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# Synthetic Methodology Towards Allylic *Trans*-cyclooctene-Ethers enables Modification of Carbohydrates: Bioorthogonal Manipulation of the *Lac* Repressor

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# **Supplementary Figures**



*Fig.* **S1**: Partial <sup>1</sup>H NMR stack (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>; 6.3 to 3.9 ppm) of 3-TCO-IPG (**25**) which was obtained as the final product after photoisomerization of **23** to **24** in the presence of different reaction solvents (Et<sub>2</sub>O, 2% IPA in Et<sub>2</sub>O and 5% IPA in Et<sub>2</sub>O), followed by deacetylation of **24** to **25** in NaOMe in MeOH (0.5 M) and subsequent extractive workup. An impurity (marked with •) was encountered in **25**, which could be significantly reduced by carefully increasing the polarity of the photoisomerization reaction mixture with IPA.





*Fig. S2:* Overexpression of OVA with IPTG (13, 1 mM) and IPG (15, 1 mM). Samples were collected 1, 2, 3 and 4 h as well as overnight after addition of the inducer. Relative band intensity was measured via densitometry (Table S7).



*Fig. S3:* Effect of DMSO on IPG (15, 1 mM) induced ovalbumin expression levels. DMSO was used in varying volume percentages (0.1, 1, 5 and 10 % v/v) and samples were taken after 3 h and overnight. Relative band intensity was measured via densitometry (see Table S8).





*Fig. S4*: Inhibition of OVA expression with 3-CCO-IPG (**19**, left) at distinct concentrations (1 mM, 0.5 mM, 0.3 mM, 0.1 mM). Right: impact of 3-TCO-IPG (**25**) on OVA expression at different concentrations (1 mM, 0.5 mM, 0.3 mM, 0.1 mM). Positive control: glucose 1% (v/v) + DMSO 1% (v/v), negative control: DMSO 1% (v/v). Orange triangle indicates the decrease in concentration. Relative band intensity was measured via densitometry (see Table S9).





*Fig. S5:* Left: effect of 3,6-dimethyl-tetrazine (**26**, 2.5 mM) on IPG (**15**, 1 mM) induced expression levels. Right: IPG (**15**, 1 mM) induced expression. Samples were taken at 1 - 4 h and overnight. Relative band intensity was measured via densitometry (see Table S10).



*Fig.* **S6**: SDS-PAGE (10%) gels for replicate expression experiments for OVA (Fig. 2E, replicate 1) via addition of tetrazine **26** (2.5 mM) 1 h after adding **25** (1 mM) at t = 0. Controls: **25** (1 mM), **15** (1 mM), DMSO (1% v/v) and a true negative control. Relative band intensity was measured via densitometry (Table S12) and the results are summarized in Fig. 2E.





Fig. S7: SDS-PAGE (10%) gels for replicate expression experiments for OVA (Fig. 2E, replicate 2) via addition of tetrazine 26 (2.5 mM) 1 h after adding 25 (1 mM) at t = 0. Controls: 25 (1 mM), 15 (1 mM), DMSO (1% v/v) and a true negative control. Relative band intensity was measured via densitometry (Table S13) and the results are summarized in Fig. 2E.



*Fig.* **S8**: SDS-PAGE (10%) gels for replicate expression experiments for OVA (Fig. 2E, replicate 3) via addition of tetrazine **26** (2.5 mM) 1 h after adding **25** (1 mM) at t = 0. Controls: **25** (1 mM), **15** (1 mM), DMSO (1% v/v) and a true negative control. Relative band intensity was measured via densitometry (Table S14) and the results are summarized in Fig. 2E.



*Fig. S9*: SDS-PAGE (10%) gels for replicate expression experiments for eGFP (Fig. 2F, replicate 1) via addition of tetrazine **26** (2.5 mM) 1 h after adding **25** (1 mM) at t = 0. Controls: **25** (1 mM), **15** (1 mM), DMSO (1% v/v) and a true negative control. Relative band intensity of the eGFP monomer was measured via densitometry (Coomassie, Table S17) and the results are summarized in Fig. 2F.



*Fig. S10*: SDS-PAGE (10%) gels for replicate expression experiments for eGFP (Fig. 2F, replicate 2) via addition of tetrazine **26** (2.5 mM) 1 h after adding **25** (1 mM) at t = 0. Controls: **25** (1 mM), **15** (1 mM), DMSO (1% v/v) and a true negative control. Relative band intensity of the eGFP monomer was measured via densitometry (Coomassie, Table S18) and the results are summarized in Fig. 2F.



*Fig. S11:* SDS-PAGE (10%) gels for replicate expression experiments for eGFP (Fig. 2F, replicate 3) via addition of tetrazine **26** (2.5 mM) 1 h after adding **25** (1 mM) at t = 0. Controls: **25** (1 mM), **15** (1 mM), DMSO (1% v/v) and a true negative control. Relative band intensity of the eGFP monomer was measured via densitometry (Coomassie, Table S19) and the results are summarized in Fig. 2F.



*Fig. S12*: SDS-PAGE (10%) gels for replicate expression experiments for eGFP (Fig. 2F, replicate 4) via addition of tetrazine **26** (2.5 mM) 1 h after adding **25** (1 mM) at t = 0. Controls: **25** (1 mM), **15** (1 mM), DMSO (1% v/v) and a true negative control. Relative band intensity of the eGFP monomer was measured via densitometry (Coomassie, Table S20) and the results are summarized in Fig. 2F.



*Fig. S13*: Temporal control of dsRed2\_S4T expression via addition of tetrazine **26** (2.5 mM) after 1 h of expression in the presence of 3-TCO-IPG (**25**, 1 mM). Overlayed images of Coomassie staining and in-gel fluorescence of dsRed2 is shown. The right side represent a control (**25**) without the addition of tetrazine **26**. Relative band intensity was measured via densitometry (Table S22).

# **Supplementary Tables**

# Table S1

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Table S1: Synthesis of Reagent 3 from cyclooctenol 1.



	Reaction Conditions <sup>a</sup>									
Entry	Scale (mmol)	CCl₃CN (equiv)	Base (equiv)	Solvent (M)	Temperature (°C)	Time (h)	Purification Method <sup>a</sup>	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>		
1	5.23	2.5	DBU (2.5)	DCM (0.2)	0	1.5	Celite, Conc., Silica Gel	7		
2	5.17	5.0	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (5)	DCM (0.5)	0 to rt	24	-	-		
2 (cont.)	-	-	DBU (0.05)	DCM (0.5)	0	2	Filter, Conc., Neutralized Silica Gel	85		
3	10.08	5.0	DBU (0.05)	DCM (0.5)	0	2	Conc., Silica Gel	64		
4	8.25	5.0	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (5) DBU (0.05)	DCM (0.5)	0	3	Filter, Conc., Silica Gel	75		
5	100	5.0	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (5) DBU (0.05)	DCM (0.5)	0	4	Filter, Conc., Silica Gel	81		
6	100	5.0	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (5) DBU (0.05)	DCM (0.5)	0	4.5	Filter, Conc., Silica Gel	86		

<sup>a</sup>Purification method, indicating the steps performed with the crude reaction mixture to obtain the purified reagent **3**. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yield. The following abbreviations were used: **Celite**: Celite was added to the reaction mixture; **Filter**: the reaction mixture was filtered (to remove K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>); **Conc.**: the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*; **Silica Gel**: the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography; **Neutralized Silica Gel**: the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography using neutralized silica gel (described in the experimental section).

	Entries 1 - 3	HN CF3
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HO HN $CF_3$	Entries 4 - 11	$HN CF_{3}$

Table S2: Synthesis of cyclooctene ethers 7 and 11 using cyclooctene reagent 2 and 3.

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			Reaction Co	onditions <sup>a</sup>			
Entry (exp no)	Starting material (mmol)	CCO-reagent (equiv)	Additive (equiv)	Solvent (M)	Temperature (°C)	Time (h)	Product (Yield) <sup>b</sup>
1	6 (0.1)	<b>2</b> (1.2)	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> (0.05)	THF (0.1)	50	overnight	-
2	<b>6</b> (0.1)	<b>2</b> (1.2)	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> (0.12)	Dioxane (0.1)	80	20	7 (81%)
3	<b>6</b> (8.47)	<b>2</b> (1.2)	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> (0.06)	Dioxane (0.1)	80	41	7 (80%)
4	<b>10</b> (0.14)	<b>2</b> (1.4)	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> (0.14)	Dioxane (0.1)	80	72	-
5	<b>10</b> (0.14)	<b>2</b> (1.5)	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> (0.10)	Toluene (0.1)	105	20	-
5 (cont.)	-	-	-	Dioxane (0.1)	100	120	-
6	<b>10</b> (0.27)	2 (1.4)	TfOH (0.1) <sup>c</sup> MS (4 Å)	DCM (0.1)	0	2	<b>11</b> (15%)
7	<b>10</b> (0.37)	<b>2</b> (2.0)	TfOH (0.1) <sup>c</sup>	DCM (0.1)	0 to rt	63	<b>11</b> (24%)
8	<b>10</b> (0.31)	<b>2</b> (2.1)	TfOH (0.1) <sup>c</sup>	DCM (0.1)	-50 to -30	2	<b>11</b> (45%)
9	<b>10</b> (0.34)	<b>2</b> (2.1)	TfOH (0.1) <sup>d</sup> MS (4Å)	DCM (0.1)	-60 to -30	overnight	<b>11</b> (26%)
10	<b>10</b> (0.31)	<b>2</b> (1.9)	TMS-OTf (0.1) <sup>e</sup>	DCM (0.1)	-35 to 0	4	<b>11</b> (38%)
11	<b>10</b> (0.32)	<b>2</b> (2.1)	TfOH (0.1) <sup>e</sup>	DCM (0.1)	-35 to 0	4	<b>11</b> (46%)

**<u>•Entry 1</u>:** Reactants (**6** + **2**) were combined in a 10 mL round-bottom flask, dissolved in THF under N<sub>2</sub> and degassed for 10 min by sonication. Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> was added, the container was purged with N<sub>2</sub> before sealing the flask and starting the reaction. <u>Entries 2 - 4</u>: Reactants (**6** or **10** + **2** + Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>) were co-evaporated with anhydrous dioxane in a round-bottom flask, placed under N<sub>2</sub> and dissolved in anhydrous solvent. The reaction mixture was frozen at  $-78^{\circ}$ C (ethanol bath) and subsequently purged with N<sub>2</sub> for 45 min to achieve degassing. Afterwards, the flask was sealed and the reaction was launched. <u>Entries 5 - 10</u>: Reactants (**10** + **3**) were co-evaporated with anhydrous toluene (3 x 2 mL) in a 25 mL round-bottom flask, placed under N<sub>2</sub> (balloon) and dissolved in anhydrous solvent. Lewis acid was added after cooling the reaction mixture in an ethanol bath. Reactions were quenched with NEt<sub>3</sub> (2 equivalents compared to Lewis acid), impregnated with Celite Hyflo Supercel (Merck), concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by silica gel chromatography. <sup>b</sup>Yields denote isolated yields (%) after column chromatography. When no yield was reported (-; entries 1,4 and 5), no detectable degree of reaction took take place and the starting material (**6** or **10**) could be recovered. <sup>c</sup>Direct addition from a freshly prepared stock solution (0.1 M in DCM) on activated molecular sieves (4Å). <sup>e</sup>Addition from a freshly prepared stock solution (0.1 M in DCM).

Table S3: Investigation of stannylene acetal mediated alkylation of 15 with 18.



		Stage 1	: Acetal form	ation <sup>a</sup>		Stage 2: Alkylation <sup>b</sup>					Yield <sup>c</sup>	
Entry	Scale (mmol)	Bu₂SnO (equiv)	Solvent (M)	Temp (°C) <sup>d</sup>	Time	<b>18</b> (equiv)	Additive (equiv)	Solvent (M)	Temp (°C) <sup>d</sup>	Time	<b>19</b> (%)	<b>20</b> (%)
1	0.5	1.15 eq	Toluene (0.1)	105	o.n.	1.05	-	Toluene (0.1)	105/ 90	o.n.	-	-
1 cont.	-	-	-	-	-	-	TBABr (1.05)	Toluene (0.1)	90	48 h	-	-
2	1.5	1.05 eq	Toluene (0.1)	Reflux	o.n.	2.0	CsF (2.5)	DMF (0.13)	65	48 h	-	-
3	1.0	1.2 eq	Toluene (0.1)	Reflux	o.n.	3 x 1.2	CsF (1.2)	Toluene (0.1 )	reflux	48 h	23	21
4	1.15	1.2	Toluene (0.1)	105	o.n.	1.2	CsF (1.2)	Toluene (1.0)	105	o.n.	17	13
5	1.12	1.2	Toluene (0.1)	105	o.n.	2.5	CsF (2.5)	Toluene (1.0)	105	o.n.	22	18
6	1.0	1.2	Toluene (0.1)	105	o.n.	1.2	CsF (1.2) TBAI (1.2)	Toluene (1.0)	105	o.n.	16	7
7	1.0	1.2	Toluene (0.1)	105	o.n.	1.2	TBAI (1.2)	Toluene (1.0)	105	o.n.	15	7
8	1.09	1.2	Toluene (0.1)	105	o.n.	Excess	CsF (1.2)	CCO-Br (1.0)	105	o.n.	-	-
9	0.48	1.2	Toluene (0.1)	105	o.n.	Excess	CsF (1.2)	Toluene /CCO-Br, 1:1 (1.0)	105	o.n.	-	-
10	4.77	1.2	Toluene (0.1)	105	o.n.	3	CsF (1.2) DIPEA (3)	Toluene (1.0)	105	o.n.	~20	~20
11	13.53	1.2	Toluene (0.4)	105	o.n.	3	CsF(1.2) MS (3Å)	Toluene (1.0)	105	o.n.	~22	~19

<sup>a</sup>After dialkylstannylene acetal formation, the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and co-evaporated 3x with anhydrous toluene. <sup>a,b</sup> Reactions were typically carried out in a sealed round-bottom flask (10, 25 or 50-mL) under N<sub>2</sub> (balloon). <sup>c</sup>Yields denote isolated yields after column chromatography. <sup>d</sup>Oil bath. <u>Notes for specific entries</u>: entries 8 – 9: Complete pyrolysis of the reaction mixture was observed; entries 10 – 11: Extra byproducts encountered (presumably 2-CCO-IPG), which made purification of 19 and 20 significantly more laborious compared to previous entries.

