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Supporting Information

Glycofullerene-AuNPs as Multivalent Ligands of DC-SIGN and Bacterial lectin FimH: Tuning Nanoparticle size and Ligand density

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S1. General Information General methods and materials

The solvents used for chromatography were purchased in industrial grade and further distilled before use. Dry dichloromethane was refluxed over calcium hydride (CaH₂). Reagents and chemicals were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich or Acros at ACS grade and were used without purification. All reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) carried out on Merck aluminum roll silica gel 60-F254 using UV light and a phosphomolybdic acid solution as revelator. Merck silica gel (60, particle size 40-63 μ m) was employed for flash column chromatography. IR spectra (cm⁻¹) were measured on a PerkinElmer Series FI-IR instrument. NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL ECX 400 or 500 with solvent peaks as reference. All compounds were characterized by ¹H and ¹³C NMR as well as by ¹H-¹H and ¹H-¹³C correlation experiments when necessary. The abbreviations used to define the multiplicities are: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quadruplet, m = multiplet and br = broad. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm and referenced indirectly to residual solvent signals. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were carried out on a Bruker MicroTOF-Q II XL spectrometer and MALDI-TOF-LD⁺ were recorded using waters QTOF1 spectrometer.

S2. Synthesis of ligands





Reagents and conditions. a) Ac₂O, DMAP, Py, r.t, overnight, quant.



1,2,3,4,6-Penta-*O***-acetyl***a***-D-mannopyranose 1.** DMAP (0.85g, 6.99 mmol, 0.1 eq) was added slowly to a solution of **D**-**Mannose** (12.6 g, 69.94 mmol, 1 eq) and Ac₂O (49.5 mL, 524.53 mmol, 7.5 eq) in dry pyridine (100 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature under argon. Then the reaction mixture was diluted in ethyl acetate (120 mL), washed with aqueous HCl (1M, 50 mL×3), saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (50 mL) and brine (50 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated to dryness to afford the desired peracetylated mannose **1** (28.75 g, quant.) as a sticky colorless oil. The analytical data of **1** were in complete agreement with literature data.¹

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 6.06 (s, 1 H, H-1), 5.33 (m, 2 H, H-3, H-4), 5.26 (d, $J_{2,3}$ = 2.3 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 4.24 (m, 1 H, H-6a), 4.09-4.06 (m, 2 H, H-6b, H-5), 2.15 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.15 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.07 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.03 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.99 (s, 3H, CH₃).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 170.7 (CO), 170.0 (CO), 169.9 (CO), 169.6 (CO), 168.1(CO), 90.6 (C-1), 70.7 (C-5), 68.8 (C-3), 68.4 (C-2), 68.2 (C-2), 65.5 (C-4), 62.2 (C-6), 20.9 (CH₃), 20.8 (CH₃), 20.7 (CH₃), 20.6 (CH₃).



1,2,3,4-tetra-*O***-acetyl-** α **-L-fucopyranose 2.** DMAP (0.744 g, 6.09 mmol, 0.1 eq) was added slowly to a solution of L-Fucose (10 g, 60.92 mmol, 1 eq) and Ac₂O (42.83 mL, 456.88 mmol, 7.5 eq) in dry pyridine (150 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature under argon. Then the reaction mixture was diluted in ethyl acetate (120 mL), washed with aqueous HCl (1M, 50 mL×3), saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (50 mL) and brine (50 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated to dryness to afford the desired peracetylated fucose **2** (21.2 g, quant.) as a sticky colorless oil. The analytical data of **3** were in complete agreement with literature data.²

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 6.36$ (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1 H, H-1 α), 5.37-5.32 (m, 3 H, H-2, H-3, H-4), 4.30 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 2.18-2.02 (4 × s, 12 H, 4 × CH₃), 1.15 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3 H, H-6).

S2.2. Synthesis of alkyne-linker (2-Propargyloxyethoxy) 5



2-propargyloxyethoxy 5. A solution of propargyl bromide (22.5ml, 80% in toluene, 225 mmol) and ethylene glycol (225 ml, 252.5mmol) was cooled to 0°C and stirred for 30min under argon. Powdered NaOH (10.8 g, 96.25mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 45 °C for 3 h. The precipitate was filtered and washed with DCM. After evaporation of the solvent, the crude product was purified using silica gel column chromatography (Cy/EtOAc, 2/1) to afford 11.5 g (51 %) of 2-propargyloxyethoxy **5** as a yellow oil. The analytical data of **6** were in complete agreement with literature data.³

Formula: C5H8O2

Mw: 100.12 g/mol;

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 4.21 (d, *J* = 2.4, Hz, 2H, C*H*₂CCH), 3.79-3.76 (m, 2H, C*H*₂O), 3.67-3.65 (m, 2H, C*H*₂OH), 2.46 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H, CCH), 1.93 (s, 1H, OH).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ= 79.52 (CH₂CCH), 74.82 (CH₂CCH), 71.22 (CH₂O), 61.30 (CH₂OH), 58.25 (CH₂CCH).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





S2.3. Synthesis of monosaccharides bearing on alkynylated linker at the anomeric position

Reagents and conditions. a) BF3 Et2O, CH3CN, r.t; b) NaOMe, MeOH.



1-*O*-propargyl-2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl- α -D-mannopyranoside 6. To an ice-cold solution of mannose peracetate 1 (2.7 g, 6.93 mmol,1 eq) and propargyl alcohol (1.62 mL, 27.71 mmol, 4 eq) in dry acetonitrile (60 mL) under argon atmosphere was added dropwise boron trifluoride diethyl etherate (4.27 mL, 34.64 mmol, 5 eq). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and then stirred overnight under argon. The solution was quenched with NaHCO₃ (5 g), stirred for 30 min and filtered through Celite®. The solid phase was washed with CH₂Cl₂. The liquid phase was concentrated under vacuum. Purification of the crude residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cy/EtOAc 7/3) afforded the desired Propargylated mannoside 6 (2.04 g, 76.4 %) as a white powder. The analytical data of 6 were in complete agreement with literature data.²

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 5.28 (dd, *J*_{2,3} = 3.2 Hz, 1 H, H-3), 5.25 (m, 1 H, H-4), 5.24 (dd, *J*_{1,2} = 1.8 Hz, J 2,3 = 3.2 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 4.98 (d, *J*_{1,2} = 1.4 Hz, 1 H, H-1), 4.22 (m, 1 H, H-6a), 4.24 (d, *J*_{a,b} = 2.5 Hz, 2 H, SugO*CH*₂), 4.06 (dd, *J*_{5,6b} = 2.5 Hz, *J*_{6a,6b} = 12.4 Hz, 1 H, H-6b), 4.00 (m, 1 H, H-5), 2.45 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1 H, C*CH*), 2.15 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.11 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.04 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.99 (s, 3 H, CH₃).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 169.8-169.2 (4 × CO), 95.6 (C-1), 77.8 (*C*CH), 75.6 (*CCH*), 68.7, 68.5, 68.4, 65.3 (C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5), 61.7 (C-6), 54.3 (SugOCH₂), 20.1-20.0 (4 × CH₃).



1-*O*-propargyl-*a*-D-mannopyranoside 7. To a solution of 6 (0.58 g, 1.574 mmol, 1 eq) in dry MeOH (10 mL) under argon atmosphere was added sodium methoxide (0.17 g, 3.149 mmol, 2 eq). The reaction mixture was then stirred at room temperature under argon for 3 h. The solution was neutralized by adding Dowex® 50WX8-200 (H⁺ form). The resin was washed with MeOH (10 mL). The fractions containing the product were concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the desired product 7 (288 mg, quant.) as a colorless oil. The analytical data of 7 were in complete agreement with literature data.²

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, D₂O) δ = 4.96 (d, *J*_{1,2}= 1.4 Hz, 1 H, H-1), 4.24-4.15 (ABX, *J* = 2.6 Hz, *J* = 25.5 Hz, 1 H, SugO*CH*₂), 4.18-4.12 (ABX, *J* = 2.6 Hz, *J* = 25.5 Hz, 1 H, SugO*CH*₂), 3.88-3.58 (m, 6 H, H-3, H-4, H-5, H-6a, H-6b), 2.84 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1 H, C*CH*).

