Supporting information for

Sortase A-Mediated Chemoenzymatic Synthesis of Complex Glycosylphosphatidylinositol-Anchored Protein

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1. General Experimental Methods

NMR spectra were recorded with a 400 or 500 MHz machine. Proton chemical shifts are reported in ppm (δ) downfield from tetramethylsilane (TMS) or in reference to the proton signal of the solvent DHO (δ 4.79). Carbon-13 chemical shifts are reported in ppm (δ) in reference to CDCl₃ (δ 77.16). Coupling constants (*J*) are reported in hertz (Hz). ESI MS spectra were obtained on Waters' ZQ2000 single quadrupole mass spectrometer, and MALDI TOF-MS was performed on Bruker Ultraflex mass spectrometer. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica gel GF254 plate detected by charring with phosphomolibdic acid in EtOH or 1% H₂SO₄ in EtOH solutions. Molecular sieves were dried under high vacuum at 170-180 °C for 6 to 10 h before use. Commercial anhydrous solvents and other reagents were used without further purification unless otherwise mentioned.

2. Synthesis of GPI anchor 1

1-*O*-(*para*-Methoxybenzyl)-2,3,4,5-tetra-*O*-benzyl-*myo*-inositol 2-azido-2-deoxy-3,6-di-*O*-benzyl-*a*-D-glucopyranoside (5). After compounds 3 (1.08 g, 1.64 mmol) and 2 (1.40 g, 2.45 mmol) were co-evaporated with toluene 3 time and then dried under high vacuum for 2 h, a pre-dried mixture solvents of toluene and 1,4-dioxane (20 mL, 2:1) was added. The solution was stirring at r.t. with molecular sieves 4Å for another 2 h under Ar. Then, catalytic amount of TMSOTf (56 µL, 0.25 mmol) was added at -15 °C, and the mixture was stirred until the reaction was completed as shown by TLC. The reaction was quenched by adding triethylamine (0.5 mL), and molecular sieves were subsequently removed by filtration through a Celite pad. The organic solution was condensed, and the residue was briefly purified by passing through a silica gel column to give crude product of **4** as an inseparable α,β

mixture. This mixture was dissolved in 30 mL of MeOH and dichloromethane (DCM) (2:1), and then a catalytic mount of freshly prepared NaOMe solution was added (pH ~9) to remove the acetyl group. The reaction was stirring at rt for 4 days, and then neutralized with acidic amberlyst 15 resin. After the resin was removed, the solvent was evaporated and the crude product was purified by flash silica gel column chromatograph to give **5** (775 mg, 46%), as well as its β isomer (211 mg, 19%). The spectroscopic data of **5** agreed well with that in literature (K. Pekari, D. Tailler, R. Weingart, and R.R. Schmidt, *J. Org. Chem.* **2001**, *66*, 7432.): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.46-7.44 (m, 32 H), 6.88 (d, 2 H, *J* 8.0 Hz), 5.76 (d, 1 H, *J* 3.2 Hz), 5.04-4.98 (dd, 2 H, *J* 10.4 Hz, 11.2 Hz), 4.91 (s, 2 H), 4.85-4.65 (m, 6 H), 4.52 (s, 2 H), 4.44-4.28 (m, 2 H), 4.26 (m, 1 H), 4.18-4.13 (m, 1 H), 4.12 (s, 1 H), 4.01-3.98 (m, 1 H), 3.83 (s, 3 H), 3.80-3.78 (m, 1 H), 3.76-3.70 (m, 1 H), 3.52-3.48 (m, 2 H), 3.42-3.40 (m, 1 H), 3.29 (dd, 1 H, *J* 6.8 Hz, 10.8 Hz), 3.24-3.19 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 159.5, 139.1, 138.8, 138.6, 138.5, 138.4, 138.2, 130.0, 129.8-127.1, 114.1, 97.6, 82.2, 82.1, 81.8, 81.1, 79.6, 77.6, 77.3, 77.0, 76.0, 75.9, 75.1, 75.0, 74.5, 73.7, 73.6, 73.0, 72.4, 72.1, 69.6, 69.2, 62.9, 55.5

