### **Supporting Information**

## Chemoenzymatic synthesis of the oligosaccharide moiety of the tumor-associated antigen disialosyl globopentaosylceramide

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### 1. Chemical synthesis

### **1.1 General procedures**

All chemicals were purchased from commercial sources. NMR spectra (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, COSY, HSQC) were obtained on an Agilent 400-MR DD2 or Bruker 750 MHz. Chemical shifts are reported in part per million (ppm) relative to CDCl<sub>3</sub> (7.26 ppm), TMS (0.00 ppm) or D<sub>2</sub>O (4.79 ppm). NMR data is presented as: chemical shift, multiplicity (where s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, dd = doublet of doublets, m = multiplet) and the coupling constant in Hertz (Hz). Mass spectra were obtained on a Shimadzu ESI LC-MS QP8000 or Kratos Analytical Maxima-CFR MALDI-TOF system (using 2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid matrix). Reported HRMS data was obtained on an Agilent technologies 6560 Ion mobility Q-TOF. Semi-preparative HPLC was performed on an Applied Biosystems 400 solvent delivery system and 757 Absorbance Detector (UV absorbance set on 214 nm) using HILIC column (XBridge<sup>®</sup> Amide 5 μm, 4.6 mm x 250 mm column, Waters). The mobile phase for analytical and semi-preparative HPLC runs consisted of buffers A and B. For C18 columns buffer A is 0.1 % TFA in H<sub>2</sub>O and buffer B is 10 % A + 90 % CH<sub>3</sub>CN and a gradient was used. For HILIC column chromatography buffer A is 10 mM NH<sub>4</sub>COOH in H<sub>2</sub>O (pH = 4) and B is 10 % A + 90 % CH<sub>3</sub>CN at isocratic conditions. Size exclusion chromatography was performed on Bio-Gel P-2 (45-90 µm) with water as the eluent. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel G60 (Silicycle 60 – 200 μm, 60 Å). TLC analysis was conducted on silica gel 60 F254 (EMD Chemicals Inc.) with detection by UV light (254 nm) and staining by 10 % H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> in EtOH or *p*-anisaldehyde solution, followed by heating for visualization. Molecular sieves (4 Å) were flame-dried prior to use.

### 1.2 NMR nomenclature

The monosaccharides of glycan DSGb5 have been labeled as shown in **Figure S1.** Starting from the reducing end of the pentasaccharide core Gb5, these were labeled as Glc-I, Gal-II, Gal-III, GalNAc-IV, Gal-V. The sialosides were named Neu5Ac-VI for the  $\alpha$ 2,3-linked sialic acid and Neu5Ac-VII for the  $\alpha$ 2,6-linked sialic acid.



Figure S1. Monosaccharide labeling system for DSGb5

### **1.3 Experimental procedures**

**2,2,2-Trichloroacetimidate 2,3,4,6-***O***-acetyl-***α***-D-galactopyranoside (9).** Compound **9** was synthesized

160.8 (C=NH), 93.4 (C-1), 68.9 (C-5), 67.40, 67.27, 66.80, 61.2 (C-6), 20.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>, OAc), 20.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>, OAc), 20.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>, OAc), 20.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>, OAc).



Scheme S1. Synthesis of GalNHTroc acceptor 10 (similar to the procedure as described for GlcNH<sub>2</sub>).<sup>2</sup>

### 1,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-2-[(2,2,2-trichloromethoxy)carbonylamino]-β-D-galactopyranoside (22). NaHCO<sub>3</sub>

ACO OAC ACO TrocHN OA (23 g, 278 mmol) was added to Galactosamine HCl (20 g, 93 mmol) in  $H_2O$  (180 mL) and after 30 min 2,2,2-trichloroethyl chloroformate (15.3 mL, 111 mmol) was added. After overnight stirring the white solids were filtered off, washed with  $H_2O$  and dried under high vacuum overnight. The solids were dissolved in pyridine (100 mL) and acetic

anhydride (80 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h and concentrated *in vacuo*. The obtained oil was dissolved in DCM, washed with 1M HCl (2x), H<sub>2</sub>O, sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford **22** (19 g, 40%, over two steps). ESI HRMS (*m/z*): [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>11</sub>, 544.0156; found 544.0155. [ $\alpha$ ]  $\frac{25}{589}$  = 326.1° (C = 0.1; CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

### Dimethylthexylsilyl



**3,4,6-tri-O-acetyl-2-[(2,2,2-trichloromethoxy)carbonylamino]-β-Dgalactopyranoside (23).** Hydrazine acetate (3.7 g, 40 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **22** (19 g, 36 mmol) in DMF (60 mL). The mixture was stirred overnight, concentrated *in vacuo*, dissolved in EtOAc, washed with sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O and dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting crude was dissolved in DCM

(80 mL) and imidazole (7.4 g, 109 mmol) was added. When all imidazole was dissolved, *tert*-hexyldimethylsilyl chloride (8.6 mL, 44 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred overnight, washed with 1 M HCl, sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The obtained residue was purified by silica column chromatography using Toluene:EtOAc (1:0 to 6:4 v/v) as the eluent to afford **23** (17.2 g, 76%, over two steps). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.35 (1H, d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, H-4), 5.16 (1H, d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, H-3), 4.95 (1H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, NH), 4.84 – 4.68 (1H, m, H-1; CHH, Troc), 4.62 (1H, d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, CHH, Troc), 4.20 – 4.05 (2H, m, H-6), 3.89 (1H, t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, H-5), 3.78 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.4, 9.2 Hz, H-2), 2.16 (2H, s,

OAc), 2.04 (3H, s, OAc), 1.99 (3H, s, OAc), 1.66 – 1.58 (1H, m, CH, TDS), 0.95 – 0.76 (12H, m, 4x CH<sub>3</sub>, TDS), 0.17 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>-Si), 0.14 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>-Si). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.5 (C, OAc), 170.4 (C, OAc), 170.3 (C, OAc), 154.0 (C=O, Troc), 96.4 (C-1), 95.3 (CCl<sub>3</sub>), 74.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>, Troc), 70.7 (C-5), 69.9 (C-3), 66.9 (C-4), 61.8 (C-6), 54.7 (C-2), 33.9 (CH, TDS), 24.8 (C, TDS), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>, OAc), 20.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>, OAc), 20.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>, OAc), 19.9 (2x CH<sub>3</sub>, TDS), 18.5 (2x CH<sub>3</sub>, TDS), -1.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>-Si), -3.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>-Si). ESI HRMS (*m/z*): [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>38</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>10</sub>Si, 639.1669; found 639.1675. [ $\alpha$ ]  $\frac{25}{589}$  = -32.7° (C = 0.1; CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**Dimethylthexylsilyl 2-[(2,2,2-trichloromethoxy)carbonylamino]-\beta-D-galactopyranoside (24).** Freshly prepared NaOMe was added to compound **23** (17.3 g, 28 mmol) in MeOH (50 mL). After 2 h the reaction was quenched by addition of Amberlite H<sup>+</sup> resin, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford **24** (13 g, 95%). This product was then used in the next step without additional purification. ESI HRMS (*m*/*z*): [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>32</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>7</sub>Si,

518.0911; found 518.0913. [ $\alpha$ ]  $\frac{25}{589}$  = -77.0° (C = 0.1; CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**Dimethylthexylsilyl** 4,6-O-benzylidene-2-[(2,2,2-trichloromethoxy)carbonylamino]-β-D-galactopyranoside (10). Benzaldehyde dimethyl acetal (4.57 mL, 30.4 mmol) and pTsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O (1.05 g, 5.5 mmol)



were added to a solution of compound **24** (13 g, 26 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (90 mL). After 1 h the mixture was quenched with Et<sub>3</sub>N, concentrated *in vacuo* and the obtained residue was purified by silica column chromatography using Hexane:EtOAc (1:0 to 3:1 v/v) as the eluent to obtain compound **10** (4.6 g, 30%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.55 – 7.48 (2H, m, H-Ar), 7.43 – 7.35 (3H, m, H-Ar), 5.57 (1H, s, CH-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 5.05 (1H, s, NH), 4.80 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, H-1), 4.69 (2H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>, Troc), 4.28 (1H, d, *J* = 12.3, 1.3 Hz, H-6a), 4.20

(1H, d, J = 3.6 Hz, H-4), 4.07 (1H, d, J = 12.4, 1.8 Hz, H-6b), 3.92 (1H, d, J = 8.9 Hz, H-3), 3.63 (1H, d, J = 9.4 Hz, H-2), 3.47 (1H, s, H-5), 2.73 (1H, d, J = 9.0 Hz, OH), 1.66 – 1.58 (1H, m, CH, TDS), 0.94 – 0.78 (12H, m, 4x CH<sub>3</sub>, TDS), 0.22 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>-Si), 0.17 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>-Si). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.7 (C=0, Troc), 137.5 (C, Ar), 129.3, 128.5, 128.3, 126.4, 101.4 (CH-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 95.7 (C-1), 75.0 (C-4), 74.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>, Troc), 70.4 (C-3), 69.3 (C-6), 66.5 (C-5), 57.8 (C-2), 34.0 (CH, TDS), 20.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>, TDS), 20.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>, TDS), 18.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>, TDS), 18.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>, TDS), -1.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>-Si), -2.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>-Si). ESI HRMS (*m*/*z*): [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>36</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>7</sub>Si, 606.1224; found 606.1227. [ $\alpha$ ]  $\frac{25}{589}$  = -22.5° (C = 1; CHCl<sub>3</sub>).



Scheme S2. Chemical glycosylation of donor 9 and acceptor 10 and formation of disaccharide donor 7a.

Dimethylthexylsilyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 3)$ -4,6-O-benzylidene-2-[(2,2,2-trichloromethoxy)carbonylamino]- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranoside (13). A mixture of acceptor 10 (1.0 g, 1.7)



mmol), donor **9** (1.3 g, 2.6 mmol) and 4 Å molecular sieves was stirred in DCM (5 mL) for 2 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to -35°C and TMSOTf (62  $\mu$ L, 0.3 mmol) was added. After 30 min the reaction was quenched with Et<sub>3</sub>N, filtered over a pad of Celite and concentrated *in* vacuo. The obtained residue was purified by silica column chromatography using Toluene:EtOAc (1:0 to 8.5:1.5

v/v) as the eluent to afford compound **13** (878 mg, 56 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.58 – 7.52 (2H, m,

H-Ar), 7.42 – 7.31 (3H, m, H-Ar), 5.55 (1H, s, *CH*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 5.36 (1H, dd, *J* = 3.4, 0.8 Hz, H-4, Gal-V), 5.32 – 5.26 (1H, m, N*H*), 5.21 (1H, d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, H-1, GalNAc-IV), 5.13 (1H, d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, H-2, Gal-V), 4.96 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.4, 3.5 Hz, H-3, Gal-V), 4.78 (1H, d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, H-1, Gal-V), 4.75 – 4.60 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>, Troc), 4.46 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.1, 2.7 Hz, H-3, GalNAc-IV), 4.29 (1H, d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, H-4, GalNAc-IV), 4.25 (1H, d, *J* = 12.2, 1.1 Hz, H-6a, GalNAc-IV), 4.22 – 4.07 (2H, m, H-6, Gal-V), 4.03 (1H, d, H-6b, GalNAc-IV), 3.88 (1H, t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, H-5, Gal-V), 3.54 – 3.36 (2H, m, H-2, GalNAc-IV; H-5, GalNAc-IV), 2.15 (3H, s, OAc), 2.06 (3H, s, OAc), 2.04 (3H, s, OAc), 1.97 (3H, s, OAc), 1.63 (1H, p, *J* = 13.7, 6.9 Hz, *CH*, TDS), 0.92 – 0.78 (12H, m, 4x CH<sub>3</sub>, TDS), 0.19 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>-Si), 0.13 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>-Si). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.2 (C, OAc), 170.0 (C, OAc), 169.3 (C, OAc), 153.8 (C=0, Troc), 138.0 (C, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 129.0, 128.2, 126.3, 101.6 (C-1, Gal-V), 100.7 (*C*H-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 95.20 (CCl<sub>3</sub>), 94.5 (C-1, GalNAc-IV), 76.1 (C-4, GalNAc-IV), 75.7 (C-3, GalNAc-IV), 74.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>, Troc), 70.8 (C-5, Gal-V), 70.8 (C-3, Gal-V), 69.3 (C-6, GalNAc-IV), 68.8 (C-2, Gal-V), 67.0 (C-4, Gal-V), 66.4 (C-5, GalNAc-IV), 61.6 (C-6, Gal-V), 55.9 (C-2, GalNAc-IV), 34.0 (*CH*, TDS), 24.8 (C, TDS), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>, OAc), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>, OAc), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>, OAc), 20.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>, OAc), 20.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>, TDS), 20.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>, TDS), 18.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>, TDS), 18.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>, TDS), -1.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>-Si), -3.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>-Si). ESI HRMS (*m*/*z*): [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>54</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>16</sub>Si, 931.2616; found 931.2634. [ $\alpha$ ]  $\frac{25}{589}$  = 223.8° (C = 0.1; CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**2,2,2-Trichloroacetimidate 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-\beta-D-galactopyranosyl-(1\rightarrow3)-4,6-O-benzylidene-2-[(2,2,2-trichloromethoxy)carbonylamino]-\alpha-D-galactopyranoside (7a). HF·Pyridine (70% HF, 1.2 mL) was added to a stirring solution of disaccharide <b>13** (1.2 g, 1.3 mmol) in pyridine (12 mL) in a plastic round



bottom flask. After 2.5 h, the mixture was diluted with DCM and quenched by addition of sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The organic phase was washed with sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2 x), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, concentrated *in vacuo* and 2 x co-evaporated with toluene. The obtained intermediate was dissolved in DCM, stirred with 4 Å molecular sieves for 30 min and 2,2,2-Trichloroethyl chloroformate (615  $\mu$ L, 6.14 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (400 mg, 1.23 mmol) were added. After 3 h the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and the obtained residue was purified by silica column chromatography using

Hexane:EtOAc (1:0 to 1:1 v/v) as the eluent to isolate the α-anomer of the title compound. (859 mg, 71 %, over 2 steps). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.72 (1H, s, C=N*H*), 7.59 – 7.47 (2H, m, Ar-H), 7.44 – 7.29 (3H, m, Ar-H), 6.67 (1H, d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, H-1, GalNAc-IV), 5.54 (1H, s, CH-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 5.41 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, H-4, Gal-V), 5.32 – 5.20 (2H, m, H-2, Gal-V; N*H*Troc), 5.02 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.3, 3.3 Hz, H-3, Gal-V), 4.88 (1H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, H-1, Gal-V), 4.81 (1H, d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, CH*H*, Troc), 4.63 (1H, d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, CH*H*, Troc), 4.56 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.9, 7.4, 3.1 Hz, H-2, GalNAc-IV), 4.46 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, H-4, GalNAc-IV), 4.34 (1H, d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, H-6a, GalNAc-IV), 4.27 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.2, 3.1 Hz, H-3, GalNAc-IV), 4.22 – 3.98 (4H, m, H-6, Gal-V; H-6b, GalNAc-IV; H-5, Gal-V), 3.88 (1H, s, H-5, GalNAc-IV), 2.18 (3H, s, OAc), 2.05 (3H, s, OAc), 2.04 (3H, s, OAc), 1.99 (3H, s, OAc). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.2 (C, OAc), 170.0 (C, OAc), 169.9 (C, OAc), 169.6 (C, OAc), 160.2 (C=NH), 154.0 (C=O, Troc), 137.4 (C, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 129.1, 128.2, 126.2, 101.0 (*C*H-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 100.0 (C-1, Gal-V), 96.3 (C-1, GalNAc-IV), 95.4 (CCl<sub>3</sub>), 74.6 (C-4, GalNAc-IV), 74.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>, Troc), 71.8 (C-3, GalNAc-IV), 71.3 (C-5, Gal-V), 70.8 (C-3, Gal-V), 68.9 (C-6, GalNAc-IV), 68.4 (C-2, Gal-V), 66.4 (C-4, Gal-V), 65.3 (C-5, GalNAc-IV), 60.9 (C-6, Gal-V), 49.9 (C-2, GalNAc-IV), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>, OAc), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>, OAc), 20.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>, OAc), 20.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>, OAc).



Scheme S3. Formation of disaccharide donor 7b from disaccharide 13.

2,2,2-Trichloroacetimidate 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ -4,6-di-O-acetyl-2-[(2,2,2trichloromethoxy)carbonylamino]-β-D-galactopyranoside (7b). A solution of disaccharide 13 (350 mg, 0.38 mmol) in 80% aq AcOH (4 mL) was heated to 80°C for 4 h. The mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature (RT) and was diluted with EtOAc, washed with  $H_2O$ , sat aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (3x), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The obtained crude was dissolved in pyridine (3 mL) and Ac<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL) was slowly added, followed by DMAP (cat.). After 1 h, the reaction showed complete conversion by TLC and the mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The crude was dissolved in pyridine (3.5 mL) and transferred to a plastic round bottom flask. HF Pyridine (70% HF, 350 µL) was added and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc, washed with sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (3x), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, concentrated in vacuo and co-evaporated with toluene. Quick silica column purification Hexane: EtOAc (1:0 to 1:3 v/v) provided the intermediate in 81% yield. The obtained intermediate (237 mg, 0.31 mmol) was dissolved in DCM and stirred with 4 Å molecular sieves at 0°C. 2,2,2-trichloroethyl chloroformate (297 μL, 2.96 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (301 mg, 0.92 mmol) were added after 30 min. After 22 h the reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the obtained residue was purified by silica column chromatography using Hexane:EtOAc (1:0 to 1:1 v/v) as the eluent to isolate the  $\alpha$ -anomer of the title compound (143 mg, 53 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.75 (1H s, C=NH), 6.57 (1H, d, J = 3.3 Hz, H-1, GalNAc-IV), 5.50 – 5.34 (3H, m, H-4, GalNAc-IV; N*H*Troc; H-4, Gal-V), 5.28 – 5.20 (1H, m, H-2, Gal-V), 4.99 (1H, dd, J = 10.3, 3.2 Hz, H-3, Gal-V), 4.84 (1H, , J = 12.1 Hz, CHH, Troc), 4.76 (1H, d, J = 8.2 Hz, H-1, Gal-V), 4.62 (1H, d, J = 12.0 Hz, CHH, Troc), 4.41 – 4.34 (1H, m, H-2, GalNAc-IV), 4.31 (1H, t, J = 6.4 Hz, H-5, GalNAc-IV), 4.25 – 4.04 (4H, m, H-6a, GalNAc-IV; H-3, GalNAc-IV; H-6, Gal-V), 4.04 – 3.92 (2H, m, H-5, Gal-V; H-6b, GalNAc-IV), 2.20 (3H, s, OAc), 2.15 (3H, s, OAc), 2.10 (3H, s, OAc), 2.04 (6H, s, 2x OAc), 1.98 (3H, s, OAc).



Scheme S4. Synthesis of disaccharide acceptors 12a and 12b from protected lactose 25.