 $^{13}C \text{ NMR} (100 \text{ MHz}, D_2O): \delta = 98.8 (C-1), 78.7 (CCH), 76.4 (CCH), 73.2, 70.4, 69.9 (C-2), 66.7, 60.7 (C-6), 54.5 (CH_2CCH).$



1-*O*-propargyl-2,3,4-tri-*O*-acetyl-a-L-fucopyranoside 8. To an ice-cold solution of fucose peracetate 2 (3 g, 9.03 mmol,1 eq) and propargyl alcohol (2.1 mL, 36.11 mmol, 4 eq) in dry acetonitrile (60 mL) under argon atmosphere was added dropwise boron trifluoride diethyl etherate (6.4 mL, 36.11 mmol, 5 eq). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and then stirred overnight under argon. The solution was quenched with NaHCO₃ (5g), stirred for 30 min and filtered through Celite®. The solid phase was washed with CH₂Cl₂. The liquid phase was concentrated under vacuum. Purification of the crude residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cy/EtOAc, 8:2) afforded the desired galactoside 8 (1.1 g, 37 %) as a white powder. The analytical data of 8 were in complete agreement with literature data.⁴

¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 5.37 (dd, *J* = 10.9, 3.7 Hz, 1H, H-3), 5.32 – 5.30 (m, 1H, H-4), 5.25 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H, H-1), 5.16 (dd, *J* = 10.9, 3.8 Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.26 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H, H-7), 4.21 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 0.6 Hz, 1H, H-5), 2.44 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H, H-9), 2.17 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.08 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 1.98 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 1.14 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H, CH₃).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 170.7, 170.5, 170.1 (CO), 95.1 (C-1), 78.7 (C-8), 75.0 (C-8), 71.4 (C-2), 67.9, 67.9 (C-4, C-3), 65.2 (C-5), 55.3 (C-7), 21.0, 20.8, 20.8 (OCH₃), 15.9 (C-6).



1-O-propargy1-a-L-fucopyranoside 9. To a solution of **8** (0.69 g, 2.1 mmol, 1 eq) in dry MeOH (15 mL) under argon atmosphere was added sodium methoxide (0.17 g, 3.15 mmol, 2 eq). The reaction mixture was then stirred at room temperature under argon for 3 h. The solution was neutralized by adding Dowex® 50WX8-200 (H⁺ form). The resin was washed with a solution of MeOH (10 mL). The fractions containing the product were concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the desired product **9** (990 mg, 97 %.) as a white powder. The analytical data of **9** were in complete agreement with literature data.²

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, D₂O) δ = 4.95 (d, $J_{1,2}$ = 3.2 Hz, 1 H, H-1), 4.20 (s, 2 H, CH_2CCH), 3.96 (q, J5,6 = 6.4 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 3.71 (m, 3 H, H-2, H-3, H-4), 1.09 (d, $J_{5,6}$ = 6.6 Hz, 3 H, H-6).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, D₂O): δ = 98.1 C-1), 72.1, 69.8, 68.1 (3 C), 67.2 (C-5), 55.6 (*CH*₂CCH), 15.6 (C-6).



2-Propargyloxyethoxy ethanol-2,3,4,6-tetra-*O***-acetyl-***a***-D-mannopyranoside 10.** To an ice-cold solution of fucose peracetate 1 (3.4 g, 8.75 mmol, 1 eq) and linker **5** (2.6 g, 26.24 mmol, 3 eq) in dry acetonitrile (25 mL) under argon atmosphere was added dropwise boron trifluoride diethyl etherate (4.96 mL, 34.98 mmol, 4 eq). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and then stirred overnight under argon. The solution was quenched with NaHCO₃ (5g), stirred for 30 min and filtered through Celite®. The solid phase was washed with CH₂Cl₂. The liquid phase was concentrated under vacuum. Purification of the crude residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cy/EtOAc, 3:1) afforded the desired mannoside **10** (1.2 g, 34 %) as a white powder. The analytical data of **10** were in complete agreement with literature data.⁵

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 5.37 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H, H-3), 5.30-5.25 (m, 2H, H-2, H-4) 4.87 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.28 (dd, *J* = 12.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H, H-6b), 4.19 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H, CH₂CCH), 4.12 (dd, *J* = 12.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H, H-6a), 4.09 (m, 1H, H-5), 3.85-3.82 (m, 1H), 3.73-3.67 (m, 3H), 2.46 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H, CH₂CCH), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 4H), 1.99 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ= 170.84 (CO), 170.18 (CO), 170.03 (CO), 169.91 (CO), 97.84 (C-1), 79.53 (CH₂CCH, 74.94 (CH₂CCH)), 69.69, 69.18, 68.72, 68.56, 67.34, 66.28 (C-4), 62.55 (C-6), 58.55 (CH₂CCH), 21.05, 20.91, 20.86, 20.84 (4 × CH₃).

HRMS: (ESI+-MS, m/z) calcd for C19H26NaO11 [M+Na]+: 453.1373, found: 453.1367.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





2-Propargyloxyethoxy-\alpha-D-mannopyranoside 11. To a solution of **10** (0.65 g, 1.22 mmol, 1 eq) in dry MeOH (10 mL) under argon atmosphere was added sodium methoxide (0.13 g, 2.45 mmol, 2 eq). The reaction mixture was then stirred at room temperature under argon for 3 h. The solution was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by ion-exchange with Dowex® 50WX8-200 (H⁺ form). The resin was washed with MeOH (10 mL). The fractions containing the product were concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the desired product **11** (440 mg, 90 %.) as a white powder. The analytical data of **11** were in complete agreement with literature data.⁵

Formula: C₁₁H₁₈O₇

Mw: 262.26 g/mol;

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 4.86 (s, 1H, H-1), 4.22 (d, J = 2.1, 2H, *CH*₂CCH), 3.94 – 3.93 (m, 1H), 3.87 – 3.84 (m, 2H), 3.80 – 3.74 (m, 5H), 3.63 – 3.61 (m, 2H), 2.86 (t, J = 1.9, 1H, CH₂CCH).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, D₂O) δ= 99.98 (C-1), 79.37 (C-10), 76.07 (C-11), 72.78 (C-5), 70.52 (C-3), 70.00 (C-2), 68.71 (C-7), 66.76 (C-4), 66.33 (C-8), 60.94 (C-6), 58.01 (C-9).

HRMS: (ESI+-MS, m/z) calcd for C₁₁H₁₉O₇ [M+H]+: 263.1131, found: 263.1125.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (100 MHz, D₂O)



DEPT 135 (100 MHz, D₂O)



S2.4. Synthesis of the disulfide linker



Reagents and conditions. a) p-TsCl, Et₃N, DCM, r.t; b) NaN₃, DMF, 75 °C; c) KSAc, Acetone, 50 °C; d) NaOMe, DMSO, MeOH, r.t.



Tetraethylene glycol ditosylate 13. To a solution of tetraethylene glycol **12** (4.4 mL, 26 mmol, 1 eq) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (400 mL) was added Et_3N (9 mL, 65 mmol, 2.5 eq) at 0 °C. Then p-TsCl (11.4 g, 60 mmol, 2.3 eq) was added and the solution was allowed to warm to room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature under argon for 6 h. After, it was washed with H_2O (1 × 200 mL), dried over MgSO4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cy/EtOAc, 6:4) to afford the desired bis-tosylate **13** (8.55g, 65.4%) as a yellow oil. The analytical data of **13** were in complete agreement with literature data.⁶

Formula: C₂₂H₃₀S₂O₉ Mw: 502.59 g/mol *Rf*: 0.4 (Cy/EtOAc 4:6)

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4 H, *CH*Ar), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4 H, *CH*Ar), 4.15 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4 H, 2 × *CH*₂O), 3.67 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 4 H, 2 × *CH*₂O), 3.56 (m, 8 H, 4 × *CH*₂O), 2.44 (s, 6 H, 2 × *CH*₃).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 144.6 (*C*-Ar), 132.8 (*C*-Ar), 129.6 (*CH*-Ar), 127.7 (*CH*-Ar), 70.5 (*CH*₂O), 70.3 (*CH*₂O), 69.0 (*CH*₂O), 68.5 (*CH*₂O), 21.4 (*CH*₃)



Tetraethylene glycol tosylate mono-azidation 14. To a solution of compound **13** (8.55 g, 17.01 mmol, 1 eq) in dry DMF (90mL) was added NaN₃ (1.11mg, 17.01 mmol, 1 eq) and the mixture was stirred at 75 °C under argon for 18 h. Then, it was poured into sat. NH₄Cl (200 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3×120 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with H₂O (1×100 mL) and sat. NaCl (1×100 mL), dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Acetone/Cy, 1:3) affording the desired compound **14** (2.635g, 41.5%) as a clear oil. The analytical

data of 23 were in complete agreement with literature data.6

Formula: C15H23N3SO6;

