

## Binding modes of methyl $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside to an artificial receptor in the crystalline complexes

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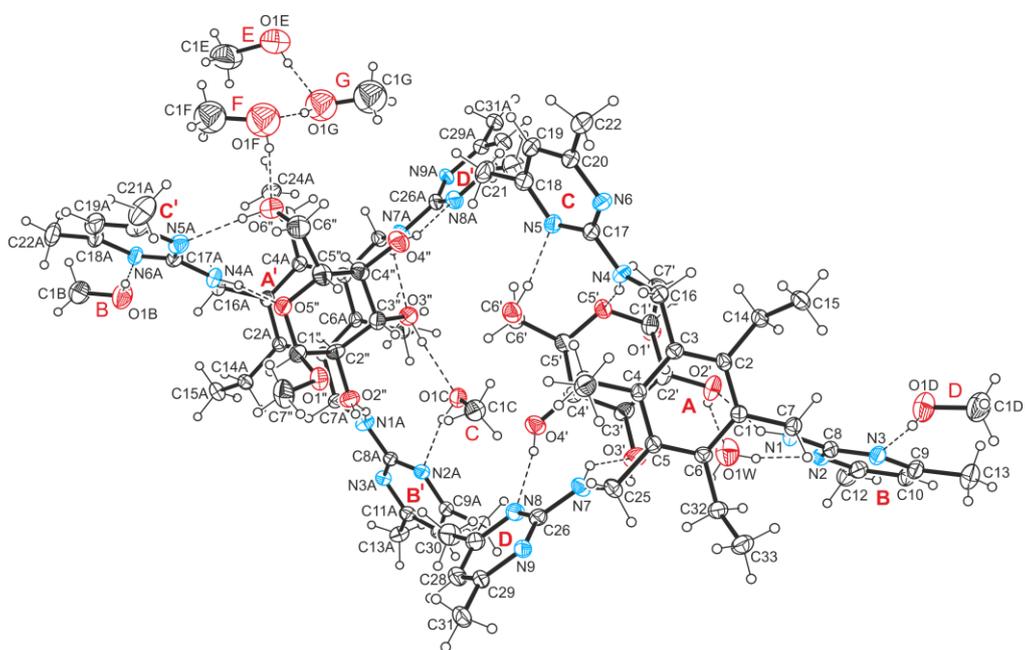
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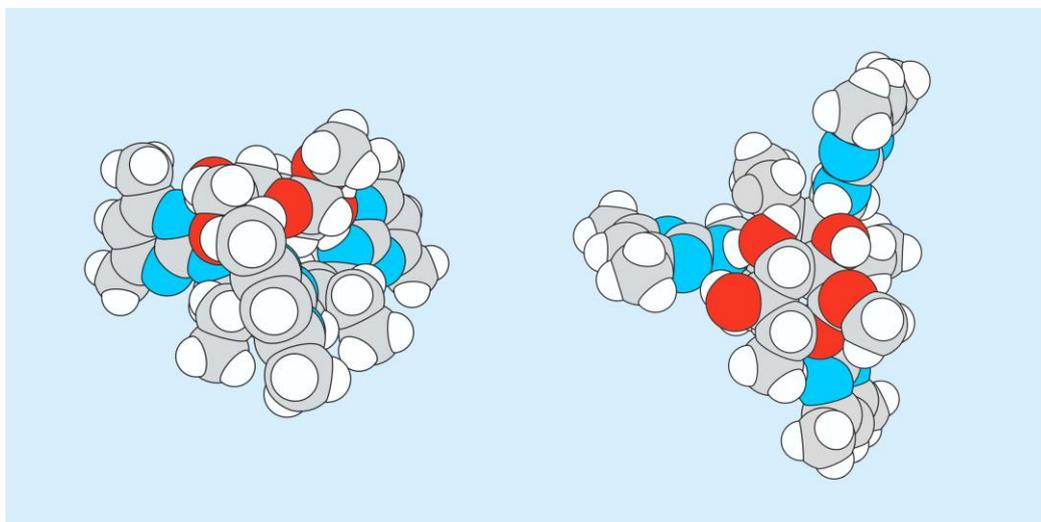
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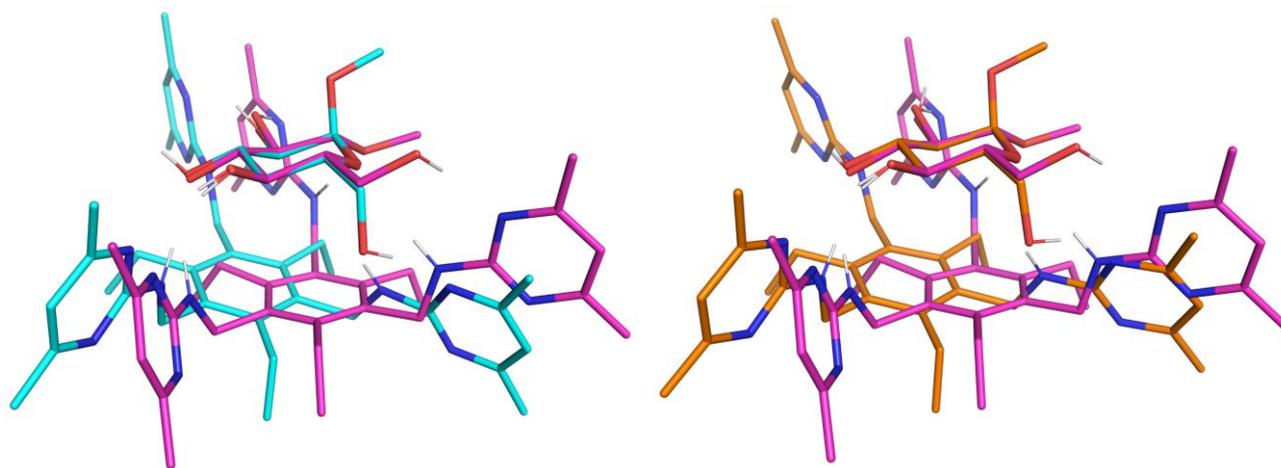
## 1 Crystallographic data



