia et al. 2015; Jin

et al. 2018).

A general Figure 1 of the quaternary ammonium salt promoted SN2 reaction involving a (Q+X-) salt with an alkyl halide (RX) is also presented (Vander Zwan and Hartner 1978; Gianluca and Fish 2011). These versatile catalysts can catalyze many reactions, and an especially attractive application is the quaternary ammonium salts that promote nucleophilic Williamson etherification (Freedman and Buboia 1975; Vander Zwan and Hartner 1978; Annunziata et al. 2000; Chinchilla et al. 2000; Denmark et al. 2011; Gianluca and Fish 2011; Naik 2017). Most frequently, sugar-based quaternary ammonium salts are extensively utilized in various applications (Dmochowska et al. 2011; Dmochowska et al. 2016). Carbohydrate derivatives have a wide range of applications for stereochemical control as chiral auxiliaries (Kunz and Rück 1993; O'Doherty 2013), ligands (Lehnert et al. 2011; Henderson et al. 2016), organocatalysts (Phillips 2014; Sabah et al. 2020), and PTC (Bakó et al. 2012, 2015; Erfurt et al. 2020).

The building of the structure of the sugars into the chiral catalyst has many advantages: Carbohydrates utilized as starting materials are, in most states, inexpensive and readily available commercial products. In addition, carbohydrates contain functions that can create secondary connecting sites and catalytic sites (Rapi et al. 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018). Immobilizing the sugar-based quaternary

ammonium salt onto polymers allows for many advantages, such as easy handling, recyclability, and adaptation to continuous processes for this important complexant set (Leelamma and Devaky 2009; Itsuno et al. 2010).

Polymers involving ammonium salt compounds are widely used in the chemistry of polymers and have been known for a long time (Jiang et al. 2005; Liao and Ye 2018; Popescu et al. 2019). Recently, these ammonium salt compounds containing polymers have been studied intensively due to their peculiarities and self-assemblies of QAS systems (You et al. 2021). Moreover, immobilizing the QAS onto polymers allows for many advantages, such as easy handling, recyclability, and adaptation to continuous processes for this important set of compounds (Chinchilla and Nájera 2009; Haraguchi et al. 2010; Zhang et al. 2012).

In this research, we prepared poly-quaternary ammonium salt derivatives and applied them as catalysts in PTC operation in Figure 1.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Instrumentation

FT-IR spectra were recorded using Fourier transform infrared Alpha-Broker (Germany) infrared spectrophotometer between 4000 and 600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . In addition,  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra in DMSO- $d_6$  were obtained on Bruker spectrometer (300MHz for  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR and 75 MHz for  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR, respectively). Mass spectra were recorded on the MS system, model 5975 quadrupole analyzer, performed at Tarbiat Modares University, Tehran, Iran. Transmittance Electron Microscopy (TEM) CM-130 microscope was installed in 2005; it is a 300 kV analytical TEM/STEM with a LaB6 source. Measurements are made at the Department of Electricity, Faculty of Engineering, Shahid Beheshti University, Iran. FESEM INSPECT S50 Measurements, Shahid Beheshti University, Iran.

### Reagents and materials

1-Bromohexadecane (>99%), 1-Bromotetradecane (>99%), 1-Bromododecane (>99%), 1-Bromo decane (>99%) were purchased from Sigma Aldrich (Iran). The 3-Chloro-*N,N*-diethylpropan-1-amine (>99%), Methyl 4,6-*O*-benzylidene- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside (>97%) were purchased from N.D.B. Co., Ltd. (China). Benzyl Alcohol (>96%),

Cyclohexanol (>95%), Phenol (>95%) were purchased from GCC (India). Dibromoethylene (>98%) and Benzyl Chloride (>97%) were purchased from GCC (Malaysia). Dimethyl sulfoxide (>95%), Chloroform (>95%), Sodium ascorbate (>95%), Cuprous chloride (>95%), Hexane (>96%), Ethyl acetate (>95%), Ethanol (>97%), propargyl bromide (>93%), *N,N*-Dimethylformamid (>97%), were purchased from Sigma Aldrich (US). Acetone (>99%), Diethyl ether (>98%), Tetrahydrofuran (>98%), toluene (>97%), Nitric acid (>97%), were purchased from Fisher (US). Sodium hydroxide (>94%) was purchased from BDH (England).