Para-methoxyphenyl2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)-2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl-β-D-gluco-<br/>pyranoside (12a). Compound 25<sup>3</sup> (8.1 g, 8.2 mmol) was stirred in DCM (50 mL) with 4 Å molecular sieves



for 3 h. The mixture was cooled to -78°C and after adding Et<sub>3</sub>SiH (6.5 mL, 41 mmol) stirring was continued for another 30 min. TfOH (1.45 mL, 16.4 mmol) was introduced and after 2.5 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with Et<sub>3</sub>N. The resulting mixture was filtered over Celite and the filtrate

was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The obtained residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using Toluene:EtOAc (1:0 to 20:1 v/v) as the eluent to afford compound **12a** (2.28g, 64 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.54 – 7.14 (30H, m, Ar-H), 7.02 (2H, d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, OMP), 6.79 (2H, d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, OMP), 5.00 (2H, t, *J* = 10.7 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>, Bn), 4.85 (1H, d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, H-1, Glc-I), 4.83 – 4.64 (6H, m, 3x, CH<sub>2</sub>, Bn), 4.53 – 4.35 (5H, m, 2x CH<sub>2</sub>, Bn; H-1, Gal-II), 4.06 – 3.96 (2H, m, H-4, Gal-II; H-5 Gal-II), 3.82 – 3.74 (4H, m, CH<sub>3</sub>, OMP; H-6 Glc-I), 3.72 – 3.57 (4H, m, H-4, Glc-I; H-6a, Gal-II; H-2, Glc-I; H-2, Gal-II), 3.52 – 3.45 (2H, m, H-5, Glc-I; H6-b, Gal-II), 3.40 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.3, 3.4 Hz, H-3, Gal-II), 3.95 (1H, t, H-3, Glc-I), 2.39 (1H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, OH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  155.2 (C, OMP), 151.6 (C, OMP), 139.0 (C, OBn), 138.5 (C, OBn), 138.4 (C, OBn), 138.3 (C, OBn, 138.2 (C, OBn), 137.9 (C, OBn), 128.43, 128.34, 128.28, 128.25, 128.20, 128.08, 128.04, 127.83, 127.78, 127.73, 127.62, 127.59, 127.54, 127.40, 127.25, 118.4 (2x CH, OMP), 114.5 (2x CH, OMP), 102.8 (C-1, Glc-I), 102.6 (C-1, Gal-II), 82.9 (C-4, Glc-I), 81.6 (C-2, Glc-I), 81.1 (C-3, Gal-II), 79.4 (C-2, Gal-II), 77.2 (C-5, Gal-II), 75.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 75.1 (C-5, Glc-I), 73.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 73.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 72.8 (C-3, Glc-I), 72.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 68.4 (C-6, Glc-I), 68.3 (C-6, Gal-II), 66.1 (C-4, Gal-II), 55.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>, OMP). ESI HRMS (*m*/*z*): [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>61</sub>H<sub>64</sub>O<sub>12</sub>, 1006.4736; found 1006.4750.

*N*-(Benzyl)-benzyloxycarbonyl-5-aminopentan-1-ol (28). The protected aminopentanol linker was HO\_\_\_\_\_\_NBnCbz synthesized as described before.<sup>4</sup>

*N*-(Benzyl)-benzyloxycarbonyl-5-aminopentyl 2,3-di-*O*-benzyl-4,6-*O*-benzylidene-β-D-galactopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 4)$ -2,3,6-tri-*O*-benzyl-β-D-glucopyranoside (27). Oven-dried (90°C, 1.5 h) ceric ammonium nitrate



(1.67 g, 3.0 mmol) was added to a stirring solution of compound **25**<sup>3</sup> (2.0 g, 2.0 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O (40/10 mL) at 0°C. After 30 min, the mixture was diluted with DCM, washed with sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2 x), brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by silica column chromatography using

Hexane: EtOAc (1:0 to 1:1 v/v) as the eluent provided the product, which was directly used in the next step. 2,2,2-Trichloroacetonitrile (848 µL, 8.5 mmol) and DBU (51 µL, 0.3 mmol) were added to the intermediate (1.49 g, 1.7 mmol) in DCM (3 mL) with 4 Å molecular sieves at 0°C. After 15 min the reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the obtained crude was directly purified by silica column chromatography using Toluene:EtOAc (1:0 to 8:2 v/v) as the eluent. The obtained compound 26 was directly used in the next step. A mixture of acceptor 28 (100 mg, 0.3 mmol), donor 26 (468 mg, 0.46 mmol) and 4 Å molecular sieves was stirred in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (5 mL) for 1 h. The mixture was cooled to -30°C and TMSOTf (11 μL, 0.06 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 15°C over 2 h. The reaction mixture was with Et<sub>3</sub>N, filtered over a pad of Celite and concentrated in vacuo. The obtained residue was diluted with EtOAc, washed with NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The organic layer was dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The obtained crude was purified by silica column chromatography using Toluene:EtOAc (1:0 to 7:3 v/v) as the eluent to afford compound **27** (305 mg, 84 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.56 – 7.07 (40H, m, Ar-H), 5.45 (1H, s, CH-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 5.22 – 5.09 (3H, m), 4.93 – 4.67 (6H, m), 4.54 (1H, d), 4.50 – 4.41 (3H, m, H-1, Glc-I; CH<sub>2</sub>, pentyl), 4.39 – 4.14 (4H, m, H-1, Gal-II), 4.01 (1H d, J = 3.5 Hz, H-4, Gal-II), 3.97 (1H, dd, J = 11.6, 7.1 Hz, H-5, Glc), 3.93 – 3.66 (5H, m, H-2, Glc-I), 3.66 – 3.58 (1H, m, H-3, Gal-II), 3.57 – 3.31 (4H, m, H-2, Gal-II; H-3, Glc-I; H-4, Glc-I), 3.28 – 3.10 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>, pentyl), 2.92 (1H, s, H-5, Gal-II), 1.74 – 1.42 (4H, m, 2x CH<sub>2</sub>, pentyl), 1.41 – 1.17 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>, pentyl). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.5 (C=O, Cbz), 138.9, 138.8, 138.7, 138.5, 138.3, 138.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.4, 128.3, 128.3, 128.3, 128.2, 128.2, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.8, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 127.5, 127.4, 126.6, 103.6 (C-1, Glc-I), 102.9 (C-1, Gal-II), 101.4 (CH-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 92.1, 83.0 (C-3, Gal-II), 81.8 (C-2, Gal-II), 79.6, 78.9 (C-2, Glc-I), 77.6, 7578, 75.3, 75.0, 75.0, 73.7 (C-4, Gal-II), 73.0, 71.7, 69.9, 69.0, 68.3, 67.2, 66.3 (C-5, Gal-II), 50.6, 50.3, 47.2, 46.3, 29.5, 28.0, 23.4.

*N*-(Benzyl)-benzyloxycarbonyl-5-aminopentyl 2,3,6-tri-*O*-benzyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 4)$ -2,3,6-tri-*O*-benzyl-β-D-glucopyranoside (12b). Compound 27 (300 mg, 0.25 mmol) was stirred in DCM with 4 Å



molecular sieves for 2 h. The mixture was cooled to -78°C and after adding Et<sub>3</sub>SiH (201  $\mu$ L, 1.26 mmol) stirring was continued for another 30 min. TfOH (45  $\mu$ L, 0.50 mmol) was introduced. More Et<sub>3</sub>SiH (200  $\mu$ L) and TfOH (70  $\mu$ L, 0.8 mmol) were added

over time and after 2.5 h the reaction mixture was quenched with Et<sub>3</sub>N. The quenched mixture was filtered over Celite, washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The obtained residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using Toluene:EtOAc (1:0 to 5:1 v/v) as the eluent to afford compound **12b** (191 mg, 64 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.59 – 6.95 (40H, m, Ar-H), 5.15 (2H, d, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 4.97 (1H, d, *J* = 10.7 Hz), 4.89 – 4.61 (6H, m), 4.61 – 4.27 (8H, m, H-1 Glc-I; H-1, Gal-II), 4.01 (1H, s, H-4, Gal-II), 3.99 – 3.91 (1H, m), 3.91 – 3.28 (13H, m, H-2, Glc-I; H-2, Gal-II), 3.28 – 3.10 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>, pentyl), 2.40 (1H, s, OH), 1.71 – 1.42 (4H, m, 2x CH<sub>2</sub>, pentyl), 1.42 – 1.17 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>, pentyl). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.1, 138.7, 138.6, 138.3, 138.2, 137.9, 128.5, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.8, 127.8, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 127.5, 127.2, 103.6 (C-1, Glc-I), 102.5 (C-1, Gal-II), 82.9, 81.8 (C-2, Glc-I), 81.1, 79.4 (C-2, Gal-II), 76.6 (C-3, Gal-II), 75.3, 75.2, 75.1, 74.9, 73.5, 73.1, 72.7, 72.0, 68.4, 68.3, 67.1, 66.1 (C-4, Gal-II), 50.5, 50.2, 47.2, 46.2, 29.4, 28.0, 27.5, 23.4.



