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2	metabolic oligosaccharide engineering
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42 Experimental Procedures

43 Synthesis of Disaccharide Acceptor

44 2-(Benzyloxycarbonylamino)ethyl3,4,6-tri-O-acetyl2-azido-2-deoxy-α-D-galactopyranoside

AcO OAC AcO N₃

NHCbz

45 **(S2)**.



A mixture of trichloroacetimidate S1¹¹(1)(1)¹¹ (prepared from 371 mg, 1.12 mmol of the 47 48 hemiacetal), N-Z-ethanolamine (262 mg, 1.34 mmol) and molecular sieves (4Å, 450 mg) in dry 49 diethyl ether: dichloromethane (20:3, 23 mL) was stirred under argon for 30 min., cooled to -10 °C 50 and TBSOTf (25 µL) was added dropwise and the stirring continued at -10 °C for about 10 min 51 and then allowed to warm to -5 °C over the next 25 min before the acid was guenched by the 52 addition of a few drops of triethylamine. The mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite and 53 washed with CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL). The combined filtrate was concentrated, and the residue was 54 purified by column chromatography (65:35, n-hexane-EtOAc) to afford the title compound S2 as 55 a thick syrup in 80% yield over two steps starting from the hemiacetal (α : β ratio 2.74:10. The α -56 product weighed 331 mg); $R_f = 0.21$ (65:35, *n*-hexane–EtOAc); Going forward only the α -product 57 was used for further reactions.; ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 5.40 (dd, J = 58 3.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (dd, J = 11.2, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 4.97 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (td, J 59 = 6.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.81 – 3.76 (m, 1H), 3.65 – 3.58 (m, 2H), 3.50 – 3.43 60 (m, 1H), 3.40 – 3.35 (m, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H).; ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃) 61 δ 170.43, 156.42, 136.45, 128.49, 128.09, 128.01, 98.40, 88.18, 68.26, 68.15, 67.51, 66.89, 62 66.74, 61.72, 57.53, 40.71, 20.60, 20.57, 20.55.; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (M+Na)⁺ C₂₂H₂₈NaN₄O₁₀ 63 508.1805, found 508.1698.



To a solution of the compound S2 in CH₂Cl₂-CH₃OH (7:2, 9 mL) was added catalytic sodium 67 68 methoxide in CH₃OH to bring the pH of the reaction mixture to 8–9. After stirring for 24 h, the 69 reaction mixture was neutralized by the addition of pre-washed Amberlite IR 120 H⁺ resin. The 70 solution was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated to a syrupy residue that was purified by 71 column chromatography (9:1, DCM-CH₃OH) to give the title compound S3 (201 mg, 81%) as a 72 white foam; $R_f = 0.20$ (1:4, *n*-hexane–EtOAc); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.41 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 73 5.15 – 5.02 (m, 2H), 4.91 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (dd, J = 10.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 74 1H), 3.83 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.79 – 3.62 (m, 3H), 3.57 (dt, J = 10.6, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (dd, J = 75 10.7, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H).; ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃ plus a few drops of CD₃OD) 76 δ 160.91, 140.33, 132.36, 131.97, 131.79, 102.38, 74.36, 73.47, 72.06, 71.30, 70.62, 65.67, 77 64.21, 44.63.; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (M+Na)⁺ C₁₆H₂₂NaN₄O₇ 405.1381, found 405.1379.

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- 79 2-(Benzyloxycarbonylamino)ethyl4,6-*O*-benzylidene-2-azido-2-deoxy-α-D-
- 80 galactopyranoside (S4)



To a solution of compound **S3** (200 mg, 0.520 mmol) in dry *N*, *N*-dimethylformamide (4 mL) was added benzaldehyde dimethylacetal (0.25 mL, 1.66 mmol) followed by camphorsulfonic acid in catalytic amounts (CSA, 12.0 mg). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at 40-45 °C under vacuum before DCM (3 mL), water (0.5 mL) and gl. acetic acid (0.5 mL) were added in succession.

86 After stirring for 30 min, the solution was diluted with DCM (40 mL), washed with water (3 X 15 87 mL), organic layer separated, dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated to a syrupy residue that was 88 purified by column chromatography (1:1, n-hexane-EtOAc) to afford S4 (222 mg, 90%) as a semi 89 solid; R_f = 0.30 (1:1, *n*-hexane–EtOAc); ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 90 7.29 (m, 8H), 5.55 (s, 1H), 5.22 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.13 – 5.07 (m, 2H), 4.99 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 91 4.27 - 4.21 (m, 2H), 4.14 (td, J = 10.6, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (dd, J = 12.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.84 - 3.7792 (m, 1H), 3.70 (s, 1H), 3.58 (dt, J = 10.7, 3.7 Hz, 2H), 3.52 – 3.44 (m, 1H), 3.42 – 3.36 (m, 1H), 93 2.49 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H).; ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.40, 137.23, 136.49, 129.39, 128.55, 94 128.34, 128.17, 128.10, 126.19, 101.27, 99.03, 75.36, 69.12, 67.92, 67.48, 66.77, 62.99, 60.81, 95 40.76.; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (M+Na)⁺ C₂₃H₂₆NaN₄O₇ 493.1694, found 493.1694.

