Supporting Information for

Stereoselective Glycoconjugation of Steroids with Selenocarbohydrates

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1. Starting Materials NMR Spectra

1.1. Synthesis of acetonide protected carbohydrate diselenides

The carbohydrate diselenides were synthesized according to previously optimized methodologies.¹ Representative compound synthesis and NMR data are described below:



To a solution of D-manose (20 mmol, 3.6 g) in acetone (20 mL) and metanol (15 mL) HCI (37%, 0.34 mL) was added. The solution was stirred under reflux for 16 h. After cooling, the mixture was neutralized with pyridine and partitioned in ethyl acetate and an aqueous solution of copper sulfate, yielding the crude *bis*-acetonide, which was then dissolved in acetic acid 60% (50 mL) and stirred for 16 h at room temperature. The solvent was then removed by azeotropic distillation using water/toluene to afford the corresponding diol as a colourless oil in 60% yield.

To a solution of the diol (3 mmol, 0.70 g) in dry dichlorometane (12 mL), pyridine (3.3 mmol) and tosyl chloride (3.3 mmol, 0.63 g) were added at 0°C, under argon atmosphere. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 16 h. After this time, the reaction was extracted with saturated ammonium chloride solution and dichloromethane. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated yielding the crude product. Purification by flash chromatography using hexanes/ethyl acetate (50:50) afforded the tosylate in 50% yield.

To a suspension of selenium (3 mmol, 0.23 g) in ethanol (6 mL), under argon, NaBH₄ (2 mmol, 76 mg) was added and the resulting solution refluxed for 1h. After this time, the D-mannose tosylate (2 mmol) was added in a single portion and the mixture refluxed for 24 h. After this time, the reaction was extracted with saturated solution of

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ammonium chloride (20 mL) and dichloromethane (3x20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated yielding the crude product. Purification by flash chromatography using hexanes/ethyl acetate afforded the diselenide in 72% yield



Figure S2. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of protected D-mannose diselenide



Figure S4. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of protected D-galactose diselenide (5)

1.2. NMR Spectra of steroid starting materials





Figure S8. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI₃) of pregnenolone 5,6α-epoxide (10)



Figure S9. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of stigmasterol 5,6 α -epoxide (12)





Figure S13.¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of cholesteryl 3β-mesylate (20)

2. NMR Spectra of Steroidal Selenoglycoconjugates.



Figure S14. Nucleophilic substitution at cholesteryl 3β-mesylate (20) with carbohydrate selenolate.



Figure S15. Product of nucleophilic substitution at cholesteryl 3β-mesylate (20) with D-mannose diselenide derivative (25, atom labeled and 3D structure)



Figure S16. Overlap of ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of the glycoconjugated product







Figure S19. Contour map of COSY ¹H-¹H spectra of compound 25. Selected interactions of carbohydrate moiety (red) and steroid moiety hydrogens (blue)



Figure S20. Expansion of the contour map of COSY ¹H-¹H spectra of compound 25. Selected interactions of olefin steroid hydrogen H6



Figure S21. Contour map of NOESY¹H-¹H spectra of compound 25



Figure S22. Expansion of the contour map of NOESY ¹H-¹H spectra of compound 25. Selected interactions between carbohydrate moiety (red) and steroid moiety hydrogens (blue)



Figure S23. Expansion of the contour map of NOESY¹H-¹H spectra of compound 25. Selected interactions of carbohydrate hydroxyl (left) and H5 (right)



Figure S24. Contour map of HSQC¹H-¹³Cspectra of compound 25. Selected axialequatorial hydrogen to carbon attributions



Figure S25. Nucleophilic *anti*-epoxide opening of cholesterol epoxide (1a) with carbohydrate selenolate.



Figure S26. Product of nucleophilic ring opening of cholesterol epoxide (1a) with D-galactose diselenide derivative (6a, atom labeled and 3D structure)



Figure S27. Overlap of expansion of ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) of the glycoconjugated product 6a and diselenide 5.







Figure S29. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound 6a





Figure S31. Contour map of COSY ¹H-¹H spectra of compound 6a



Figure S32. Contour map of COSY ¹H-¹H spectra of compound 6a. Selected interactions of carbohydrate moiety (red) and steroid moiety hydrogens (blue)



Figure S33. Expansion of the contour map of COSY ¹H-¹H spectra of compound 6a. Selected interactions between carbohydrate moiety (red) and steroid hydrogens (blue)



Figure S34. Contour map of NOESY¹H-¹H spectra of compound 6a



Figure S35. Expansion of the contour map of NOESY¹H-¹H spectra of compound 6a. Selected interactions between carbohydrate moiety (red) and steroid moiety hydrogens (blue)



Figure S36. Contour map of HSQC¹H-¹³C spectra of compound 6a



Figure S37. Expansion of the contour map of HSQC ¹H-¹³C spectra of compound 6a. Selected axial-equatorial hydrogen to carbon attributions







130 125 120 115 110 105 100 95 90 85 80 75 70 65 60 55 50 45 40 35 30 25 20 15 10 5 0 f1 (ppm)

Figure S41. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound 8a







Figure S46. Contour map of ¹H-¹H COSY spectra of compound 6b



Figure S47. Contour map of ¹H-¹³C HSQC spectra of compound 6b













Figure S54. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound 9a



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Figure S85. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) comparison of compounds 6a (protected) and 26 (deprotected)



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Figure S87. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI₃) of compound 27



Figure S88. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) comparison of compounds 7a (protected) and 27 (deprotected)





Figure S92. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound 28