Supporting Information

Thioglycoside functionalization via chemoselective phosphine acceleration of a photocatalytic thiol-ene reaction

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General information

All reactions were conducted under ambient conditions using undistilled solvents until otherwise stated. Reagents were purchased at the highest commercial quality and used without further purification. Triphenylphosphine was purchased from TCI Chemicals and utilized in its powdered form for the reactions. The photochemical reactions were conducted in an Efficiency Aggregators BPR200 Biophotoreactor equipped with blue (455 nm) LED lights and illumination power set at 100% intensity. Silica gel TLC plates were used to monitor the reactions with short-wavelength ultraviolet light to visualize UV-vis active spots and charring after spraying with 15% sulfuric acid in ethanol (EtOH) to visualize sugars. Column chromatography was performed on 230–400 mesh silica gel. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy was performed on a Bruker Avance NEO 500 MHz instrument. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded at 500 MHz, chemical shifts are given in parts per million, and coupling is constant in Hertz. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 125 MHz. High resolution electrospray ionization mass spectrometry (HR-ESI-MS) analysis was performed using an electrospray ionization technique using a Thermo LTQ Orbitrap XL analyzer, with ions given in m/z.

Experimental Procedures

General procedure for synthesis of 1-thiol donors (1-4):

To a solution of per-O-acetyl glycoside (2000 mg) in ethyl acetate (30 mL), potassium thioacetate was added (3 equiv.) and stirred for 2 minutes. After adding BF_3 ·Et₂O (4 equiv.) to the mixture, the reaction proceeded at 50 °C for 4 h. The reaction was monitored using TLC for the complete conversion of the starting material. Afterward, the mixture was treated with triethylamine (TEA) and filtered to remove potassium salts. The resulting reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was dissolved in dimethylformamide (DMF) (10 mL). To this solution, hydrazine hydrate (N₂H₄·H₂O, 1.5 equiv) was added, and the reaction was allowed to proceed at room temperature for 30 minutes. The reaction mixture was then neutralized with acetic acid and extracted with dichloromethane (CH₂Cl₂) and water. The combined organic phases were dried over magnesium sulfate (MgSO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure. Finally, the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography, yielding compounds **1-4**. All starting

materials were synthesized according to the reported literature and confirmed by NMR analysis.¹

General procedure for synthesis of thioglycoside product:

To a solution of anomeric thiol (50 mg, 1 equiv) in water (0.25 M), olefin (2 to 3 equiv), powdered PPh₃ (54 mg, 1.5 equiv), and tris(2,2'-bipyridyl)dichlororuthenium(II) hexahydrate (Ru(bpy)₃) catalyst (1 mol%) were added. The mixture was allowed to irradiate under blue LED 455 nm conditions with stirring for 12 hours. The reaction progress was monitored by TLC. After complete consumption of the starting material (typically by 12 h), the reaction mixture was diluted with DCM (10 mL), and saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution (5 mL) was added. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated, and purified by column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc as eluent to afford the corresponding S-glycoside product. Notably, flaked PPh₃ gives lower conversion than powder form of this reagent.

Procedure for radical trapping experiment:

To a solution of anomeric thiol (50 mg, 1 equiv), in water or DCM (0.25 M), olefin (2 equiv), PPh₃ (54 mg, 1.5 equiv, [powdered not flakes]), TEMPO (32 mg,1.5 equiv) and Ru(bpy)₃ catalyst (1 mol%) were added and allowed to irradiate at the blue LED 455 nm and stirred. After 12 hours, the reaction was monitored by TLC. No observation of the product was observed in the DCM condition. A trace amount of product was observed in the water condition, but was not isolated.

Procedure for phosphine- or catalyst-dependence experiments:

To a solution of anomeric thiol (50 mg,1 equiv), in water or DCM (0.25 M), olefin (2 equiv), and Ru(bpy)₃ catalyst (1 mol%) were added and allowed to irradiate at the blue LED 455 nm and stirred. After 12 hours, the reaction was monitored by TLC. Similarly, a solution of anomeric thiol (1 equiv), in water or DCM (0.25 M), olefin (2 equiv), and PPh₃ (1.5 equiv, [powdered not flakes]) were added and allowed to irradiate at the blue LED 455 nm and stirred. After 12 hours, the reaction was monitored by TLC. No observation of the product

was observed in any condition without both phosphine and $Ru(bpy)_3$, either in water or DCM.



