# Improved Synthesis of the Tetrasaccharide Repeat Unit of the O-Antigen Polysaccharide from *Escherichia coli* O77

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The efficient synthesis of a tetrasaccharide, the suitably protected form of the repeat unit,  $\rightarrow 2$ )- $\alpha$ -D-Manp- $(1\rightarrow 2)$ - $\beta$ -D-Manp- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ - $\alpha$ -D-GlcpNAc- $(1\rightarrow 6)$ - $\alpha$ -D-Manp- $(1\rightarrow , of the O-antigen polysaccharide of the lipopolysaccharide from <math>E$ . coli O77 has been accomplished. Glycosylation reactions for the coupling of four monosaccharide building blocks of the tetrasaccharide were carried out employing the CB glycoside method, the mannosyl 4-pentenoate/PhSeOTf method, and the glycosyl trichloroacetimidate method with complete stereoselectivities in excellent yields.

**Key Words:** Escherichia coli O77, Glycosylation, 2'-Carboxybenzyl (CB) glycoside, Mannosyl 4-pentenoate/PhSeOTf, Glycosyl trichloroacetimidate

#### Introduction

Escherichia coli is a facultative anaerobic gram-negative rod and is a predominant species of the human colonic flora. Normal nonpathogenic strains of E. coli usually remain harmlessly confined to the intestinal lumen but when the host is immunosuppressed or debilitated, even normal nonpathogenic strains of E. coli can cause infection. Moreover, infections due to inherently pathogenic E. coli strains result in clinical syndromes such as urinary tract infections, sepsis/ meningitis, and enteric/diarrheal disease. The species is subdivided into different serotypes based on the immunogenicity of bacterial surface structures. 1,2 The E. coli O77, which belongs to an O-serotype, causes diarrheal infections<sup>3</sup> and has been identified to produce Shiga-like toxin in both human and animals.4-7 It is also reported that natural immunity to gram-negative bacteria is often provided by antibodies that recognize lipopolysaccharide (LPS) antigens.<sup>8</sup> Recently, Widmalm and his associates have reported the structure of the O-antigen polysaccharide of the LPS from the E. coli O77. As shown in Figure 1, this particular polysaccharide is composed of a series of the repeat unit of a tetrasaccharide with the following structure:  $\rightarrow 2$ )- $\alpha$ -D-Manp- $(1\rightarrow 2)$ - $\beta$ -D-

 $\operatorname{Man}_{p}$ - $(1 \rightarrow 3)$ - $\alpha$ -D- $\operatorname{Glc}_{p}\operatorname{NAc}$ - $(1 \rightarrow 6)$ - $\alpha$ -D- $\operatorname{Man}_{p}$ - $(1 \rightarrow (\mathbf{A})$ .

Very recently, we reported the synthesis of tetrasaccharide 1, the suitably protected form of the repeat unit A of the Oantigen polysaccharide of the LPS from E. coli O77, employing the 2'-carboxybenzyl (CB) glycoside method for the coupling of four monosaccharide building blocks (Figure 1). 10 Although the CB glycoside methodology 11 has been successfully applied to the synthesis of other oligosaccharides 11c,12 and glycospingolipids,13 our previous synthesis of the tetrasaccharide 1 employing the CB glycoside method needs to be improved in yields and stereoselectivities in the coupling steps of monosaccharide building blocks. For the eventual synthesis of an octasaccharide or a dodecasaccharide from the suitably protected tetrasaccharide by dimerization or trimerization, more efficient methods for the coupling of four monosaccharide components including more stereoselective  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -mannopyranosylations and  $\alpha$ -2-azidoglucopyranosylation are highly desirable. Herein we report the synthesis of the suitably protected tetrasaccharide 2, of which structure is modified slightly from that of our original tetrasaccharide 1 and three glycosyl linkages could be constructed more efficiently using not only the CB glycoside method but also other glycosylation methods.

Figure 1

### **Results and Discussion**

Protective groups in the target tetrasaccharide 2 were carefully chosen after consideration of the future synthesis of an octasaccharide or a dodecasaccharide by dimerization or trimerization of 2. Thus, the thioglycoside in the reducing end of the tetrasaccharide 2 would be employed as a tetrasaccharide donor. The levulinyl (Lev) protective group of 1 is replaced with the benzoyl (Bz) group in 2 in the present synthesis because the levulinyl group resulted in the poor  $\alpha$ stereoselectivity in the glycosylation of the previous synthesis. 10 And the selective deprotection of the benzoyl group would provide a tetrasaccharide acceptor. One of the challenges in the synthesis of 2 would be the elaboration of the  $\beta$ -mannosyl linkage. Although several strategies have been developed for the  $\beta$ -mannopyranosylation, <sup>14</sup> the mannosyl 4-pentenoate/PhSeOTf method, 15 which is one of new glycosylation methods recently developed in our laboratory, 11,16 would be employed. In addition, the glycosyl trichloroacetimidate<sup>17</sup> as a donor would be used for the  $\alpha$ -2-azidoglucopyranosylation.

