

## Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

# Microwave-assisted synthesis of glycopolymers by ring-opening metathesis polymerization (ROMP) in an emulsion system

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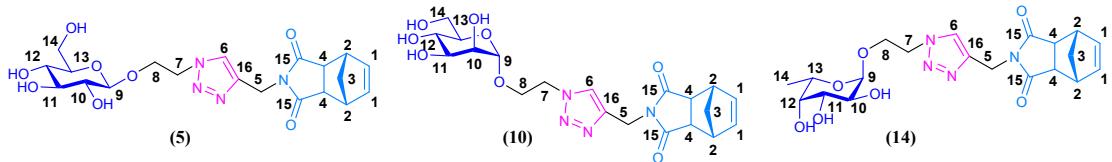
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## 1. NMR data for glycomonomers.

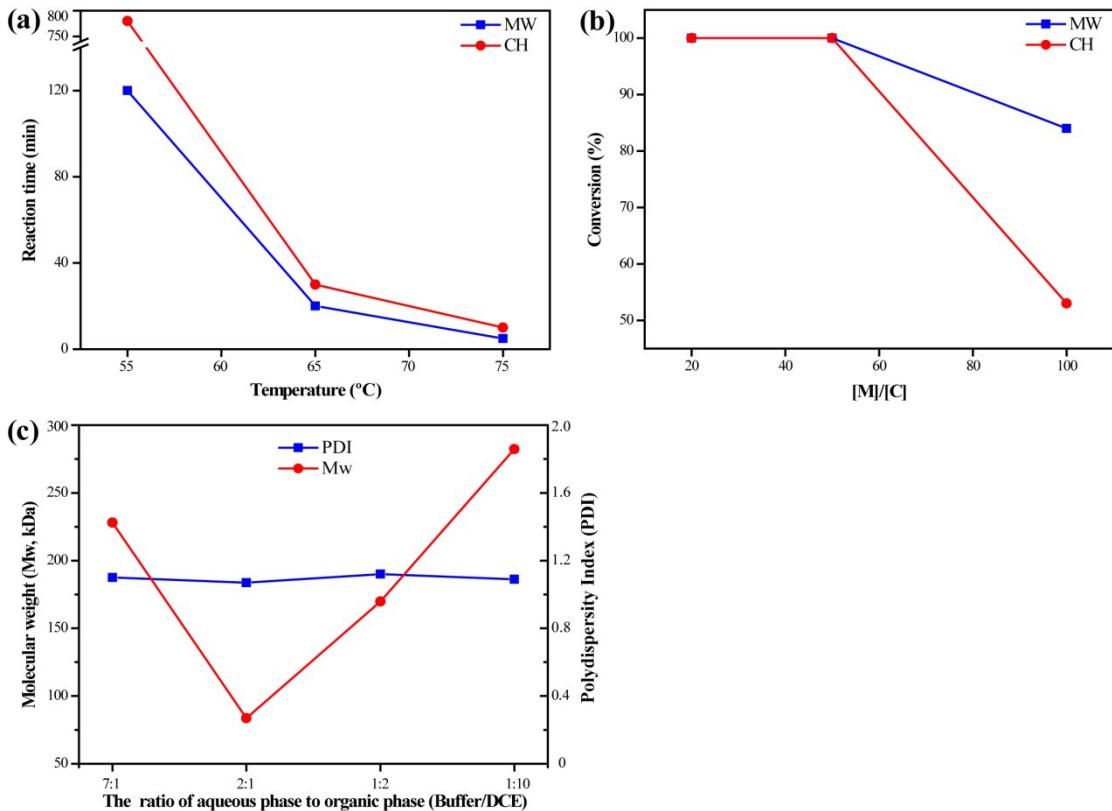
**Table S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data for glycomonomers (**5**, **10**, **14**).



Atom	<b>5</b>					<b>10</b>					<b>14</b>				
	$\delta_{\text{H}}$	$n_{\text{H}}$	m.	$J[\text{Hz}]$	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	$\delta_{\text{H}}$	$n_{\text{H}}$	m.	$J[\text{Hz}]$	$\delta_{\text{C}}$	$\delta_{\text{H}}$	$n_{\text{H}}$	m.	$J[\text{Hz}]$	$\delta_{\text{C}}$
1	6.32	2	s		137.59	6.25	2	s		137.90	6.33	2	s		137.61
					137.58										137.55
2	3.19	2	s		45.06	3.21	2	s		45.25	3.19	2	d	10.3	45.07
															45.06
3	1.44	1	d	9.8	42.20	1.43	1	d	8.8	42.86	1.45	1	d	9.8	42.21
	1.23	1	d	9.8		1.23	1	d	9.2		1.28	1	d	9.8	
4	2.76	2	d	0.8	47.66	2.72	2	s		47.91	2.77	2	s		47.68
															47.67
5	4.73	2	s		32.92	4.71	2	s		33.50	4.73	2	t	4.1	32.95
6	8.04	1	s		124.59	7.79	1	s		124.23	8.02	1	s		124.40
7	4.61	2	t	5.1	50.22	4.54	2	t	17.8	50.00	4.61	2	m		49.85
8	4.20	1	m		67.60	4.01	1	s		66.49	4.01	1	ddd	11.7, 7.7, 4.3	65.66
	3.98	1	dt	11.0, 5.0		3.82	1	d	10.9		3.79	1	dt	10.7, 4.0	
9	4.28	1	d	7.8	103.17	4.76	1	s		99.86	4.73	1	t	4.1	98.95
10	3.16	1	dd	9.0, 7.9	73.55	3.82	1	d	10.9	70.44	3.71	1	dd	10.0, 3.7	68.38
11	3.31	1	dt	3.1, 1.6	76.52	3.66	1	d	8.5	71.28	3.61	1	m		70.10
12	3.27	1	m		76.67 <sup>b</sup>	3.07	1	d	8.1	72.76	3.59	1	m		71.94
13	3.27	1	m		70.14 <sup>b</sup>	3.76	1	d	9.4	65.49	3.29	1	d	6.6	66.28
14	3.87	1	d	11.0	61.31	3.76	1	d	9.4	61.06	1.08	3	d	6.6	15.16
	3.66	1	dd	11.9, 5.3		3.66	1	d	8.5						
15					177.86					177.86					177.814
										177.83					177.805
16					141.85					141.91					142.01

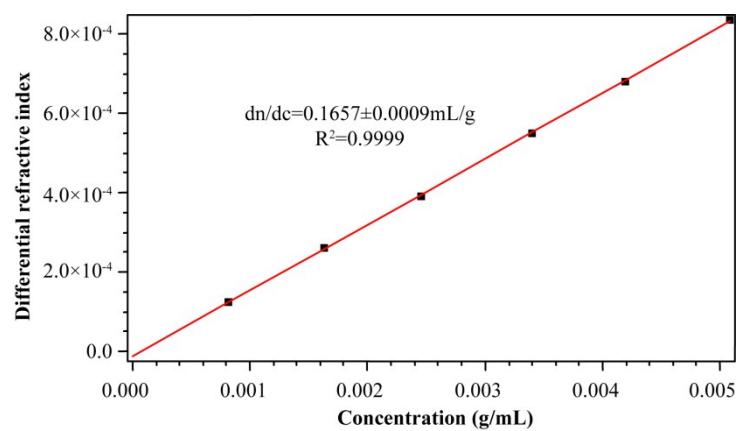
<sup>b</sup> might be interchanged

## 2. The features of polymerization for glycopolymers 5 with H-G 2<sup>nd</sup> as catalyst.



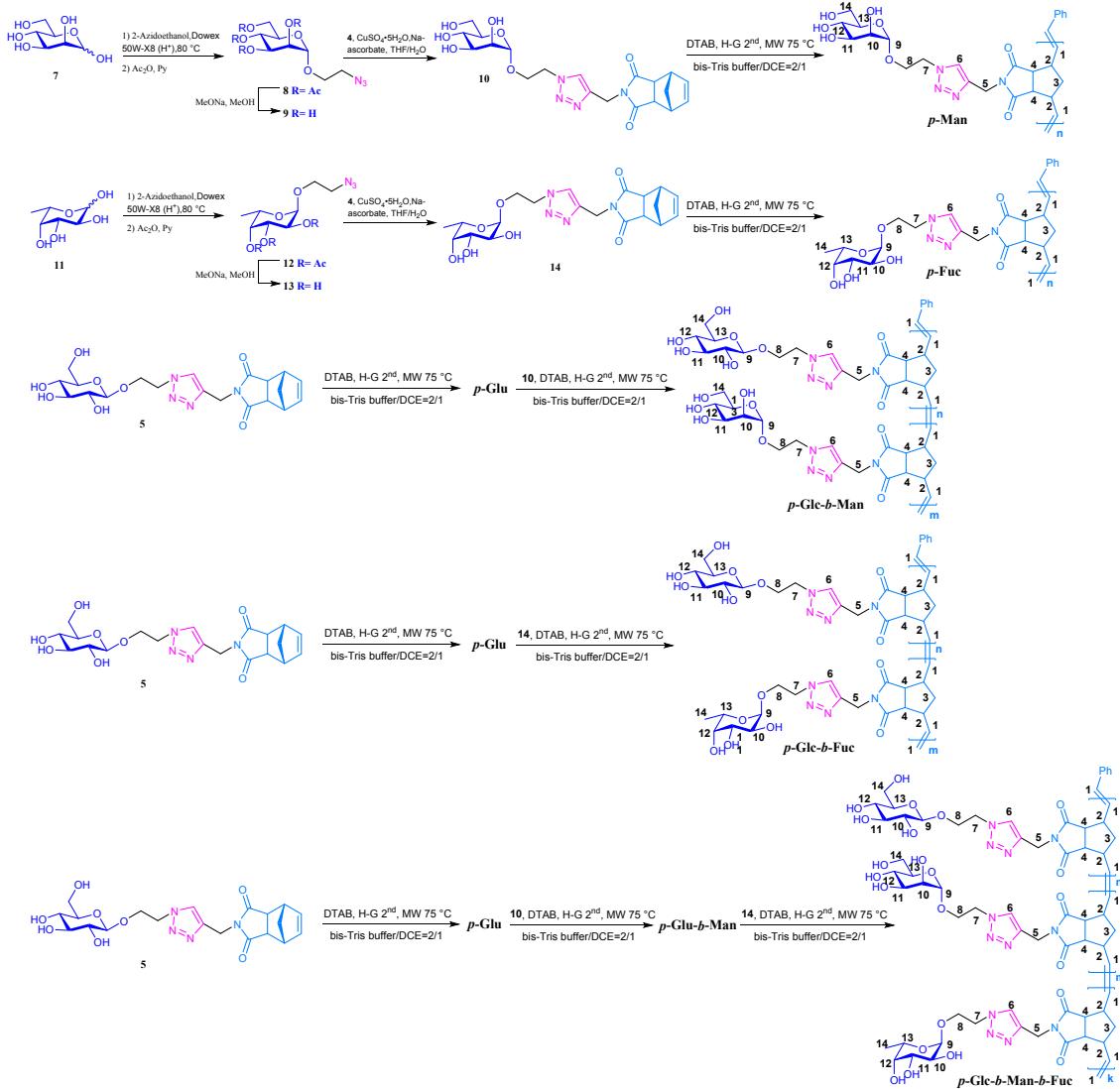
**Figure S1.** (a) Reaction time of polymerization for  $[M]/[C]$  is 20 with H-G 2<sup>nd</sup> as catalyst under various reaction temperature (table 1, entries 6-11). (b) Monomer conversion of polymerization for various  $[M]/[C]$  ratio with H-G 2<sup>nd</sup> as catalyst under the reaction temperature 75 °C (table 1, entries 10, 11, 14-17). The black plot represents standard microwave heating, the red plot represents conventionally heating. (c) Different molecular weight (red) and polydispersity index (PDI, blue) polymerization with H-G 2<sup>nd</sup> as catalyst under different ratio of aqueous phase to organic phase.

### 3. The specific refractive index increment ( $dn/dc$ ) determination.



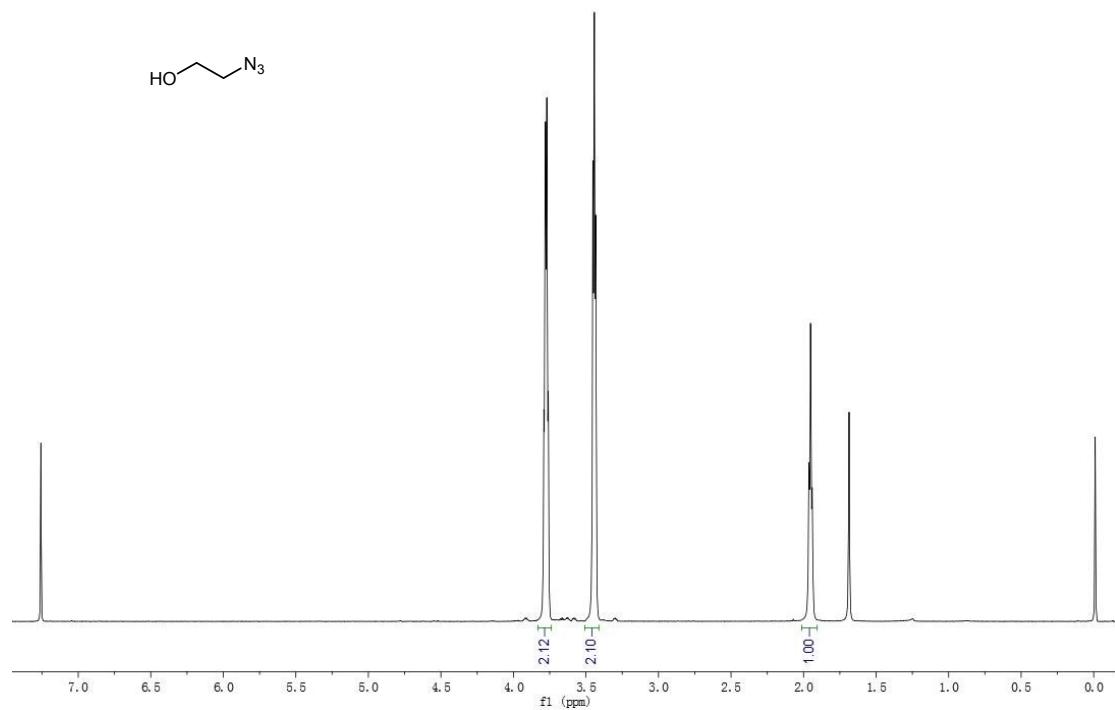
**Figure S2.** The standard curve for the specific refractive index increment ( $dn/dc$ ) determination.

#### 4. Synthetic routes of homoglycopolymers and multi-block glycopolymers.

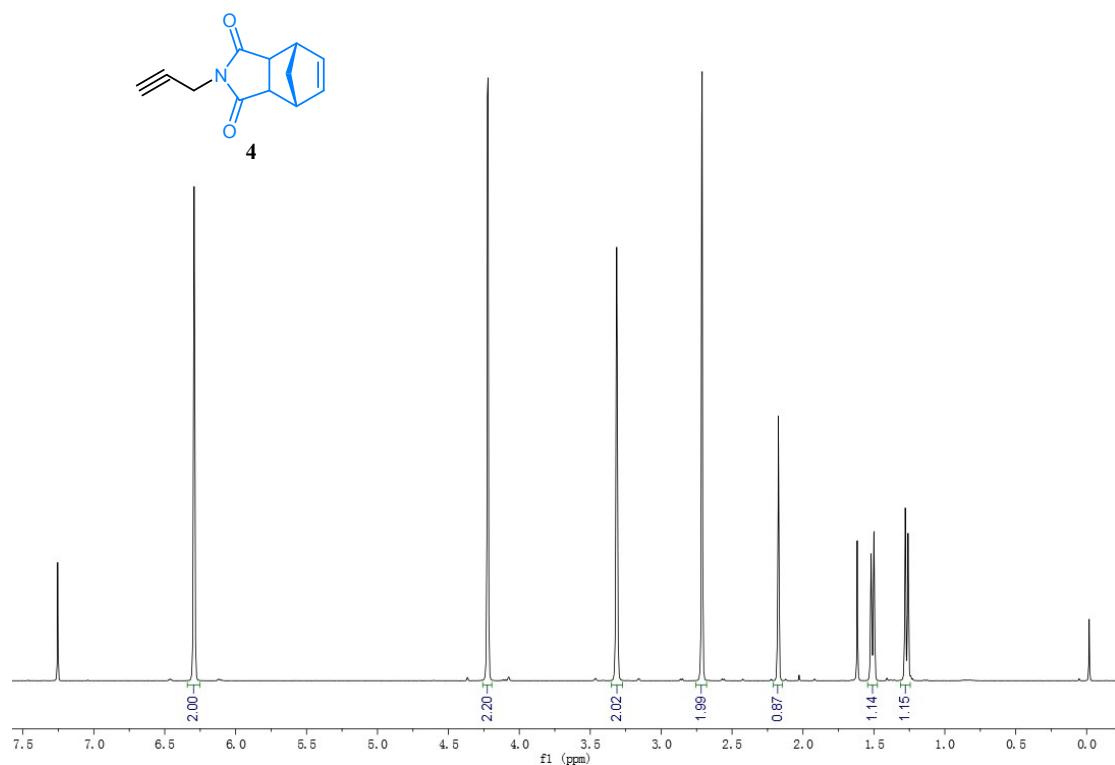


**Scheme S1.** Synthetic details of homoglycopolymers (*p*-Glu, *p*-Man, *p*-Fuc) and multi-block glycopolymers (*p*-Glu-*b*-Man, *p*-Glu-*b*-Fuc, *p*-Glu-*b*-Man-*b*-Fuc). The labels of atoms correspond with the labels of signals in figure 4.

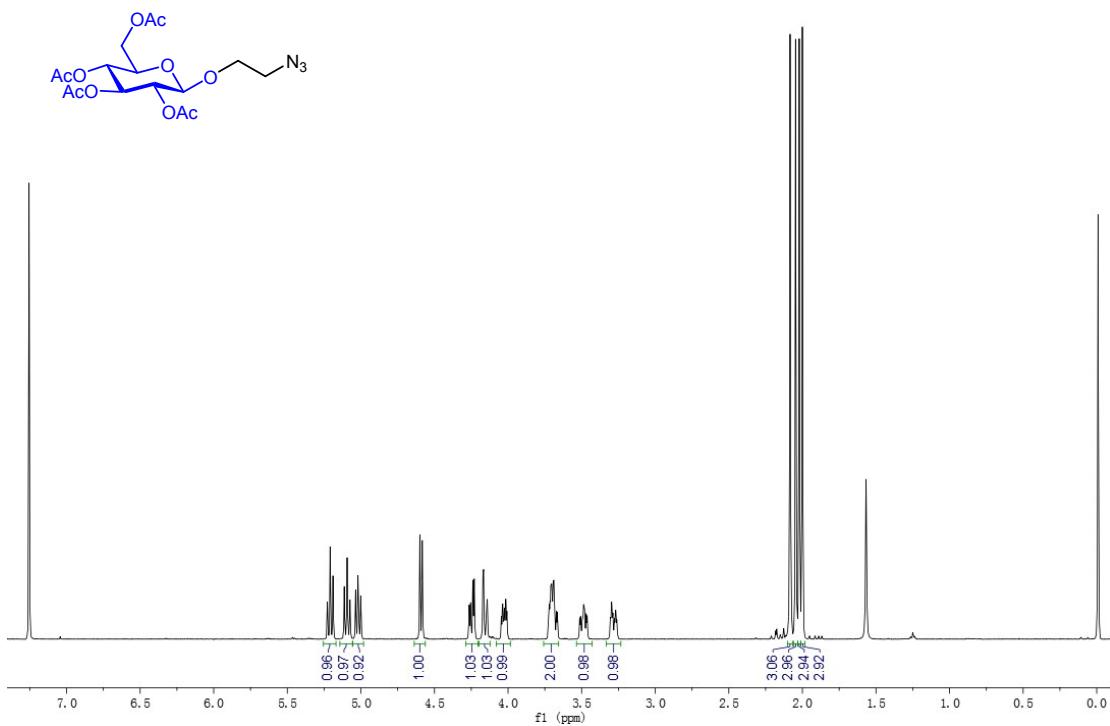
## 5. NMR spectra.



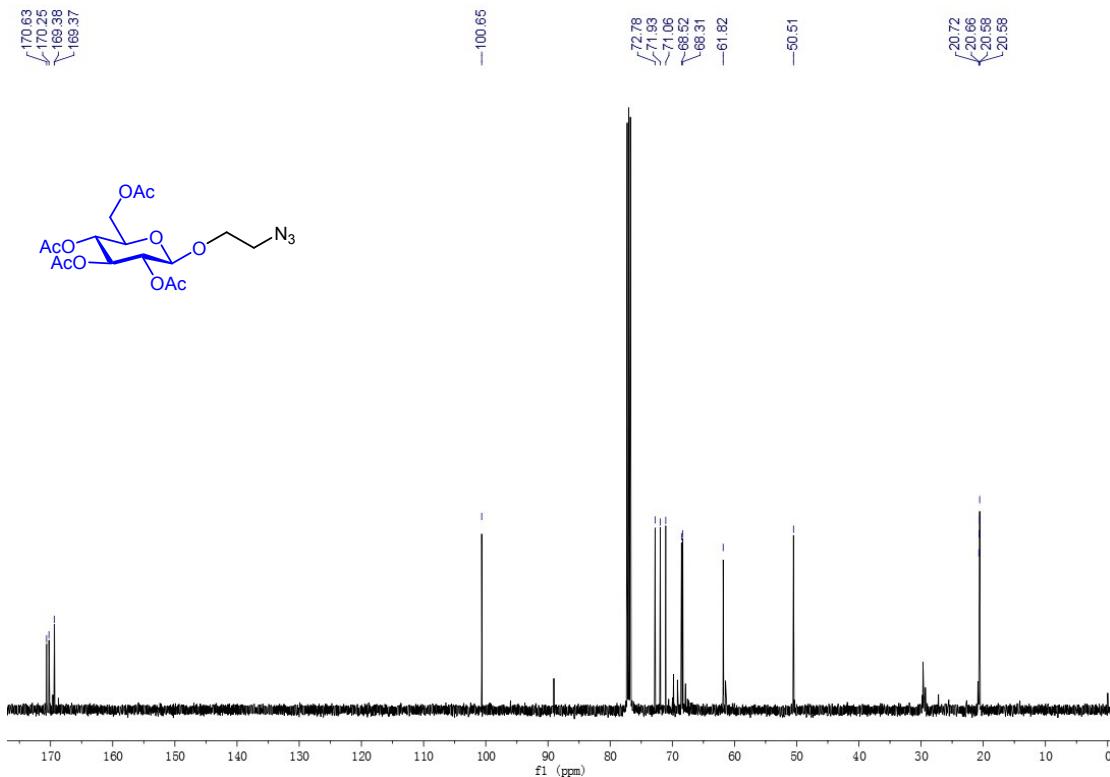
**Figure S3.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2-Azidoethanol.