Table S4: Investigation of stannylene acetal mediated alkylation of 27 and 28 with 18.

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		Stage 1	: Acetal form	ation <sup>a</sup>			Sta	ige 2: Alkylati	on <sup>b</sup>		Yield
Entry (exp no)	6-TBS/ 4,6- DTBS (mmol)	Bu₂SnO (equiv)	Solvent (M)	Temp (°C) <sup>d</sup>	Time	<b>18</b> (equiv)	Additive (equiv)	Solvent (M)	Temp (°C) <sup>d</sup>	Time	3-alkyl (%)
1	<b>27</b> (0.5)	1.15 eq	Toluene (0.1)	105	o.n.	1.05	-	Toluene (0.1)	105/ 90	o.n.	-
1 cont.	-	-	-	-	-	-	TBABr (1.05)	Toluene (0.1)	90	48 h	-
2	<b>28</b> (0.5)	1.15 eq	Toluene (0.1)	105	o.n.	1.05	-	Toluene (0.1)	105/ 90	o.n.	-
2 cont	-	-	-	-	-	-	TBABr (1.05)	Toluene (0.1)	90	48 h	-
3	<b>27</b> (1.0)	1.2	Toluene (0.1)	105	o.n.	1.2	TBAI (1.2)	Toluene (1.0)	105	o.n.	-
4	<b>28</b> (1.0)	1.2	Toluene (0.1)	105	o.n.	1.2	TBAI (1.2)	Toluene (1.0)	105	o.n.	-

<sup>a</sup>After dialkylstannylene acetal formation, the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and co-evaporated 3x with anhydrous toluene. <sup>a,b</sup> Reactions were typically carried out in a sealed round-bottom flask (10, 25 or 50-mL) under N<sub>2</sub> (balloon). <sup>c</sup>Yields denote isolated yields after column chromatography. <sup>d</sup>Oil bath.

 Table S5: Investigation of Lewis acid catalyzed alkylation of 22 with reagent 3.







			Reaction of	conditions <sup>a</sup>			
Entry	Scale (mmol)	reagent <b>2</b> (equiv)	Activator <sup>b</sup> (equiv)	Solvent (M)	Temperature (°C)	Time (h)	Yield <sup>c</sup> (%)
1	0.1	2.0	TfOH (0.1)	DCM (0.1)	-50 to -30	4	27
2	0.1	4.5	TfOH (0.1)	DCM (0.1)	-40 to -5	4	45
3	0.1	9.4	TfOH (0.1)	DCM (0.05)	-45 to 0	5	47
4	0.1	4.4	BF <sub>3</sub> · OEt <sub>2</sub> (0.5)	DCM (0.1)	-30 to 0	4	42
5	1.0	4.0	TfOH (0.1)	DCM (0.1)	-50 to -5	4	40
6	1.0	4.0	TfOH (0.05)	DCM (0.05)	-30	6	20
7	1.0	4.0	TfOH (0.01)	DCM (0.1)	-40 to 0	5.5	-
Cont.	-	-	ТfOH (0.02)	DCM (0.1)	0	1.5	24
8	1.0	0 -> 4.1	TfOH (0.1)	DCM (1.0 -> 0.1)	-45 to -30	22	47
9	10.1	4.0	TfOH (0.1)	DCM (0.1)	-40 to 0	6.5	29
10	21.8	3.95	TfOH (0.1)	DCM (0.1)	-30	4	34

<sup>a</sup>Reactants (**22** + **3**) were co-evaporated with anhydrous toluene (3x) in a round-bottom flask, placed under N<sub>2</sub> (balloon) and dissolved in anhydrous solvent. Lewis acid activator was added after cooling the reaction mixture in an ethanol bath. Reactions were quenched with NEt<sub>3</sub> (2 equivalents compared to Lewis acid), diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O, washed with NaOH (1 M, 3x) and brine. The organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Crude products were purified by silica gel chromatography. <u>Notes for specific entries:</u> entry **3**: precipitation of reactants was observed, which resolved back into a clear solution after warming to -10°C; entry **8**: slow addition over 3 h of **3** in 9 mL of DCM to the reaction mixture containing **22** in 1 mL DCM and TfOH. <sup>b</sup>Triflic acid was added from a freshly prepared stock solution (0.1 M in DCM, entries 1-3, 5-8). At large scale, triflic acid was added directly (entries 9-10). BF<sub>3</sub> · OEt<sub>2</sub> was added as a 0.1 M solution (commercially available, entry 4). 'Yields denote isolated yields after column chromatography.

Table S6: Photoisomerization of 23 to 24 and subsequent deacetylation to afford 25.

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	Reaction Conditions <sup>a</sup>								
Entry	Scale (mmol)	Methyl benzoate (equiv)	Stationary phase (equiv)	Column fill material <sup>b</sup>	Solvent (M)	Flow (mL/min)	Time (h)	Yield <b>24</b>	Yield <b>25</b>
1	0.44	3	AgNO3 · SiO2 (3.4)	SiO2	50% EtOAc in heptane (4 mM)	25	47	-	-
1 cont.	0.44	3	AgNO <sub>3</sub> · SiO <sub>2</sub> (1.3)	SiO2	25% EtOAc in heptane (4 mM)	25	43	-	-
2	0.66	3	TAg (1.5)	Cotton	50% EtOAc in heptane (5 mM)	12.5	48	-	-
3	1.58	3 + 9	TAg (1.8)	-	25% EtOAc in heptane (13 mM)	10	48	21%	N.D.
4	0.52	3	TAg (3.0)	Cotton	Et <sub>2</sub> O (3 mM)	10	17	30%	67%
5	2.90	3	TAg (3.0)	Cotton	Et₂O (5 mM)	30	20	Crude	40% over 2 steps
6	0.50	3	TAg (3.0)	Cotton	2% IPA in Et₂O (3 mM)	15	24	Crude	47% over 2 steps
7	0.50	10	TAg (3.0)	Cotton	10% IPA in Et₂O (3 mM)	15	90	Crude	7% over 2 steps
8	0.50	5.7	TAg (3.0)	Cotton	5% IPA in Et <sub>2</sub> O (3 mM)	20	24	Crude	35% over 2 steps
9	0.51	10	TAg (3.0)	Cotton	5% IPA in Et <sub>2</sub> O (3 mM)	20	48	Crude	27% over 2 steps

<sup>a</sup>AgNO<sub>3</sub> · SiO<sub>2</sub> (10% wt) was prepared according to the procedure by Royzen *et al.*<sup>1</sup> Tosic Acid Silica (ion exchange capacity 0.60 meg/g) was subjected to ion exchange with AgNO<sub>3</sub> according to the procedure by Darko *et al.*<sup>2</sup> Other general considerations about the photoisomerization method can be found in the Experimental Section. When deemed necessary, a sample (~ 30 mL) of the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and measured with <sup>1</sup>H NMR to evaluate the progress of the photoisomerization reaction. Afterwards, the column containing the trapped product (**24**) was washed with additional solvent (2 x reaction volume), dried over N<sub>2</sub> and fractionally eluted with NH<sub>3</sub> in MeOH (7 M). Fractions containing the partially deacetylated product (**24**) were combined and concentrated *in vacuo*. This crude product (**24**) was treated with NaOMe in MeOH (0.5 M) overnight, concentrated *in vacuo* and extractively purified to obtain **25**. <sup>b</sup>Material used to completely pack the column after loading of the stationary phase was complete. <u>Notes for specific entries:</u> entry **1**: Leaching of Ag was observed (50% EtOAc in pentane). The crude, unreacted reaction mixture was re-used for the second part of the experiment (25% EtOAc in pentane); entry **3**: additional methyl benzoate (9 equiv) was added after 26 h, **24** was purified with silica gel chromatography and was not reacted further; entry **4**: **24** was purified by silica gel chromatography, **25** was purified by silica gel chromatography. Reduced yield for entries **3 and 4** may partially be explained by loss of partially deacylated product during silica gel chromatography.

Table 57: Quantification results for the experiment described in Fig. S2, including ROI for the densiometry calculation.



#### **Table S8**

Table S8: Quantification results for the experiment described in Fig. S3, including ROI for the densiometry calculation.



Table S9: Quantification results for the experiment described in Fig. S4, including ROI for the densiometry calculation.



\*Note: quantification for this band was more difficult due to the presence of protein aggregates.

Table S10: Quantification results for the experiment described in Fig. S5, including ROI for the densiometry calculation.



	Relative Quantity									
Condition	t = 0 h	t = 1 h	t = 2 h	t = 3 h	t = 4 h	t = o.n.				
+ 26	1.0	1.2	2.1	3.8	4.8	6.2				
- 26	1.0	1.8	4.3	4.0	5.3	1.7				



*Table S11:* Quantification results for the experiment described in Fig. 2C-D (main text), including ROI for the densiometry calculation.

Condition	t = 0 h	t = 1 h	t = 2 h	t = 3 h	t = 5 h	t = o.n.
+ <b>26</b> at 0h	1.0	1.3	1.2	1.6	2.0	2.3
3-TCO-IPG ( <b>25</b> ) only	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.5	2.0	2.1
+ <b>26</b> at 1h	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.9	2.5	3.6
+ <b>26</b> at 2h	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.8	2.4	3.4

*Table S12:* Quantification results for the experiment described in Fig.S6, including ROI for the densiometry calculation.



20 20 40 20	0.00	0107	0.00			
25	1.04	0.91	0.80	1.07	1.11	0.92
15	1.06	1.33	1.18	1.51	1.70	1.47
1% DMSO (v/v)	0.94	0.93	0.89	0.97	0.90	0.84
1% DMSO (v/v)	1.02	0.80	0.73	0.84	1.01	0.94
True negative	0.98	0.80	0.92	1.05	1.01	0.94

Note: densiometry data from Table S12-14 was combined in Microsoft Excel. In order to compare multiple gels, the average integral of Lanes 1 and 8 (t = 0) for each gel was used as the internal standard and set to a relative quantity of 1.

*Table S13:* Quantification results for the experiment described in Fig.S7, including ROI for the densiometry calculation.



Condition	t = 0 h	t = 1 h	t = 2 h	t = 3 h	t = 5 h	t = o.n.
<b>25 + 26</b> at 1h	0.94	1.07	1.05	1.23	1.54	1.44
25	1.06	1.13	1.04	1.13	1.20	1.10
15	0.94	1.19	1.12	1.73	2.0	1.84
1% DMSO (v/v)	1.06	1.01	0.96	1.04	1.05	1.00
1% DMSO (v/v)	0.98	0.94	0.77	1.07	1.04	0.87
True negative	1.02	0.98	1.11	0.96	1.01	1.01

Note: densiometry data from Table S12-14 was combined in Microsoft Excel. In order to compare multiple gels, the average integral of Lanes 1 and 8 (t = 0) for each gel was used as the internal standard and set to a relative quantity of 1.

*Table S14:* Quantification results for the experiment described in Fig.S8, including ROI for the densiometry calculation.



#### Relative Quantity

Condition	t = 0 h	t = 1 h	t = 2 h	t = 3 h	t = 5 h	t = o.n.
<b>25 + 26</b> at 1h	1.01	0.90	0.99	0.84	1.17	1.28
25	0.99	0.97	0.86	0.94	0.90	0.83
15	0.96	0.87	1.09	1.12	1.64	1.17
1% DMSO (v/v)	1.04	0.82	0.73	0.70	0.83	0.77
1% DMSO (v/v)	1.02	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.92	0.78
True negative	0.98	0.92	1.04	1.03	0.96	0.94

Note: densiometry data from Table S12-14 was combined in Microsoft Excel. In order to compare multiple gels, the average integral of Lanes 1 and 8 (t = 0) for each gel was used as the internal standard and set to a relative quantity of 1.

*Table S15:* Summary of the t-test described for the Fig. 2E (**25** + **26** after 1 hour vs **25**; 20 h timepoint). The result was obtained using Graphpad Prism 8.1.1 for an unpaired, two-tailed t-test with P < 0.05.