Scheme S5. Synthesis of galactosyl donor 11 from compound 29.5

#### Phenyl 3-O-(2-naphthyl)methyl-4,6-O-di-tert-butylsilanediyl-1-thio-B-D-galactopyranoside (30). Bu2SnO



(5.78 g, 23 mmol) was added to compound  $29^5$  (7.98 g, 19 mmol) in toluene (100 mL) and the suspension was heated under reflux for 3 h. The resulting clear solution was cooled to 90 °C and after the addition of 2-(bromomethyl)naphthalene (4.70 g, 21 mmol), tetrabutylammonium iodide (7.86 g, 21 mmol) was added portionwise over 1 h. After overnight stirring at 90 °C, the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. The obtained crude was dissolved in DCM, washed with sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, extracted with

DCM (2x), washed with brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered over a pad of Celite. The concentrated crude was purified by silica column chromatography using Toluene:EtOAc (1:0 to 10:1 v/v) as the eluent to afford compound **30** (5.88 g, 55 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.88 – 7.75 (4H, m, Ar-H), 7.58 – 7.52 (3H, m, Ar-H), 7.51 – 7.43 (2H, m, Ar-H), 7.34 – 7.22 (3H, m, Ar-H), 4.96 (1H, d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, CH*H*, Nap), 4.81 (1H, d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, CH*H*, Nap), 4.61 – 4.54 (2H, m, H-1, H-4), 4.23 (2H, dd, *J* = 12.5, 1.9 Hz, H-6), 4.06 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.5, 1.9 Hz, H-2), 3.41 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.1, 3.0 Hz, H-3), 3.35 (1H, s, H-5), 2.60 (1H, d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, O*H*, H-2), 1.08 (9H, s, *t*-Bu), 1.07 (9H, s, *t*-Bu). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  135.6, 133.60, 133.25, 133.09, 132.53, 128.85, 128.37, 127.87, 127.72, 127.67, 126.61, 126.19, 125.99, 125.85, 89.2 (C-1), 81.8 (C-3), 75.1 (C-5), 70.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>, Nap), 69.5 (C-4), 68.6 (C-2), 67.4 (C-6), 27.7 (3x CH<sub>3</sub>, *t*-Bu), 27.6 (3x CH<sub>3</sub>, *t*-Bu), 23.4 (C, *t*-Bu), 20.7 (C, *t*-Bu). ESI HRMS (*m*/*z*): [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>40</sub>O<sub>5</sub>SSi, 575,2263; found 575.2260. [ $\alpha$ ]  $\frac{25}{589}$  = -10.0° (C = 0.01; CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**Phenyl 2-***O***-benzyl-3-***O***-(2-naphthyl)methyl-4**,6-*O***-di***-tert***-butylsilanediyl-1-thio**-β**-***D***-galactopyranoside** (**11**). A mixture of compound **30** (1.9 g, 3.4 mmol) and NaH (60 % dispersion in oil; 275 mg, 6.9 mmol) in



DMF (10 mL) was stirred at 0°C for 10 min. Benzyl bromide (612  $\mu$ L, 5.2 mmol) was added dropwise and the mixture was stirred at RT for another 30 min before quenching with AcOH in MeOH. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, diluted with DCM and washed with 1M HCl and water. The organic phase was dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Crystallization from MeOH provided compound **11** (1.39 g, 63 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.86 – 7.77 (3H, m, Ar-H), 7.76 – 7.69

(1H, m, Ar-H), 7.57 – 7.50 (3H, m, Ar-H), 7.50 – 7.40 (3H, m, Ar-H), 7.38 – 7.18 (7H, m, Ar-H), 4.98 – 4.82 (4H, m, 2x CH<sub>2</sub>, Bn, Nap), 4.66 (1H, d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, H-1), 4.52 (1H, d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, H-4), 4.18 (2H, dd, *J* = 12.4, 1.9 Hz, H-6), 3.88 (3H, t, *J* = 9.4 Hz, H-2), 3.52 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.1, 3.0 Hz, H-3), 3.26 (1H, s, H-5), 1.15 (9H, s, *t*-Bu), 1.09 (9H, s, *t*-Bu). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.37, 135.83, 134.82, 133.21, 133.01, 132.02, 128.70, 128.41, 128.29, 128.19, 127.84, 127.69, 127.66, 127.22, 126.44, 126.07, 125.86, 88.7 (C-1), 82.6 (C-3) 77.3 (C-2), 75.9, 74.7 (C-5), 71.1, 70.1 (C-4), 67.3 (C-6), 27.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>, *t*-Bu), 27.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>, *t*-Bu), 23.4 (C, *t*-Bu), 20.7 (C, *t*-Bu). ESI HRMS (*m*/*z*): [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>5</sub>SSi, 665.2733; found 665.2731. [ $\alpha$ ]  $\frac{25}{589}$  = 4.5° (C = 0.1; CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

# Para-methoxyphenyl 2-O-benzyl-3-O-(2-naphthyl)methyl-4,6-O-di-*tert*-butylsilanediyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)-2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl-β-D-galactopy



molecular sieves was stirred in DCM (15 mL) for 1 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to -30°C and *N*-iodosuccinimide (700 mg, 3.1 mmol) and triflic acid (14  $\mu$ L, 0.16 mmol) were added. After 35 min the reaction was quenched with Et<sub>3</sub>N, filtered over a pad of Celite and concentrated *in vacuo*. The obtained residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using Toluene:EtOAc (1:0 to 20:1 v/v) as the eluent to afford compound **15a** (2.13 g, 90 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.84 – 7.64 (4H, m, Ar-H), 7.49 – 7.39 (4H, m, Ar-H), 7.36 – 7.13 (34H, m, Ar-

H), 7.01 (2H, d, J = 9.0 Hz, OMP), 6.78 (2H, d, J = 9.0 Hz, OMP), 5.12 – 5.07 (1H, d, J = 11.3 Hz, CHH), 5.01 – 4.92 (2H, m, H-1, Gal-III; CHH), 4.85 (1H, d, J = 7.3 Hz, H-1, Glc-I), 4.83– 4.64 (8H, m, 4x CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.62 – 4.52 (2H, m, 2x CHH), 4.52 – 4.41 (3H, m, CHH; H-1, Gal-II; H-4, Gal-III), 4.40 – 4.24 (3H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>; CHH), 4.17 – 3.87 (6H, m, H-6a, Gal-II; H-4, Glc-I; H-2, Gal-III, H-5, Gal-II; H-4, Gal-II; H-3, Gal-III) 3.83 - 3.78 (4H, m, H-6, Glc-I; H-6, Gal-III), 3.76 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>, OMP), 3.70 – 3.60 (2H, m, H-2, Glc-I; H-5, Gal-III), 3.59 – 3.43 (3H, m, H-2, Gal-II; H-6b, Gal-II; H-5, Glc-I), 3.35 (1H, dd, J = 8.1, 5.5 Hz, H-3, Glc-I), 3.29 (1H, dd, J = 10.0, 2.7 Hz, H-3, Gal-II), 1.01 (9H, s, t-Bu), 0.99 (9H, s, t-Bu). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 155.2 (C, OMP), 151.6 (C, OMP), 139.2 (C, Ar), 138.7 (C, Ar), 138.5 (C, Ar), 138.4 (C, Ar), 138.3 (C, Ar), 138.2 (C, Ar), 136.7 (C, Ar), 133.2, 132.9, 129.0, 128.5, 128.4, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.2, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.7, 127.6, 127.6, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 127.4, 127.4, 127.4, 126.0, 125.9, 125.9, 125.7, 118.5 (2x CH, OMP), 114.5 (2x CH, OMP), 103.1 (C-1, Glc-I), 102.7 (C-1, Gal-II), 100.2 (C-1, Gal-III), 82.5 (C-5, Gal-III), 81.5 (C-2, Glc-I), 81.1 (C-3, Gal-II), 79.1 (C-2, Gal-II), 78.0 (C-3, Gal-III), 77.2 (C-5, Gal-II), 75.3 (C-5, Glc-I), 75.2, 75.1, 74.9, 74.3 (C-2, Gal-III), 73.7, 73.5 (C-4, Glc-I), 73.4 (C-3, Glc-I), 73.2, 73.1, 72.2, 71.2 (C-4, Gal-III), 70.6, 68.4 (C-6, Glc-I), 67.7 (C-6, Gal-II), 67.5 (C-4, Gal-II), 67.1 (C-6, Gal-III), 55.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>, OMP), 27.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>, t-Bu), 27.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>, t-Bu), 23.3 (C, t-Bu), 20.7 (C, t-Bu). ESI HRMS (m/z): [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>93</sub>H<sub>104</sub>O<sub>17</sub>Si, 1538.7381; found 1538.7403.  $[\alpha] \frac{25}{589} = 357.2^{\circ} (C = 0.1; CHCl_3).$ 

### *Para*-methoxyphenyl 2-*O*-benzyl-4,6-*O*-di-*tert*-butylsilanediyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 4)$ -2,3,6-tri-*O*-benzyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 4)$ -2,3,6-tri-*O*-benzyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (8a). DDQ (377 mg, 1.7



mmol) was added to a stirring solution of compound **15a** (2.1 g, 1.4 mmol) in DCM (120 mL) and PBS buffer (pH 7.4, 5 mL) and the reaction mixture was kept in darkness. After 3 h, the mixture was diluted with DCM, washed with sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2 x), H<sub>2</sub>O, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by silica column chromatography using Toluene:EtOAc (1:0 to 4:1 v/v) as the eluent provided compound **8a** (987 mg, 52 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.42 (2H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, Ar-H), 7.36 – 7.17 (33H, m, Ar-H), 7.01 (2H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, OMP), 6.78 (2H, d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, OMP), 5.09 (1H, d, *J* =