### Synthesis of methyl-4,6-*O*-benzylidene-2,3-di-*O*-propargyl- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside 2

A solution of methyl-4,6-*O*-benzylidene- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside (4g, 14.16 mmol) was dissolved in 150 mL of anhydrous THF, and sodium hydride (0.68 g, 28.32 mmol) was added and cooled with an ice-salt bath. The mixture reaction was stirred for 20 mins before 2.14 mL (3.36 g, 28.32 mmol) of propargyl bromide was added slowly over 1 h. The reaction mixture is stirred for 3 days at room temperature and continues stirring until the reaction is complete. The reaction course was followed by TLC ethyl acetate: Hexane (1:1) as an eluent to afford the product. MeOH is added to the destruction of excess sodium hydride. The solvent was removed under diminished pressure, and the residue was taken up in 250 mL of  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and 150 mL of water. The organic layer was dried using  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered, and concentrated by evaporated solvent. The crude material was purified by column chromatography and concentrated under a rotary evaporator to give desired compound 2 (70%) yellowish-white solid, m.p 76-78. FT-IR  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3284 (CH-acetylenic), 3066 (CH-aromatic), 2118 ( $-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-$ ).  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.49-7.35 (m, 5H, Ph). 5.64 (s, 1H, PhCH-), 4.90 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.26 (m, 1H; H-6ax), 4.16 (m, 1H; H-6eq), 4.15-4.10 (m, 4H,  $-\text{OCH}_2\text{C}\equiv\text{C}$ ), 3.86-3.75 (m, 1H, H-2), 3.72- 3.63 (m, 1H, H-4), 3.59-3.57 (m, 1H, H-5), 3.57-3.52 (m, 1H, H-3), 3.42 (s, 3H,  $-\text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.5 (s, 2H,  $\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  138.00, 129.31, 128.59, 126.54 (Ph), 100.83 (PhCH-), 98.32 (C-1), 81.13, 80.83, 80.73 (C-2/C-4/C-3), 78.29 ( $-\text{OCH}_2\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}$ ), 77.94 ( $-\text{OCH}_2\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}$ ), 67.43 (C-6), 62.47 (C-5), 59.35 ( $-\text{OCH}_2\text{C}\equiv\text{C}$ ), 58.06 ( $-\text{OCH}_2\text{C}\equiv\text{C}$ ), 55.08 ( $-\text{OCH}_3$ ). MS:  $[\text{M}^+]$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_6$ : 358.39; found: 358.2.

### Synthesis of 3-azido-*N,N*-diethylpropan-1-amine (azido-tert-amine) 4

To a solution (3.26 mL, 3 g, 22.11 mmol) of 3-chloro-*N,N*-diethylpropan-1-amine in (15 mL) DMSO, (1.17 gm, 18 mmol) of sodium azide was added, and the mixture was stirred for 72 hrs. The reaction course was followed by TLC ethyl acetate: Hexane (1:1) as eluent to afford the product, 50 mL of DCM was added for extraction, the organic layer was separated, and the residue was washed with DCM, the product 4 yellow liquid 3.11 mL (95%). FT-IR  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 2090 (azide group).

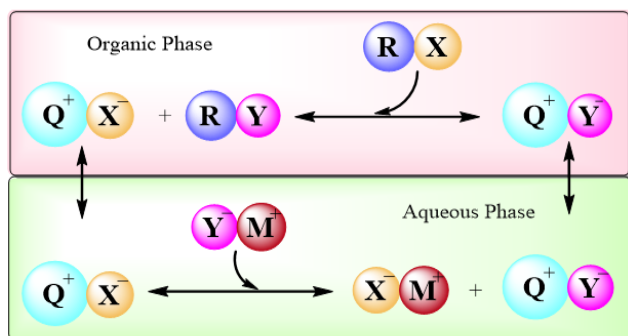


Figure 1. Mechanism of phase-transfer catalysis

### Synthesis of methyl-4,6-*O*-benzylidene-2,3-bis-*O*-[2-(4-ethyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-*N,N*-diethylpropan-1-amine]- $\alpha$ -*D*-glucopyranoside 5

To a solution (3.2 g, 8.92 mmol) of compound 1 in (30 mL) of DCM, (2.54 g, 17.84 mmol) of azido-tert-amine was added. After the mixture showed homogeneity, sodium ascorbate (0.35 g, 1.78 mmol) and cuprous chloride (0.17 g, 1.78 mmol) were added, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 72 hrs. The reaction course was followed by TLC ethyl acetate: Hexane (1:1) as eluent. The solvent was removed under diminished pressure, and the residue was taken up in 50 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and 150 mL of water. The crude material was purified by column chromatography-ethylacetate: Hexane (1:1) and concentrated under a rotary evaporator to give desired compound 5 (76%) as a yellow solid, m.p 104-106. FT-IR cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3136 (CH-triazole rings), 3066 (CH-aromatic). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.14(s, 2H, -CH-triazole ring), 8.00 (s, 2H, -CH-triazole ring), 7.55-7.35 (m, 5H, Ph), 5.67 (s, 1H, PhCH-), 4.85-4.80 (m, 1H, H-1), 4.80-4.63(m,4H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>-), 4.42-4.30 (m,4H, -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 4.29 (m, 1H; H-6ax), 4.15 (m, 1H; H-6eq), 3.82-3.67 (m, 1H, H-4), 3.87-3.82 (m,1H, H-2), 3.60-3.51 (m, 1H, H-3), 3.66-3.62 (m,1H, H-5), 3.47 (s, 3H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.44-2.26 (m, 8H, -N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 1.97-1.78 (m, 8H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 0.96-0.83 (t,12H, -N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  144.90, 144.45 (-C=CH-triazole ring), 138.10, 129.27, 128.57, 126.51(Ph), 124.42(-C=CH-triazole ring), 124.05 (-C=CH-triazole ring), 100.85 (PhCH-), 98.54 (C-1), 81.15, 80.77, 80.59 (C-2/C-4/C-3), 67.48 (C-6), 65.75 (C-5), 64.07, 62.59 (-OCH<sub>2</sub>-), 55.08 (-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 49.31 (-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 48.09, 48.00 (-CH<sub>2</sub>N (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 46.63, 46.59 (-N(CH<sub>2</sub> CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 27.95, 27.89 (-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 12.06, 12.04 (-N (CH<sub>2</sub> CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>). MS: [M<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>54</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: 670.86; found: 670.5.