Mw: 373.42 g/mol;

Rf: 0.38 (Acetone/Cy 1:1)

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H, *CH*_{Ar}), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, *CH*_{Ar}), 4.14 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2 H, *CH*₂O), 3.67-3.59 (m, 12 H, 6 × *CH*₂O), 3.25 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2 H, *CH*₂N), 2.44 (s, 3 H, *CH*₃).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 144.9 (*C*-Ar), 133.0 (*C*-Ar), 130.1(*CH*-Ar), 127.6 (*CH*-Ar), 70.76 (*CH*₂O), 70.69 (*CH*₂O), 70.63 (*CH*₂O), 70.07 (*CH*₂O), 69.3 (*CH*₂O), 68.7 (*CH*₂O), 68.3 (*CH*₂O), 50.7 (*CH*₂N), 21.6 (*CH*₃)



S-[2-[2-(2-azidoethoxy)ethoxy]ethyl] ethanethioate 15. Compound **14** (2.635 g, 7.056 mmol, 1 eq) was dissolved in dry acetone (40 mL). KSAc (1.01 g, 1.239 mmol, 1.25 eq) was added and the mixture was stirred at 50 °C under argon for 20 h. Then, the solvent was concentrated under reduced pressure and it was dissolved in $CH_2Cl_2(50 \text{ mL})$. The mixture was filtrated through Celite® and the collected crude was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cy/Acetone, 3:1) to afford the desired compound **15** (1.644 g, 83.8 %) as a yellow oil. The analytical data of **15** were in complete agreement with literature data.⁶

Formula: C₁₀H₁₉N₃O₄S;

Mw: 277.34 g/mol;

Rf: 0.37 (Cy/Acetone 3:1)

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 3.67-3.64 (m, 12 H, 6 × *CH*₂O), 3.40 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2 H, *CH*₂N), 3.01 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2 H, *CH*₂S), 2.33 (s, 3 H, CH₃).

¹³CNMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 195.3 (C=O), 70.6 (2 × CH₂O), 70.5 (CH₂O), 70.2(CH₂O), 69.9 (CH₂O), 69.6 (CH₂O), 50.5 (CH₂N), 30.4 (CH₂S), 28.7 (CH₃).



Tetraethylene glycol disulfide 16. To a solution of compound **15** (1.644 g, 5.928 mmol, 1 eq) in dry MeOH (37 mL) was added NaOMe (0.64g, 11.86 mmol, 2 eq) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature under argon for 2 h. Then, DMSO (0.89 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature under argon for 20 h. The solution was neutralized by adding Amberlyst 15 to reach pH 7 and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cy/Acetone, 3:1) to afford the desired disulfide **16** (0.97 g, 35 %) as a clear oil. The analytical data of **16** were in complete agreement with literature data.⁶

Formula: C₁₆H₃₂N₆O₆S₂ Mw: 468.59 g/mol *Rf*: 0.82 (Cy/Acetone 4:6)

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 3.69 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 4 H, 2 × *CH*₂CH₂N), 3.68-3.65 (m, 20 H, 10 × *CH*₂O), 3.39 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 4 H, 2 × *CH*₂N), 2.89 (t, *J* = 6.4Hz, 4 H, 2 × *CH*₂S).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 70.85 (*CH*₂O), 70.83 (*CH*₂O), 70.78 (*CH*₂O), 70.54 (*CH*₂O), 70.20 (*CH*₂O), 69.77 (*CH*₂O), 50.83 (*CH*₂N), 38.53 (*CH*₂S).

S2.5. Synthesis of thiolate glycofullerenes





Bis (3-bromopropyl) malonate 19. 3-bromopropanol (1.95 mL, 21.6 mmol, 2.3 eq) and pyridine (1.74 mL, 21.6 mmol, 2.3 eq) were dissolved in dry CH₂Cl₂ (150 mL) and malonyl dichloride (0.91 mL, 9.3831 mmol, 1eq) was added to this solution dropwise at 0 °C under argon. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 18 h, filtered through a short SiO₂ pad and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (Cy/EtOAc, 8:2) provided **19** (2.994 g, 83.7 %) as a colorless oil. The analytical data of **19** were in complete agreement with literature data.⁶

Formula: C9H14O4Br2;

Mw: 346.04 g/mol

Rf: 0.64 (DCM)

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 4.31 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 4 H, 2 × *CH*₂O), 3.47 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 4 H, 2 × *CH*₂Br), 3.41 (s, 2 H, *CH*₂COO), 2.19 (q, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 4 H, *CH*₂CH₂Br).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.4 (CO), 63.4 (*CH*₂O), 41.5 (*CH*₂COO), 31.6 (*CH*₂Br), 29.2 (*CH*₂CH₂Br).



Bis (3-bromopropyl) malonate 19. Malonate **20** (6.248 g, 18.1 mmol, 1 eq) was dissolved in dry DMF (90 mL) and sodium azide (4.694 g, 72.22 mmol, 4 eq) was added to this solution, which was stirred at room temperature under argon for 17 h. The reaction mixture was diluted in diethyl ether (150 mL) and washed with NH₄Cl (100 mL), H₂O (140 mL \times 2). The aqueous phase was extracted with diethyl ether (300 mL \times 3) and the joined organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the residue by Silica gel chromatography (Cy/EtOAc, 9:1) to afforded **20** (4.171 g, 85.6 %) as a colorless oil. The analytical data of **20** were in complete agreement with literature data.⁶

Formula: C9H14O4N6;

Mw: 270.27 g/mol;

Rf: 0.45

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 4.26 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 4 H, 2 × *CH*₂O), 3.40 (m, 6 H, *CH*₂N, *CH*₂COO), 1.94 (q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 4 H, *CH*₂).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.1 (CO), 62.3 (CH₂O), 47.8 (CH₂N), 41.2 (CH₂COO), 27.8 (CH₂).



Ethyl (5-(trimethylsilyl)pent-4-yn-1-yl) malonate 23. Pyridine (1.54 mL, 19.06 mmol, 1.2 eq) was added to solution of 5-(trimethylsilyl)pent-4-yn-1-ol (3.4 mL, 19.06 mmol, 1.2 eq) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL) and this mixture was colded to 0 °C. Then ethyl malonyl chloride (2 mL, 15.89 mmol, 1 eq) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature under argon for 16 h. The solution was filtrated through a SiO₂ pad, washed with 500 mL of CH₂Cl₂ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cy/EtOAc, 7:3) affording the desired product 23 (4.457 g, 98 %) as a clear yellow oil. The analytical data of 23 were in complete agreement with literature data.⁶

Formula: C13H22SiO4;

Mw: 270.40 g/mol;

Rf: 0.82 (Cy/DCM 6:4)

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 4.21 (m, 4 H, 2 × CH₂O), 3.67 (s, 2 H, CH₂), 2.31 (t, *J*_{a,b} =6.6 Hz, 2 H, CH₂), 1.86 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 1.28 (t, *J*_{a,b} = 6.0 Hz, 3 H, CH₃), 0.12 (s, 9H, 3 × CH₃).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.4 (2 × CO), 105.4 (*C*=C-Si), 85.4 (C=*C*-Si), 64.0 (*C*H₂O), 61.5 (*C*H₂O), 41.5 (*C*H₂), 27.4 (*C*H₂C=C), 16.4 *C*H₂), 14.0 (*C*H₃), 0.02 (Si*C*H₃).



Ethyl (5-(trimethylsilyl)pent-4-yn-1-yl) malonyl–[1,0]–mono–1,2–dihydro[60]–fullerene 24. Fullerene C₆₀ (135.9 mg, 0.1886 mmol, 1 eq), I₂ (71.8 mg, 0.2829 mmol, 1.5 eq) and 23 (51mg, 0.1886 mmol, 1 eq) were dissolved in freshly distilled toluene (135 mL) and stirred for 30 min at room temperature. Then DBU (0.071 mL, 0.4715 mmol, 2.5 eq) was added dropwise and the mixture was stirred under argon for 12 h at room temperature. After this, it was filtered through a SiO₂ pad (eluted with cyclohexane to remove impurities and then with dichloromethane to recover the crude product) and concentrated under reduced pressure. Silica gel chromatography (Cy / DCM, 35:65) gave 24 (93mg, 49.9 %) as a red glassy product. The analytical data of 24 were in complete agreement with literature data.⁶

Formula: C73H20SiO4

Mw: 989.06 g/mol;

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 4.58 (m, 4 H, 2 × *CH*₂O), 2.45 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H, *CH*₂C), 2.06 (m, 2 H, *CH*₂), 1.50 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3 H, *CH*₃), 0.17 (s, 9H, 3 × *CH*₃).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 163.7 (CO), 145.4, 145.3, 144.8, 144.7, 144.0, 143.2, 142.4, 141.1, 105.2 (*C*=C-Si), 86.4 (C=*C*-Si), 71.7 (Cq), 65.9, 63.7 (2 × *CH*₂O), 27.8 (*CH*₂C), 16.7 (*CH*₂), 14.4 (*CH*₃), 0.2 (*CH*₃).



