

## Supplementary Information

### **Photoactive glycoconjugates with very large Stokes shift. Synthesis, photophysics, and copper (II) and BSA sensing**

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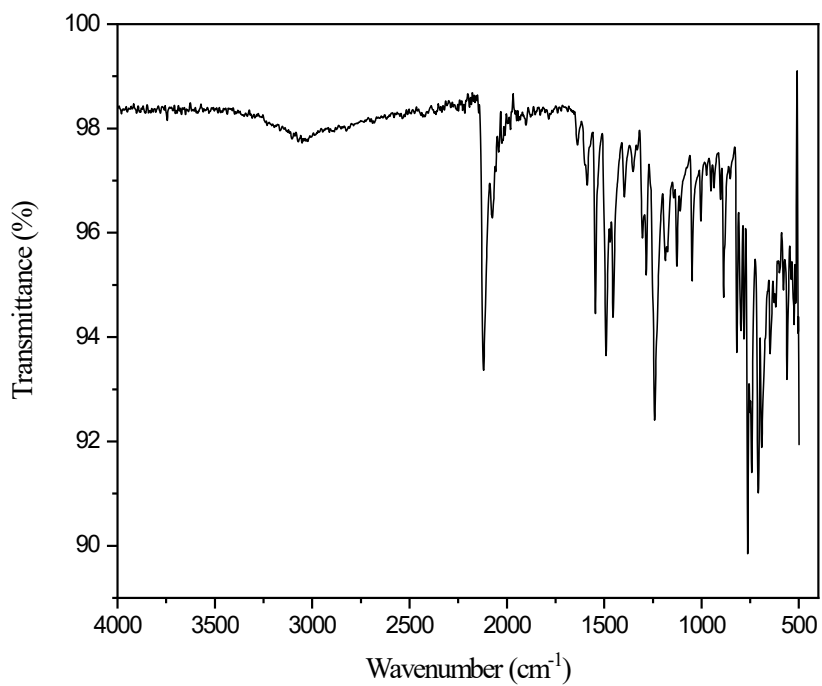
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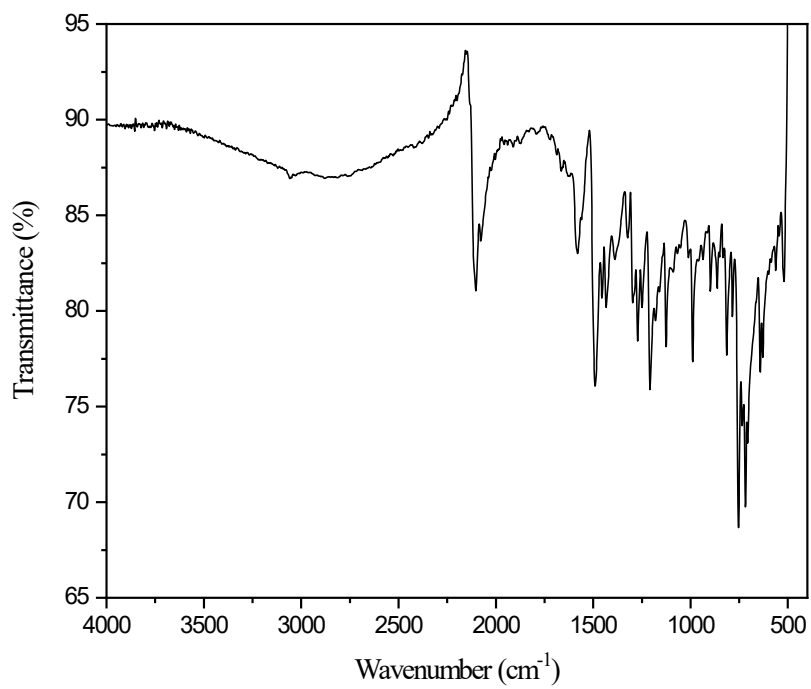
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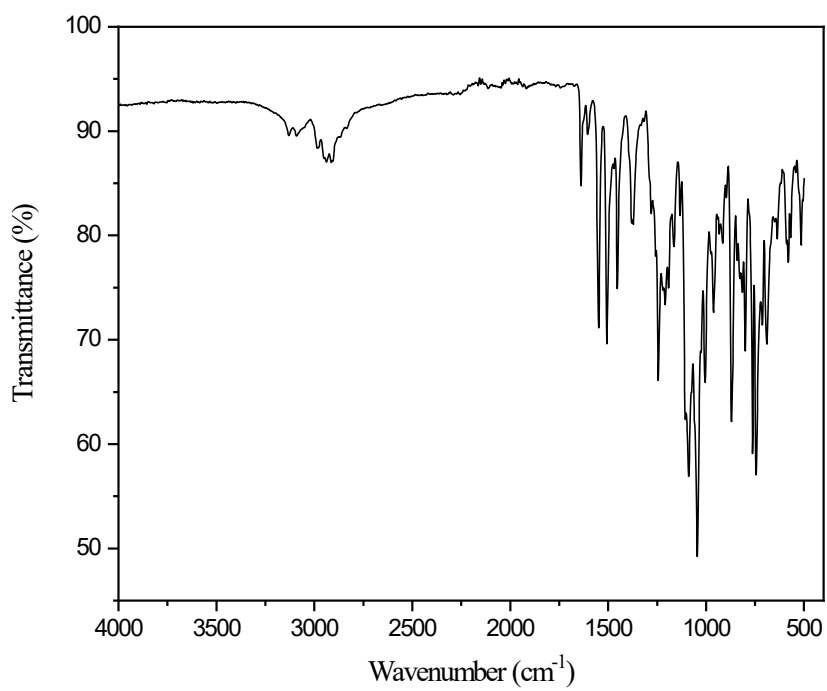
## Spectroscopic characterization



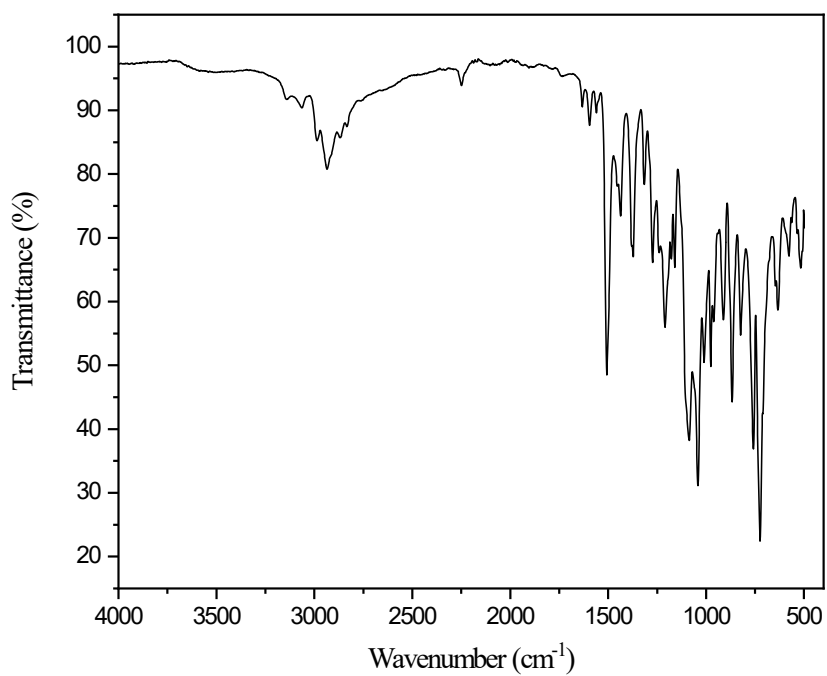
**Fig. S1** FTIR spectrum (ATR mode) of compound **3**.



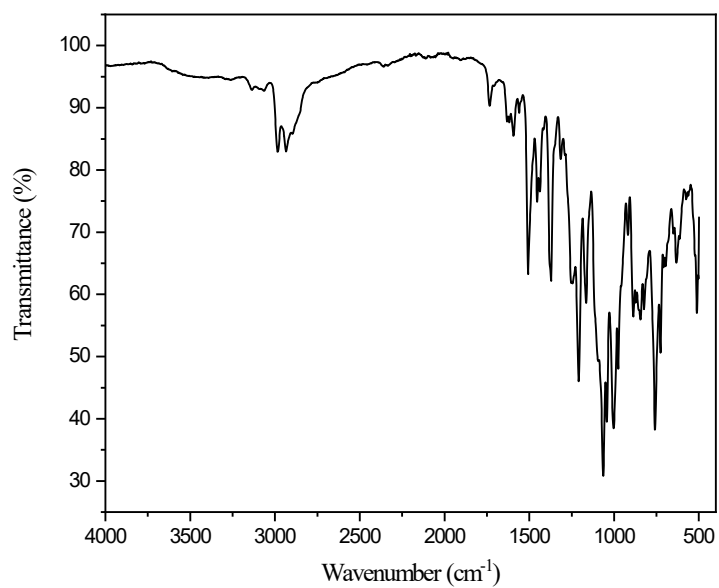
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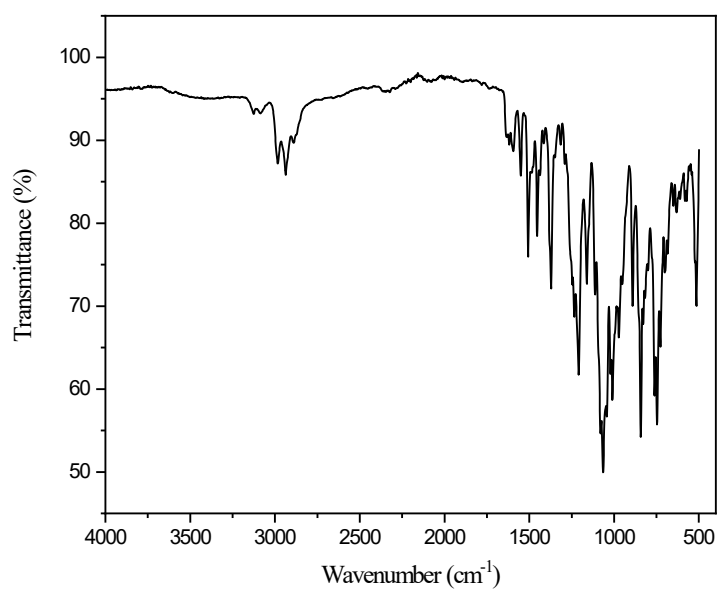
**Fig. S3** FTIR spectrum (ATR mode) of compound **15**.



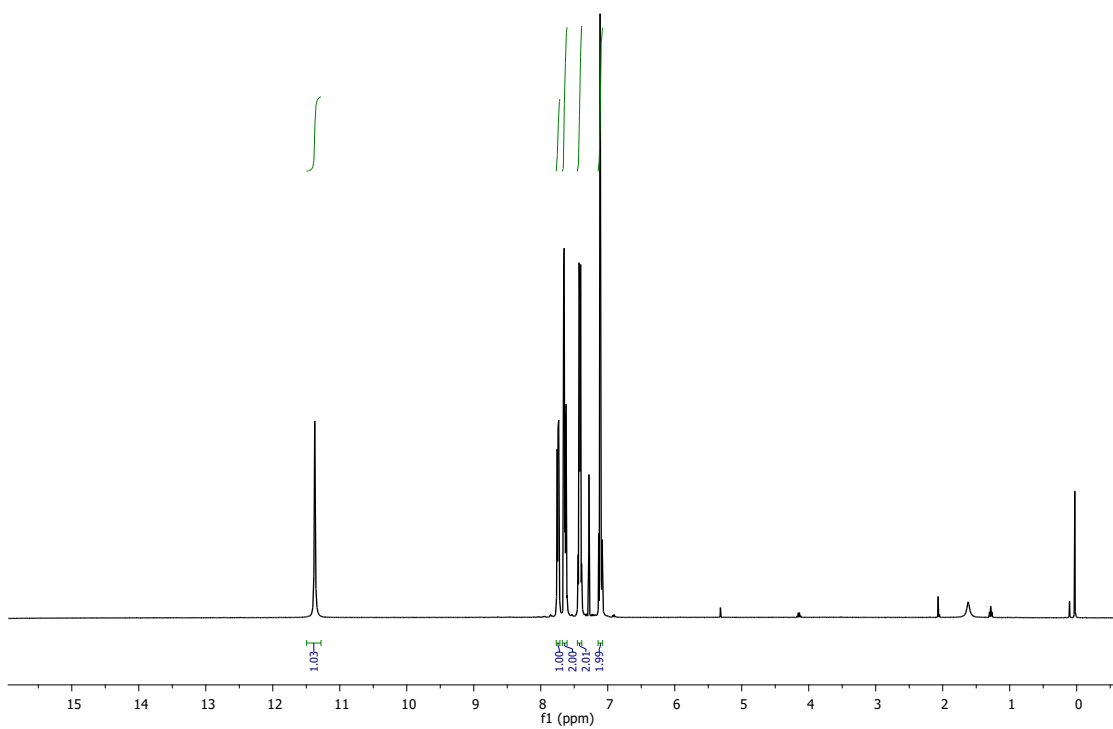
**Fig. S4** FTIR spectrum (ATR mode) of compound **16**.



