

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Direct aqueous synthesis of cyanomethyl thioglycosides from  
reducing sugars; ready access to reagents for protein glycosylation.

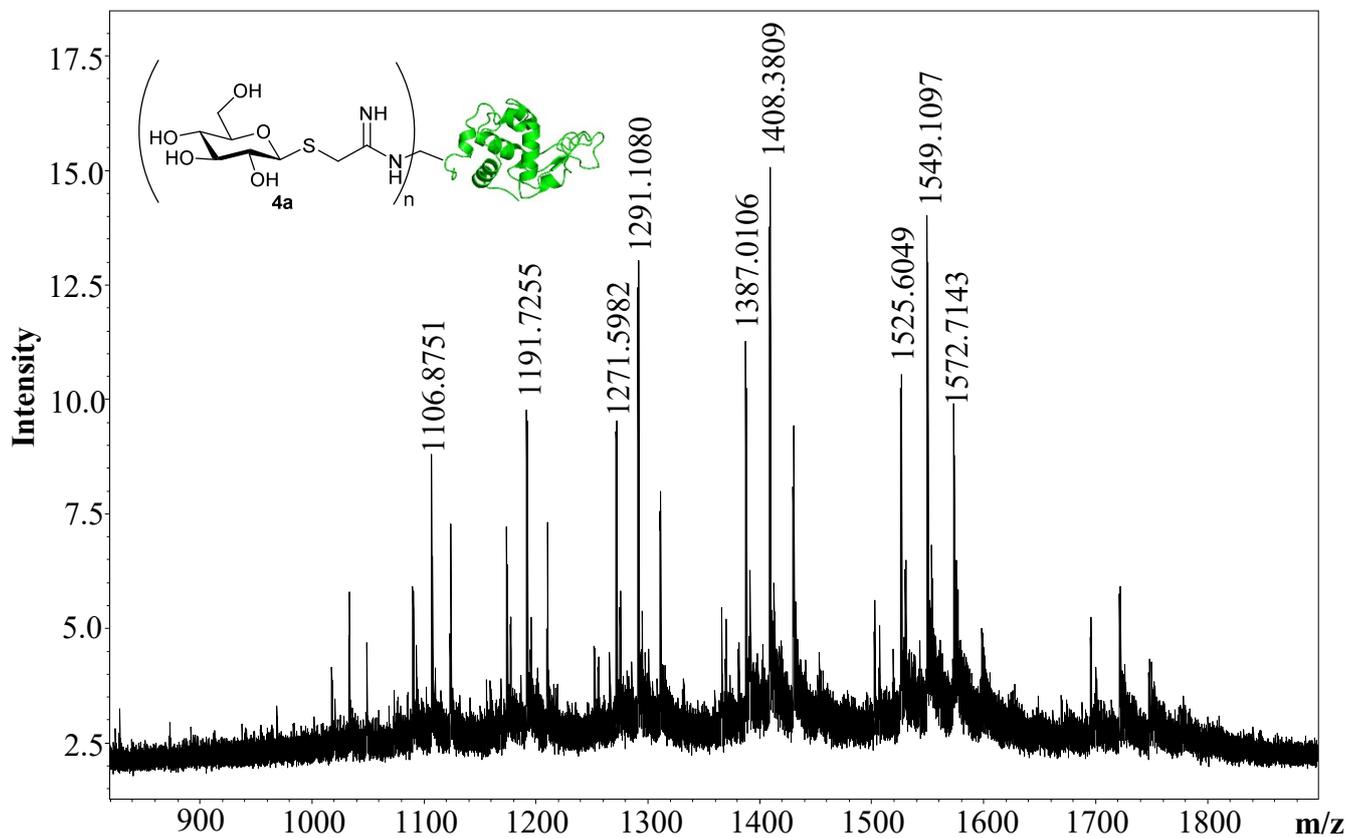
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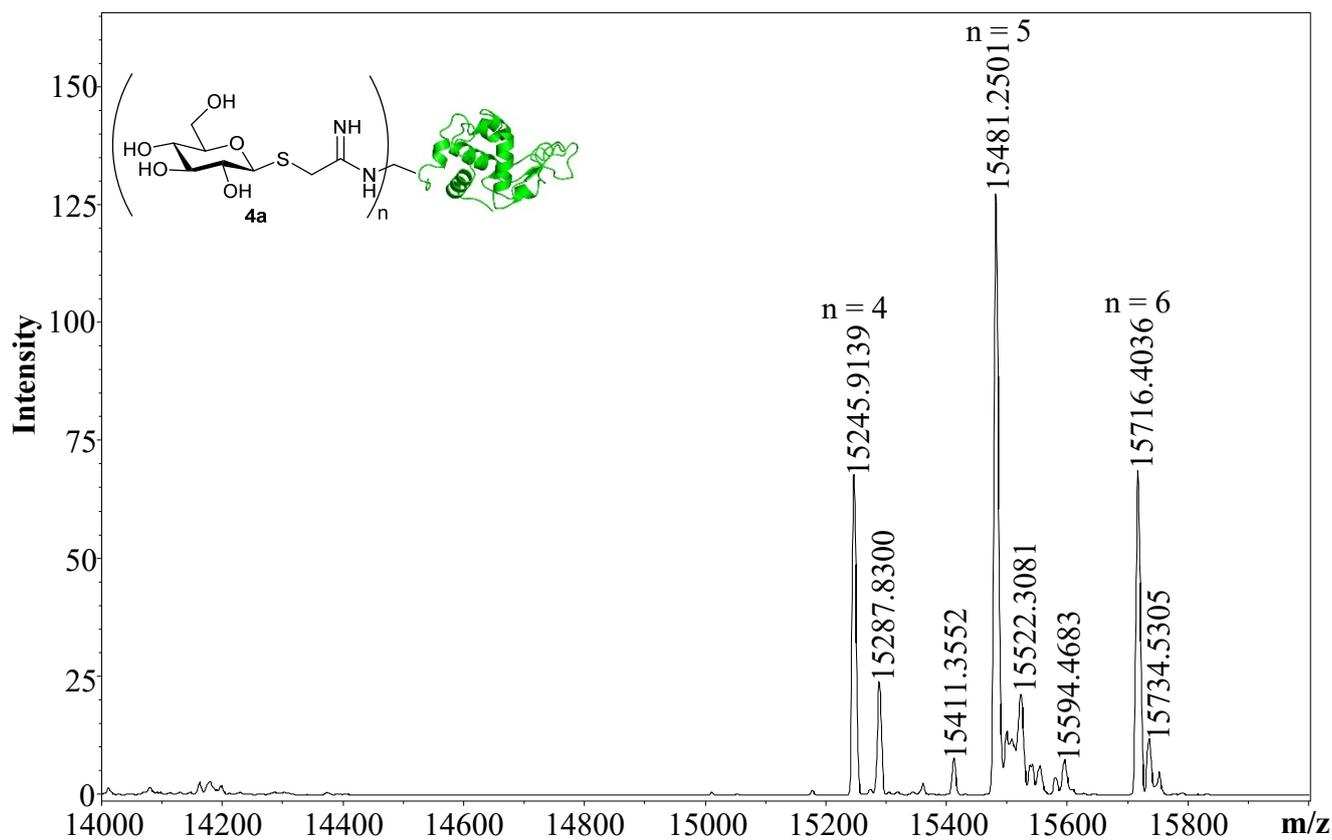
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**Table S1** Extent of protein modification as a percentage of total lysozyme