Fullerene [5:1] scaffold 25. Fullerene mono-adduct **24** (700 mg, 0.708 mmol, 1 eq), CBr4 (23.50 g, 70.77 mmol, 100 eq) and malonate **20** (1.92 g, 7.08 mmol, 10 eq) were dissolved in 1,2-dichlorobenzene (140 mL) and the mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. Then DBU (2.11 mL, 14.2 mmol, 20 eq) was added dropwise and the mixture was stirred for 72 h at room temperature, filtered through a short SiO₂ pad (eluted with cyclohexane to remove impurities and then with DCM/EtOAc 1:1 to recover the crude 18 product) and concentrated under reduced pressure. Silica gel chromatography (Cy/EtOAc 8:2) gave **25** as a red glassy product (1.06 g, 64 %). The product was stored in dichloromethane at -20 °C. The analytical data of **25** were in complete agreement with literature data.⁶

Formula: C118H80N30SiO24.

Mw: 2330.17 g/mol.

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 4.31 (t, 24 H, *CH*₂O), 3.35 (t, *J* = 5.96 Hz, 24 H, *CH*₂N), 2.32 (m, 2 H, *CH*₂C), 1.88 (t, *J* = 5.72 Hz, 24 H, *CH*₂), 1.31 (t, *J* = 6.88 Hz, 3 H, *CH*₃), 0.07 (s, 9H, *CH*₃Si).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 163.7 (CO), 145.6 (C_{sp}2), 140.7 (C_{sp}2), 104.8

(*C*≡C-Si), 85.6 (C≡*C*-Si), 68.7, 65.2 (*CH*₂O), 63.4 (*CH*₂O), 62.9 (*CH*₂O), 47.4 (*CH*₂N), 44.9, 27.9 (*CH*₂), 26.7 (*CH*₂), 16.2 (*CH*₂C), 13.8 (*CH*₃), 0.2 (*CH*₃Si).



Fullerene [5:1] scaffold 26. Fullerene [5:1] **25** (146.5 mg, 0.063 mmol, 1 eq) was dissolved in THF (0.5 mL) and propargylated mannose **11** (247.3 mg, 0.943 mmol, 15 eq) was added, previously dissolved in DMSO (0.2 mL). A mixture of CuSO₄ (5 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.5 eq) and NaAsc (18.7 mg, 0.094 mmol, 1.5 eq) in H₂O (0.2 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature under argon for 30 min. Then the reaction mixture was stirred under microwave irradiation at 80 °C for 4 h. THF was then removed by evaporation and the product was precipitated by addition of acetone (10 mL) and washed/centrifuged with acetone (10 mL × 3). The crude was passed through size exclusion chromatography on Sephadex G-25 (elution with H₂O/MeOH, 1:1) to remove the excess of mannoside and the fractions containing the product were lyophilized to obtain **26** (260 mg, 84 %) as a dark orange solid.

Formula: C225H252N30O94

Mw: 4880.90 g/mol;

¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ = 7.95 (s, 10 H, H_{arom}), 4.60-4.26 (m), 3.64-3.32 (m), 2.33-1.93 (m), 1.71 (s, 4H), 1.14 (s, 4H), 0 (s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ = 163.56 (C=O), 145.85 (C_{arom}), 145.12 (C_{arom}), 141.44 (C_{arom}), 124.78 (C_{arom}), 100.46 (C-1), 74.05, 71.34, 70.75, 69.47, 67.38, 66.45, 65.04, 64.00, 61.67 (C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5, C-6, CH₂O), 47.03 (*CH*₂N), 45.93 (C_q), 29.28 (*CH*₂), 27.35 (*CH*₂), 25.79 (*CH*₂), 15.04 (*CH*₂), 14.39 (*CH*₃), 0 (TMS).

HRMS: (TOF-MS-LD⁺): m/z: 4903.6 [M+Na]⁺, 4680.4 [M-C₈H₁₅O₇+Na]⁺, 4546.45 [M-C₁₆H₂₅N₃O₉+2Na]⁺, 4545. 4[M-C₁₄H₂₄N₃O₈+4H+2Na]⁺.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆)



13C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆)



DEPT 135 (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆)









Fullerene [5:1] scaffold 27. Fullerene [5:1] **25** (83 mg, 0.036 mmol, 1 eq) was dissolved in THF (0.3 mL) and propargylated heptyl mannose **7** (116.6 mg, 0.534 mmol, 15 eq) in DMSO (0.2 mL) was added. A mixture of CuSO₄ (2.84 mg, 0.0178 mmol, 0.5 eq) and NaAsc (10.7 mg, 0.0543 mmol, 1.5 eq) in H₂O (0.1 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature under argon for 30 min. Then the reaction mixture was stirred under microwave irradiation at 80 °C for 4 h. THF was then removed by evaporation and the product was precipitated by addition of acetone (10 mL) and washed/centrifuged with acetone (10 mL × 3). The crude was passed through a size-exclusion chromatography column (Sephadex G-25, elution with H₂O/MeOH, 1:1) to remove the excess of mannoside and the fractions containing the product were lyophilized to obtain **27** (125 mg, 79 %) as a dark orange solid.⁶

Formula: C205H212N30O84

Mw: 4440.37 g/mol

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆: D₂O 5:1) δ = 8.02 (s, 10 H, H_{arom}), 4.69-4.04 (m), 3.68-3.38 (m), 2.15 (s, 24 H, 12 x CH₂), 1.13 (s, 4H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆: D₂O 5:1) δ = 163.69 (C=O), 145.95 (C_{arom}), 144.54 (C_{arom}), 141.56 (C_{arom}), 125.09 (C_{arom}), 99.81 (C-1), 74.34, 71.38, 70.78, 69.55, 67.43, 65.17, 61.75, 59.92 (C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5, C-6, *CH*₂O), 47.16 (*CH*₂N), 29.41 (*CH*₂), 27.43 (*CH*₂), 14.48 (*CH*₂), 14.54 (*CH*₃).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆: D₂O 5:1)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆ : D₂O 5:1)





Bis-disulfide glycofullerene 28. Glycofullerene **27** (180 mg, 0.0369 mmol, 2.2 eq) a was dissolved in H₂O (2 mL) and added into the azidated disulfide linker **16** (7.8 mg, 0.017 mmol, 1 eq) were dissolved in THF (0.1 mL), and a mixture of CuSO₄ (2.7 mg, 0.0168 mmol, 1 eq) and NaAsc (9.5 mg, 0.050 mmol, 3 eq) in H₂O (0.1 mL) was added. Then, TBAF 1M in THF (0.03 mL, 0.037 mmol, 2.2 eq) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature under argon for 16 h. THF was removed by evaporation and the copper scavenger QuadrasilMP (10 mg) was added. The solution was stirred for 2 h at room temperature and filtered. Then the product was passed through a size-exclusion chromatography column (Sephadex G-25, elution with H₂O) and the fractions containing the product were lyophilized to afford **28** (180 mg, 97 %) as a dark orange solid.

Formula: C466H536N66O194S2

Mw: 10229.8 g/mol

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ = 8.05 (s, 10 H, CH_{triazole}), 7.81 (s, 1H, CH_{triazole}), 4.8-4.3 (m), 3.77-3.31 (m), 2.19 (m, 18H, 12 × CH₂), 1.17 (s, 3 H).

¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, DMSO) δ = 163.1 (C=O), 145.41 (C_{arom}), 144.43 (C_{arom}), 140.98 (C_{arom}), 124.13 (C_{arom}), 122.69 (C_{arom}), 100.14 (C-1), 74.0 (C-4), 71.0 (C-3), 70.37 (C-2), 69.81 (C, *CH*₂O), 69.01 (*CH*₂O), 67.07 (C-5), 65.9 (*CH*₂O), 64.56 (*CH*₂O), 63.73 (*CH*₂O), 61.37 (C-6), 49.6 (*CH*₂N), 46.9 (*CH*₂N), 46.45 (C_q), 38.1 (*CH*₂S), 28.92 (*CH*₂), 27.97 (*CH*₂), 21.6 (*CH*₂C_{triazole}), 14.03 (*CH*₃).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆)



DEPT 135 (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆)



Bis-disulfide glycofullerene 29. Glycofullerene **27** (254.4 mg, 0.0573 mmol, 2.2 eq) was dissolved in H₂O (2 mL) and added into the azidated disulfide linker **16** (12.2 mg, 0.0260 mmol, 1 eq) dissolved in THF (0.1 mL). And a mixture of CuSO₄ (6.7 mg, 0.0260 mmol, 1 eq) and NaAsc (12.2 mg, 0.0768 mmol, 3 eq) in H₂O (0.1 mL) was added. Then, TBAF 1M in THF (0.05 mL, 0.0512 mmol, 2.2 eq) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature under argon for 16 h. After this, THF was removed by evaporation and the copper scavenger QuadrasilMP (10 mg) was added. The solution was stirred for 2 h at room

temperature and filtered. Then the product was passed through a size-exclusion chromatography column (Sephadex G-25, elution with H_2O) and the fractions containing the product were lyophilized to afford **29** (240 mg, 96 %) as a dark orange solid.⁶

Formula: C₄₂₆H₄₅₄N₆₆O₁₇₄S₂

Mw: 9348.63 g/mol

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ = 8.11 (s, 10 H, *CH*_{triazole}), 7.83 (s, 1H, *CH*_{triazole}), 4.77-4.32 (m), 3.78-3.37 (m), 2.22 (m, 24 H, 12 x *CH*₂).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ = 162.85 (C=O), 145.21 (C_{Ar}), 143.76 (C_{Ar}), 140.8 (C_{Ar}), 124.15 (*CH*_{Ar}), 122.42 (*CH*_{Ar}), 99.11 (C-1), 74.19 (C-5), 70.96 (C-2), 70.26 (C-3), 69.62 (C, *CH*₂O), 68.83 (*CH*₂O), 67.02 (C-4), 64.37 (*CH*₂O), 61.36 (C-6), 59.17 (*CH*₂O), 46.17 (*CH*₂N), 37.79 (*CH*₂S), 30.53 (CH₂), 28.75 (CH₂), 21.45 (*CH*₂C_{triazole}), 13.84 (CH₃).





¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆)



S2.6. Synthesis of disulfide mannosides



a) CuSO₄, NaAsc, THF/H₂O; b) NaOMe / MeOH.



Bis-disulfide acetyl-\alpha-D-mannosopyranoside 30. Molecule **2** (861 mg, 2.337 mmol, 3.5 eq) and disulfide linker **16** (312.9 mg, 0.668 mmol, 1 eq) was dissolved in THF (10 mL). A mixture of CuSO₄ (10.7 mg, 0.067 mmol, 0.1 eq) and NaAsc (79.3 mg, 0.401 mmol, 0.3 eq) in H₂O (0.2 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature under argon for 16 h. Then the THF was removed by evaporation. After the reaction mixture The residue was was extracted with DCM (100 mL × 3), washed sequence with NH₄Cl (50 mL) and brine (50 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated to dryness. purified by column chromatography on silica gel (AcOEt/Cy/MeOH 30/10/0.1) affording the desired compound **30** (640 mg, 77.2 %) as a white powder.

Formula: C50H76N6O26S2.

Mw: 1241.3 g/mol.

*R*_f: 0.24 (CHCl₃/ MeOH 50:1).

¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.68 (s, 1H, H_{arom}), 5.14 – 5.11 (m, 2H, H-3, H-4), 5.07 – 5.05 (m, 1H, H-2), 4.81 (d, *J*_{1,2} = 1.6 Hz, 1H, H-1), 4.67 (d, *J*_{6a,6b} = 12.2 Hz, 1H, H-6a), 4.53 (d, *J*_{6a,6b} = 12.3 Hz, 1H, H-6b), 4.42 – 4.39 (t, 2H, H-7), 4.15 – 4.10 (m, 1H, H-5), 3.95 – 3.89 (m, 2H, H-10), 3.75 – 3.72 (m, 2H, H-11), 3.56 (t, *J*_{16,17} = 6.6 Hz, 2H, H-16), 3.46 (t, 8H, H-12, H-13, H-14, H-15), 2.71 (t, *J*_{16,17} = 6.6 Hz, 2H, H-17), 1.98 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.95 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.87 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.81 (s, 3H, CH₃).

¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 170.28 (CO), 169.60 (CO), 169.46 (CO), 169.35 (CO), 142.85 (C_{arom}), 124.06 (C_{arom}), 96.45 (C-1), 70.18 (C-2), 70.14 (C-3), 70.02 (*CH*₂), 69.15 (*CH*₂), 69.09 (*CH*₂), 69.05 (*CH*₂), 68.75 (*CH*₂), 68.35 (C-4), 65.73 (C-5), 62.04 (C-6), 60.55 (C-7), 49.99 (C-10), 38.10 (C-17), 20.54, 20.46, 20.38, 20.34 (4 × *CH*₃).

HRMS: (ESI+-MS, m/z) calcd for C₅₀H₇₇N₆O₂₆S₂ [M+H]+: 1241.4329, found: 1241.4323.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)



DEPT 135 (125 MHz, CDCl₃)



Bis-disulfide α -D-mannosopyranoside 31. To a solution of 30 (630 mg, 0.5333 mmol, 1 eq) in dry MeOH (15 mL) under argon atmosphere was added sodium methoxide (86.4 mg, 1.6 mmol, 3 eq). The reaction mixture was then stirred at room temperature under argon for 2 h. The solution was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by Dowex® 50WX8-200 (H⁺ form). The resin was washed with a solution of MeOH (10 mL). The fractions containing the product were concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the desired product 31 (410 mg, quant.) as a white solid.

Formula: $C_{34}H_{60}O_{18}N_6S_2$

Mw: 904.35 g/mol

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, D₂O) δ 8.05 (s, 2H, H_{arom}), 4.89 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 2H, H-1), 4.61 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 2H, H-2), 4.56 (m, 4H, H-3, H-4), 3.90-3.52 (m, 44H, H-5, H-6, *CH*₂), 2.80 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 6H, 2×*CH*₂S).

¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, D₂O) δ = 143.52 (C_{arom}), 125.69 (C_{arom}), 99.48 (C-1), 73.01 (C-2), 70.55 (C-3), 70.03 (*CH*₂), 69.77 (*CH*₂), 69.57 (*CH*₂), 69.47 (*CH*₂), 68.79 (*CH*₂), 68.37 (C-4), 66.72 (C-5), 60.90 (C-6), 59.80 (C-7), 50.14 (C-10), 37.35 (C-17).

 $^1H NMR (500 \text{ MHz}, D_2O)$



DEPT 135 (125 MHz, CDCl3)



Bis-disulfide 2,3,4-tri-*O***-acetyl-***a***-L-fucosopyranoside 32**. Molecule 12 (879.4 mg, 2.6785 mmol, 3 eq) and disulfide linker 16 (418.37 mg, 0.8928 mmol, 1 eq) was dissolved in THF (10 mL). A mixture of CuSO₄ (14.25 mg, 0.08928 mmol, 0.1 eq) and NaAsc (106.26 mg, 0.53569 mmol, 0.3 eq) in H₂O (0.2 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature under argon for 16 h. Then the THF was removed by evaporation. After the reaction mixture was extracted with DCM (100 mL ×3), washed sequence with NH₄Cl (50 mL) and brine (50 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (AcOEt/Cy/MeOH 30/1/0.1) affording the desired compound 32 (800 mg, 87.9 %) as a white powder.