**Figure S1.** ORTEP-Plot of the crystal structure **2•MeαGlc**.



**Figure S2.** Space filling representation of complex I in the crystal structure **2•MeαGlc** (left: side view; right: top view of **2•MeαGlc-I**).



**Figure S3.** Views of the superimposed complex structures of **2•Me $\alpha$ Glc-I** (left, light blue lines) and **2•Me $\alpha$ Glc-II** (right, orange lines) with **2•Me $\beta$ Glc-I** (pink lines) fitted on the carbohydrate atoms C1-C5 and O5 (N atoms are colored blue and O atoms red; all non-polar hydrogens omitted for clarity).

**Table S1.** Crystallographic and structure refinement data of **2•Me $\alpha$ Glc.**

Empirical formula	2 C <sub>33</sub> H <sub>45</sub> N <sub>9</sub> · 2 C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>6</sub> · 6 CH <sub>3</sub> OH · H <sub>2</sub> O
Formula weight	1734.18
Crystal system	Triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 1
<i>a</i> (Å)	12.2116(14)
<i>b</i> (Å)	14.5632(16)
<i>c</i> (Å)	14.5319(17)
$\alpha$ (°)	67.762(9)
$\beta$ (°)	86.941(9)
$\gamma$ (°)	84.111(9)
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	2379.2(5)
<i>Z</i>	1
<i>F</i> (000)	938
<i>D</i> <sub>c</sub> (Mg m <sup>-3</sup> )	1.210
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.086
Data collection	
Temperature (K)	113(2)
No. of collected reflections within the $\theta$ -limit (°)	73592 2.8 - 25.7
Index ranges $\pm h, \pm k, \pm l$	-14/14, -17/17, -17/17
No. of unique reflections	17273
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0189
Refinement calculations: full- matrix least- squares on all <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> values	
Weighting expression <i>w</i> <sup>a</sup>	$[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0983P)^2 + 1.3935P]^{-1}$
No. of refined parameters	1186
No. of <i>F</i> values used [ <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]	16001
Final <i>R</i> -Indices	
<i>R</i> (= $\Sigma \Delta F  / \Sigma F_o $ )	0.0536
<i>wR</i> on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	0.1553
<i>S</i> (= Goodness of fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )	1.068
Final $\Delta\rho_{\max}/\Delta\rho_{\min}$ (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.58/-0.56