1-O-para-Methoxybenzyl-2,3,4,5-tetra-O-benzyl-myo-inositol [2,3,4-tri-O-benzyl-a-D-mannopyranosyl]- $(1\rightarrow 2)$ -[3,4,6-tri-*O*-benzyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl]- $(1\rightarrow 6)$ -[2,3,4-tri-benzyl- α -D-manno pyranosyl]- $(1\rightarrow 4)$ -2-azido-2-deoxy-3,6-di-O-benzyl- α -D-glucopyranoside (8). After 5 (775 mg, 0.76 mmol) and 6 (1.69 g, 1.13 mmol) were co-evaporated with toluene 3 time, they were dried under high vacuum for 2 h and then dissolved in 50 mL of dry diethyl ether. The solution was stirred at rt with molecular sieves 4Å for another 2 h under Ar, and then a catalytic amount of TMSOTf (17 µL, 0.076 mmol) was added at -15 °C. The mixture was stirred until the reaction was completed (TLC). The reaction was quenched by adding triethylamine (0.5 mL), and molecular sieves were removed by filtration through a Celite pad. The organic solution was condensed, and residue was briefly purified by passing through a silica gel column to give crude product of 7. This mixture was dissolved in 30 mL of MeOH and DCM (2:1), and a catalytic mount of freshly prepared NaOMe solution was added to remove the acetyl group. After the reaction was completed, acidic amberlyst 15 resin was added to neutralize the reaction mixture. The resin was removed by filtration, and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatograph to give 8 exclusively (1.34g, 76%) alone with the recovery of some 5 (182 mg). 8: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.49-7.14 (m, 87 H), 6.94 (d, 2 H, J 8.8 Hz), 5.88 (d, 1 H, J 4 Hz, GlcN₃ H-1), 5.35 (s, 1 H), 5.14 (s, 1 H), 5.08 (d, 1 H, J 11.6 Hz), 5.02 (d, 1 H, J 2.4 Hz), 5.00-4.98 (m, 3 H), 4.96-4.94 (m, 1 H), 4.91-4.90 (m, 2 H), 4.87 (s, 1 H), 4.84-4.79 (m, 2 H),

4.73-4.70 (m, 2 H), 4.67-4.64 (m, 2 H), 4.63-4.58 (m, 2 H), 4.57-4.54 (m, 6 H), 4.52 (d, 1 H, *J* 4Hz), 4.50-4.49 (m, 4 H), 4.45-4.37 (m, 4 H), 4.23-4.21 (m, 2 H), 4.20-4.19 (m, 2 H), 4.18 (s, 1 H), 4.15-4.08 (m, 3 H), 4.09-4.02 (m, 1 H), 3.99-3.89 (m, 6 H), 3.86 (s, 5 H), 3.84-3.81 (m, 4 H), 3.77-3.70 (m, 2 H), 3.68 (dd, 1 H, *J* 1.6 Hz, 12.4 Hz), 3.62 (m, 1 H), 3.56-3.54 (m, 3 H), 3.51-3.50 (m, 1 H), 3.48 (s, 1 H), 3.45 (s, 1 H), 3.35 (dd, 1 H, *J* 3.2 Hz, 11.2 Hz), 3.30 (dd, 1 H, *J* 4 Hz, 10 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 159.5, 139.1, 138.8, 138.6, 138.5, 138.4, 138.2, 130.0, 129.8-127.1, 114.1, 97.6, 82.2, 82.1, 81.8, 81.1, 79.6, 77.6, 77.3, 77.0, 76.0, 75.9, 75.1, 75.0, 74.5, 73.7, 73.6, 73.0, 72.4, 72.1, 69.6, 69.2, 62.9, 55.5; ESI MS: calcd for C₁₄₃H₁₅₃N₄O₂₆ (M + NH₄⁺), 2342.1, found 2342.1; HR MS: calcd for C₁₄₃H₁₅₃N₄O₂₆ (M + NH₄⁺), 2342.0773, found 2342.0854