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Formula: C46H72N6O24S2

Mw: 1125.22 g/mol;

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (s, 1H, H_{arom}), 5.34 (dd, J = 10.8, 3.4 Hz, 1H, H-3), 5.29 (m, 1H, H-4), 5.18 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H, H-1), 5.12 (dd, J = 10.8, 3.7 Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.82 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H, H_{6a}), 4.65 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H, H_{6b}), 4.55 (m, 2H, H-7), 4.21 (q, J = 7.0, 6.5 Hz, 1H, H-5), 3.89 (t, J = 5.1 Hz, 2H, H-10), 3.72 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H, H-16), 3.62 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 8H, H-11, H-11), H-11, H-11, H-12, H-12,

12, H-13,H-14, H-15), 2.87 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H, H-17), 2.16 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.04 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.96 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.14 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H, CH₃).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ= 170.73 (CO), 170.53 (CO), 170.11 (CO), 143.86 (C_{arom}), 124.06 (C_{arom}), 95.77 (C-1), 71.30 (C-2), 70.68, 70.64, 70.52, 69.71, 69.59, 68.15, 68.09 (C-3), 64.83 (C-4), 61.39 (C-5), 50.45 (C-10), 38.50 (C-17), 20.95, 20.82, 20.79, 16.00 (4×*CH*₃).

HRMS: (ESI+-MS, m/z) calcd for C₄₆H₇₃N₆O₂₂S₂ [M+H]⁺: 1125.4219, found: 1125.4214.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



2.5 12.0 11.5 11.0 10.5 10.0 9.5 9.0 8.5 8.0 7.5 7.0 6.5 6.0 5.5 5.0 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 0.0 -0.5 -1.0 -1.5 -2.0 fl (ppm)

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



DEPT 135 (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





Bis-disulfide α -L-fucosopyranoside 33. To a solution of 32 (839.6 mg, 0.7461 mmol, 1 eq) in dry MeOH (15 mL) under argon atmosphere was added sodium methoxide (80.6 mg, 1.4923 mmol, 3 eq). The reaction mixture was then stirred at room temperature under argon for 2 h. The solution was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by Dowex® 50WX8-200 (H⁺ form). The resin was washed with a solution of MeOH (10 mL). The fractions containing the product were concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the desired product 33 (470 mg, 72 %) as a white solid.

Formula: $C_{34}H_{60}N_6O_{16}S_2$

Mw: 873 g/mol;

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14 (s, 1H, H_{arom}), 5.04 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 3.4 Hz, 1H, H-3), 4.67 (m, 1H, H-4), 4.01 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H, H-1), 5.12 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 3.7 Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.82 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H, H_{6a}), 4.65 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H, H_{6b}), 4.55 (m, 2H, H-7), 4.21 (q, *J* = 7.0, 6.5 Hz, 1H, H-5), 3.89 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H, H-10), 3.72 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H, H-16), 3.62 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 8H, H-11, H-12, H-13,H-14, H-15), 2.87 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H, H-17), 2.16 (s, 3H, *CH*₃), 2.04 (s, 3H, *CH*₃), 1.96 (s, 3H, *CH*₃), 1.14 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H, *CH*₃).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, D₂O) δ = 144.15 (C_{arom}), 125.56 (C_{arom}), 98.71 (C-1), 71.95, 69.87, 69.68, 68.88, 68.53, 68.11, 66.93, 60.82 (C-7), 50.28 (C-10), 37.57 (C-17), 15.37 (C-6).

HRMS: (ESI+-MS, m/z) calcd for C₃₄H₆₁N₆O₁₆S₂ [M+H]+: 873.3585, found: 873.3580.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, D₂O)



¹³C NMR (100 MHz, D₂O)



DEPT 135 (100 MHz, D₂O)



S3. Synthesis of Gold Nanoparticles

Materials and Reagents

Hydrogen tetrachloroaurate(III) tetrahydrate (HAuCl₄·3H₂O, 99.99 %) was obtained from Sigma as well as citric acid and hydroquinone. Ultra-pure water was prepared by Milli-QA (Molsheim, France).

Instrumentation

Ultraviolet-visible (UV-Vis) absorption spectra were obtained using a Varian Cary 50 spectrophotometer (CA, USA). XPS analysis was obtained by X ray photoelectron spectroscope (XPS) from Thermo Fisher Scientific (East Grinstead, UK). Transmission electron microscopic images were obtained using TECNAI 10 transmission electron microscope (TEM) from JEOL (Tokyo, Japan). the hydrodynamic size of the generated NPs was determined using the NanoPlus HD system (Brea, CA, USA.).

S3.1. Preparation of Citrate stabilised 20 nm gold nanoparticles

20 nm AuNPs were prepared by a classical citrate reduction method following a reported protocol.⁷ Briefly, 1000 mL of 0.01% (w/v) HAuCl₄·3H₂O solution was heated to ebullition and 27 mL of 1% (w/v) sodium citrate solution was quickly added under vigorous stirring, and maintained under reflux during 30 min (time after which the color of the solution did not change). Then, the solution was allowed to cool down to room temperature with stirring. The concentration of the resulting 20 nm AuNP solution was calculated according to the Haiss equation from the measured UV spectrum.

S3.2. Preparation of Citrate-stabilised 15 nm gold seed nanoparticles

15 nm gold seed nanoparticles were synthesized using the reported citrate reduction method.⁸ Briefly, 1 mL of 1% (w/v) HAuCl₄·3H₂O solution in 100 mL Milli-Q water was heated to reflux and 3 mL of 1% (w/v) sodium citrate solution was quickly added under vigorous stirring. The resulting solution was refluxed for 15 to 30 minutes. Then, the solution was allowed to cool down to room temperature with stirring. Finally, the 15 nm gold nanoparticles were kept as the seed solution to prepare the 60 nm and 90 nm gold nanoparticles.

S3.3. Preparation of 60 nm gold nanoparticles

The 60 nm gold nanoparticles were synthesized by surface-assisted reduction of ionic gold by hydroquinone.⁸⁻⁹ Briefly, 9 mL of a 1% (w/v) HAuCl₄· 3H₂O solution was added to 869 mL Milli-Q water. 12.86 mL of particle seeds were then added and the reaction mixture was vigorously stirred at room temperature. Sodium citrate (15 mM, 9 mL) was then added, immediately followed by 9 mL of 25 mM hydroquinone. The reaction solution was stirred overnight at room temperature to complete the reduction of ionic gold and particle growth.

S3.4. Preparation of 90 nm gold nanoparticles

The 90 nm gold nanoparticles were synthesized by surface-assisted reduction of ionic gold by hydroquinone.⁸⁻⁹ Briefly, 9 mL of a 1% (W/V) HAuCl₄·3H₂O solution was added to 868 mL Milli-Q water. 3.76 mL of particle seeds were then added to the above solution and the reaction mixture was vigorously stirred at room temperature. 9 mL of 15 mM sodium citrate was then added, immediately followed by 9 mL of 25 mM hydroquinone. The reaction solution was stirred overnight at room temperature to complete the reduction of ionic gold and particle growth.

S4. Synthesis of Gold Glyconanoparticles



S4.1. GlycoAuNPs-20 nm

Each disulfide ligand (10 mg) was dissolved in 1 mL of Milli-Q water and the pH was adjusted to 9 using 0.1 M NaOH. Then, the 5 mL of stock AuNP (diameter 20 nm, 20 nM) was added and continuously stirred at room temperature for 48 h. The solution was centrifuged through a centrifugal filter (Amicon, 5000 RPM, 30 kD, 4 °C, 30 min). The residue was washed five times with Tris buffer (20 mM, pH=7.4, 10 ml each time) and centrifuged. After, the residue was washed with milliQ water and centrifuged to remove the Tris buffer. The residue was dissolved in 1 mL Milli-Q water and lyophilized.

S4.2. GlycoAuNPs-60 nm

The disulfide ligand (10 mg) was dissolved in 1 mL of Milli-Q water using 0.1 M NaOH to adjust pH to 9. Then, 5 mL of stock AuNP (diameter 60 nm, 5 nM) was added and continuously stirred at room temperature for 48 h. The solution was centrifuged (3500 RPM, 4 °C, 45 min). The residue was washed three times with Tris buffer (20 mM, pH=7.4, 10 ml each time). After, the

residue was washed with milliQ water and centrifuged to remove the Tris buffer. The residue was dissolved in 1 mL Milli-Q water and lyophilized.

S4.3 GlycoAuNPs-90 nm

The disulfide galactoside ligand (10 mg) was dissolved in 1 mL of Milli-Q water using 0.1 M NaOH to adjust pH to 9. Then, 5 mL of stock AuNP (diameter 20 nm, 20 nM) was added and continuously stirred at room temperature for 48 h. The solution was centrifuged (2000 RPM, 30 kD, 4 °C, 30 min). The residue was washed three times with Tris buffer (20 mM, pH=7.4, 10 ml each time) and centrifuged. Then, the residue was washed with milliQ water and centrifuged to remove the Tris buffer. The residue was dissolved in 1 mL Milli-Q water and lyophilized.