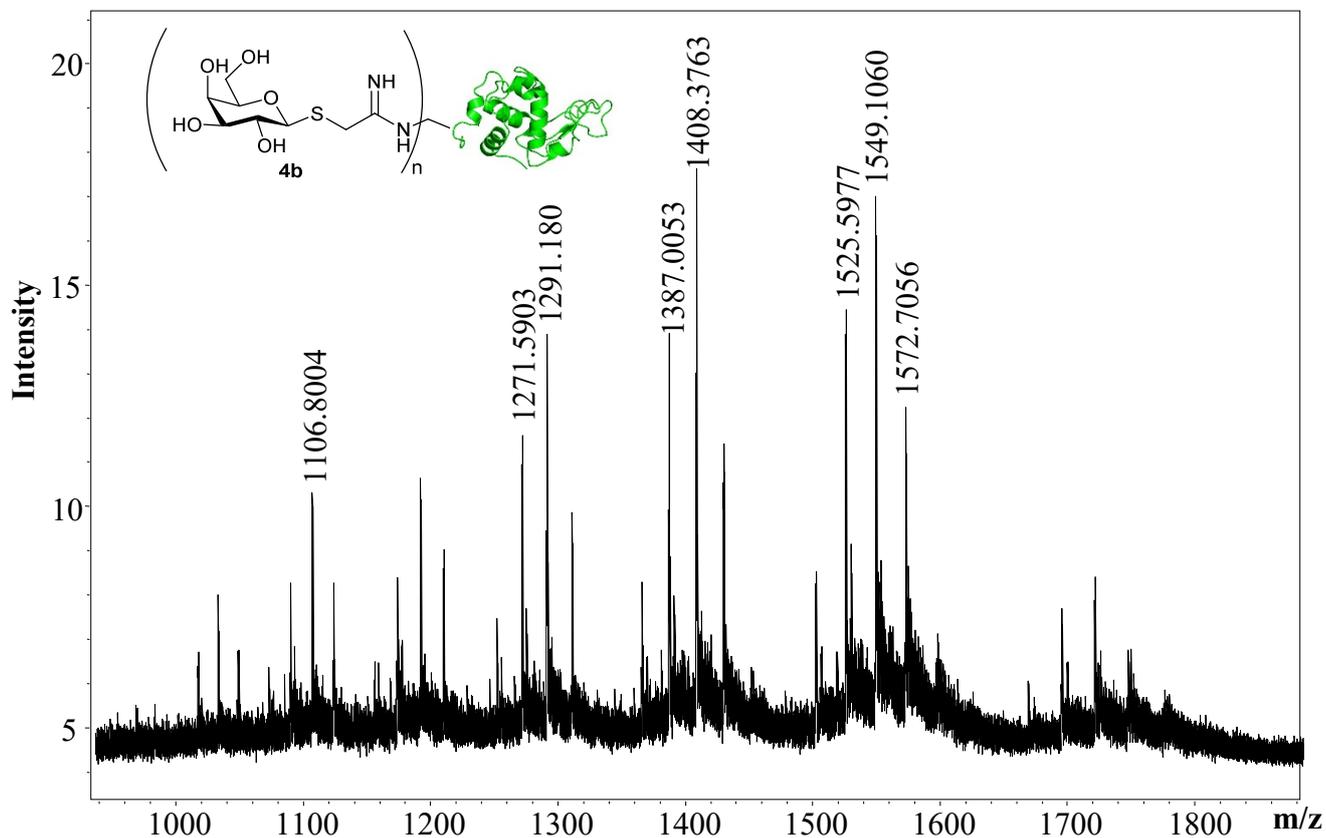
Sugar	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	Average (mean)	Conversion
Glc	-	-	-	-	26	48	26	5.0	100%
Gal	-	-	-	1	28	46	25	5.0	100%
Man	9	33	38	18	2	-	-	1.7	91%
Lac	3	9	27	35	16	9	-	2.8	97%
Maltotriose	4	26	43	21	7	<1	-	2.0	96%



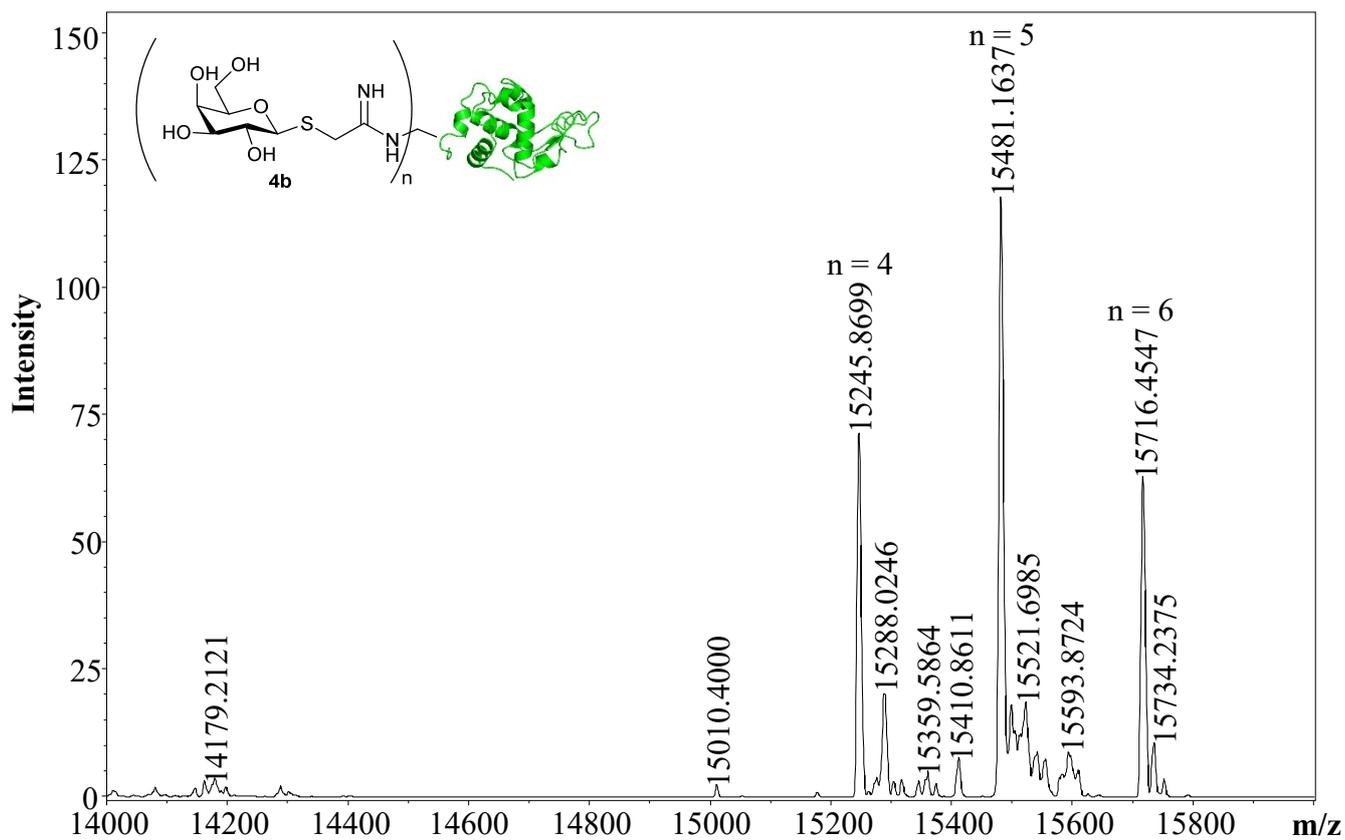
**Fig. S1** HRMS of lysozyme modified with glucose reagent **3a**



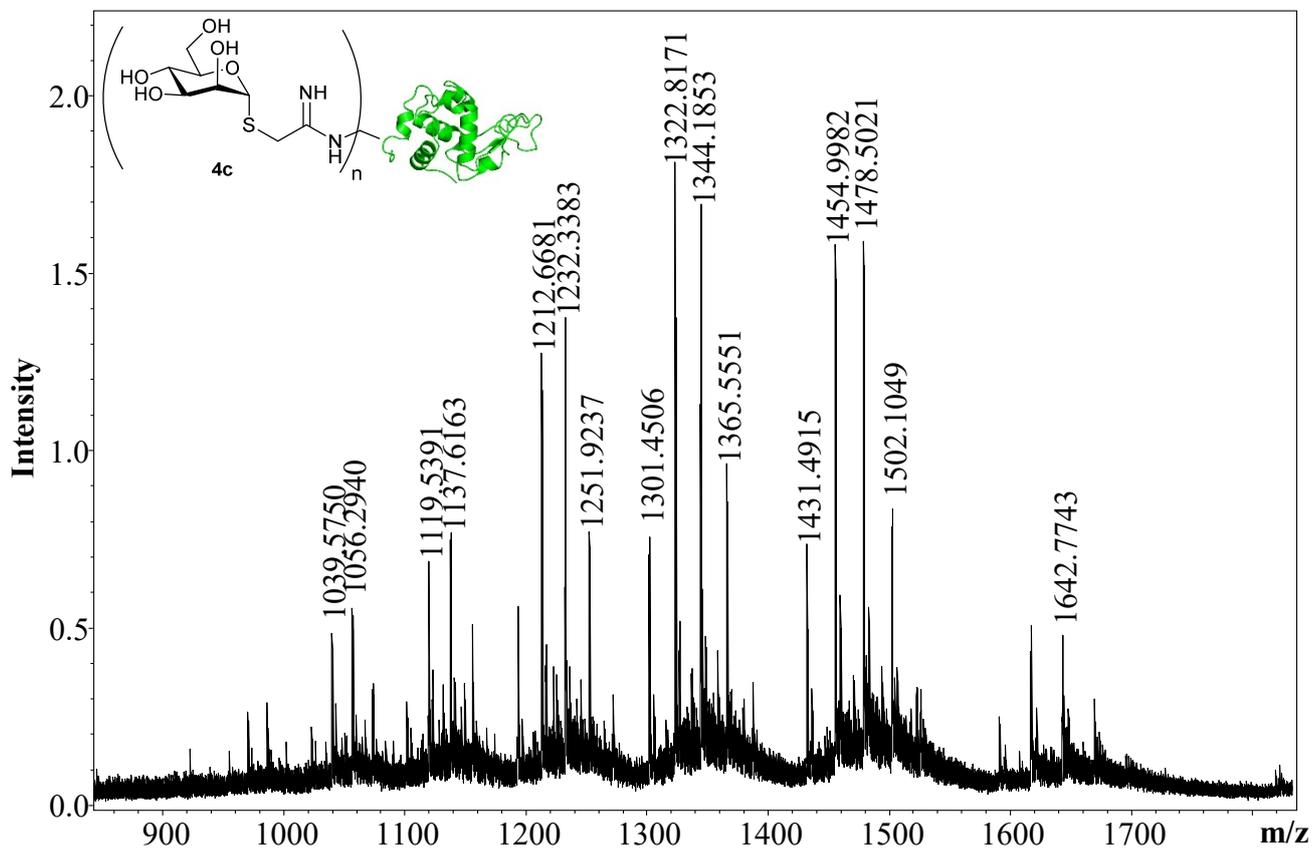
**Fig. S2** Deconvoluted HRMS of lysozyme modified with glucose reagent **3a**