### Synthesis of methyl-2,3-bis-*O*-[2-(4-ethyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-*N,N*-diethylpropan-1-amine]- $\alpha$ -*D*-glucopyranoside 6

To a solution (4.4 g, 6.55 mmol) of compound 3 in methanol, 100 mg of Pd-C 5% was added, then the flask was flushed with hydrogen gas to remove the O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The H<sub>2</sub> was filled in a balloon, attached to the flask, and stirred at RT for 72 hrs at room temperature. The reaction course was followed by TLC methanol: Chloroform (1:3) as an eluent to afford the product. Filtrating the product was concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using methanol: Chloroform (1:3) as eluent to make the product 6 (83%) yellowish semisolid. FT-IR cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3399 (-OH), 3143 (-CH-triazole rings). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.14(s, 2H, -CH-triazole ring), 7.99 (s, 2H, -CH-triazole ring), 5.54 (s, 1H, 4-OH), 4.83-4.79 (m, 1H, H-1), 4.42-4.32 (m, 4H, -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>N (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 4.31 (m, 1H; H-6ax), 4.16 (m, 1H; H-6eq), 3.88-3.83 (m, 1H, H-2), 3.82-3.69 (m, 1H, H-4), 3.67-3.62 (m, 1H, H-5), 3.61-3.52 (m, 1H, H-3), 3.30 (s,3H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.48-2.30 (m, 8H, -N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 1.97-1.63 (m, 8H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>N (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 0.98-0.84 (q, 12H, -N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz,

DMSO)  $\delta$  144.91, 144.45 (-C=CH-triazole ring), 124.08, 124.45 (-C=CH-triazole ring), 98.53 (C-1), 81.13, 80.66, 80.58 (C-2/C-4/C-3), 68.47(C-6), 65.72 (C-5), 64.05, 62.58 (-OCH<sub>2</sub>-), 55.07 (-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 49.15, 49.10 (-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>2</sub> CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 47.94 (-CH<sub>2</sub>N (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 46.53, 46.50 (-N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 27.53 (-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 11.72 (-N (CH<sub>2</sub> CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>). MS: [M<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>50</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: 582.75; found: 582.4.

### Synthesis of methy-4,6-*O*-dipropargyl-2,3-*O*-bis[2-(4-ethyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-*N,N*-diethylpropan-1-amine]- $\alpha$ -*D*-glucopyranoside 7

A solution (2.8 g, 4.50 mmol) of compound 4 was dissolved in 70 mL anhydrous THF, and sodium hydride (0.21 g, 9 mmol) was added and cooled with an ice-salt bath. The mixture reaction was stirred for 20 mint before 0.68 mL (1.07 g, 9 mmol) of propargyl bromide was added slowly over 1 h. the reaction mixture is stirred for 3 days at room temperature and continues stirring until the reaction is complete. The reaction course was followed by TLC ethyl acetate: Hexane (1:1) as an eluent to afford the product. MeOH was added carefully until gas formation ceased (destruction of excess sodium hydride). The solvent was removed under diminished pressure, and the residue was taken up in 80 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and 150 mL of water. The organic layer was dried using MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated by evaporated solvent. The crude material was purified by column chromatography to make the product 7 (72 %) yellowish-white solid, m.p 119-121 °C. FT-IR cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3285 ,(CH-acetylenic), 2117, (-C $\equiv$ C-). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.50(s, 2H, -CH-triazole ring), -8.00 (s, 2H, -CH-triazole ring), 4.86-4.77 (m, 1H, H-1), 4.74-4.65 (m, 4H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>-), 4.53-4.37 (m,4H, -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>N (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 4.37-4.24 (m, 4H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>C $\equiv$ C), 4.23 (m, 1H; H-6ax), 4.16 (m, 1H; H-6eq), 3.86-3.73 (m, 1H, H-2), 3.72-3.63 (m, 1H, H-4), 3.62-3.58 (m, 1H, H-5), 3.58-3.54 (m, 1H, H-3), 2.71-2.51 (m, 1H), 2.68-2.57 (m, 8H, -N(CH<sub>2</sub> CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.50 (s, 2H, -C $\equiv$ CH), 2.07-1.90 (m, 8H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 1.04-0.91 (t,12H, -N (CH<sub>2</sub> CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>CNMR (75 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  144.90, 144.80 (-C=CH-triazole ring), 124.05 (-C=CH-triazole ring), 124.95 (-C=CH-triazole ring), 98.26 (C-1), 81.29, 80.88, 80.34 (C-2/C-4/C-3), 67.07 (C-6), 65.43 (C-5), 64.90, 62.39(-OCH<sub>2</sub>-), 57.83, 55.57(-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 49.75 (-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 47.71 (-CH<sub>2</sub>N (CH<sub>2</sub> CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 46.72 (-N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 25.70 (-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 11.20 (-N (CH<sub>2</sub> CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>). MS: [M<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>54</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: 658.85; found: 658.5.