11.6 Hz, CH*H*), 5.01 – 4.94 (2H, m, H-1, Gal-III; CH*H*), 4.86 (1H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, H-1, Glc-I), 4.81 – 4.56 (8H, m, 4x CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.51 – 4.42 (2H, m, H-1, Gal-II; CH*H*), 4.40 – 4.27 (3H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>; CH*H*), 4.24 (1H, d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, H-4, Gal-III), 4.09 – 3.95 (5H, m, H-4, Gal-II; H-4, Glc-I; H-6a, Gal-II; H-3, Gal-III; H-5, Gal-III), 3.79 (2H, d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, H-6, Glc-I), 3.76 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>, OMP), 3.72 (2H, s, H-6, Gal-III), 3.70 – 3.61 (3H, m, H-2, Glc-I; H-5, Gal-III); H-2, Gal-III), 3.56 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.9, 7.7 Hz, H-2, Gal-II), 3.51 – 3.43 (2H, m, H-6b, Gal-II; H-5, Glc-I), 3.34 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.3, 5.5 Hz, H-3, Glc-I), 3.29 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.0, 2.7 Hz, H-3, Gal-II), 2.40 – 2.31 (1H, m, OH), 0.97 (9H, s, t-Bu), 0.90 (9H, s, t-Bu). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  155.2 (C, OMP), 151.6 (C, OMP), 139.3 (C, Ar), 138.4 (C, Ar), 138.4 (C, Ar), 138.4 (2 C, Ar), 138.2 (C, Ar), 138.1 (C, Ar), 128.4, 128.3, 128.3, 128.3, 128.2, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 127.6, 127.6, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 127.1, 118.4 (2x CH, OMP), 114.5 (2x CH, OMP), 103.1 (C-1, Gal-II), 102.7 (C-1, Glc-I), 99.4 (C-1, Gal-III), 82.7 (C-5, Gal-III), 81.6 (C-2, Glc-I), 81.1 (C-3, Gal-II), 79.0 (C-2, Gal-II), 77.3 (C-5, Gal-II), 75.5 (C-2, Gal-III), 75.3 (C-5, Glc-I), 75.1, 75.0, 75.0, 73.9 (C-4, Gal-II), 73.2 (C-4, Glc-I), 73.1 (C-3, Glc-I), 73.0, 72.3, 70.1 (C-3, Gal-III), 68.4 (C-6, Glc-I), 67.5 (C-6, Gal, II), 67.1 (C-4, Gal-II), 66.7 (C-6, Gal-III), 55.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>, OMP), 27.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>, *t*-Bu), 27.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>, *t*-Bu), 23.2 (C, *t*-Bu), 20.6 (C, *t*-Bu). ESI HRMS (*m*/*z*): [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>82</sub>H<sub>96</sub>O<sub>17</sub>Si, 1398.6755; found 1398.6760. [ $\alpha$ ]  $\frac{25}{580}$ 

### *N*-(Benzyl)-benzyloxycarbonyl-5-aminopentyl 2-*O*-benzyl-3-*O*-(2-naphthyl)methyl-4,6-*O*-di-*tert*-butylsilanediyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-2,3,6-tri-*O*-benzyl- $\beta$ -benzyl- $\beta$ -benzy



**benzyl-β-D-glucopyranoside (15b).** A mixture of acceptor **12b** (189 mg, 0.19 mmol), donor **11** (147 mg, 0.23 mmol) and 4 Å molecular sieves was stirred in DCM (1.5 mL) for 1 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to -30°C and *N*-iodosuccinimide (86 mg, 0.38 mmol) and triflic acid (1.7  $\mu$ L, 0.02 mmol) were added. After 20 min the reaction was quenched with Et<sub>3</sub>N, filtered over a pad of Celite and concentrated *in vacuo*. The obtained residue was purified by silica gel chromatography

using Toluene:EtOAc (1:0 to 5:1 v/v) as the eluent to afford compound **15b** (197 mg, 60%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.95 – 7.64 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.54 – 6.79 (48H, m, Ar-H), 5.15 (2H, d, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 5.06 (1H, d, *J* = 11.1 Hz), 4.97 (1H, d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, H-1, Gal-III), 4.87 – 4.62 (7H, m), 4.62 – 4.38 (7H, m, H-1, Gal-III), 4.37 – 4.17 (4H, m, H-1, Glc-I), 4.16 – 4.07 (1H, m), 4.06 – 3.98 (2H, m, H-2, Gal-III), 3.98 – 3.63 (10H, m), 3.62 – 3.07 (10H, m, H-2, Gal-II, H-2, Glc-I), 1.68 – 1.40 (4H, m, 2x, CH<sub>2</sub>, pentyl), 1.40 – 1.16 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>, pentyl), 1.00 (9H, s, *t*-Bu), 0.97 (9H, s, *t*-Bu). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.3, 138.7, 138.7, 138.5, 138.3, 138.2, 136.7, 133.2, 132.9, 129.0, 128.5, 128.4, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.6, 127.6, 127.4, 127.4, 127.3, 126.0, 125.9, 125.9, 125.6, 125.3, 103.5 (C-1, Glc-I), 102.9 (C-1, Gal-II), 100.1 (C-1, Gal-III), 82.5, 81.7 (C-2, Glc-I), 81.1, 79.0 (C-2, Gal-II), 78.0, 77.2, 75.1, 75.0, 74.9, 74.9, 74.2, 73.6 (C-2, Gal-III), 73.1, 73.1, 72.1, 71.2, 70.6, 70.1, 69.7, 68.3, 67.6, 67.5, 67.1, 67.1, 50.2, 47.2, 46.2, 29.4, 27.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>, *t*-Bu), 27.6, 27.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>, *t*-Bu), 23.3 (C, *t*-Bu), 20.7 (C, *t*-Bu). [ $\alpha$ ]  $\frac{25}{589}$  = -23.5° (C = 0.02; CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

### *N*-(Benzyl)-benzyloxycarbonyl-5-aminopentyl 2-*O*-benzyl-4,6-*O*-di-*tert*-butylsilanediyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 4)$ -2,3,6-tri-*O*-benzyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 4)$ -2,3,6-tri-*O*-benzyl-β-D-



**glucopyranoside (8b).**  $\beta$ -Pinene (71 µL, 0.45 mmol) and DDQ (51 mg, 0.22 mmol) were added to a stirring solution of compound **15b** (2.1 g, 1.4 mmol) in DCM/H<sub>2</sub>O (9/1 mL). The reaction mixture was kept in darkness and stirred overnight. The mixture was diluted with DCM, washed with sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2 x), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by silica column chromatography using Toluene:EtOAc (1:0 to 10:1.2 v/v) as the eluent provided

compound **8b** (105 mg, 59 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.42 – 7.09 (45H, m, Ar-H), 5.15 (2H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.05 (1H, d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, CHH), 4.98 (1H, d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, H-1, Gal-III), 4.89 – 4.80 (1H, m, CHH), 4.80 – 4.26 (16H, m, H-1, Gal-II; H-1, Glc-I), 4.23 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, H-4, Gal-III), 4.09 – 3.68 (10H, m, H-3, Gal-III), 3.65 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.9, 3.2 Hz, H-2, Gal-III), 3.61 – 3.09 (10H, m, H-2, Gal-II; H-2, Glc-I), 2.39 – 2.31 (1H, m, OH), 1.78 – 1.42 (4H, m, 2x CH<sub>2</sub>, pentyl), 1.38 – 1.18 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>, pentyl), 0.97 (9H, s, *t*-Bu), 0.90 (9H, s, *t*-Bu). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 139.4, 138.6, 138.4, 138.4, 138.2, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.3, 128.2, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.7, 127.6, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 127.1, 103.5 (C-1, Glc-I), 103.0 (C-1, Gal-III), 99.4 (C-1, Gal-III), 82.6, 81.7 (C-2, Glc-I), 81.0, 78.9 (C-2, Gal-II), 77.2, 75.5 (C-2, Gal-III), 75.1, 75.0, 74.9, 73.9 (C-4, Gal-III), 73.2, 73.1, 73.1, 73.0, 72.2, 70.1 (C-3, Gal-III), 68.4, 67.5, 67.1, 66.7, 29.4, 27.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>, *t*-Bu), 27.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>, *t*-Bu), 23.4, 23.2 (C, *t*-Bu), 20.6 (C, *t*-Bu). [α]  $\frac{25}{589}$  = -53° (C = 0.01; CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

Table S1. Glyco	sylation co	onditions of	trisaccharide	e acceptor	8a and	disacchari	de donor	7a or 7	' <b>b</b> to a	fford
protected Gb5	(16a, 16b)									



Donor	Activator	Temperature	Total product	Isolated β-product*
8a	TMSOTf (0.2eq)	-30°C	56-59%	37-42%
8a	TMSOTf (0.2-0.3eq)	-60°C	72-76%	42-45%
8a	TfOH (0.1eq)	-10°C	32%	32%
8a	TfOH (0.1eq)	-50°C	43%	24-28%
8b	TfOH (0.1eq)	-10 °C	19-44%	19-44%
8b	TfOH (0.1eq)	-50 °C	52%	52%

The highest overall yield of the glycosylation was obtained at the coldest activation temperature. However, changes in temperature or activator did not improve  $\beta/\alpha$  selectivities when donor **8a** was used. The

glycosylation proved most successful with donor **7b** and acceptor **8a** in DCM with molecular sieves at -50 °C, since no  $\alpha$ -product was formed.

