Electrochemical Generation of Glycosyl Dioxalenium lons and Their Application to the Synthesis of Cyclic β-Glucans

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### **General introduction**

Activation of organic molecules is a key issue in organic synthesis. We often use strong oxidants or reductants to activate substrates with low reactivities. Constant current electrolysis is a powerful alternative that demands electricity instead of oxidant or reductant. Electrochemical reactions can be started and stopped by switching on and off the power supply. Reaction rate can be controlled under the constant current conditions and constant potential electrolysis enables selective activation of organic compounds. Therefore, electrochemical method makes organic reactions controllable, repeatable, and reproducible. For example, 'Cation Pool Method' is a revolutionary method which enables generation and accumulation of carbocations by electrochemical oxidation at very low temperature (Figure 1).<sup>1</sup> Moreover, the method enables reaction with nucleophiles which have lower oxidation potentials than those of precursors of carbocations.

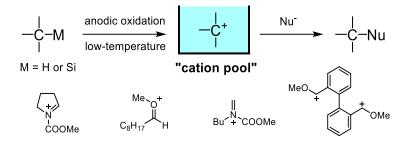


Figure 1. Examples of cations generated by the cation pool method.

Glycosyl cations have been proposed as a reactive intermediate for glycosylation; however, no one has been successful in detecting glycosyl cations by spectroscopy.<sup>2</sup> We expected that application of 'Cation Pool Method' to glycosylation would enable glycosyl cations to be spectroscopically observed. Although we tried to generate and accumulate a glycosyl cation by electrochemical oxidation of a thioglycoside using various electrolytes including tetrabutylammonium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl) borate (Bu<sub>4</sub>NB(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>), we could not detect glycosyl cations by NMR even at low temperature.

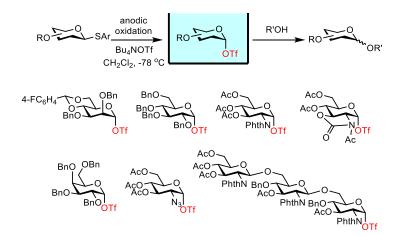


Figure 2. Structures of electrochemically generated glycosyl triflates.

Glycosyl triflates have been known as one of the most reactive intermediates for chemical glycosylation and observable by NMR under the low temperature conditions.<sup>3</sup> Thus, we expected that electrochemical activation of a thioglycoside in the presence of tetrabutylammonium triflate (Bu<sub>4</sub>NOTf) might be useful method to generate and accumulate of glycosyl triflates.<sup>4</sup> A variety of glycosyl triflates have been electrochemically generated and utilized in glycosylation with alcohols including hydroxyl groups of carbohydrates (Figure 2). Based on this result, we have developed 'automated electrochemical assembly' (AEA), which is an electrochemical glycosylation method controlled by a computer (Figure 3). In AEA experiments, glycosyl triflate intermediates, generated by electrochemical oxidation, are accumulated, and following addition of alcohols afford glycoside products.<sup>5</sup> In principle, reactive intermediates other than glycosyl triflate can be generated and accumulated.

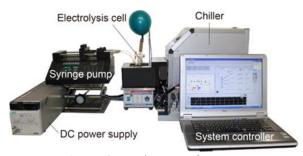
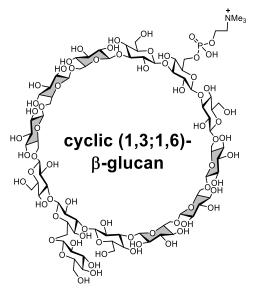


Figure 3. Equipments for AEA.

Cyclic oligosaccharides such as cyclodextrins (CDs) have hydrophilic outer region and hydrophobic inner region. Therefore, they can be used as host molecules that include hydrophobic guest molecules. To date,  $\delta$ -CD (nonasaccharide) is the largest CD that has been chemically synthesized.<sup>6</sup> Thus, sizes and linkage types of synthesized cyclic oligosaccharides are still limited.

We then focused on a natural oligosaccharide shown in Figure 4. This compound is a cyclic (1,3;1,6)- $\beta$ -glucan, which has a cyclic dodecasacharide structure consisting of glucosidic  $\beta$ -(1,3)- and  $\beta$ -(1,6)-linkages,<sup>7</sup> produced by root-nodulating bacteria *Bradyrhizobium japonicum* MTCC 120. The glucan is related to osmotic regulation, nodulation, and suppression of plant defense response.<sup>8</sup> Due to its large-sized ring, the compound is expected to be applied to separation of chiral molecules, drug delivery system (DDS) and catalysts. We intended to efficiently synthesize the cyclic  $\beta$ -glucan with our originally developed AEA method.