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97 2-(Benzyloxycarbonylamino)ethyl2-azido-3-O-[2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-β-D-

98 galactopyranosyl]-4,6-O-benzylidene-2-deoxy- α -D-galactopyranoside (S6)



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100 Alcohol **S4** (220 mg, 0.460 mmol) and thioglycoside **S5**² (255 mg, 0.560 mmol) were dried under 101 vacuum in the presence of P_2O_5 for 6 h prior to glycosylation. After drying, CH₂Cl₂ (13 mL) was 102 added to it followed by powdered 4 Å molecular sieves (0.310 g) and stirred for 20 minutes. The 103 reaction mixture was then cooled to 0°C and N-iodosuccinimide (152 mg, 0.670 mmol) and silver 104 triflate (29.0 mg, 0.110 mmol) were added. After stirring the mixture for 30 min at 0 °C, the reaction 105 was quenched by the addition of triethylamine until the pH of the solution was slightly basic. The 106 reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) and filtered through Celite. The filtrate was 107 washed with a saturated ag. solution of sodium thiosulphate (2 X 15 mL), water (15 mL) and brine 108 (15 mL). The organic layer was separated, dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered and concentrated to a syrupy residue which was purified by column chromatography (1:1, hexanes/EtOAc) to yield the title compound **S6** as a thick syrup (248 mg*, that was not completely pure and hence was used directly for the next step). $R_f = 0.19$ (1:1, *n*-hexane–EtOAc); HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (M+Na)⁺ $C_{37}H_{44}NaN_4O_{16}$ 823.2645 found 823.2645.

*Note: A major percentage of the required disaccharide was found to have the -STol group (from the donor compound **S5** used in glycosylation) attached to the nitrogen on the -NHCbz [-N(STol)Cbz; 127 mg, $R_f = 0.61$ (1:1, *n*-hexane–EtOAc)]. This was successfully converted back to the required compound **S9** in three steps (steps required for the conversion of compound **S7** to **S9**) thus improving the overall yield of the synthetic route.

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119 **2-(Benzyloxycarbonylamino)ethyl2-azido-3-O-[2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-β-D-**

120 galactopyranosyl]-2-deoxy-α-D-galactopyranoside (S7)



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122 To a solution of compound **S6** (248 mg impure sample from above) in CH₃CN-H₂O (9:1, 10 mL) 123 was added pyridinium p-toluenesulfonate (200 mg, 0.800 mmol) and heated at reflux for 22 h, 124 cooled to room temperature and then concentrated to obtain a syrupy residue that was re-125 dissolved in dichloromethane (25 mL) and washed with water (2 X 10 mL). The organic layer was 126 separated, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated to a syrupy residue which was purified by 127 column chromatography (1:4, hexanes/EtOAc) to afford S7 (100 mg, 30% over two steps*) as a 128 thick syrup; $R_f = 0.31$ (1:4, *n*-hexane–EtOAc); ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 7.41 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 129 5.40 (dd, J = 3.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.35 – 5.32 (m, 2H), 5.24 (dd, J = 10.5, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 130 5.05 (dd, J = 10.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.20 – 4.16 (m, 131 2H), 4.13 – 4.07 (m, 2H), 4.03 (dd, J = 10.6, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (ddd, J = 7.4, 5.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.88 132 - 3.84 (m, 2H), 3.82 - 3.77 (m, 1H), 3.77 - 3.72 (m, 1H), 3.66 - 3.58 (m, 2H), 3.48 - 3.38 (m,

- 133 2H), 2.86 (br. s, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H).; ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, 134 CD₂Cl₂) δ 170.74, 170.49, 170.34, 169.83, 137.27, 128.85, 128.43, 128.30, 102.26, 99.14, 78.66, 135 71.78, 71.12, 70.25, 69.43, 68.75, 68.24, 67.45, 66.95, 62.92, 62.05, 59.06, 41.25, 20.83, 20.82, 136 20.80, 20.74.; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (M+Na)⁺ C₃₀H₄₀NaN₄O₁₆ 735.2332, found 735.2329.
- 137 *See the note under compound **S6**
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- 139 **2-(Benzyloxycarbonylamino)ethyl2-azido-3-O-[2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-β-D-**
- 140 galactopyranosyl]-4,6-di-O-acetyl-2-deoxy-α-D-galactopyranoside (S8)



