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Indoxyl-Glucosides Bearing Tethers for Enzymatically Triggered Cross-linking

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(1) HRMS spectra of compound 27 and 27-I

Figure S1. HRMS spectra in the positive-ion mode. (A) Compound **27**. (B) Mass analysis corresponding to the 2.8 min band of the crude reaction sample following iodination of **27**; the data are consistent with the monoiodinated species **27-I**.

(2) Competitive iodination experiment

The phenolic unit of the tyrosine as well as the indoxyl-glucoside moiety in target compound **27** might both be iodinated. To confirm selective iodination of the phenolic unit of the tyrosine, preliminary iodination experiment was carried out by using the test compounds **VII** and **XI** (Scheme S1).



Scheme S1. Iodination test reaction.

To a Pierce pre-coated iodination tube (coated with 50 μ g iodogen, 116 nmol), a solution of **VII** (300 μ M), **XI** (600 μ M) and NaI (46 μ M) in 1x PBS (pH 7.39, containing 5% MeOH) was added. The reaction mixture (200 μ L) was then agitated on a shaker at room temperature for 2 h. The reaction solvent included 5% MeOH to improve the solubility of **XI** during the reaction. Subsequently, the reaction mixture was removed from the iodination tube to stop the reaction.

The final concentration of NaI was fixed at 46.0 μ M because the concentration of the commercially available hot NaI solution is 46.0 μ M according to our calculation, which means that 46.0 μ M is the available maximum concentration for the radioiodination reaction.

The reaction mixture was then loaded on a C_{18} -reversed phase silica pad and washed with water to remove the salts. Any products were then eluted with acetonitrile and the resulting solution was subjected to the LC-MS analysis. Three peaks were observed for the reaction mixture (Figure S2, A). Retention time for three peaks was 3.2 min, 4.0 min and 4.7 min. According to the *m/z* value for each peak, each of them can be assigned to the corresponding compound (Figure S2, B-D). Boc-D-Tyr-OH **VII** (peak at 4.0 min, Figure S2, C) was partially iodinated and monoiodinated product (**VII-I**, peak at 4.7 min, Figure S2, D) was observed. The

iodination on indoxyl-glucoside **XI** was not observed. Peak at 4.2 min was from the instrument background.



Figure S2. (A) Total ion chromatogram negative ion mode for the reaction mixture of competitive iodination experiment [Boc-D-Tyr-OH VII (300 μ M), PEG-Br₂-Ind-Glu XI (600 μ M) and NaI (46 μ M) reacted in a Pierce pre-coated tube]. (B) Mass spectra (negative ion mode) at 3.2 min (*m/z* value = 599.90 [M – H]⁻, corresponding to XI, PEG-Br₂-Ind-Glu). (C) Mass spectra (negative ion mode) at 4.0 min (*m/z* value = 280.05 [M – H]⁻, corresponding to VII, Boc-D-Tyr-OH). (D) Mass spectra (negative ion mode) at 4.7 min (*m/z* value = 405.90 [M – H]⁻, corresponding to mono-iodinated Boc-D-Tyr-OH VII-I).

To clarify the behavior of **XI** during the reaction, the iodination reaction was also performed between **XI** (600 μ M) and NaI (46 μ M), without the presence of Boc-D-Tyr-OH **VII**. The reaction solution turned yellow after 2 h treatment, while competitive reaction mixture remained colorless. The decomposition of **XI** was confirmed by LC-MS. No target mass peak for **XI** was observed after iodination reaction without the presence of compound **VII**. However, peak for **XI** remained intact in the competitive iodination reaction mixture (Figure S2, B, peak at 3.2 min).