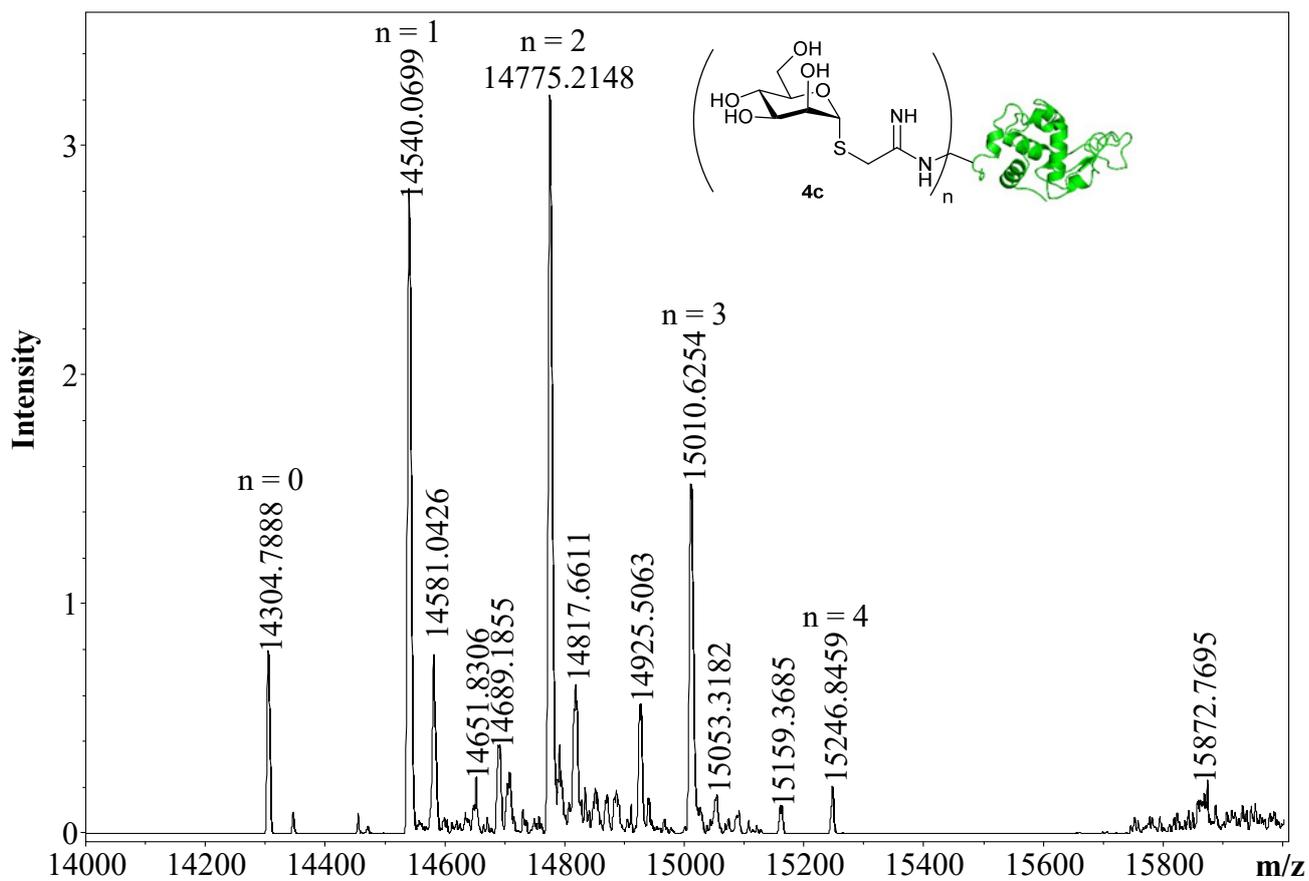
**Fig. S3** HRMS of lysozyme modified with galactose reagent **3b**



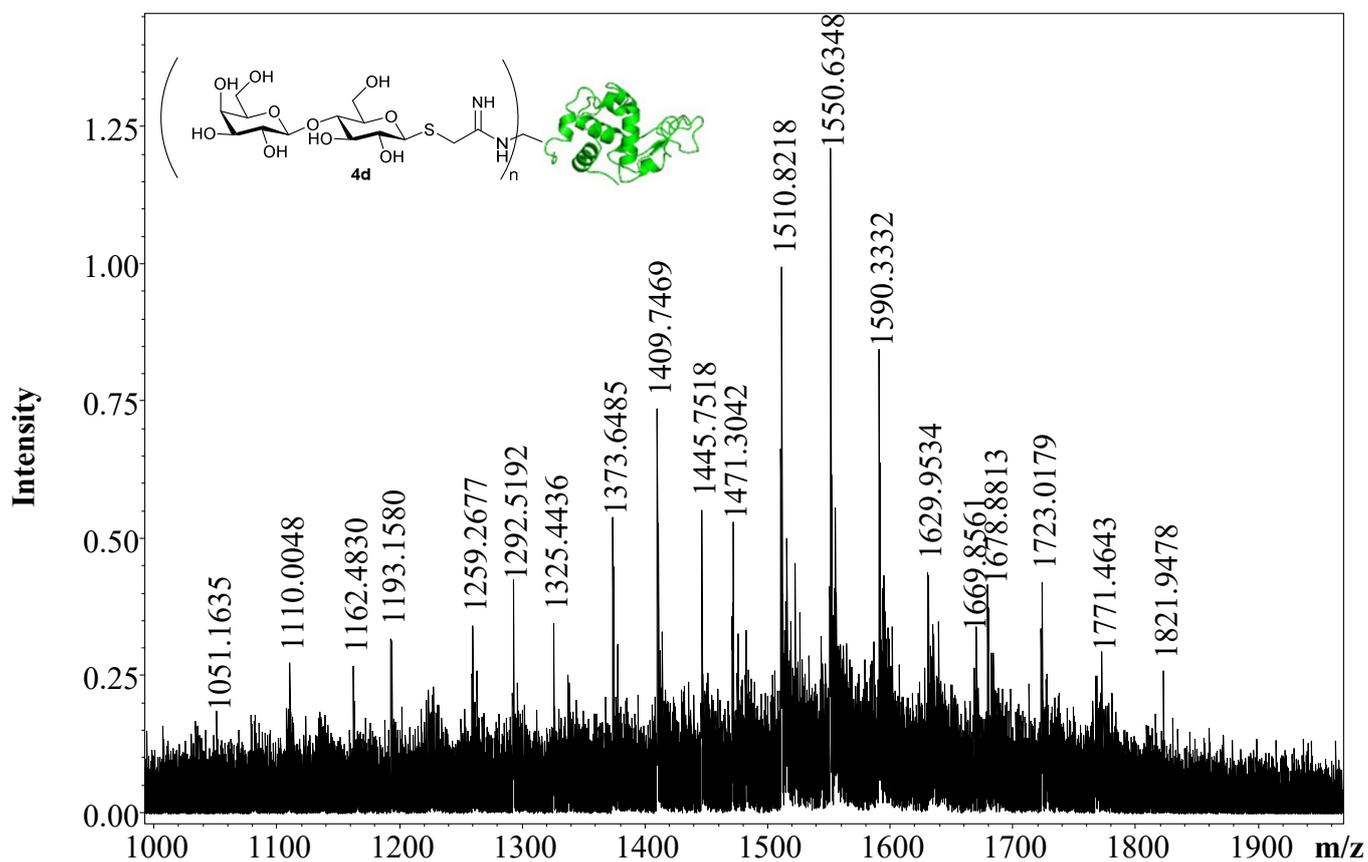
**Fig. S4** Deconvoluted HRMS of lysozyme modified with galactose reagent **3b**