*Para*-methoxyphenyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-4,6-*O*-benzylidene-2-[(2,2,2-trichloromethoxy)carbonylamino]- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-2-*O*-benzyl-4,6-*O*-di-*tert*-butyl-silanediyl- $\alpha$ -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-2,3,6-tri-*O*-benzyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-2,3,6-tri- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-2,3,6-tri- $\beta$ -di- $\beta$ -d



**zyl-β-D-glucopyranoside (16a).** A mixture of acceptor **8a** (987 mg, 0.71 mmol), donor **7a** (845 mg, 0.92 mmol) and 4 Å molecular sieves was stirred in DCM (9 mL) for 1 h. The mixture was cooled to -35°C and TMSOTf (26  $\mu$ L, 0.14 mmol) was added. After 5 min the reaction was quenched by addition of Et<sub>3</sub>N. The mixture was filtered over Celite and concentrated *in vacuo*. The obtained residue was purified by silica gel

chromatography using Toluene: EtOAc (1:0 to 8:2 v/v) as the eluent to give compound 16a as an oil. The  $\beta$ -anomer of the title pentasaccharide (562 mg, 37 %). (total isolated  $\alpha/\beta$  yield: 59%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.58 – 7.09 (40H, m, H-Ar), 7.00 (2H, d, J = 8.8 Hz, OMP), 6.78 (2H, d, J = 8.8 Hz, OMP), 5.47 (1H, s, CH-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 5.36 (1H, s), 5.16 (1H, dd), 5.09 - 4.94 (3H, m), 4.93 - 3.95 (32H, m, 5x H-1), 3.95 - 3.70 (10H, m), 3.70 - 3.55 (3H, m), 3.53 - 3.42 (2H, m), 3.37 -3.27 (2H, m), 2.90 (1H, s), 2.14 (3H, s, OAc), 2.06 (3H, s, OAc), 2.01 (3H, s, OAc), 1.95 (3H, s, OAc), 1.03 – 0.85 (18H, m, 2x t-Bu). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.3 (C, OAc), 170.1 (C, OAc), 169.4 (C, OAc), 155.2 (C, OMP), 153.7 (C=O, Troc), 151.5 (C, OMP), 139.4 (C, Ar), 138.5 (C, Ar), 138.4 (C, Ar), 138.3 (C, Ar), 138.1 (C, Ar), 138.0 (C, Ar), 137.9 (C, Ar), 129.0, 129.0, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 127.5, 127.4, 126.5, 125.3, 118.4 (2x CH, OMP), 114.5 (2x CH, OMP), 103.1 (C-1, Gal-II), 102.7 (C-1, Glc-I), 101.5 (C-1, Gal-V), 101.4 (C-1, GalNAc-IV), 100.8 (CH-C6H5), 99.9 (C-1, Gal-III), 95.3 (CCl<sub>3</sub>), 81.6, 81.2, 79.3, 78.9, 77.2, 75.9, 75.5, 75.3, 75.1, 74.9, 74.3, 74.2, 73.8, 73.5, 73.3, 73.1, 73.0, 72.1, 70.8, 68.9, 68.7, 68.4, 67.8, 67.5, 67.0, 66.0, 61.4, 55.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>, OMP), 53.7, 27.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>, t-Bu), 27.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>, *t*-Bu), 23.30, 20.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>, OAc), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>, OAc), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>, OAc), 20.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>, OAc). ESI HRMS (m/z):  $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for C<sub>112</sub>H<sub>130</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>32</sub>Si 2156.7309; 2156.7454 found.  $[\alpha] \frac{25}{589} = 55.0^\circ$  $(C = 0.05; CHCl_3).$ 

N-(Benzyl)-benzyloxycarbonyl-5-aminopentyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl-(1→3)-4,6-O-benzylidene-2-[(2,2,2-trichloromethoxy)carbonylamino]-β-D-galactopyranosyl-(1→3)-2-O-benzyl-4,6-O-di-tert-butylsilanediyl-α-D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)-2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)-2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl-β-D-glucopyranoside (16c). A mixture of acceptor 8b (100 mg, 0.063 mmol),



mixture of acceptor **8b** (100 mg, 0.063 mmol), donor **7a** (75 mg, 0.082 mmol) and 4 Å molecular sieves was stirred in DCM (9 mL) for 1 h. The mixture was cooled to -30°C and TMSOTf (2  $\mu$ L, 0.013 mmol) was added. After 20 min the reaction was quenched by addition of Et<sub>3</sub>N. The mixture was filtered over Celite and concentrated *in vacuo*. The obtained residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using

Toluene:EtOAc (1:0 to 8:2 v/v) as the eluent to give compound **16c** as an oil. The  $\beta$ -anomer of the title pentasaccharide (62 mg, 42%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.61 – 6.95 (50H, m, Ar-H), 5.47 (1H, s, CH-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 5.37 (1H, d, J = 3.1 Hz), 5.20 – 5.11 (3H, m), 5.00 (1H, d, J = 11.2 Hz), 4.94 – 4.41 (19H, m, H-1, Gal-

III; H-1, Gal-V; H-1, GalNAc-IV; H-1, Gal-III), 4.40 – 3.63 (24H, m, H-1, Glc-I), 3.62 - 3.08 (10H, m), 2.91 (1H, s), 2.15 (3H, s, OAc), 2.06 (3H, s, OAc), 2.01 (3H, s, OAc), 1.96 (3H, s, OAc), 1.67 – 1.43 (4H, m, 2x CH<sub>2</sub>, pentyl), 1.39 – 1.19 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>, pentyl), 0.97 – 0.92 (18H, m, 2x *t*-Bu). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.3, 170.1, 169.3, 153.6, 139.5, 139.5, 138.6, 138.5, 138.4, 138.3, 138.1, 138.1, 138.0, 137.9, 137.8, 133.8, 129.1, 129.0, 128.5, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 126.5, 125.5, 125.3, 111.9, 103.5 (C-1, Glc-I), 102.9 (C-1, Gal-II), 101.5 (C-1, Gal-V), 101.3 (C-1, GalNAc-IV), 100.7 (*C*H-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 99.5 (C-1, Gal-III), 95.3, 88.0, 81.7, 81.6, 81.2, 79.3, 78.7, 77.2, 76.8, 76.2, 75.9, 75.5, 75.0, 74.9, 74.2, 74.2, 73.9, 73.4, 73.2, 73.1, 72.1, 70.8, 69.7, 68.9, 68.6, 68.4, 67.7, 67.5, 67.1, 67.0, 67.0, 66.0, 61.4, 57.4, 53.8, 53.4, 50.5, 50.2, 47.1, 46.2, 29.7, 29.4, 27.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>, OAc), 20.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>, OAc). [ $\alpha$ ]  $\frac{25}{589}$  = -84° (C = 0.01; CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

### β-D-Galactopyranosyl-(1→3)-2-acetamido-2-deoxy-β-D-galactopyranosyl-(1→3)-α-D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)-β-D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)-α/β-D-glucopyranose (4a). Pentasaccharide 16a was deprotected in



**lucopyranose (4a).** Pentasaccharide **16a** was deprotected in a total of six steps, all steps were monitored by TLC and MALDI-TOF-MS. HF·Pyridine (300  $\mu$ L of 70%) was added to a mixture of compound **16a** (590 mg, 0.28 mmol) in pyridine (6 mL). The mixture was stirred at RT overnight, diluted with EtOAc, washed with sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (3 x), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The obtained crude was co-evaporated with toluene (3 x) and dissolved in THF (10

mL). To this mixture 1 M NaOH (10 mL) was added and after heating to refluxed (80 °C) overnight, the mixture was concentrated in vacuo and co-evaporated with toluene (2 x). The resulting intermediate was dissolved in pyridine (10 mL) and Ac<sub>2</sub>O (8 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred at RT for 6 h, diluted with EA, washed with 1 M HCl, H<sub>2</sub>O, sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (4 x), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The obtained residue was purified by silica column chromatography using Hexane: EtOAc (1:0 to 1:4 v/v) as the eluent to obtain the intermediate product (417 mg, 76 % over 3 steps). Ammonium cerium(IV) nitrate (587 mg, 1.07 mmol) was added to a solution of this intermediate in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (10 mL)/H<sub>2</sub>O (2.5 mL) at 0 °C. After 7 min the mixture was quenched by addition of sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The layers were separated and the organic layer was washed with sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2x), H<sub>2</sub>O, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The obtained crude was dissolved in MeOH (3 mL), freshly prepared NaOMe was added and the mixture was stirred at r.t for 2 h. The mixture was neutralized with Dowex H<sup>+</sup> resin, filtered, concentrated in vacuo. The crude intermediate was dissolved in a mixture of MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O/HOAc (3/3/1 mL), followed by the addition of Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (560 mg, 20%, Degussa type) and the reaction mixture was left stirring overnight under the atmosphere of hydrogen. The mixture was filtered over a pad of Celite, concentrated in vacuo and purified by Bio-Gel P-2 size exclusion chromatography to give the title compound as a white amorphous solid (131 mg, 70 %, over three steps) Additional purification by HPLC with a semi-preparative HILIC column (XBridge<sup>®</sup> Amide 5 μm, 4.6 mm x 250 mm column, Waters) under isocratic conditions (74% B) with UV detection (210 nm) affords analytically pure glycan. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  5.21 (0.5H, d, J = 3.7 Hz, H-1α, Glc-I), 4.90 (1H, d, J = 3.8 Hz, H-1, Gal-III), 4.70 – 4.61 (1.5H, m, H-1, GalNAc-IV; H-1β Glc-I), 4.50 (1H, d, J = 7.7 Hz, H-1, Gal-II), 4.45 (1H, d, J = 7.7 Hz, H-1, Gal-V), 4.38 (1H, t, J = 6.3 Hz, H-5, Gal-III), 4.24 (1H, d, J = 2.3 Hz, H-4, Gal-III), 4.17 (1H, d, J = 2.9 Hz, H-4, GalNAc-IV), 4.10 – 4.01 (2H, m, H-2, GalNAc-IV; H-4, Gal-II), 3.99 – 3.54 (23H, m, H-2, Gal-III; H-2, Gal-II), 3.50 (1H, dd, J = 9.8, 7.8 Hz, H-2, Gal-V), 3.27 (0.5H, t, J = 8.4 Hz, H-2, Glc-Iβ), 2.02 (3H, s, NHAc). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) δ 175.0 (C=O NHAc), 104.7 (C-1, Gal-V), 103.2 (C-1, Gal-II), 102.9 (C-1, GalNAc-IV), 100.3 (C-1, Gal-III), 95.6 (C-1β, Glc-I), 92.1 (C-1α, Glc-I), 79.5, 78.6, 78.6, 77.1, 75.4, 74.8, 74.5, 74.4, 73.8 (C-2, Glc-I), 72.4, 72.0, 71.4, 71.1 (C-2, Gal-III), 70.81 (C-2, Gal-II), 70.51 (C-2, Gal-V), 70.2, 70.1, 68.9, 68.5, 67.9, 67.5, 60.9, 60.9, 60.3, 60.3, 60.3, 51.4 (C-2, GalNAc-IV), 22.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>, NHAc). ESI HRMS (*m*/*z*): [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>55</sub>NO<sub>26</sub>, 892.2910; found 892.2912.