142 To a solution of compound S7 (176 mg, 0.250 mmol) in pyridine (5 mL) at < 5 °C under nitrogen 143 was added acetic anhydride (0.1 mL, 1.06 mmol) dropwise. The reaction mixture was allowed to 144 come to r.t. and stirred for 24 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to < 5 °C followed by the 145 addition of methanol (0.3 mL) dropwise, stirred for 30 minutes and concentrated to a syrupy 146 residue which was purified by column chromatography (1:1, hexanes/EtOAc) to yield **S8** (176 mg, 147 90 %) as a semi solid. R_f = 0.29 (1:1, *n*-hexane–EtOAc); ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 – 7.30 148 (m, 5H), 5.43 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (dd, J = 3.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.28 – 5.22 (m, 1H), 5.15 (dd, J 149 = 10.5, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 4.98 (dd, J = 10.5, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.67 150 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.17 – 4.04 (m, 5H), 3.98 – 3.92 (m, 1H), 3.88 (ddd, J = 7.3, 6.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 151 3.79 - 3.73 (m, 1H), 3.66 - 3.60 (m, 2H), 3.50 - 3.44 (m, 1H), 3.44 - 3.37 (m, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 152 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 3H).; ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153 170.48, 170.36, 170.22, 170.06, 169.62, 169.46, 156.34, 136.37, 128.55, 128.22, 128.12, 101.49, 154 98.34, 74.62, 70.82, 70.78, 69.33, 68.76, 68.24, 67.72, 66.84, 66.76, 62.76, 60.98, 59.61, 40.74,

155 20.70, 20.68, 20.66, 20.64, 20.61, 20.52.; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (M+Na)⁺ C₃₄H₄₄NaN₄O₁₈
156 819.2543, found 819.2541.

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158 **2-(Benzyloxycarbonylamino)ethyl2-acetamido-3-O-[2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-**β-D-

159 galactopyranosyl]-4,6-di-O-acetyl-2-deoxy-α-D-galactopyranoside (S9)



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161 To a solution of azide S8 (176 mg, 0.220 mmol) in dry pyridine (6 mL) was added CH₃COSH (2.1 162 mL), and the solution was stirred at r.t. under nitrogen for 7 days. The reaction mixture was 163 concentrated to a syrupy residue which was purified by column chromatography (9:1, 164 DCM/CH₃OH) to yield **S9** (180 mg, quantitative) as a semi solid. $R_f = 0.22$ (neat EtOAc); ¹H NMR 165 $(700 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 7.38 - 7.28 \text{ (m, 5H)}, 6.03 \text{ (d, } J = 8.8 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 5.35 - 5.30 \text{ (m, 2H)}, 5.20 \text{ (m, 2H)}, 5.20 \text{ (m, 2H)}, 5.20 \text{ (m, 2H)},$ 166 5.05 (m, 4H), 5.13 – 5.04 (m, 3H), 4.96 – 4.90 (m, 2H), 4.54 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (ddd, J = 167 10.9, 8.7, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.15 – 4.05 (m, 4H), 3.97 (dd, J = 10.8, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.88 – 3.81 (m, 2H), 168 3.71 (ddd, J = 10.9, 7.3, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (ddd, J = 10.4, 6.1, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.47 - 3.41 (m, 1H), 169 3.39 – 3.32 (m, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 170 3H), 1.95 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.57, 170.39, 170.29, 170.13, 169.99, 169.70, 171 156.70, 136.23, 128.62, 128.55, 128.33, 128.01, 100.64, 98.40, 73.07, 70.83, 70.73, 68.68, 68.58, 172 68.55, 67.57, 66.86, 66.71, 62.81, 61.00, 48.83, 41.01, 23.23, 20.72, 20.71, 20.70, 20.69, 20.64, 173 20.52.; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (M+Na)⁺ C₃₆H₄₈NaN₂O₁₉ 835.2743, found 835.2750.