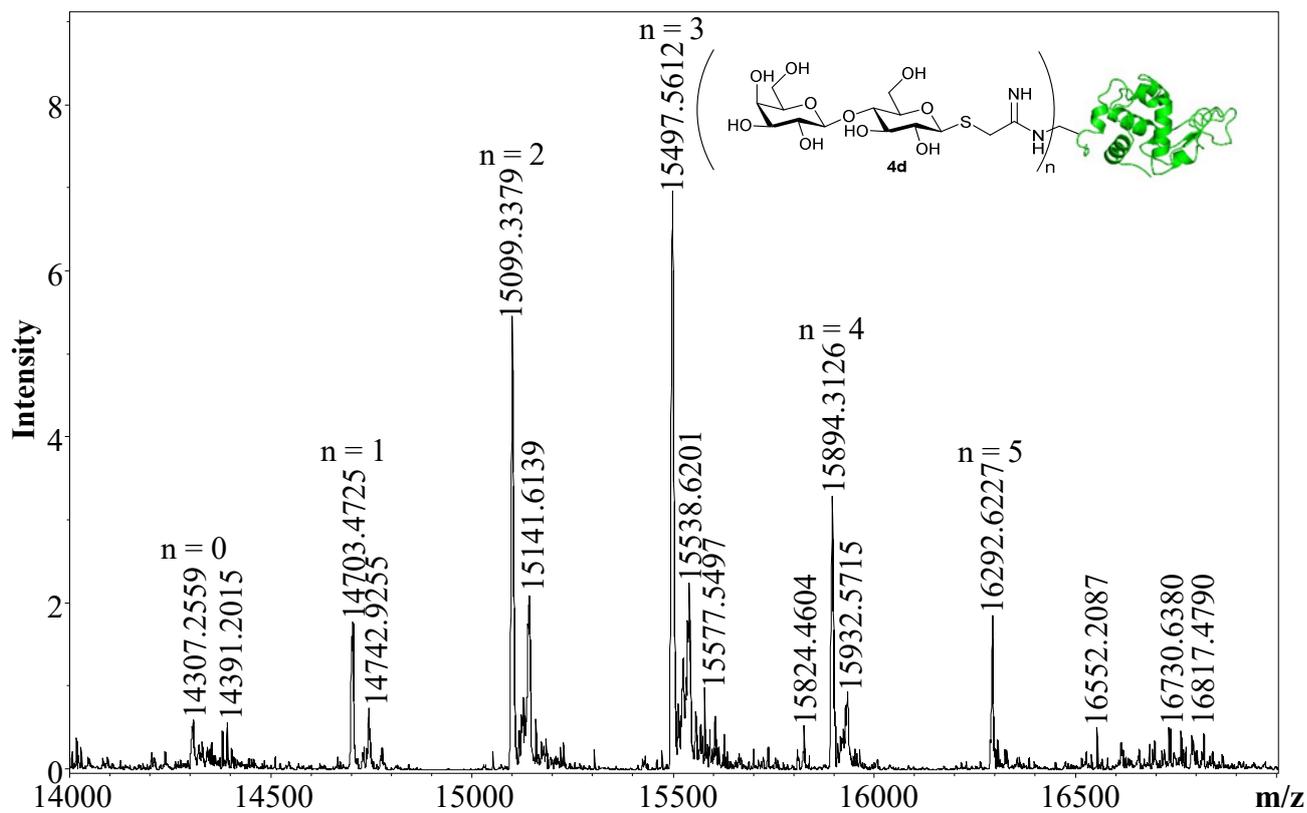
**Fig. S5** HRMS of lysozyme modified with mannose reagent **3c**



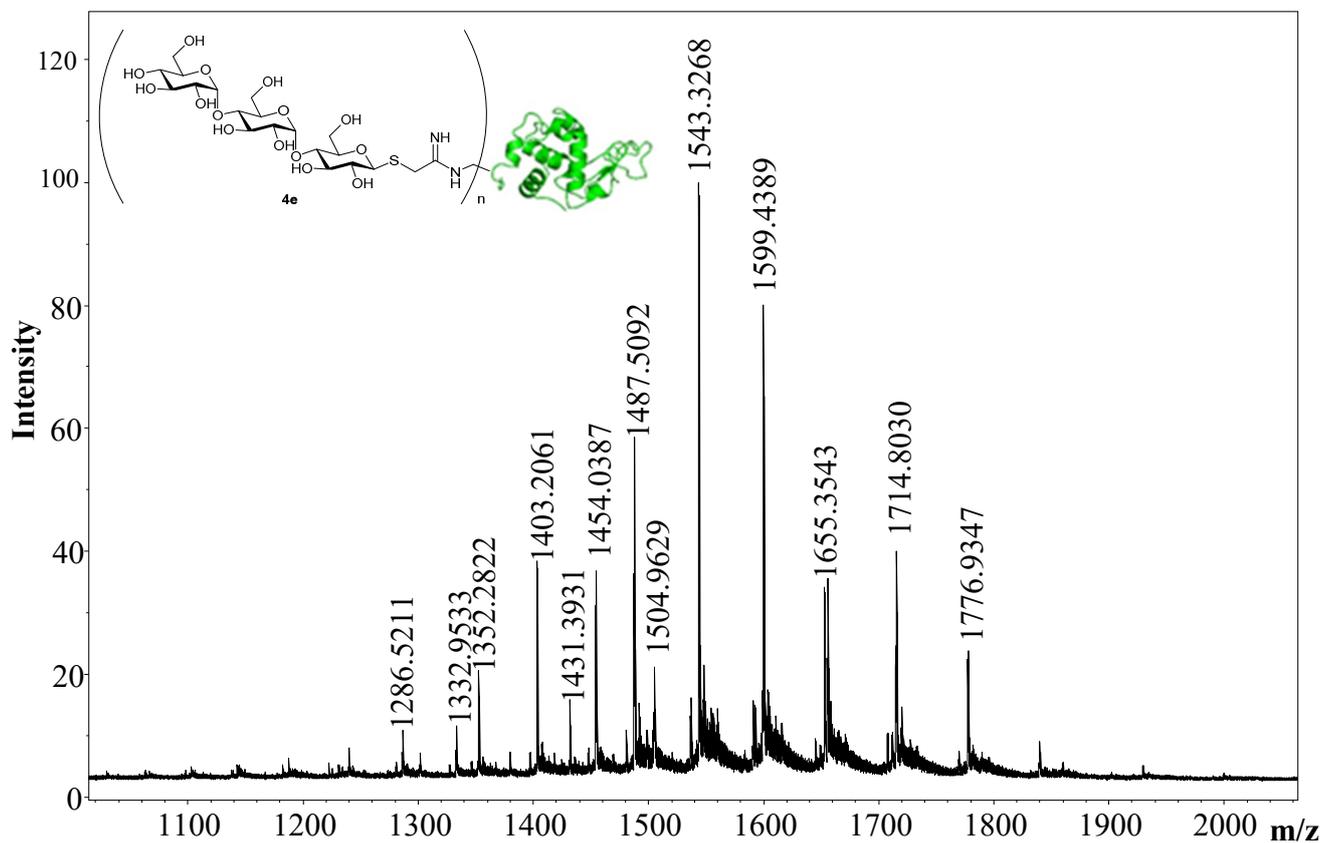
**Fig. S6** Deconvoluted HRMS of lysozyme modified with mannose reagent **3c**