Protocol for the competitive iodination experiment between VII and XI. A solution of **VII** (3 mM in 1x PBS, 20 μ L), **XI** (12 mM in methanol, 10 μ L) and NaI (0.46 mM in 1x PBS, 20 μ L) were mixed with 150 μ L of 1x PBS in a Pierce pre-coated tube. The total reaction volume was 200 μ L. The final concentrations were 300 μ M for **VII**, 600 μ M for **XI** and 46 μ M for NaI. The reaction solvent included 5% MeOH to improve the solubility of **XI** during the reaction. The reaction mixture was agitated on a shaker for 2 h at room temperature. The reaction was stopped by removing the solution from the tube and then loaded on a C₁₈-reversed phase silica (Silicycle, part number: R33230B) pad. The reaction mixture was washed with water (1 mL x 5) to remove the salts and then eluted with acetonitrile (1 mL x 2). The resulting solution was checked on a Shimadzu LC-MS [flow rate 0.5 mL/min, the mobile phase was changed from 95% water and 95% MeCN (0–7 min), and stayed at 5% water and 95% MeCN (7–9 min), containing 0.1% formic acid].

(3) Indigoid formation with the iodination reaction mixture of 27

The iodination reaction mixtures of **27** (removing from the Pierce iodination tube, without further purification) were then subjected to the indigogenic reactions under acidic (pH 5.0) and neutral (pH 7.0) conditions. The results are shown in Table S1. Both iodination reaction mixtures formed indigoid in indigogenic reactions. Blue color was observed but no blue precipitate was formed after centrifugation. The yields for the indigogenic reactions were similar before and after the iodination of target compound **27**.

| Sample | Indigogenic reactions yields ^b |
|---|---|
| 27 | 20% at pH 7.0; 11% at pH 5.0 |
| Reaction mixture of 27 and NaI (0.15 eq) | 20% at pH 7.0; 12% at pH 5.0 |
| Reaction mixture of 27 and NaI $(0.60 \text{ eq})^a$ | 19% at pH 7.0; 8.1% at pH 5.0 |

Table S1. Results for indigogenic reactions.

^a NaI was added stepwise (0.15 equivalent every 15 min).

^{*b*} Compound **27** or reaction mixture (100 μM) and β-glucosidase (200 nM) was incubated in 50 mM sodium phosphate buffer (pH 7.0) at 37 °C for 2 h. Compound **27** or reaction mixture (100 μM) and β-glucosidase from almonds (1 U/mL) was incubated in 50 mM sodium acetate buffer (pH 5.0) at 37 °C for 8 h. The resulting solutions were analyzed by absorption spectroscopy directly after centrifugation.

(4) Indigoid formation from 26

The reaction of 26 with β -glucosidase was performed. The solubility of 26 in aqueous solution is poor, yet still indigoid was detected by absorption spectroscopy (Figure S3). Compound 26 precipitated upon addition into the buffer solution. However, the enzymatic tests were still performed with various 26 concentrations. The compound 26 was resuspended into the buffer solution and then treated with β -glucosidase. All the reactions with substrate concentration higher than 31.6 µM showed a blue color after 2 h incubation. Then the reaction solutions were further incubated overnight. After overnight incubation with β -glucosidase followed by centrifugation, all the reactions with substrate concentration higher than 10.0 µM formed blue precipitate. The blue precipitate was separated from the supernatant and dissolved in DMF (100 μ L) for absorbance measurement. The absorption peak of indigoid ($\epsilon = 2.6 \times 10^4$ $M^{-1}cm^{-1}$ in DMF/H₂O = 2:1)⁷ gave the following yields as a function of concentration: 1.00 μ M (<1%), 3.16 μM (12%), 10.0 μM (12%), 31.6 μM (11%), 100 μM (8.1%), 316 μM (6.6%). The low yield is probably caused by the limited solubility of 26 in aqueous buffered solution.



Figure S3. Absorption spectra (DMF, room temperature) of the indigoid formation by 26 with various reaction concentrations after overnight incubation with β -glucosidase.

Protocol for reactions of 26 with β-glucosidase. Samples of **26** in DMSO (0.100, 0.316, 1.00, 3.16, 10.0, 31.6 mM; 1 μL) and β-glucosidase (10 μM, 2 μL) were mixed with 97 μL of 50 mM sodium phosphate buffer (pH 7.0). The total reaction volume was 100 μL. The substrate concentration in each reaction was 1.00, 3.16, 10.0, 31.6, 100 or 316 μM. The reaction mixture was incubated overnight at 37 °C and then centrifuged for 10 min. Any precipitate was separated from the supernatant and dissolved in DMF (100 μL). The resulting solutions were analyzed by absorption spectroscopy.