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1	Table Analyzed	Fig. 2E t-test
2		
3	Column A	25 (1 mM) + 26 (2.5 mM) after 1 h
4	VS.	VS.
5	Column B	25 (1 mM)
6		
7	Unpaired t test	
8	P value	0.0135
9	P value summary	*
10	Significantly different (P < 0.05)?	Yes
11	One- or two-tailed P value?	Two-tailed
12	t, df	t=4.220, df=4
13		
14	How big is the difference?	
15	Mean of column A	1.346
16	Mean of column B	0.9483
17	Difference between means (A - B) ± SEM	0.3979 ± 0.09428
18	95% confidence interval	0.1361 to 0.6596
19	R squared (eta squared)	0.8166
20		
21	F test to compare variances	
22	F, DFn, Dfd	3.165, 2, 2
23	P value	0.4802
24	P value summary	ns
25	Significantly different (P < 0.05)?	No
26		
27	Data analyzed	
28	Sample size, column A	3
29	Sample size, column B	3

Table S16: Quantification results for the experiment described in Fig. 2B (main text), including ROI for the densiometry calculation.



Relative Quantity

Condition	t = 0 h	t = 2 h	t = 4 h	t = o.n.
1% DMSO	1.0	1.9	2.4	2.4
IPG ( <b>15</b> )	1.0	3.3	4.9	5.2
3-CCO-IPG ( <b>19</b> )	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.7
6-CCO-IPG ( <b>20</b> )	1.0	2.0	2.4	2.5

*Table S17:* Quantification results for the experiment described in Fig.S9, including ROI for the densiometry calculation.



			Relative Que	antity		
Condition	t = 0 h	t = 1 h	t = 2 h	t = 3 h	t = 5 h	t = o.n.
<b>25 + 26</b> at 1h	1.00	1.01	1.49	2.04	2.20	1.68
25	1.00	0.97	1.26	1.59	1.47	1.86
15	1.00	1.21	2.85	2.96	3.68	3.15
1% DMSO (v/v)	1.00	1.10	1.63	1.80	1.80	1.83
1% DMSO (v/v)	1.07	1.06	1.43	1.43	1.34	1.28
True negative	0.93	0.80	1.47	1.60	1.67	1.16

Note: densiometry data from Table S17-20 was combined in Microsoft Excel. In order to compare multiple gels, the average integral of Lanes 1 and 8 (t = 0) for each gel was used as the internal standard and set to a relative quantity of 1.

*Table S18:* Quantification results for the experiment described in Fig.S10, including ROI for the densiometry calculation.



	Relative Quantity					
Condition	t = 0 h	t = 1 h	t = 2 h	t = 3 h	t = 5 h	t = o.n.
<b>25 + 26</b> at 1h	1.02	0.95	1.28	1.75	2.09	1.54
25	0.98	1.00	1.22	1.48	1.58	1.33
15	1.01	1.06	2.44	2.41	2.77	2.72
1% DMSO (v/v)	0.99	0.91	1.78	1.71	1.87	1.31
1% DMSO (v/v)	0.98	1.01	1.24	1.62	1.46	1.07
True negative	1.02	0.97	1.34	1.61	1.65	1.53

Note: densiometry data from Table S17-20 was combined in Microsoft Excel. In order to compare multiple gels, the average integral of Lanes 1 and 8 (t = 0) for each gel was used as the internal standard and set to a relative quantity of 1.

*Table S19:* Quantification results for the experiment described in Fig.S11, including ROI for the densiometry calculation.



			•	2		
Condition	t = 0 h	t = 1 h	t = 2 h	t = 3 h	t = 5 h	t = o.n.
<b>25 + 26</b> at 1h	1.03	0.89	1.64	1.93	2.08	1.65
25	0.97	0.82	1.53	1.83	1.61	1.37
15	0.67	1.02	2.11	2.61	2.94	2.40
1% DMSO (v/v)	1.00	0.93	1.97	2.01	1.98	1.74
1% DMSO (v/v)	1.11	1.19	2.04	2.33	1.82	1.82
True negative	0.89	0.87	1.71	2.04	1.85	1.69

Relative Quantity

Note: densiometry data from Table S17-20 was combined in Microsoft Excel. In order to compare multiple gels, the average integral of Lanes 1 and 8 (t = 0) for each gel was used as the internal standard and set to a relative quantity of 1.

*Table S20:* Quantification results for the experiment described in Fig.S12, including ROI for the densiometry calculation.



Relative	Quantity
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Condition	t = 0 h	t = 1 h	t = 2 h	t = 3 h	t = 5 h	t = o.n.
<b>25 + 26</b> at 1h	1.06	1.00	1.79	2.30	2.17	1.57
25	0.94	1.05	1.29	1.69	1.57	1.34
15	1.08	1.35	2.37	3.26	2.95	2.43
1% DMSO (v/v)	0.92	0.90	1.94	1.87	1.76	1.55
1% DMSO (v/v)	1.09	1.12	1.47	1.73	1.65	1.52
True negative	0.91	0.95	1.41	1.80	1.64	1.48

Note: densiometry data from Table S17-20 was combined in Microsoft Excel. In order to compare multiple gels, the average integral of Lanes 1 and 8 (t = 0) for each gel was used as the internal standard and set to a relative quantity of 1.

*Table S21:* Summary of the t-test described for the Fig. 2F(25 + 26 after 1 hour vs 25; 5 h timepoint). The result was obtained using Graphpad Prism 8.1.1 for an unpaired, two-tailed t-test with P < 0.05.

	Unpaired t test	
1		
1	Table Analyzed	Fig. 2F t-test
2		
3	Column A	25 (1 mM) + 26 (2.5 mM) after 1 h
4	VS.	vs.
5	Column B	25 (1 mM)
6		
7	Unpaired t test	
8	P value	<0.0001
9	P value summary	****
10	Significantly different (P < 0.05)?	Yes
11	One- or two-tailed P value?	Two-tailed
12	t, df	t=13.56, df=6
13		
14	How big is the difference?	
15	Mean of column A	2.136
16	Mean of column B	1.557
17	Difference between means (A - B) ± SEM	0.5789 ± 0.04270
18	95% confidence interval	0.4744 to 0.6834
19	R squared (eta squared)	0.9684
20		
21	F test to compare variances	
22	F, DFn, Dfd	1.139, 3, 3
23	P value	0.9175
24	P value summary	ns
25	Significantly different (P < 0.05)?	No
26		
27	Data analyzed	
28	Sample size, column A	4
29	Sample size, column B	4





dsRed2 Coomassie

	Relative Quantity					
Condition	t = 0 h	t = 1 h	t = 2 h	t = 3 h	t = 5 h	t = o.n.
+ 26	1.0	0.8	1.4	3.4	5.8	5.3
- 26	1.0	0.7	1.0	2.1	3.2	4.2

dsRed2 Fluorescence

Condition	t = 0 h	t = o.n.
+ 26	n.a.*	1.5
- 26	n.a.*	1.0

Relative Fluorescence

# **Experimental Section – Molecular Biology**

#### General methods

Samples taken (corrected for OD<sub>600</sub> according to the formula:  $(1 / OD_{600}) * 200 \mu$ L) from *E.coli* cultures were pelleted and stored at -20°C for indicated timepoints in each individual experiment described below. Samples were dissolved in a mixture of H<sub>2</sub>O and 2x sample loading buffer (supplemented with 4% SDS, 20% glycerol, 10% 2-mercaptoethanol, 0.004% bromophenol blue, 1U/µL Benzonase in 0.125 M Tris HCl, pH 6.8; see individual experiments for deviations and amounts). Subsequently, dissolved samples were incubated for 5 min at 95°C for denaturation. 15 µL of each sample was loaded onto a 15% SDS-PAGE gel (0.75 or 1.5 mm) along with 4 µL PageRuler<sup>TM</sup> Plus Protein Marker (Thermo Scientific) unless stated otherwise and run for ~70 min at 180 V. Coomassie staining (Coomassie Brilliant Blue G-250) and in-gel fluorescence, using wavelength filters for Alexa 488 (eGFP) and Alexa 555 (dsRed2), were measured using a Chemidoc Imager (Bio-Rad). Data was subsequently processed and quantified (relative quantification using a t = 0 h band as the reference; results in Tables S7 – S14) using ImageLab software (Bio-Rad).

#### Lac operon dependent overexpression protocol for ovalbumin

The gene for ovalbumin (hereafter referred to as OVA, accession number V00383) was cloned into the pMCSG7 vector as described elsewhere<sup>3</sup> and transformed into the methionine auxotroph expression strain, namely *E.coli* B834(DE3) (met-aux, Genotype: F- ompT hsdSB (rB- mB-) gal dcm met(DE3), Novagen #ref 69041). The construct contained an N-terminal M<u>HHHHHH</u>SSGVDLGT*ENLYFG*SNA sequence for Ni-NTA purification (underlined) and a TEV-cleavage (italic bold) site. The protein was expressed from the overnight culture of a single colony. Briefly, 10 mL of this overnight culture (Ampicillin 50 µg/mL, 1% Glucose v/v, 18 h, 37°C, and 150 rpm) was used for the inoculation per 100 mL LB medium (Ampicillin 50 µg/mL, 37°C, 150 rpm). The cells were grown to an optical density at 600 nm, OD<sub>600</sub>, of 0.6-1.0, washed twice (sedimented 3428 rcf, 15 min, 4°C) to remove excess glucose and resuspended with LB medium (Ampicillin 50 µg/mL) prior to the addition of the corresponding inducer (IPTG **13**, IPG **15** and its TCO caged and CCO caged derivatives).

#### Lac operon dependent overexpression protocol for dsRed and GFP

To obtain pET16b\_GFP and pET16b\_DsRed2\_S4T constructs, DNA fragments encoding the fluorophores were amplified by PCR. Using this PCR reaction, DsRed2 was mutated to DsRed2\_S4T, to enhance the fluorescent signal.<sup>4</sup> GFP was derived from ATCC construct 25922.<sup>5</sup> The resulting fragments were ligated into the pET16b vector using the Ncol and BamHI restriction sites. All sequences were verified by Sanger sequencing (Macrogen).

primer IDsequence 5' → 3'T7\_GFP\_fwdGGCGGCCGTCTCCCATGAGTAAAGGAGAAGAACT7\_GFP\_revGGCGGCGGATCCTTATTTGTATAGTTCATCCT7\_DsRed2\_S4T\_fwdGGCGGCCGTCTCCCATGGCCTCCACCGAGAACGT7\_DsRed2\_revGGCGGCCGTCTCCGGATCCTTTATCTAGATCCGGTGG*fwd: forward, rev: reverse*Forward, rev: reverse

Both constructs were transformed into B834(DE3) expression strain and the protein was expressed from the overnight culture of a single colony. 5-10 mL of this overnight culture (Ampicillin 50  $\mu$ g/mL, 1% Glucose v/v, 18 h, 37°C, and 150 rpm) was used for the inoculation per 50-100 mL LB medium (Ampicillin 50  $\mu$ g/mL, 37°C, 150 rpm). The cells were grown to an optical density at 600 nm, OD<sub>600</sub>, of
0.6-1.0, washed twice (sedimented 3428 rcf, 15 min, 4°C) to remove excess glucose and resuspended with LB medium (Ampicillin 50  $\mu$ g/mL) prior to the addition of the corresponding inducer (IPTG **13**, IPG **15** and its TCO caged and CCO caged derivatives).

#### Experiment 1: Induction of expression with IPTG or IPG – Fig. S2

Ovalbumin was expressed as described above. For the induction, IPTG (**13**) or IPG (**15**) were used at 1 mM final concentration (stock dissolved in water 0.1 M). Samples were taken before (t = 0 h) and after (t = 1, 2, 3, 4 h and overnight) the addition of the inducer, centrifuged and pellets were dissolved in 20  $\mu$ L of H<sub>2</sub>O and 10  $\mu$ L of 2x sample loading buffer. 15  $\mu$ L of sample was loaded to SDS gel and analyzed as described above.

#### Experiment 2: Impact of DMSO on expression – Fig. S3

For the induction, IPG (**15**) was used at 1 mM final concentration with varying DMSO concentrations (0.1, 1, 5 and 10% v/v). Samples were taken before (t = 0 h) and after (t = 3 h and overnight) the addition of the inducer, centrifuged and pellets were dissolved in 30  $\mu$ L of H<sub>2</sub>O and 30  $\mu$ L of 2x sample loading buffer. 15  $\mu$ L of sample was loaded to SDS gel and analyzed as described above.

#### Experiment 3A: Inhibition of OVA expression with 3-CCO-IPG – Fig. S4

To check the degree of inhibition, 3-CCO-IPG (**19**) was used at distinct concentrations varying from 1, 0.5, 0.25, 0.125 mM final concentration (stock dissolved in DMSO 0.1 M). Positive (1% v/v glucose, 1% v/v DMSO) and negative controls (1% v/v DMSO) were included. Samples were taken before (t = 0 h) and after (t = 4 h and overnight) the addition of the inducer, centrifuged and pellets were dissolved in  $30 \,\mu\text{L}$  of H<sub>2</sub>O and  $30 \,\mu\text{L}$  of 2x sample loading buffer. 15  $\mu\text{L}$  of sample was loaded to SDS gel and analyzed as described above.