S. No.	Catalyst	PPh₃	Solvent	3a	Disulfide
		(Equiv)		Yield	yield
1	10 % Rubpy ₃ Cl ₂	1.5	ACN (1 M)	-	80%
2	10 % Rubpy ₃ Cl ₂	1.5	DCM (1 M)	10%	70%
3	10 % Rubpy ₃ Cl ₂	1.5	DCM (0.5 M)	61%	25%
4	10 % Rubpy ₃ Cl ₂	1.5	DCM (0.1 M)	71 %	-
5	10 % Rubpy ₃ Cl ₂	1.5	DCM (0.25 M)	85 %	-
6	10 % Rubpy ₃ Cl ₂	1.5	CHCl ₃	20 %	-
7	10 % Rubpy ₃ Cl ₂	1.5	Acetone	45 %	-
8	10 % Rubpy ₃ Cl ₂	1.5	THF	34 %	-
9	10 % Rubpy ₃ Cl ₂	1.5	MeOH	26 %	-
10	10 % Rubpy ₃ Cl ₂	1.5	DMSO	48%	-
11	10 % Rubpy ₃ Cl ₂	1.5	H₂O	90 %	-
12	10 % Rubpy ₃ Cl ₂	-	H ₂ O	Trace	-
13	10 % Rubpy ₃ Cl ₂	-	DCM	-	-
14	-	1.5	H ₂ O	-	-
15	-	1.5	DCM	-	-
16	(1 mol %) Rubpy ₃ Cl ₂	1.5	H₂O	96 %	-
17	(2 mol %) Rubpy ₃ Cl ₂	1.5	H ₂ O	92 %	-
18	(5 mol %) Rubpy ₃ Cl ₂	1.5	H ₂ O	91 %	-
19	1 % Rubpy ₃ Cl ₂	0.5	H ₂ O	65 %	-
20	1 % Rubpy ₃ Cl ₂	1	H ₂ O	74 %	-
21	1 % Rubpy ₃ Cl ₂	3	H ₂ O	81 %	-
22	1 % Rubpy ₃ Cl ₂	1.5	H ₂ O/MeOH (10:1)	69 %	-
23	1 % Rubpy ₃ Cl ₂	1.5	H ₂ O/MeOH (3:1)	51 %	-
24	1 % Rubpy ₃ Cl ₂	1.5	H ₂ O/MeOH (1:1)	40 %	-
25	1 % Rubpy₃Cl₂	1.5	H ₂ O/MeOH (1:3)	34 %	-
26	1 % Rubpy₃Cl₂	1.5	H ₂ O/MeOH (1:10)	29 %	-
27	1 % Rubpy ₃ Cl ₂	1.5	Toluene	75 %	-
28	1 % Rubpy ₃ Cl ₂	-	Toluene	-	-
29	-	1.5	Toluene	-	-
30	1 % Rubpy ₃ Cl ₂	1.5	Toluene (60 °C)	60 %	-
31	1 % Rubpy ₃ Cl	1.5	H ₂ O (Dark)	0	-
32	1 % Ru(bpz) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	1.5	H ₂ O	67 %	-
33	1 % Rubpm ₃ PF ₆	1.5	H ₂ O	56 %	-
34	(1 %) fac-Tris(2-	1.5	H ₂ O	58 %	-
	phenylpyridine)iridium				
35	Ir[dF(CF ₃)ppy] ₂ (dtbbpy)PF ₆	1.5	H ₂ O	71 %	-
36	1 % Rubpy ₃ Cl ₂	TCEP	H ₂ O	45%	-
37	1 % Rubpy ₃ Cl ₂	TOP	H ₂ O	Trace	-
38	1 % Rubpy ₃ Cl ₂	TBP	H ₂ O	23%	-
39	1 % Rubpy ₃ Cl ₂	ΤΟΡ/ΤΟΡΟ	H ₂ O	Trace	-
40	1 % Rubpy ₃ Cl ₂	PPh₃O	H ₂ O	-	-
41	1 % Rubpy ₃ Cl ₂	PPh₃	H ₂ O	Trace	-

Analytical data for synthesized compounds

(2R,3R,4S,5R,6S)-2-(acetoxymethyl)-6-((3-hydroxypropyl)thio)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-3,4,5triyl triacetate (5a): (Colorless liquid, 96%, Hexane/EtOAc = 60:40). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3) δ 5.16 (t, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (m, 2H), 4.42 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (dd, J = 12.5, 5 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (dd, J = 12.45, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.70 – 3.62 (m, 3H), 2.70 (m, 1H), 2.64 (m, 1H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 3H), 1.80 – 1.74 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.66, 170.15, 169.55, 169.40, 83.53, 76.04, 73.80, 69.74, 68.32, 62.06, 60.56, 32.05, 26.11, 20.72, 20.71, 20.60, 20.57. HR-ESI-MS [M + Na]⁺ C₁₇H₂₆NaO₁₀S calcd. for m/z 445.1144, found 445.1130.

