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### Supporting Information

# Chemical synthesis of the dimeric repeating unit of type Ia group B *Streptococcus* capsular polysaccharide

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p-Tolyl 2-O-acetyl-3,6-di-O-benzyl-4-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-1-thio-β-D-

glucopyranoside (9):



After the solution of S-1 (500.0 mg, 0.98 mmol), which was prepared from D-glucose according to a reported procedure (see: Y. C. Ko, C. F. Tsai, C. C. Wang, V. M. Dhurandhare, P. L. Hu, T. Y. Su, L. S. Lico, M. M. L. Zulueta and S. C. Hung, J. Am. Chem. Soc., 2014, 136, 14425-14431.), in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mL) was cooled to 0 °C, 2,6-lutidine (0.29 mL, 2.46 mmol) and TBSOTf (0.45 mL, 1.97 mmol) were sequentially added. The mixture was stirred under a N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere for overnight and then quenched with saturated NaHCO3 solution. The reaction mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3  $\times$  50 mL), and the organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under a vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography with EtOAc and hexanes (1:50) as the eluent to give 9 (549.9 mg, 89%) as a syrup. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.41 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, Ph), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 4H, Ph), 7.30 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H, Ph), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 4H, Ph), 7.00 (d, J = 7.8Hz, 2H, Ph), 5.01 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.72 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H, Bn), 4.64 (d, J =11.4 Hz, 1H, Bn), 4.61 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H, Bn), 4.60 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.50 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H, Bn), 3.79 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H, H-6a), 3.66 - 3.59 (m, 2H, H-4, H-6b), 3.52 - 3.47 (m, 2H, H-3, H-5), 2.29 (s, 3H, Ph-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.92 (s, 3H, -COCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.85 (s, 9H, -*t*Bu), -0.01 (s, 3H, -SiCH<sub>3</sub>), -0.04 (s, 3H, -SiCH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 169.5, 138.3, 138.1, 137.7, 132.5, 129.5, 129.3, 128.28, 128.27, 127.5, 127.46, 127.41, 127.2, 86.2, 84.9, 80.7, 75.2, 73.3, 72.1, 70.9, 69.3, 25.8, 21.1, 21.0, 17.9, -3.8, -4.7. HR-ESI-Orbitrap-MS (m/z): calcd for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>6</sub>SSiNa [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 645.2677; found, 645.2667.

(Methyl 5-acetamido-7,8,9-tri-*O*-acetyl-5-*N*,4-*O*-carbonyl-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero- $\alpha$ -D-galacto-non-2-ulopyranosylonate)-(2 $\rightarrow$ 3)-2-*O*-benzoyl-4,6-*O*-benzylidene-1-dibu-tylphosphoryl- $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -D-galactopyranoside (5)



To a stirred mixture of **S-2** (100.0 mg, 0.107 mmol), which was prepared according to a reported procedure (see: C. H. Hsu, K. C. Chu, Y. S. Lin, J. L. Han, Y. S. Peng, C. T. Ren, C. Y. Wu and C. H. Wong, *Chem. - Eur. J.*, 2010, **16**, 1754-1760.), dibutyl phosphate (95.4  $\mu$ L, 0.481 mmol) and freshly activated MS 4 Å in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4.0 mL) was added NIS (60.1 mg, 0.267 mmol) and TfOH (3.8  $\mu$ L, 0.043 mmol) under a N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere at 0 °C. After the mixture was stirred for another 30 min at the same temperature, it was neutralized with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL), and filtered. The filtrate was washed with saturated Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and NaCl, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under a vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography with EtOAc and hexane (1:1) as the eluent to give **5** (97.2 mg, 89%) as a pale yellow syrup. HR-ESI-Orbitrap-MS (*m*/*z*): calcd for C<sub>47</sub>H<sub>64</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>22</sub>P [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 1039.3683; found, 1039.3696.









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