**Figure 4.** Cyclic (1,3;1,6)-β-glucan isolated from *Bradyrhizobium japonicum* MTCC 120.

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# Chapter 1.

# Glycosyl Dioxalenium lons as Reactive Intermediates of Automated Electrochemical Assembly

#### Introduction

Stereoselectivity in chemical glycosylation is a crucial issue for total synthesis of complex oligosaccharides.<sup>1</sup> One of the most reliable methods is using glycosyl donor with a stereo-controlling group as a protecting group of the hydroxyl group at C-2 position (2-OH). For example, acetyl (R = Me), benzoyl (R = Ph), pivaloyl ( $R = {}^{t}Bu$ ), and other acyl groups at 2-OH can work as neighboring groups which can form glycosyl dioxalenium ions (Figure 1-1).<sup>2</sup> Thus-generated glycosyl dioxalenium ions have been known as reactive glycosylation intermediates and important chemical species for stereoselective synthesis of 1,2-*trans* glycosidic linkages including  $\beta$ -glucosides and  $\alpha$ -mannosides.

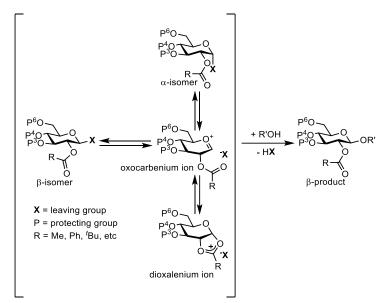


Figure 1-1. Possible glycosylation intermediates for  $\beta$ -selective glycosylation of glucoside.

We have been interested in synthesis of cyclic  $\beta$ -(1,3)- $\beta$ -(1,6)-glucan<sup>3</sup> as a target oligosaccharide of automated electrochemical assembly (Figure 1-2).<sup>4</sup> Cyclic  $\beta$ -glucans including the cyclic  $\beta$ -(1,3)- $\beta$ -(1,6)-glucan have potential applications for separation of chiral molecules, drug delivery, and catalyst.<sup>3c</sup> Although synthesis of hexasaccharide, which is a half structure of the cyclic oligosaccharide, has already been achieved, the yield was not high enough to complete the total synthesis.<sup>5</sup> Therefore, we decided to revise the synthetic route for the half structure and re-optimized the reaction conditions. Here, we report optimization of the synthesis of  $\beta$ -1,6-glucan trisaccharide and NMR study of electrochemically generated glycosylation intermediates.<sup>6</sup>

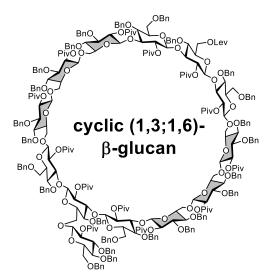


Figure 1-2. β-1,6-Glucan trisaccharide as a partial structure of the cyclic oligosaccharide.

### **Results and Discussion**

We initiated the synthesis by using 3,4,6-tri-*O*-benzyl-2-*O*-pivaloyl-thioglycoside **1a** ( $P^2 = Piv, P^6 = Bn$ ) as a model compound and the desired trisaccharide **3a** was obtained in 61% yield (78% yield per cycle) (Table 1-1, entry 1). To prepare the trisaccharide unit for the total synthesis of the cyclic oligosaccharide, the reaction of thioglycoside **1b** ( $P^2 = Piv, P^6 = 9$ -fluorenylmethyloxycarbonyl (Fmoc)) with the Fmoc group as a temporary protecting group of the hydroxyl group at C-6 position (6-OH) was tested; however, the yield of trisaccharide **3b** ( $P^6 = H$ ) was only 6% after one-pot deprotection of the Fmoc group (entry 2). Other thioglycoside **1c** ( $P^2 = Piv, P^6 = Piv$ ), **1d** ( $P^2 = Piv, P^6 = Ac$ ), and **1e** ( $P^2 = Piv, P^6 = TBDPS$ ) also gave the desired trisaccharide **3c-e**; however, the yields of trisaccharide **3c-e** were moderate (entries 3-5).

Table 1-1. β-1,6-Glucan trisaccharide as a partial structure of the cyclic oligosaccharide.