(2R,3R,4S,5R,6S)-2-(acetoxymethyl)-6-((2-(2-oxo-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)ethyl)thio)tetra hydro-2H-pyran-3,4,5-triyl triacetate (5b): (Off white sticky solid, 90%, Hexane/EtOAc = 70:30). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.05 – 4.98 (m, 1H), 4.95 – 4.76 (m, 1H), 4.52 (m, 1H), 4.43 (m, 1H), 4.23 – 4.01 (m, 3H), 3.69 – 3.61 (m, 1H), 2.99 – 2.85 (m, 1H), 2.77 (m, 1H), 2.64 (m, 1H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.50, 170.07, 169.44, 169.39, 154.64, 154.62, 83.82, 83.53, 76.30, 76.16, 75.29, 75.25, 73.69, 73.62, 69.73, 69.38, 69.18, 69.17, 68.20, 68.16, 61.88, 61.80, 34.38, 34.37, 25.49, 25.15, 20.71, 20.67, 20.57, 20.56. HR-ESI-MS [M + Na]⁺ C₁₉H₂₆NaO₁₂S calcd. for m/z 501.1043, found 501.1021.

(2R,3R,4S,5R,6S)-2-(acetoxymethyl)-6-((2-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl)thio)tetrahydro-2Hpyran-3,4,5-triyl triacetate (5c): (Colorless liquid, 83%, Hexane/EtOAc = 70:30). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.16 (t, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (m, 2H), 4.49 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (dd, *J* = 12.5, 5 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (dd, *J* = 12, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (m, 1H), 3.54 – 3.42 (m, 1H), 3.43 – 3.32 (m, 4H), 2.84 (m, 1H), 2.71 (m, 1H), 2.31 (m, 2H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 3H).¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.10, 170.57, 170.08, 169.43, 83.45, 76.01, 73.80, 69.82, 68.28, 62.07, 47.78, 42.56, 30.83, 27.95, 20.73, 20.68, 20.58, 20.57, 18.36, 18.09. HR-ESI-MS [M + Na]⁺ C₂₀H₂₉NNaO₁₀S calcd. for m/z 498.1410, found 498.1401.

(2S,3R,4S,5R,6R)-2-((2-acetoxyethyl)thio)-6-(acetoxymethyl)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-3,4,5-

triyl triacetate (**5d**): (Colorless sticky solid, 76%, Hexane/EtOAc = 70:30). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.16 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (m, 2H), 4.48 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.25 – 4.12 (m, 3H), 4.08 (dd, *J* = 12.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (m, 1H), 2.91 (m, 1H), 2.74 (m, 1H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 1.99 (m, 6H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.63, 169.59, 169.12, 168.36, 82.63, 75.01, 72.74, 68.77, 67.24, 62.59, 61.05, 27.71, 19.83, 19.66, 19.58, 19.56. HR-ESI-MS [M + Na]⁺ C₁₈H₂₆NaO₁₁S calcd. for m/z 473.1094, found 473.1081.

(2S,3R,4S,5R,6R)-2-((2-acetamido-3-methoxy-3-oxopropyl)thio)-6-(acetoxymethyl)tetra

hydro-2H-pyran-3,4,5-triyl triacetate (5e): (Colorless liquid, 74%, EtOAc = 100). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.45 (m, 1H), 5.15 (m, 1H), 4.99 (m, 1H), 4.91 (m, 1H), 4.74 (m, 1H), 4.45 (m, 1H), 4.21 – 4.07 (m, 2H), 3.72 - 3.61 (m, 4H), 3.14 (m, 1H), 2.99 (m, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 2.00 – 1.40 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.92, 170.66, 170.62, 170.60, 170.08, 170.06, 169.93, 169.87, 169.48, 169.44, 169.38, 169.34, 83.73, 83.35, 76.20, 76.08, 73.55, 69.92, 69.75, 68.13, 68.09, 62.15, 61.86, 52.75, 52.70, 52.28, 51.85, 32.45, 31.75, 22.94, 20.71, 20.69, 20.57, 20.56. HR-ESI-MS [M + Na]⁺ C₂₀H₂₉NNaO₁₂S calcd. for m/z 530.1308, found 530.1288.

(2R,3S,4S,5R,6S)-2-(acetoxymethyl)-6-((3-hydroxypropyl)thio)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-3,4,5triyl triacetate (6a): (Colorless liquid, 88%, Hexane/EtOAc = 60:40). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.37 (dd, *J* = 3.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (t, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (m, 1H), 3.68 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H), 2.82 (m, 1H), 2.75 (m, 1H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 6H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 1.79 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.44, 170.20, 170.06, 169.80, 84.07, 74.65, 71.86, 67.34, 67.08, 61.58, 60.66, 32.04, 26.28, 20.84, 20.68, 20.59 HR-ESI-MS [M + Na]⁺ C₁₇H₂₆NaO₁₀S calcd. for m/z 445.1144, found 445.1131.