<sup>a</sup>  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

**Table S2.** Selected geometric parameters of **2•MeαGlc**.

Complex	I		II
Dihedral angle (°) <sup>a</sup>			
mpla(A)-mpla(B)	79.8(1)	mpla(A <sup>A</sup> )-mpla(B <sup>A</sup> )	74.0(1)
mpla(A)-mpla(C)	72.1(1)	mpla(A <sup>A</sup> )-mpla(C <sup>A</sup> )	71.4(1)
mpla(A)-mpla(D)	87.5(1)	mpla(A <sup>A</sup> )-mpla(D <sup>A</sup> )	88.1(1)
mpla(B)-mpla(C)	38.5(1)	mpla(B <sup>A</sup> )-mpla(C <sup>A</sup> )	35.9(1)
mpla(B)-mpla(D)	59.9(1)	mpla(B <sup>A</sup> )-mpla(D <sup>A</sup> )	76.7(1)
mpla(C)-mpla(D)	81.8(1)	mpla(C <sup>A</sup> )-mpla(D <sup>A</sup> )	67.5(1)
Torsion angle (°)			
C1-C7-N1-C8	-176.0(3)	C1A-C7A-N1A-C8A	-161.8(3)
C7-N1-C8-N2	178.2(3)	C7A-N1A-C8A-N2A	169.2(3)
C3-C16-N4-C17	160.6(3)	C3A-C16A-N4A-C17A	168.5(4)
C16-N4-C17-N5	-167.5(3)	C16A-N4A-C17A-N5A	-167.8(4)
C5-C25-N7-C26	-173.2(3)	C5A-C25A-N7A-C26A	-179.9(3)
C25-N7-C26-N8	-178.3(4)	C25A-N7A-C26A-N8A	180.0(3)

<sup>a</sup> mpla means the least-squares plane through the aromatic ring.

Ring A: C1...C6; Ring B: N2,N3,C9...C20; Ring C: N5,N6,C24...C27; Ring D: N8,N9,C33...C36; Ring A<sup>A</sup>: C1A...C6A; Ring B<sup>A</sup>: N2A,N3A,C9A...C20A; Ring C<sup>A</sup>: N5A,N6A,C24A...C27A; Ring D<sup>A</sup>: N8A,N9A,C33A...C36A.

**Table S3.** Geometrical parameters of hydrogen bonds and arene interactions in the crystal structures **2•MeαGlc**.

Atoms		Distance (Å)		Angle (°)	Slippage (Å)
		D...A	H...A	D-H...A	
D-H...A					
<i>Cg</i> ... <i>Cg</i>		<i>Cg</i> ... <i>Cg</i>			
N(1)-H(1)···(O2')	<i>x, y, z</i>	2.823(4)	1.94(2)	172(6)	
N(4)-H(4)···(O5')	<i>x, y, z</i>	3.454(4)	2.65(3)	151(5)	
N(7)-H(7)···(O3')	<i>x, y, z</i>	2.879(5)	1.99(2)	173(5)	
N(1A)-H(1A)···(O2'')	<i>x, y, z</i>	2.908(5)	2.06(2)	158(5)	
N(4A)-H(4A)···(O5'')	<i>x, y, z</i>	3.344(4)	2.53(3)	152(4)	
N(7A)-H(7A)···(O3'')	<i>x, y, z</i>	2.930(5)	2.05(2)	169(5)	
O(1B)-H(1B)···N(6A)	<i>x, y, -1+z</i>	3.098(6)	2.27	169	
O(1C)-H(1C)···N(2A)	<i>x, y, z</i>	2.818(4)	1.98	174	
O(1D)-H(1D)···N(3)	<i>x, y, 1+z</i>	3.060(6)	2.21	172	
O(1E)-H(1E)···O(1G)	<i>x, -1+y, z</i>	2.668(13)	1.82	176	
O(1F)-H(1F)···O(6'')	<i>x, -1+y, z</i>	2.684(5)	1.84	175	
O(1G)-H(1G)···O(1F)	<i>1+x, 1+y, z</i>	2.652(13)	1.81	169	
O(2')-H(02')···O(1W)	<i>x, y, z</i>	2.729(6)	1.92(3)	165(8)	
O(3')-H(03')···O(1E)	<i>x, y, z</i>	2.637(7)	1.84	158	
O(4')-H(04')···N(8)	<i>x, y, z</i>	2.919(5)	2.09(2)	166(6)	
O(6')-H(06')···N(5)	<i>x, y, z</i>	2.793(5)	1.96(2)	168(4)	
O(2'')-H(02'')···O(1'')	<i>x, y, z</i>	2.713(4)	2.26(5)	113(4)	
O(3'')-H(03'')···O(1C)	<i>x, y, z</i>	2.771(4)	1.96(5)	158(6)	
O(4'')-H(04'')···N(8A)	<i>x, y, z</i>	2.973(5)	2.14(2)	173(7)	
O(6'')-H(06'')···N(5A)	<i>x, y, z</i>	2.791(5)	1.99(3)	162(7)	
O(1W)-H(1WA)···N(2)	<i>x, y, z</i>	2.898(6)	2.17	145	
O(1W)-H(1WB)···O(1E)	<i>x, y, z</i>	2.824(9)	2.03	156	
C(6'')-H(6''A)···O(1W)	<i>x, 1+y, z</i>	3.369(8)	2.47	154	
C(12)-H(12A)···O(6')	<i>x, -1+y, z</i>	3.500(5)	2.54	167	
C(23)-H(23B)···N(4)	<i>x, y, z</i>	3.268(5)	2.53	131	
C(32)-H(32A)···N(1)	<i>x, y, z</i>	3.255(5)	2.51	132	
C(19A)-H(19A)···O(1C)	<i>x, 1+y, z</i>	3.424(5)	2.50	166	
C(23A)-H(23D)···N(4A)	<i>x, y, z</i>	3.284(5)	2.56	130	
C(31A)-H(31D)···O(6')	<i>-1+x, y, z</i>	3.390(5)	2.49	152	
C(32A)-H(32D)···N(1A)	<i>x, y, z</i>	3.202(5)	2.45	133	
C(2')-H(2')··· <i>Cg</i> (A) <sup>a</sup>	<i>x, y, z</i>	3.662(4)	2.74	154	
C(2'')-H(2'')··· <i>Cg</i> (A <sup>A</sup> ) <sup>a</sup>	<i>x, y, z</i>	3.698(4)	2.75	158	
C(10A)-H(10A)··· <i>Cg</i> (B) <sup>a</sup>	<i>x, y, 1+z</i>	3.558(4)	2.80	138	
C(14)-H(14B)··· <i>Cg</i> (B <sup>A</sup> ) <sup>a</sup>	<i>x, y, -1+z</i>	3.775(6)	2.95	142	
C(14A)-H(14C)··· <i>Cg</i> (C) <sup>a</sup>	<i>x, y, 1+z</i>	3.587(9)	2.93	126	
C(1G)-H(1G2)··· <i>Cg</i> (D <sup>A</sup> ) <sup>a</sup>	<i>1+x, y, z</i>	3.692(6)	2.92	137	
C(33A)-H(33F) C(A) <sup>b</sup>	<i>-1 + x, y, 1 + z</i>	3.640(6)	2.88	135	
<i>Cg</i> (D)··· <i>Cg</i> (D <sup>A</sup> ) <sup>a</sup>	<i>1+x, y, z</i>	3.534(4)			0.852
<i>Cg</i> (D <sup>A</sup> )··· <i>Cg</i> (D) <sup>a</sup>	<i>-1+x, y, z</i>	3.534(4)			0.567