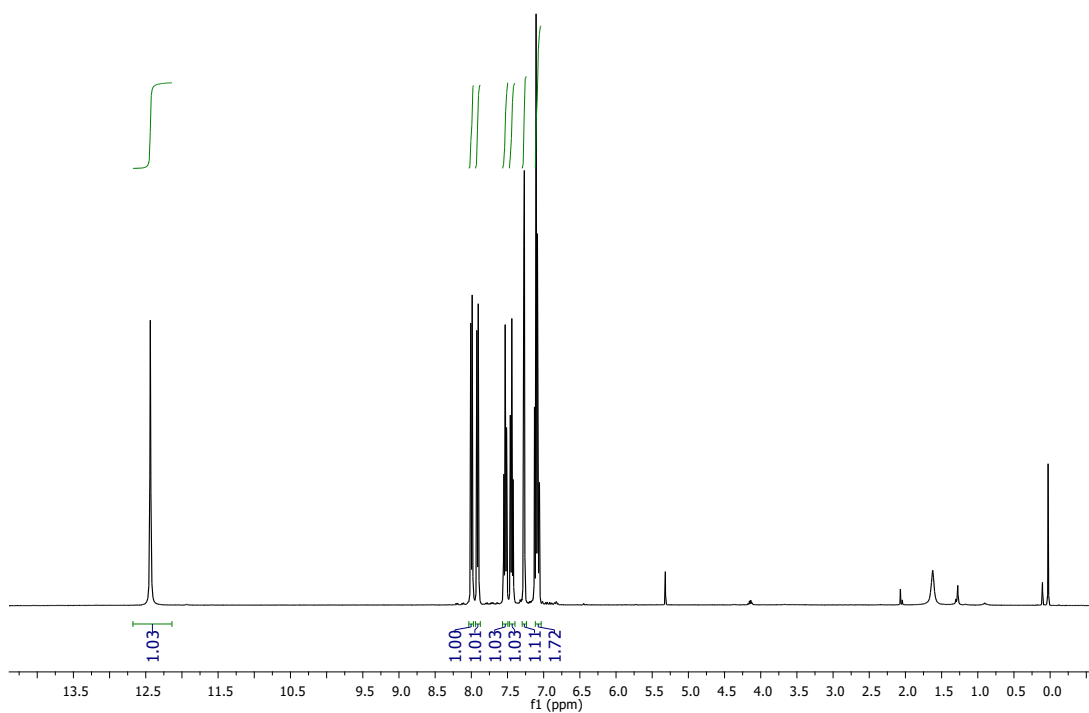
**Fig. S5** FTIR spectrum (ATR mode) of compound **17**.



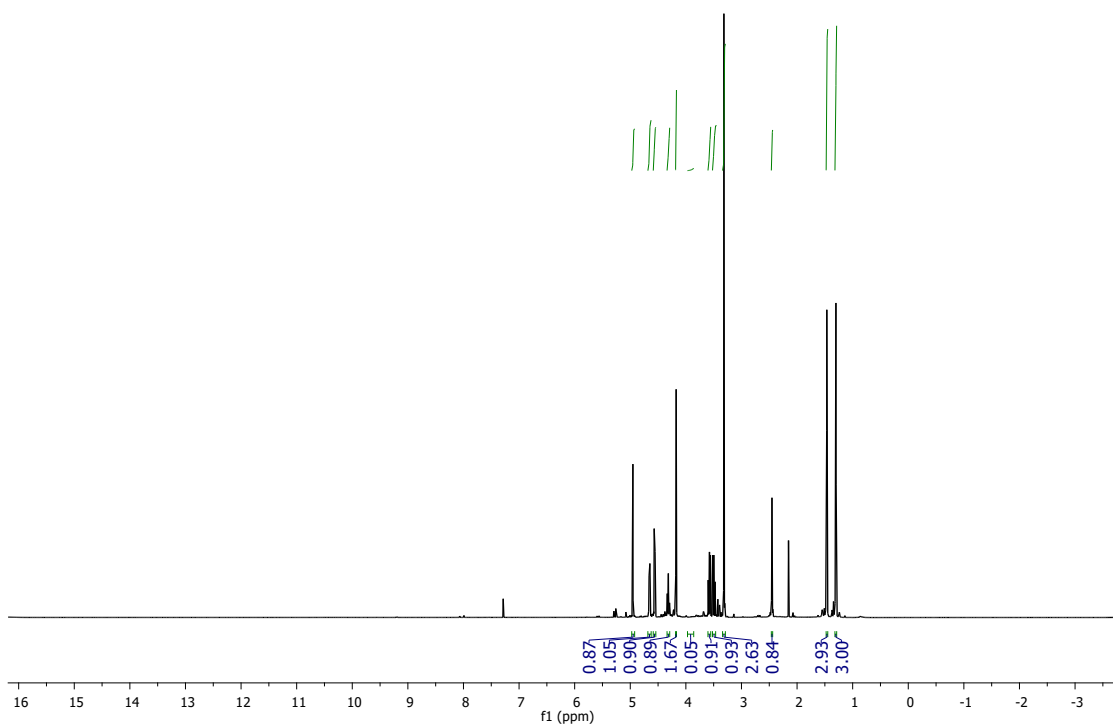
**Fig. S6** FTIR spectrum (ATR mode) of compound **18**.



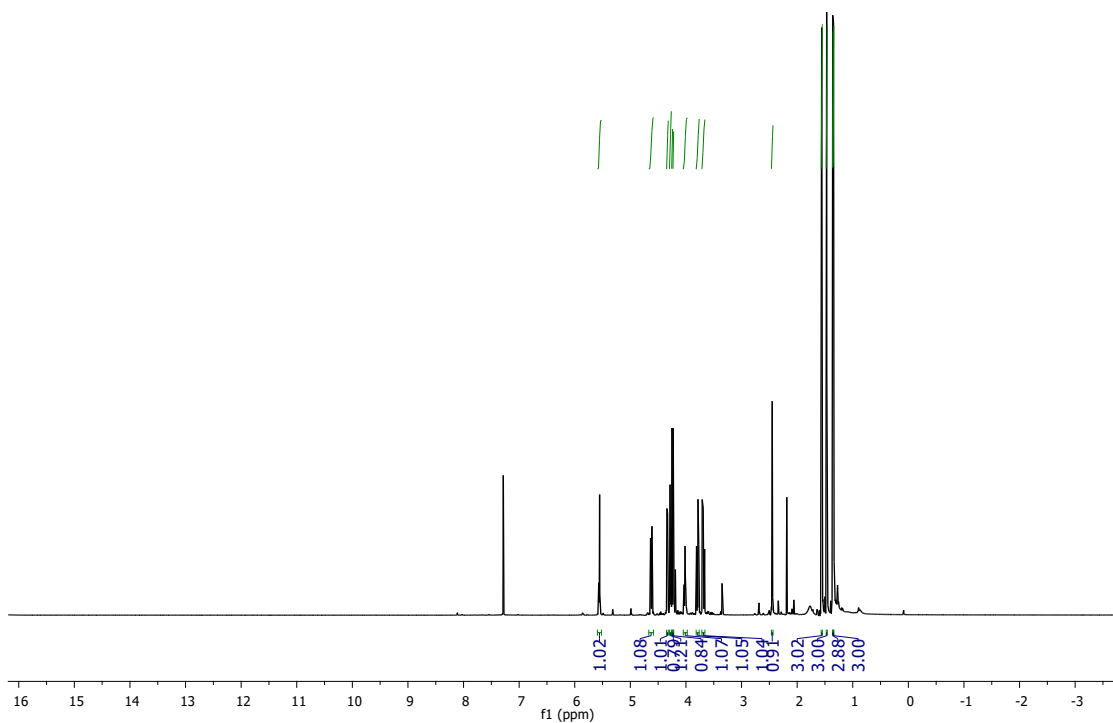
**Fig. S7**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound **3**.



**Fig. S8**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound **4**.



**Fig. S9** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **8**.



**Fig. S10** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **11**.

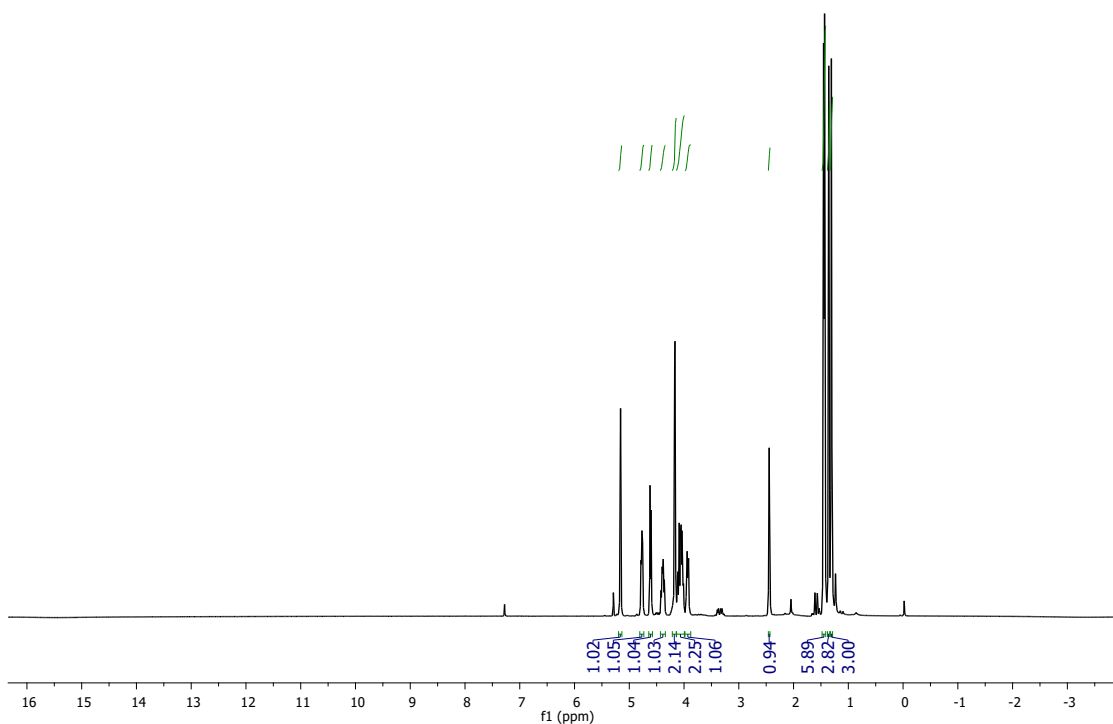


Fig. S11  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound 14.