Retrosynthesis of **2**, therefore, leads to benzoyl-protected CB mannosyl donor **3** and trisaccharide acceptor **4**, and then further analysis of **4** provides disaccharyl trichloroacetimidate **5** as a donor and pivaloyl (Piv)-protected thioglycoside **6** as an acceptor (Scheme 1). The disaccharide **5** can be derived from *p*-methoxybenzyl (PMB)-protected mannosyl pentenoate **7** and 2-azido-2-deoxy-glucopyranosyl acceptor **8**.

The linear synthesis of the tetrasaccharide 2 began with the preparation of the monosaccharide building blocks 3, 6, 7, and 8. Thus, mannosyl 4-pentenoate 7<sup>15</sup> and 2-azidoglucoside 8<sup>18</sup> were synthesized according to previously reported procedures. The CB glycoside building block 3 was pre-

pared from known intermediate  $9^{12a}$  (Scheme 2). Treatment of the diol 9 with Bu<sub>2</sub>SnO in refluxing benzene and the subsequent reaction of the resulting crude O-stannylene acetal with benzyl bromide in the presence of Bu<sub>4</sub>NI in DMF afforded C-3 benzyl ether 10 in 85% yield. Benzoylation of 10 followed by the selective hydrogenolysis of resulting BCB glycoside 11 in the presence of NH<sub>4</sub>OAc gave the desired CB glycoside 3 in high yields.

For the synthesis of the monosaccharide building block 6, known intermediate 12<sup>19</sup> was used (Scheme 3). Dibutyltin oxide-mediated selective benzylation of the diol 12 afforded C-3 benzyl ether 13 in 85% yield. Pivaloylation of 13 and the subsequent reductive cleavage of resultant benzylidene acetal 14 with borane-dibutylboron triflate<sup>20</sup> provided the desired C-6 alcohol 6 in high yields.

Scheme 1

The stage was set for the assembly of properly protected monosaccharide building blocks 3, 6, 7, and 8 to make the tetrasaccharide 2. The crucial stereoselective  $\beta$ -mannopyranosylation was achieved by activation of the mannosyl 4-pentenoate donor 7 with PhSeOTf, which was readily generated *in situ* from PhSeBr and AgOTf, in the presence of 2,4,6-tri-*tert*-butylpyrimidine (TTBP) and 4 Å molecular sieves in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> followed by addition of the acceptor 8 at -78 °C. Although the reaction was so efficient that the donor 7 disappeared in 20 min at -78 °C, the reaction mixture was further warmed to 0 °C to make sure the completion of the reaction. Desired  $\beta$ -mannopyranosyl disaccharide 15 was exclusively obtained in 90% yield as shown in Scheme 4. No  $\alpha$ -disaccharide was detected at all in the reaction mixture. On the other hand, when the glycosyl sulfoxide method<sup>21</sup>

using 4,6-O-benzylidene mannosyl sulfoxide donor was employed for this  $\beta$ -mannopyranosylation, the desired disaccharide 15 was obtained in 85% yield (see experimental section), while CB glycoside method gave the  $\beta$ -disaccharide in 59% yield along with the anomeric  $\alpha$ -disaccharide as a by-product in 14% yield in our previous synthesis. Removal of the TBS group in 15 with HF-pyridine and the subsequent reaction of resulting disaccharyl lactol 16 with CCl<sub>3</sub>CN and  $K_2CO_3$  furnished the  $\beta$ -trichloroacetimidate 5 in high yield. The coupling of the trichloroacetimidate donor 5 and the phenyl thiomannoside acceptor 6 in the presence of a catalytic amount of TMSOTf provided desired  $\alpha$ -trisaccharide 17 exclusively in 85% yield. Subsequent removal of the pmethoxybenzyl (PMB) group of 17 with 2,3-dichloro-5,6dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone (DDQ) gave the alcohol 4. Finally, the glycosylation of the trisaccharide acceptor 4 with the CB monosaccharide donor 3 in the presence of Tf<sub>2</sub>O and 2,6-di-t-butyl-4-methylpyridine (DTBMP) afforded the desired  $\alpha$ -tetrasaccharide 2 as a single isomer in 87% yield. The result of this  $\alpha$ -mannopyranosylation with the 2-Obenzoyl protected donor 3 is better than that with 2-Olevulinyl protected donor, which was used in our previous synthesis (65%,  $\alpha/\beta = 2/1$ ), with respect to both yield and stereoselectivity.