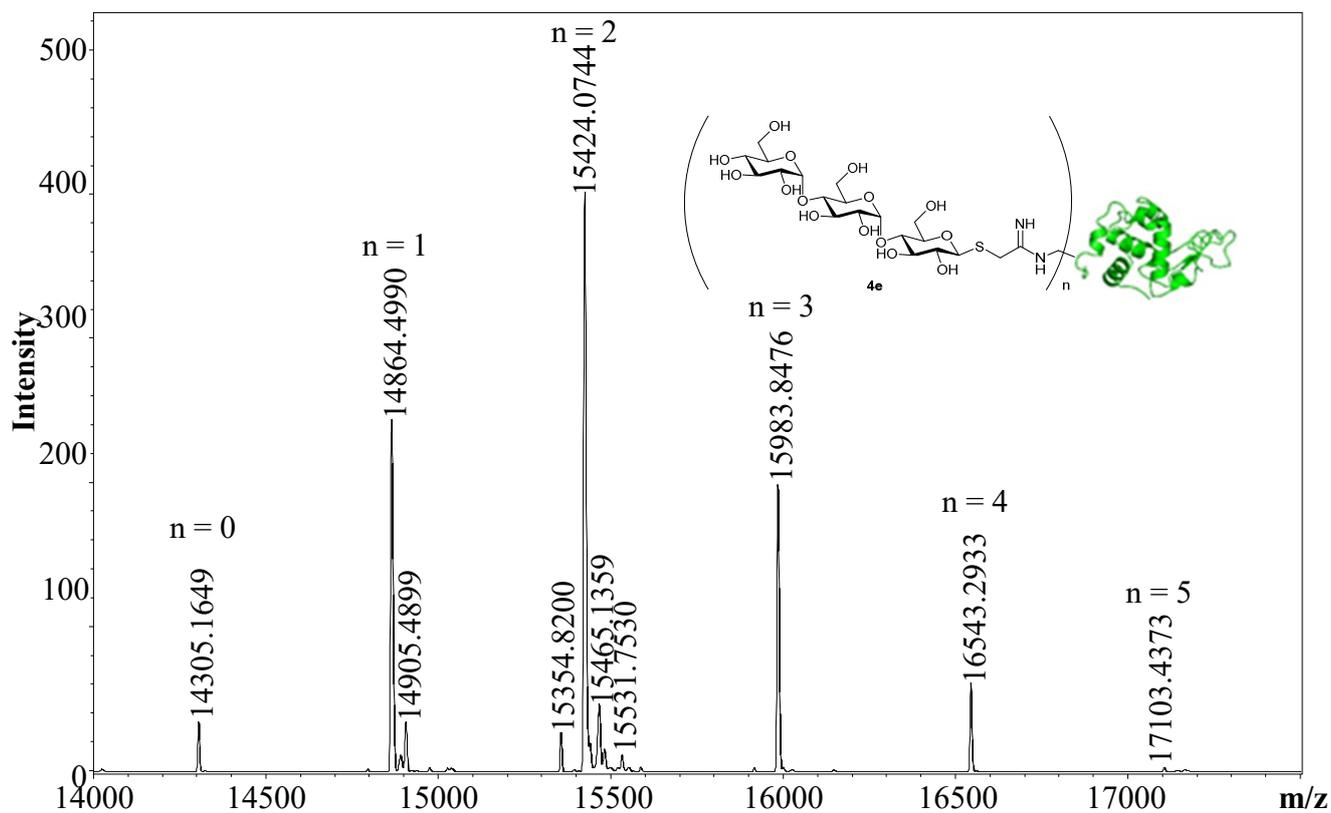
**Fig. S7** HRMS of lysozyme modified with lactose reagent **3d**



**Fig. S8** Deconvoluted HRMS of lysozyme modified with lactose reagent **3d**



**Fig. S9** HRMS of lysozyme modified with maltotriose reagent **3e**



**Fig. S10** Deconvoluted HRMS of lysozyme modified with maltotriose reagent **3e**

## General Experimental

Reagents were used as supplied without further purification unless otherwise stated. Lysozyme from hens' egg white was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and used as received. HPLC-grade solvents were used for reactions. Petroleum ether (Petrol) refers to the fraction of light petroleum ether boiling in the range 40-60 °C. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure using a Buchi™ rotary evaporator. Thin Layer Chromatography (t.l.c.) was carried out on Merck Silica Gel 60F254 aluminium-backed plates. Visualisation of the plates was achieved using a UV lamp ( $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 254$  or  $365$  nm), and/or ammonium molybdate (5% in 2 M  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ). Flash column chromatography was carried out using Sorbsil C60 40/60 silica. Melting points were recorded on an Electrothermal melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Proton and carbon nuclear magnetic resonance ( $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ ) spectra were recorded on either an Agilent 400-MR instrument operating for  $^1\text{H}$  NMR at 400 MHz, and at 100 MHz for  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, or an Agilent 600-MR instrument operating for  $^1\text{H}$  NMR at 600 MHz, and at 150 MHz for  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR. All chemical shifts are quoted on the  $\delta$ -scale in ppm using residual solvent as an internal standard.  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  spectra were assigned using COSY, DEPT, HSQC, and HMBC. High resolution mass spectra were recorded by Dr. Marie Squire and Dr. Amelia Albrecht on either a DIONEX Ultimate 3000 or Bruker MaXis 4G spectrometer, operated in high resolution positive ion electrospray mode. Optical rotations were measured on a Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter with a  $1\text{ cm}^3$  cell with a path length of 1 dm, and are quoted in units of  $^\circ\cdot\text{cm}^2\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$ . Concentrations ( $c$ ) are given in  $\text{g}/100\text{ cm}^3$ , solvent and temperature are recorded. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Bruker FTIR spectrometer with Alpha's Platinum ATR single reflection diamond as neat samples.

## Protein Mass Spectrometry Analysis

High resolution accurate mass samples were analysed on a maXis 3G UHR-Qq-TOF mass spectrometer (Bruker Daltonik GmbH, Bremen, Germany) coupled to a Dionex Ultimate 3000 LC system (ThermoFisher).

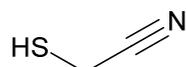
5  $\mu\text{L}$  sample was injected. ESI-L Low Concentration Tuning Mix (Agilent Technologies) injected after each sample as a calibrant. Processed using Compass software (Bruker Daltonik GmbH, Bremen, Germany)

LC MS analysis used the following column: Agilent ZORBAX, SB-C18,  $5\mu$ ,  $2.1 \times 150$  mm; A flow rate of  $200\ \mu\text{L}/\text{min}$  and the following solvent profile of acetonitrile (Scharlau, Acetonitrile, Multisolvent®, HPLC grade) with water (purified using a MilliQ deionising

system) with 0.5% formic acid was utilised: a hold on 100% water for five minutes, followed by a gradient from 0% - 80% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O (0.5% formic acid) over 10 minutes, an isocratic hold on 80% CH<sub>3</sub>CN for two minutes and then a restoration to 0% CH<sub>3</sub>CN over two minutes. The method was finished with an isocratic hold on 0% CH<sub>3</sub>CN over five minutes.

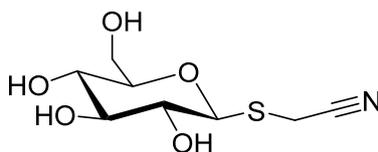
The ESI source was set at 4 kV, 200 °C, 1 bar nebulisation gas and 8 L/min dry gas.

### Mercaptoacetonitrile<sup>1</sup>



Chloroacetonitrile (6.3 mL, 0.1 mol) and thioacetic acid (7.05 mL, 0.1 mol) were dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (70 mL) and cooled to -30 °C under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub>. Triethylamine (16.7 mL, 0.12 mol) was added dropwise over 0.5 h. The reaction was stirred at -30 °C for another 1 h, and then gradually warmed to RT. Water (5 mL) was added, and the organic layer was washed with acetic acid (10%, 2 x 15 mL) followed by water (2 x 15 mL). The organic layer was dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The liquid produced was dissolved in MeOH (100 mL) and Amberlyst<sup>®</sup> 15 (H<sup>+</sup> form, 3 g) was added. The reaction was heated to reflux under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> and stirred for 20 h. The reaction was filtered, Amberlyst<sup>®</sup> 15 (H<sup>+</sup> form, 0.3 g) was added, and the mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* at RT to afford mercaptoacetonitrile **45** (5.96 g, 82%) as a pale yellow liquid;  $\nu_{\max}$  (neat) 2247 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C≡N);  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)<sup>1</sup> 2.37 (1H, t, *J* 8.2 Hz, SH), 3.29 (2H, d, *J* 8.2 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>);  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  (100.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 9.6 (t, CH<sub>2</sub>), 118.2 (s, CN).