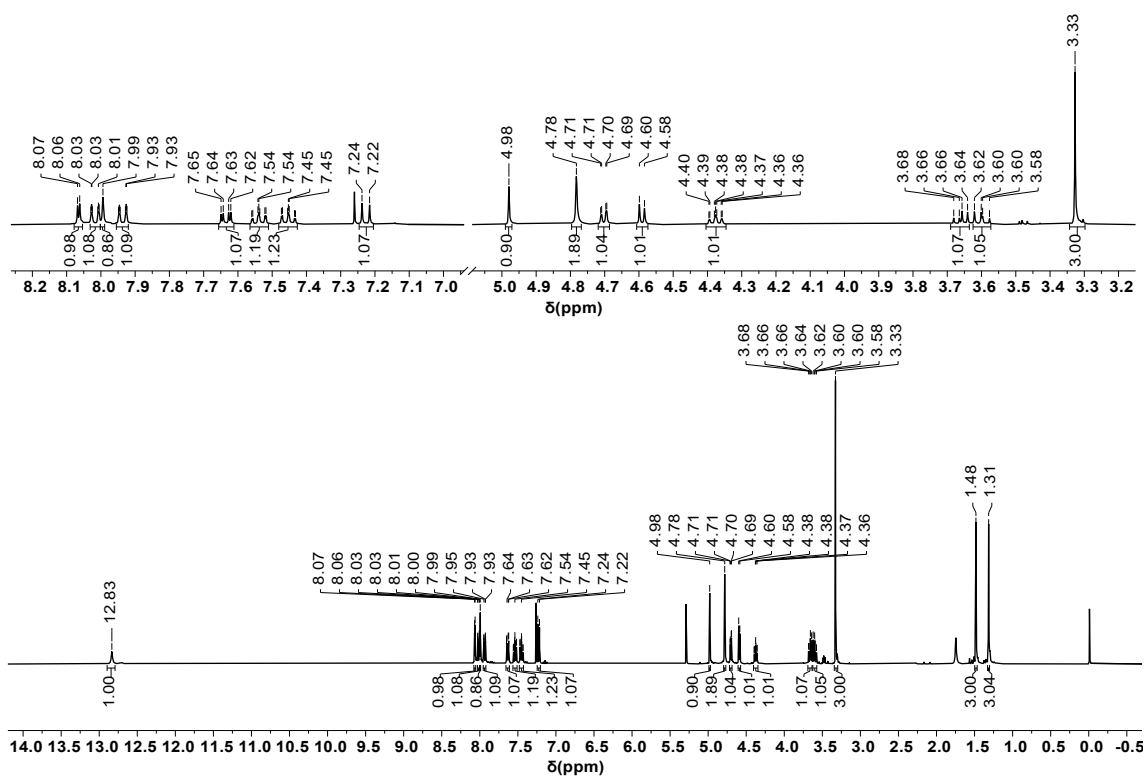
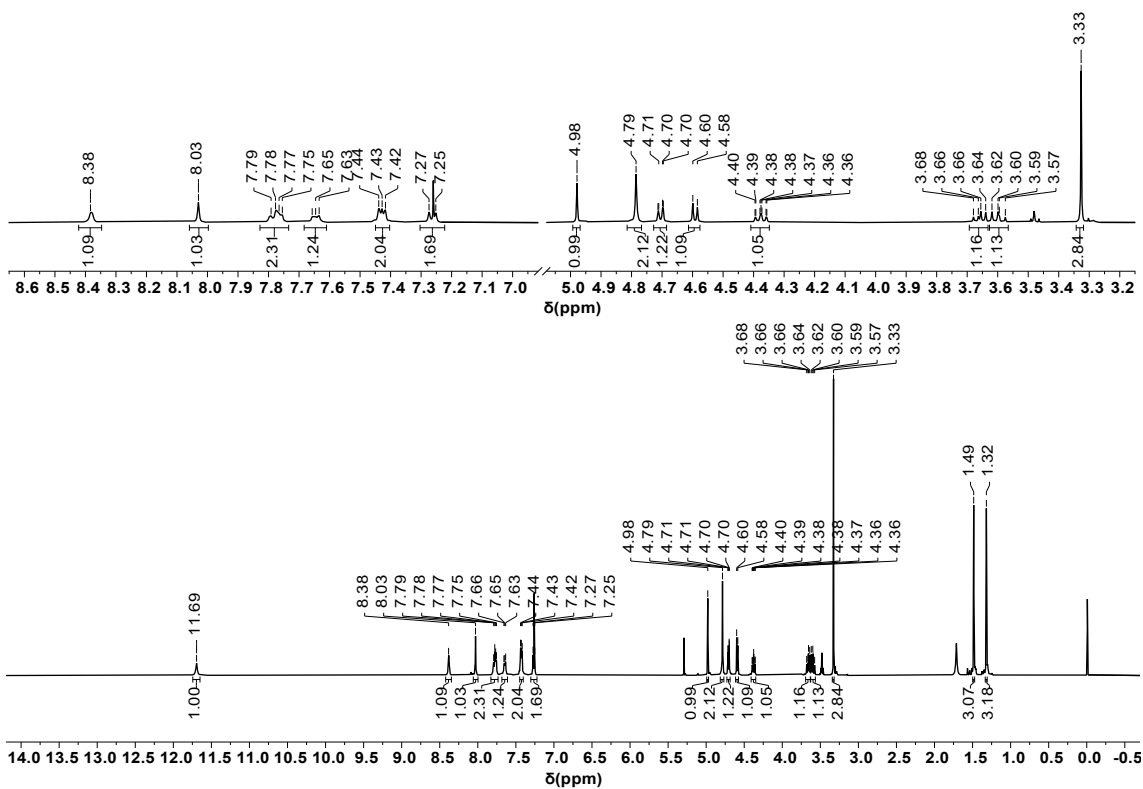
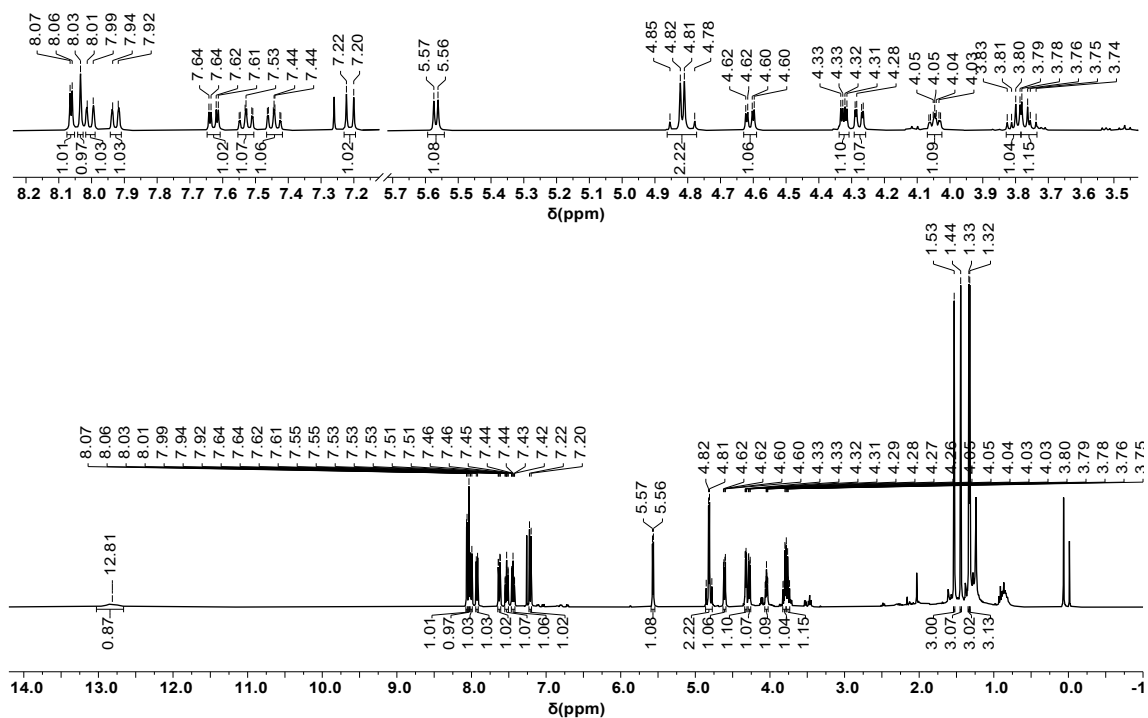


Fig. S12  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum with amplification (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound 15.

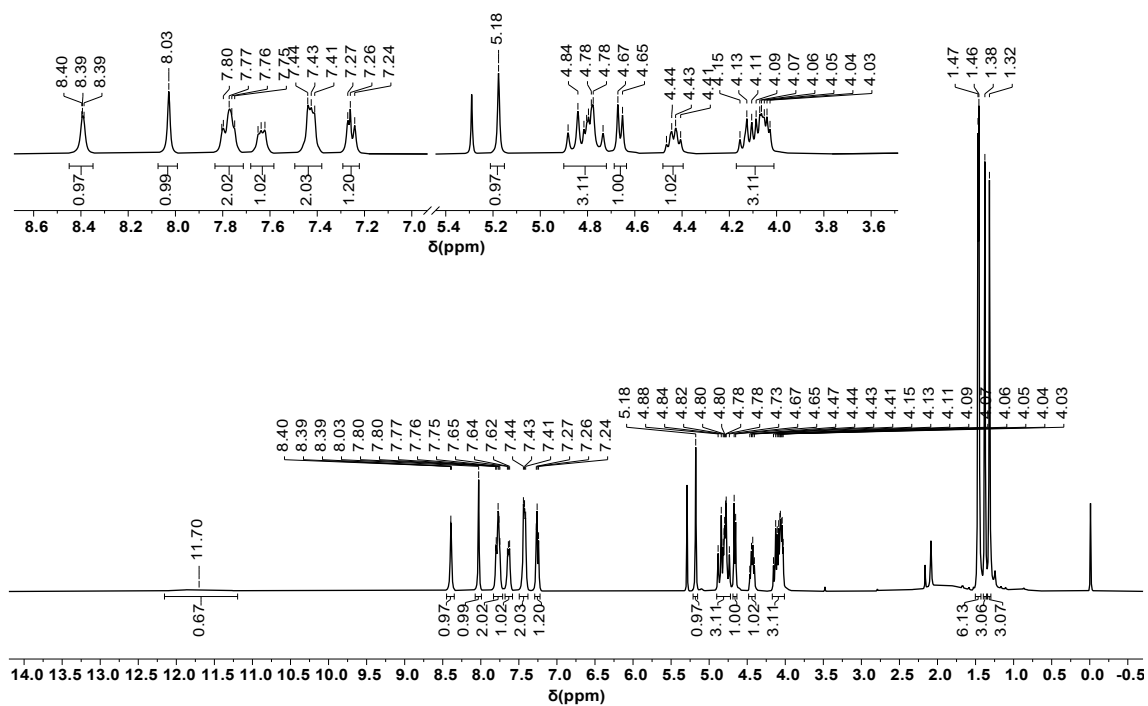


**Fig. S13** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum with amplification (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 16.

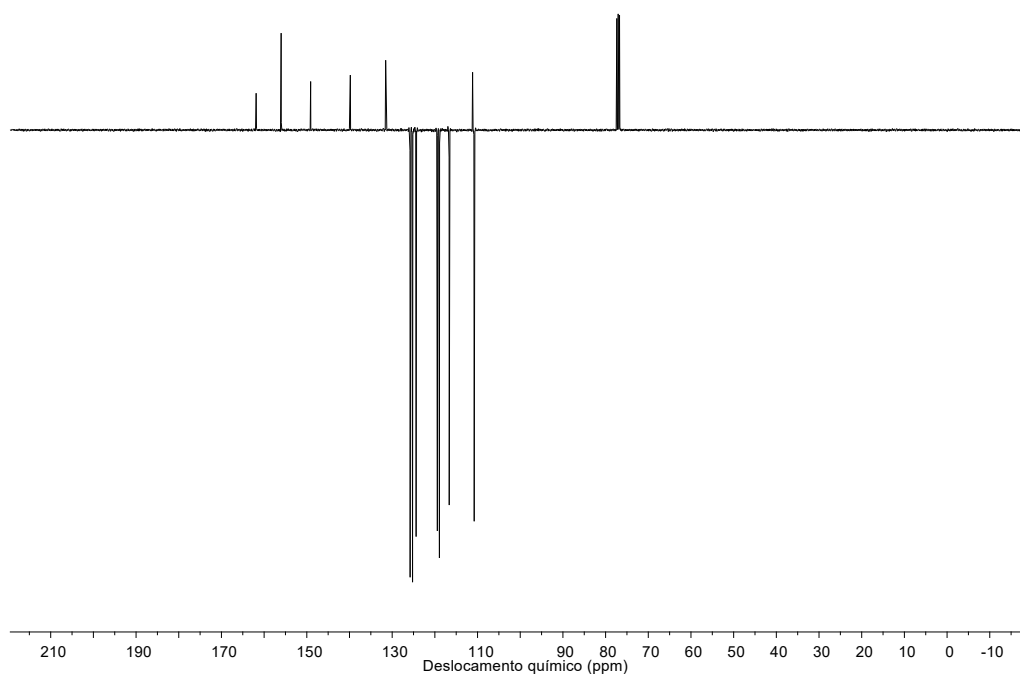


**Fig. S14** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum with amplification (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 17.