In conclusion, we have described the synthesis of suitably protected tetrasaccharide repeat unit **2** of the O-antigen polysaccharide of the LPS from *E. coli* O77. All glycosylation methods employed for the coupling of the mono-

Scheme 4

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saccharide building blocks 3, 6, 7, and 8 to make the tetrasaccharide 2 showed the complete stereoselectivities in excellent yields.

### **Experimental Section**

*t*-Butyldimethylsilyl (3-*O*-Benzyl-4,6-*O*-benzylidene-2-*O*-*p*-methoxybenzyl- $\beta$ -D-mannopyranosyl)-(1→3)-4,6-*O*benzylidene-2-azido-2-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (15).

A. Using 3-O-benzyl-4,6-O-benzylidene-2-O-p-methoxybenzyl-D-mannopyranosyl pentenoate: A solution of PhSeBr (190 mg, 0.81 mmol) and AgOTf (200 mg, 0.81 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1 mL) in the presence of 4 Å molecular sieves (500 mg) was stirred for 15 min at rt and cooled to -78 °C, then a solution of donor 7 (90 mg, 0.16 mmol) and TTBP (210 mg, 0.84 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) was added. After the resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 15 min, acceptor 8 (80 mg, 0.19 mmol) was added and stirred at -78 °C for 20 min and allowed to warm over 1 hr to 0 °C, then stirred for further 20 min at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (10 mL), and then extracted with CH2Cl2. The combined organic layer was washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (Hexane/ EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 7:1:1) to afford the desired compound 15 ( $\beta$  only, 130 mg, 90%) as a colorless oil.:  $R_f = 0.55$  (Hexane/ EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 7 : 1 : 1);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -5.4$  (c 2.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.17 (s, 3H), 0.18 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 9H), 3.17-3.24 (m, 1H), 3.26 (dd, J = 7.6, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.31-3.39 (m, 1H), 3.54-3.58 (m, 1H), 3.59 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.79 (t, J = 10.4Hz, 1H), 3.86 (dd, J = 4.8, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.11-4.20 (m, 2H), 4.28 (dd, J = 4.6, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.60(d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (d, J = 7.6 Hz)12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (s, 1H), 5.55 (s, 1H), 6.82 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.40 (m, 13H), 7.45-7.52 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ -5.0, -4.2, 25.7, 55.4, 66.9, 67.6, 68.6, 68.8, 68.9, 72.7, 74.7, 76.1, 78.2, 78.7, 79.6, 80.4, 97.9, 101.4, 101.5, 103.0, 113.7 126.20, 126.23, 126.4, 127.65, 127.69, 128.29, 128.32, 128.50, 128.54, 129.0, 129.2, 130.4, 130.8, 137.2, 137.8, 138.6, 159.4. HRMS Calcd for [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 890.3660. Found 890.3664.

**B.** Using S-phenyl 3-O-benzyl-4,6-O-benzylidene-2-O-p-methoxybenzyl-1-deoxy-1-thio-D-mannopyranoside S-oxide: A solution of mannosyl sulfoxide donor (707 mg, 1.21 mmol) and DTBMP (595 mg, 2.89 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (40 mL) in the presence of 4 Å molecular sieves (1.0 g) was stirred for 10 min at room temperature and cooled to -78 °C, then Tf<sub>2</sub>O (0.24 mL, 1.45 mmol) was added. To the resulting solution was added a solution of acceptor **8** (447 mg, 1.10 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL). After being stirred at -78 °C for 1 hr and allowed to warm over 2 hr to 0 °C, the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (10 mL), and then extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic layer was washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and

brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 7 : 1 : 1) to afford the desired compound **15** ( $\beta$  only, 889 mg, 85%).

(3-*O*-Benzyl-4,6-*O*-benzylidene-2-*O*-*p*-methoxybenzyl- $\beta$ -D-mannopyranosyl)-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-4,6-*O*-benzylidene-2-azido-2-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate (5). To a solution of **15** (140 mg, 0.16 mmol) in pyridine (2 mL) was added HF-pyridine (0.2 mL) at 0 °C. After the resulting solution was warmed to room temperature, it was stirred for 1 hr at room temperature. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and then extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic layer was washed with brine and brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc, 3 : 2) to afford the desired compound **16** (110 mg, 91%).