5-aminopentyl  $\beta$ -D-Galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-2-acetamido-2-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)- $\alpha$ -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 



was deprotected in a total of 5 steps, all steps were the same as for Gb5-OMP, without the CAN reaction. (4.57 mg, 19 %, over 5 steps). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  4.89 (1H, d, J = 3.5 Hz, H-1, Gal-III), 4.67 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, H-1, GalNAc-IV), 4.54 – 4.40 (3H, m, H-1, Gal-II; H-1, Glc-I; H-1, Gal-V), 4.37 (1H, t, J = 6.3 Hz,

H-5, Gal-III), 4.23 (1H, s, H-4, Gal-III) 4.16 (1H, d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, H-4, GalNAc-IV), 4.10 – 3.46 (28H, m), 3.28 (1H, t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, H-2, Glc-I), 3.03 – 2.94 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>, pentyl), 2.01 (3H, s, NHAc), 1.76 – 1.58 (4H, m, 2x CH<sub>2</sub>, pentyl), 1.50 – 1.38 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub> pentyl). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) δ 175.0 (C=O, NHAc), 104.7 (C-1, Gal-V), 103.2 (C-1, Gal-II), 102.8 (C-1, GalNAc-IV), 101.9 (C-1, Glc-I), 100.3 (C-1, Gal-III), 79.5, 78.7, 78.6, 77.1, 75.3, 74.9, 74.7, 74.5, 74.4, 72.8 (C-2, Glc-I), 72.3, 72.0, 70.8 (C-2, Gal-II), 70.5 (C-2, Gal-V), 70.2, 70.0, 68.8 (C-2, Gal-III), 68.5, 67.9, 67.5, 60.9, 60.8, 60.2, 60.2, 59.9, 51.4 (C-2, GalNAc-IV), 39.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>, NHAc), 22.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>). ESI HRMS (*m*/*z*): [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>66</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>26</sub>, 955.3977; found 955.3979.

### 2. Enzymatic synthesis

### 2.1 Human glycosyl transferase expression

The catalytic domains of human glycosyl transferases (see Table S2 below) were expressed as soluble, secreted fusion proteins by transient transfection of HEK293 suspension cultures.<sup>6</sup> The coding regions were amplified from Mammalian Gene Collection clones using primers that appended a tobacco etch virus (TEV) protease cleavage site<sup>6b, 7</sup> to the NH<sub>2</sub>-terminal end of the coding region and attL1 and attL2 Gateway adaptor sites to the 5' and 3' terminal ends of the amplimer products. The amplimers were recombined via BP clonase reaction into the pDONR221 vector and the DNA sequences were confirmed. The pDONR221 clone was then recombined via LR clonase reaction into a custom Gateway adapted version of the pGEn2 mammalian expression vector<sup>6, 8</sup> to assemble a recombinant coding region comprised of a 25 amino acid NH<sub>2</sub>-terminal signal sequence from the *T. cruzi* lysosomal α-mannosidase<sup>9</sup> followed by an 8xHis tag, 17 amino acid AviTag,<sup>10</sup> "superfolder" GFP,<sup>11</sup> the nine amino acid sequence encoded by attB1 recombination site, followed by the TEV protease cleavage site and the respective glycosyltransferase catalytic domain coding region.

Suspension culture HEK293 cells (Freestyle 293-F cells, Life Technologies, Grand Island, NY) were transfected as previously described<sup>6</sup> and the culture supernatant was subjected to Ni-NTA superflow chromatography (Qiagen, Valencia, CA). Enzyme preparations eluted with 300 mM imidazole were concentrated to ~1 mg mL<sup>-1</sup> using an ultrafiltration pressure cell membrane (Millipore, Billerica, MA) with a 10 kDa molecular weight cutoff.

Enzyme	Amino Acid Residues	Uniprot ID
ST3GAL1	52 - 340	Q11201
ST6GALNAC5	50 - 336	Q9BVH7
ST6GALNAC6	31 - 333	Q969X2

Table S2. Enzyme expression details. <sup>61</sup>
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### 2.2 Experimental procedures for enzymatic synthesis

 $\alpha$ Neu5Ac-(2 $\rightarrow$ 3)-β-D-Galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-2-acetamido-2-deoxy-β-D-galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)- $\alpha$ -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-β-D-galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\alpha$ /β-D-glucopyranose (5a). ST3Gal1 and CIAP were



added to compound **4a** (6.5 mg, 10 mM final concentration) in  $H_2O$  with CMP-Neu5Ac (15 mM), MgCl<sub>2</sub> (20 mM), sodium cacodylate buffer (50 mM, pH 7.5). The mixture was shaken at 37°C for 94 h and monitored by TLC (EA:MeOH:H<sub>2</sub>O:HOAc 4:3:2:1). More enzymes were added until no more starting material could be observed. Purification by

Bio-Gel P-2 size exclusion chromatography and semi-preparative HILIC column (XBridge<sup>®</sup> Amide 5  $\mu$ m, 4.6 mm x 250 mm column, Waters, 70% B isocratic) provided compound **5a** (4.57 mg, 53 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (750 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  5.24 (0.5H, d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, H-1 $\alpha$ , Glc-I), 4.93 (1H, d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, H-1, Gal-III), 4.70 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, H-1, GalNAc-IV), 4.68 (0.5H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, H-1 $\beta$ , Glc-I), 4.55 – 4.51 (2H, m, H-1, Gal-V; H-1, Gal-II), 4.41 – 4.37 (1H, m, H-5, Gal-III), 4.26 (1H, s, H-4, Gal-III), 4.19 (1H, d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, H-4, GalNAc-IV), 4.08 (2H, dd, *J* = 9.9, 3.2 Hz, H-2, GalNAc-IV; H-3, Gal-V), 4.05 (1H, d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, H-4, Gal-II), 4.01 – 3.57 (29.5H, m), 3.55 (1H, dd, H-2, Gal-V), 3.29 (0.5H, t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, H-2, Glc-I), 2.76 (1H, dd, *J* = 12.4, 4.6 Hz, H-3eq, Neu5Ac-VI), 2.04 (6H, s, 2x NHAc), 1.79 (1H, t, *J* = 12.1 Hz, H-3ax, Neu5Ac-VI). ESI HRMS (*m/z*): [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>72</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>34</sub>, 1183.3864; found 1183.3861.

5-aminopentyl  $\alpha$ Neu5Ac-(2 $\rightarrow$ 3)- $\beta$ -D-Galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-2-acetamido-2-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)- $\alpha$ -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranose (5b).

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ST3Gal1 and CIAP were added to compound **4b** (2.0 mg, 10 mM final concentration) in  $H_2O$  with CMP-Neu5Ac (15 mM), MgCl<sub>2</sub> (20 mM), sodium cacodylate buffer (50 mM, pH 7.5). The mixture was shaken at 37°C for 24 h and monitored by TLC

(EA:MeOH:H<sub>2</sub>O:HOAc 4:4:3.3:2). Purification by Bio-Gel P-2 size exclusion chromatography provided compound **5b** (1.8 mg, 69%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  4.92 (1H, d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, H-1, Gal-III), 4.71 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, H-1, GalNAc-IV), 4.56 – 4.49 (3H, m, H-1 Gal-V; H-1, Gal-II; H-1, Glc-I), 4.39 (1H, t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, H-5, Gal-III), 4.26 (1H, d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, H-4, Gal-III), 4.19 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, H-4, GalNAc-IV), 4.13 – 3.48 (34H, m), 3.36 – 3.27 (1H, m, H-2, Glc-I), 3.02 (2H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.76 (2H, dd, *J* = 12.4, 4.6 Hz, H-3eq, Neu5Ac-VI), 2.04 (6H, s, 2x NHAc), 1.79 (1H, t, *J* = 12.1 Hz, H-3ax, Neu5Ac-VI), 1.75 – 1.65 (4H, m, 2x CH<sub>2</sub>, pentyl), 1.52 – 1.43 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>, pentyl). ESI HRMS (*m*/*z*): [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>48</sub>H<sub>83</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>34</sub>, 1246.4858; found 1246.4970.

### $\alpha$ Neu5Ac-(2 $\rightarrow$ 3)- $\beta$ -D-Galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-[ $\alpha$ Neu5Ac-(2 $\rightarrow$ 6)]-2-acetamido-2-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)- $\alpha$ -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\alpha$ / $\beta$ -D-glucopyranose (6a).