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175 **2-(Benzyloxycarbonylamino)ethyl-2-acetamido-3-O-[β-D-galactopyranosyl]-2-deoxy-** α -D-

176 galactopyranoside (12)



178 To a solution of compound **S9** (102 mg, 0.130 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂–CH₃OH (3:1, 8 mL) was added 179 sodium methoxide in CH₃OH to bring the pH of the reaction mixture to 8–9. The solution was 180 stirred for 48h and was then neutralized by the addition of pre-washed Amberlite IR 120 H⁺ resin, 181 filtered and the filtrate was concentrated to a syrupy residue that was purified by a C-18 column 182 (water-methanol, gradient elution) to afford the title compound **12** (63.0 mg, 90 %) as a white fluffy 183 material. $R_f = 0.40$ (36:9:9:6, EtOAc: CH₃OH: AcOH: water); ¹H NMR (700 MHz, D₂O) δ 7.50 – 184 7.37 (m, 5H), 5.17 (d, J = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (dd, J = 11.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (dd, J = 11.0, J =185 186 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.94 – 3.90 (m, 2H), 3.78 – 3.71 (m, 4H), 3.69 (dd, J = 11.7, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.66 – 3.59 187 (m, 2H), 3.57 – 3.50 (m, 2H), 3.44 (ddd, J = 14.6, 7.1, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.35 – 3.30 (m, 1H), 1.98 (s, 3H).; ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, D₂O) δ 175.49, 159.48, 137.45, 129.81, 129.42, 128.63, 105.72, 98.31, 188 189 78.26, 75.92, 73.50, 71.68, 71.58, 69.70, 69.53, 67.85, 67.78, 62.12, 61.88, 49.51, 41.22, 22.98.; 190 HRMS (ESI) calcd. for (M+Na)⁺ C₂₄H₃₆NaN₂O₁₃ 583.2110, found 583.2107.

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192 Siglec-7 Fc production

Siglec-7 Fc was cloned, stably transfected in CHO Flp-In cells, expressed, and purified exactly
as previously described with no modifications.^{3, 4}

195 Siglec-7 Fc binding COIN-CaR-nMS

Protein-ligand affinity measurements were performed as recently described.⁵⁻⁷ In short, all measurements were performed in negative ion mode using a Q Exactive Ultra-High Mass Range (UHMR) Orbitrap mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Bremen, Germany) with a nano-ESI source. The nano-ESI emitter was loaded with 2 solutions –solution 1 contained Siglec-7 Fc 200 and ligands 13 and 14 (0.5 µM), solution 2 contained Siglec-7 (at an identical concentration as in 201 solution 1) and ligands 13 and 14 of interest $(30 - 40 \mu M)$. To perform nanoESI, a voltage of 202 approximately -0.7 kV was applied to a platinum wire. The solution temperature was 25 °C. 203 Resolution of 25000 was used. Maximum injection time was 200 ms, the S-lens RF level was 200 204 and DC offset was 21. Collision energy was 120 V. Raw data were processed using the Thermo 205 Xcalibur 4.4 software. Time-resolved mass spectra were averaged over 1 min intervals and the 206 sum of the charge state-normalized abundances of the reactant and the complex ions were calculated automatically using the SWARM software.² The K_d values were obtained by fitting with 207 208 Igor pro (WaveMetrics Inc., Lake Oswego, OR, USA) using Eq1:

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$$F_t = DE \frac{[P]_0 + (0.5 + C_L t) + K_d - \sqrt{(K_d - (0.5 + C_L t) + [P]_0)^2 + 4K_d (0.5 + C_L t)}}{2[P]_0}$$
(Eq1)

where *DE* is the detection efficiency of the released glycan relative to the GBP, $C_L(t)$ is the *t*dependent function that describes the change in ligand concentration due to diffusion and advection, $[P]_0$ is initial protein concentration, the time-dependent fractional binding site occupancy (fraction bound, *F_t*) of P, was calculated using the time-dependent abundance (*Ab_t*) of the released ligand and free protein as shown in eq Eq2,

$$F_t = \frac{Ab_t(\mathbf{L})}{Ab_t(\mathbf{P})}$$
(Eq2)

216 Supplemental Schemes



218 Scheme S1: Synthetic scheme of β -Galp-(1 \rightarrow 3)- α -GalpNAc acceptor **12**

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(A) Representative histograms showing U937 CMAS^{-/-} cells fed **6** and **7** and (B) quantification.
Two-tailed Student's paired t-test was used for statistical analysis. Not Significant (ns), P > 0.05,
*,P=0.0197.

231 ¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra

232 Compound **2**

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248 Compound 4

260 ¹³C NMR spectrum (CD₃OD, 125 MHz).

262 Compound 6

268 ¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 176 MHz).

¹³C NMR spectrum of peracetylated Neu5Az **7** (CDCl₃, 125 MHz).

276 Compound **8**

287 Compound 9

- 315 ¹³C NMR spectrum (CD₃OD, 125 MHz).

318 ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 700 MHz).

319 ¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 176 MHz).

322 ¹H NMR spectrum (CD₃OD, 500 MHz).

¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 700 MHz).

353 ¹H NMR spectrum (CD_2CI_2 , 700 MHz).

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370 ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 700 MHz).

¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 700 MHz).

Compound **12**

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¹H NMR spectrum (D₂O, 700 MHz).

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