1-O-para-Methoxybenzyl-2,3,4,5-tetra-O-benzyl-myo-inositol [6-O-(2-glycylglycylaminoethylphosphoryl)-2,3,4-tri-O-benzyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl]-(1 \rightarrow 2)-[3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl- α -D-mannopyr anosyl]- $(1\rightarrow 6)$ -[2,3,4-tri-benzyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl]- $(1\rightarrow 4)$ -[2-azido-2-deoxy-3,6-di-O-benzyla-D-glucopyranoside (10). After 8 (98.7 mg, 42 µmol) and H-phosphonate 9 (89.1 mg, 170 µmol) were co-evaporated with dry pyridine 3 time and dried in high vacuum for 2 h, they were dissolved in dry pyridine (2 mL). Then, a solution of pivaloyl chloride (42.3 µL, 340 µmol) in pyridine (2 mL) was added at rt under an N₂ atmosphere. The reaction progress was monitored by TLC. When the reaction was finished, the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 $^{\circ}$ C, and a solution of I₂ (42.5 mg, 170 µmol) in 1.1 mL of pyridine and water (10:1, v/v) was added. The reaction was guenched 3 h later by addition of saturated aq. $Na_2S_2O_3$ solution. The mixture was extracted with DCM, and the organic phase was combined, dried and concentrated. The residue was purified by a silica gel column to give 10 (92.8 mg, 74%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.45 (s, 1 H, NH), 7,51 (br, 1 H, NH), 7.38-7.04 (m, 82 H), 6.99 (br, 1 H, NH), 6.85 (d, 2 H, J 8.8 Hz), 5.78 (d, 1 H, J 3.6 Hz, GlcN₃ H-1), 5.29 (s, 1 H), 5.10 (s, 1 H), 5.09-5.02 (m, 2 H), 5.00-4.96 (m, 4 H), 4.85 (d, 1 H, J 4.4 Hz), 4.82 (d, 2 H, J 5.2 Hz), 4.77-4.67 (m, 6 H), 4.63 (d, 2 H, J 4.4 Hz), 4.60 (s, 1 H), 4.54 (s, 1 H), 4.50-4.46 (m, 6 H), 4.44-4.39 (m, 6 H), 4.38-4.24 (m, 7 H), 4.13-4.01 (m, 4 H), 4.04-3.98 (m, 3 H), 3.98-3.95 (m, 3 H), 3.92-3.86 (m, 5 H), 3.83 (s, 1 H), 3.81-3.71 (m, 10 H), 3.66 (m, 1 H), 3.57-3.55 (m, 2 H), 3.51-3.48 (m, 1 H), 3.45 (s, 1 H), 3.44-3.35 (m, 4 H), 3.32-3.24 (m, 3 H), 3.20 (dd, 1 H, J 3.6 Hz, 6.4 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 170.2, 169.5, 159.3, 156.9, 138-136.8, 129.6-126.9, 113.9, 100.2, 99.45, 98.9, 97.3, 81.9, 81.5, 80.9, 80.2, 80.0, 79.8, 76.3, 75.9, 75.8, 75.5, 75.2, 74.9, 74.8, 74.6, 74.4, 74.2, 74.1, 73.8, 73.2, 73.1, 72.9, 72.7, 72.3, 72.2, 72.1, 71.8, 71.7, 71.6, 69.5, 68.9, 68.6, 66.6, 66.2, 64.2, 64.0, 63.8, 63.1, 55.3, 52.7, 45.9 [(CH₃CH₂)₃N], 44.9, 42.7, 41.5, 10.3 [(CH₃CH₂)₃N]; ³¹P NMR (161 Hz, CDCl₃): δ: 2.5; ESI MS

(negative mode): calcd for C₁₅₇H₁₆₆N₆O₃₃P, 2694.1, found 2694.1; HR MS: calcd for C₁₅₇H₁₆₆N₆O₃₃P, 2694.1233, found 2694.1362.