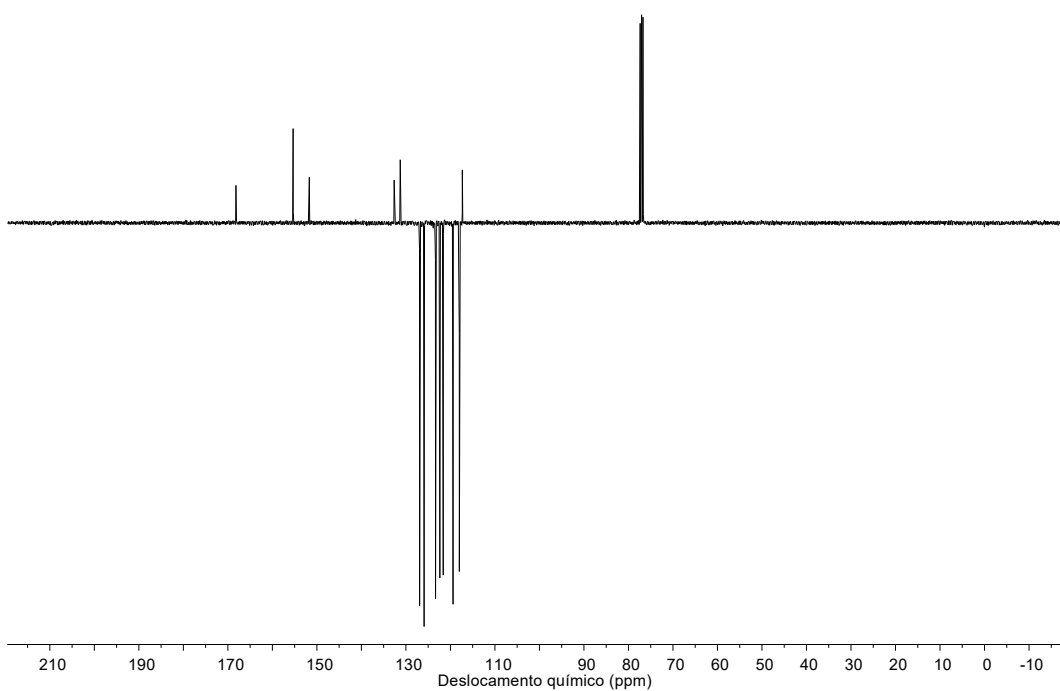




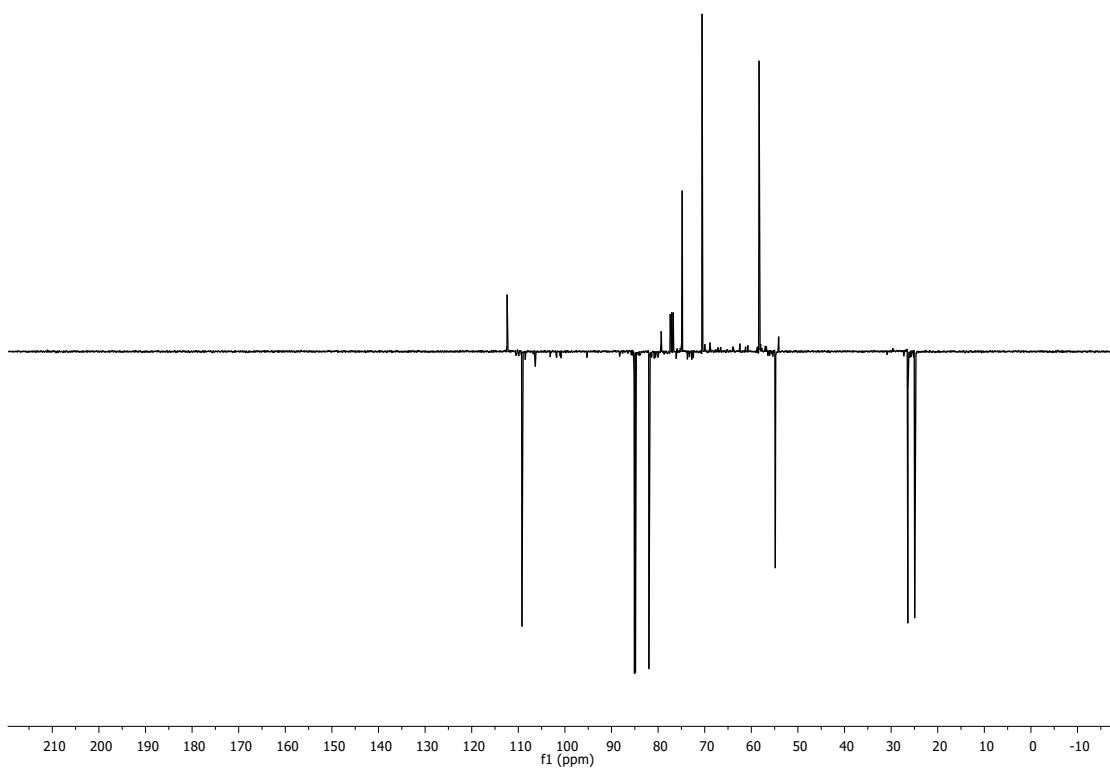
**Fig. S15**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum with amplification (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound **18**.



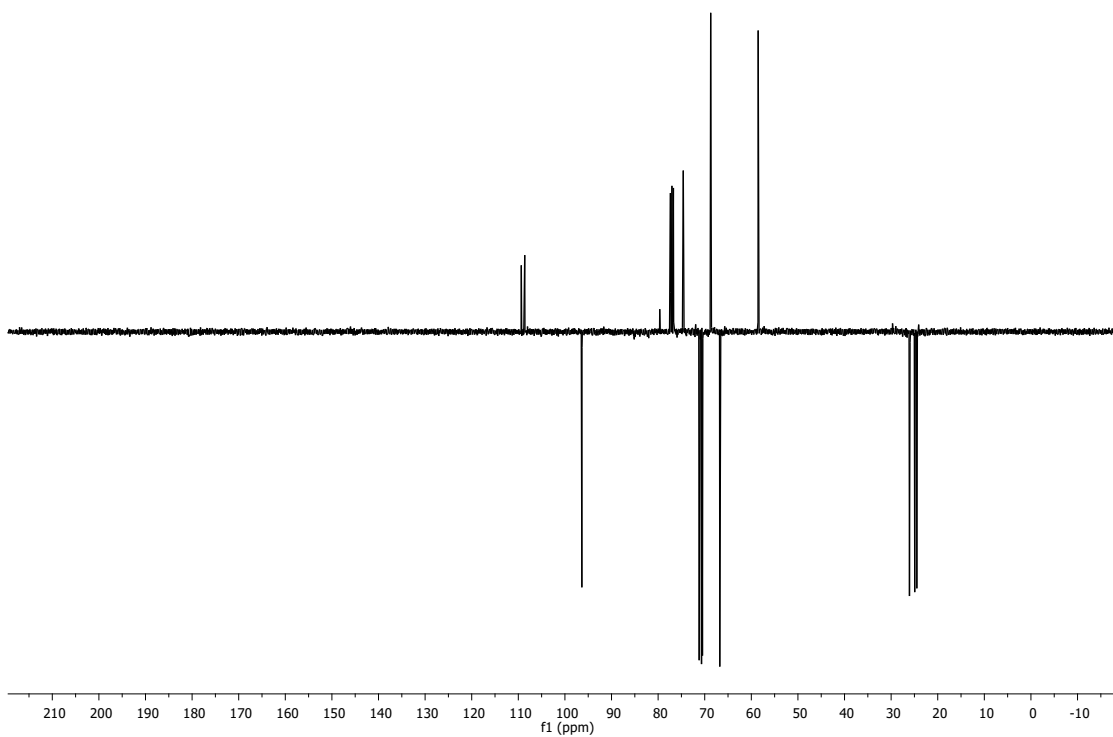
**Fig. S16**  $^{13}\text{C}$ -APT NMR spectrum (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound **3**.



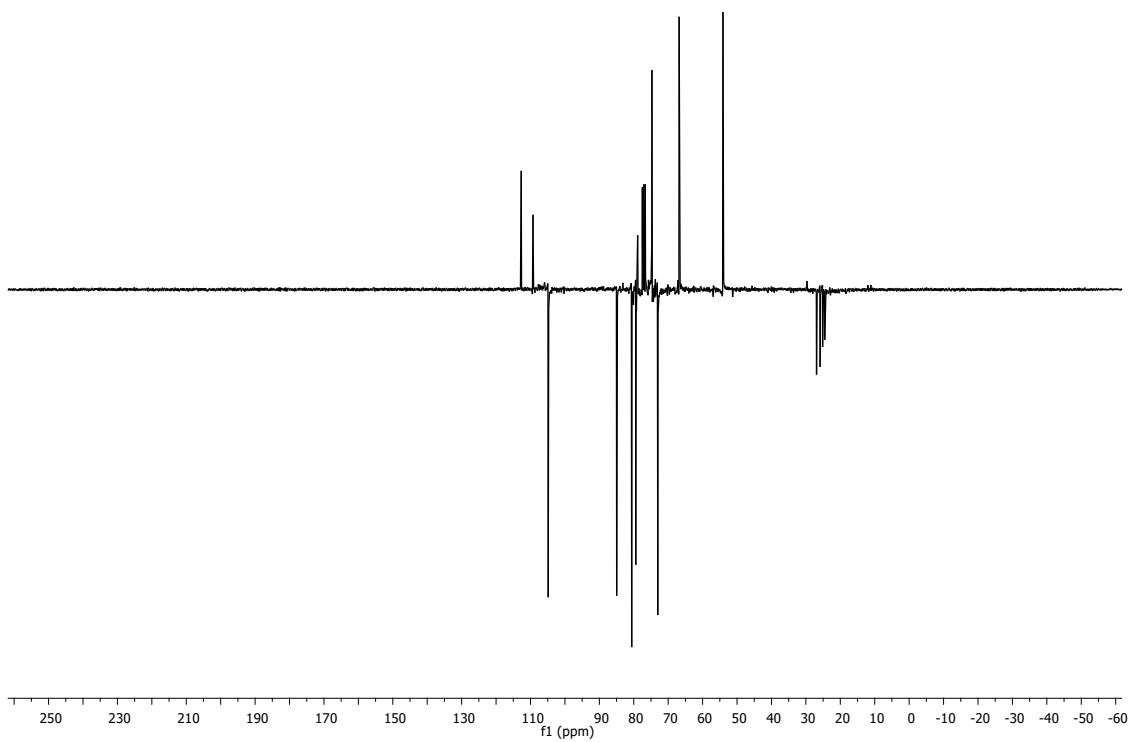
**Fig. S17** <sup>13</sup>C-APT NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **4**.



**Fig. S18** <sup>13</sup>C-APT NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **8**.



**Fig. S19** <sup>13</sup>C-APT NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **11**.



**Fig. S20** <sup>13</sup>C-APT NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **14**.

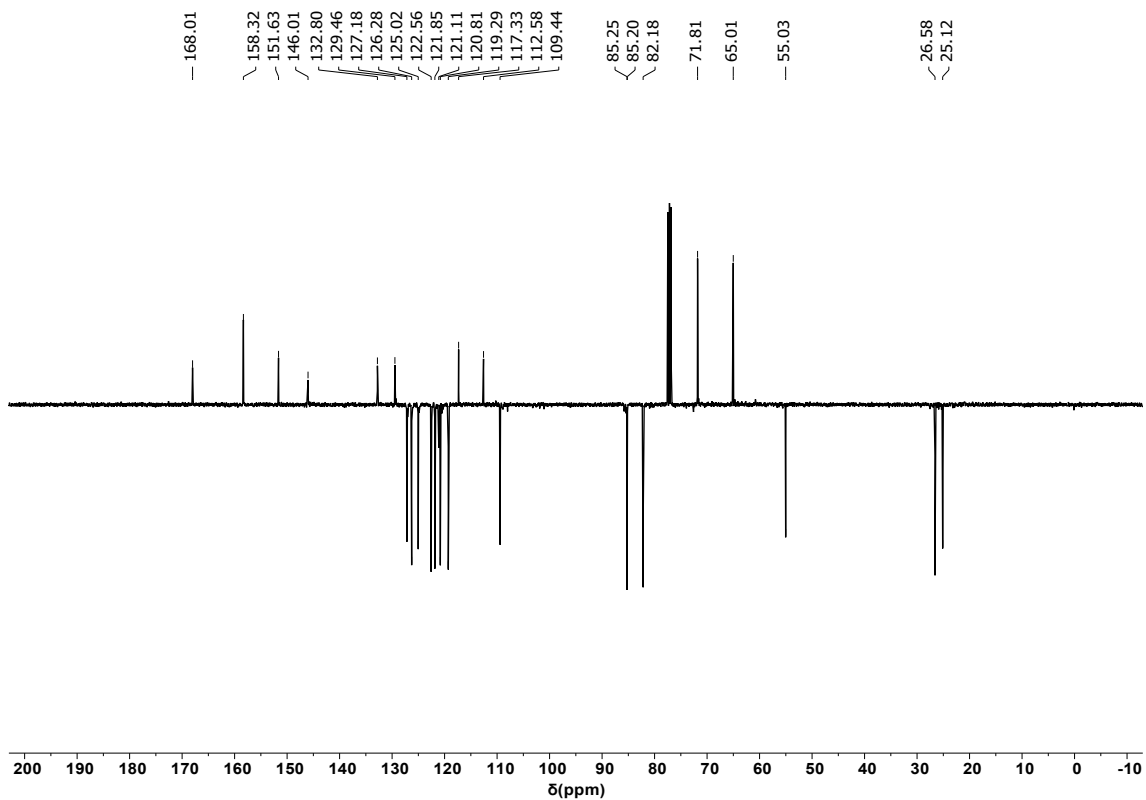


Fig. S21  $^{13}\text{C}$ -APT NMR spectrum (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound 15.

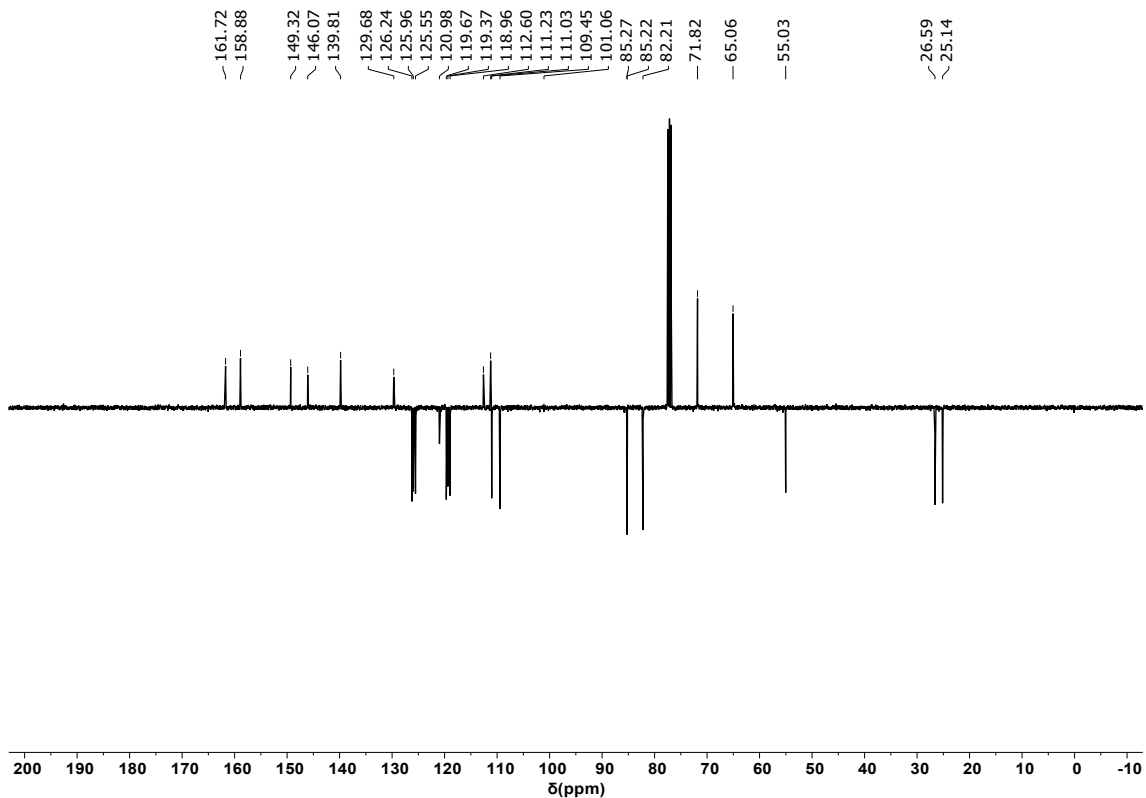


Fig. S22  $^{13}\text{C}$ -APT NMR spectrum (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound 16.