#### Experiment 3B: Impact of caged 3-TCO-IPG on OVA expression - Fig. S4

To determine the impact of caged 3-TCO-IPG (**25**) on OVA expression levels, standard expression protocol was used. 3-TCO-IPG (**25**) was then added at distinct concentrations varying from 1, 0.5, 0.25, 0.125 mM final concentration (stock dissolved in DMSO 0.1 M). Positive (1% v/v glucose, 1% v/v DMSO) and negative controls (1% v/v DMSO) were included. Samples were taken before (t = 0 h) and after (t = 4 h and overnight) the addition of the inducer, centrifuged and pellets were dissolved in 30  $\mu$ L of H<sub>2</sub>O and 30  $\mu$ L of 2x sample loading buffer. 15  $\mu$ L of sample was loaded to SDS gel and analyzed as described above.

#### Experiment 4: Impact of tetrazine 26 on expression – Fig. S5

For the induction, IPG (**15**) was used at 1 mM final concentration with 3,6-dimethyl-tetrazine (**26**) to mimic uncaging conditions (2.5 mM final concentration in DMSO). Samples were taken before (t = 0 h) and after (t = 1, 2, 3, 4 h and overnight) the addition of the inducer, centrifuged and pellets were dissolved in 30  $\mu$ L of H<sub>2</sub>O and 30  $\mu$ L of 2x sample loading buffer. 15  $\mu$ L of sample was loaded to SDS gel and analyzed as described above.

#### Experiment 5: Temporal control of ovalbumin expression via decaging of 3-TCO-IPG (25) - Fig. 2C-D

For the expression, general ovalbumin expression protocol outlined in this section was utilized. Four different samples of each 10 mL were induced as follows: To all samples 3-TCO-IPG (**25**) was added in 1 mM final concentration (in DMSO). First sample was directly reacted with 3,6-dimethyl-tetrazine (DMT, **26**; 2.5 mM final concentration in DMSO), second sample after 1 h of expression and third sample after 2 h. The fourth sample served as a control not containing any DMT. Samples were taken before (t = 0 h) and after (t = 1 h, 2 h, 3 h, 5 h and overnight) adding **25** and launching the experiment, centrifuged and pellets were dissolved in 30  $\mu$ L of H<sub>2</sub>O and 30  $\mu$ L of 2x sample loading buffer. 10  $\mu$ L of sample was loaded to SDS gel and analyzed as described above.

#### Experiment 6: Comparison of inhibitory levels of 3-CCO-IPG and 6-CCO-IPG – Fig. 2-B

3-CCO-IPG (**19**) and 6-CCO-IPG (**20**) were compared with respect to their degree of inhibition on ovalbumin expression. Both caged IPGs were used at a final concentration of 1 mM (stock dissolved in DMSO 0.1 M). IPG (**15**, 1 mM) and DMSO (1% v/v) were used as positive and negative control conditions, respectively. Samples were taken before (t = 0 h) and after (t = 2, 4 h and overnight) the addition of the conditions, centrifuged and pellets were dissolved in 30  $\mu$ L of H<sub>2</sub>O and 30  $\mu$ L of 2x sample loading buffer. 15  $\mu$ L of sample was loaded to SDS gel and analyzed as described above.

#### Experiment 7: Replicate expression experiments for OVA (Fig. 2E and Fig. S6-8).

An overnight culture of B834(DE3) containing pMSCG7\_Ova was diluted 1:100 in LB medium supplemented with 50 µg/mL ampicillin and 1% glucose. Cells were grown at 37°C, 180 rpm to an OD<sub>600</sub> of ~0.6-1.0 and sedimented (3428 rcf, 10 min, 4°C) before being resuspended in LB medium containing 50 µg/mL ampicillin. Cultures of 3 mL were induced with either compound **25** (1 mM), followed by the addition of **26** (2.5 mM) at t = 1 h, compound **25** (1 mM), compound **15** (1 mM) or DMSO (vehicle control; 1% v/v), an uninduced sample was taken along as a true negative control. Samples were taken ((0.2 / OD<sub>600</sub>) x 1000 µL) before (t = 0 h) and after (t = 1 h, 2 h, 3 h, 5 h and overnight) starting the experiment, centrifuged and pellets were dissolved in 50 µL of 1\*Laemmli buffer supplemented with Benzonase (0.2 U/µL). Subsequently, dissolved samples were incubated for 5 min at 90°C for denaturation and briefly centrifuged. 10 µL of each sample was resolved over a 10% SDS-PAGE (0.75 mm) along with 10 µL PageRuler<sup>TM</sup> Plus Protein Marker (Thermo Scientific) for 70 min at 180 V. Coomassie staining (Coomassie Brilliant Blue G-250) was used for protein analysis and resulted in the graph (representing N = 3) shown in Fig. 2E, using t = 0 h as the reference.

#### Experiment 8: Replicate expression experiments for eGFP (Fig. 2F and Fig. S9-12).

An overnight culture of B834(DE3) containing pET16b\_eGFP was diluted 1:100 in LB medium supplemented with 50 µg/mL ampicillin and 1% glucose. Cells were grown at 37°C, 180 rpm to an OD<sub>600</sub> of ~0.6-1.0 and sedimented (3428 rcf, 10 min, 4°C) before being resuspended in LB medium containing 50 µg/mL ampicillin. Cultures of 3 mL were induced with either compound **25** (1 mM), followed by the addition of **26** (2.5 mM) at t = 1 h, compound **25** (1 mM), compound **15** (1 mM) or DMSO (vehicle control; 1% v/v), an uninduced sample was taken along as a true negative control. Samples were taken ((0.4 / OD<sub>600</sub>) x 1000 µL) before (t = 0 h) and after (t = 1 h, 2 h, 3 h, 5 h and overnight) starting the experiment, centrifuged and pellets were dissolved in 100 µL of 1\*Laemmli buffer (without β-mercaptoethanol) supplemented with Benzonase (0.4 U/µL). Subsequently, dissolved samples were incubated for 5 min at 37°C and briefly centrifuged. 10 µL of each sample was resolved over a 10% SDS-PAGE (0.75 mm) along with 10 µL PageRuler<sup>TM</sup> Plus Protein Marker (Thermo Scientific) for 70 min at 180 V. Coomassie staining (Coomassie Brilliant Blue G-250) was used for protein analysis) after scanning Cy2, Cy3 and Cy5 multichannel settings (532/528, 605/50 and 695/55 filters, respectively; ChemiDoc<sup>TM</sup> MP System, Bio-Rad). This resulted in the graph (representing N = 4) shown in Fig. 2F, using t = 0 h as the reference.

#### Experiment 9: Induction of dsRED2 expression with temporal chemical control – Fig. S13

dsRed was cloned and expressed as described above. For the induction, optimal conditions from *Experiment 5* were used (addition of **25** at t = 0 h and at 1.0 mM final concentration in DMSO; addition of DMT (**26**) after 1 h and at 2.5 mM final concentration in DMSO). Samples were taken before (t = 0 h) and after (t = 1 h, 2 h, 3 h, 5 h and overnight) the addition of **25**, centrifuged and pellets were dissolved in 30  $\mu$ L of H<sub>2</sub>O and 30  $\mu$ L of 2x sample loading buffer. 15  $\mu$ L of sample was loaded to SDS gel (10%) and analyzed as described above. In-gel fluorescence was measured at the wavelength filter for Alexa 555 (dsRed) prior to Coomassie staining.

# **Experimental Section – Organic Synthesis**

General methods: Commercially available reagents and solvents were used as received. Moisture and oxygen sensitive reactions were performed under  $N_2$  atmosphere (balloon). DCM, toluene, THF, dioxane and Et<sub>2</sub>O were stored over (flame-dried) 4 Å molecular sieves (8-12 mesh). Methanol and isopropanol were stored over (flame-dried) 3 Å molecular sieves. Pyridine, DIPEA and NEt₃ were stored over KOH pellets. TLC analysis was performed using aluminum sheets, pre-coated with silica gel (Merck, TLC Silica gel 60  $F_{254}$ ). Compounds were visualized by UV absorption ( $\lambda$  = 254 nm), by spraying with either a solution of KMnO<sub>4</sub> (20 g/L) and  $K_2CO_3$  (10 g/L) in H<sub>2</sub>O, a solution of (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>6</sub>Mo<sub>7</sub>O<sub>24</sub> · 4H<sub>2</sub>O (25 g/L) and  $(NH_4)_4Ce(SO_4)_4 \cdot 2H_2O(10 \text{ g/L})$  in 10% H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 20% H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> in EtOH, or phosphomolybdic acid in EtOH (150 g/L), where appropriate, followed by charring at ca. 150°C. Column chromatography was performed on Screening Devices b.v. Silica Gel (particle size 40-63 μm, pore diameter 60 Å). Celite Hyflo Supercel (Merck) was used to impregnate the reaction mixture prior to silica gel chromatography when indicated. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C APT, <sup>19</sup>F, <sup>1</sup>H COSY, HSQC and HMBC spectra were recorded with a Bruker AV-400 (400/100 MHz) or AV-500 (500/125 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported as δ values (ppm) and were referenced to tetramethylsilane ( $\delta = 0.00$  ppm) or the residual solvent peak as internal standard. J couplings are reported in Hz. High resolution mass spectra were recorded by direct injection (2  $\mu$ L of a 1  $\mu$ M solution in H<sub>2</sub>O/MeCN 1:1 and 0.1% formic acid) on a mass spectrometer (Q Exactive HF Hybrid Quadrupole-Orbitrap) equipped with an electrospray ion source in positive mode (source voltage 3.5 kV, sheath gas flow 10, capillary temperature 275°C) with resolution R = 240,000 at m/z 400 (mass range m/z = 160-2,000) and an external lock mass. The high resolution mass spectrometer was calibrated prior to measurements with a calibration mixture (Thermo Finnigan). The synthesis of tetrazine **26** is described in a previous publication.<sup>6</sup>

**Preparation of neutralized silica gel:** Unmodified silica gel (500 gram) was slowly dispersed into a 3 L round-bottom flask containing a stirring volume of  $H_2O$  (1.7 L).  $NH_4OH$  (28% w/w, 100 mL) was added and the alkaline suspension was stirred for 30 min. The suspension was filtered, washed with  $H_2O$  and the silica gel was dried on aluminium foil overnight at rt. The silica was transferred into a glass container and remaining traces of  $H_2O$  were removed by drying in an oven at 150°C overnight.

**Photoisomerization methods:** General guidelines were followed as described by Royzen *et al.*<sup>1</sup> Photochemical isomerization was performed using a Southern New England Ultraviolet Company Rayonet reactor (model RPR-100) equipped with 16 bulbs (part number RPR-2537A,  $\lambda = 254$  nm). Photolysis was performed in a 187 mL or 1500 mL quartz flask (Southern New England Ultraviolet Company; part number RQV-118 or RQV-323, respectively). A HPLC pump (Jasco; model PU-2088 Plus) was used to circulate solvent through the photolysis apparatus at the indicated flow rate. An empty solid load cartridge with screw cap, frits, O-ring and end tips (4 g / 40 g; SD.0000.004 / SD.0000.040; iLOK<sup>TM</sup>, Screening Devices b.v.) was manually loaded with the specified silica gel to function as the stationary phase.

**Preparation of TAg silica gel:** Preparation was based on the procedure described by Darko *et al.*<sup>2</sup> Siliabond Tosic Acid Functionalized Silica (Silicycle, product number R60530B, lot number 156773, particle size 40-63  $\mu$ m, pore diameter 60 Å, endcapped, functional loading 0.6 mmol/g, 100 gram) was transferred to a glass silica column wrapped in aluminium foil. A solution of AgNO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 M in MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O, 9:1, 1 L) was passed over the column whilst monitoring the pH shift from acidic to neutral. The column was washed with MeOH (2 x 400 mL), acetone (2 x 400 mL) and pentane (2 x 400 mL). The TAg silica gel was dried over a dream of air and transferred to a bottle wrapped in aluminium foil for storage.