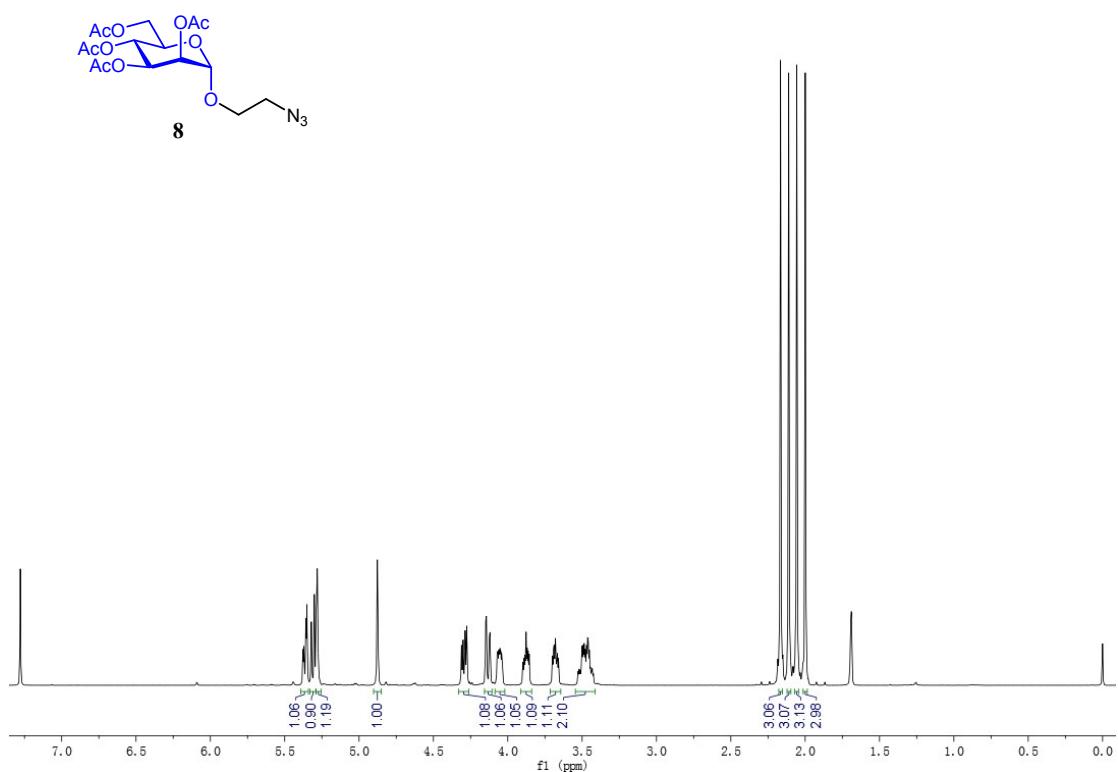
**Figure S4.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 4.



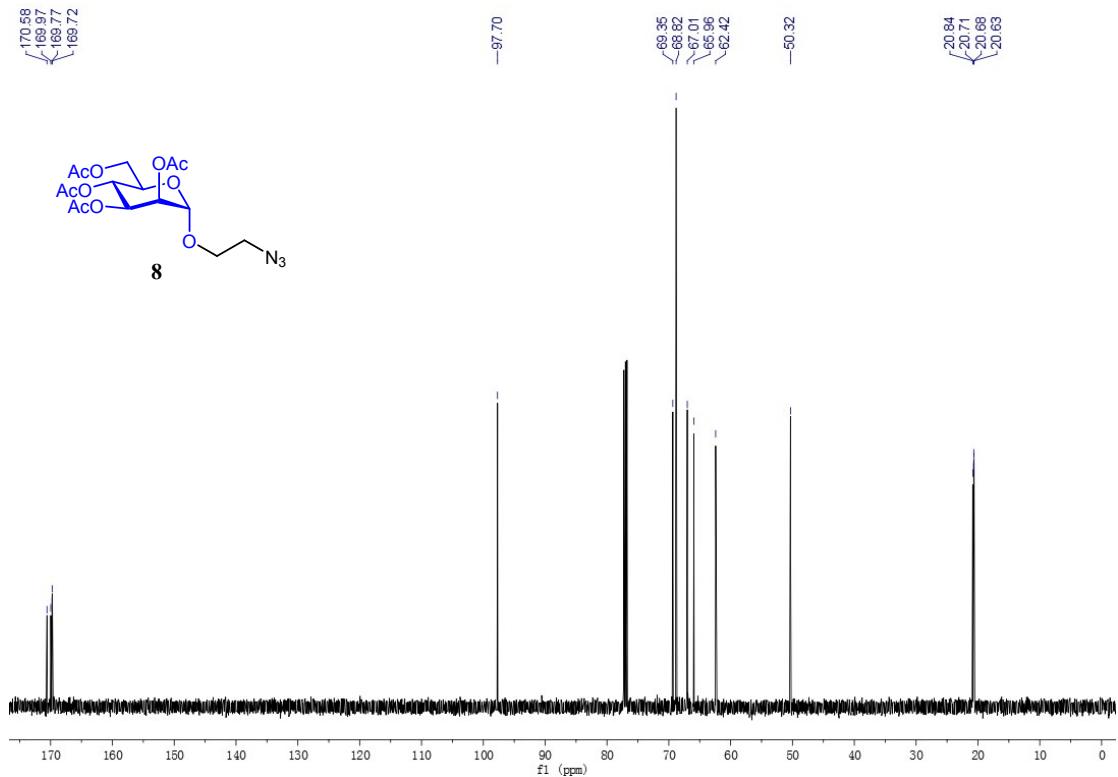
**Figure S5-1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 1-azidoethyl-2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside.



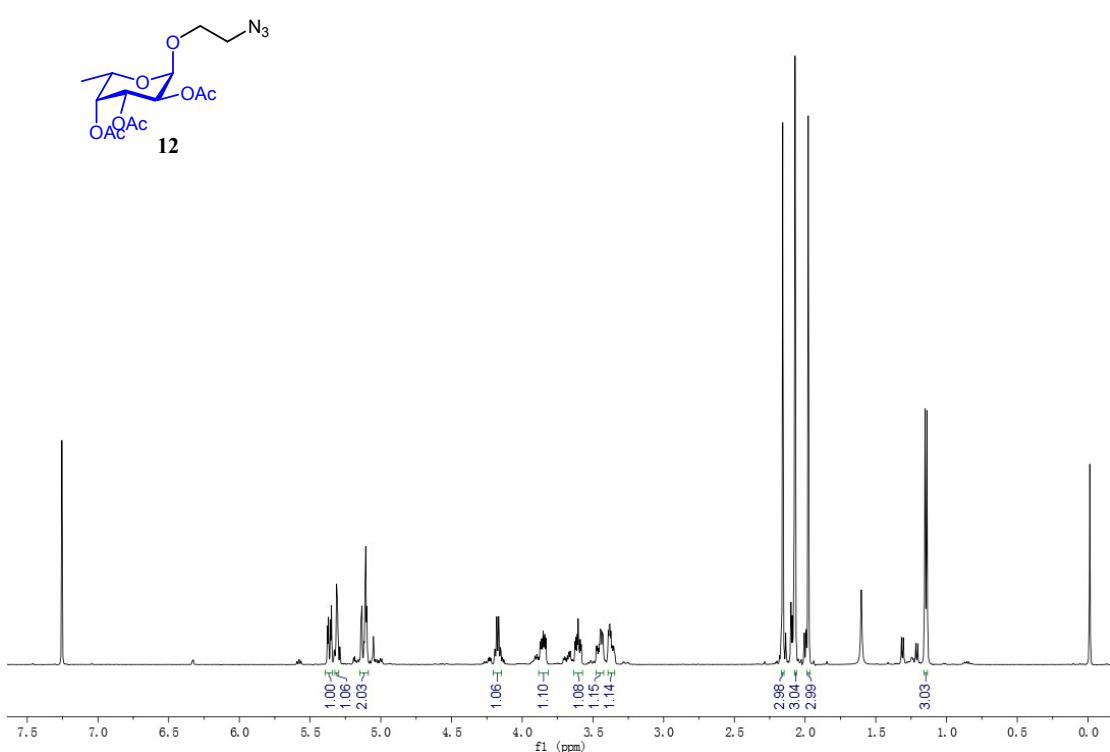
**Figure S5-2.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of 1-azidoethyl-2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside.



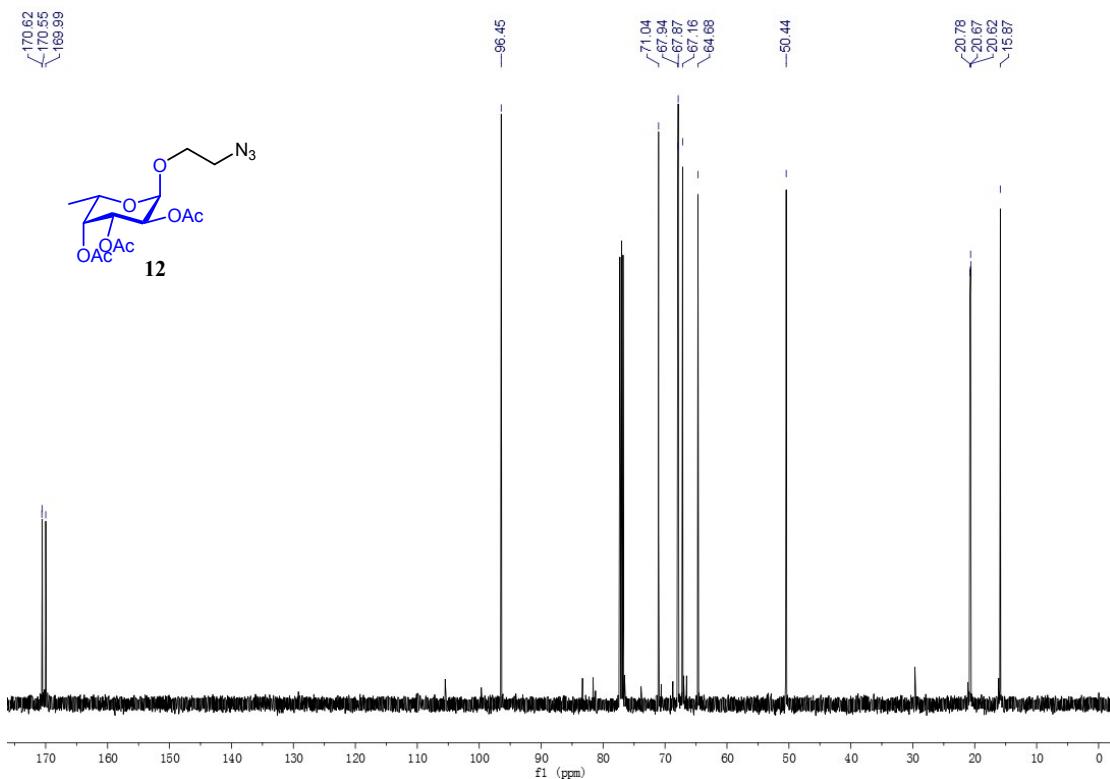
**Figure S6-1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **8**.



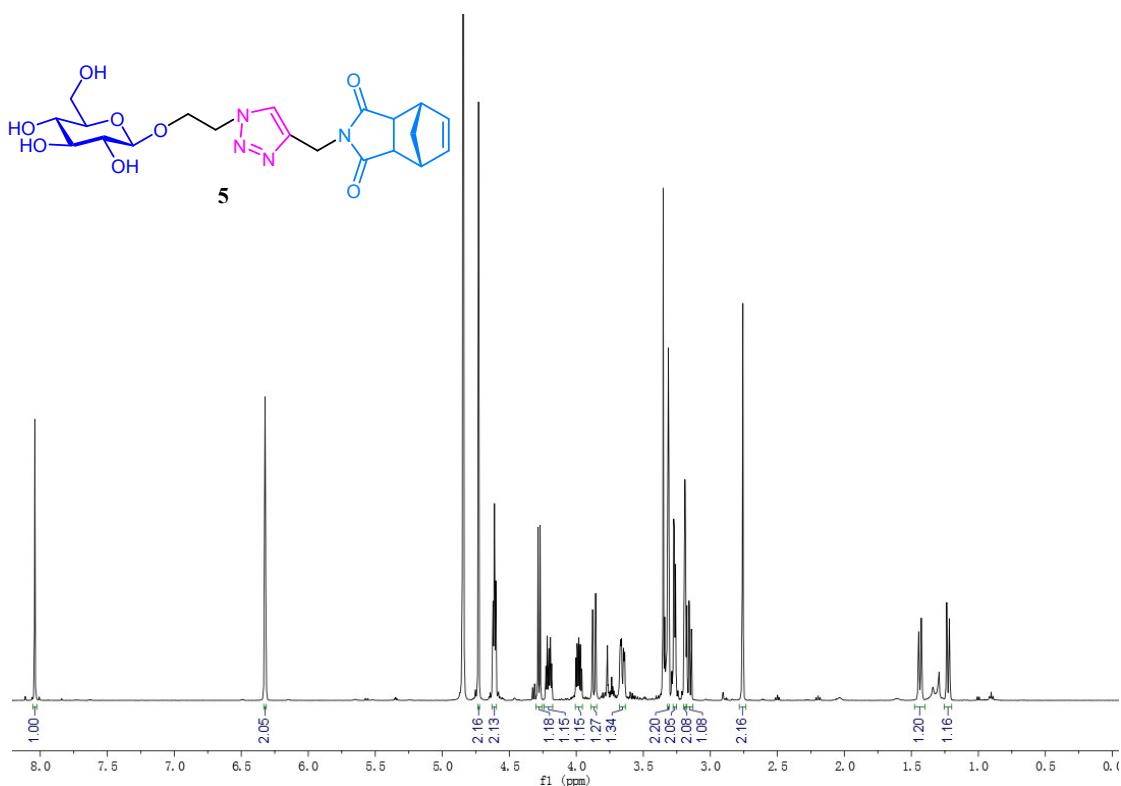
**Figure S6-2.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound **8**.



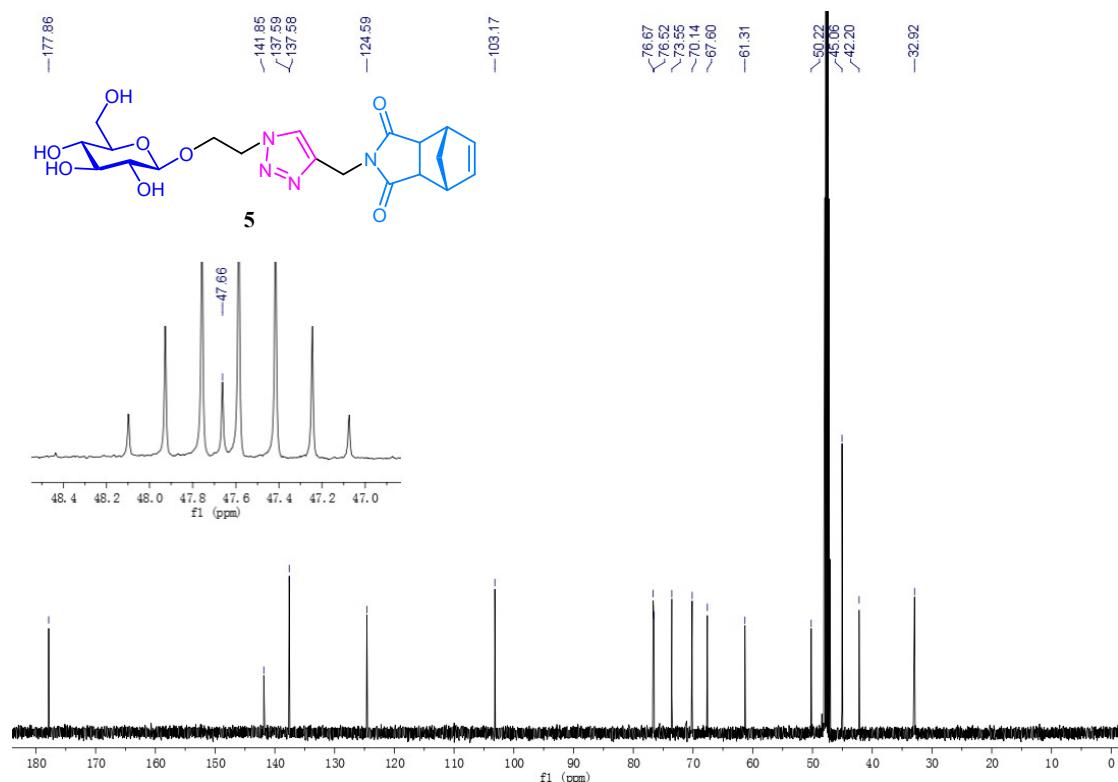
**Figure S7-1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **12**.



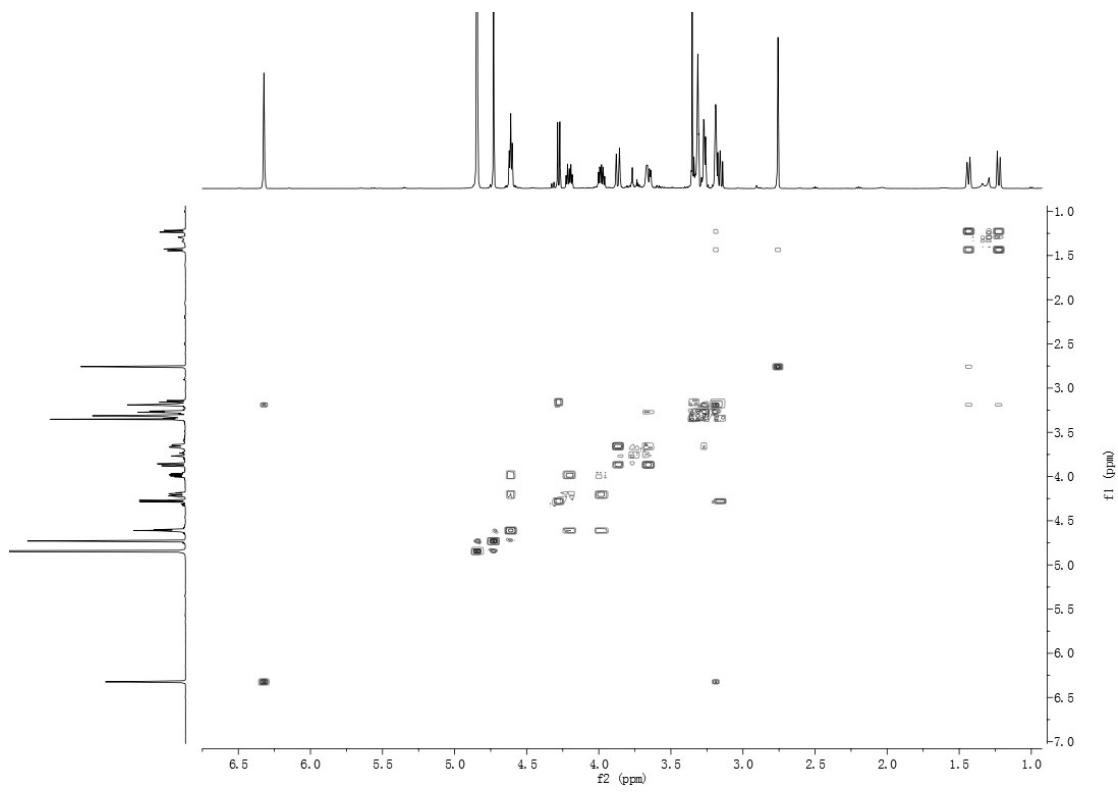
**Figure S7-2.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound **12**.



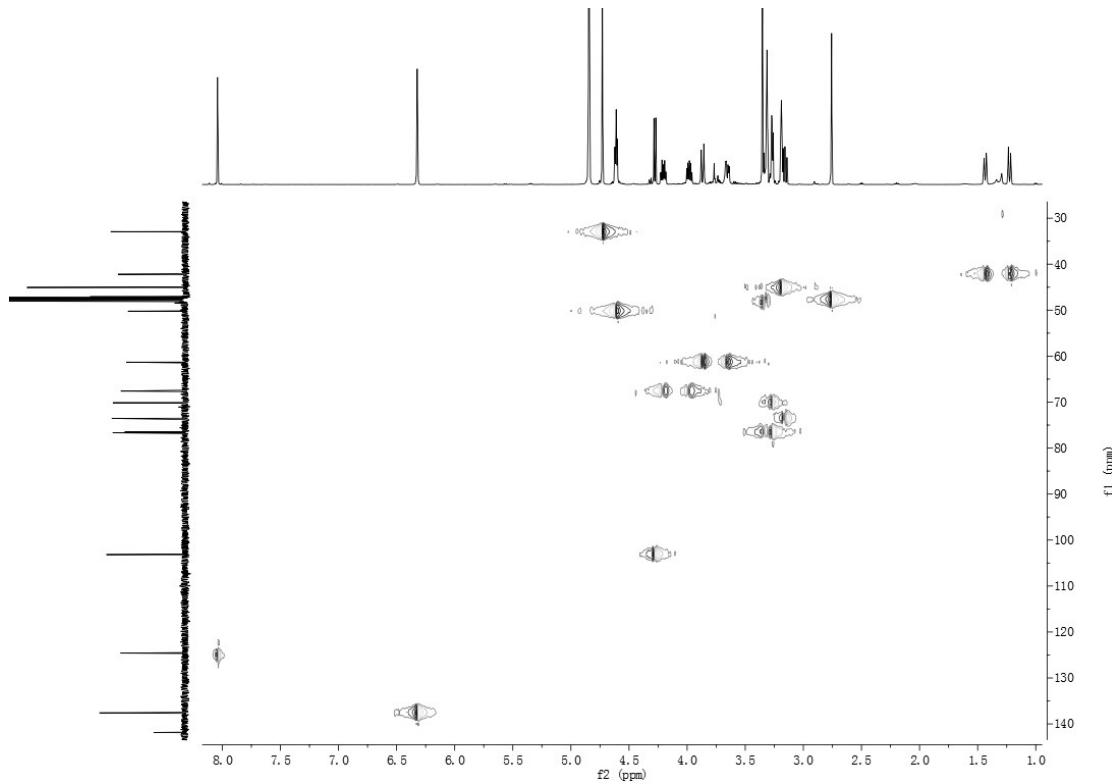
**Figure S8-1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of monomer **5**.



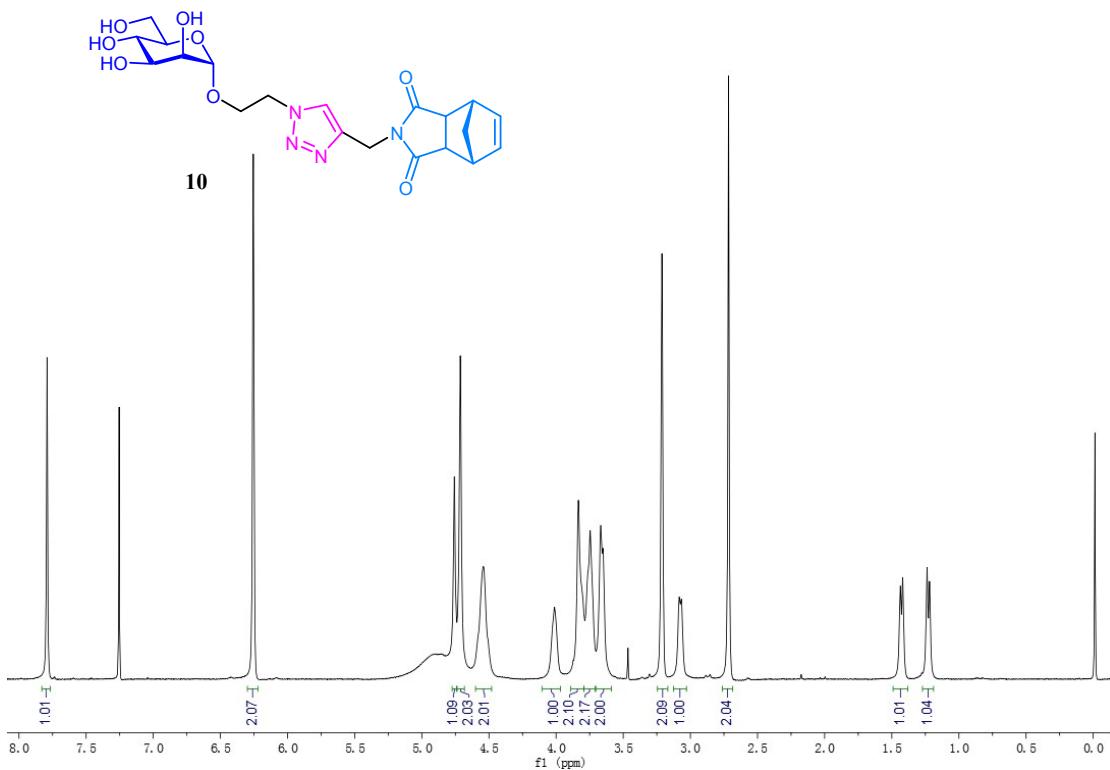
**Figure S8-2.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of monomer **5**.