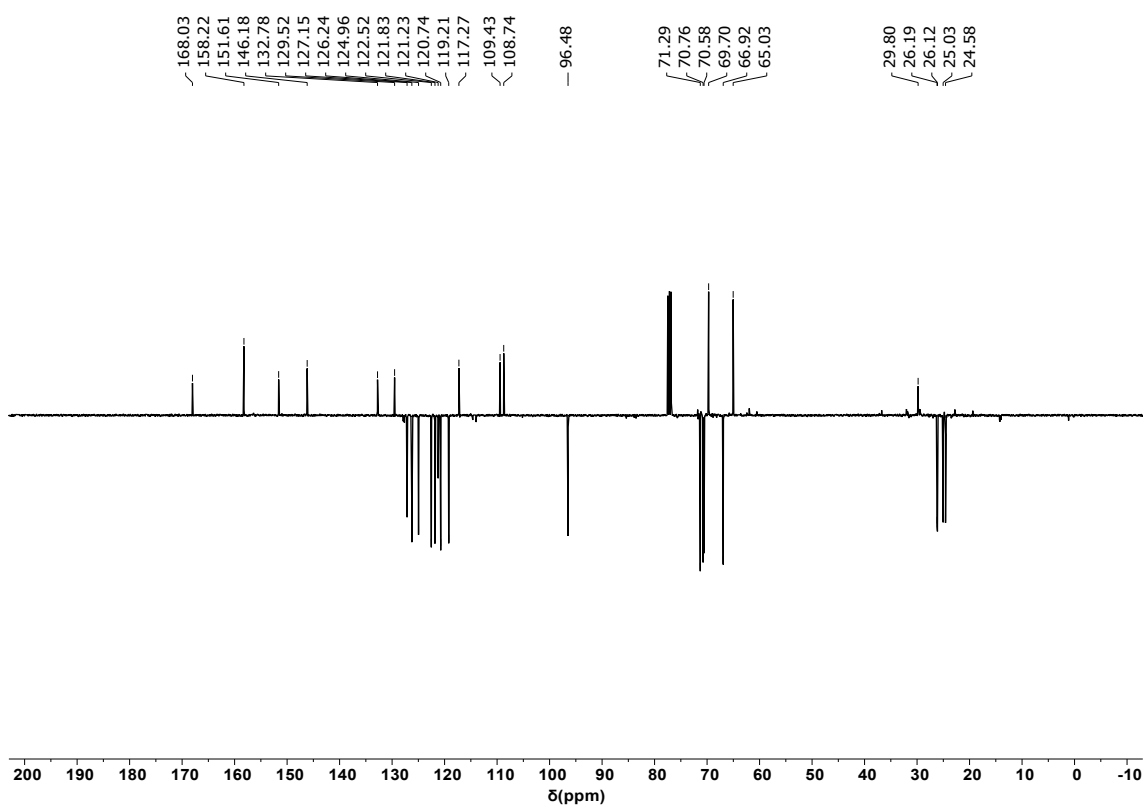


Fig. S23  $^{13}\text{C}$ -APT NMR spectrum (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound 17.

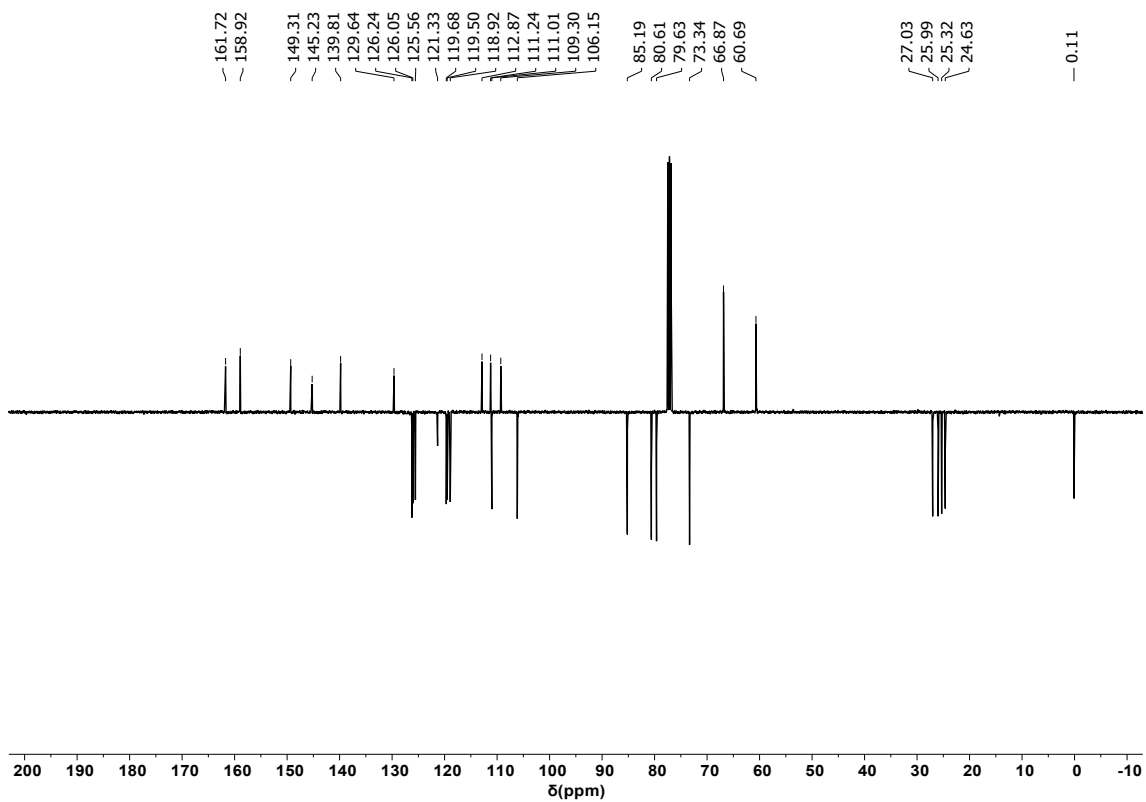
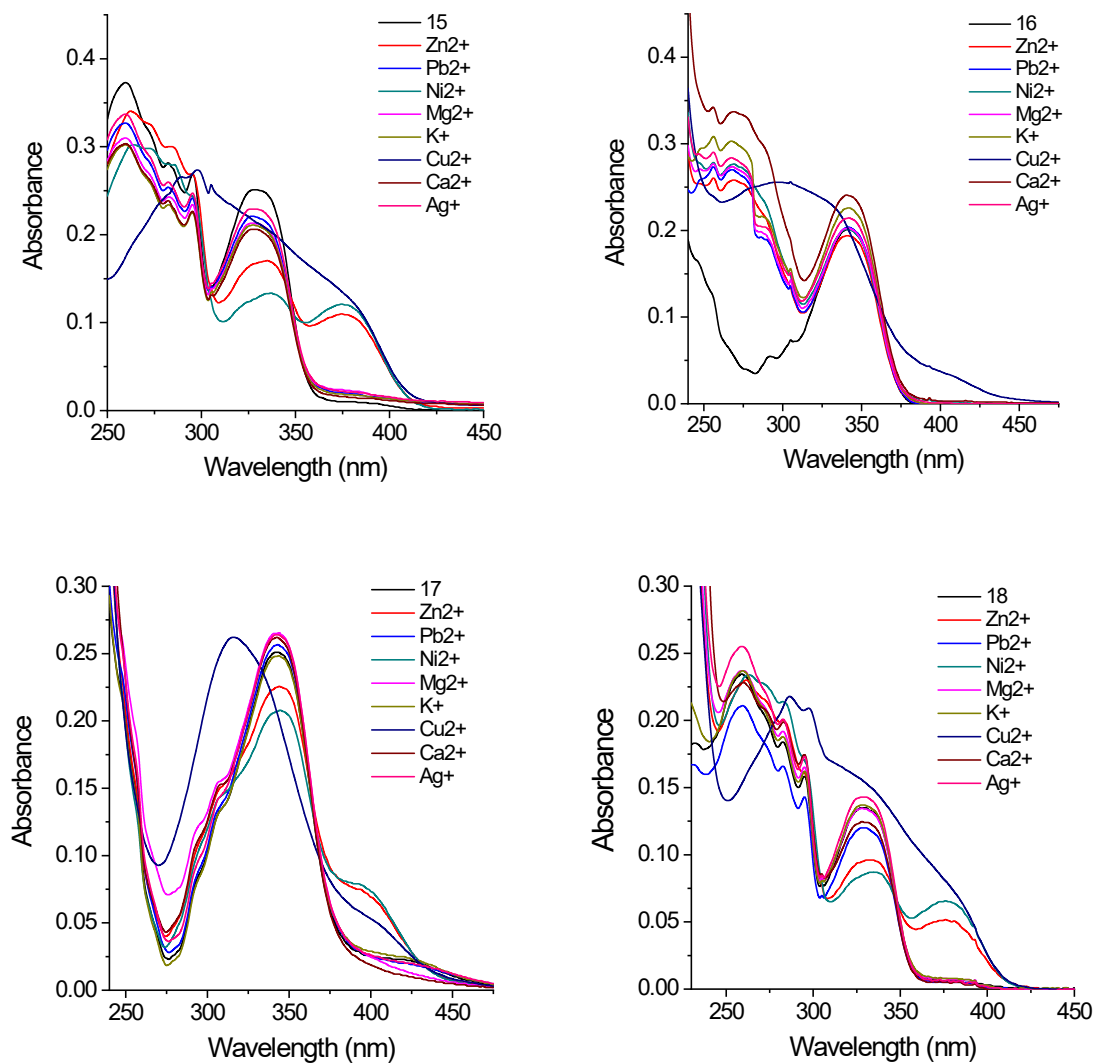
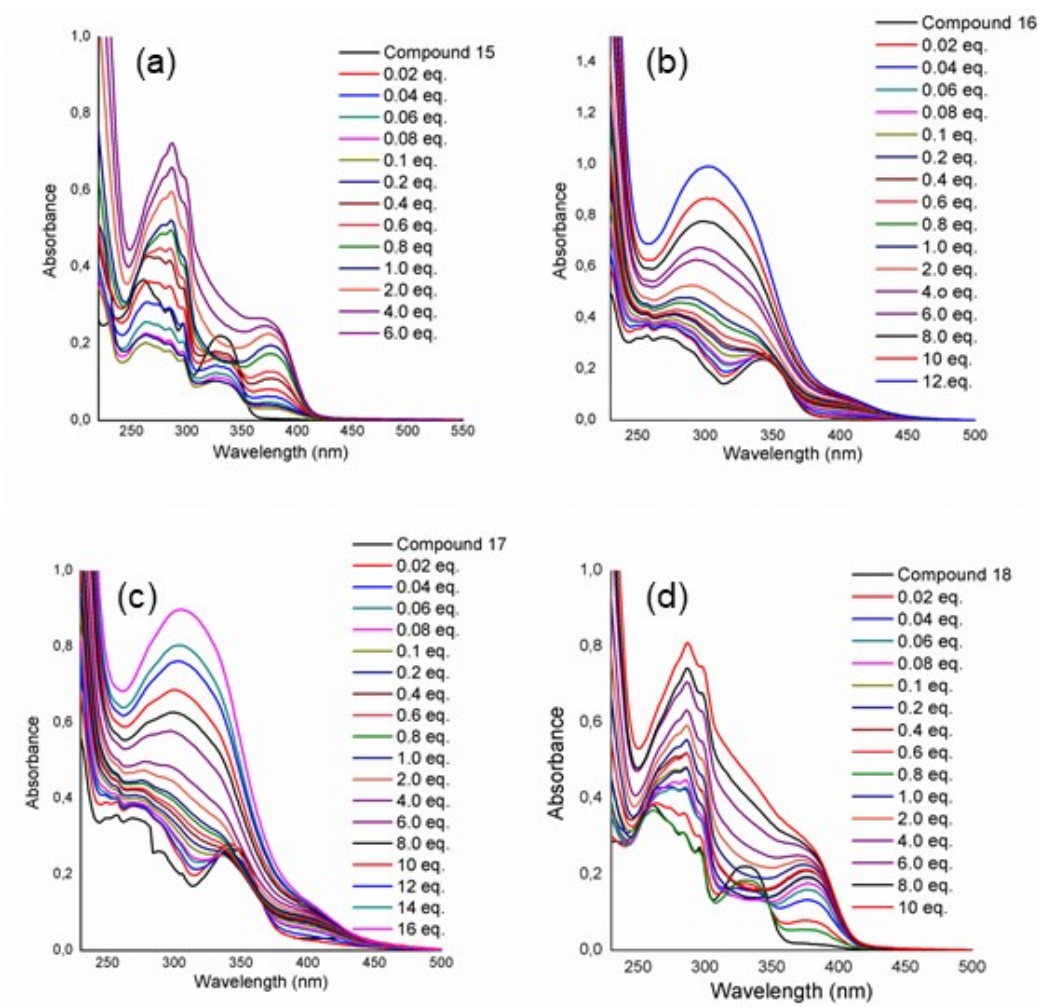


Fig. S24  $^{13}\text{C}$ -APT NMR spectrum (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound 18.