(Z)-3-bromocyclooct-1-ene (18): Synthesis was performed according to a modified procedure.<sup>7</sup> N-bromosuccinimide (100 g, 562 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was placed under N<sub>2</sub> in a 1 L round-bottom flask. Cyclohexane (400 mL), (Z)-cyclooctene (12, 100 mL, 770 mmol, 1.37 equiv) and AIBN (0.2 M in toluene, 2.0 mL, 0.4 mmol, 0.07 mol%) were

added before connecting the flask to a reflux condenser which was subsequently purged with N<sub>2</sub>. The mixture was refluxed (oil bath at 100°C) under N<sub>2</sub> for 4 h, after which the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature. The white precipitates were removed by filtration after cooling the mixture to 0°C (ice bath). The crude reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* (60°C,  $\leq$  20 mbar) before purifying the crude product by fractional vacuum distillation to obtain **18** (75.2 g, 398 mmol, 71%, bp = 85°C at 1.3 mbar) as a colorless liquid: R<sub>f</sub> = 0.8 (pentane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.82 – 5.73 (m, 1H), 5.65 – 5.54 (m, 1H), 5.00 – 4.89 (m, 1H), 2.30 – 2.05 (m, 3H), 2.05 – 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.76 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.63 – 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.45 – 1.24 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  133.3, 129.9, 49.0, 40.9, 29.1, 26.6, 26.2, 25.7. Spectroscopic data was in agreement with literature.<sup>7</sup>



(Z)-cyclooct-2-en-1-ol (1): Synthesis was performed according to a modified procedure.<sup>8</sup> Cyclooctene bromide **18** (75.1 g, 397 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in a mixture of acetone (600 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (300 mL) in a 3 L round-bottom flask. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (66.7 g, 795 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred under reflux (oil bath at 75°C) for 4.5 h. The reaction mixture was allowed

to cool to room temperature and filtered to remove excess NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The filtrate was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 500 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to obtain **1** (41.4 g, 328 mmol, 83%) as an oil which was used in subsequent reactions without further purification:  $R_f = 0.3$  (20% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.61 (dddd, J = 10.3, 8.5, 7.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (ddd, J = 10.8, 6.5, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.73 – 4.56 (m, 1H), 2.24 – 2.01 (m, 2H), 1.96 – 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.73 (s, 10H), 1.69 – 1.32 (m, 7H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  135.1, 128.6, 69.4, 38.7, 29.2, 26.4, 26.0, 23.8. Spectroscopic data was in agreement with literature.<sup>6,8,9</sup>

Cyclooctene carbonate 4: Cyclooctenol 1 (1.19 g, 9.45 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in anhydrous



DCM (30 mL) in a 100 mL round-bottom flask under N<sub>2</sub>. Anhydrous pyridine (1.15 mL, 14.2 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added and the reaction mixture was cooled to  $0^{\circ}$ C (ice-bath) before adding 4-nitrophenyl chloroformate (2.29 g, 11.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv). The reaction was stirred for 48 h and allowed to warm to room temperature. The reaction

mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 75 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with HCl (0.5 M, 2 x 100 mL), NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (satd., 2 x 100 mL) and brine (200 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, impregnated with Celite and concentrated *in vacuo*. The impregnated crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (pentane  $\rightarrow$  3% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) to obtain **4** (2.29 g, 7.86 mmol, 83%) as a pale yellow oil: R<sub>f</sub> = 0.6 (5% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.33 – 8.22 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 5.78 (td, *J* = 9.3, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.70 – 5.53 (m, 2H), 2.31 – 2.03 (m, 3H), 1.78 – 1.47 (m, 6H), 1.47 – 1.36 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  155.7, 152.0, 145.4, 131.1, 129.2, 125.3 (x2), 121.9 (x2), 78.4, 34.9, 28.8, 26.5, 25.8, 23.3.

Cyclooctene ether 5: The experiment was based on a procedure for the synthesis of 1-(allyloxy)-4-



nitrobenzene with palladium catalysis.<sup>10</sup> Cyclooctene carbonate **4** (171 mg, 0.59 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in anhydrous toluene (2.5 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> in a 10 mL round-bottom flask. The reaction mixture was degassed under sonication for 10 min before adding Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (16 mg, 14  $\mu$ mol, 2.4 mol%). The reaction mixture was stirred for 90 min at 50°C

(oil bath) under N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was directly applied on a silica gel column and purified (pentane  $\rightarrow$  2% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) to obtain **5** (133 mg, 0.54 mmol, 92%) as a pale yellow oil: R<sub>f</sub> = 0.9 (5% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.23 – 8.03 (m, 2H), 6.98 – 6.80 (m, 2H), 5.91 – 5.72 (m, 1H), 5.45 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.24 – 5.06 (m, 1H), 2.37 – 2.18 (m, 2H), 2.10 (ddt, *J* = 12.8, 8.6, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 1.85 – 1.36 (m, 8H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.5, 141.2, 131.6, 131.3, 125.8 (x2), 115.4 (x2), 76.4, 35.7, 29.0, 26.8, 26.1, 23.3.

Cyclooctene reagent 2: Cyclooctenol 1 (2.28 g, 18.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in anhydrous THF



(40 mL) in a 250 mL round-bottom flask under N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0°C (ice-bath) before adding NaHMDS (40% w/w in THF, 26.9 mL, 52.4 mmol, 2.9 equiv) dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at 0°C. 2-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyloxyimino)-2-phenylacetonitrile (Boc-ON; 12.9 g, 52.2

mmol, 2.9 equiv) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (40 mL) in a 100 mL pear-shaped flask under N<sub>2</sub> and added to the reaction mixture dropwise using a double tipped needle under positive N<sub>2</sub> pressure. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight and allowed to warm to room temperature. The reaction was quenched by adding NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (satd., 300 mL) and subsequently diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (300 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (300 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with HCl (1 M, 250 mL), NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (satd., 250 mL) and brine (250 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, impregnated with Celite and concentrated *in vacuo*. The impregnated crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (pentane  $\rightarrow$  0.5% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) to obtain **2** (3.30 g, 14.6 mmol, 81%) as a pale yellow oil: R<sub>f</sub> = 0.5 (2% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.74 – 5.62 (m, 1H), 5.53 (ddd, *J* = 10.6, 7.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.49 – 5.40 (m, 1H), 2.33 – 2.19 (m, 1H), 2.18 – 2.06 (m, 1H), 2.03 – 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.74 – 1.51 (m, 6H), 1.49 (s, 9H), 1.44 – 1.32 (m, 1H) ; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.2, 130.7, 129.9, 82.0, 75.3, 35.1, 28.9, 27.9 (x3), 26.5, 25.9, 23.4.



**Cyclooctene reagent 3:** Cyclooctenol **1** (12.64 g, 100 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in anhydrous DCM (200 mL) in a 500 mL round-bottom flask under N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0°C (icebath) before adding  $K_2CO_3$  (69.2 g, 501 mmol, 5.0 equiv), trichloroacetonitrile (50.2 mL, 501 mmol, 5.0 equiv) and DBU (0.755

mL, 5.01 mmol, 5.0 mol%). The suspension was stirred on ice for 4 h, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The brown crude product was suspended in a small volume of toluene and purified by silica gel chromatography (pentane  $\rightarrow$  1% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane  $\rightarrow$  2% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) to obtain cyclooctene imidate **3** (21.88 g, 81 mmol, 81%) as an oil: R<sub>f</sub> = 0.4 (2% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.26 (s, 1NH), 5.82 – 5.66 (m, 2H), 5.66 – 5.52 (m, 1H), 2.36 – 2.22 (m, 1H), 2.21 – 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.77 – 1.50 (m, 7H), 1.50 – 1.37 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.2, 130.5, 130.2, 92.0, 77.6, 34.5, 28.8, 26.5, 25.9, 23.3. Reagent **3** was stored at -30°C under N<sub>2</sub> as a solid.

\*Note: Full conditions investigated for the synthesis of **3** are reported in Table S1.

Cyclooctene amide 8: This compound was often encountered as a crude byproduct during column



chromatography purifications of compounds **11** and **23**, resulting from the various reactive intermediates formed upon activation of reagent **3** with a potent Lewis acid (TfOH): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.83 – 5.73 (m, 2H), 5.62 – 5.53 (m, 1H), 2.33 – 2.12 (m, 2H), 2.12 – 1.98 (m, 1H), 1.77 – 1.29 (m, 7H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  161.4, 131.4, 128.6, 90.3,

78.4, 34.5, 28.7, 26.5, 25.8, 23.2.



**N-trifluoroacetyl-protected L-tyrosine methyl ester 6:** L-tyrosine methyl ester hydrochloride (10.05 g, 43,4 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in anhydrous DCM (80 mL) in a 250 mL round-bottom flask under N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0°C (ice-bath) before adding anhydrous NEt<sub>3</sub> (6.05 mL, 43.4 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at 0°C. Subsequently, trifluoroacetic

anhydride (7.35 mL, 52.1 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added slowly to the neutralized, milky reaction mixture over 10 min. The reaction mixture was stirred and allowed to warm to room temperature. After 2 h, additional NEt<sub>3</sub> (6.05 mL, 43.4 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added. After 24 h reaction time, the reaction mixture was pouring in ice-cooled H<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL). HCl (1 M, 100 mL) was added and the aqueous layer was extracted with DCM (100 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (150 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and partially concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by crystallization in DCM to obtain **6** (5.44 g, 18.7 mmol, 43%) as white crystals: R<sub>f</sub> = 0.3 (20% EtOAc in pentane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  7.07 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.77 – 6.63 (m, 2H), 4.65 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.17 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 9.9 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  172.2, 158.7 (q, *J* = 37.7 Hz), 157.5, 131.2 (x2), 128.4, 117.3 (q, *J* = 286.7 Hz), 116.3 (x2), 55.8, 53.0, 36.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (471 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  -76.8; HRMS: calculated for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> 292.07912 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; found 292.07899. Spectroscopic data was in agreement with literature.<sup>11</sup>



**Cyclooctene ether 7:** L-tyrosine methyl ester **6** (2.466 g, 8.47 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and cyclooctene *tert*-butyl carbonate reagent **2** (2.30 g, 10.2 mmol, 1.2 equiv) were combined in a 250 mL round-bottom flask, co-evaporated using anhydrous dioxane, placed under N<sub>2</sub> and dissolved in anhydrous dioxane (85 mL). Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (567 mg, 0.49 mmol,

5.8 mol%) was added before freezing the reaction mixture at -78°C (ethanol bath) and subsequently purging N<sub>2</sub> over the frozen reaction mixture for 45 min to achieve degassing. The flask was sealed with parafilm before stirring the reaction mixture at 80°C (oil bath) for 41 h. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature, impregnated by adding Celite and concentrated *in vacuo*. The impregnated crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (1% EtOAc in pentane  $\rightarrow$  5% EtOAc in pentane) to obtain the diastereomeric mixture of cyclooctene ethers **7** (**7**<sub>A</sub> : **7**<sub>B</sub>, ~ **1** : **1**, 2.69 g, 6.73 mmol, 80%) as a thick oil: R<sub>f</sub> = 0.15 (5% EtOAc in pentane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.99 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 6.83 – 6.70 (m, 2H + 1NH), 5.82 – 5.65 (m, 1H), 5.55 – 5.42 (m, 1H), 5.11 – 4.96 (m, 1H), 4.90 – 4.74 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.20 – 3.03 (m, 2H), 2.37 – 2.15 (m, 2H), 2.07 (ddt, *J* = 12.9, 8.9, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.79 – 1.38 (m, 7H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.6, 170.6, 157.9 (x2), 156.6 (q, *J* = 36.2 Hz), 156.6 (q, *J* = 36.2 Hz), 130.0 (x2), 130.2 (x6), 126.1 (x2), 115.9 (x4), 115.7 (q, *J* = 287.8 Hz, x2), 75.3 (x2), 53.7, 53.0, 52.9, 36.5 (x2), 35.9, 35.9, 29.2 (x2), 26.9 (x2), 26.3 (x2), 23.5 (x2); HRMS: calculated for

 $C_{20}H_{24}F_3NO_4Na$  422.15496  $[M+Na]^+;$  found 422.15463. Spectroscopic data was in agreement with literature.^{11}

\*Note: No chemical shift differences were encountered on <sup>1</sup>H NMR for the two diastereoisomers of compound **7**. We therefore reported the <sup>1</sup>H NMR signals as a single compound. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR reports distinct signals of the two diastereoisomers. Full conditions investigated for the synthesis of **7** are reported in Table S2.