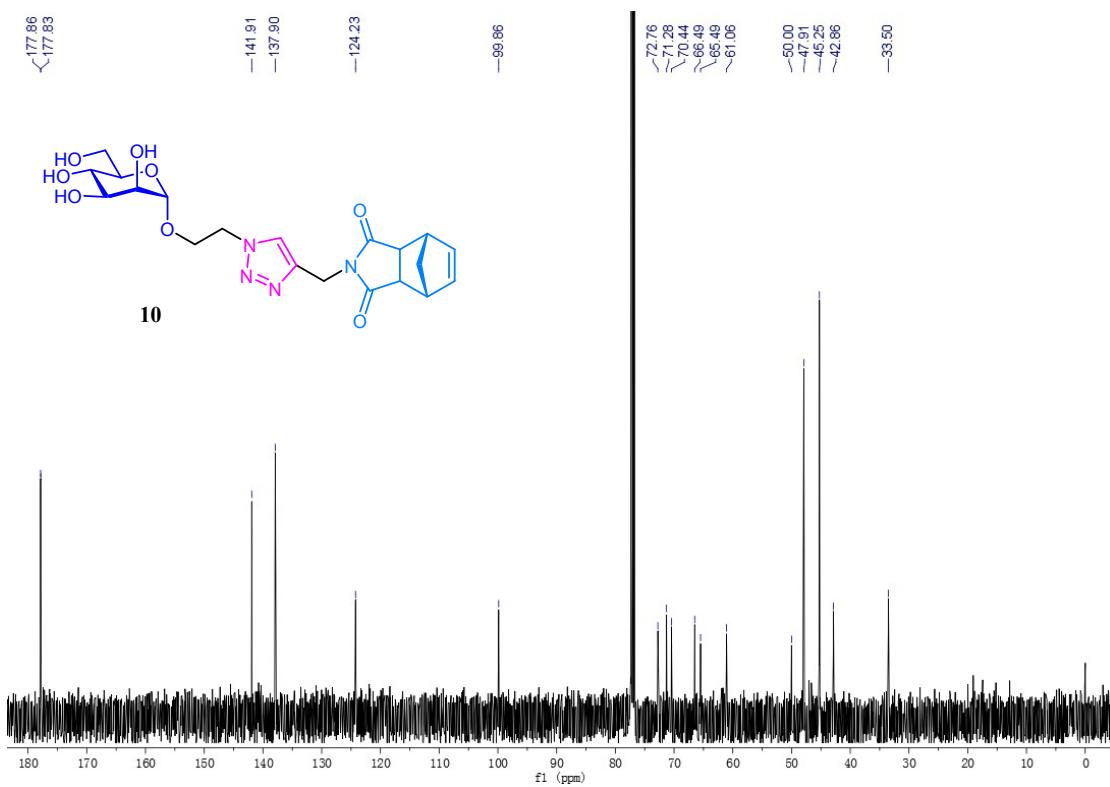
**Figure S8-3.** COSY spectrum of monomer 5.



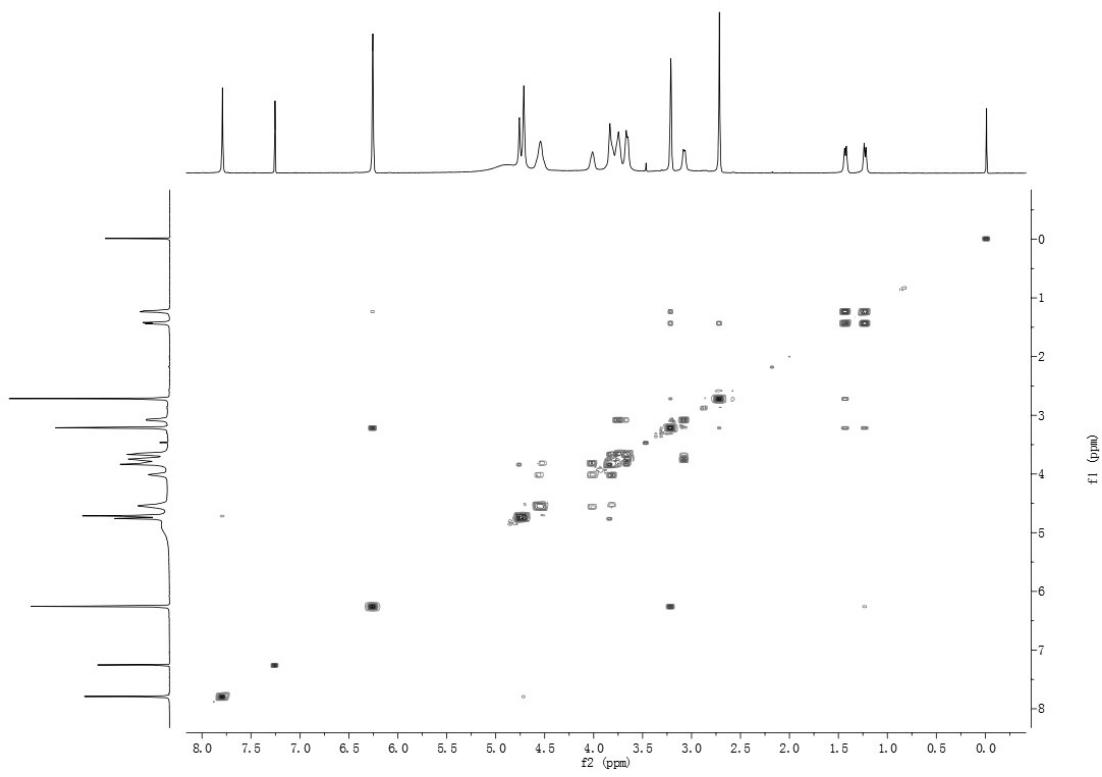
**Figure S8-4.** HSQC spectrum of monomer 5.



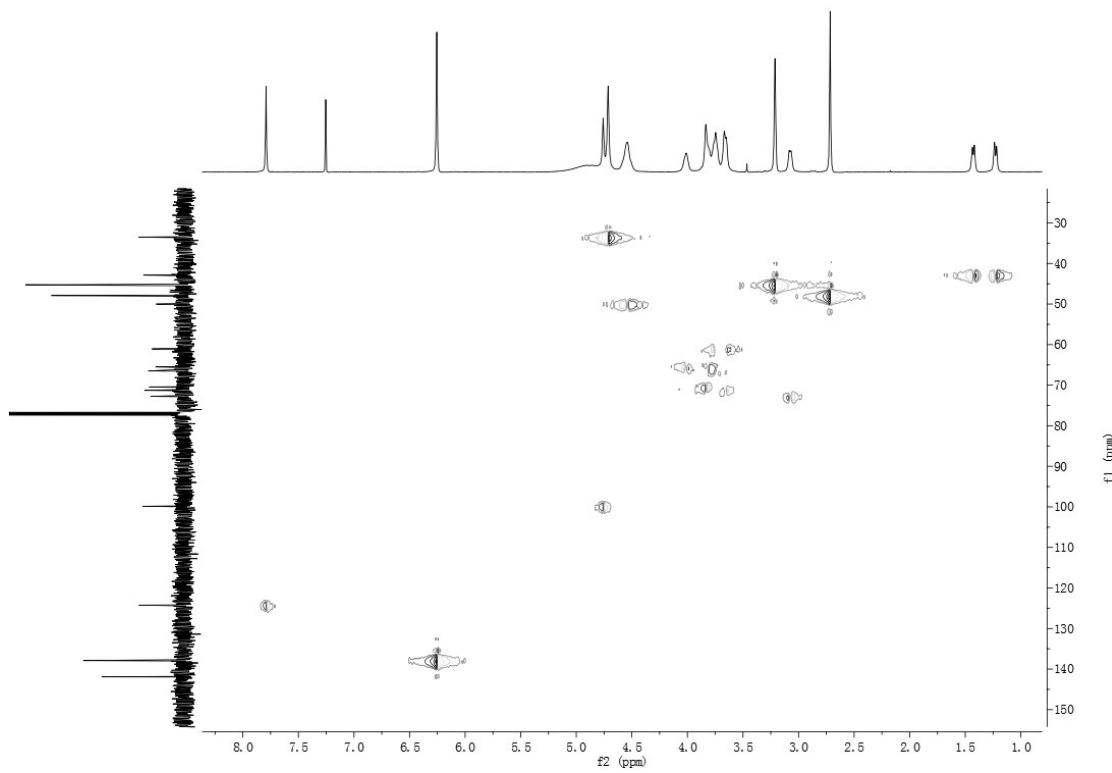
**Figure S9-1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of monomer **10**.



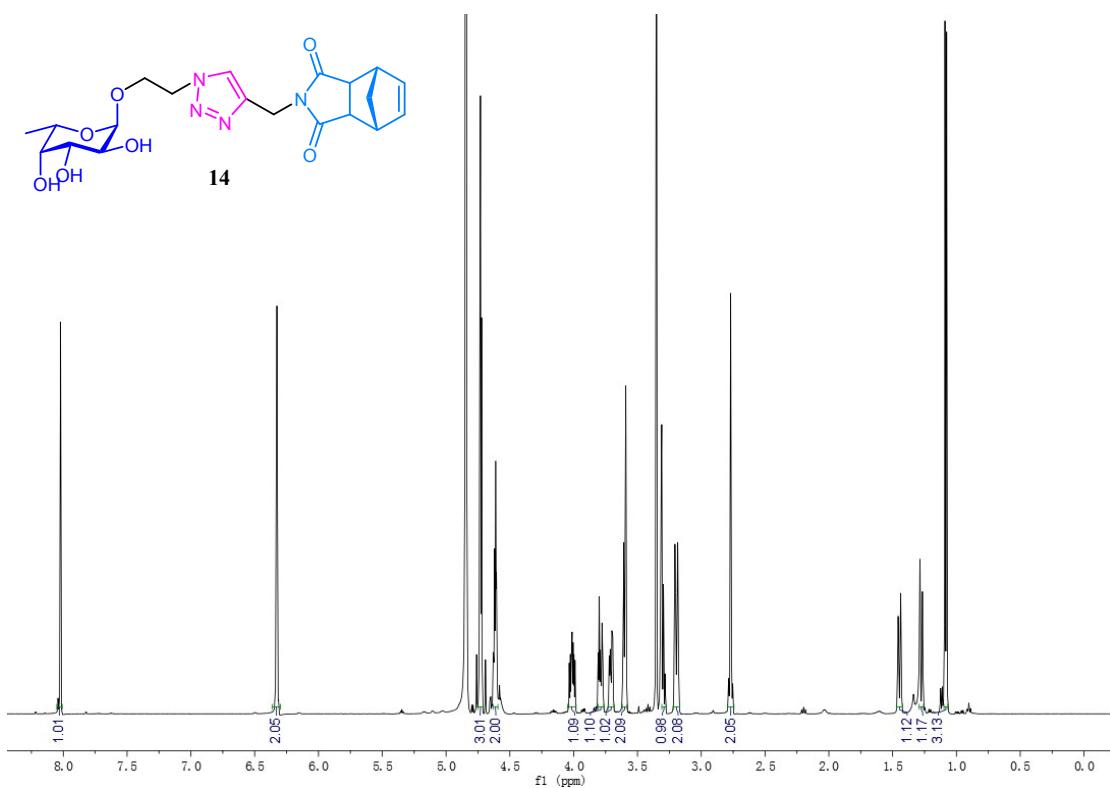
**Figure S9-2.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of monomer **10**.



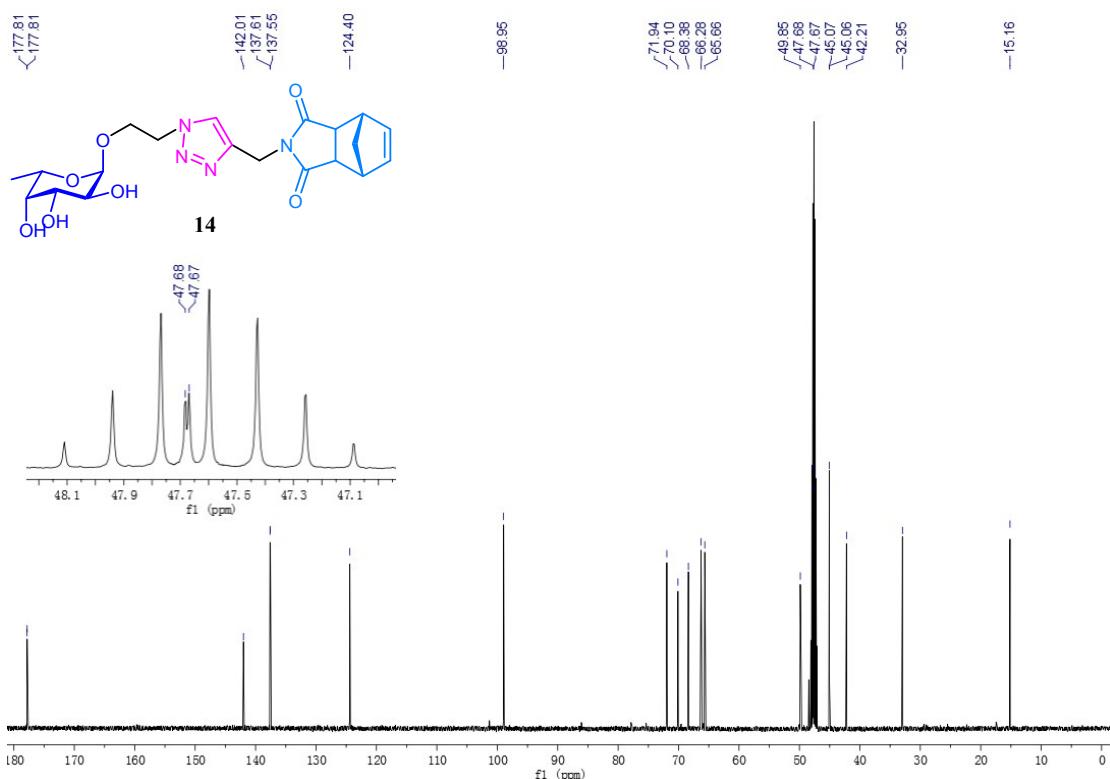
**Figure S9-3.** COSY spectrum of monomer **10**.



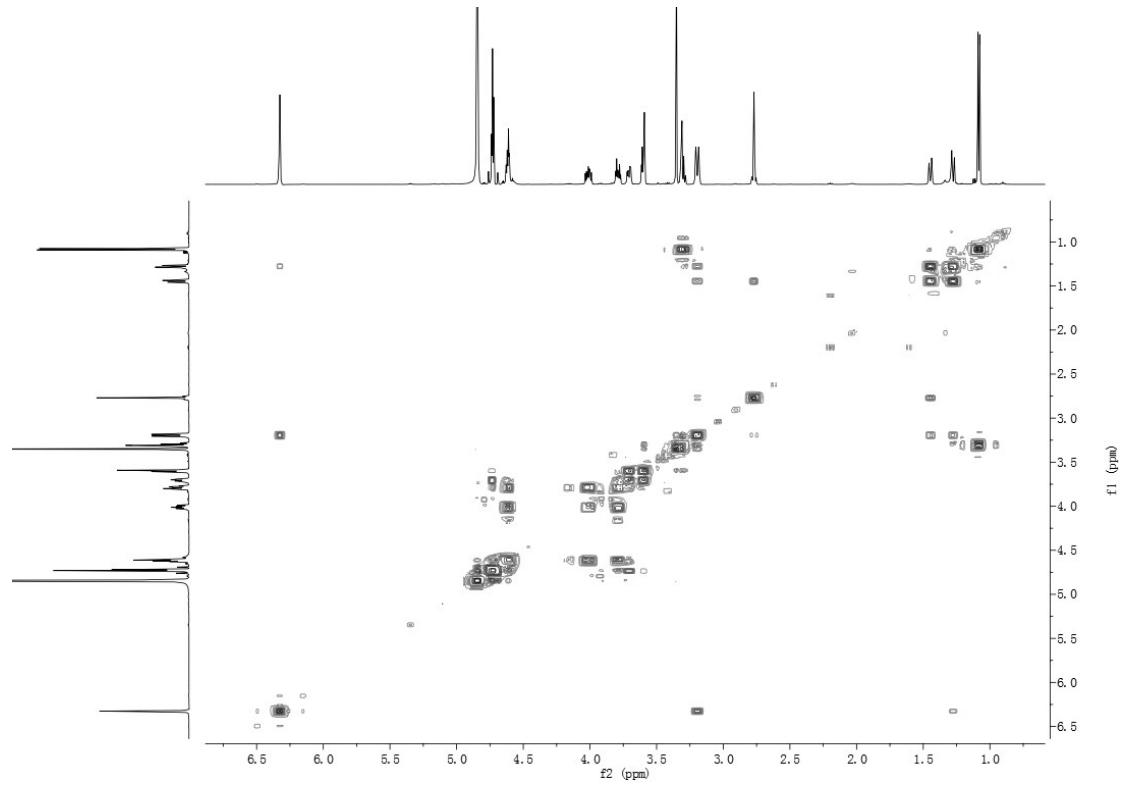
**Figure S9-4.** HSQC spectrum of monomer **10**.



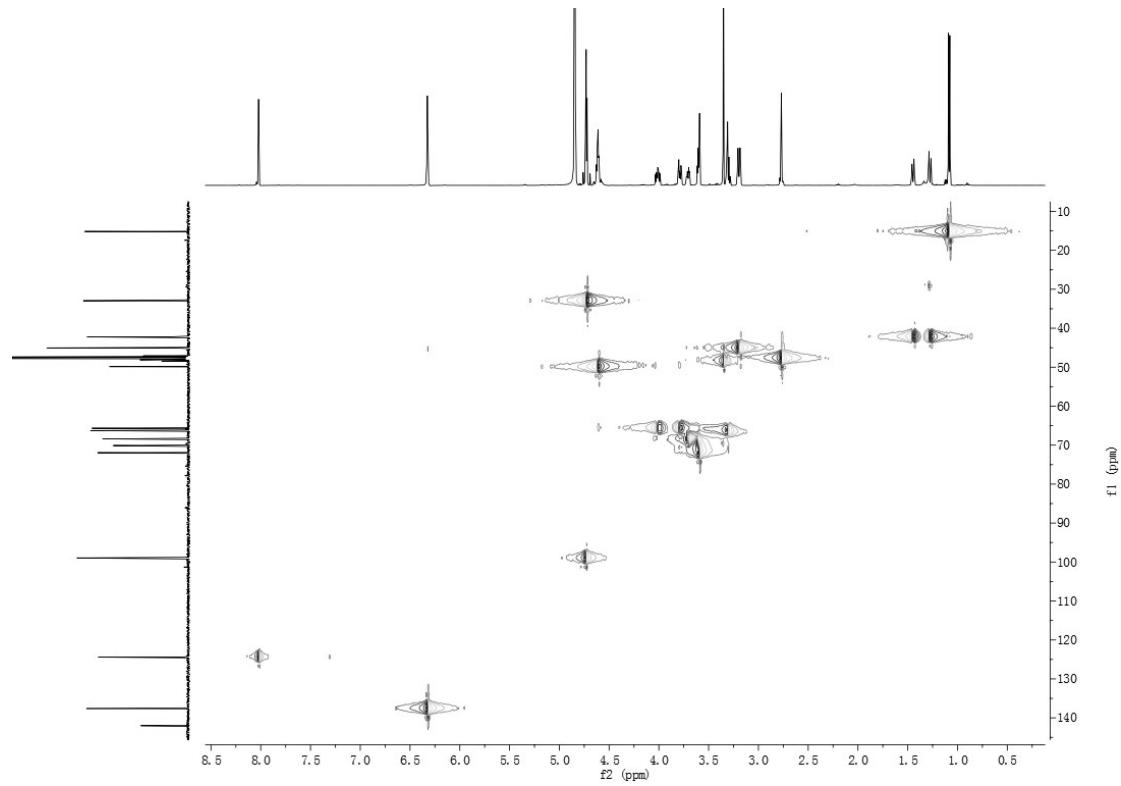
**Figure S10-1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of monomer 14.



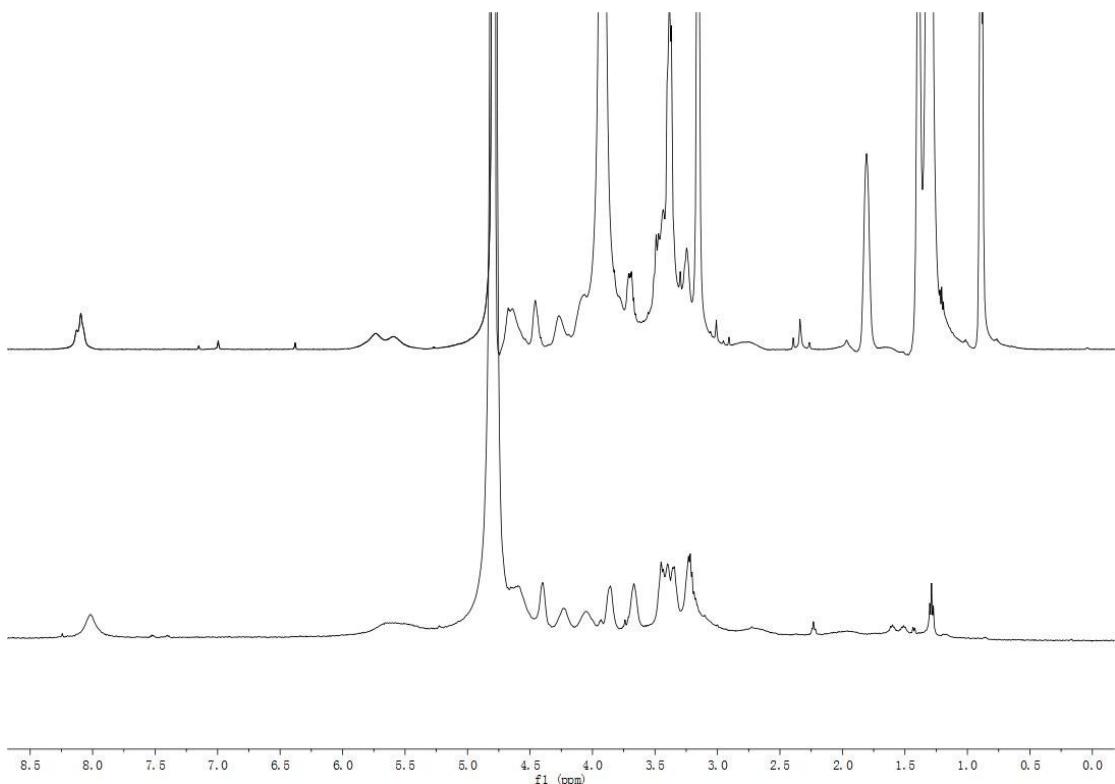
**Figure S10-2.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of monomer 14.