### General procedure for the quaternization of amino sugars 8

Compound 7 (1.5 mmol) was dissolved in DMF. Alkyl halide: 2 equivalents were added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 5 hrs. After the reactions were complete, followed by TLC, the mixture was filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The purification processes of the different ammonium salts were done by recrystallization (using petroleum ether/hexane) of the product 8 (78 %) as a brown solid, m.p 165-167°C. FT-IR cm<sup>-1</sup>: 2931, 2771, 2441, 1428, 1465, 874, 758, <sup>1</sup>H NMR

(300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.07 (s, 2H, -CH-triazole ring), 5.95-4.86 (m, 1H, H-1), 4.78-4.56 (m, 4H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>-), 4.39-4.33 (m, 4H, -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 4.23 (m, 1H; H-6ax), 4.14 (m, 1H; H-6eq), 4.14-4.08 (m, 4H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 4.07-4.02 (m, 4H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>C≡C), 3.87-3.76 (m, 1H, H-2), 3.76-3.67 (m, 1H, H-4), 3.64-3.57 (m, 1H, H-5), 3.56-3.52 (m, 1H, H-3), 3.49 (s, 2H, -C≡CH), 3.43 (s, 3H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.29-3.18 (m, 8H, -N<sup>+</sup>(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 2.41-2.24 (m, 4H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 1.89-1.78 (m, 4H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 1.53-1.25 (m, 28H, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>14</sub>-), 1.06-0.92 (m, 18H, -CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  144.92, 144.85 (-C=CH-triazole ring), 124.62(-C=CH-triazole ring), 124.30 (-C=CH-triazole ring), 98.46 (C-1), 81.47, 80.77, 80.15 (C-2/C-4/C-3), 78.36, 78.26 (C≡CH), 76.51, 74.28 (C≡CH), 67.23 (C-6), 58.62 (C-5), 57.86 (-OCH<sub>2</sub>-), 57.63, 57.39, 57.14, 56.89, 55.87 (-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 55.71, 54.65 (-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 52.66 (-CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 50.49 (-N<sup>+</sup>(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 31.49-28.07 (-CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.53, 27.02 (-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 25.87, 23.46, 23.34 (-CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.76, 14.76 (-N<sup>+</sup>(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 9.24(-CH<sub>3</sub>), MS: [M+] calcd. For C<sub>53</sub>H<sub>96</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>6</sub><sup>2+</sup>: 941.40; found: 941.3.

### Synthesis of PVN<sub>3</sub>

Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) (10 g) was dissolved in (30 mL) of DMSO, and then (3.5 g, 53 mmol) of sodium azide was added, and the mixture was stirred for 72 hrs. Finally, the mixture was washed extensively with water, and the product was dried to form a light-yellow solid (yield: 9.8 g).

### Synthesis of polymeric QAS 9

Polyvinyl azide (PVN<sub>3</sub>) (2.4 g), compound 8 (0.00063 mol) was dissolved in (25 mL) of DCM and stirred for 15 minutes. After the mixture showed homogeneity, sodium ascorbate (0.6 g, 3 mmol) and cuprous chloride (0.3 g, 3 mmol) were added and stirred at room temperature for 72 hrs. The mixture was washed extensively with water and Ethanol. The solid product 9 was dried to form brown.

### General procedure for Williamson reaction compound 10-15

A solution of alcohol (10 mmol), alkyl halides (mono-substitution: 1 eq, di-substitution: 2 eq), and the polymeric catalyst (20 mg/mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of toluene and 50% aq. NaOH 3:2 ratio (10 mL). The mixture was stirred at a temperature of 65°C for 8 hrs. The end of the reaction was monitored by TLC (petroleum ether-ethylacetate 3:1). After filtration to recover the catalyst, 5 mL of toluene was added. The organic layer was separated by a separating funnel, washed two times with (10 mL) of water, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, and filtered. The solvent was removed in a vacuum. The crude materials were purified by column chromatography.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