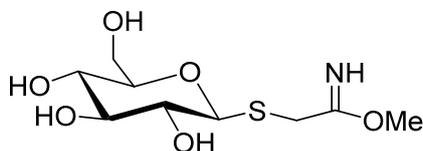
### Cyanomethyl 1-thio-β-D-glucopyranoside **2a**



D-Glucose (200 mg, 1.11 mmol) was dissolved in water (4 mL). Triethylamine (2.5 mL, 34 mmol) was added, the reaction was cooled to 0 °C, and stirred. 2-Chloro-1,3-dimethylimidazolium chloride (0.92 g, 5.5 mmol) was dissolved in mercaptoacetonitrile

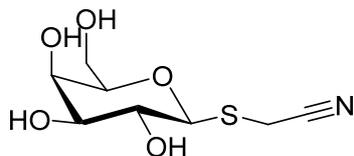
(1.3 g, 17.8 mmol) and the resulting solution was added dropwise to the aqueous D-glucose solution over 2 min. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 0.5 h, and was then diluted with water (5 mL) and washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 x 10 mL). The aqueous layer was filtered through a column of Amberlite<sup>®</sup> IR-120 (Na<sup>+</sup> form, produced by treating the H<sup>+</sup> form with 1 M aqueous NaOH solution and then washing with water until pH 7), lyophilised, pre-adsorbed onto silica, and purified by flash column chromatography (CHCl<sub>3</sub>:MeOH, 5:1) to afford cyanomethyl 1-thio-β-D-glucopyranoside **2a** (232 mg, 89%) as a pale yellow oil;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  -67 (*c*, 1.0 in MeOH) [lit.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22}$  -60.2 (*c*, 5.05 in water)]<sup>2</sup>;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (neat) 2248 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C≡N);  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (400 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) 3.37 - 3.47 (2H, m, H-2 & H-3), 3.49 - 3.55 (2H, m, H-4 & H-5), 3.68, 3.79 (2H, ABq, *J* 17.6 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CN) 3.72 (1H, dd, *J*<sub>5,6</sub> 5.5 Hz, *J*<sub>6,6'</sub> 12.1 Hz, H-6), 3.91 (1H, dd, *J*<sub>5,6'</sub> 1.8 Hz, *J*<sub>6,6'</sub> 12.3 Hz, H-6'), 4.72 (1H, d, *J*<sub>1,2</sub> 9.8 Hz, H-1);  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  (100.5 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) 14.4 (t, CH<sub>2</sub>CN), 60.7 (t, C-6), 69.2 (d, C-2), 71.8 (d, C-3), 77.0, 80.0 (2 x d, C-4 & C-5), 84.4 (d, C-1), 118.6 (s, CH<sub>2</sub>CN); HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>SNa<sup>+</sup>: 258.0407. Found: 258.0414 (MNa<sup>+</sup>).

### 2-Imino-2-methoxyethyl 1-thio-β-D-glucopyranoside **3a**<sup>2</sup>



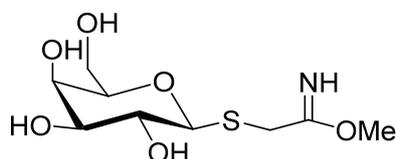
Sodium metal (8 mg, 0.36 mmol) was dissolved in MeOH (3.6 mL). Cyanomethyl 1-thio-β-D-glucopyranoside **2a** (83.6 mg, 0.36 mmol) was added and the reaction was stirred for 64 h. The reaction mixture was then concentrated *in vacuo* and analysed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR to reveal the formation of 2-imino-2-methoxyethyl 1-thio-β-D-glucopyranoside **47** (35% conversion). The crude material was subsequently used without purification for conjugation experiments;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (neat) 1654 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=N);  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) 4.32 Hz (1H, d, *J* 10.2 Hz, H-1); HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 268.0849. Found: 268.0860 (MH<sup>+</sup>).

## Cyanomethyl 1-thio-β-D-galactopyranoside **2b**



D-Galactose (200 mg, 1.11 mmol) was dissolved in water (4 mL). Triethylamine (2.4 mL, 33 mmol) was added, the reaction was cooled to 0 °C, and stirred. 2-Chloro-1,3-dimethylimidazolium chloride (1.12 g, 6.7 mmol) was dissolved in mercaptoacetonitrile (1.6 g, 22 mmol) and the resulting solution was added dropwise to the aqueous D-galactose solution over 2 min. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 0.5 h, and was then diluted with water (5 mL) and washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 x 10 mL). The aqueous layer was filtered through a column of Amberlite<sup>®</sup> IR-120 (Na<sup>+</sup> form, produced by treating the H<sup>+</sup> form with 1 M aqueous NaOH solution and then washing with water until pH 7), lyophilised, pre-adsorbed onto silica, and purified by flash column chromatography (CHCl<sub>3</sub>:MeOH, 5:1) to afford cyanomethyl 1-thio-β-D-galactopyranoside **2b** (106 mg, 41%) as a pale yellow oil;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} +13$  (*c*, 0.1 in MeOH) [lit.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} -51.5$  (*c*, 5.05 in water)]<sup>2</sup>;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (neat) 2252 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C≡N);  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (400 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) 3.62 - 3.80 (5H, m, H-2, H-4, H-5, H-6 & H-6'), 3.69, 3.81 (2H, ABq, *J* 17.6 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>) 3.99 (1H, d, *J*<sub>2,3</sub> 3.1 Hz, H-4), 4.66 (1H, d, *J*<sub>1,2</sub> 9.4 Hz, H-1);  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  (100.5 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) 14.5 (t, CH<sub>2</sub>CN), 61.0 (t, H-6), 68.6 (d, C-4), 69.2 (d, C-2), 73.8, 79.1 (2 x d, C-3 & C-5), 84.9 (d, C-1), 118.6 (s, CH<sub>2</sub>CN); HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>SNa<sup>+</sup>: 258.0407. Found: 258.0413 (MNa<sup>+</sup>).

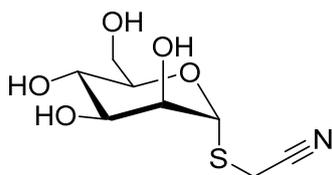
## 2-Imino-2-methoxyethyl 1-thio-β-D-galactopyranoside **3b**<sup>2</sup>



Sodium metal (5 mg, 0.22 mmol) was dissolved in MeOH (2.5 mL). Cyanomethyl 1-thio-β-D-galactopyranoside **2b** (52 mg, 0.22 mmol) was added and the reaction was stirred for 64 h. The reaction mixture was then concentrated *in vacuo* and analysed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR to reveal the formation of 2-imino-2-methoxyethyl 1-thio-β-D-galactopyranoside **3b** (50% conversion).

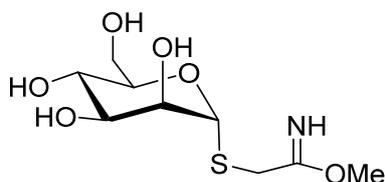
The crude material was subsequently used without purification for the conjugation experiments;  $\nu_{\max}$  (neat)  $1651\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (C=N);  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )<sup>3</sup> 4.27 (1H, d,  $J_{1,2}$  9.4 Hz, H-1); HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_6\text{S}^+$ : 268.0849. Found: 268.0853 ( $\text{MH}^+$ ).

### Cyanomethyl 1-thio- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside **2c**



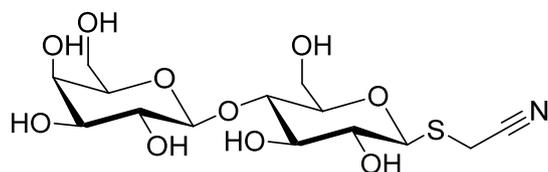
D-Mannose (100 mg, 0.56 mmol) was dissolved in water (2 mL). Triethylamine (1.2 mL, 11.1 mmol) was added, the reaction was cooled to 0 °C, and stirred. 2-Chloro-1,3-dimethylimidazolium chloride (0.56 g, 3.3 mmol) was dissolved in mercaptoacetonitrile (0.8 g, 11.1 mmol) and the resulting solution was added dropwise to the aqueous D-mannose solution over 2 min. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 0.5 h, and was then diluted with water (2 mL) and washed with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (5 x 10 mL). The aqueous layer was filtered through a column of Amberlite<sup>®</sup> IR-120 ( $\text{Na}^+$  form, produced by treating the  $\text{H}^+$  form with 1 M aqueous NaOH solution and then washing with water until pH 7), lyophilised, pre-adsorbed onto silica, and purified by flash column chromatography ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ :MeOH, 5:1) to afford cyanomethyl 1-thio- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside **2c** (103 mg, 78%) as a yellow oil;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  +80 (*c*, 1.0 in MeOH);  $\nu_{\max}$  (neat)  $3327\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (OH),  $2255\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (CN);  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ) 3.60, 3.65 (2H, ABq,  $J$  17.6 Hz,  $\text{SCH}_2\text{CN}$ ), 3.71 - 3.76 (2H, m, H-3 & H-4), 3.80 (1H, dd,  $J_{5,6}$  5.5 Hz,  $J_{6,6'}$  12.5 Hz, H-6), 3.88 (1H, dd,  $J_{5,6'}$  2.0 Hz,  $J_{6,6'}$  12.1 Hz, H-6'), 3.91 - 3.97 (1H, m, H-5), 4.08 (1H, d,  $J_{2,3}$  1.2 Hz, H-2), 5.47 (1H, s, H-1);  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  (100.5 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ) 15.3 (t,  $\text{SCH}_2\text{CN}$ ), 60.4 (t, C-6), 66.7 (d, C-3), 70.8 (d, C-2), 71.0 (d, C-4), 73.5 (d, C-5), 84.8 (d, C-1), 118.2 (s,  $\text{SCH}_2\text{CN}$ ); HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_5\text{SNa}^+$ : 258.0407. Found: 258.0401 ( $\text{MNa}^+$ ).