2,3,4,5-tetra-O-Benzyl-*myo*-inositol [6-O-(2-glycylglycylaminoethylphosphoryl)-2,3,4-tri-Obenzyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl]-(1 \rightarrow 2)-[3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl]-(1 \rightarrow 6)-[2,3,4-tribenzyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl]-(1 \rightarrow 4)-[2-azido-2-deoxy-3,6-di-*O*-benzyl- α -D-glucopyranoside (11). After the solution of 10 (92.8 mg, 0.034 µmmol) in 4 mL of 5% TFA in DCM was stirred at 0 °C for 0.5 h, the reaction was quenched by addition two drops of Et₃N. The mixture was extracted with DCM, and the organic phase was combined, dried and concentrated. The residue was purified by a silica gel column to give **11** (58 mg, 69%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 8.42 (br, 1 H, NH), 7,53 (br, 1 H, NH), 7.42-7.13 (m, 80 H), 5.57 (d, 1 H, J 2.5 Hz, GlcN₃ H-1), 5.37 (s, 1 H), 5.13 (s, 1 H), 5.10-5.02 (m, 4 H), 5.00-4.96 (m, 3 H), 4.87 (d, 1 H, J 10.5 Hz), 4.82-4.73 (m, 9 H), 4.68 (d, 1 H, J 11 Hz), 4.58-4.53 (m, 4 H), 4.55-4.48 (m, 3 H), 4.45-4.43 (m, 3 H), 4.35-4.30 (m, 6 H), 4.23 (d, 1 H, J 11.5 Hz), 4.13-4.10 (m, 2 H), 4.09-4.03 (m, 4 H), 4.04-3.89 (m, 7 H), 3.88-3.78 (m, 7 H), 3.74 (s, 1 H), 3.72-3.66 (m, 3 H), 3.65-3.63 (m, 1 H), 3.55 (dd, 1 H, J 2.0 Hz, 10 Hz), 3.48-3.43 (m, 3 H), 3.41-3.38 (m, 3 H), 3.34-3.32 (m, 3 H), 3.21-3.19 (m, 1 H); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 170.5, 169.8, 157.2, 139.1-137.6, 137.4, 137.1, 131.2-127.2, 100.1, 99.8, 99.2, 97.8, 82.1, 81.6, 81.2, 80.9, 80.4, 80.2, 80.1, 79.8, 76.5, 76.4, 76.2, 76.1, 75.7, 75.2, 75.1, 74.9, 74.7, 74.5, 74.4, 74.2, 73.6, 73.5, 73.4, 73.3, 73.2, 72.7, 72.6, 72.5, 72.4, 72.1, 72.0, 71.9, 70.5, 69.1, 69.0, 66.9, 66.5, 64.5, 64.3, 64.2, 46.0 [(CH₃CH₂)₃N], 45.1, 43.1, 41.7, 9.7 [(CH₃CH₂)₃N]; ³¹P NMR (161 Hz, CDCl₃): δ: 2.3; ESI MS (negative mode): calcd for C149H158N6O32P, 2575.1, found 2574.1; HR MS: calcd for C149H158N6O32P, 2574.0658, found 2574.0725.