To synthesize carbohydrate derivatives with QASs, we introduced the quaternary ammonium group via a reaction between tert-amine with 1-bromo hexadecane, 1-

bromotetradecane, 1-bromodecane, and 1-bromododecane. Methyl 4,6-O-benzylidene-2,3-O-bis[prop-2-yn-1-yl]-glucopyranoside (comp.2) was chosen as the beginning material, which was synthesized in our lab in one step starting with methyl 4,6-O-benzylidene- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside (comp.1) in high yields according to literature procedure (Tankam et al. 2007). The copper-catalyzed click reaction between azides and terminal alkynes is ideal for many applications, with the balance of stability and reactivity, allowing new sugar development with a linking moiety. Furthermore, click chemistry allows the connection between alkynyl-carbohydrates (comp.2) and the azido-tert-amine (comp.4) through a heterocyclic triazole. This way, taking into account Figure 2, through 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition between a 1,3 dipole (azido-tert-amine) and a dipolarophile (alkynyl-glucose), we can obtain triazole di-substituted compound. The final step is converting compound 7 to quaternary ammonium salt compound 8.

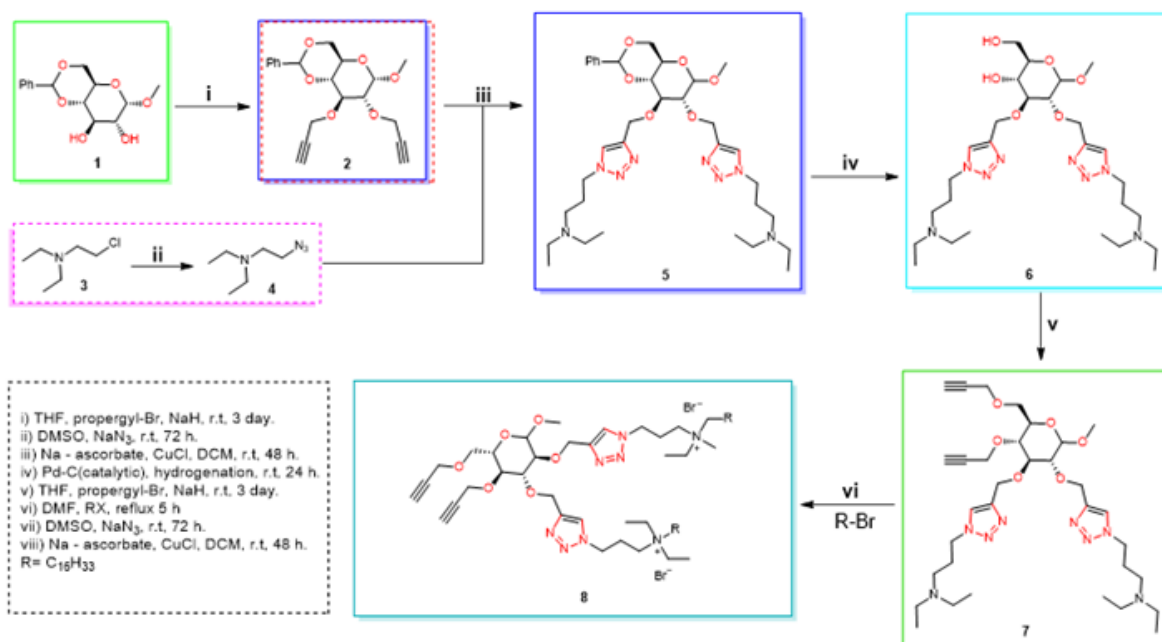
### Structures of compounds 8

The intermediate compound 7 was further converted to quaternize with 1-bromohexadecane Figure 3. In most states, reactions were terminated in 5 h. These two products were isolated from the starting materials.

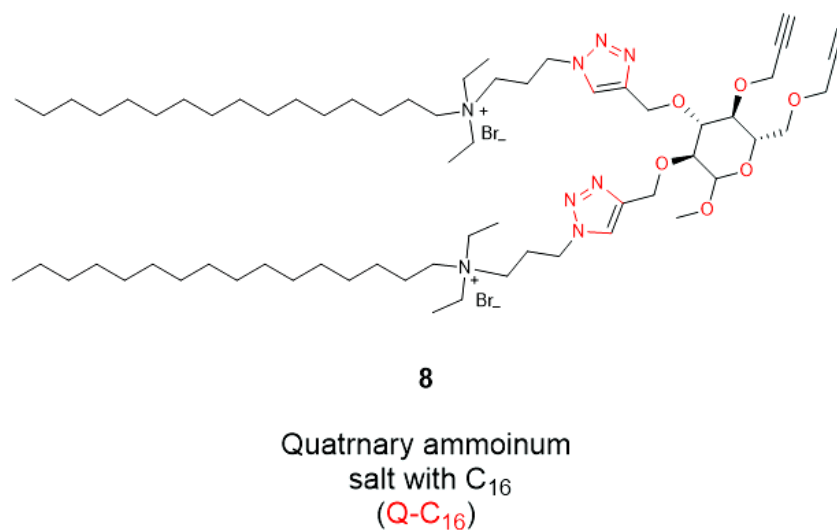
The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound 8a-d showed there is a new signal at the range of 1.2-1.5 ppm for the protons of the alkyl chain due to (-CH<sub>2</sub>-) groups of the aliphatic chain; the <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of compound 8a-d showed that there was a new signal at the range of 23-32 ppm for the carbons of alkyl chains due to (-CH<sub>2</sub>-) groups of aliphatic chain and The characteristic bands of the FT-IR measures appeared about 2826-2994 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C-H of CH<sub>2</sub> stretch), 2400-2700 cm<sup>-1</sup> (ammonium ion), 1428-1467 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C-N), and 757-781 cm<sup>-1</sup> (skeletal "out of plane" vibration). Furthermore, for each series of compounds, the intensity of the aliphatic C-H absorption bands within the 2826-2994 cm<sup>-1</sup> region was observed to increase with the length of the N-alkyl chain.