(5) Indigoid formation from 27 with β-glucosidase from almonds

Given the environment in tumor is slightly acidic, a time course test was also performed by compound **27** at pH 5.0 with β -glucosidase from almonds. The yield of corresponding indigoids reached its highest value (13%) after 6 h incubation with β -glucosidase from almonds under 37 °C. The t_{1/2} is ca. 3 h.



Figure S4. Yield over time of indigoid formed by 27 with β -glucosidase from almonds (pH 5.0).

Reactions of 27 with \beta-glucosidase from almonds over time. Samples of **27** in DMSO (10.0 mM, 1 µL) and β -glucosidase from almonds (10 U/mL, 10 µL) were mixed with 89 µL of 50 mM sodium acetate buffer (pH 5.0). The total reaction volume was 100 µL. The substrate concentration in the mixture was 100 µM. The reaction mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 16, 24 h and then centrifuged for 10 min. The resulting solutions were then analyzed by absorption spectroscopy.

(6) Absorption spectra of hybrid indigogenic reactions



Figure S5. Absorption spectra at room temperature of indigoids formed by overnight incubation of 15 and 18 (A) or 8 and 14 (B) with β -glucosidase (precipitate: redissolved in DMF; supernatant: redissolved in DMF/H₂O = 1:1).

| Entry | Entity | Wavelength (nm) | Absorbance | Yield (%) ^a |
|---------|-------------|-----------------|------------|------------------------|
| 15 + 18 | precipitate | 631 | 0.69 | 122 |
| 15 + 16 | supernatant | 638 | 0.74 | 0.65 |
| 8 + 14 | precipitate | 656 | 0.55 | 63 |
| 0 14 | supernatant | 656 | 0.68 | 0.78 |

Table S2. Yields of hybrid indigogenic reactions.

^{*a*}The yield for the overall indigoids formation was estimated from absorption spectroscopy with ε = 2.6×10⁴ M⁻¹cm⁻¹ (DMF/H₂O = 2:1) measured for Ind(18)₂.⁷



































10, ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃)









S28















15-AcOH, ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD)



15-AcOH, ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD)












18-AcOH, ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD, contains impurities from silica gel)













Ind(18)₂, ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) [™]





Ind(15)₂, ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



Ind(15/18), ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



Ind(15/18), ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)





Ind(8)₂, ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)





Ind(14)₂, ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



Ind(8/14), ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)





















23•**HCl**, ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CD₃OD)













25, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)



25, ¹H-¹H COSY NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)














(8) Mass Spectral data

2: ESI-MS

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Sato_DS-N6-40 Scan 4.27 – 4.35 minutes Positive Ion Mode



Sato_DS-N6-40 Experimental and Theoretical Isotopic Distribution for C26H38Br2N4O12 [M+Na]⁺



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Sato DS-N6-62 Scan 5.44 – 5.49 minutes Positive Ion Mode







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Sato DS-N6-64-1 Scan 5.73 – 5.79 minutes Positive Ion Mode



Sato DS-N6-64-1 Experimental and Theoretical Isotopic Distribution for C38H52Br2N4O18 [M+H]⁺



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2-AcOH: ESI-MS

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Sato DS-N6-68-2 Scan 4.20 – 4.26 minutes Negative Ion Mode



Sato DS-N6-68-2 Experimental and Theoretical Isotopic Distribution for C₂₈H₄₀Br₂N₄O₁₄ [M-H]⁻



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MS Data

#1 PEG-Br-ind-GluAc4 Full Scan Positive Ion Mode



#1 PEG-Br-ind-GluAc4 Experimental and Theoretical Isotopic Distribution for C₃₀H₃₈BrNO₁₅ [M+H]⁺