1-Octadecylphosphoryl-2,3,4,5-tetra-*O*-benzyl-*myo*-inositol [6-*O*-(2-glycylglycylaminoethylphosphoryl)-2,3,4-tri-*O*-benzyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl]-(1 \rightarrow 2)-[3,4,6-tri-*O*-benzyl- α -D-mannopyr anosyl]-(1 \rightarrow 6)-[2,3,4-tri-benzyl- α -D-mannopyranosyl]-(1 \rightarrow 4)-[2-azido-2-deoxy-3,6-di-*O*-benzyl- α -D-glucopyranoside (13). After 11 (116 mg, 39.3 µmol) and *H*-phosphonate 12 (96.9 mg, 196.3 µmol) were co-evaporated with dry pyridine 3 time and dried in high vacuum for 2 h, they were dissolved in dry pyridine (2 mL). Then, to the mixture was added a solution of pivaloyl chloride (25 µL, 200 µmol) in pyridine (1 mL) at rt under an N₂ atmosphere. The reaction was monitored by TLC. When the reaction was finished, the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C, and a solution of I₂ (30 mg, 118 µmol) in 1.1 mL of pyridine and water (10:1, v/v) was added. The reaction was quenched 3 h later by addition of saturated aq. Na₂S₂O₃ solution. The mixture was extracted with DCM, and the organic phase was combined, dried and concentrated. The residue was purified by a silica gel column to give **13** (80 mg, 70%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 8.31 (br, 1 H, NH), 7.53 (s, 1 H, NH), 7.41 (s, 1 H, NH), 7.35-7.10 (m, 80 H), 5.95 (d, 1 H, J 3.5Hz, GlcN₃ H-1), 5.26 (s, 1 H), 5.09 (s, 1 H), 5.07-5.04 (m, 2 H), 5.02 (s, 2 H), 4.99-97 (m, 5 H), 4.90-4.89 (m, 2 H), 4.4.86-4.85 (m, 1 H), 4.82-4.79 (m, 2 H), 4.77-4.73 (m, 2 H), 4.70 (s, 1 H), 4.67 (m, 2 H), 4.59-4.54 (m, 2 H), 4.50 (d, 1 H, J 5.5 Hz), 4.49-4.48 (m, 2 H), 4.46-4.44 (m, 4 H), 4.42-4.41 (m, 4 H), 4.38-4.35 (m, 2 H), 4.32-4.24 (m, 5 H), 4.15-4.07 (m, 3 H), 4.05-3.90 (m, 10 H), 3.91-3.86 (m, 2 H), 3.85-3.82 (m, 2 H), 3.81-3.75 (m, 4 H), 3.65-3.60 (m, 3 H), 3.58-3.53 (m, 3 H), 3.50-3.42 (m, 2 H), 3.39-3.35 (m, 1 H), 3.30-3.25 (m, 3 H), 3.19 (dd, 1 H, J 3.5 Hz, 10 Hz), 1.65-1.58 (m, 2 H), 1.35-1.20 (m, 32 H), 0.90 (t, 3 H, J 7.5 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 170.5, 170.4, 170.0, 156.3, 142.2-137.1, 128.8-127.1, 100.9, 99.8, 99.3, 96.7, 82.1, 82.0, 81.2, 80.3, 80.2, 80.1, 76.8, 76.6, 76.3, 76.2, 75.9, 75.1, 74.8, 74.7, 74.5, 74.4, 74.3, 74.1, 73.8, 73.5, 73.3, 73.1, 72.9, 72.6, 72.5, 72.4, 72.3, 72.1, 71.9, 71.8, 70.2, 69.2, 69.1, 66.8, 66.5, 66.1, 66.0, 64.4, 63.4, 45.1 [(CH₃CH₂)₃N], 43.1, 41.6, 39.0, 32.1, 31.3, 31.2, 30.0, 29.9, 29.8, 28.0, 26.1, 22.9, 14.4, 8.8 $[(CH_3CH_2)_3N]; {}^{31}P$ NMR (161 Hz, CDCl₃): δ : 2.10, -0.78; ESI MS (negative mode): calcd for C₁₆₇H₁₉₅N₆O₃₅P₂, 2907.3 found 2906.3; HR MS: calcd for C₁₆₇H₁₉₅N₆O₃₅P₂, 2906.3139, found 2906.3206.