### Synthesis polymeric (glucose-based triazole)-supported quaternary ammonium salts (QASs) 9

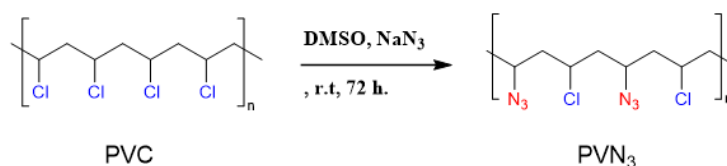
The polymerization method usually needs some criteria to achieve it in a good and economic system. However, the sugar involves QAS in a protecting group approach which increases the cost of synthesis. So, the polymerization of such materials will enhance the cost, and as a result, the process will shift to a different conformation of the resulting structure. Instead, our viewpoint in synthesizing such polymeric catalysis is included in crafting this material on commercially available polymers. Among them, PVC is becoming a starting polymer to be crafted with QAS derivative 9a-d, where price, availability, and stability are crucial factors for choice. The PVC was converted to another reactive precursor, polyvinyl azide (PVN<sub>3</sub>), by an easily achieved nucleophilic replacement reaction, in which the chloride nucleophile could replace it with the more reactive azide (Figure 4).



**Figure 2.** A synthetic strategy, generally aqueous extraction, gives ammonium salts compound 8 in reasonable yield (75%).



**Figure 3.** Quaternary ammonium salt 8



**Figure 4.** prepare of polyvinyl azide (PVN<sub>3</sub>)

The FT-IR spectrum of PVN<sub>3</sub> showed a very strong band at 2110 cm<sup>-1</sup> resulting from the stretching vibration of the azide (N<sub>3</sub>) group. Due to a review of the IR spectra of both PVC and the resulting PVN<sub>3</sub>, the azide group was

confirmed. The above reacted with propargylic glucose-QAS ether compounds 6a-d through a 1,3-dipolar Huisgen (click) cycloaddition reaction in Ethanol as the solvent, catalyzed by copper chloride and sodium ascorbate (Figure

5). The FT-IR range of the resulting polymer 9a-d revealed no alkyne CH signals at  $3300\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Furthermore, the peak between  $2112\text{-}2118\text{ cm}^{-1}$  remained, indicating that there were unreacted azide groups in 9a-d due to the large volume of azide in the polymeric chain.

### Field emission Scanning Electron Microscope (FESEM) analysis

The FESEM technique analyzes the materials' morphology to understand better some of the qualities that originate from the surfaces, leading to appropriate recommendations for using these materials in various applications. For example, the surface of linear polymer 9 was somewhat rougher, and some of the aggregations were seen in the morphological study of the FESEM image of linear polymer (9) (Figure 6).

### Transmittance Electron Microscopy (TEM) analysis

The morphology of isolated polymer 9 (Q-C<sub>16</sub>) was investigated by TEM. As was already apparent using the

NTA in TEM images, a heterogeneous population of QAS groups on PVN3 was detected in Figure 7.

### Application of the sugar-based quaternary salts in phase transfer catalyst Williamson ether synthesis

The catalytic activity of the new carbohydrate-based ammonium salts was tested to synthesize the ether compound. Various groups have broadly studied this type of reaction. The reactions were completed in a liquid-liquid two-phase system, applying a mixture of toluene and 50% aqueous NaOH solution in the presence of a 200 mg catalyst. The crude products were purified using preparative TLC in all cases. The results are summarized in Table 1. The ether synthesis is a typical example of using a phase transfer catalyst for the ether that is sensitive to other methods, like hydrides and alkoxides, when other side products may occur.