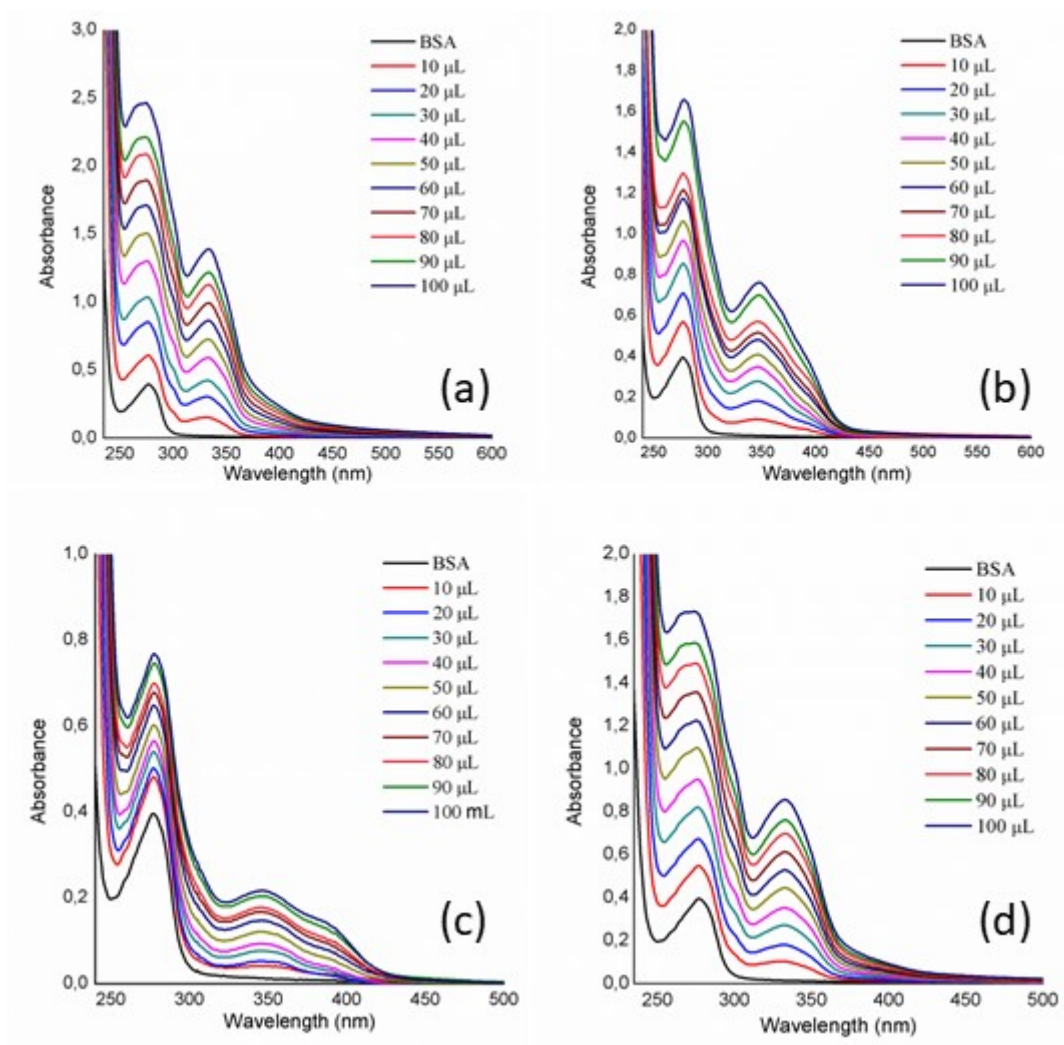
### Additional UV-Vis spectra



**Fig. S25** UV-Vis absorption spectra of the glycoconjugates (a) **15**, (b) **16**, (c) **17**, and (d) **18** in the presence of different  $\text{NO}_3^-$  salts (20 equiv.).

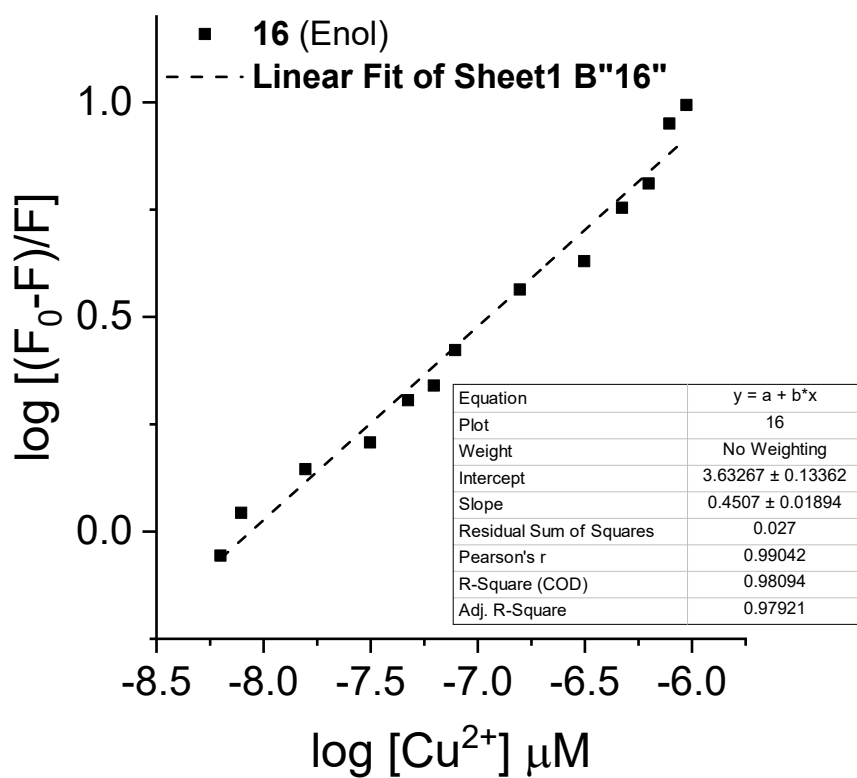


**Fig. S26** UV-Vis absorption spectra of the glycoconjugates (a) **15**, (b) **16**, (c) **17**, and (d) **18** in the presence of different  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  equivalents in acetonitrile solution,

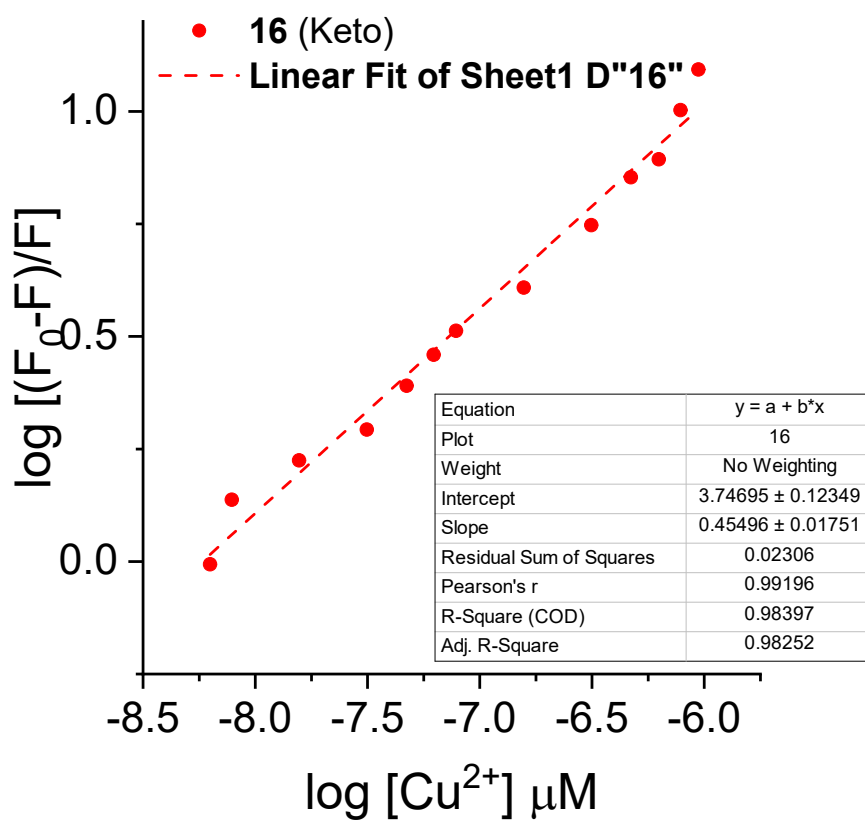


**Fig. S27** UV-Vis absorption spectra of BSA in the presence of different concentrations of glycoconjugates (a) **15**, (b) **16**, (c) **17**, and (d) **18** (10-100 μM).

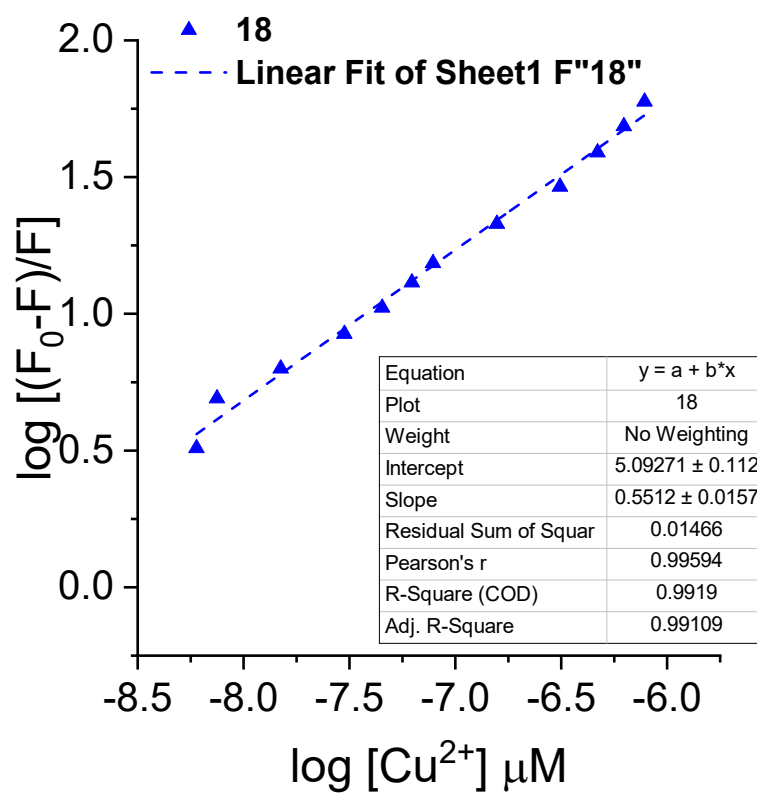




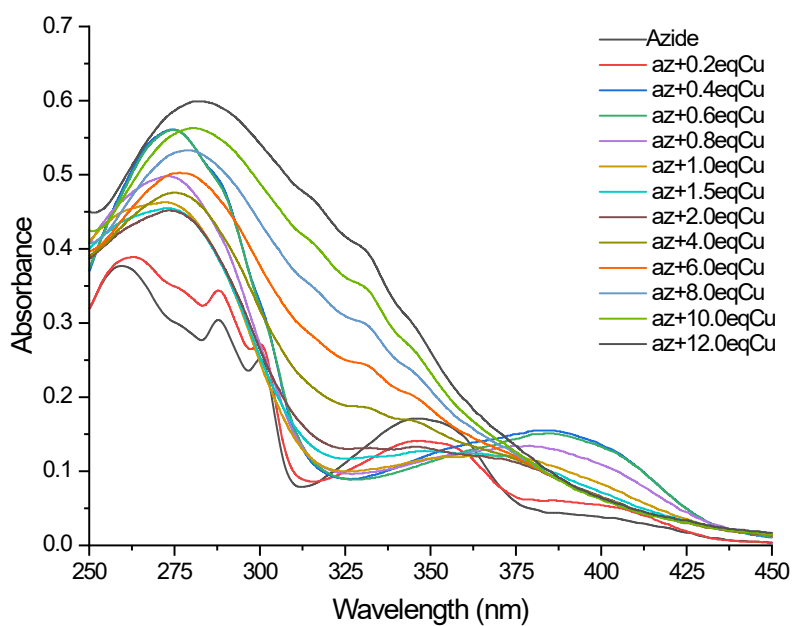
**Fig. S28** Double logarithm plots for the  $K_a$  and  $n$  calculations of glycoconjugate **16** (enol).