1-Octadecylphosphoryl-*myo*-inositol [6-*O*-(2-Glycyl-glycylaminoethylphos-phoryl)-*a*-Dmannopyranosyl]-(1 \rightarrow 2)-*a*-D-mannopyranosyl]-(1 \rightarrow 6)-[*a*-D-mannopyranosyl]-(1 \rightarrow 4)-[2-amino-2-deoxy-*a*-D-glucopyranoside (1). A mixture of 13 (50 mg, 16.3 µmol) and 10% Pd(OH)₂/C (10 mg) in THF, MeOH and H₂O (2:1:1, 3 mL) and 4% formic acid in H₂O (120 µL) was shaken under an atmosphere of 50 PSI H₂ for 6 h. The reaction mixture was filtered off through a Celite pad, while the pad was washed with the mixture of THF, MeOH, and H₂O (2:1:1). The filtrates were combined and concentrated in vacuum to afford 1 (17.2 mg, 76%). The NMR signals of 1 were broad because of its aggregation in solution, but its lipid and sugar components were obvious and the number of protons corresponded well with that of the desired product. MALDI-TOF MS (positive mode): calcd for C₅₄H₁₀₂N₄O₃₃P₂, 1396.6, found, 1397.3 (M + H⁺).

3. SrtA-mediated ligation of GPI 1 and GFP 14

The ligation reaction was carried out in 0.3 M Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.5) containing 0.15 M NaCl, 5 mM CaCl₂ and 0.5 mM mercaptoethanol, and the concentrations of GFP **14**, GPI **1**, and SrtA were 100 μ M, 2.5 mM, and 50 μ M, respectively, in 100 μ L sacle. After the reaction mixture was incubated at

37 °C for overnight, while the reaction was monitored and analyzed with HPLC, it was treated with Ni-NTA resin (50 uL, Qiagen) at room temperature for 2 h. The solution was then separated from the resin by centrifugation, and this procedure was repeated once more. The resultant solution was mixed with 1 mL of acetone, and centrifuged for 30 min. After the pellet was collected and dissolved in water, the solution was again treated with acetone and centrifuged. The resultant pellet was dissolved in 50 uL of water containing 0.1% formic acid and finally subjected to HPLC and SDS PAGE analyses.

4. Spectroscopic data of GPI 1 and intermediates involved in its synthesis



Figure SI-1. ¹H-NMR of 8 at 400 MHz in CDCl₃.



Figure SI-2. ¹³C-NMR of 8 at 100 MHz in CDCl₃.



coupled DEPT, 100 MHz, CDCI3



Figure SI-3. Coupled DEPT spectrum of 8 (expansion) at 100 MHz in CDCl₃.



Figure SI-4. H,H-COSY of 8 at 400 MHz in CDCl₃.



Figure SI-5. ¹H-NMR of **10** at 400 MHz in CDCl₃.



Figure SI-6. ¹³C-NMR of **10** at100 MHz in CDCl₃.



Figure SI-7. ³¹P-NMR of **10** at 161 MHz in CDCl₃.

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Figure SI-8. H,H-COSY of 10 at 400 MHz in CDCl₃.



Figure SI-9. ¹H-NMR of 11 at 500 MHz in CDCl₃.



Figure SI-10. ¹³C-NMR of 11 at 125 MHz in CDCl₃.



Figure SI-11. ³¹P-NMR of 11 at 161 MHz in CDCl₃.

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Figure SI-12. H,H-COSY of 11 at 500 MHz in CDCl₃.



Figure SI-13. HMQC of 11 at 500 HMz in CDCl₃.



Figure SI-14. ¹H-NMR of 13 at 500 MHz in CDCl₃.



Figure SI-15. ¹³C-NMR of 13 at 500 MHz in CDCl₃.





Figure SI-17. H,H-COSY of 13 at 500 MHz in CDCl₃.

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Figure SI-18. HMQC of 13 at 500 MHz in CDCl₃.



Figure SI-19. MALDI-TOF MS (positive mode) of GPI 1, calc. for $C_{54}H_{102}N_4O_{33}P_2$, 1396.6; found, 1397.2 $[M + H]^+$