P <sup>6</sup> BnC Bn	PivO 2a (2)	cal 3a-e BnO-	PivO SAr
entry <sup>[a]</sup>	thioglycoside <b>1</b>	product <b>3</b> (yield)	selectivity ( $\alpha$ : $\beta$ )
1	<b>1a</b> (P <sup>6</sup> = Bn)	<b>3a</b> (61%, P <sup>6</sup> = Bn)	β only
2	<b>1b</b> (P <sup>6</sup> = Fmoc)	<b>3b</b> (6%, P <sup>6</sup> = H) <sup>[b]</sup>	β only
3	<b>1c</b> (P <sup>6</sup> = Ac)	<b>3c</b> (24%, P <sup>6</sup> = Ac)	β only
4	<b>1d</b> (P <sup>6</sup> = Piv)	<b>3d</b> (36%, P <sup>6</sup> = Piv)	β only
5	<b>1e</b> (P <sup>6</sup> = TBDPS)	<b>3e</b> (29%, P <sup>6</sup> = TBDPS)	β only

[a] Anodic oxidation was performed using a divided cell at -80 °C (T<sub>1</sub>) under constant current (12 mA, 1.2 F/mol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> with 0.1 M Bu<sub>4</sub>NOTf as electrolyte. The subsequent one-pot glycosylation was carried out at -50 °C (T<sub>2</sub>) for 1 h. [b] Deprotection of Fmoc group was carried out in one pot.

Optimization of reaction temperature was performed using thioglycoside 1e ( $P^2 = Piv$ ,  $P^6 = TBDPS$ ) because of its better yield among the thioglycosides with a temporary protecting group (Table 1-2). We tested reactions at different temperatures from -60 to 0 °C and performed reactions at same temperature for both anodic oxidation and glycosylation. Although the yield of disaccharide 4e did not change at -80 and -60 °C (entries 1 and 2), the best yield was observed at -40 °C (entry 3). To our surprise, the desired disaccharide 4e was obtained even at elevated temperature -20 and 0 °C (entries 4 and 5).

	DPSO BnO BnO PivO <b>1e</b> Ar = 4-FO	'	PivO 2a	SAr TBDPSO BnO BnO	Pivo Bno Do SA Bno Pivo SA
	entry	T1 (°C)	T <sub>2</sub> (°C)	yield	selectivity (α:β)
	1	-80	-50	67%	β only
	2	-60	-60	67%	β only
	3	-40	-40	72%	β only
	4	-20	-20	53%	β only
-	5	0	0	45%	β only

 Table 1-2. Temperature effect on glycosylation.

Inspired by successful glycosylation at elevated temperature, further optimization of protecting group at 2-OH ( $P^2$ ) was carried out (Table 1-3). Although both Ac group (entries 3 and 4) and benzoyl (Bz) group (entries 5 and 6) gave the product, their yields were lower than those of Piv group (entries 1 and 2). Therefore, thioglycoside **1e** ( $P^2 = Piv$ ,  $P^6 = TBDPS$ ) may provide the most stable intermediate which does not decompose during accumulation at elevated temperature. These results encouraged us to observe glycosylation intermediates by NMR, because reactive glycosyl triflates, which have been generated by anodic oxidation, seemed to be unstable at elevated temperatures.

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entry	thioglycoside <b>1</b>	thioglycoside <b>2</b>	T1, T2	product (yield)	selectivity ( $\alpha$ : $\beta$ )			
1	<b>1e</b> (P <sub>2</sub> = Piv)	<b>2a</b> (P <sub>2</sub> = Piv)	-40 °C	<b>4e</b> (72%)	β only			
2	<b>1e</b> (P <sub>2</sub> = Piv)	<b>2a</b> (P <sub>2</sub> = Piv)	0 °C	<b>4e</b> (45%)	β only			
3	<b>1f</b> (P <sub>2</sub> = Bz)	<b>2b</b> (P <sub>2</sub> = Bz)	-40 °C	<b>4f</b> (65%)	β only			
4	<b>1f</b> (P <sub>2</sub> = Bz)	<b>2b</b> (P <sub>2</sub> = Bz)	0 °C	<b>4f</b> (25%) <sup>a</sup>	β only			
5	<b>1g</b> (P <sub>2</sub> = Ac)	<b>2c</b> (P <sub>2</sub> = Ac)	-40 °C	<b>4g</b> (56%)	β only			
6	<b>1g</b> (P <sub>2</sub> = Ac)	<b>2c</b> (P <sub>2</sub> = Ac)	0 °C	<b>4g</b> (36%)	β only			

# Table 1-3. Effect of protecting group at 2-OH.

<sup>a</sup>1,6-anhydrosugar 9 was obtained as a by-product in 7% yield.

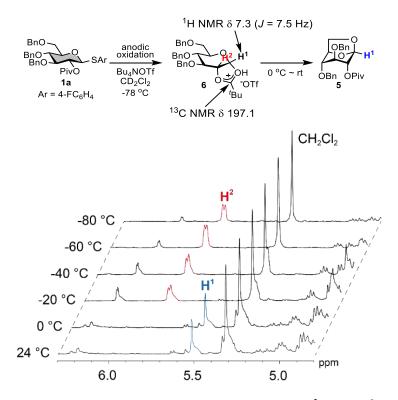
Prior to the NMR analysis, we again investigated effect of protecting group at 6-OH (P<sup>6</sup>) at elevated temperature (Table 1-4). Thioglycoside **1a** ( $P^2 = Piv$ ,  $P^6 = Bn$ ) gave the desired disaccharide **4a** in lower yield than that with TBDPS group (entries 1 and 2). Decrease of the yields of disaccharide **4a** and **4e** was significant at 0 °C and 1,6-anhydrosugar **5** was obtained in 33% yield together with disaccharide **4a** (entries 3 and 4). Therefore, TBDPS group at 6-OH must contribute to prevent intramolecular glycosylation at elevated temperature.