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ST6GalNAc5 and CIAP were added to a mixture of compound **5a** (4.2 mg, 10 mM final concentration) in H<sub>2</sub>O with CMP-Neu5Ac (15 mM), MgCl<sub>2</sub> (20 mM), sodium cacodylate buffer (50 mM, pH 7.5). The mixture was shaken at 37°C overnight and monitored by TLC (EA:MeOH:H<sub>2</sub>O:HOAc 3:3:3:2). More enzymes were added until no more starting material could be observed. Purification by Bio-Gel P-2 size exclusion chromatography and semi-preprarative HILIC column (XBridge<sup>®</sup> Amide 5  $\mu$ m, 4.6 mm x 250 mm column, Waters, 70% B isocratic) provided compound **6a** (2.64 mg, 50 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (750 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  5.24 (0.5H, d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, H-1 $\alpha$ , Glc-I, 4.93 (1H, d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, H-1, Gal-III), 4.70 – 4.65 (1.5H, m, H-1 $\beta$ , Glc-I; H-1, GalNAc-IV), 4.54 – 4.50 (2H, m, H-1, Gal-II, H-1, Gal-V), 4.43 – 4.39 (1H, m, H-5, Gal-III), 4.28 (1H, s, H-4, Gal-III), 4.20 (1H, d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, H-4, GalNAc-IV), 4.10 – 4.04 (3H, m, H-2, GalNAc-IV; H-3, Gal-V), 4.02 – 3.57 (36.5H, m), 3.55 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.6, 8.1 Hz, H-2, Gal-V), 3.29 (0.5H, dd, *J* = 9.0, 8.2 Hz, H-2, Glc-I), 2.79 – 2.70 (2H, m, H-3eq, Neu5Ac-VI; H-3eq, Neu5Ac-VII), 2.07 – 2.01 (9H, m, 3x NHAc), 1.80 (1H, t, *J* = 12.2 Hz, H-3ax, Neu5Ac-VI), 1.66 (1H, t, *J* = 12.2 Hz, H-3ax, Neu5Ac-VII). ESI HRMS (*m*/*z*): [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>54</sub>H<sub>89</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>42</sub>, 1474.4818; found 1474.4807.

**5-aminopentyl** αNeu5Ac-( $2 \rightarrow 3$ )-β-D-Galactopyranosyl-( $1 \rightarrow 3$ )-[αNeu5Ac-( $2 \rightarrow 6$ )]-2-acetamido-2-deoxyβ-D-galactopyranosyl-( $1 \rightarrow 3$ )-α-D-galactopyranosyl-( $1 \rightarrow 4$ )-β-D-galactopyranosyl-( $1 \rightarrow 4$ )-β-D-glucopyranoside (6b). ST6GalNAc5 and CIAP were added to a mixture of compound 5b (1.0 mg, 10 mM final

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concentration) in  $H_2O$  with CMP-Neu5Ac (15 mM), MgCl<sub>2</sub> (20 mM), sodium cacodylate buffer (50 mM, pH 7.5). The mixture was shaken at 37°C for 4 h and monitored by TLC (EA:MeOH:H<sub>2</sub>O:HOAc 3:3:3:2). Purification by Bio-Gel P-2 size exclusion chromatography provided compound **6b** (0.7 mg, 57%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR

(600 MHz,  $D_2O$ )  $\delta$  4.92 (1H, d, J = 4.0 Hz, H-1, Gal-III), 4.69 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, H-1, GalNAc-IV), 4.55 – 4.49 (3H, m, H-1, Gal-II; H-1, Gal-V; H-1, Glc-I), 4.40 (1H, t, J = 6.5 Hz, H-5, Gal-III), 4.28 (1H, d, J = 2.7 Hz, H-4, Gal-III), 4.20 (1H, d, J = 3.0 Hz, H-4, GalNAc-IV), 4.11 – 4.04 (3H, m, H-2, GalNAc-IV; H-3, Gal-V, H-4, Gal-II), 4.03 – 3.53 (39H, m), 3.31 (1H, t, J = 8.5 Hz, H-2, Glc-I), 3.06 – 2.99 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>, pentyl), 2.80 – 2.70 (2H, m, H-3eq, Neu5Ac-VI; H-3eq, Neu5Ac-VII), 2.07 – 2.00 (9H, m, 3x NHAc), 1.79 (1H, t, J = 12.1 Hz, H-3ax, Neu5Ac-VI), 1.75 – 1.63 (5H, m, 2x CH<sub>2</sub>, pentyl; H-3ax, Neu5Ac-VII), 1.51 – 1.43 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>, pentyl). ESI HRMS (m/z): [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>59</sub>H<sub>100</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>42</sub>, 1537.5812; found 1537.5874.

### 3. Microarray

#### 3.1 Experimental procedures

The synthetic glycans (100  $\mu$ M in sodium phosphate (250 mM), pH 8.5 buffer) were printed on activated glass slides (Nexterion Slide H, Schott Inc) by piezoelectric non-contact printing (sciFLEXARRAYER S3, Scienion Inc) with a drop volume of ~400 pL and 1 drop per spot at 50 % relative humidity. The compounds were printed as replicates of 6 with on each slide 24 subarrays (3x8). The slides were incubation overnight in a saturated NaCl chamber (providing a 75% relative humidity environment), after which the remaining activated esters were quenched with ethanolamine (50 mM) in TRIS (100 mM), pH 9.0. Slides were rinsed with DI water, dried by centrifugation, and stored in a desiccator at RT.

Sub-arrays were incubated with biotinylated lectins (*Maackia amurensis* leukagglutinin (MAL-II), Soybean agglutinin (SBA) and Wheat Germ agglutinin (WGA); from Vector Labs) at 10  $\mu$ g/mL premixed with Streptavidin-AlexaFluor635 (5  $\mu$ g/mL; ThermoFisher Scientific, S32364) in TSM binding buffer (20 mM Tris Cl, pH 7.4, 150 mM NaCl, 2 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>, 2 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.05% Tween, 1% BSA) for 1 h followed by washing. Wash steps involved 4 successive washes with each 5 min soak time with 1) TSM wash buffer (20 mM Tris Cl, pH 7.4, 150 mM NaCl, 2 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>, 2 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.05% Tween-20); 2) TSM buffer (20 mM Tris Cl, pH 7.4, 150 mM NaCl, 2 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>, 2 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>); 3) deionized H<sub>2</sub>O; and 4) deionized H<sub>2</sub>O.

Biotin-conjugated ganglioside GM1 polyclonal antibody (2  $\mu$ g/mL; Bioss, bs-2367R-Biotin) in TSM binding buffer was incubated for 1 h followed by washing as described above. Next the subarray was incubated with Streptavidin-AlexaFluor635 (5  $\mu$ g/mL) for 1 h followed by washing.

Using the same buffers as above, recombinant human Siglec-7 comp (a gift from Dr. R.L. Schnaar, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD, USA) was assayed at 50  $\mu$ g/mL premixed with 6x-His Tag monoclonal antibody-AlexaFluor647 (5  $\mu$ g/mL; ThermoFisher Scientific MA1-135-A647) with an incubation for 2 h.

All incubation and wash steps were performed at RT. Washed arrays were dried by centrifugation and immediately scanned for fluorescence on a GenePix 4000 B microarray scanner (Molecular Devices) using a detection gain adjusted to avoid saturation of the signal. The data were processed with GenePix Pro 7 software and further analyzed using our home written Microsoft Excel macro. The lowest and highest value of the 6 replicates were excluded, after which the mean fluorescence intensities (corrected for mean background) and standard deviations (SD) were calculated (n=4). Data were fitted using Prism software (GraphPad Software, Inc). The lowest concentration required for good responsiveness in the optimum dynamic range was selected for all proteins examined.

### 3.2 Results and discussion printing controls

The printing of the synthetic compounds was validated by the plant lectins MAL II, SBA and WGA and a GM1 antibody.

MAL-II binds the terminal trisaccharide sequence Neu5Ac( $\alpha$ 2-3)Gal( $\beta$ 1–4)GlcNAc/Glc.<sup>12</sup> Compounds **17** and **20** (Neu5Ac( $\alpha$ 2-8)-Neu5Ac( $\alpha$ 2-3)Gal( $\beta$ 1–4)Glc) have three terminal intact sugars, and as expected binds to MAL II. Compounds **5b** and **6b**, with the Neu5Ac( $\alpha$ 2-3)-Gal- $\beta$ 1,3-GalNAc epitope at the terminal end, are not recognized by MAL II. Similarly, GT1b (**21**) with the same terminal epitope as **5b** and **6b** also did not show binding to MAL II.

SBA preferentially binds GalNAc, and also recognizes Gal residues although at much lower affinity.<sup>13</sup> Binding to SBA was observed for compounds with either a GalNAc or Gal at the terminal residue: **18** (GM2; with GalNAc at the terminal residue) and **4b** (Gb5; with Gal at terminal residue). As expected sialylated compounds **5b** and **6b** (sialylated Gb5; no Gal at the terminal residue) didn't show any binding. Also compound **19** (GM1a; with Gal at the terminal residue) didn't show any binding, due to the inhibition effect of Neu5Ac.

WGA preferentially binds GlcNAc moieties, and also interacts with some glycoproteins via terminal sialic acid residues. Indeed the terminal sialylated compound **21** (GT1b) and sialylated Gb5 (**5b** and **6b**) showed binding, while the non-terminal sialylated compounds **18** (GM2), **19** (GM1a) and **4b** (Gb5) did not bind. Compound **20** (GD3; with terminal  $\alpha$ 2,8-Neu5Ac-a2,3-Neu5Ac) also did not bind to WGA, apparently WGA does not recognize this sialylated epitope.

As expected only GM1a (19) showed binding to the GM1 antibody.

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