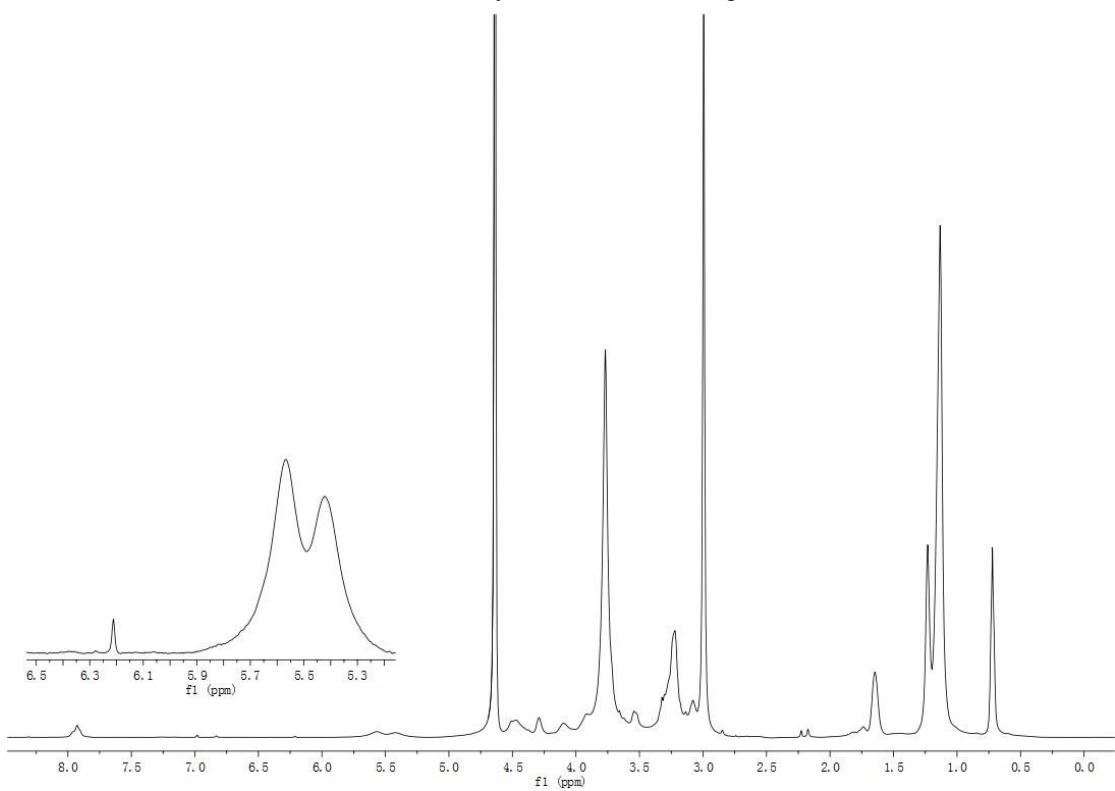
**Figure S10-3.** COSY spectrum of monomer **14**.



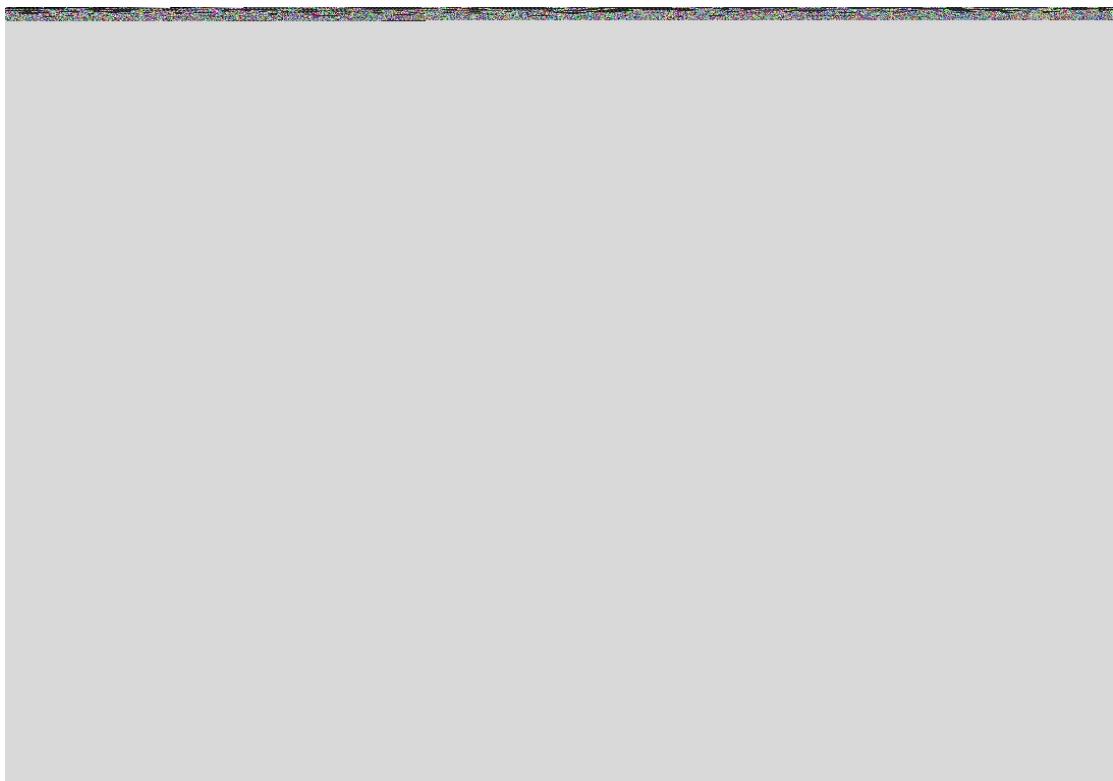
**Figure S10-4.** HSQC spectrum of monomer **14**.



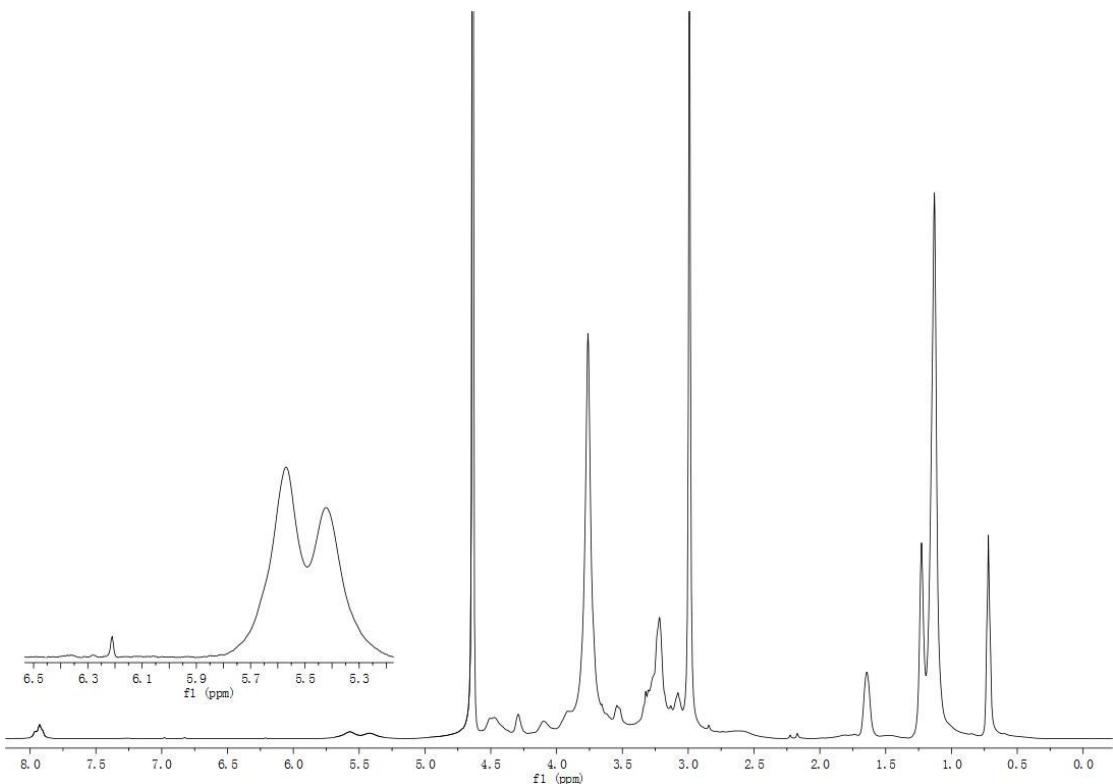
**Figure S11.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of crude *p*-Glu (upper) and purified *p*-Glu (lower). The results showed that the degree of purity of glycopolymers had no influence on conversion assay based on the <sup>1</sup>H NMR integrations shifting from monomer olefin signals (6.36 ppm) to polymer olefin signals (5.3~5.9 ppm). Therefore, the crude glycopolymers in table 1 and table 2 were used for the conversion assay based on <sup>1</sup>H NMR apectrum.



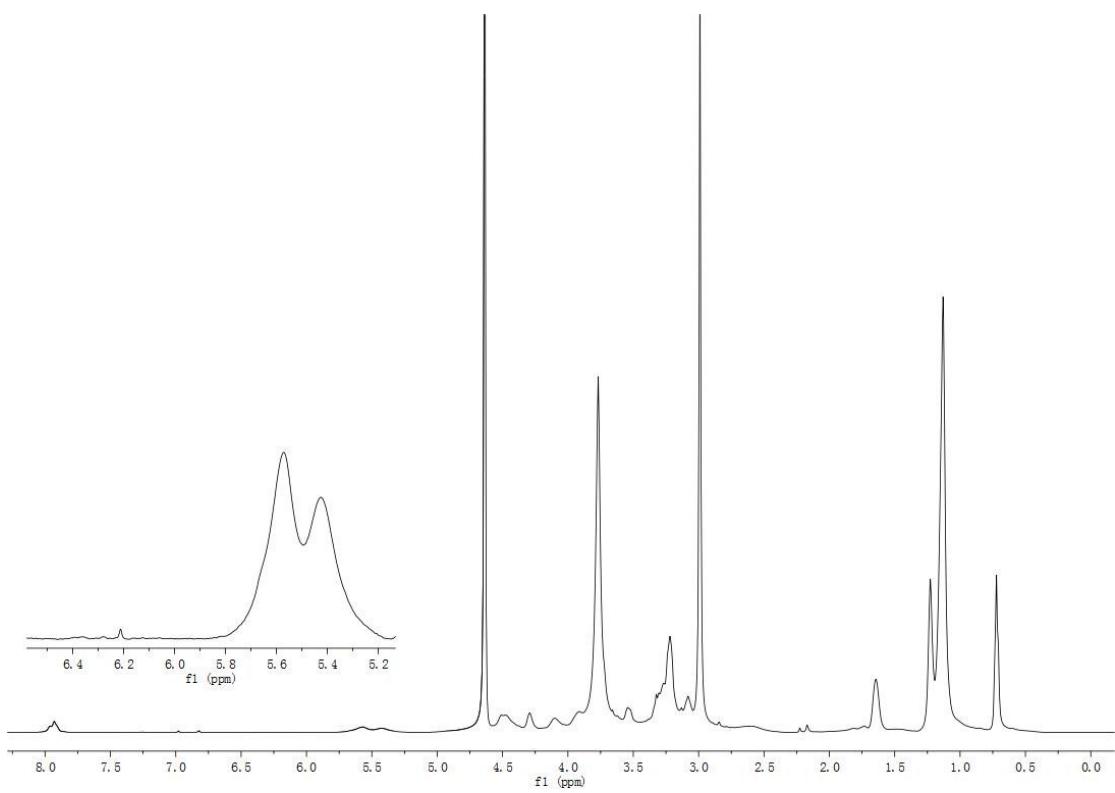
**Figure S12-1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *p*-Glu in table 1, entry 1.



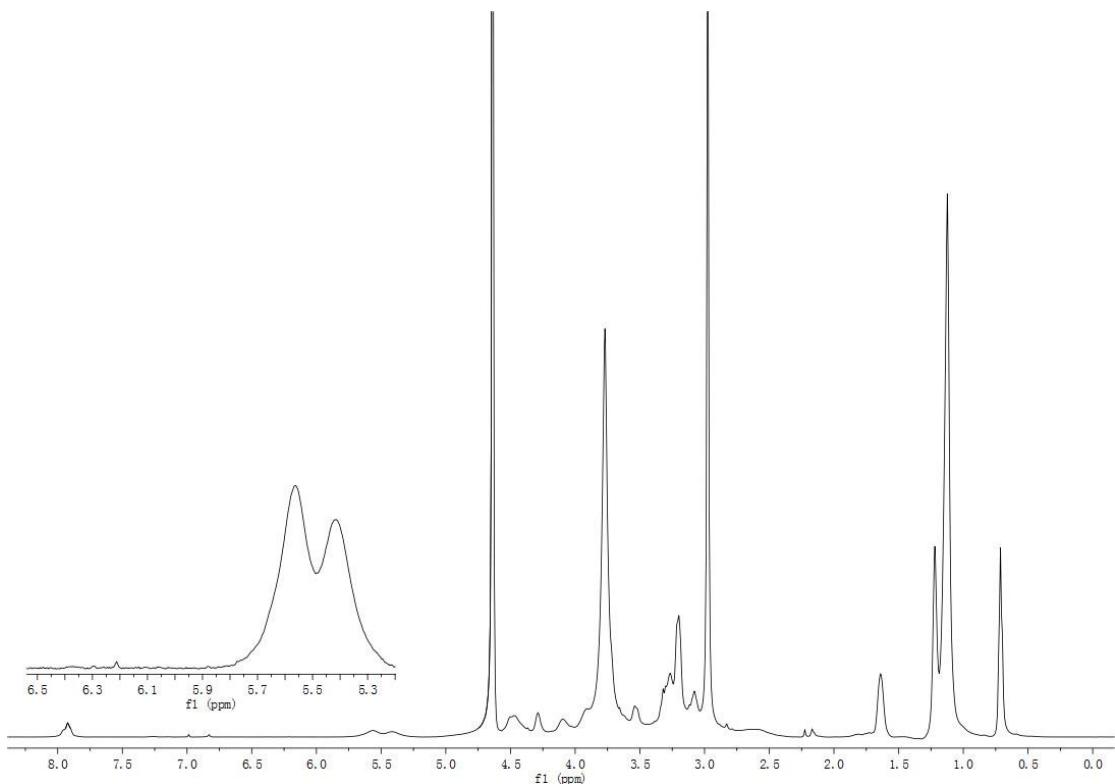
**Figure S12-2.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of *p*-Glu in table 1, entry 2.



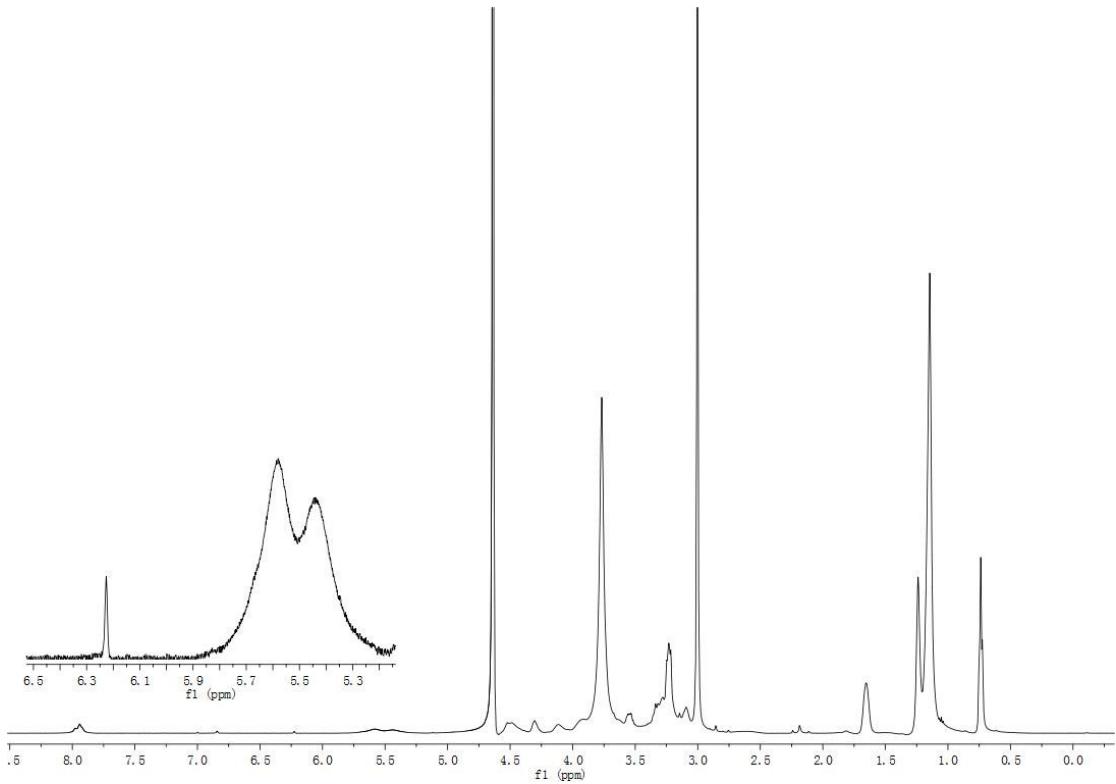
**Figure S12-3.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of *p*-Glu in table 1, entry 3.



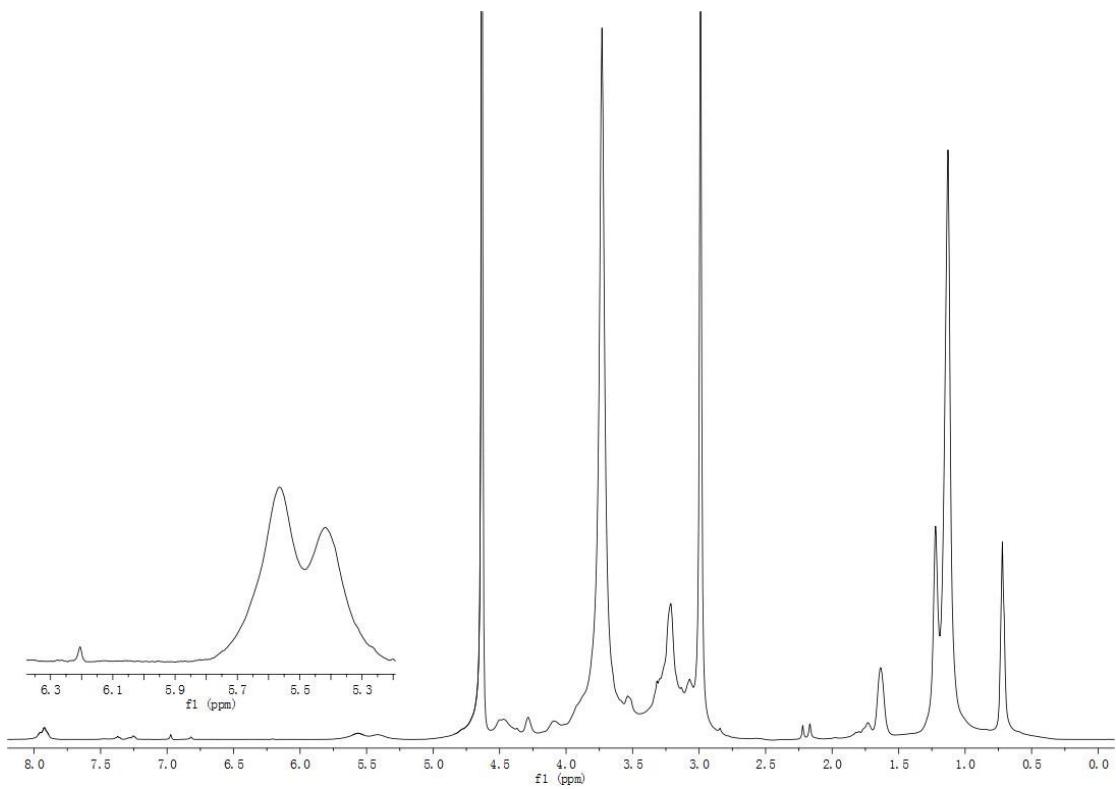
**Figure S12-4.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *p*-Glu in table 1, entry 4.



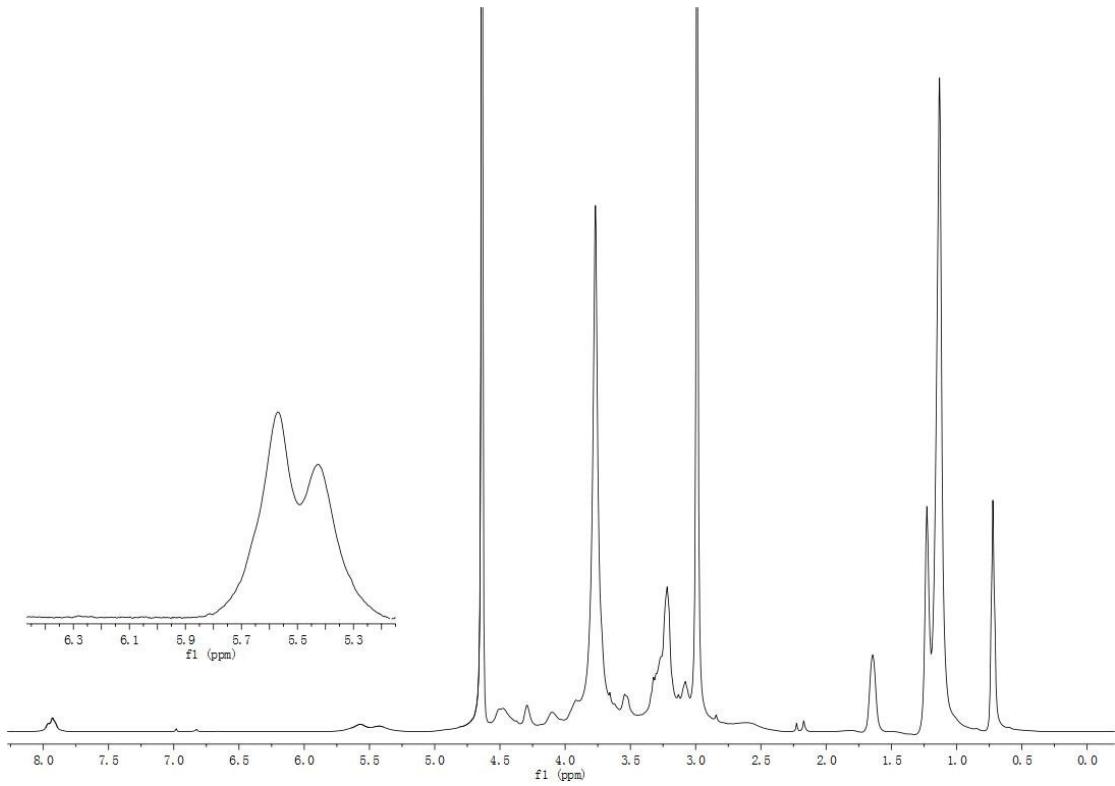
**Figure S12-5.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *p*-Glu in table 1, entry 5.