(2R,3S,4S,5R,6S)-2-(acetoxymethyl)-6-((2-(2-oxo-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)ethyl)thio)tetrahydro -2H-pyran-3,4,5-triyl triacetate (6b): (off white solid, 73%, Hexane/EtOAc = 70:30). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.24 (d, J = 4 Hz, 1H), 5.43 – 5.35 (m, 3H), 5.20 – 5.08 (m, 3H), 4.98 (dt, J = 10.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.89 – 4.79 (m, 1H), 4.51 (m, 2H), 4.40 (m, 1H), 4.21 (m, 1H), 4.14 – 3.97 (m, 10H), 3.91 – 3.84 (m, 2H), 2.93 (m, 1H), 2.78 (m, 2H), 2.66 (m, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 6H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 3H). 13 C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.38, 170.03, 169.67, 154.61, 91.91, 83.85, 75.37, 74.94, 71.67, 70.44, 69.12, 68.71, 67.51, 66.68, 66.14, 61.26, 34.40, 20.98, 20.78, 20.68, 20.66, 20.60, 20.57. HR-ESI-MS [M + Na]⁺ C₁₉H₂₆NaO₁₂S calcd. for m/z 501.1043, found 501.1023.

(2R,3S,4S,5R,6S)-2-(acetoxymethyl)-6-((2-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl)thio)tetrahydro-2H-

pyran-3,4,5-triyl triacetate (**6c**): (Colorless waxy solid, 86%, Hexane/EtOAc = 70:30). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.37 (dd, *J* = 3.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d, *J* = 10 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (m, 2H), 3.50 (m, 1H), 3.45 – 3.32 (m, 4H), 2.87 (m, 1H), 2.76 – 2.67 (m, 1H), 2.28 (m, 4H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.06, 170.39, 170.19, 169.99, 169.65, 83.84, 74.58, 71.81, 67.28, 67.08, 61.44, 47.70, 42.60, 30.82, 27.88, 20.86, 20.79, 20.67, 20.57, 18.07 HR-ESI-MS [M + H]⁺ $C_{20}H_{30}NO_{10}S$ calcd. for m/z 479.1590, found 476.1572.

(2S,3R,4S,5S,6R)-2-((2-acetoxyethyl)thio)-6-(acetoxymethyl)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-3,4,5-

triyl triacetate (**6d**): (Colorless waxy solid, 85%, Hexane/EtOAc = 70:30). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.37 (dd, *J* = 3.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (t, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (m, 2H), 4.07 (m, 2H), 3.88 (m, 1H), 2.94 (m, 1H), 2.76 (m, 1H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.06 – 1.95 (m, 9H), 1.92 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.60, 170.40, 170.21, 170.02, 169.58, 84.15, 74.64, 71.82, 67.25, 67.14, 63.62, 61.49, 28.80, 20.84, 20.77, 20.65, 20.63, 20.57 HR-ESI-MS [M + Na]⁺ C₁₈H₂₆NaO₁₁S calcd. for m/z 473.1094, found 473.1076.

(2S,3R,4S,5S,6R)-2-((2-acetamido-3-methoxy-3-oxopropyl)thio)-6-(acetoxymethyl)tetra

hydro-2H-pyran-3,4,5-triyl triacetate (**6e**): (Colorless oily liquid, 82%, EtOAc = 100). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.39 (m, 1H), 5.37 (m, 1H), 5.12 (m, 1H), 4.97 (m, 1H), 4.75 (m, 1H), 4.42 (m, 1H), 4.12 – 4.04 (m, 2H), 3.88 (m, 1H), 3.70 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 3H), 3.16 (m, 1H), 3.00 (m, 1H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.02 – 1.97 (m, 9H), 1.92 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.97, 170.64,

170.42, 170.36, 170.16, 169.97, 169.87, 169.77, 169.69, 84.28, 83.62, 74.90, 74.69, 71.66, 71.64, 67.42, 67.20, 67.17, 66.93, 61.76, 61.41, 52.75, 52.68, 52.30, 51.81, 32.64, 31.58, 23.01, 22.98, 20.80, 20.65, 20.55 HR-ESI-MS [M + Na]⁺ $C_{20}H_{29}NNaO_{12}S$ calcd. for m/z 530.1308, found 530.1287.

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¹H and ¹³C-NMR spectra of compound **5a**





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¹H and ¹³C-NMR spectra of compound **5c**

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 ^1H and $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ spectra of compound 5d





 ^1H and $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ spectra of compound 5e



¹H and ¹³C-NMR spectra of compound **6a**

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AK-313.10.fid

 ^1H and $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ spectra of compound 6c





¹H and ¹³C-NMR spectra of compound **6d**



¹H and ¹³C-NMR spectra of compound **6e**

Supplementary Reference

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