## 2-Imino-2-methoxyethyl 1-thio- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside **3c**<sup>2</sup>



Sodium metal (13.7 mg, 0.60 mmol) was dissolved in MeOH (6 mL). Cyanomethyl 1-thio- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside **2c** (140 mg, 0.60 mmol) was added and the reaction was stirred for 64 h. The reaction mixture was then concentrated *in vacuo* and analysed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR to reveal the formation of 2-imino-2-methoxyethyl 1-thio- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside **3c** (22% conversion). The crude material was subsequently used without purification for conjugation experiments;  $\nu_{\max}$  (neat) 3311 cm<sup>-1</sup> (OH), 1649 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=NH);  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) 5.34 (1H, s, H-1); HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 268.0849. Found: 268.0848 (MH<sup>+</sup>).

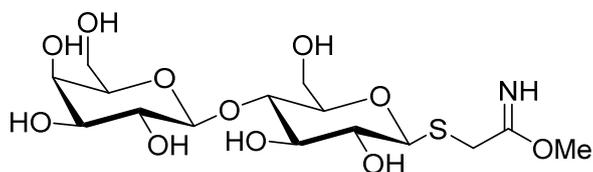
## Cyanomethyl $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside **2d**



$\beta$ -D-Galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-D-glucopyranose (103 mg, 0.3 mmol) was dissolved in water (2 mL). Triethylamine (0.84 mL, 6 mmol) was added, the reaction was cooled to 0 °C, and stirred. 2-Chloro-1,3-dimethylimidazolium chloride (0.303 g, 1.8 mmol) was dissolved in mercaptoacetonitrile (0.439 g, 6 mmol) and the resulting solution was added dropwise to the aqueous  $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-D-glucopyranose solution over 2 min. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 0.5 h, and was then diluted with water (2 mL) and washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 x 10 mL). The aqueous layer was filtered through a column of Amberlite<sup>®</sup> IR-120 (Na<sup>+</sup> form, produced by treating the H<sup>+</sup> form with 1 M aqueous NaOH solution and then washing with water until pH 7), lyophilised, pre-adsorbed onto silica, and purified by flash column chromatography (CHCl<sub>3</sub>:MeOH, 5:1) to afford cyanomethyl  $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside **2d** (77 mg, 65%) as a yellow oil;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  -25 (*c*, 0.1 in MeOH);  $\nu_{\max}$  (neat) 3298 cm<sup>-1</sup> (OH), 2251 cm<sup>-1</sup> (CN);  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) 3.37 (1H, t, *J* 9.8 Hz, H-2<sub>A</sub>),

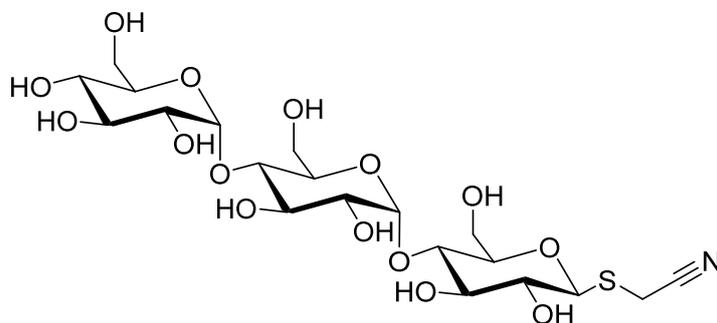
3.42 - 3.65 (6H, m, H-3<sub>A</sub>, H-4<sub>A</sub>, H-5<sub>A</sub>, H-2<sub>B</sub>, H-3<sub>B</sub> & H-5<sub>B</sub>), 3.66 - 3.88 (6H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>, H-6<sub>A</sub>, H-4<sub>B</sub>, H-6<sub>B</sub> & H-6'<sub>B</sub>), 3.94 (1H, dd,  $J_{5,6}$  2.0 Hz,  $J_{6,6'}$  12.1 Hz, H-6'<sub>A</sub>), 4.37 (1H, d,  $J_{1,2}$  7.4 Hz, H-1<sub>B</sub>), 4.60 (1H, d,  $J_{1,2}$  9.4 Hz, H-1<sub>A</sub>);  $\delta_C$  (100.5 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) 13.1 (t, CH<sub>2</sub>CN), 60.5 (t, C-6<sub>A</sub>), 61.1 (t, C-6<sub>B</sub>), 68.9 (d, C-4<sub>B</sub>), 71.1, 72.6, 73.3, 75.6, 76.4, 78.8, 79.4 (7 x d, C-2<sub>A</sub>, C-3<sub>A</sub>, C-4<sub>A</sub>, C-5<sub>A</sub>, C-2<sub>B</sub>, C-3<sub>B</sub> & C-5<sub>B</sub>), 83.9 (d, C-1<sub>A</sub>), 103.6 (d, C-1<sub>B</sub>), 117.3 (s, CH<sub>2</sub>CN); HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>10</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 398.1115. Found: 398.1109 (MH<sup>+</sup>).

### 2-Imino-2-methoxyethyl $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside **3d**<sup>2</sup>



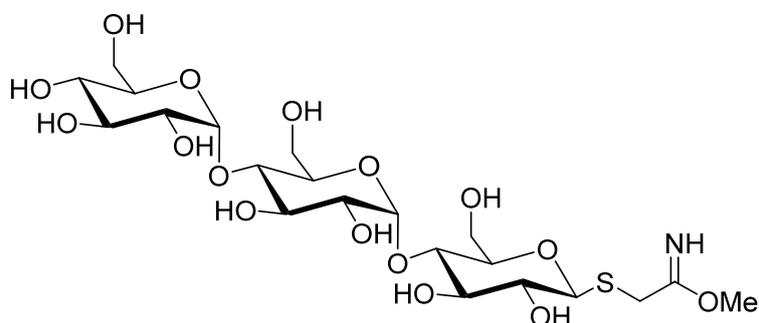
Sodium metal (7.6 mg, 0.33 mmol) was dissolved in MeOH (3.3 mL). Cyanomethyl  $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside **2d** (130 mg, 0.33 mmol) was added and the reaction was stirred for 64 h. The reaction mixture was then concentrated *in vacuo* and analysed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR to reveal the formation of 2-imino-2-methoxyethyl  $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside **3d** (85% conversion). The crude material was subsequently used without purification for conjugation experiments;  $\nu_{\max}$  (neat) 3279 cm<sup>-1</sup> (OH), 1652 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=NH);  $\delta_H$  (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) 4.36 (1H, d,  $J$  7.4 Hz, H-1<sub>B</sub>), 4.45 (1H, d,  $J$  7.4 Hz, H-1<sub>A</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>11</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 430.1378. Found: 430.1392 (MH<sup>+</sup>).