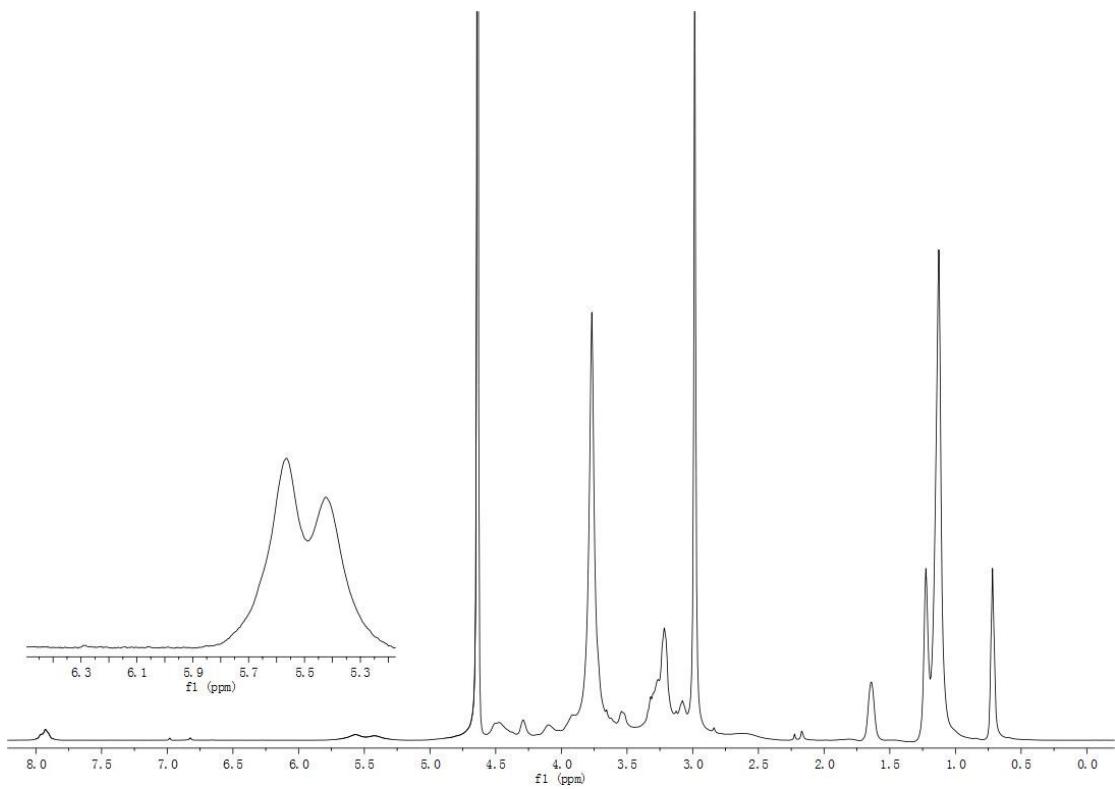
**Figure S12-6.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *p*-Glu in table 1, entry 6.



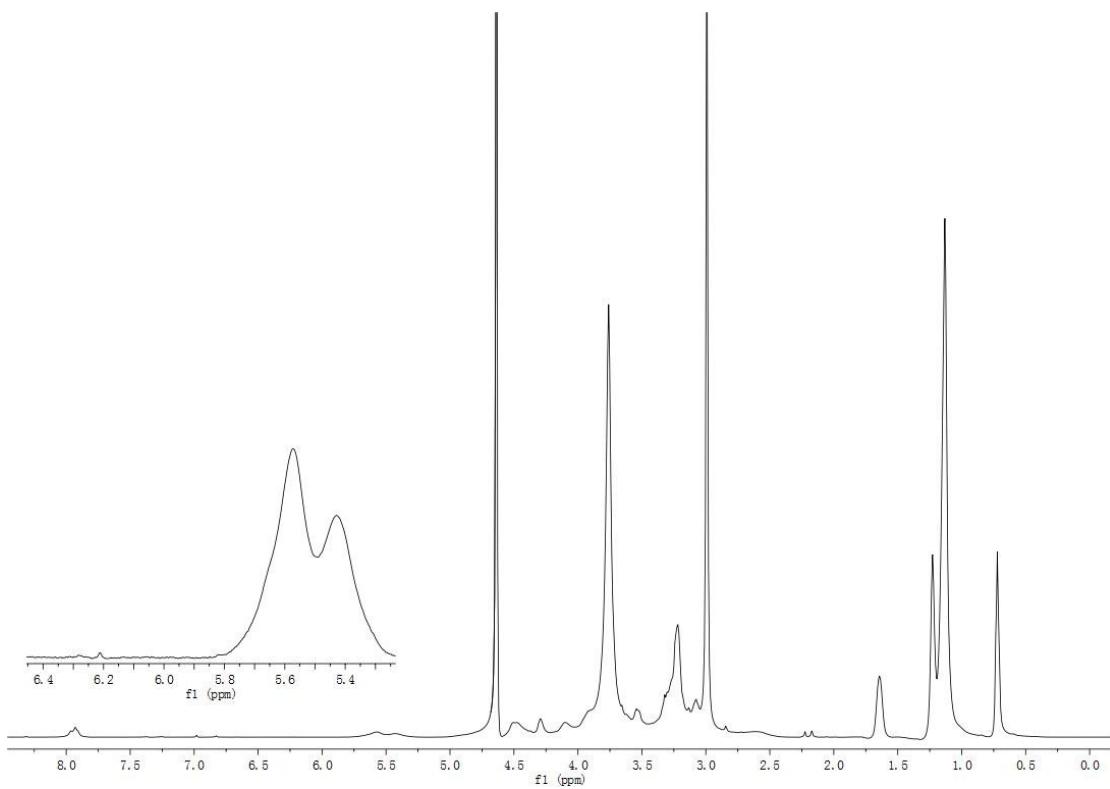
**Figure S12-7.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *p*-Glu in table 1, entry 7.



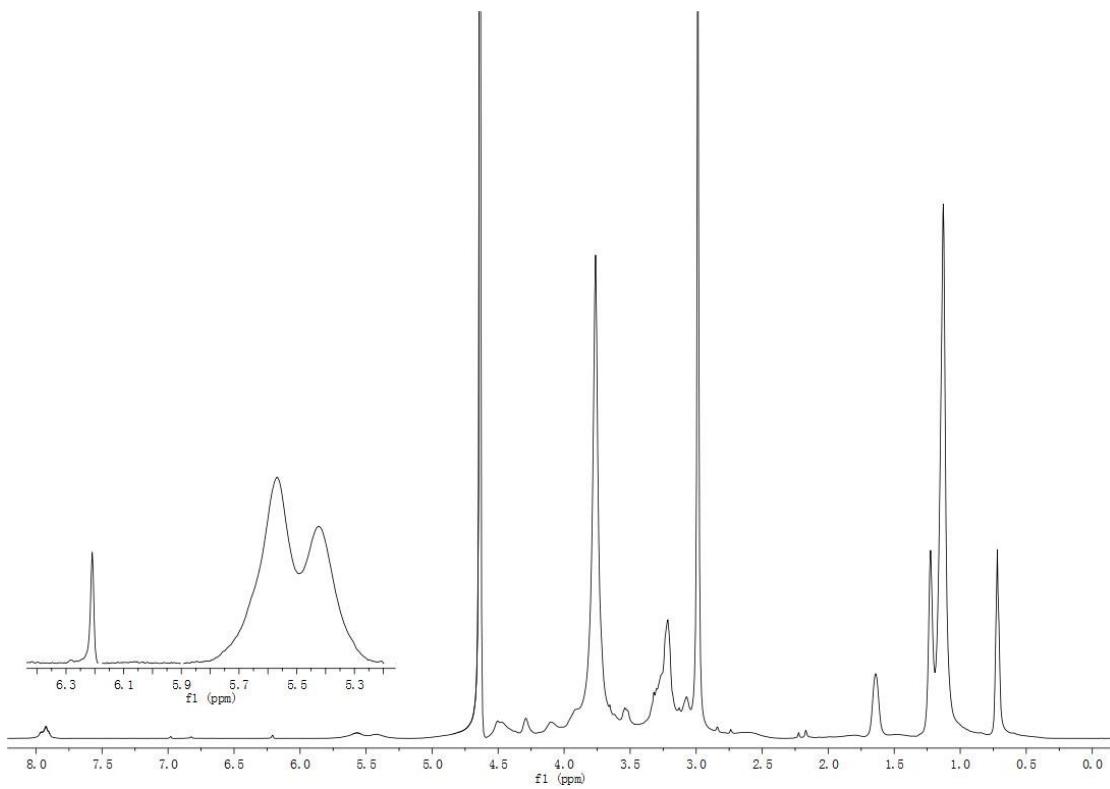
**Figure S12-8.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *p*-Glu in table 1, entry 8.



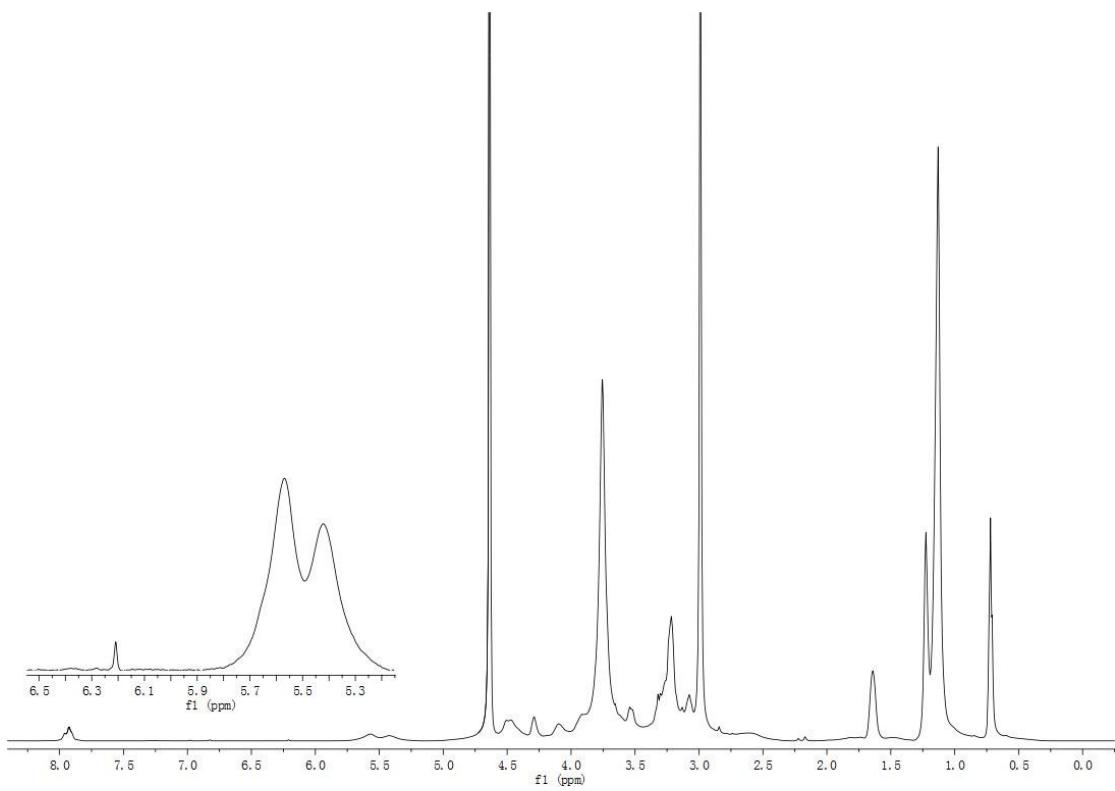
**Figure S12-9.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *p*-Glu in table 1, entry 9.



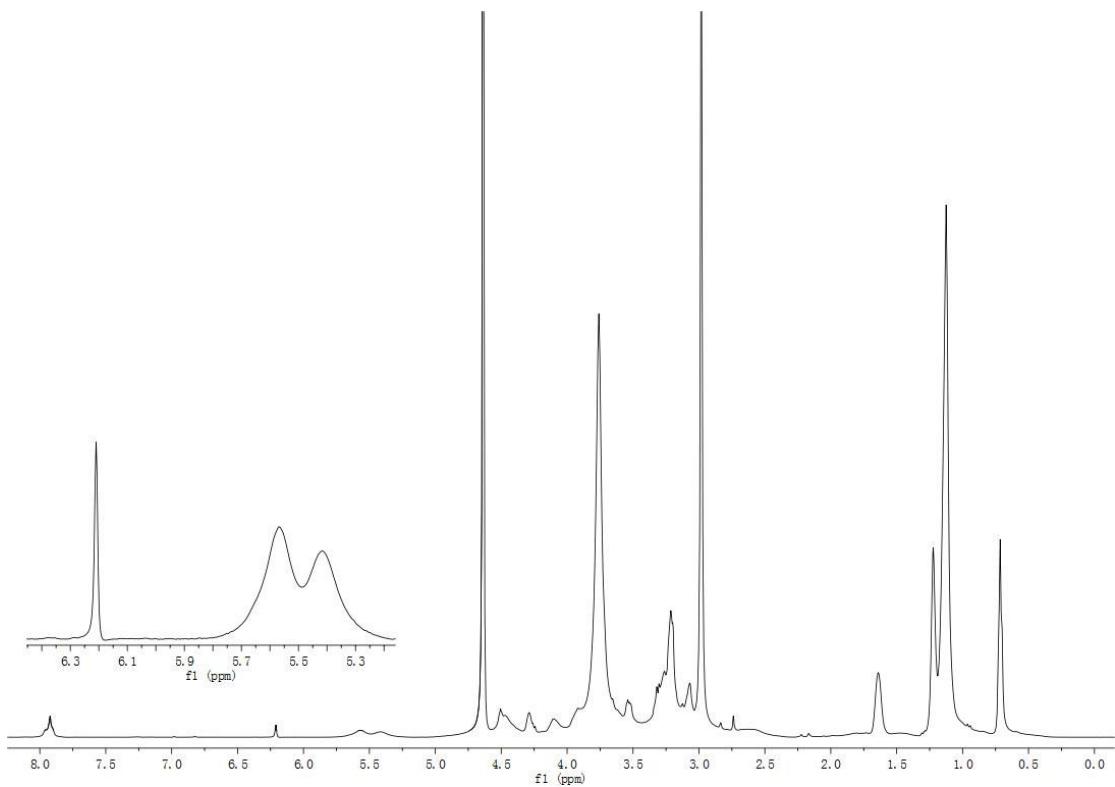
**Figure S12-10.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *p*-Glu in table 1, entry 10.



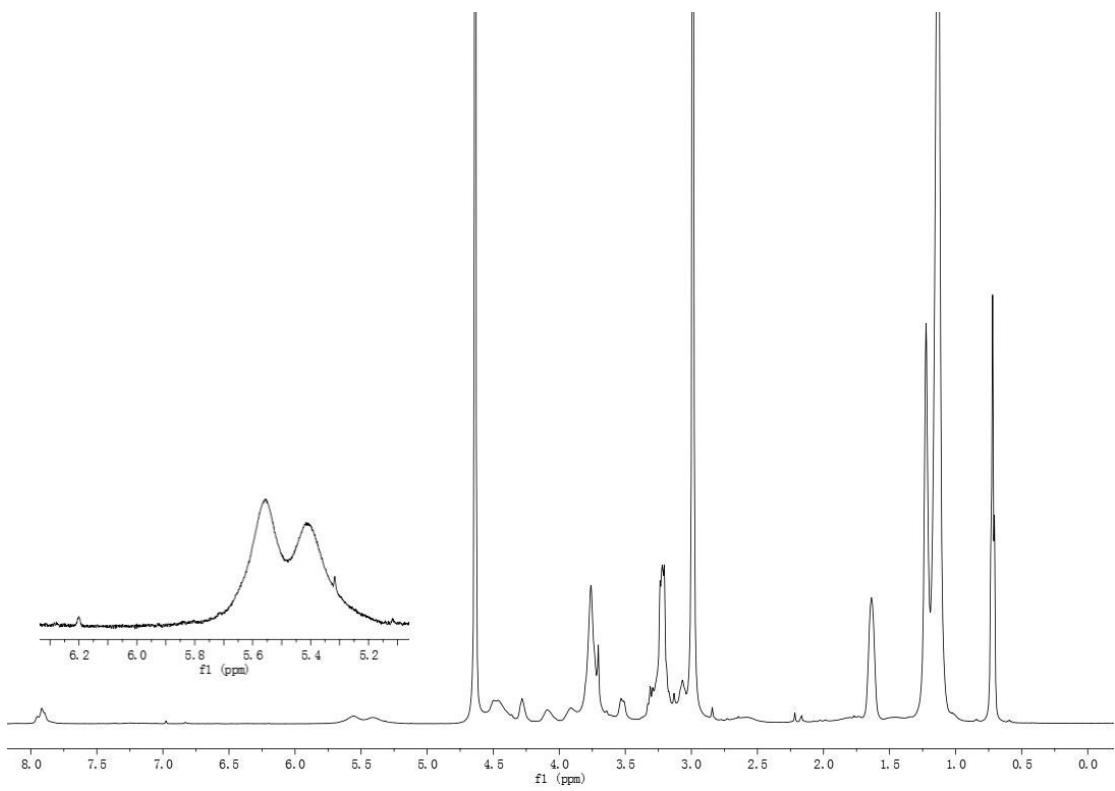
**Figure S12-11.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *p*-Glu in table 1, entry 11.



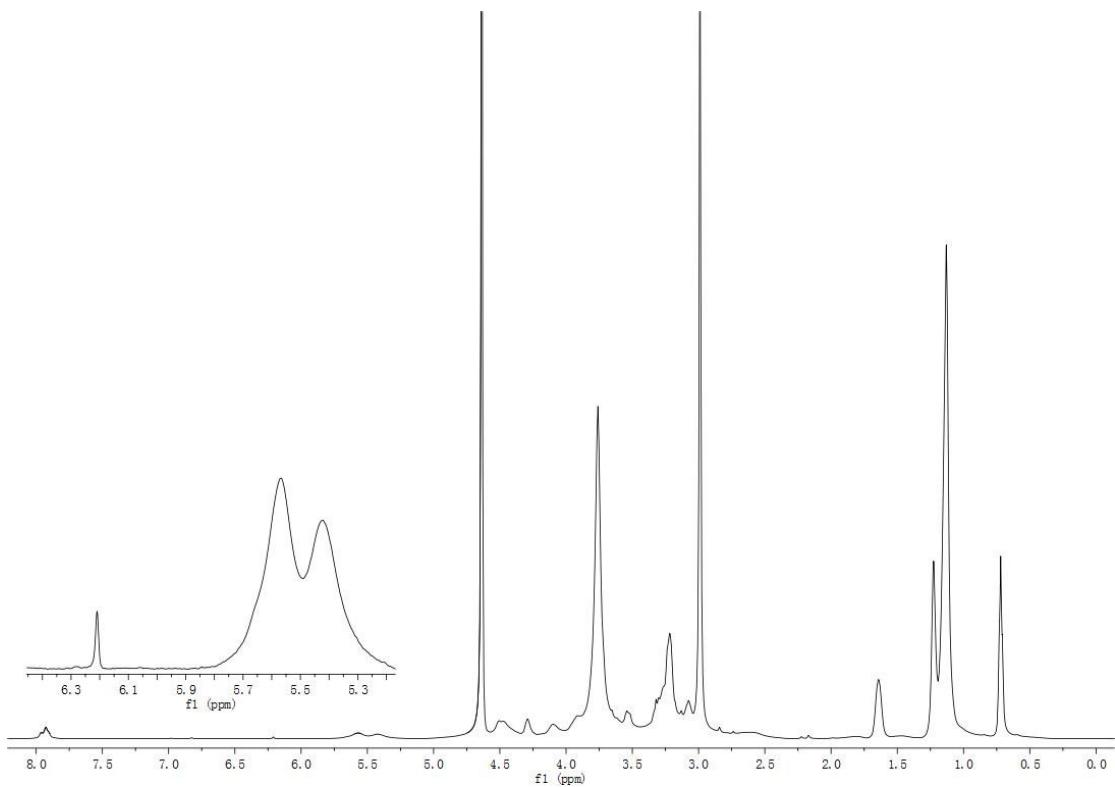
**Figure S12-12.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *p*-Glu in table 1, entry 12.



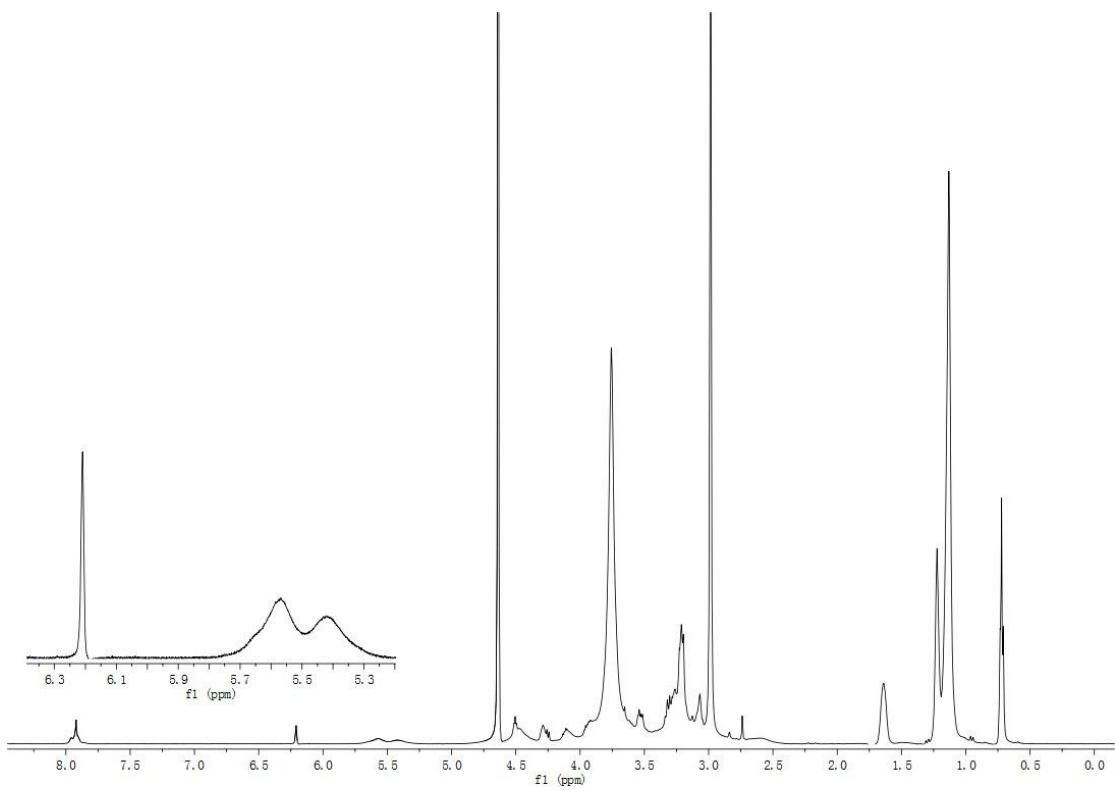
**Figure S12-13.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *p*-Glu in table 1, entry 13.