To a solution of 16 (110 mg, 0.15 mmol) and CCl<sub>3</sub>CN (0.15 mL, 1.5 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (24 mg, 1.75 mmol) at 0 °C. After the resulting solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 30 min at room temperature, it was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc/  $CH_2Cl_2$ , 5:1:1) to afford the desired compound 5 (110 mg, 87%) as a colorless oil.:  $R_f = 0.43$  (Hexane/EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 5:1:1);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -2.7$  (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.19-3.27 (m, 1H), 3.50-3.69 (m, 4H), 3.70-3.75 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.80-3.88 (m, 2H), 3.99 (d, <math>J = 2.4 Hz1H), 4.11-4.20 (m, 2H), 4.38 (dd, J = 4.8, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.62(d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (s, 1H), 4.77 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H),4.86 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (s, J = 11.6 H1H), 5.54 (s, 1H), 5.74 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.4Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.42 (m, 13H), 7.45-7.54 (m, 4H), 8.82 (s, 1H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  55.4, 65.9, 67.4, 67.5, 68.3, 68.4, 68.7, 72.7, 74.7, 76.3, 78.2, 78.7, 79.0, 97.0, 101.4, 101.5, 102.8, 126.2, 126.4, 127.6, 127.7, 128.3, 128.4, 128.5, 129.0, 129.3, 129.6, 130.3, 130.7, 137.1, 138.5, 159.3, 160.9. HRMS Calcd for [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 919.1892. Found 919.2224.

Phenyl (3-O-benzyl-4,6-O-benzylidene-2-O-p-methoxybenzyl- $\beta$ -D-mannopyranosyl)- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ -(4,6-O-benzylidene-2-azido-2-deoxy- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl)- $(1\rightarrow 6)$ -3,4-di-Obenzyl-2-O-pivaloyl-1-thio- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside (17). A solution of donor 5 (200 mg, 0.22 mmol) and acceptor 6 (140 mg, 0.27 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 mL) in the presence of 4 Å molecular sieves (500 mg) was stirred for 20 min at -40  $^{\circ}$ C, then TMSOTf (8  $\mu$ L, 0.045 mmol) was added. After the resulting solution was stirred at -40 °C for 20 min, it was allowed to warm over 1 hr to 0 °C and stirred for further 20 min at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was quenched with Et<sub>3</sub>N (20 µL), and then extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 6:1:2) to afford the desired compound 17 ( $\alpha$  only, 240 mg, 85%) as a colorless oil.:  $R_f = 0.18$  (Hexane/EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 6 : 1 : 2, v/v);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +171.6$  (c 0.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 1.22 (s, 9H), 3.14 (dt,  $J_d$  = 4.8 Hz,  $J_t$  = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (dd, J = 3.7, 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (dd, J = 2.8, 9.7 Hz, 1H),3.62-3.73 (m, 4H), 3.76 (s, 3 H), 3.78-3.64 (m, 2H), 3.86-3.99 (m, 4H), 4.05 (dd, J = 4.8, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (dd, J =2.8, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (dd, J = 2.8, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (dd, J = 2.8, 9.6 Hz, 1H)4.8, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.38-4.44 (m, 1H), 4.53 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H) 4.66 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H)= 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (d, J = 11.2Hz, 1H), 5.10 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 5.54 (s, 1H), 5.64 (dd, J = 1.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.53 (m, 32H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 27.2, 55.4, 63.0, 63.2, 67.0, 67.6, 68.7, 68.9, 69.8, 71.7, 72.1, 72.5, 74.6, 74.8, 75.3, 76.7, 78.1, 78.6, 78.9, 80.6, 86.5, 98.3, 101.5, 101.7, 102.5, 113.5, 127.6, 127.7, 127.8, 127.95, 128.03, 128.2, 128.26, 128.29, 128.33, 128.4, 128.5, 128.6, 129.0, 129.3, 129.3, 130.1, 134.1, 137.3, 137.7, 137.8, 138.2, 138.5, 159.2, 177.6. HRMS Calcd for [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 1294.4922. Found 1294.4934.