**N-trifluoroacetyl-protected L-serine methyl ester 10:** L-serine methyl ester hydrochloride (7.20 g, 46.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in anhydrous MeOH (100 mL) in a 250 mL round-bottom flask under  $N_2$ . The reaction mixture was cooled to 0°C (ice-bath) before adding anhydrous NEt<sub>3</sub> (7.10 mL, 50.9 mmol, 1.1 equiv) dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min at 0°C. Ethyl trifluoroacetate (11.1 mL, 93.0 mmol, 2 equiv) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was stirred and allowed to warm to room

temperature. After 2 h, additional NEt<sub>3</sub> (7.10 mL, 50.9 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added. After 48 h the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, redissolved in EtOAc (250 mL), washed with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (satd., 200 mL), HCl (1 M, 200 mL) and brine (200 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (30% EtOAc in pentane  $\rightarrow$  40% EtOAc in pentane) to obtain **10** (4.74 g, 22.0 mmol, 48%) as an oil: R<sub>f</sub> = 0.3 (30% EtOAc in pentane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.55 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1NH), 4.72 – 4.65 (m, 1H), 4.10 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.7, 157.5 (q, *J* = 37.7 Hz), 115.7 (q, *J* = 288 Hz), 62.1, 54.8, 53.3; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -75.9. Spectroscopic data was in agreement with literature.<sup>12</sup>



**Cyclooctene ether 11:** L-serine methyl ester **10** (68.0 mg, 0.32 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and cyclooctene imidate **3** (181 mg, 0.67 mmol, 2.1 equiv) were co-evaporated with anhydrous toluene ( $3 \times 2 \text{ mL}$ ) in a 25 mL round-bottom flask and dissolved in anhydrous DCM (3.0 mL) under N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was cooled to  $-35^{\circ}$ C (ethanol bath) before adding triflic acid (0.1 M in DCM, 0.32 mL,  $32 \mu$ mol, 0.1 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 h and gradually allowed to warm to 0°C. The reaction was quenched by adding NEt<sub>3</sub> ( $8.8 \mu$ L,  $63 \mu$ mol, 0.2 equiv) before adding Celite and

concentrating *in vacuo*. The impregnated crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (5% EtOAc in pentane, isocratic) to obtain the diastereomeric mixture of cyclooctene ethers **11** (**11**<sub>A</sub> : **11**<sub>B</sub>, ~ **1** : **1**, 47.0 mg, 0.145 mmol, 46%) as an oil:  $R_f = 0.2$  (5% EtOAc in pentane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.14 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1NH, **11**<sub>A</sub> + **11**<sub>B</sub>), 5.78 - 5.65 (m, 1H, **11**<sub>A</sub> + **11**<sub>B</sub>), 5.43 - 5.27 (m, 1H, **11**<sub>A</sub> + **11**<sub>B</sub>), 4.76 - 4.65 (m, 1H, **11**<sub>A</sub> + **11**<sub>B</sub>), 4.28 - 4.15 (m, 1H, **11**<sub>A</sub> + **11**<sub>B</sub>), 4.00 (dd, J = 9.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H, **11**<sub>A</sub>), 3.90 (dd, J = 9.9, 2.8 Hz, 1H, **11**<sub>B</sub>), 3.81 (2 s, 3H, **11**<sub>A</sub> + **11**<sub>B</sub>), 3.79 (dd, J = 9.9, 3.1 Hz, 1H, **11**<sub>B</sub>), 3.66 (dd, J = 9.8, 3.1 Hz, 1H, **11**<sub>A</sub>), 2.15 - 2.04 (m, 2H, **11**<sub>A</sub> + **11**<sub>B</sub>), 1.90 - 1.78 (m, 1H, **11**<sub>A</sub> + **11**<sub>B</sub>), 1.69 - 1.30 (m, 7H, **11**<sub>A</sub> + **11**<sub>B</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.4, 169.3, 132.6, 132.5, 131.2, 131.2, 78.0, 77.7, 67.7, 67.4, 53.3 (x2), 53.1 (x2), 35.7, 35.7, 29.2, 29.1, 26.6, 26.6, 26.2 (x2), 23.6, 23.6; HRMS: calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>20</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>Na 346.12366 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found 346.12350.

\*Note: the <sup>13</sup>C signals associated with the trifluoroacetate protecting group ( $\underline{C}=O$  and  $\underline{C}F_3$ ) were not reported due to a lack of resolution in the spectrum of **11**. Full conditions investigated for the synthesis of **11** are reported in Table S2.



**Peracetylated IPTG (14):** Isopropyl  $\beta$ -D-1-thiogalactopyranoside (**13**, 477 mg, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in anhydrous pyridine (6.0 mL) in a 50 mL round-bottom flask under N<sub>2</sub>. Acetic anhydride (4.0 mL, 42.4 mmol, 21 equiv) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 20 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was

redissolved in Et<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL) and washed with HCl (1 M, 3 x 50 mL) and brine (50 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to obtain **14** (827 mg, 2.0 mmol, 100%) as an oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.43 (dd, J = 3.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (t, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, J = 10.0, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (dd, J = 11.3, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (dd, J = 11.3, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (td, J = 6.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (hept, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.33 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 3H), 1.31 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.5, 170.4, 170.2, 169.6, 84.0, 74.4, 72.1, 67.6, 67.4, 61.7, 35.8, 24.1, 23.9, 21.0, 20.8, 20.8, 20.7; HRMS: calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>9</sub>SNa 429.11897 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found 429.11875. Spectroscopic data was in agreement with literature.<sup>13</sup>

**Evaluation of conditions typical for photochemical isomerization with 14:** Acetylated IPTG (**14**, 413 mg, 1.02 mmol, 1 equiv) was irradiated ( $\lambda$  = 254 nm) for 24 h in the presence of methyl benzoate (360 mg, 2.64 mmol, 2.6 equiv) in a quartz flask containing a solution of Et<sub>2</sub>O in heptane (1:1, 100 mL). During irradiation, the reaction mixture was continuously circulated over a silica column (4 g size, containing dry silica and 2.5 g of AgNO<sub>3</sub> impregnated silica<sup>1</sup>(10% w/w, containing 1.47 mmol AgNO<sub>3</sub>, 1.5 equiv)) at a flowrate of 25 mL/min. The column was placed in the dark and shielded with aluminium foil during the irradiation. Afterwards, the column was flushed with Et<sub>2</sub>O in heptane (1:1, 250 mL) before drying over a stream of air. Subsequently, the contents of the column were emptied into an Erlenmeyer flask containing NH<sub>4</sub>OH (28% w/w, 25 mL) and DCM (25 mL). The biphasic mixture was stirred for 1 h before filtration of the silica gel. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with DCM (25 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to obtain **14** (252 mg, 0.62 mmol, 61%) as an oil.

Note: Based on this experiment, we concluded that **14** has significant affinity for  $AgNO_3$  (despite not forming a (trans)-cyclooctene moiety during irradiation), which would hamper the development of a TCO-caged IPTG.



**Peracetylated**  $\beta$ -D-galactopyranoside 16: Synthesis was performed according to a modified procedure.<sup>14</sup> A suspension of sodium acetate (25.0 g, 305 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in acetic anhydride (350 mL, 3.71 mol, 13.4 equiv) was stirred in a three-neck, round-bottom flask and heated towards reflux in an oil bath set at 160°C. When the suspension was fully refluxing, the flask was

removed from the oil bath and D-galactose (50.0 g, 278 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was slowly added in portions to the mixture. The reaction mixture turned into a clear, yellow solution and was stirred for a further 5-10 min before pouring it into ice water (2 L). The aqueous mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. DCM (600 mL) was added and the organic layer was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (1.5 L), NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (satd., 1.5 L), brine (1 L), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was obtained as a light yellow solid and purified by recrystallization in EtOH to obtain **16** (56.4 g, 144 mmol, 52%) as white crystals:  $R_f = 0.4$  (30% EtOAc in pentane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.71 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (dd, J = 3.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (dd, J = 10.4, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (dd, J = 10.4, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.21 - 4.03 (m, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.05 (2 s, 6H), 2.00 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR

 $(101 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \, \delta \, 170.4, \, 170.2, \, 170.0, \, 169.5, \, 169.1, \, 92.2, \, 71.8, \, 70.9, \, 67.9, \, 66.9, \, 61.1, \, 20.9, \, 20.7, \, 20.7, \, 20.6; \, \text{HRMS: calculated for } C_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_{11}\text{Na} \, 413.10543 \, [\text{M+Na}]^+, \, \text{found} \, 413.10521. \, \text{Spectroscopic data was in agreement with literature.}^{14}$ 



**Compound 17:** Peracetylated galactopyranoside **16** (50.0 g, 128 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was co-evaporated with anhydrous toluene (200 mL) in a 2 L roundbottom flask before dissolving the starting material in DCM (513 mL) under N<sub>2</sub>. The solution was cooled to 0°C (ice bath) before adding acetic anhydride (24.2 mL, 256 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and HBr (33% w/w in AcOH, 133 mL, 769 mmol, 6.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight and allowed

to warm to room temperature. TLC confirmed complete conversion of 16 into the corresponding anomeric bromide:  $R_f = 0.7$  (30% EtOAc in pentane). The crude reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo, placed under N<sub>2</sub> and redissolved in anhydrous isopropanol (640 mL) in the presence of flamedried molecular sieves (4 Å, 75 g). The solution was cooled to  $0^{\circ}$ C (ice bath) before adding I<sub>2</sub> (48.7 g, 192 mmol, 1.5 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h at 4°C (cold room).\* Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (satd., 500 mL) was slowly added to quench the reaction whilst stirring. The reaction mixture was filtered, diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (500 mL) and subsequently extracted with EtOAc (3 x 500 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (15% EtOAc in pentane  $\rightarrow$  20% EtOAc in pentane). The beta-glycosylated product 17 (37.5 g, 96.1 mmol, 75% over 2 steps) was obtained as an oil:  $R_f = 0.5$  (30% EtOAc in pentane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.38 (dd, J = 3.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (dd, J = 10.5, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (dd, J = 10.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (dd, J = 11.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (dd, J = 11.2, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.98 – 3.84 (m, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.05 (2 s, 6H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.25 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.15 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.6, 170.5, 170.4, 169.5, 100.4, 73.4, 71.1, 70.6, 69.2, 67.2, 61.5, 23.4, 22.2, 20.9, 20.8, 20.8, 20.8; HRMS: calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>10</sub>Na 413.14182 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found 413.14146.

\*Note: This reaction can also be stirred overnight and allowed to warm to room temperature, obtaining a similar yield over 2 steps at 50 mmol reaction scale.



**Isopropyl**  $\beta$ **-D-1-galactopyranoside (IPG; 15):** Beta-galactopyranoside **17** (37.5 g, 96.1 mmol, 1 equiv) was dissolved in a mixture of anhydrous DCM (480 mL) and anhydrous MeOH (480 mL) in a 2 L round-bottom flask under N<sub>2</sub>. Sodium methoxide (1.04 g, 19.2 mmol, 0.2 equiv) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was neutralized by adding Amberlyst<sup>®</sup> (H<sup>+</sup> form, washed 3 x with

MeOH prior to usage) in small portions, gently swirling the flask and monitoring the pH until neutral. The neutralized solution was filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to obtain IPG (**15**, 19.5 g, 87.7 mmol, 91%) as a solid:  $R_f = 0.4$  (20% MeOH in DCM); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  4.33 – 4.24 (m, 1H), 4.04 (hept, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (br s, 1H), 3.73 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.53 – 3.42 (m, 3H), 1.22 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  103.1, 76.4, 75.0, 72.5, 72.4, 70.2, 62.4, 23.8, 22.0; HRMS: calculated for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na 245.09956 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found 245.09950. **15** was redissolved in H<sub>2</sub>O and lyophilized in small quantities for recombinant gene expression experiments.



**6-TBS-IPG (27):** IPG (**15**, 1.117 g, 5.03 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was coevaporated with anhydrous toluene ( $3 \times 10 \text{ mL}$ ) in a 250 mL roundbottom flask before dissolving in anhydrous pyridine (20 mL) under N<sub>2</sub>. The solution was cooled to 0°C before adding TBDMS-CI (50% w/w in toluene, 2.09 mL, 6.03 mmol, 1.2 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred and allowed to warm to room temperature. Additional TBDMS-CI (50%w/w in toluene, 0.525 mL, 1.5 mmol, 0.3 equiv) was added after 4 and

24 h to achieve full conversion. After a total reaction time 48 h, the reaction was quenched by adding  $H_2O$  (~100 mL) and subsequently extracted with DCM (3 x 75 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with CuSO<sub>4</sub> (1 M, 50 mL),  $H_2O$  (50 mL) and brine (50 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (50% EtOAc in pentane  $\rightarrow$  60% EtOAc in pentane) to obtain the 6-O-silylated galactopyranoside **27** (1.55 g, 4.61 mmol, 92%) as an oil:  $R_f = 0.1$  (50% EtOAc in pentane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.28 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.06 – 3.94 (m, 2H), 3.89 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (br s, 30H), 1.25 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.20 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 0.08 (s, 9H), 0.08 (2 s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  101.6, 74.8, 73.9, 72.0, 71.9, 69.0, 62.6, 26.0 (x3), 23.6, 22.0, 18.4, -5.3, -5.3; HRMS: calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>6</sub>SiNa 359.18604 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found 359.18589.



**4,6-DTBS-IPG (28):** IPG (**15**, 1.123 g, 5.05 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was coevaporated with anhydrous toluene (3 x 10 mL) in a round-bottom flask before dissolving in anhydrous pyridine (20 mL) under N<sub>2</sub>. The solution was cooled to 0°C before adding di-*tert*-butylsilanediyl bis(trifluoromethanesulfonate) (2.0 mL, 6.14 mmol, 1.2 equiv) at a rate of 0.5 mL/h (syringe pump). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight and allowed to warm to room temperature. The reaction was quenched by adding H<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL) and subsequently diluted with EtOAc (150 mL). The mixture was washed with HCl (1 M, 3 x 75 mL),

NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (satd., 100 mL) and brine (100 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (40% EtOAc in pentane, isocratic) to obtain the 4,6-O-silylated galactopyranoside **28** (1.31 g, 3.61 mmol, 72%) as an oil:  $R_f = 0.3$  (50% EtOAc in pentane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.39 – 4.34 (m, 1H), 4.31 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (hept, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (br s, 1H), 2.68 (br s, 1OH), 2.47 (br s, 1OH), 1.24 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.19 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.05 (2 s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  101.2, 73.9, 72.8, 72.3, 71.3, 71.2, 67.2, 27.6 (x3), 27.5 (x3), 23.8, 23.5, 22.0, 20.9; HRMS: calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>6</sub>SiNa 385.20169 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found 385.20122.