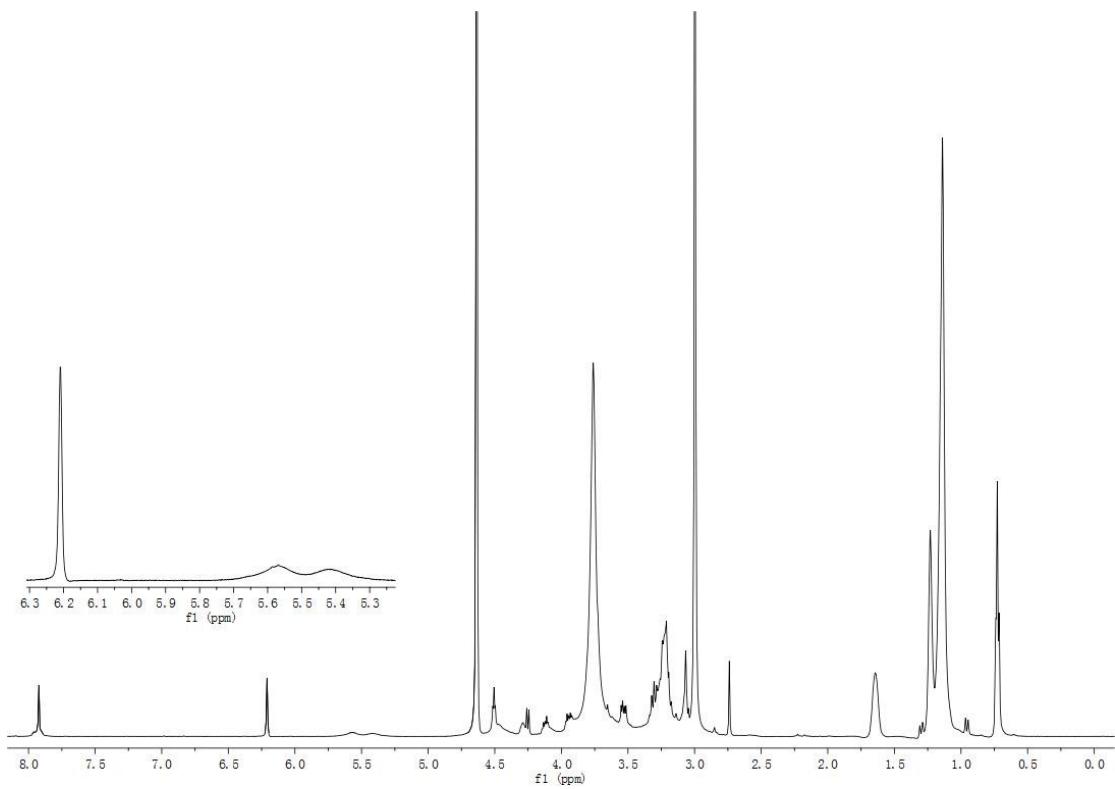
**Figure S12-14.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *p*-Glu in table 1, entry 14.



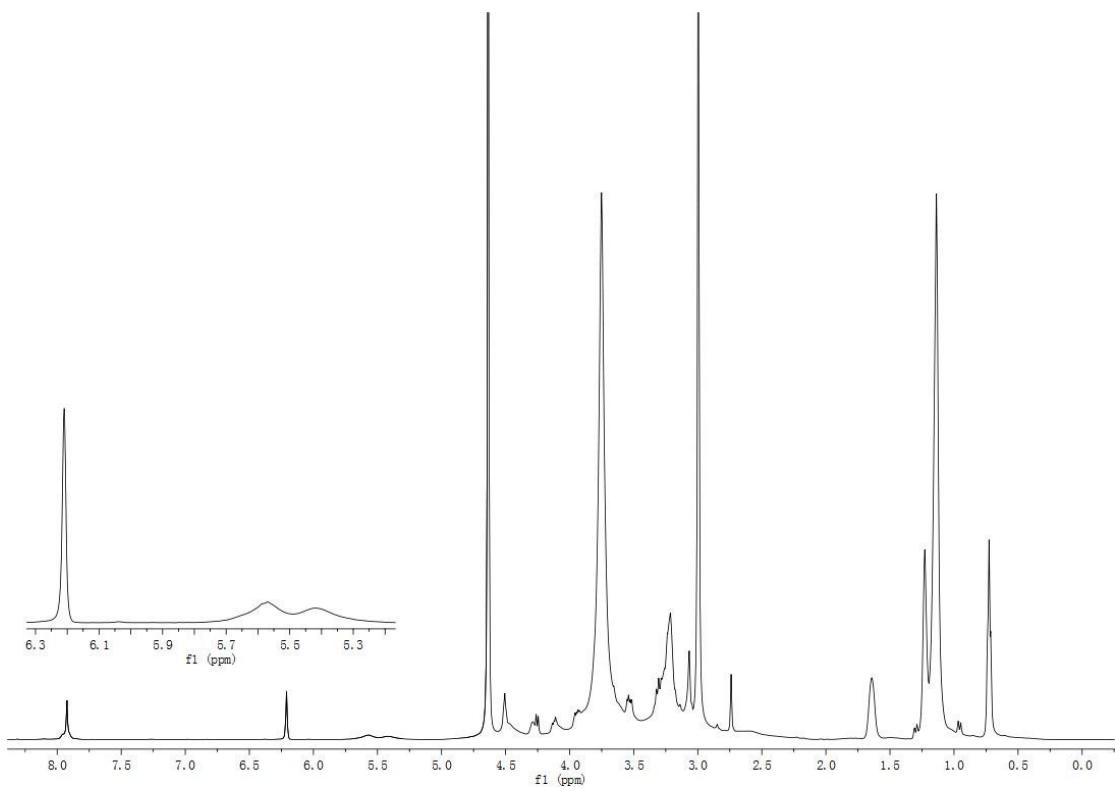
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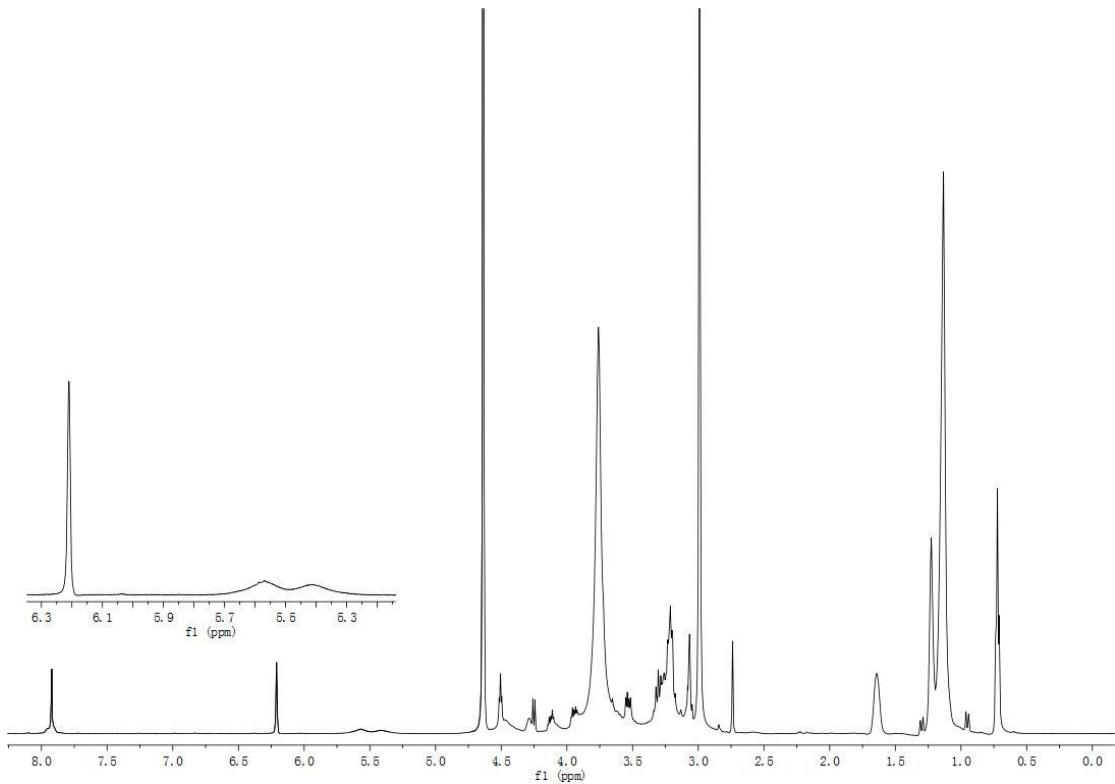
**Figure S12-16.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *p*-Glu in table 1, entry 16.



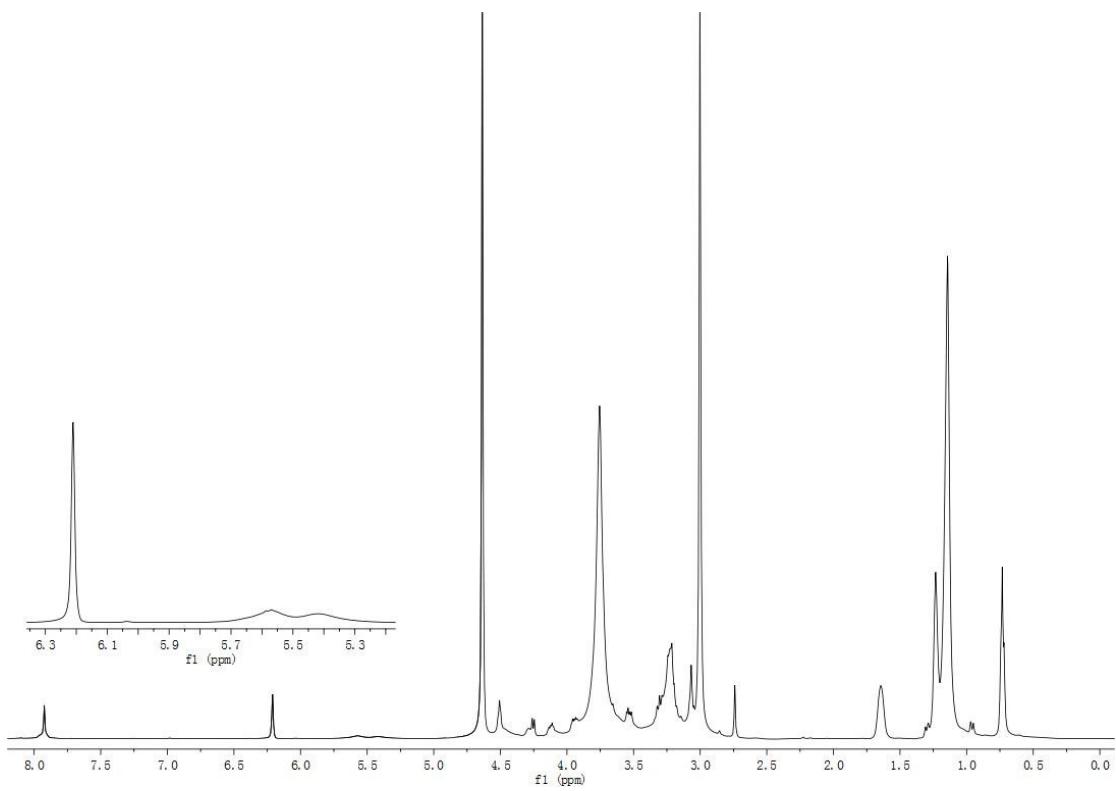
**Figure S12-17.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *p*-Glu in table 1, entry 17.



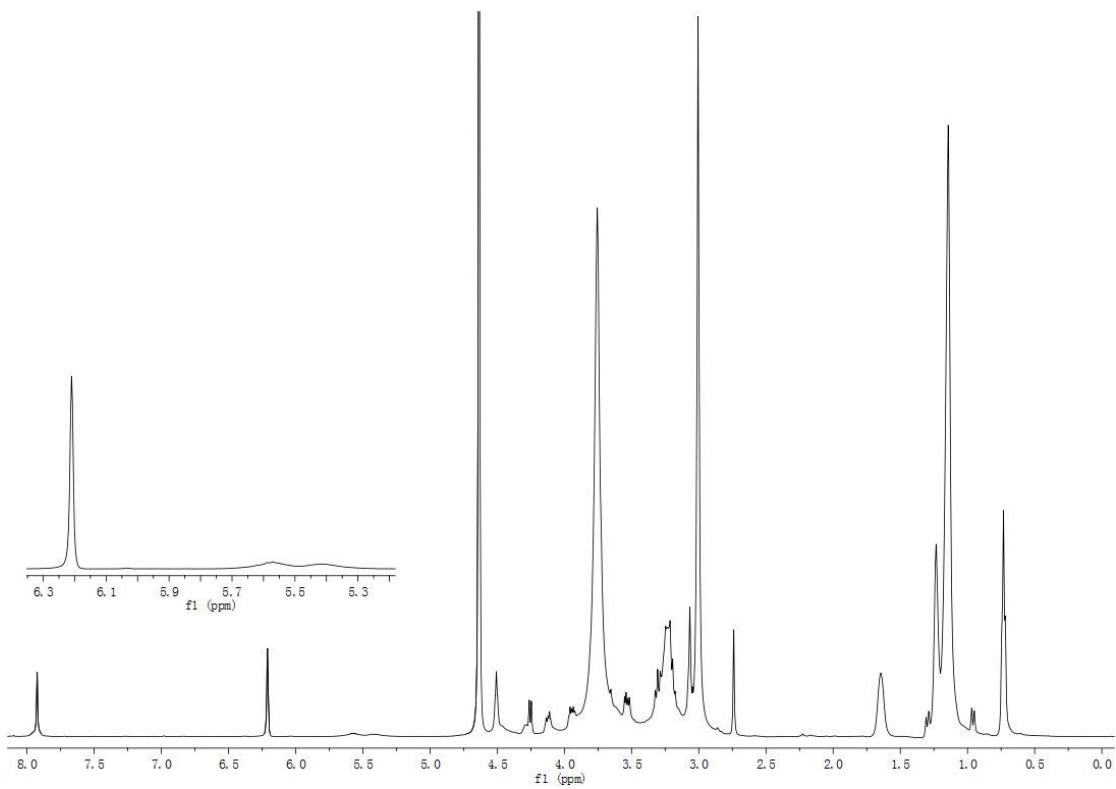
**Figure S12-18.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *p*-Glu in table 1, entry 18.



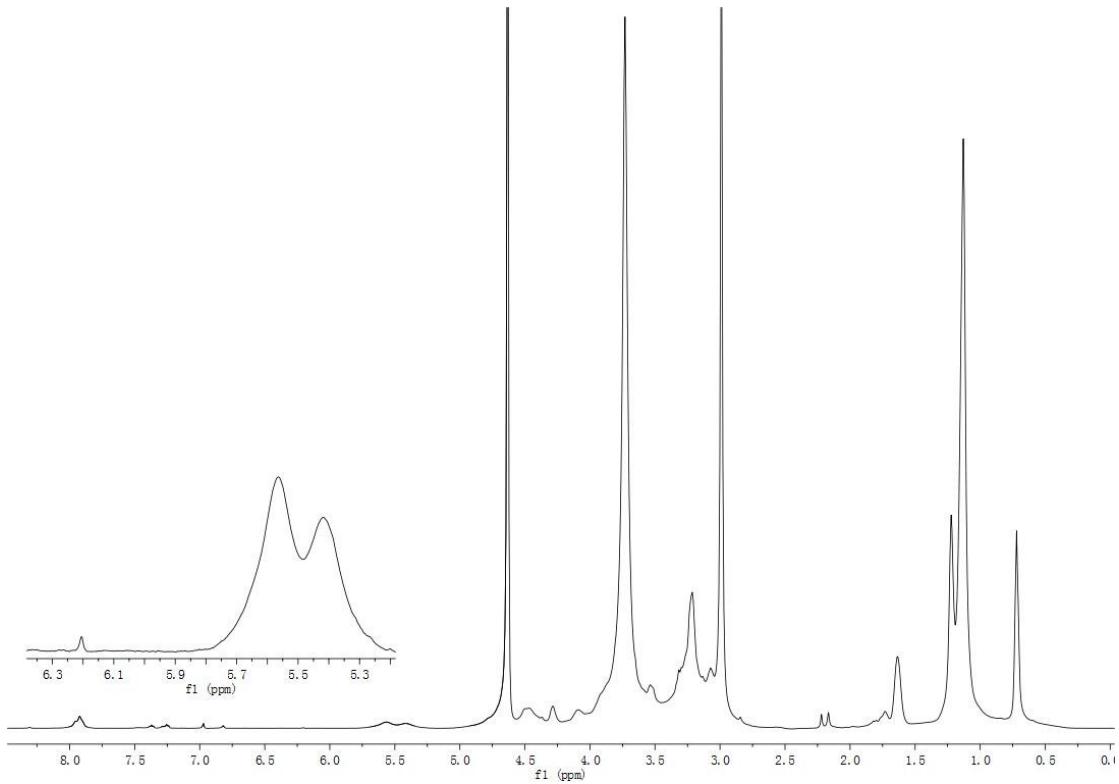
**Figure S12-19.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *p*-Glu in table 1, entry 19.



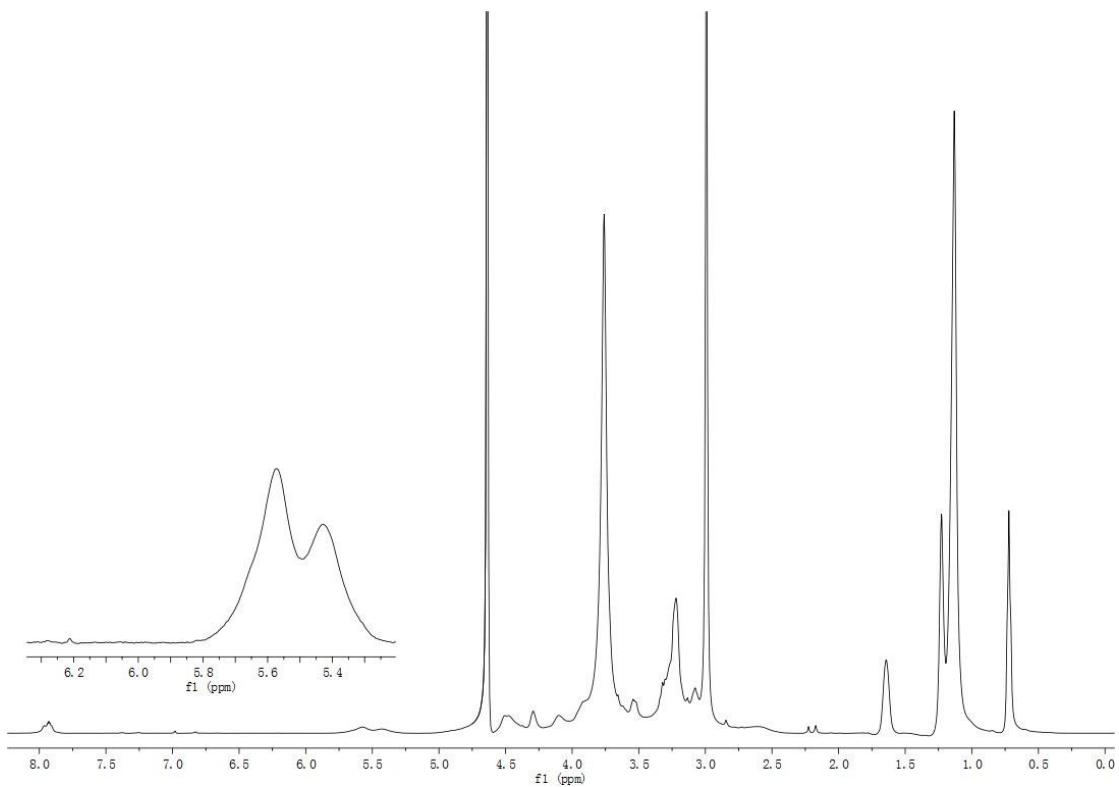
**Figure S12-20.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of *p*-Glu in table 1, entry 20.



**Figure S12-21.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of *p*-Glu in table 1, entry 21.



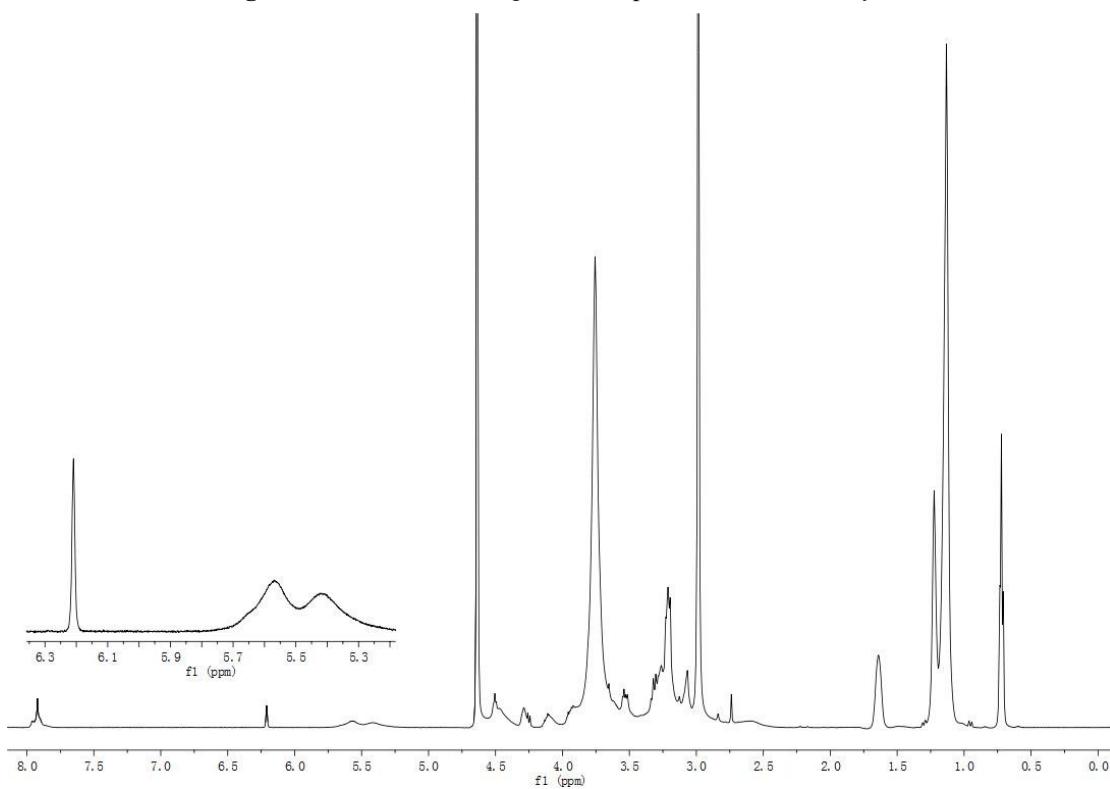
**Figure S12-22.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *p*-Glu in table 2, entry 1.



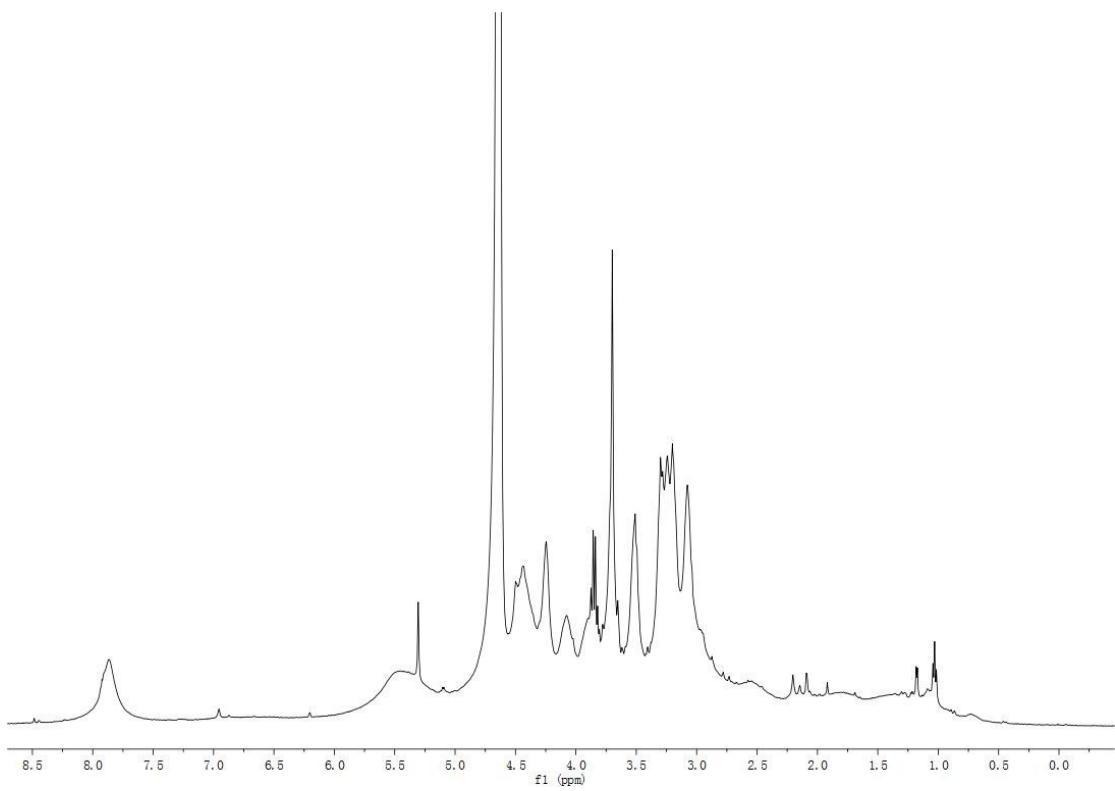
**Figure S12-23.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *p*-Glu in table 2, entry 2.