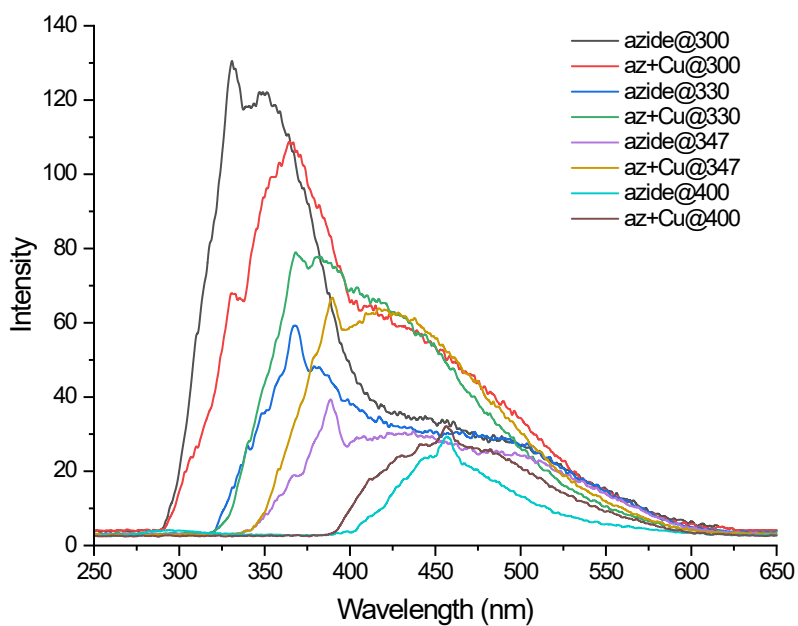
**Fig. S29** Double logarithm plots for the  $K_a$  and  $n$  calculations of glycoconjugate **16** (keto).



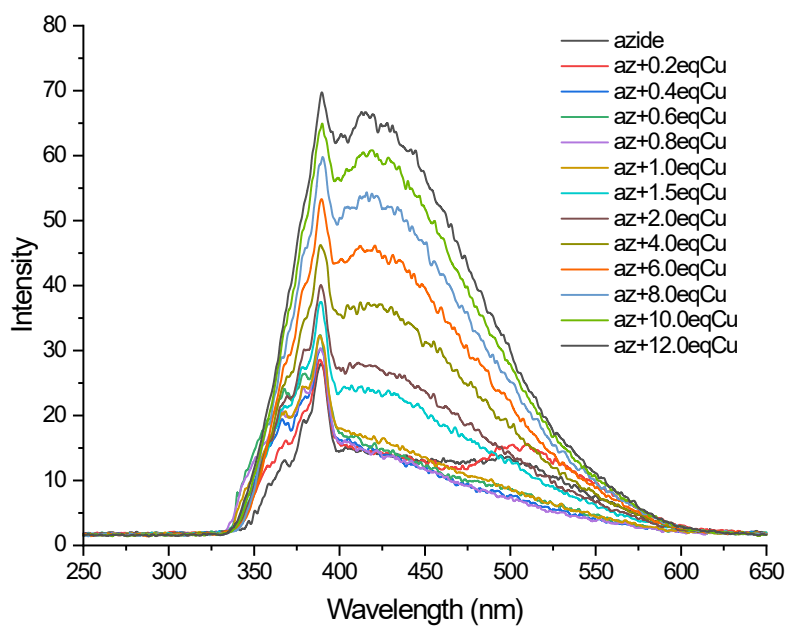
**Fig. S28** Double logarithm plots for the  $K_a$  and  $n$  calculations of glycoconjugate **18**.



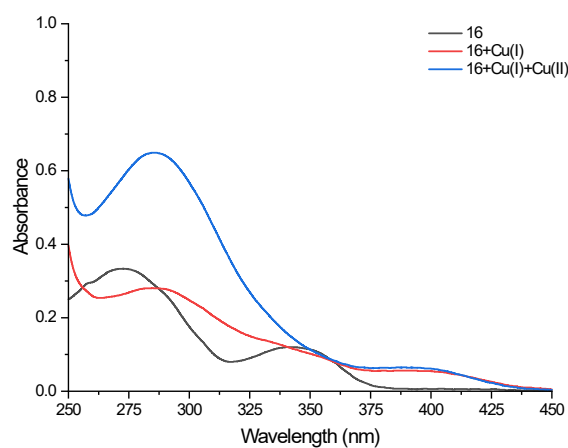
**Fig. S29** UV-Vis absorption spectra of azide **3** ( $1.92 \times 10^{-5}$  M) in the presence of different amounts of  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ .



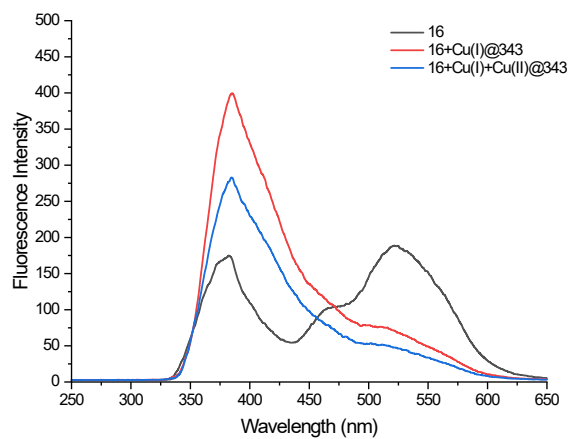
**Fig. S30** Fluorescence emission spectra of azide **3** ( $1.92 \times 10^{-5}$  M) at different excitation wavelengths in the presence of 12 equiv. of  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ .



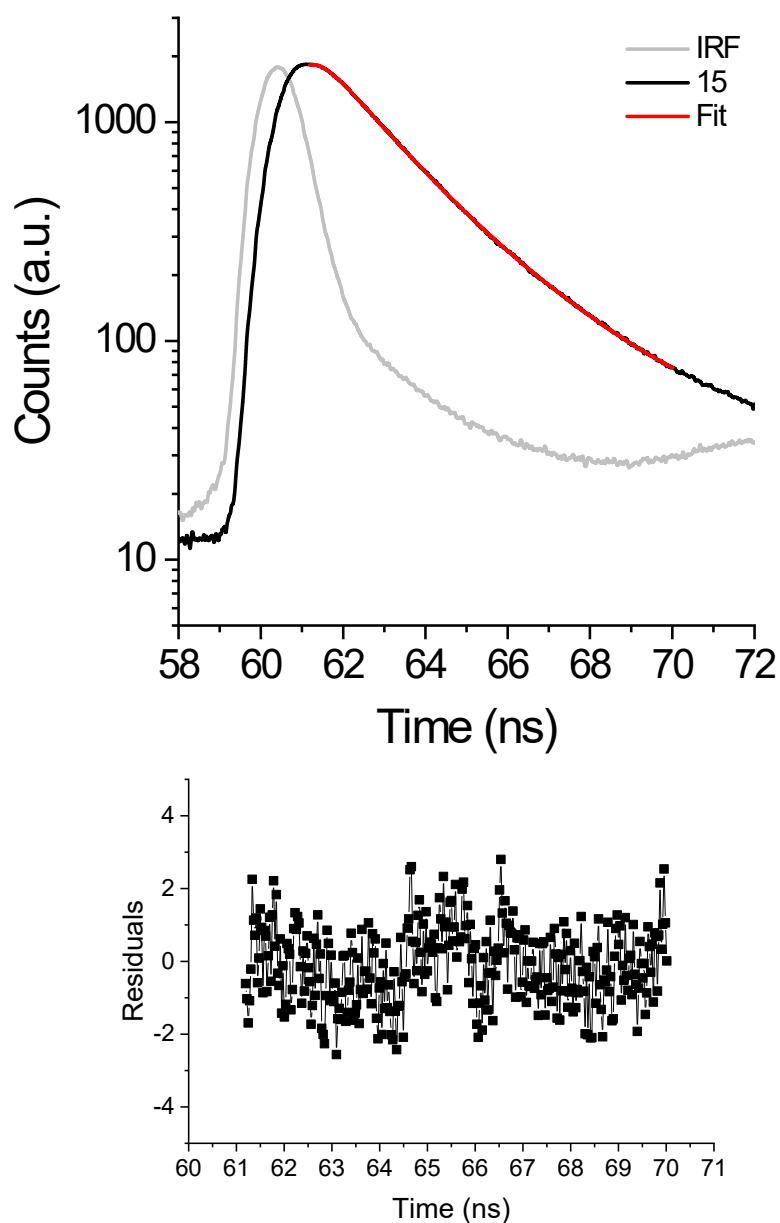
**Fig. S31** UV-Vis absorption spectra of azide **3** ( $1.92 \times 10^{-5}$  M) in the presence of different amounts of  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ . ( $\lambda = 347$  nm, Slit 5.0 nm/5.0 nm).



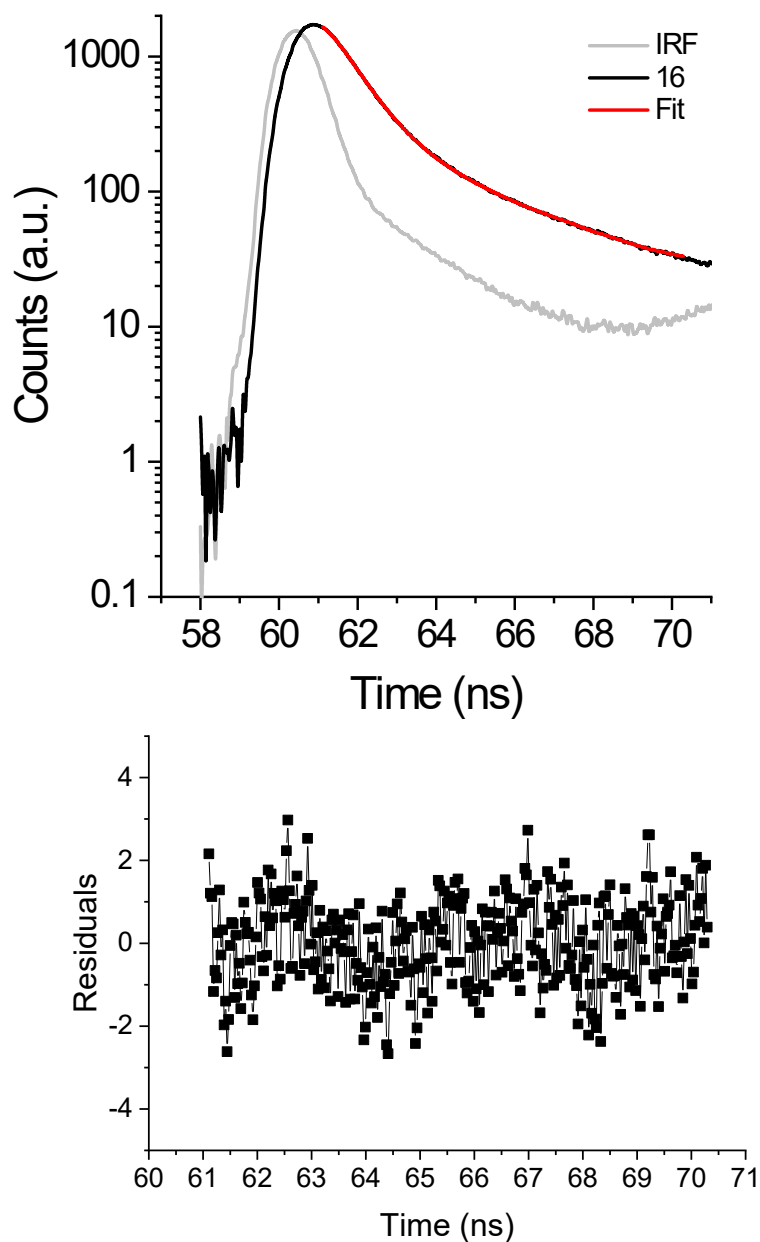
**Fig. S31** UV-Vis spectra of glycoconjugate **16** ( $1.92 \times 10^{-5}$  M) after addition of Copper(I) and Copper(II). (Slit 5.0 nm/5.0 nm).



**Fig. S32** Fluorescence emission spectra of glycoconjugate **16** ( $1.92 \times 10^{-5}$  M) after addition of Copper(I) and Copper(II). (Slit 5.0 nm/5.0 nm).