3-CCO-IPG (19) and 6-CCO-IPG (20): IPG (15, 248 mg, 1.12 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and dibutyltin oxide (333 mg, 1.34 mmol, 1.2 equiv) were combined in a 10 mL roundbottom flask and dissolved in anhydrous toluene (5 mL) under N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at 105°C (oil bath) under N<sub>2</sub> overnight. The reaction

mixture was subsequently concentrated in vacuo, co-evaporated with anhydrous toluene (3 x) and placed under N<sub>2</sub>. Cyclooctene bromide **18** (528 mg, 2.79 mmol, 2.5 equiv) was dissolved in anhydrous toluene (1 mL) in a separate 10 mL pear-shaped flask under N<sub>2</sub>. The solution containing 18 and cesium fluoride (424 mg, 2.79 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to the reaction mixture. The combined reaction mixture was stirred overnight at 105°C (oil bath) under N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc, sonicated (5 min), transferred to a 50 mL round-bottom flask, impregnated with Celite and concentrated in vacuo. The impregnated crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (10% acetone in pentane  $\rightarrow$  20% acetone in pentane  $\rightarrow$  30% acetone in pentane) to obtain the regioisomers 19 (3-CCO-IPG; 81 mg, 0.245 mmol, 22%) and 20 (6-CCO-IPG; 68 mg, 0.206 mmol, 18%) separately as diastereomeric mixtures: **<u>3-CCO-IPG</u>** (19<sub>A</sub> + 19<sub>B</sub>, 0.4 : 0.6):  $R_f = 0.3$  (30% acetone in pentane), 0.5 (EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.82 – 5.65 (m, 1H, **19**<sub>A</sub> + **19**<sub>B</sub>), 5.62 – 5.46 (m, 1H, **19**<sub>A</sub> + **19**<sub>B</sub>), 4.66 - 4.58 (m, 1H, 19<sub>A</sub>), 4.57 - 4.47 (m, 1H, 19<sub>B</sub>), 4.31 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, 19<sub>B</sub>), 4.30 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H, 19<sub>A</sub>), 4.08 – 3.89 (m, 3H, **19**<sub>A</sub> + **19**<sub>B</sub>), 3.88 – 3.75 (m, 1H, **19**<sub>A</sub> + **19**<sub>B</sub>), 3.73 – 3.59 (m, 1H, **19**<sub>A</sub> + **19**<sub>B</sub>), 3.55 – 3.48 (m, 1H, **19**<sub>A</sub> + **19**<sub>B</sub>), 3.46 (dd, J = 9.5, 3.4 Hz, 1H, **19**<sub>B</sub>), 3.40 (dd, J = 9.4, 3.4 Hz, 1H, **19**<sub>A</sub>), 2.95 - 2.52 (m, 3 OH, **19**<sub>A</sub> + **19**<sub>B</sub>), 2.15 - 2.06 (m, 2H, **19**<sub>A</sub> + **19**<sub>B</sub>), 2.05 - 1.96 (m, 1H, **19**<sub>A</sub>), 1.96 - 1.83 (m, 1H, **19**<sub>B</sub>), 1.71 - 1.29 (m, 7H, **19**<sub>A</sub> + **19**<sub>B</sub>), 1.27 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H, **19**<sub>A</sub> + **19**<sub>B</sub>), 1.20 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 3H, **19**<sub>A</sub> + **19**<sub>B</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 133.4, 133.0, 131.3, 130.5, 101.5, 101.5, 79.7, 78.1, 78.1, 74.4, 74.4, 74.4, 71.7 (x2), 71.2, 70.0, 68.5, 65.9, 62.2, 62.2, 36.4, 35.9, 29.3, 29.1, 26.7, 26.7, 26.3, 26.2, 23.7, 23.7, 23.6 (x2), 21.9, 21.9; HRMS: calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na 353.19346 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found 353.19316; 6-CCO-IPG (20A+ 20<sub>B</sub>, 1:1): R<sub>f</sub> = 0.15 (30% acetone in pentane), 0.3 (EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.68 (dddd, J =  $10.5,\,8.9,\,7.3,\,1.3~\text{Hz},\,1\text{H},\,\textbf{20}_{\text{A}}+\textbf{20}_{\text{B}}),\,5.53-5.43~(\text{m},\,1\text{H},\,\textbf{20}_{\text{A}}+\textbf{20}_{\text{B}}),\,4.35-4.26~(\text{m},\,1\text{H},\,\textbf{20}_{\text{A}}+\textbf{20}_{\text{B}}),\,4.28~(\text{m},\,1\text{H},\,\textbf{20}_{\text{A}}+\textbf{20}_{\text{B}}),\,4.28~(\text{m},\,1\text{H},\,\textbf{20}_{\text{A}}+\textbf{20}_{\text{B}}),\,4.28~(\text{m},\,1\text{H},\,\textbf{20}_{\text{A}}+\textbf{20}_{\text{B}}),\,4.28~(\text{m},\,1\text{H},\,\textbf{20}_{\text{A}}+\textbf{20}_{\text{B}}),\,4.28~(\text{m},\,1\text{H},\,\textbf{20}_{\text{A}}+\textbf{20}_{\text{B}}),\,4.28~(\text{m},\,1\text{H},\,\textbf{20}_{\text{A}}+\textbf{20}_{\text{B}}),\,4.28~(\text{m},\,1\text{H},\,\textbf{20}_{\text{A}}+\textbf{20}_{\text{B}}),\,4.28~(\text{m},\,1\text{H},\,\textbf{20}_{\text{A}}+\textbf{20}_{\text{B}}),\,4.28~(\text{m},\,1\text{H},\,\textbf{20}_{\text{A}}+\textbf{20}_{\text{B}}),\,4.28~(\text{m},\,1\text{H},\,\textbf{20}_{\text{A}}+\textbf{20}_{\text{B}}),\,4.28~(\text{m},\,1\text{H},\,\textbf{20}_{\text{A}}+\textbf{20}_{\text{B}}),\,4.28~(\text{m},\,1\text{H},\,\textbf{20}_{\text{A}}+\textbf{20}_{\text{B}}),\,4.28~(\text{m},\,1\text{H},\,\textbf{20}_{\text{A}}+\textbf{20}_{\text{B}}),\,4.28~(\text{m},\,1\text{H},\,\textbf{20}_{\text{A}}+\textbf{20}_{\text{B}}),\,4.28~(\text{m},\,1\text{H},\,\textbf{20}_{\text{A}}+\textbf{20}_{\text{B}}),\,4.28~(\text{m},\,1\text{H},\,\textbf{20}_{\text{A}}+\textbf{20}_{\text{B}}),\,4.28~(\text{m},\,1\text{H},\,\textbf{20}_{\text{A}}+\textbf{20}_{\text{B}}),\,4.28~(\text{m},\,1\text{H},\,\textbf{20}_{\text{A}}+\textbf{20}_{\text{B}}),\,4.28~(\text{m},\,1\text{H},\,\textbf{20}_{\text{A}}+\textbf{20}_{\text{B}}),\,4.28~(\text{m},\,1\text{H},\,\textbf{20}_{\text{A}}+\textbf{20}_{\text{B}}),\,4.28~(\text{m},\,1\text{H},\,\textbf{20}_{\text{A}}+\textbf{20}_{\text{B}}),\,4.28~(\text{m},\,1\text{H},\,\textbf{20}_{\text{A}}+\textbf{20}_{\text{B}}),\,4.28~(\text{m},\,1\text{H},$  $(d, J = 7.7, 1H, 20_A), 4.27 (d, J = 7.7, 1H, 20_B), 4.23 (br s, 1 OH, 20_A + 20_B), 4.06 - 3.97 (m, 1H, 20_A + 20_B), 4.06 - 3.97 (m, 20_A + 20_B), 4.06$ 3.95 (dd, J = 10.7, 3.3 Hz, 1H, **20**<sub>A</sub> + **20**<sub>B</sub>), 3.90 - 3.81 (m, 1 OH, **20**<sub>A</sub> + **20**<sub>B</sub>), 3.78 (dd, J = 9.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H, **20**<sub>A</sub>), 3.72 – 3.52 (m, 3H, **20**<sub>A</sub> + **20**<sub>B</sub>; 1 OH, **20**<sub>A</sub> + **20**<sub>B</sub>; 1H, **20**<sub>B</sub>), 2.21 – 2.02 (m, 2H, **20**<sub>A</sub> + **20**<sub>B</sub>), 1.97 – 1.86 (m, 1H, **20**<sub>A</sub> + **20**<sub>B</sub>), 1.70 - 1.30 (m, 7H, **20**<sub>A</sub> + **20**<sub>B</sub>), 1.29 - 1.23 (m, 3H), 1.20 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H, **20**<sub>A</sub>), 1.19 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 3H, **20**<sub>B</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 133.7, 133.7, 130.3, 130.3, 101.7, 101.7, 77.7, 77.6, 73.9 (x3), 73.6, 72.0 (x2), 71.6, 71.5, 69.4, 69.3, 68.2, 67.9, 35.9, 35.8, 29.2 (x2), 26.6 (x2), 26.3 (x2), 23.7, 23.7, 23.6, 23.6, 22.1 (x2); HRMS: calculated for  $C_{17}H_{30}O_6Na$  353.19346 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found 353.19312. 19 and 20 were redissolved in dioxane and lyophilized in small quantities for recombinant gene expression experiments.

\*Note: Full conditions investigated for the synthesis of **19** and **20** are reported in Table S3.



**3-OBn-IPG (29):** This procedure was based on the reported procedure by Geng *et al.*<sup>15</sup> for the regioselective benzylation of IPTG. IPG (**15**, 19.5 g, 87.7 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was coevaporated with anhydrous toluene (3 x 100 mL) in a 1 L round-bottom flask before adding dibutyltin oxide (32.7 g, 131 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and suspending the reactants in

anhydrous toluene (440 mL) under N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at 105°C (oil bath) under  $N_2$ . The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, co-evaporated with anhydrous toluene (3 x 100 mL), placed under N<sub>2</sub> and redissolved in anhydrous toluene (440 mL). Tetrabutylammonium bromide (5.65 g, 17.5 mmol, 0.2 equiv) and benzyl bromide (15.6 mL, 131 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 23 h at 70°C (oil bath) under  $N_2$ . The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature, concentrated in vacuo, redissolved in DCM (500 mL) and washed with a mixture of  $H_2O$  (500 mL) and brine (1 L). The aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (5 x 500 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (DCM  $\rightarrow$  2% MeOH in DCM) to obtain 29 (27.6 g) as a crude product (including a tetrabutylammonium derived impurity; marked in the NMR spectra) which was used in the next step without further purification:  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.42 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 4.75 (s, 2H), 4.30 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.07 – 3.97 (m, 2H), 3.93 (ddd, J = 11.2, 6.6, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.85 – 3.79 (m, 1H), 3.76 (ddd, J = 9.7, 7.8, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.51 – 3.46 (m, 1H), 3.44 (dd, J = 9.5, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (dd, J = 2.3, 1.0 Hz, 1OH), 2.49 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1OH), 2.46 (dd, J = 8.3, 4.4 Hz, 1OH), 1.26 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.20 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 137.8, 128.7 (x2), 128.2, 128.0 (x2), 101.5, 80.2, 74.5, 72.2, 71.9, 71.2, 67.0, 62.3, 23.6, 22.0; HRMS: calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na 335.14651 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found 335.14610.



**3-OBn-2,4,6-OAc-IPG (21):** Crude 3-OBn-IPG (**29**, 23.6 g, max. 87.7 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in anhydrous pyridine (530 mL, 6.55 mol, 74.5 equiv) and acetic anhydride (350 mL, 3.71 mol, 42.2 equiv) in a 2 L round-bottom flask under N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature under N<sub>2</sub>, concentrated *in vacuo*, redissolved in

Et<sub>2</sub>O (1 L) and washed with HCl (1 M, 3 x 500 mL). The combined aqueous layers were extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (500 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (satd., 500 mL) and brine (500 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to obtain 3-OBn-2,4,6-OAc-IPG **21** (35.0 g, 79.8 mmol, 91% over 2 steps) as a solid:  $R_f = 0.2$  (30% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.37 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 5.50 (dd, *J* = 3.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (hept, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (td, *J* = 6.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 1.22 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.11 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.7, 170.7, 169.5, 137.7, 128.5 (x2), 127.9 (x3), 100.4, 76.8, 73.1, 71.3, 70.9, 70.9, 66.0, 62.2, 23.4, 22.2, 21.0, 21.0, 20.9; HRMS: calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Na 461.17820 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found 461.17787.

\*Note : precipitation of **21** may occur in the residue when filtering off the dried organic layers. If so, dilution with extra Et<sub>2</sub>O or EtOAc ensures no product is lost.



**2,4,6-OAc-IPG (22):** 3-OBn-2,4,6-OAc-IPG (**21**, 35.0 g, 79.8 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was co-evaporated with toluene (200 mL) in a 1 L round-bottom flask and subsequently dissolved in EtOAc (800 mL) under N<sub>2</sub>. N<sub>2</sub> was purged through the stirring solution for 15 min (flow) before adding Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (20% w/w loading, 5.61 g, 7.99 mmol, 0.1 equiv) and purging N<sub>2</sub> through the stirred suspension for 45 min (flow). The reaction mixture was purged with H<sub>2</sub> (balloon) whilst stirring and was

subsequently left to stir under H<sub>2</sub> (balloon) for 72 h. The reaction mixture was purged with N<sub>2</sub> (flow), filtered over a pad of Celite and concentrated *in vacuo* to obtain 2,4,6-OAc-IPG (**22**, 23.9 g, 68.6 mmol, 86%) as an off-white sold: R<sub>f</sub> = 0.3 (50% EtOAc in pentane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.32 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (hept, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.86 – 3.79 (m, 1H), 3.83 (td, *J* = 6.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1OH), 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 1.24 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.16 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.3, 171.1, 170.7, 100.0, 73.2, 73.1, 71.6, 71.0, 69.8, 62.1, 23.4, 22.2, 21.1, 21.0, 20.8; HRMS: calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Na 371.13125 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found 371.13101.