Phenyl (3-O-benzyl-4,6-O-benzylidene- $\beta$ -D-mannopyranosvl)- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ -(4.6-O-benzylidene-2-azido-2-deoxy- $\alpha$ -Dglucopyranosyl)-(1→6)-3,4-di-O-benzyl-2-O-pivaloyl-1thio- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside (4). To a solution of 17 (240 mg, 0.19 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O (20 : 1, 5 mL) was added DDQ (85 mg, 0.38 mmol) at 0 °C. After the resulting solution was stirred at 0 °C for 1 hr, it was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and then extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic layer was washed with brine and brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc, 2:1) to afford the desired compound 4 (170 mg, 78%) as a colorless oil.:  $R_f = 0.13$  (Hexane/EtOAc, 2 : 1, v/v);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +101.6$  (c 0.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.22 (s, 9H), 2.69 (br s, 1H), 3.24 (dt,  $J_d$  = 4.8 Hz,  $J_t = 9.6 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 3.42 (dd, J = 3.7, 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.62(dd, J = 2.8, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 3.69-3.85 (m, 6H), 3.85-3.95 (m, 6H)3H), 4.06-4.25 (m, 6H), 4.38-4.44 (m, 1H), 4.50 (d, J = 10.8Hz, 1H), 4.65 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (d, J = 1.6 Hz), 4.= 12.4 Hz, 1H, 5.01 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (s, 1H) 5.48 (s,1H), 5.52 (s, 1H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 7.27-7.53 (m, 30H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 27.1, 63.0, 63.2, 66.8, 67.0, 68.7, 68.8, 69.7, 70.0, 71.6, 72.0, 72.6, 74.5, 75.2, 76.6, 76.7, 78.2, 78.8, 80.4, 86.5, 98.0, 100.9, 101.50, 101.52, 125.4, 126.1, 127.7, 127.9, 128.0, 128.1, 128.2, 128.3, 128.4, 128.5, 129.0, 129.1, 129.3, 129.2, 129.3, 131.8, 132.7, 134.0, 137.2, 137.5, 137.7, 137.9, 138.0, 138.1, 177.5. HRMS Calcd for [M+Na]+ 1174.4347. Found 1174.4347.

Phenyl (3-*O*-benzyl-4,6-*O*-benzylidene-2-*O*-benzyl-α-D-mannopyranosyl)-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)-(3-*O*-benzyl-4,6-*O*-benzylidene-β-D-mannopyranosyl)-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-(4,6-*O*-benzylidene-2-azido-2-deoxy-α-D-glucopyranosyl)-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)-3,4-di-*O*-benzyl-2-*O*-pivaloyl-1-thio-α-D-mannopyranoside (2). A solution of acceptor 4 (100 mg, 0.087 mmol) and DTBMP (53 mg, 0.26 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) in the presence of 4 Å molecular sieves (400 mg) was stirred for 10 min at rt and cooled to –20 °C. After Tf<sub>2</sub>O (19  $\mu$ L, 0.11 mmol) was added and

subsequently a solution of donor 3 (67 mg, 0.11 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added slowly for 30 min using syringe pump, the resulting solution was stirred at -20 °C for 1 hr and allowed to warm to rt. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO3, and then extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic layer was washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO3 and brine, dried over MgSO4, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (toluene/EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 30 : 1 : 2) to afford the desired compound 2 ( $\alpha$  only, 120 mg, 87%) as a colorless oil.:  $R_f = 0.33$  (Toluene/EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 30 : 1 : 2, v/v);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +5.34$  (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.21 (s, 9H), 3.20-3.40 (m, 3H), 3.65-3.74 (m, 3H), 3.76-3.85 (m, 4H), 3.90-3.95 (m, 2H), 3.97-4.03, (m, 2H), 4.07 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.17(d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (d, J = 2.8)Hz, 1H), 4.31 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H)= 11.2 Hz, 1H, 4.61 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.64-4.70 (m, 2H),4.71 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (d, J = 1.6Hz, 1H), 5.37 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 5.63 (dd, J =1.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.66 (s, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 5.83 (dd, J = 1.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.10-7.60 (m, 43H), 8.07 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  27.2, 63.4, 63.6, 63.9, 67.2, 67.6, 68.4, 68.8, 69.0, 69.8, 70.3, 71.7, 72.0, 72.4, 73.2, 73.9, 74.4, 74.6, 75.2, 75.3, 78.1, 78.9, 79.0, 79.1, 79.4, 86.7, 98.3, 99.6, 99.8, 100.4, 101.1, 101.7, 126.16, 126.22, 126.3, 127.3, 127.36, 127.40, 127.6, 127.9, 128.0, 128.1, 128.20, 128.24, 128.37, 128.44, 128.46, 128.50, 128.6, 128.87, 128.94, 129.1, 129.4, 130.1, 130.8, 132.2, 133.2, 133.9, 136.0, 137.6, 137.78, 137.83, 137.9, 138.3, 138.6, 165.4, 177.5. HRMS Calcd for [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 1618.5920. Found 1618.5928.

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