S4.4 Heteromultivalent glycoAuNPs



Disulfide fucoside **54** (1.86 mg) and disulfide mannofullerene **44** (20 mg) were mixed (equimolar ratio) and the pH was adjusted to 9-10 with a 0.5M K₂CO₃ solution. The resulting solution was added to the 20 nm cit-AuNPs and continuously stirred at room temperature for 48 h. The solution was centrifuged through a centrifugal filter (After, 5000 RPM, 30 kD, 4 $^{\circ}$ C, 30 min). The residue was washed three times with Tris buffer (20 mM, pH=7.4, 10 mL each time) and centrifuged. The fourth time, milliQ water was used to remove the Tris buffer. The residue was dissolved in 1 mL Milli-Q water and lyophilized, to afford the desired glycoAuNPs as brown powder.

S5. Characterization of AuNPs and glycoAuNPs

S5.1. Sample preparation for ¹H NMR

The produced glycoAuNPs were solubilized in deuterated water (D₂O), and were analyzed using a 500 MHz Jeol NMR spectrometer.

$^{1}H \ NMR \ (500 \ MHz, D_{2}O) \quad \text{Manno-AuNPs-} \textbf{20} \ \text{nm}$



¹H NMR (500 MHz, D₂O) Fuco-AuNPs-20 nm



5.5 6.0 0.0 5.0 2.0 0.5 8.5 8.0 7.5 7.0 6.5 4.5 4.0 f1 (ppm) 3. 5 3.0 2.5 1.5 1.0

^{1}H NMR (500 MHz, D₂O) MannoC₆₀-s-AuNPs-**20** nm



 ${}^{1}\textbf{H} \textbf{NMR} (500 \text{ MHz}, D_{2}O) \quad \text{MannoC}_{\text{60}}\text{-I-AuNPs-}\textbf{20} \text{ nm}$



¹H NMR (500 MHz, D₂O) Fuco/ManC₆₀-AuNPs-20 nm



${}^{1}\textbf{H} \textbf{NMR} (500 \text{ MHz}, D_{2}O) \text{ MannoC}_{60}\text{-s-AuNPs-}\textbf{60} \text{ nm}$



¹H NMR (500 MHz, D₂O) MannoC₆₀-s-AuNPs-90 nm



S5.2. Characterization of glycoAuNPs by XPS

Preparation of the glycoAuNPs samples for XPS analysis: aqueous solutions of glyco-AuNPs (1 mg/mL, 2 μ L) were deposited on a silicon wafer that had been previously washed by a piranha solution consisting of the mixture of sulfuric acid (H₂SO₄, 95 %) and hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂, 35 %) (3:1, v/v). The sample on the wafer was dried in a drying cabinet at room temperature. The procedure was repeated 10 times.¹⁰⁻¹¹ X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) characterization was carried out with a Thermo Fisher ESCALAB 250 Xi instrument with a monochromatic Al K α x-ray source (1486.6 eV).

XPS graph show the atomic % of C, N and Au of glycoAuNPs





60 nm cit-AuNPs

100 nm cit-AuNPs









MannoC₆₀-s-AuNPs-20 nm

MannoC₆₀-I-AuNPs-20 nm





Manno-AuNPs-60 nm



MannoC60-s-AuNPs-60 nm



Manno-AuNPs-100 nm



MannoC60-s-AuNPs-100 nm



ManC₆₀-Fuco-AuNPs-20 nm



MannoC₆₀-I-AuNPs-60 nm



Fuco-AuNPs-20 nm



MannoC₆₀-I-AuNPs-100 nm

Entries	Structure of ligands	GlycoAuNPs	N:Au	S 2p signa
1	HO HO N=N No N3	Manno-AuNPs- 20 nm Manno-AuNPs- 60 nm Manno-AuNPs- 100 nm	0.32:1 1.05:1 3.34:1	Yes Yes Yes
2	OH OH N=N +0, 3 S-	Fuco-AuNPs-20 nm	3.75:1	No
3		Manno C_{60} -s-AuNPs- 20 nm Manno C_{60} -s-AuNPs- 60 nm Manno C_{60} -s-AuNPs- 100 nm	79.23:1 0.93:1 0.61:1	Yes No No
4		MannoC ₆₀ -l-AuNPs- 20 nm MannoC ₆₀ -l-AuNPs- 60 nm MannoC ₆₀ -l-AuNPs- 100 nm	1.65:1 0.63:1 0.36:1	No No No
5	the second secon	ManC _{60/} Fuco-AuNPs- 20 nm	0.88:1	No

Table 1. Summary the ratio of N to Au for glycoAuNPs as determined by the relative integrations of the XPS AuNPs and N1s peaks.

In addition, the surface density of ligands in AuNPs can be estimated using reported methods.¹²⁻¹³ The gold atom are closepacked and form (Face Centred Cubic) in NPs.¹⁴ The number of gold atoms,

 $N_{Au} = (V_{NP} \times APF) / V_{Au} = (4\pi r_{NP}^3 / 3 \times 0.37405) / (4\pi r_{NP}^3 / 3) = (d_{NP} / 2nm)^3 \times 0.74505 / (0.144)^3 = (d_{NP} / 2nm)^3 = (d_{NP} / 2nm)^$

 $= (d_{\rm NP}/\rm{nm})^3 \times 31$

where V_{NP} is the volume of a shere gold NP, V_{Au} is the volume of a gold atom, APF is the atomic packing factor, r_{NP} and d_{NP} are the radius and the diameter of a sphere gold NP (measured by TEM), and r_{Au} is the radius of a gold atom.

The number N_S of thiolate ligands per particle, N_S = N_{Au} × X, X is the molar ratio of S to Au in NPs, M is the number ratio of N to S in each ligand molecule.¹²⁻¹³ In our project, The number N_l of ligands per particle can be deduced by the molar ratio of N to Au, N_l = N_{Au} × X/M, X is the molar ratio of N to Au in NPs, M is the number ratio of N to S in each ligand molecule (**Table 2**).

Samples	Size (TEM)	Au atoms per NP	Ligands per NP		
Manno-AuNPs- 20 nm	16.6	141,803	15,125		
MannoC60-s-AuNPs-20 nm	16.8	146,990	520,361		
MannoC60-l-AuNPs-20 nm	15.5	115,440	5,842		
Manno-AuNPs-60 nm	63.6	7,975,043	2,791,265		
MannoC60-s-AuNPs-60 nm	67.8	9,661,638	272,283		
MannoC60-l-AuNPs-60 nm	65.3	8,631,797	164,789		
Manno-AuNPs-100 nm	104.7	35,579,655	39,612,016		
Galacto-AuNPs-100 nm	95.2	26,746,843	1,126,498		
MannoC60-s-AuNPs-100 nm	100.2	31,186,372	576,475		
MannoC60-l-AuNPs-100 nm	101.9	32,800,785	357,827		
Fuco-AuNPs-20 nm	13.7	79,712	99,640		

Table 2. The number of gold atoms and ligands per NP.

S5.3. Sample preparation for UV-vis analysis

The obtained glycoAuNPs (10 μ g/ mL) were suspended in milliQ water for Ultraviolet-visible (UV-vis) absorption spectra that were obtained using a Varian Cary 50 spectrophotometer (CA, USA). The experimental results see Table 3.

Table 3. Summary of UV-vis absorbance and DLS data.

GlycoAuNPs	λ_{\max} (UV-vis ^{<i>a</i>} , nm)	D _H (DLS ^b , nm)	PDI (DLS)	
Manno-AuNPs-20 nm	523	55.7	0.116	
Manno-AuNPs-60 nm	548	96.6	0.178	
Manno-AuNPs-100 nm	572	126.1	0.17	
MannoC60-s-AuNPs-20 nm ^c	528	47.2	0.131	
MannoC60-s-AuNPs-60 nm	549	99.9	0.173	
MannoC60-s-AuNPs-100 nm	577	116.1	0.104	
MannoC60-l-AuNPs-20 nm ^d	529	80.1	0.105	
MannoC60-l-AuNPs-60 nm	549	95.3	0.102	
MannoC60-l-AuNPs-100 nm	574	127.7	0.125	
ManC ₆₀ -Fuco-AuNPs- 20 nm	529	46.8	0.129	
Fuco-AuNPs- 20 nm	256	111.5	0.163	

a. UV spectra recorded at RT, 10 µL of glycoAuNPs (1mg/mL) were diluted into 500 µL of milliQ water.

b. DLS analysis at a concentration of 10, 5 and 15 µg/mL for 20, 60 and 100 nm AuNPs, respectively, recorded at 25 °C.

c. "s" indicates short linker.

d. "l" indicates long linker.