<sup>a</sup> *Cg* means the centroid (centre of gravity) of the aromatic ring.

Ring A: C(1)...C(6); ring B: N(2),N(3),C(8)...C(11); ring C: N(5),N(6),C(17)...C(20); ring D: N(8),N(9),C(26)...C(29); ring A<sup>A</sup>: C(1A)...C(6A); ring B<sup>A</sup>: N(2A),N(3A),C(8A)...C(11A); ring D<sup>A</sup>: N(8A),N(9A),C(26A)...C(29A).

<sup>a</sup> An individual ring atom instead of the ring centre was chosen as an acceptor site.

## 2 Synthesis of compound 2.

**Synthesis of 1,3,5-tris[(4,6-dimethylpyrimidin-2-yl)aminomethyl]-2,4,6-triethylbenzene (2).** A solution of 2-amino-4,6-dimethylpyrimidine (2.69 g, 30.0 mmol) and NaOH (4 g, 0.1 mol) in DMF was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. After addition of 1,3,5-tris(bromomethyl)-2,4,6-triethylbenzene (4 g, 9.1 mmol) the mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 24 h. Then the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, poured into water, the crude product was filtered off, washed with water and purified by flash chromatography (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH + 7 N NH<sub>3</sub> in MeOH 100:1, v/v). Yield: 21 % (1.1 g). *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.54 (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH + 7 N NH<sub>3</sub> in MeOH 100:1, v/v); M.p. 199-200 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ/ppm = 6.34 (s, 3H), 4.76 (t, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 3H), 4.58 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 6H), 2.75 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 6H), 2.30 (s, 18H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ/ppm = 167.5, 161.8, 143.6, 133.0, 109.8, 39.9, 30.9, 23.9, 23.0, 16.7; HR-MS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>46</sub>N<sub>9</sub> 568.38706 [M + H<sup>+</sup>]; found 568.38714 [M + H<sup>+</sup>].