**2,4,6-OAc-3-CCO-IPG (23):** 2,4,6-OAc-IPG (**22**, 7.60 g, 21.8 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and cyclooctene imidate **3** (23.3 g, 86 mmol, 3.95 equiv) were co-evaporated with anhydrous toluene (3 x 150 mL) in a 1 L round-bottom flask and dissolved in anhydrous DCM (200 mL) under N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was cooled to -40°C (ethanol bath) before adding triflic acid (0.194 mL, 2.18 mmol, 0.1 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 h and allowed to warm to -30°C and subsequently

quenched by adding NEt<sub>3</sub> (0.608 mL, 4.36 mmol, 0.2 equiv). The neutralized reaction mixture was diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (1 L), washed with NaOH (1 M, 3 x 1 L) and brine (1 L), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (10% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane  $\rightarrow$  30% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) to obtain the diastereometric mixture **23** (**23**<sub>A</sub> + **23**<sub>B</sub>, ~ **0.6** : **0.4**, 3.40 g, 7.45 mmol, 34%) as a crystalline solid:  $R_f$  = 0.35 (30% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 5.80 - 5.72 (m, 1H, **23**<sub>B</sub>), 5.71 - 5.62 (m, 1H, **23**<sub>A</sub>), 5.49 (dd, J = 10.7, 7.1 Hz, 1H, **23**<sub>A</sub>), 5.38 (dd, J = 3.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H, 23<sub>B</sub>), 5.35 (dd, J = 3.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H, 23<sub>A</sub>), 5.31 (ddd, J = 10.7, 7.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H, 23<sub>B</sub>), 5.06 (dd, J = 10.1, 8.1 Hz, 1H, **23**<sub>A</sub>), 5.00 (dd, J = 10.1, 8.1 Hz, 1H, **23**<sub>B</sub>), 4.44 – 4.37 (m, 1H, **23**<sub>B</sub>), 4.42 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H, 23<sub>A</sub>), 4.41 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H, 23<sub>B</sub>), 4.36 - 4.28 (m, 1H, 23<sub>A</sub>), 4.19 - 4.09 (m, 2H, 23<sub>A</sub> + 23<sub>B</sub>), 3.95 -3.84 (m, 1H, 23<sub>A</sub> + 23<sub>B</sub>), 3.82 - 3.77 (m, 1H, 23<sub>A</sub> + 23<sub>B</sub>), 3.58 - 3.47 (m, 1H, 23<sub>A</sub> + 23<sub>B</sub>), 2.15 - 2.05 (m, 2H, 23<sub>A</sub> + 23<sub>B</sub>), 2.14 (s, 3H, 23<sub>B</sub>), 2.12 (s, 3H, 23<sub>A</sub>), 2.10 (s, 3H, 23<sub>A</sub>), 2.09 (s, 3H, 23<sub>B</sub>), 2.07 (s, 3H, 23<sub>B</sub>), 2.06 (s, 3H, 23<sub>A</sub>), 1.83 - 1.74 (m, 1H, 23<sub>A</sub>), 1.70 - 1.27 (m, 7H, 23<sub>A</sub> + 23<sub>B</sub>; 1H, 23<sub>B</sub>), 1.23 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H, **23**<sub>A</sub> + **23**<sub>B</sub>), 1.14 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H, **23**<sub>A</sub>), 1.13 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H, **23**<sub>B</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.8 (x2), 170.6, 170.5, 169.4, 169.4, 133.4, 133.0, 131.7, 130.1, 100.6, 100.5, 78.6, 76.5, 75.0, 74.5, 73.0, 73.0, 71.8, 71.2, 70.9, 70.7, 68.7, 66.1, 62.4, 62.4, 36.0, 35.7, 29.3, 29.3, 26.9, 26.7, 26.4, 26.3, 23.7, 23.7, 23.4, 23.4, 22.2 (x2), 21.1 (x2), 21.0, 21.0, 20.9 (x2); HRMS: calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Na 479.22515 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found 479.22483.



**2,4,6-OAc-3-TCO-IPG (24):** 2,4,6-OAc-3-CCO-IPG (**23**, 228 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1 equiv) was irradiated ( $\lambda$  = 254 nm) for 24 h in the presence of methyl benzoate (385 mg, 2.83 mmol, 5.7 equiv) in a quartz flask containing a solution of 5% isopropanol in Et<sub>2</sub>O (150 mL). During irradiation, the reaction mixture was continuously circulated over a silica column (4 g size) containing 2.5 g of TAg silica<sup>2</sup> (0.6 mmol/g, containing 1.5 mmol Ag (I), 3.0 equiv) at a flowrate of 20 mL/min. The column was placed in the dark and shielded with aluminium foil during

the irradiation. Afterwards, the column was flushed with 5% isopropanol in Et<sub>2</sub>O (300 mL) before disconnecting the stationary phase from the HPLC system and drying over a stream of N<sub>2</sub>. The column was eluted with NH<sub>3</sub> (7 N in MeOH) and fractions containing the product were combined and concentrated *in vacuo* to obtain the crude, partially deacetylated product **24** as an oil which was used for the next step without further purification:  $R_f = 0.4$  (30% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane).\*

\*Note: **24** was partially deacetylated during treatment with NH<sub>3</sub>. An analytical sample used for the NMR assignment shown below was obtained from a separate experiment (Entry 4, Table S6) in which the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (10% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane  $\rightarrow$  30% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane). This leads to loss of partially deacetylated product. Full conditions investigated for the photochemical conversion of **23** to **24** are listed in Table S6.

Diastereomeric mixture  $24 (24_A + 24_B) \sim 0.6 : 0.4$ ): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.88 (ddd, J = 15.7, 11.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H,  $24_A + 24_B$ ), 5.45 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H,  $24_B$ ), 5.42 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H,  $24_A$ ), 5.40 – 5.32 (m, 1H,  $24_A + 24_B$ ), 5.14 – 5.08 (m, 1H,  $24_A + 24_B$ ), 4.44 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H,  $24_B$ ), 4.42 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H,  $24_A$ ), 4.42 (br s, 1H,  $24_B$ ), 4.27 (br s, 1H,  $24_A$ ), 4.20 – 4.09 (m, 2H,  $24_A + 24_B$ ), 3.90 (hept, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H,  $24_A + 24_B$ ), 3.83 – 3.74 (m, 1H,  $24_A + 24_B$ ), 3.68 (dd, J = 10.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H,  $24_B$ ), 3.55 (dd, J = 9.9, 3.6 Hz, 1H,  $24_A$ ), 2.52 – 2.38 (m, 1H,  $24_A + 24_B$ ), 2.14 (s, 3H,  $24_B$ ), 2.13 (s, 3H,  $24_B$ ), 2.11 (s, 3H,  $24_A$ ), 2.06 (2 x s, 6 H,  $24_A$ ; 3 H,  $24_B$ ), 2.02 – 1.73 (m, 4H,  $24_A + 24_B$ ), 1.61 – 1.33 (m, 3H,  $24_A + 24_B$ ), 1.24 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H,  $24_A + 24_B$ ), 1.00 – 0.87 (m, 1H,  $24_A + 24_B$ ), 0.77 – 0.63 (m, 1H,  $24_A + 24_B$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.7, 170.6, 170.5, 170.4, 169.3, 169.2, 133.2, 132.6, 132.1, 131.6, 100.6, 100.4, 78.1, 75.6, 75.3, 74.5, 73.1, 73.0, 71.4, 71.0, 70.8, 70.7, 67.5, 65.8, 62.3, 62.1, 41.8, 40.1, 36.2, 36.0, 36.0, 35.8, 29.4, 29.3, 23.8, 23.4, 23.4, 23.3, 22.2, 22.2, 21.0, 21.0, 20.9, 20.9, 20.8 (x2).



**3-TCO-IPG (25):** The crude product (**24**) obtained from the photoisomerization reaction was suspended in NaOMe (0.5 M in MeOH, 5.0 mL, 2.5 mmol, 5.0 equiv) in a 50 mL roundbottom flask under N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature, concentrated *in vacuo*, resuspended in H<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL) and extracted with DCM (5 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to obtain the diastereomeric mixture 3-TCO-IPG **25** (**25**<sub>A</sub> : **25**<sub>B</sub>, ~ **2** : **1**, 57 mg,

0.17 mmol, 35% over 2 steps) as a solid:  $R_f = 0.4$  (5% MeOH in DCM); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.18 (ddd, J = 16.0, 11.3, 3.8 Hz, 1H, **25**<sub>B</sub>), 5.97 (ddd, J = 15.9, 11.2, 3.7 Hz, 1H, **25**<sub>A</sub>), 5.51 (dd, J = 16.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H, **25**<sub>A</sub>), 5.40 (dd, J = 16.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H, **25**<sub>B</sub>), 4.58 (br s, 1H, **25**<sub>A</sub>), 4.48 (br s, 1H, **25**<sub>B</sub>), 4.32 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, **25**<sub>B</sub>), 4.30 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H, **25**<sub>A</sub>), 4.08 – 4.00 (m, 2H, **25**<sub>A</sub> + **25**<sub>B</sub>), 3.99 – 3.91 (m, 1H, **25**<sub>A</sub> + **25**<sub>B</sub>), 3.86 – 3.76 (m, 1H, **25**<sub>A</sub> + **25**<sub>B</sub>), 3.75 – 3.66 (m, 1H, **25**<sub>A</sub> + **25**<sub>B</sub>), 3.56 (dd, J = 9.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H, **25**<sub>B</sub>), 3.54 – 3.47 (m, 1H, **25**<sub>A</sub> + **25**<sub>B</sub>), 3.43 (dd, J = 9.5, 3.4 Hz, 1H, **25**<sub>A</sub>), 2.79 (br s, 10H, **25**<sub>A</sub>), 2.72 (br s, 10H, **25**<sub>B</sub>), 2.60 – 2.43 (m, 1H + 20H, **25**<sub>A</sub> + **25**<sub>B</sub>), 2.13 (dd, J = 14.8, 5.8 Hz, 1H, **25**<sub>A</sub>), 2.07 – 1.91 (m, 2H, **25**<sub>A</sub> + **25**<sub>B</sub>), 1.20 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H, **25**<sub>A</sub> + **25**<sub>B</sub>), 1.74 – 1.39 (m, 3H, **25**<sub>A</sub> + **25**<sub>B</sub>), 1.27 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H, **25**<sub>A</sub> + **25**<sub>B</sub>), 1.20 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H, **25**<sub>A</sub> + **25**<sub>B</sub>), 1.17 – 1.05 (m, 1H, **25**<sub>A</sub> + **25**<sub>B</sub>), 0.82 – 0.69 (m, 1H, **25**<sub>A</sub> + **25**<sub>B</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  134.2, 133.2, 132.8, 131.2, 101.6, 101.5, 79.4, 79.3, 77.9, 76.0, 74.5, 74.4, 71.9, 71.8, 71.6, 70.5, 68.4, 66.0, 62.4 (x2), 42.1, 41.5, 36.1, 36.0, 35.9, 35.8, 29.4 (x2), 23.9, 23.8, 23.6 (x2), 22.0, 21.9; HRMS: calculated for  $C_{17}H_{30}O_6Na$  353.19346 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found 353.19313. **25** was redissolved in dioxane and lyophilized in small quantities for recombinant gene expression experiments.

\*Note: deacetylation in the presence of catalytic quantities of NaOMe and/or shorter reaction times did not result in complete conversion. This instead led to a mixture of products, in which the fully deprotected product (**25**) was difficult to isolate.

# NMR spectra





### <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C APT spectra of 1



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# <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C APT, <sup>13</sup>C APT stack comparison (with 2) of compound 8






















# <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C APT spectra of 16





## <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C APT, <sup>1</sup>H COSY and HSQC spectra of 17















## <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C APT, <sup>1</sup>H COSY and HSQC spectra of 28





<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C APT, <sup>1</sup>H COSY and HSQC spectra of 3-CCO-IPG (19)







## <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C APT, <sup>1</sup>H COSY and HSQC spectra of 6-CCO-IPG (20)







#### <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C APT, <sup>1</sup>H COSY, HSQC and HMBC spectra of 29







<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C APT, <sup>1</sup>H COSY, HSQC and HMBC spectra of 21







## <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C APT, <sup>1</sup>H COSY, HSQC and HMBC spectra of 22







## <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C APT, <sup>1</sup>H COSY, HSQC and HMBC spectra of 23







## <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C APT, <sup>1</sup>H COSY and HSQC spectra of 24





#### <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C APT, <sup>1</sup>H COSY, HSQC and HMBC spectra of 3-TCO-IPG (25)







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