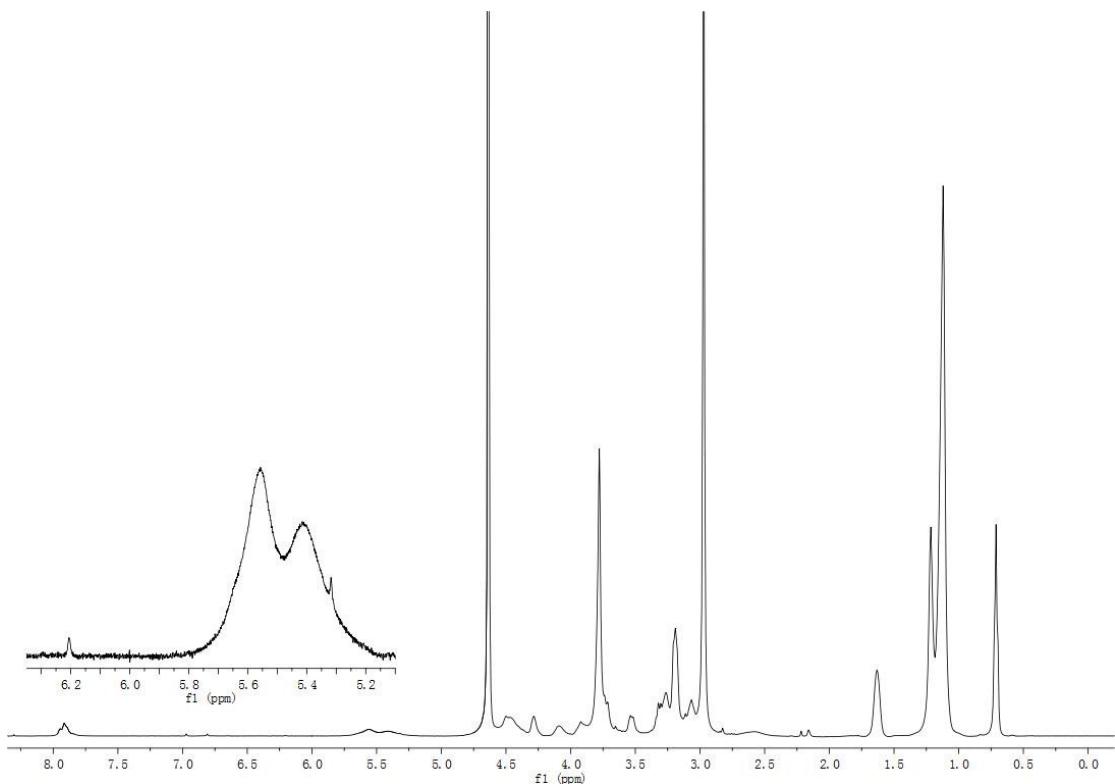
**Figure S12-24.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of *p*-Glu in table 2, entry 3.



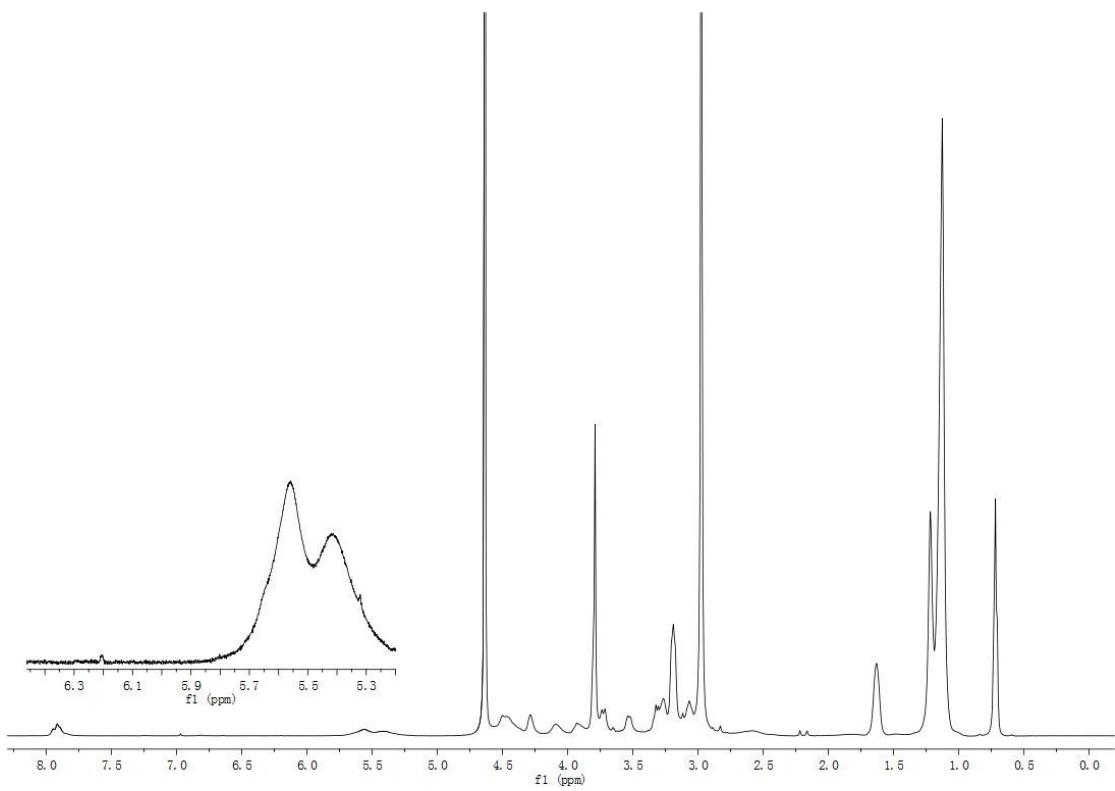
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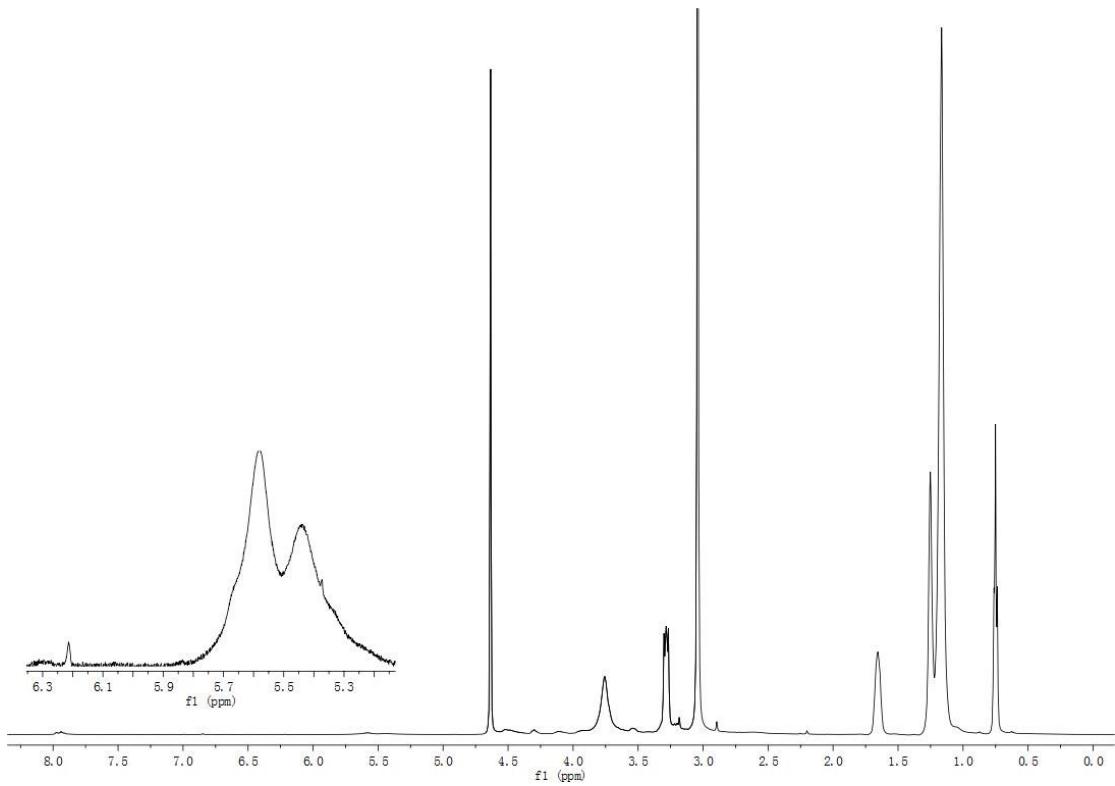
**Figure S12-26.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *p*-Glu in table 2, entry 5.



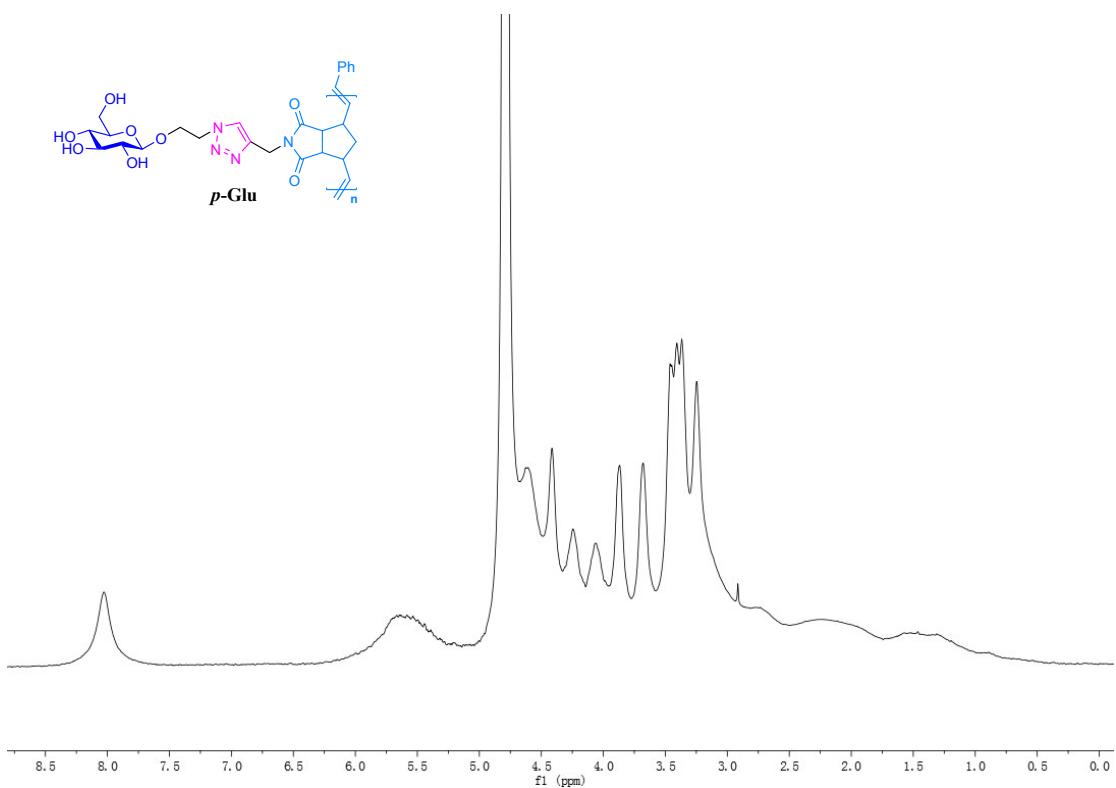
**Figure S12-27.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *p*-Glu in table 2, entry 6.



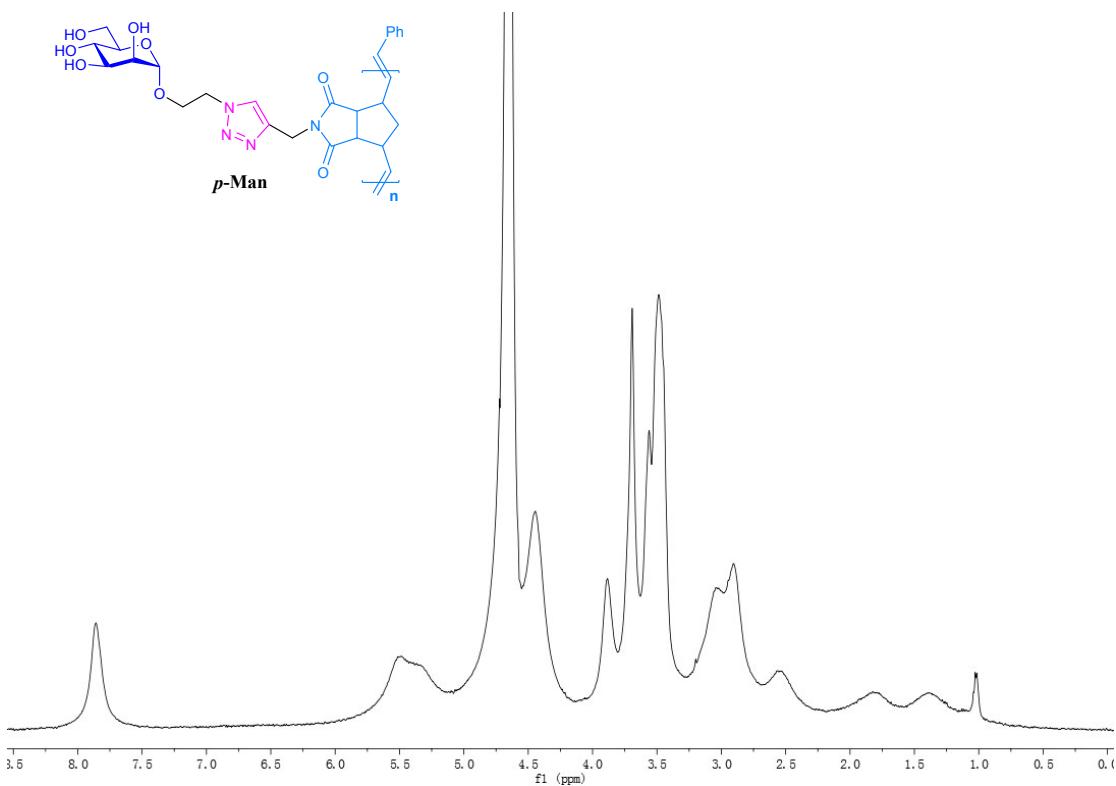
**Figure S12-28.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *p*-Glu in table 2, entry 7.



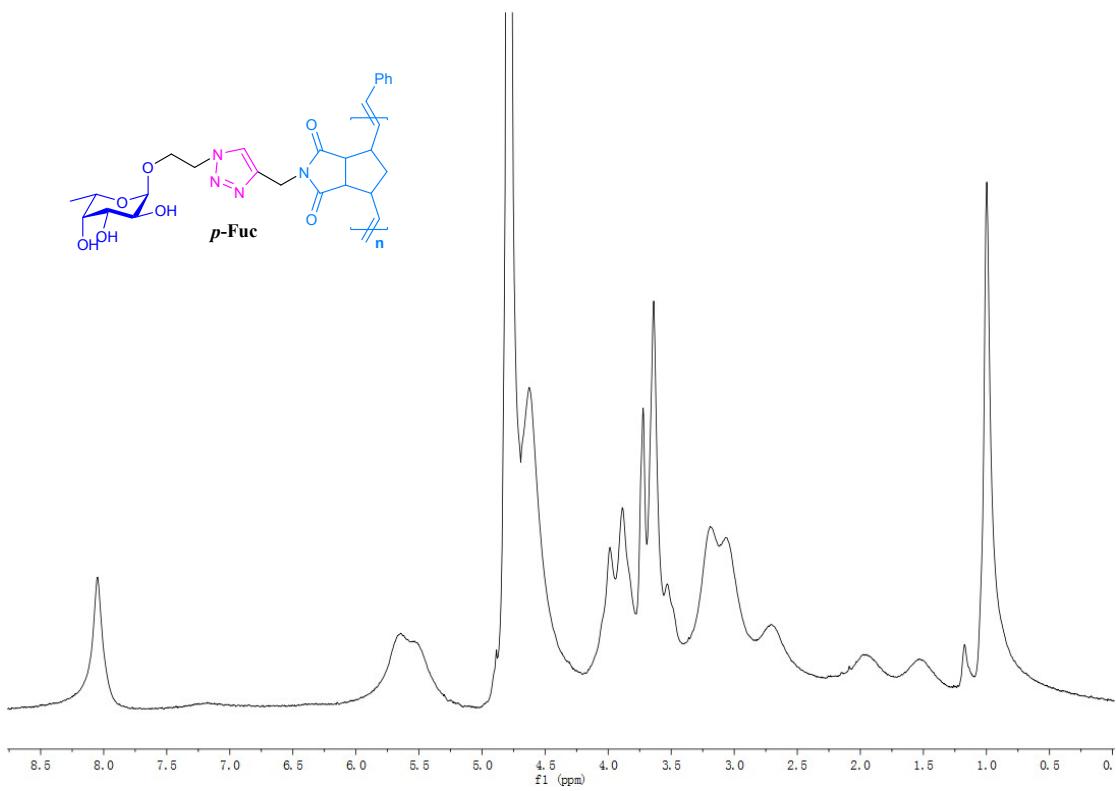
**Figure S12-29.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *p*-Glu in table 2, entry 8.



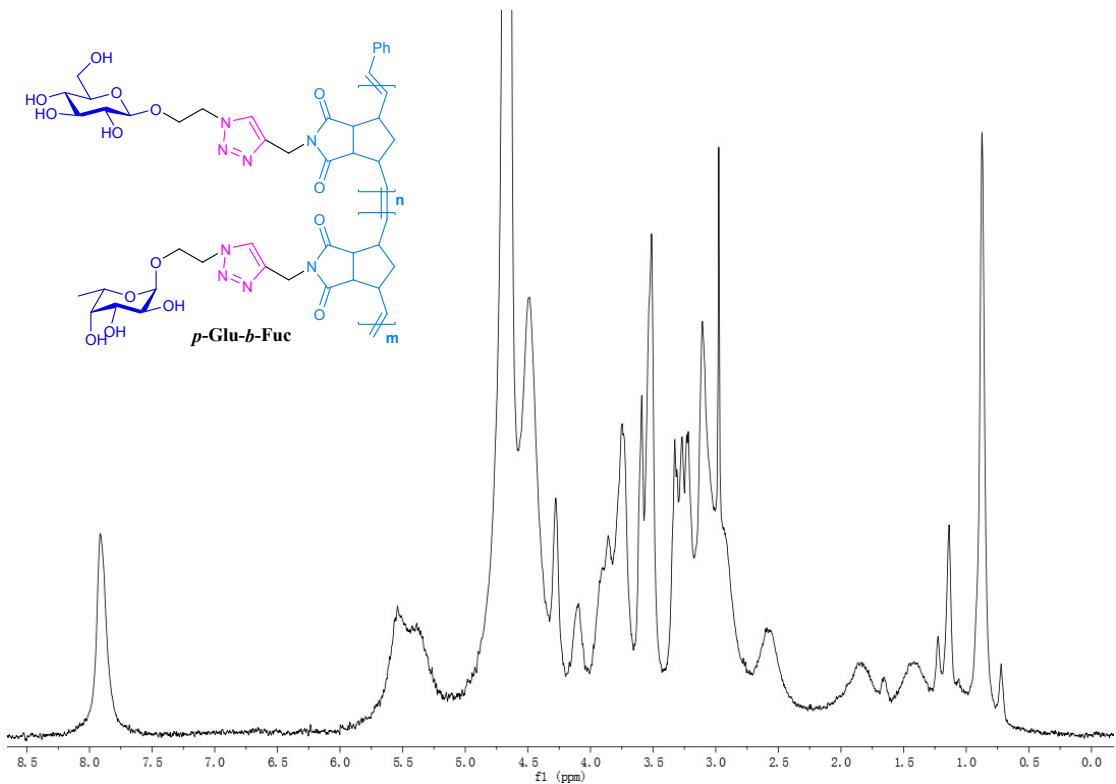
**Figure S12-30.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of *p*-Glu



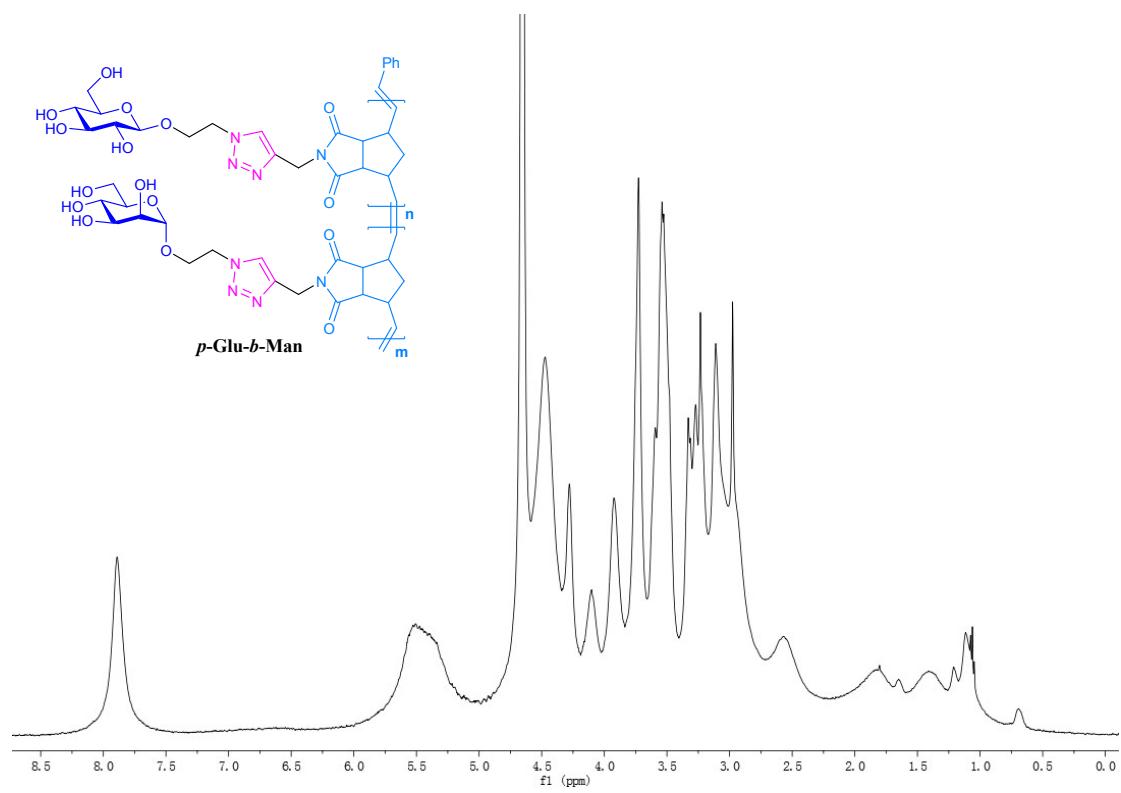
**Figure S12-31.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of *p*-Man