S5.4 Sample preparation for DLS analysis

The obtained glycoAuNPs (20 µg/ mL, 5 µg/ mL, 2 µg/ mL corresponding to 20 nm, 60, 90 nm, respectively) were suspended in milliQ water for the hydrodynamic size measurement by a NanoPlus HD system (Brea, CA, USA.) operating at 633 nm with a 173° scattering angle. Measurements were made in a 1 cm path-length round quartz cell maintained at 25°C. Solution samples were filtered through nylon Acrodisc syringe filters (Pall Life Sciences) with 0.2 µm pore size. Each measurement was for 5 scans, each of 25 seconds duration. The mean particle hydrodynamic diameters were calculated from intensity based particle size distribution. The experimental results see Table 3.

S5.5. Sample preparation for TEM analysis

The generated glycoAuNPs (1 mg/mL)were two fold diluted with deionized water followed by depositing glycoAuNPs (2 μ L) on a copper grid disk. The copper disk was dried in the oven for 12 h to remove water prior to TEM analysis. Transmission electron microcopy (TEM) images of the samples were recorded on microgrid copper mesh by using a TECNAI 10 at an acceleration voltage of 80 kV. Nanoparticles size (*d*) was estimated using the formula $d = 2(A/\pi)^{1/2}$, where A is the cross-sectional area of a particle measured by Image J.^{9, 15}



Manno-AuNPs-20 nm



MannoC₆₀-s-AuNPs-20 nm



MannoC₆₀-l-AuNPs-20 nm



ManC60/Fuco-AuNPs-20 nm



Manno-AuNPs-60 nm



MannoC₆₀-s-AuNPs-60 nm



MannoC₆₀-l-AuNPs-60 nm



Manno-AuNPs-100 nm



MannoC₆₀-s-AuNPs-100 nm



MannoC₆₀-l-AuNPs-100 nm



Fuco-AuNPs-20 nm

S6. Quantitation of the amount of carbohydrates on the AuNPs

The carbohydrates' quantitaion was realized by the phenol-sulfuric acid assay.¹⁶ Briefly, 30 μ L of ice-cold standard sample solutions (with the corresponding ligand) were mixed with 100 μ L of concentrated sulfuric acid in microplate wells. 20 μ L of aqueous 5% phenol solution was then added into each well. The plate was floated uncovered on near boiling (>90 °C) water bath for 5 min for color development, followed by cooling on ice for another 5 min. A microplate reader (Spectramax iD3 microplate reader) was used to record the absorbance of each well at 490 nm. The concentration of standard solution was plotted with the absorbance of each solution. The corresponding AuNPs in sulfuric acid Spectramax were used as controls.

The amount of sugar was thus evaluated thanks to the calibration curve.

The ligand density on the nanoparticles were calculated by the following equations:¹⁷

 $N_{Au} = d_{NP}^3 \times 31$, $m_{Au} = N_{Au} \times 196.97$, $m_L = m_{Au} \times (wt\% \text{ of } L/wt\% \text{ of } Au)$

 $N_L=m_L/M_L,\;S_{NP}=4\pi r^2,\;\sigma=N_L/S_{NP}$

where N_{Au} is the number of Au atoms, d_{NP} is the diameter of AuNPs, m_{Au} the mass of the Au atom in the NP, m_L mass of the ligand in the NP, M_L is the molecular mass of ligand. N_L the number of ligands per NP. r is the particles radius (nm), S_{NP} (nm²) is surface area of per AuNP, σ (ligands/nm²) is the lignad density. The wt% of L/wt% of Au can be obtained from phenol-H₂SO₄. The results are gathered in Table 4.

Table 4. Number of ligands per nanoparticle.

Structure of ligands	GlycoAuNPs	Amount of ligand on 1 mg of NPs (µg/mg)	NAu	Wt% of L	Wt% of Au	No. of ligand per NP	S _{NP} (nm ²)	Ligand Density (ligands/nm²)
HO HO N=N to 3	Manno-AuNPs- 20 nm	107.6	141803	10.76	89.24	7,449	865.26	8.6
	Manno-AuNPs- 60 nm	32.4	7975043	3.24	96.74	116,351	12,701.17	9.2
	Manno-AuNPs- 100 nm	45.5	35579655	4.55	95.45	738,815	34,420.96	21.5
OH OH N=N +0 +3 S-	Fuco-AuNPs- 20 nm	33.6	79712	3.36	96.64	1,250	589.35	2.1
	MannoC ₆₀ -s-AuNPs- 20 nm	346.7	146990	34.67	65.33	3,287	886.23	3.7
	MannoC ₆₀ -s-AuNPs- 60 nm	89.7	9661638	8.97	91.03	42,232	14,434.08	2.9
	MannoC ₆₀ -s-AuNPs- 100 nm	56.9	31186372	5.69	94.31	83,464	31,525.73	2.6
	MannoC ₆₀ -l-AuNPs- 20 nm	352.8	115440	35.28	64.72	2,539	754.39	3.4
	MannoC ₆₀ -l-AuNPs- 60 nm	36.3	8631797	3.63	96.37	13,103	13,389.24	1
	MannoC ₆₀ -l-AuNPs- 100 nm	162.9	32800785	16.29	83.71	257,589	32,604.54	7.9

S7. GLYcoPROFILE

The GLYcoPROFILE is the interaction profile of a product with a range of lectins. The study was carried out on 2 lectins (FimH and DC-SIGN). The interaction profiles of each compound were determined through an indirect method based on the inhibition by the sample of the interaction between a specific couple lectin-glycan. FimH LEctPROFILE® plates and DC-SIGN LEctPROFILE® plates were used to perform these analyses. Briefly, a mix of the biotinylated neoglycoprotein functionalized with mannose (Ref: NeoM, GLYcoDiag) (fixed concentration) and the inhibitor (range of concentrations, see Figure and Table) prepared in PBS supplemented with 1 mM CaCl₂ and 0.5 mM MgCl₂ is deposed in each well (100 μ I) in triplicates and incubated two hours at room temperature. After washing with PBS buffer, the conjugate streptavidin-DTAF was added (50 μ L) and the plate was incubated 30 min more. The plate was washed again with PBS. Finally, 100 μ L of PBS was added for the readout, performed with a fluorescence reader (λ ex = 485 nm, λ em = 530 nm Fluostar, BMG labtech, Offenburg, Germany). The signal intensity is inversely correlated with the capacity of the inhibitor to be recognized by the lectin and expressed as inhibition percentage with comparison with the corresponding tracer ligand alone. Glycoprofiles for glycoAuNPs have been realized on the inhibition of the interaction using at least three different concentrations of glycoAuNPs. Each experiment has been set in duplicate.¹⁸



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S8. Hemagglutination inhibition Assays (HIA)

Hemagglutination assays were performed using 96-well round bottom microtiter plates. Red blood cells (from Guinea Pig, RBCs) were purchased from Envigo RMS B.V and directly used without further treatment. RBCs were diluted to 5 % in a cold phosphate buffer solution (PBS, 17 mM KH₂PO₄, 150 mM NaCI). PBS buffer was used for all experiments. Bacterial growth: a bacteria inoculation loop was used to transfer the bacterial strain UTI89 (clinical isolate engineered for continuous type-1 fimbriation) to 10 mL of LB liquid medium kept static at 37 °C for 24 hours. Then, the bacteria were centrifuged and washed in cold PBS (10 mL, 3000 RPM, 4 °C). This process was repeated three times. The hemagglutination unit, which is the minimal concentration of bacteria required to agglutinate the red blood cells, was obtained by constant addition of 50 μ L of the 5 % RBCs solution to 50 μ L aliquots of sequential 2-fold dilution of *E.coli*. The hemagglutination unit was recorded after 1 hour incubation at 4 °C. A bacterial concentration of twice the determined hemagglutination titer was kept constant in the hemagglutination inhibition assays.

The inhibition assays were carried out by adding 25 μ L of 2-fold dilution solution of the glycoAuNPs (starting from 250 mg/mL for each sample) to a fixed volume of 25 μ L of bacteria and 50 μ L of 5 % RBCs. The final volume was 100 μ L in each well. The microplates were incubated at 4 °C for 1 hour before read-out. The minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) for each sample was recorded for each triplicate.¹⁹⁻²⁰

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