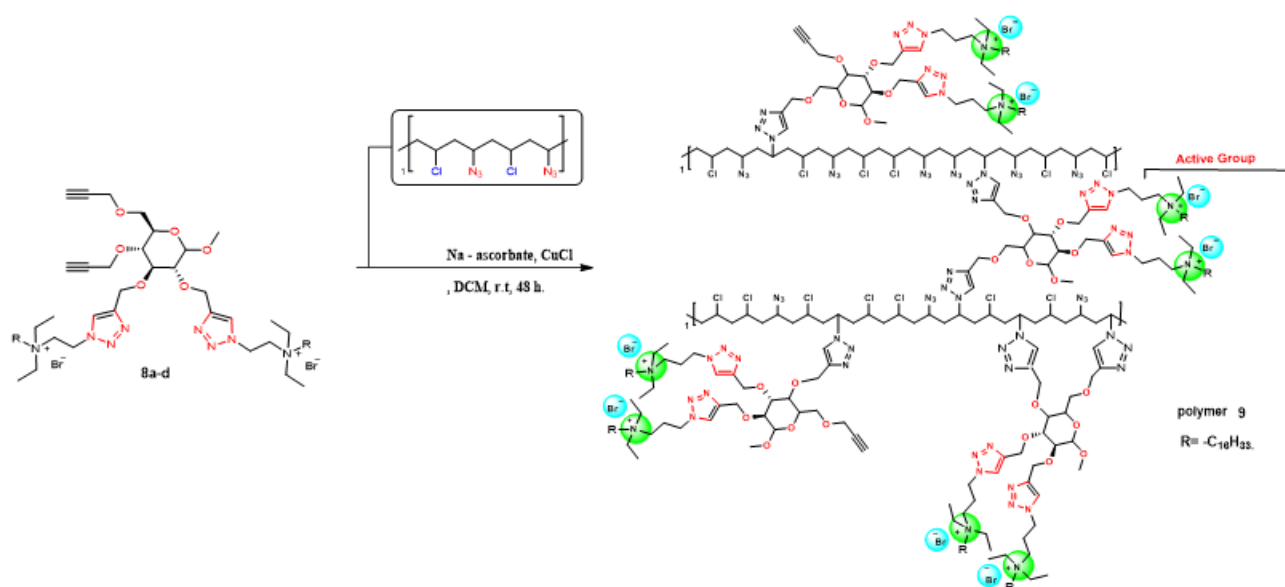


Figure 5. The steps of preparing compound 9

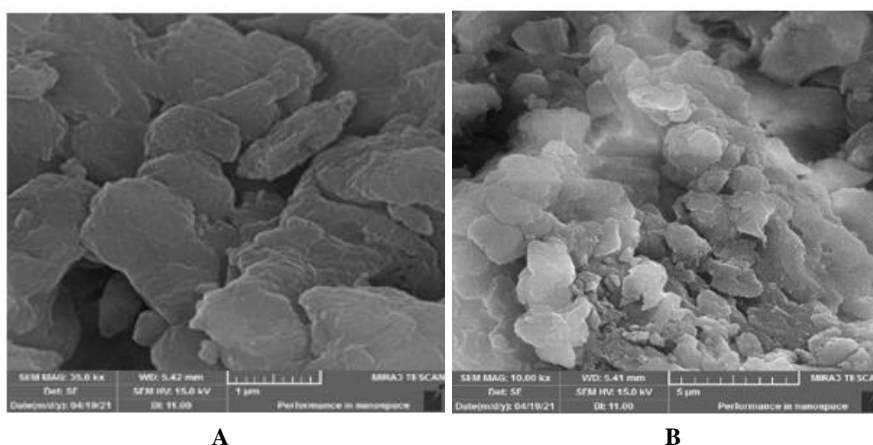


Figure 6. SEM analysis of polymer 9d: A. 5 µm, B. 1 µm

However, the prevention of elimination reaction that competitive the substitution required mild conditions available under phase transfer catalytic methodology. The various starting materials, including alkyl halides, alcohols, and phenols, were investigated to use quaternary salts and effectively study the limitations. In all cases, excellent to moderated yields were obtained using the optimum condition investigated with the less reactive alkyl halides and alcohols available to this study (Figure 8). Where other side products such as hydrides and alkoxides are present, ether synthesis is a common example of utilizing a phase transfer catalyst for ethers vulnerable to other methods such as hydrides and alkoxides. However, mild conditions were needed to avoid the removal reaction during competitive substitution, which are available in phase transfer catalytic methodology.

Several starting materials, including various alkyl halides, alcohols, and phenols, were examined to determine the effectiveness of utilizing quaternary salts as well as the limitations. In all instances, excellent-to-reasonable yields were obtained under optimal conditions, which were examined using the less reactive alkyl halides and alcohols available for this analysis.

The activity of the synthesized compound 9 is studied through the interaction of Williamson with different derivatives of alkyl halides and phenols, and it is found that compound 9 gave a good yield, noting that the difference in the yield is not clear or close to some extent. As compared

to Phenol, 4-nitrophenol has the highest yields of nearly all alcohols, as seen in Table 1, while hexanol has the lower yields of nearly all alcohols used in the test.