**Cyanomethyl  $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside 2e**



$\alpha$ -D-Glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranose (101 mg, 0.2 mmol) was dissolved in D<sub>2</sub>O (1.3 mL). Triethylamine (0.56 mL, 4 mmol) was added, the reaction was cooled to 0 °C, and stirred. 2-Chloro-1,3-dimethylimidazolium chloride (0.202 g, 1.2 mmol) was dissolved in mercaptoacetonitrile (0.292 g, 4 mmol) and the resulting solution was added dropwise to the aqueous  $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranose solution over 2 min. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 0.5 h, and was then diluted with water (2 mL) and washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 x 10 mL). The aqueous layer was filtered through a column of Amberlite<sup>®</sup> IR-120 (Na<sup>+</sup> form, produced by treating the H<sup>+</sup> form with 1 M aqueous NaOH solution and then washing with water until pH 7), lyophilised, pre-adsorbed onto silica, and purified by flash column chromatography (CHCl<sub>3</sub>:MeOH, 5:1) to afford cyanomethyl  $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside **2e** (101 mg, 90%) as a yellow oil;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +54$  (*c*, 1.0 in MeOH);  $\nu_{\max}$  (neat) 3279 cm<sup>-1</sup> (OH), 2248 cm<sup>-1</sup> (CN);  $\delta_H$  (600 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) 3.26 (1H, t, *J* 9.2 Hz), 3.33 (1H, t, *J* 9.6 Hz), 3.42 - 3.47 (2H, m), 3.48 - 3.53 (2H, m), 3.57 (1H, t, *J* 9.2 Hz), 3.61 (1H, t, *J* 9.4 Hz), 3.63 - 3.70 (3H, m), 3.73 - 3.84 (7H, m), 3.84 - 3.88 (2H, m), 3.90 (1H, dd, *J* 12.4 Hz, *J* 2.0 Hz), 4.59 (1H, d, *J*<sub>1,2</sub> 9.6 Hz, H-1<sub>A</sub>), 5.15 (1H, d, *J*<sub>1,2</sub> 3.7 Hz, H-1<sub>B</sub>), 5.19 (1H, d, *J*<sub>1,2</sub> 3.9 Hz, H-1<sub>C</sub>);  $\delta_C$  (151 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) 13.0 (t, S-CH<sub>2</sub>CN), 60.7, 60.9, 61.3 (3 x t, 3 x C-6), 70.1, 71.9, 72.4, 72.5, 72.8, 73.4, 73.5, 73.6, 77.8, 79.3, 79.4, 79.9, 83.9 (d, C-1<sub>A</sub>), 101.2 (d, C-1<sub>C</sub>), 101.5 (d, C-1<sub>B</sub>), 117.2 (S-CH<sub>2</sub>CN); HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>33</sub>NO<sub>15</sub>SNa<sup>+</sup>: 582.14633. Found: 582.1461 (MNa<sup>+</sup>).

### 2-Imino-2-methoxyethyl $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside **3e**



Sodium metal (4 mg, 0.17 mmol) was dissolved in MeOH (1.7 mL). cyanomethyl  $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside **2e** (97 mg, 0.17 mmol) was added and the reaction was stirred for 64 h. The reaction mixture was then concentrated *in vacuo* and analysed by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR to reveal the formation of 2-imino-2-methoxyethyl  $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside **3e** (60% conversion). The crude material was subsequently used without purification for conjugation experiments;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (neat) 3289  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (OH), 1652  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (C=NH);  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ) 4.69 (1H, d,  $J_{1,2}$  10.6 Hz, H-1<sub>A</sub>), 5.29 - 5.35 (2H, m, H-1<sub>B</sub> & H-1<sub>C</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{38}\text{NO}_{16}\text{S}^+$ : 592.1906. Found: 592.1907 ( $\text{MH}^+$ ).

#### Conjugation of 2-imino-2-methoxyethyl 1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside **3a** to lysozyme

Lysozyme (1 mg, 0.070  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) was dissolved in sodium borate buffer (0.2 mL, 0.2 M, pH 8.5). A portion of the 2-imino-2-methoxyethyl 1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside **3a** crude reaction mixture (50  $\mu\text{L}$ , approximately 1.8  $\mu\text{mol}$  of **3a**) was added to the lysozyme solution and the reaction was stirred. After 5 h the reaction was dialysed against water (2 x 500 mL), and filtered; HRMS (ESI-TOF): 15246, 54% (calcd. for lysozyme-(C(NH)CH<sub>2</sub>SC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>: 15247), 15481, 100% (calcd. for lysozyme-(C(NH)CH<sub>2</sub>SC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)<sub>5</sub>: 15482), 15715, 54% (calcd. for lysozyme-(C(NH)CH<sub>2</sub>SC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)<sub>6</sub>: 15717).

#### Conjugation of 2-imino-2-methoxyethyl 1-thio- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranoside **3b** to lysozyme

Lysozyme (1 mg, 0.070  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) was dissolved in sodium borate buffer (0.2 mL, 0.2 M, pH 8.5). A portion of the 2-imino-2-methoxyethyl 1-thio- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranoside **3b** crude reaction mixture (50  $\mu\text{L}$ , approximately 2.2  $\mu\text{mol}$  of **3b**) was added to the lysozyme solution

and the reaction was stirred. After 5 h the reaction was dialysed against water (2 x 500 mL), and filtered; HRMS (ESI-TOF): 15010, 2% (calcd. for lysozyme-(C(NH)CH<sub>2</sub>SC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>: 15012), 15246, 61% (calcd. for lysozyme-(C(NH)CH<sub>2</sub>SC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>: 15247), 15481, 100% (calcd. for lysozyme-(C(NH)CH<sub>2</sub>SC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)<sub>5</sub>: 15482), 15717, 54% (calcd. for lysozyme-(C(NH)CH<sub>2</sub>SC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)<sub>6</sub>: 15717).

#### **Conjugation of 2-imino-2-methoxyethyl 1-thio- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside **3c** to lysozyme**

Lysozyme (1 mg, 0.070  $\mu$ mol) was dissolved in sodium borate buffer (0.2 mL, 0.2 M, pH 8.5). A portion of the 2-imino-2-methoxyethyl 1-thio- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside **3c** crude reaction mixture (50  $\mu$ L, approximately 1.1  $\mu$ mol of **3c**) was added to the lysozyme solution and the reaction was stirred. After 5 h the reaction was dialysed against water (2 x 500 mL), and filtered; HRMS (ESI-TOF): 14305, 25% (calcd. for lysozyme: 14307), 14540, 87% (calcd. for lysozyme-(C(NH)CH<sub>2</sub>SC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>5</sub>): 14542), 14775, 100% (calcd. for lysozyme-(C(NH)CH<sub>2</sub>SC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>: 14777), 15011, 47% (calcd. for lysozyme-(C(NH)CH<sub>2</sub>SC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>: 15012), 15247, 6% (calcd. for lysozyme-(C(NH)CH<sub>2</sub>SC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>: 15247).

#### **Conjugation of 2-imino-2-methoxyethyl $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside **3d** to lysozyme**

Lysozyme (1 mg, 0.070  $\mu$ mol) was dissolved in sodium borate buffer (0.2 mL, 0.2 M, pH 8.5). A portion of the 2-imino-2-methoxyethyl 1-thio- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside **3d** crude reaction mixture (50  $\mu$ L, approximately 1.7  $\mu$ mol of **3d**) was added to the lysozyme solution and the reaction was stirred. After 5 h the reaction was dialysed against water (2 x 500 mL), and filtered; HRMS (ESI-TOF): 14307, 9% (calcd. for lysozyme: 14307), 14703, 25% (calcd. for lysozyme-(C(NH)CH<sub>2</sub>SC<sub>12</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>10</sub>): 14704), 15099, 78% (calcd. for lysozyme-(C(NH)CH<sub>2</sub>SC<sub>12</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>10</sub>)<sub>2</sub>: 15101), 15497, 100% (calcd. for lysozyme-(C(NH)CH<sub>2</sub>SC<sub>12</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>10</sub>)<sub>3</sub>: 15498), 15894, 47% (calcd. for lysozyme-(C(NH)CH<sub>2</sub>SC<sub>12</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>10</sub>)<sub>4</sub>: 15895), 16293, 27% (calcd. for lysozyme-(C(NH)CH<sub>2</sub>SC<sub>12</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>10</sub>)<sub>5</sub>: 16292).

#### **Conjugation of 2-imino-2-methoxyethyl $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside **3e** to lysozyme**

Lysozyme (1 mg, 0.070  $\mu$ mol) was dissolved in sodium borate buffer (0.2 mL, 0.2 M, pH 8.5). A portion of crude 2-imino-2-methoxyethyl 1-thio- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside **3e** (3 mg, approximately 3  $\mu$ mol of **3e**) was added to the lysozyme solution and the reaction was stirred.

After 5 h the reaction was dialysed against water (2 x 500 mL), and filtered; HRMS (ESI-TOF): 14305, 9% (calcd. for lysozyme: 14307), 14864, 61% (calcd. for lysozyme-(C(NH)CH<sub>2</sub>SC<sub>18</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>15</sub>): 14866), 150424, 100% (calcd. for lysozyme-(C(NH)CH<sub>2</sub>SC<sub>18</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>15</sub>)<sub>2</sub>: 15425), 15983, 50% (calcd. for lysozyme-(C(NH)CH<sub>2</sub>SC<sub>18</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>15</sub>)<sub>3</sub>: 15984), 16543, 15% (calcd. for lysozyme-(C(NH)CH<sub>2</sub>SC<sub>18</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>15</sub>)<sub>4</sub>: 16543), 17103, 1% (calcd. for lysozyme-(C(NH)CH<sub>2</sub>SC<sub>18</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>15</sub>)<sub>5</sub>: 17102).

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