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MS Data

<u>#1 PEG-Br-ind-Glu Full Scan Positive Ion Mode</u>



<u>#1 PEG-Br-ind-Glu Experimental and Theoretical Isotopic Distribution for C20H28BrNO10 [M+Na]</u>⁺



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#2 NO2PH-Br-ind-GluAc4 Full Scan Positive Ion Mode



<u>#2 NO2PH-Br-ind-GluAc4 Experimental and Theoretical Isotopic Distribution for C₃₇H₄₁BrN₂O₁₉ [M+Na]⁺</u>



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#3 Biotin-Br-ind-GluAc4 Full Scan Positive Ion Mode



<u>#3 Biotin-Br-ind-GluAc4 Experimental and Theoretical Isotopic Distribution for C43H58BrN5O18S [M+H]</u>⁺



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40







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15-AcOH: ESI-MS

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ZW-RF41 Full Scan Positive Ion Mode







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ZW-RF21 Full Scan Positive Ion Mode



ZW-RF21 Experimental and Theoretical Isotopic Distribution for C₃₂H₄₁Br₂NO₁₆ [M+Na]⁺



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18-AcOH: ESI-MS

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ZW-RF24 Full Scan Positive Ion Mode



ZW-RF24 Experimental and Theoretical Isotopic Distribution for C22H28Br2NNaO12 [M+H]⁺



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ZW-RF38 Full Scan Positive Ion Mode



ZW-RF38 Experimental and Theoretical Isotopic Distribution for C₃₉H₄₄Br₂N₂O₂₀ [M+Na]⁺



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ZW-RF39 Full Scan Positive Ion Mode



ZW-RF39 Experimental and Theoretical Isotopic Distribution for C45H61Br2N5O19S [M+Na]⁺



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Sato DS-N4-40 Scan 4.04 – 4.09 minutes Positive Ion Mode



Sato DS-N4-40 Experimental and Theoretical Isotopic Distribution for C17H22N2O4 [M+Na]⁺



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Sato DS-N4-62 Scan 4.64 – 4.67 minutes Positive Ion Mode



Sato DS-N4-62 Experimental and Theoretical Isotopic Distribution for C19H24N2O5 [M+H]⁺



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Sato DS-N4-64 Scan 2.73 – 2.82 minutes Positive Ion Mode



<u>Sato DS-N4-64 Experimental and Theoretical Isotopic Distribution for $C_{14}H_{16}N_2O_3$ [M+H]⁺</u>



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Sato DS-N5-56 Scan 6.45 – 6.53 minutes Positive Ion Mode



Sato DS-N5-56 Experimental and Theoretical Isotopic Distribution for C63H72Br4CIN5O30 [M+H]⁺



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Sato DS-N5-41 Scan 4.27 – 4.35 minutes Positive Ion Mode



Sato DS-N5-41 Experimental and Theoretical Isotopic Distribution for C55H65Br4N7O22 [M+H]⁺



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MS Data

JD-6-13-1 Full Scan Positive Ion Mode:

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JD-6-13-1 Experimental and Theoretical Isotopic Distribution [M+2H]²⁺



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Ind(15/18): ESI-MS

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ZWRE94 P2 6/6/2022 [M+Na]*



Ind(8)2: ESI-MS

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MS Data

<u>#1 P2-IndBr2 Full Scan Positive Ion Mode</u>

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<u>#1 P2-IndBr2</u> Experimental and Theoretical Isotopic Distribution for C₂₈H₃₂Br₂N₂O₁₀ [M+H]⁺



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Ind(14)2: ESI-MS

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#3 Bio2-IndBr2 Full Scan Positive Ion Mode



#3 Bio2-IndBr2 Experimental and Theoretical Isotopic Distribution for C₅₄H₇₂Br₂N₁₀O₁₆S₂ [M+H]⁺



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#2 Bio-IndBr2-P Full Scan Positive Ion Mode

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<u>#2 Bio-IndBr2-P Experimental and Theoretical Isotopic Distribution for C₄₁H₅₂Br₂N₆O₁₃S [M+H]⁺</u>



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