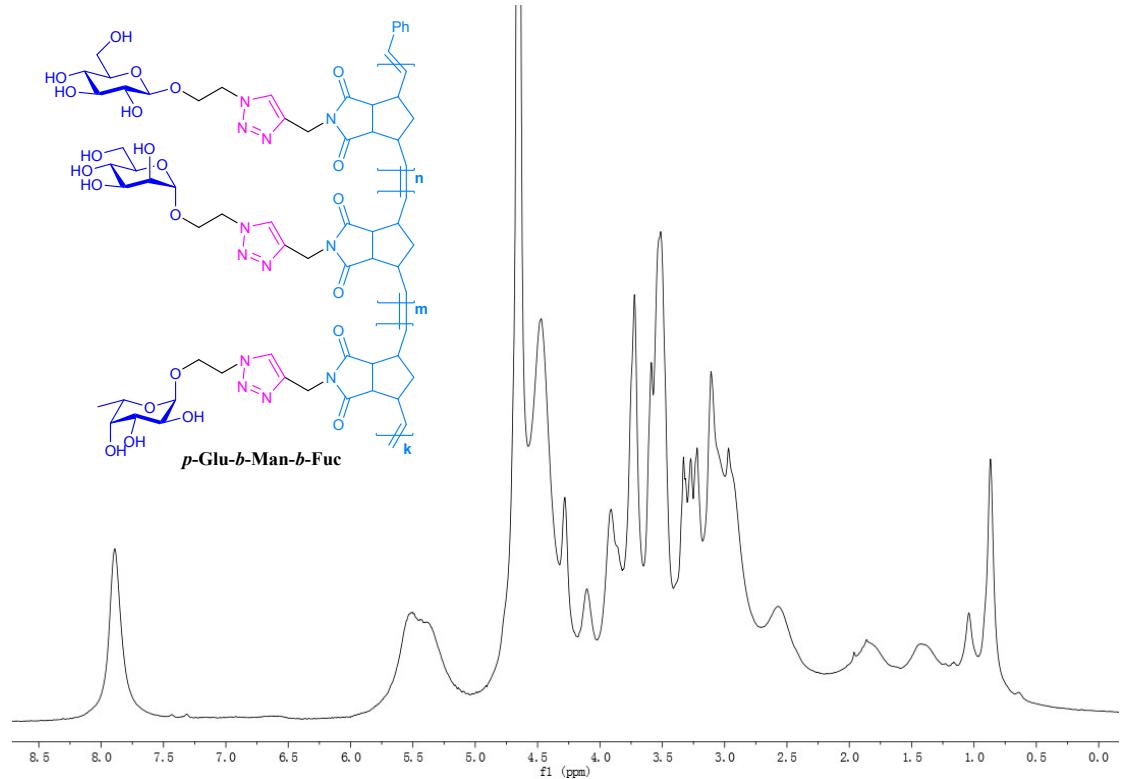
**Figure S12-32.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of *p*-Fuc



**Figure S12-33.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of *p*-Glu-*b*-Fuc

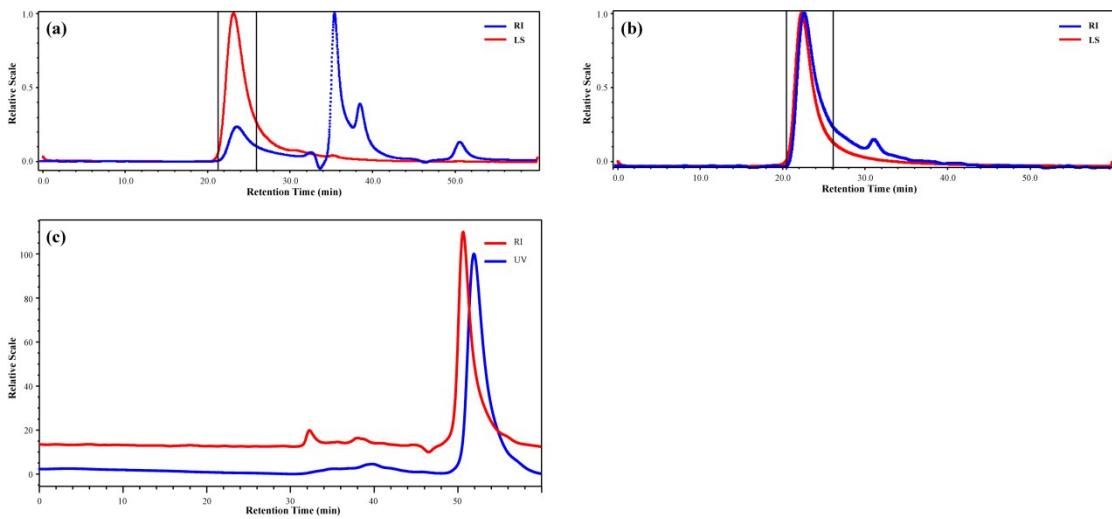


**Figure S12-34.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *p*-Glu-*b*-Man



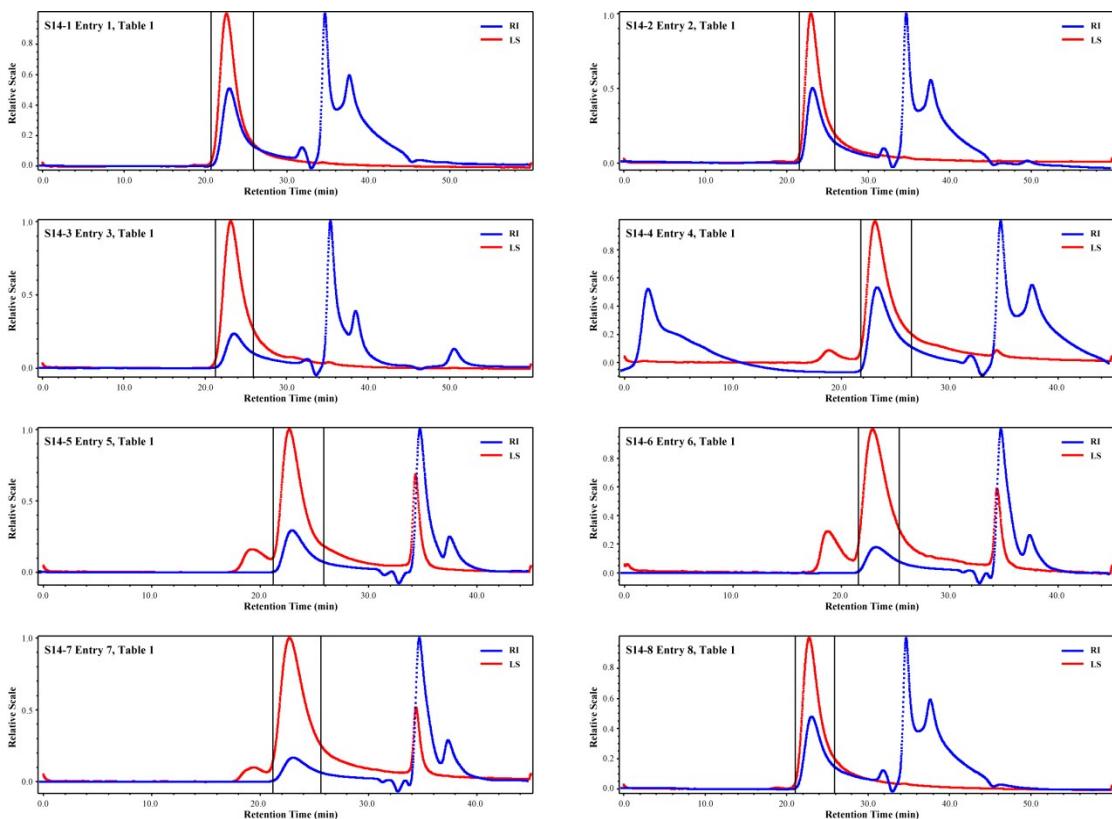
**Figure S12-35.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *p*-Glu-*b*-Man-*b*-Fuc

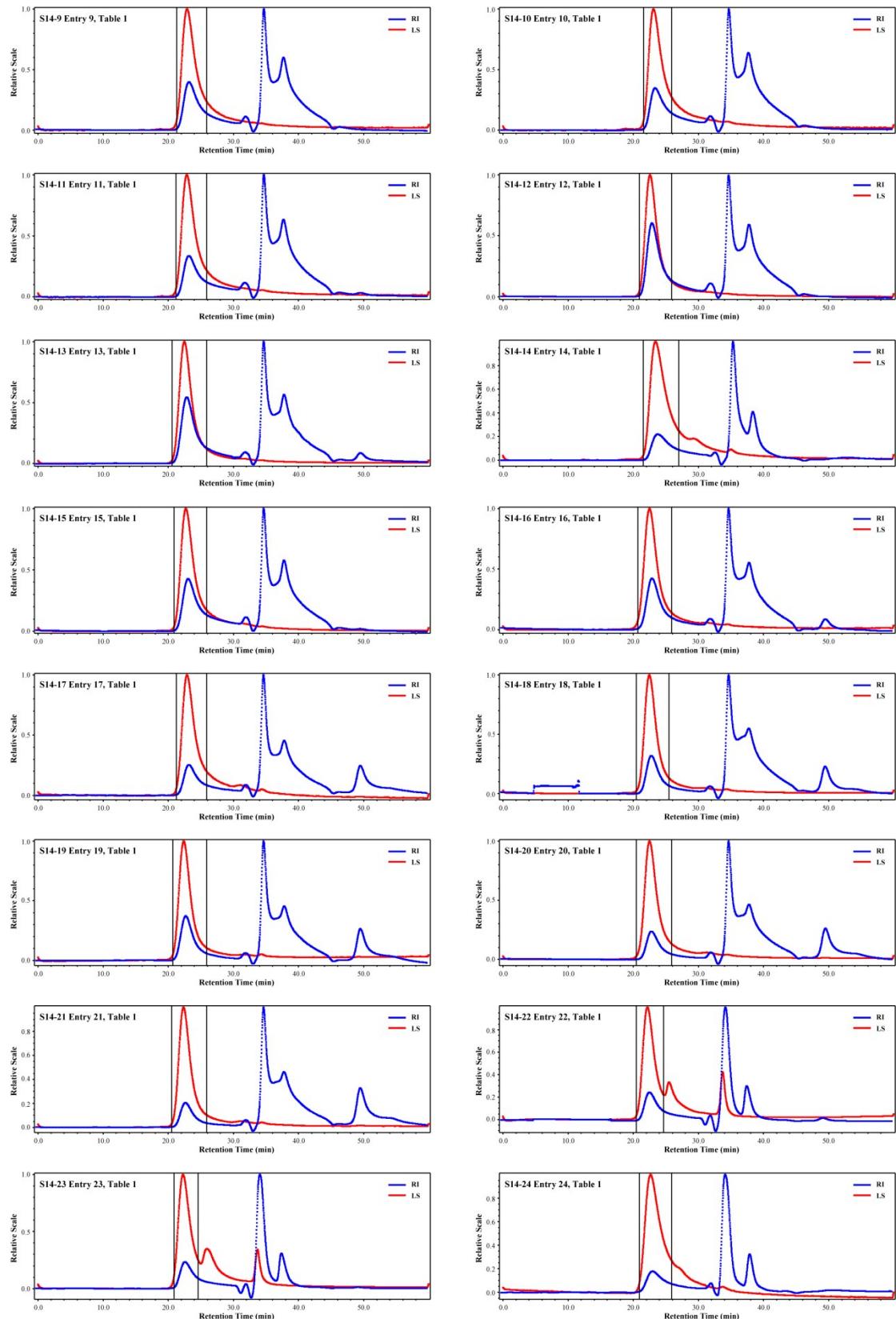
## 6. The size-exclusion chromatography (SEC) spectra.

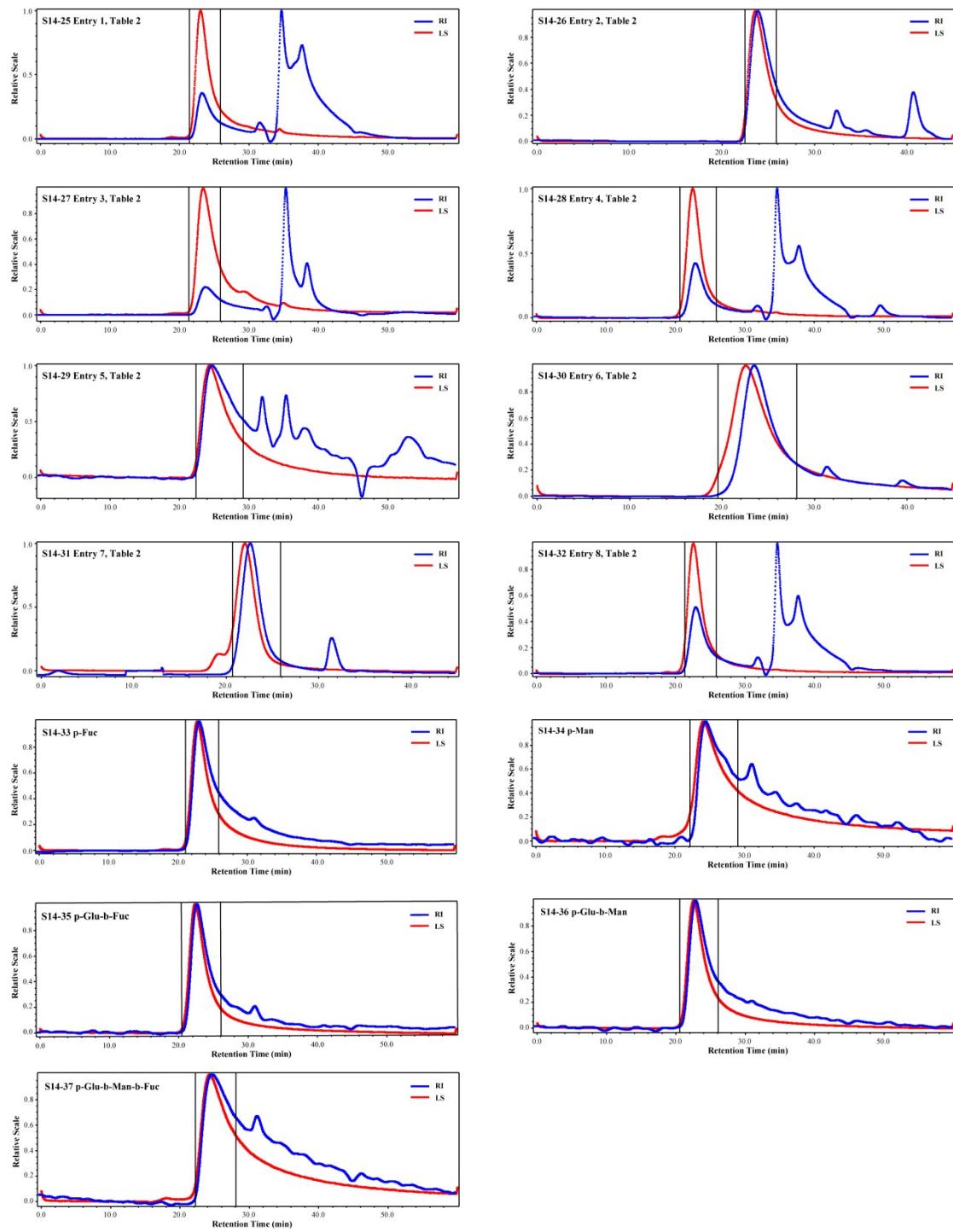


**Figure S13.** The size-exclusion chromatography (SEC) spectra of crude *p*-Glu (a), purified *p*-Glu (b), and glucose monomer (c). RI: refractive index singal, LS: light scattering singal, UV: ultraviolet singal.

The results showed that the degree of purity of glycopolymers had no influence on SEC analysis, therefore crude glycopolymers in table 1 and table 2 were used for SEC analysis. The monomer peak was eluted above 50 min which could be served as supplementary information of the conversion in SEC analysis.

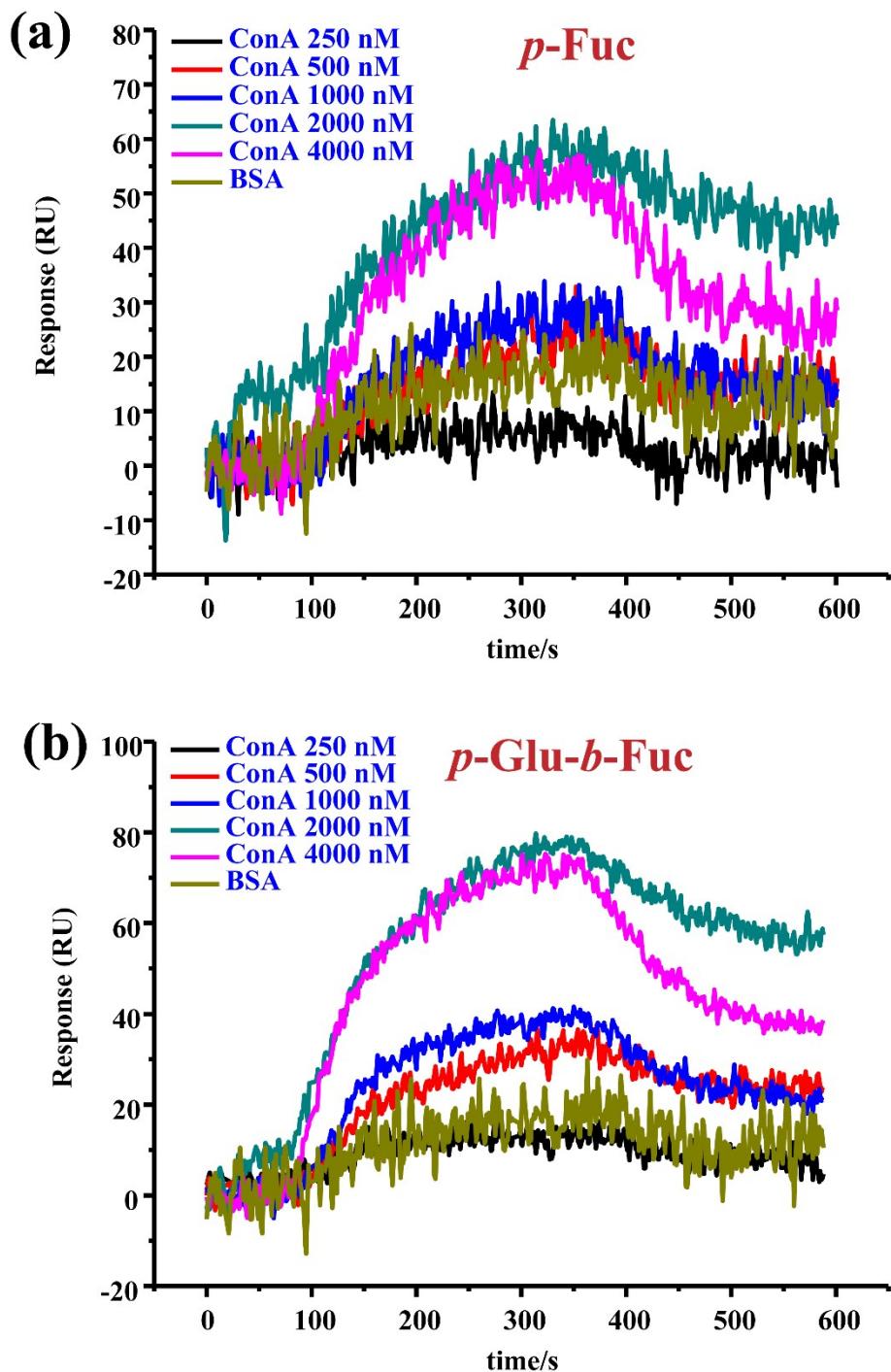




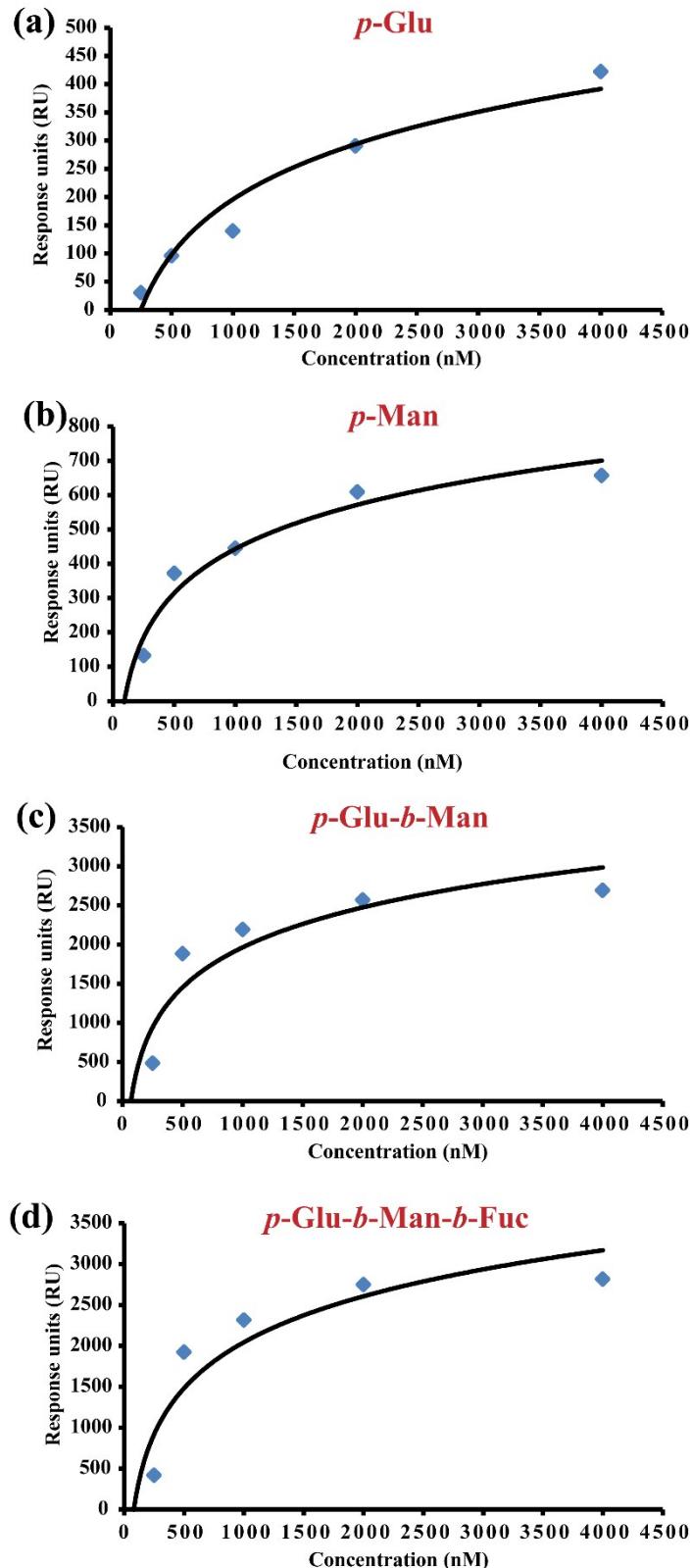


**Figure S14.** The size-exclusion chromatography (SEC) spectra of glycopolymers in this paper. RI: refractive index singal, LS: light scattering singal.

## 7. Surface Plasmon Resonance measurements.



**Figure S15.** Surface plasmon resonance measurements for *p*-Fuc (a) and *p*-Glu-*b*-Fuc (b).



**Figure S16.** The equilibrium response as a function of concentration from *p*-Glu (a), *p*-Man (b), *p*-Glu-*b*-Man (c) and *p*-Glu-*b*-Man-*b*-Fuc (d) plotted using a steady state model.