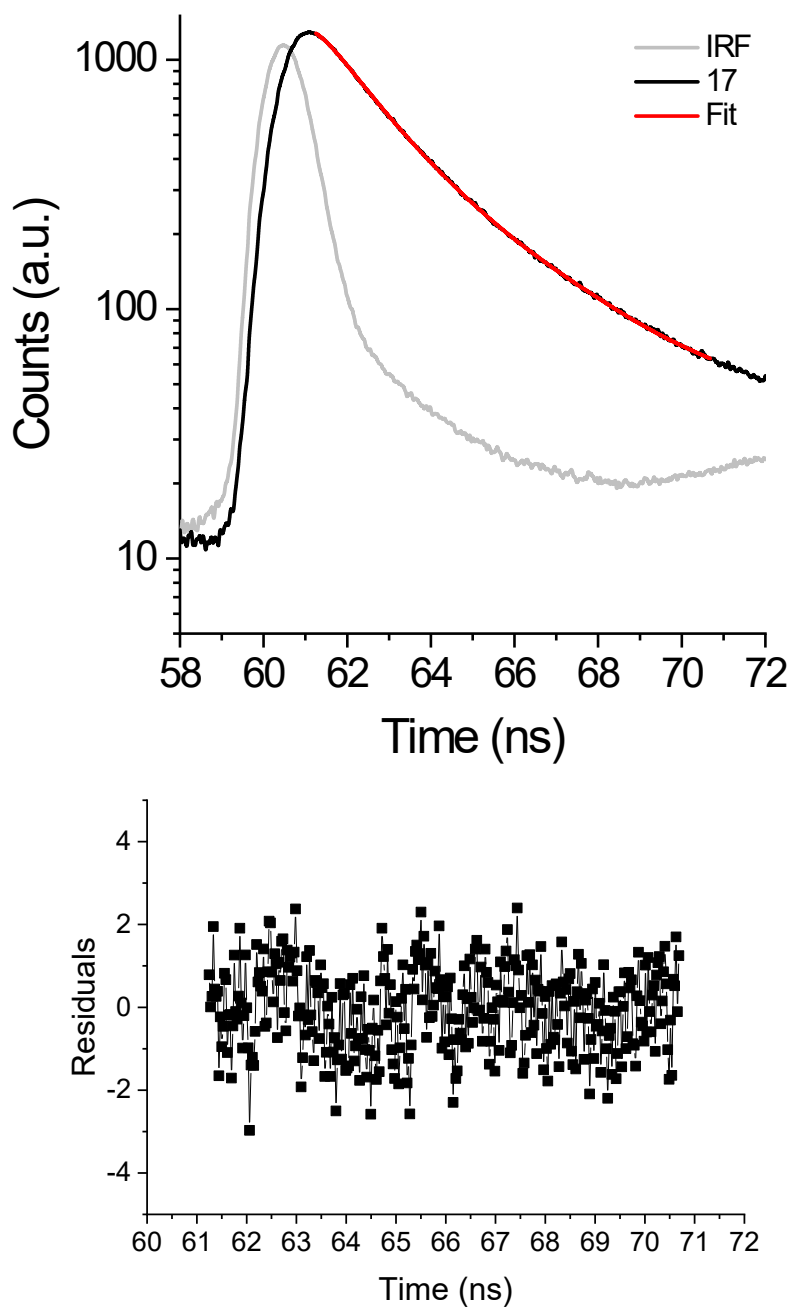


**Fig. S33** Time-resolved fluorescence decay ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}=330$  nm) of the **15** in dichloromethane solution ( $\sim 10^{-5}$  M), IRF (instrument response factor), and respective exponential fit. Below: Residuals from the exponential fit.

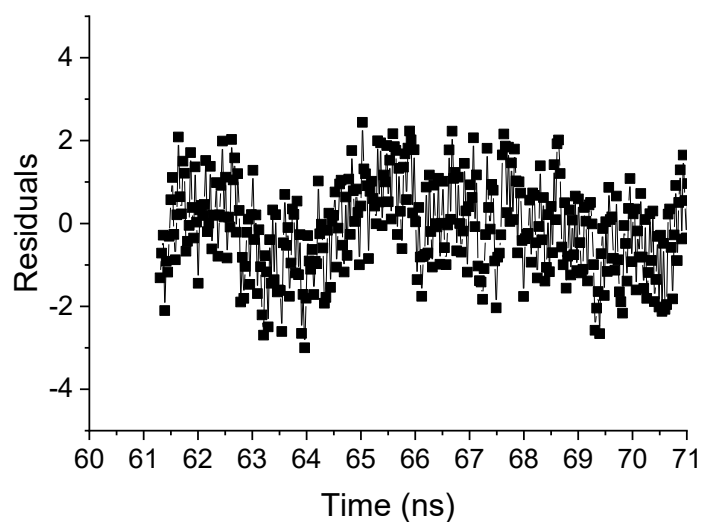
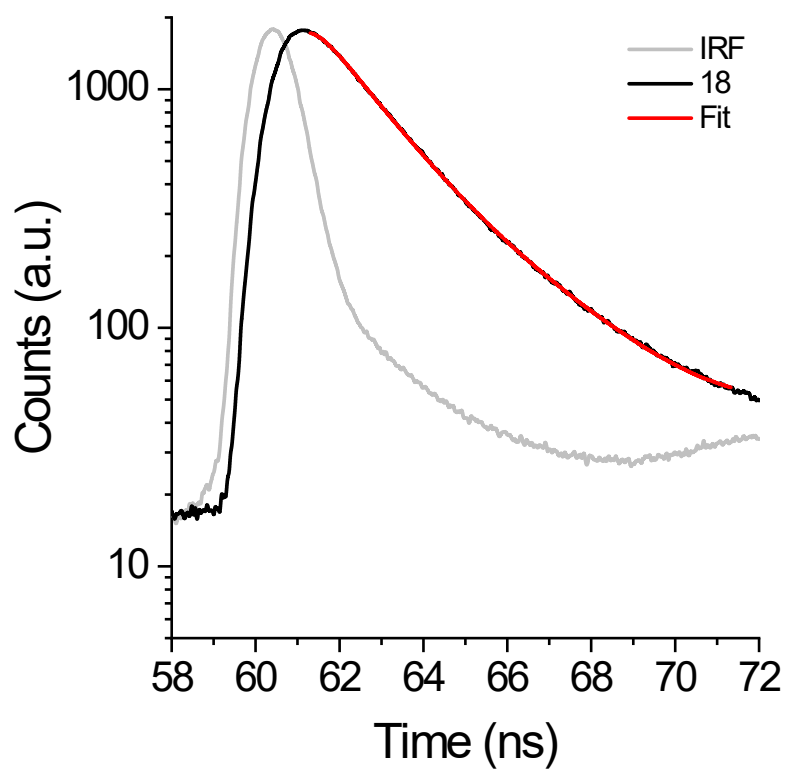


**Fig. S34** Time-resolved fluorescence decay ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}=330$  nm) of the **16** in dichloromethane solution ( $\sim 10^{-5}$  M), IRF (instrument response factor), and respective exponential fit. Below: Residuals from the exponential fit.





**Fig. S35** Time-resolved fluorescence decay ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}=330$  nm) of the **17** in dichloromethane solution ( $\sim 10^{-5}$  M), IRF (instrument response factor), and respective exponential fit. Below: Residuals from the exponential fit.



**Fig. S36** Time-resolved fluorescence decay ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}=330$  nm) of the **18** in dichloromethane solution ( $\sim 10^{-5}$  M), IRF (instrument response factor), and respective exponential fit. Below: Residuals from the exponential fit.

## Time-resolved Spectroscopy data

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Decay curve : Glycoconjugate 15  
IRF curve : irf2

Start Time : 61.16  
End Time : 70.04

Offset will be calculated  
Shift will be calculated

Pre-exp. 1 : 1  
Lifetime 1 : 1  
Pre-exp. 2 : 1  
Lifetime 2 : 1

\*\*\*\*\* Statistics \*\*\*\*\*

Job done after 181 iterations in 4.821 sec.

Fitted curve : FLD Fit (46)  
Residuals : FLD Residuals (46)  
Autocorrelation : FLD Autocorrelation (46)  
Deconvolved Fit : FLD Deconvoluted (46)

Chi2 : 1.252  
Durbin Watson : 1.359  
Z : -0.07679

Pre-exp. 1	: 0.1464	$\pm 8.693e-003$	( 9.666 $\pm$ 0.5739%)
Lifetime 1	: 17.32	$\pm 1.523e+000$	
Pre-exp. 2	: 1.368	$\pm 4.825e-003$	( 90.33 $\pm$ 0.3185%)
Lifetime 2	: 1.554	$\pm 4.681e-003$	

F1 : 0.5438  
F2 : 0.4562

Tau-av1 : 10.13  
Tau-av2 : 3.078

Offset : -242.2  
Shift : -0.1286

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Decay curve : Glycoconjugate 16  
IRF curve : irf

Start Time : 61.08  
End Time : 70.32

Offset will be calculated  
Shift will be calculated

Pre-exp. 1 : 1  
Lifetime 1 : 1  
Pre-exp. 2 : 1  
Lifetime 2 : 1

\*\*\*\*\* Statistics \*\*\*\*\*

Job done after 90 iterations in 2.48 sec.

Fitted curve : FLD Fit (95)  
Residuals : FLD Residuals (95)  
Autocorrelation : FLD Autocorrelation (95)  
Deconvolved Fit : FLD Deconvoluted (95)

Chi2 : 1.466  
Durbin Watson : 1.421  
Z : -0.01761

Pre-exp. 1 : 0.08194 ± 3.539e-003 (3.435 ± 0.1483%)  
Lifetime 1 : 11.47 ± 1.365e+000  
Pre-exp. 2 : 2.304 ± 9.299e-003 (96.57 ± 0.3898%)  
Lifetime 2 : 0.7059 ± 3.590e-003

F1 : 0.3662  
F2 : 0.6338

Tau-av1 : 4.646  
Tau-av2 : 1.075

Offset : -59.87  
Shift : 0.04997

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Decay curve : Glycoconjugate 17  
IRF curve : irf

Start Time : 61.22  
End Time : 70.71

Offset will be calculated  
Shift will be calculated

Pre-exp. 1 : 1  
Lifetime 1 : 1  
Pre-exp. 2 : 1  
Lifetime 2 : 10

\*\*\*\*\* Statistics \*\*\*\*\*

Job done after 43 iterations in 1.295 sec.

Fitted curve : FLD Fit (25)  
Residuals : FLD Residuals (25)  
Autocorrelation : FLD Autocorrelation (25)  
Deconvolved Fit : FLD Deconvoluted (25)

Chi2 : 1.085  
Durbin Watson : 1.549  
Z : -0.02834

Pre-exp. 1 : 1.51 ± 1.390e-002 ( 87.3 ± 0.8033%)  
Lifetime 1 : 1.405 ± 1.059e-002  
Pre-exp. 2 : 0.2198 ± 6.933e-003 ( 12.7 ± 0.4007%)  
Lifetime 2 : 10.54 ± 1.202e+000

F1 : 0.4781  
F2 : 0.5219

Tau-av1 : 6.174  
Tau-av2 : 2.566

Offset : -148  
Shift : 0.1835

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Decay curve : Glycoconjugate 18  
IRF curve : irf2

Start Time : 61.28  
End Time : 71.36

Offset will be calculated  
Shift will be calculated

Pre-exp. 1 : 1  
Lifetime 1 : 1  
Pre-exp. 2 : 1  
Lifetime 2 : 1

\*\*\*\*\* Statistics \*\*\*\*\*

Job done after 100 iterations in 3.276 sec.

Fitted curve : FLD Fit (71)  
Residuals : FLD Residuals (71)  
Autocorrelation : FLD Autocorrelation (71)  
Deconvolved Fit : FLD Deconvoluted (71)

Chi2 : 1.448  
Durbin Watson : 1.437  
Z : -0.04191

Pre-exp. 1	: 1.315	± 5.797e-003 ( 89.71± 0.3953%)
Lifetime 1	: 1.487	± 4.446e-003
Pre-exp. 2	: 0.1509	± 7.659e-003 ( 10.29± 0.5223%)
Lifetime 2	: 18.82	± 1.256e+000

F1 : 0.4079  
F2 : 0.5921

Tau-av1 : 11.75  
Tau-av2 : 3.271

Offset : -257.5  
Shift : -0.1057

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### Additional Docking data

**Table S1** The main amino acid residues and intermolecular forces for the interaction BSA-glycoconjugates **15-18** into site I of BSA.

Sample	Amino acid residues	Interaction	Distance (Å)
<b>15</b>	Trp-213	Hydrophobic	3.78
	Trp-213	Hydrogen bond	2.34
	Arg-217	Hydrogen bond	2.98
	Ser-342	Hydrophobic	3.51
	Ser-343	Hydrogen bond	2.10
	Leu-346	Hydrophobic	3.24
	Asp-450	Hydrogen bond	2.89
	Ser-453	Hydrogen bond	2.13
	Leu-480	Hydrophobic	3.26
<b>16</b>	Trp-213	Hydrogen bond	3.42
	Arg-217	Hydrogen bond	3.00
	Arg-217	$\pi$ -cation	4.06
	Lys-294	Hydrogen bond	2.10
	Val-342 (peptidic bond)	Hydrogen bond	2.09
	Ser-343	Hydrogen bond	2.99
	Arg-483	Hydrophobic	3.62
<b>17</b>	Leu-197	Hydrophobic	3.34
	Ser-201	Hydrogen bond	2.10
	Trp-213	Hydrogen bond	2.50
	Arg-217	Hydrogen bond	2.86
	Arg-217	$\pi$ -cation	4.15
	Glu-291	Hydrophobic	3.95
	Lys-294	Hydrogen bond	2.05
	Val-342 (peptidic bond)	Hydrogen bond	1.88
	Ser-343	Hydrogen bond	2.19
	Leu-346	Hydrophobic	3.38
	Leu-480	Hydrophobic	3.40
Ser-453	Hydrogen bond	2.22	
<b>18</b>	Trp-213	Hydrophobic	3.83
	Trp-213	Hydrogen bond	2.38
	Arg-217	Hydrogen bond	2.86
	Val-342	Hydrophobic	3.35
	Ser-343	Hydrogen bond	2.07
	Leu-346	Hydrophobic	2.95
	Arg-409	$\pi$ -cation	4.72
	Lys-413	$\pi$ -cation	3.40
	Asp-450	Hydrogen bond	3.30
	Ser-453	Hydrogen bond	2.09
	Leu-490	Hydrophobic	3.37