Among all alkyl halides, the benzyl chloride shows high yields with almost all alcohols compared to the ethylene dibromide, as shown in Table 1. The synthesized compounds (10-15) were identified by <sup>1</sup>HNMR and FT-IR spectroscopy. Similarly, the hydroxyl compound structures were investigated with the same alkyl halide. The benzyl alcohol and phenols showed a high yield compared to others. The Phenol with a strongly electron-withdrawing nitro group (compounds 13) exhibited an excellent yield (95%) due to the resonance effect, which is to withdraw the electron density from the oxygen of the hydroxyl group and, as a result, weakens the oxygen-hydrogen bond. In other words, the base could easily abstract that hydrogen and form a strong phenoxy anion, which attacks the halide to produce ether. Conversely, the cyclohexanol with donating aliphatic group (compound 11) gave a lower yield (75%). With a PTC process, one can accomplish quicker reactions, greater conversions or yields, fewer byproducts, remove the requirement for expensive or hazardous solvents that dissolve all the reactants in one phase, eliminate the need for expensive raw materials, and/or reduce waste. Phase-transfer catalysts are particularly beneficial in green chemistry because they allow water to be used.

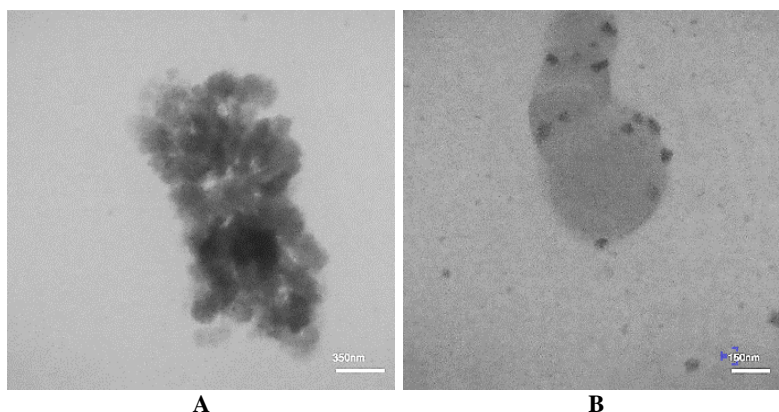


Figure 7. TEM analysis of polymer 9: A. 350 nm, B. 150 nm

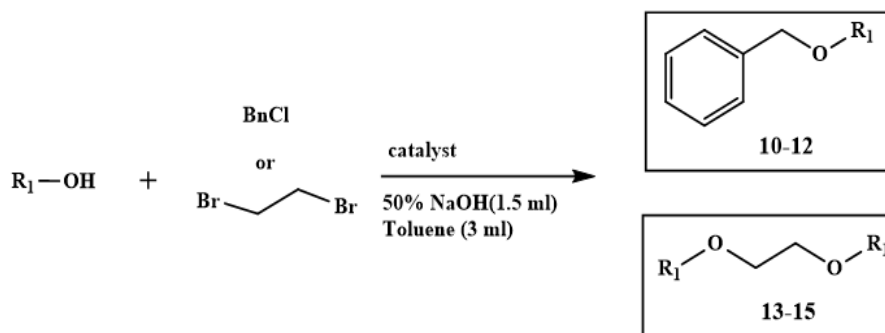



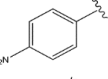
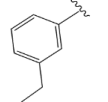
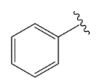


Figure 8. preparation of ether compounds

**Table 1.** Results of Williamson's reaction

Comp.	R <sub>1</sub>	Temp. (C°)	Time (h)	Yield (%)
				20 mg/mmol of catalyst (Compound 9)
<b>Mono-substituted ethers</b>				
10		65	8	91
11		65	8	80
12		65	8	75
<b>Di-substituted ethers</b>				
13		65	8	95
14		65	8	84
15		65	8	89

In conclusion, this paper describes the synthesis of a novel polymeric quaternary ammonium salt, PQAS, which carries a monosaccharide and is applied as a catalyst in PTC; the ammonium functionalities were put in various places on the glucose scaffold to investigate the structure-efficiency relationship of the new catalysts. When using long alkyl chains in QAS, the resultant polymer has a high enough molecular weight to be insoluble in most organic solvents. This characteristic gives stability to the polymer in various phases. In addition, they help us recover the polymer easily. The click reaction using CuCl in dichloromethane was effective enough to attach the quaternary sugar ammonium to PVN<sub>3</sub>. The prepared cross polymer with active units of quaternary ammonium salts likely has a high affinity for PTC. By testing poly quaternary ammonium salts (9) in the Williamson reaction (as phase transfer catalysts), which includes the reaction of alkyl halide derivatives with alcohol or phenol derivatives. The reactions were performed in a liquid-liquid two-phase system. The length of the alkyl chain had a significant impact on the activity of the study phase transfer catalyst. During the reaction, Williamson: The reaction products of halides, alkyls, and alcohols differed depending on their structure; 4-nitrophenol had the highest yields of nearly all alcohols, while hexanol had the lowest yields of nearly all alcohols that were used in the test. In addition, the increase of the main units on the polymer leads to an increase in the activity of the polymer as the catalyst. Also, the chain length has an important role in the effectiveness of the quaternary salts, as we noticed during the presentation of the results.

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