Table 1-4. Effect of protecting group at 6-OH under elevated temperature conditions.

	$\begin{array}{c} P^{6}O & anodic \\ BnO & SAr & oxidation \\ PivO & T_{1} \\ P^{6} = Bn), \ \textbf{1e} \ (P^{6} = TBDPS) \\ Ar = 4-FC_{6}H_{4} \end{array}$	HO BnO PivO 2a glycosylation T <sub>2</sub>	P°O BnO BnO PivO BnO O PivO BnO O O O	SAr + OBn I OBn OPiv OBn OPiv S) 5
entry	thioglycoside <b>1</b>	T <sub>1</sub> , T <sub>2</sub>	product (yield)	selectivity ( $\alpha$ : $\beta$ )
1	<b>1a</b> (P <sup>6</sup> = Bn)	-40 °C	<b>4a</b> (61%)	β only
2	<b>1e</b> (P <sup>6</sup> = TBDPS)	-40 °C	<b>4e</b> (72%)	β only
3	<b>1a</b> (P <sup>6</sup> = Bn)	0 °C	<b>4a</b> (12%), <b>5</b> (33%)	β only
4	<b>1e</b> (P <sup>6</sup> = TBDPS)	0 °C	<b>4e</b> (45%)	β only

Low temperature <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, and VT-NMR measurements were performed using three thioglycosides **1a**, **1e**, and **1f** equipped with different protecting groups at 2-OH and 6-OH (Figures 1-3, 1-4 and 1-5).<sup>7</sup> At first, thioglycoside **1a** ( $P^2 = Piv$ ,  $P^6 = Bn$ ) was activated, and low temperature NMR spectra were measured at -80 °C. Downfield shift of the anomeric proton ( $\delta$  7.3) and the carbonyl carbon of Piv group ( $\delta$  197.1) suggested that the major accumulated species was glycosyl dioxalenium ion, not glycosyl

triflate. Then, temperature was gradually raised from -80 °C to 24 °C with 15 min interval. The peaks derived from glycosyl dioxalenium ion was detected up to -20 °C; however, the corresponding peaks of glycosyl dioxalenium ion **6** was disappeared and the new sets of peaks, which were derived from 1,6-anhydrosugar **5**, appeared at 0 °C. These VT-NMR experiments revealed that 1,6-anhydrosugar **5** derived from **1a** and 6-OH of **6** with benzyl protecting group was reactive enough at elevated temperature. This result was consistent with the lower yield of glycosylation using thioglycoside **1a** at 0 °C (Table 1-4, entry 3).



**Figure 1-3.** VT-NMR of glycosyl dioxalenium ion **6** ( $P^2 = Piv$ ,  $P^6 = Bn$ )

By changing protecting group  $P^6$  at 6-OH of thioglycoside **1** from Bn group to TBDPS group, glycosyl dioxalenium ion **7** ( $P^2 = Piv$ ,  $P^6 = TBDPS$ ) was again observed (Figure 1-4). Although the spectra became complex by raising temperature, the corresponding peaks of glycosyl dioxalenium ion **7** were still observed at 0 °C without peaks derived from 1,6-anhydrosugar **5**. This result clearly indicates that glycosyl dioxalenium ion was accumulated reactive intermediate at 0 °C (Table 1-2, entry 5) and the TBDPS group at 6-OH contributed higher stability of glycosyl dioxalenium ion **7**. We presume that the steric effect of TBDPS group may prevent the nucleophilic attack of 6-OH to the anomeric carbon because similar chemical shifts of the cationic carbons of glycosyl dioxalenium ions (197.1 ppm for **6** and 196.9 ppm for **7**) suggest the small electronic effect of protecting groups at 6-OH.

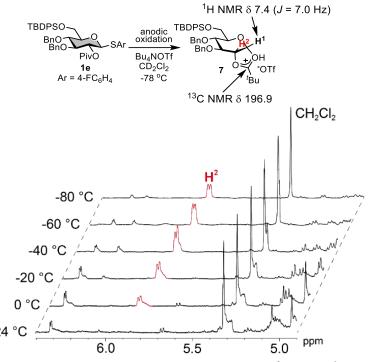
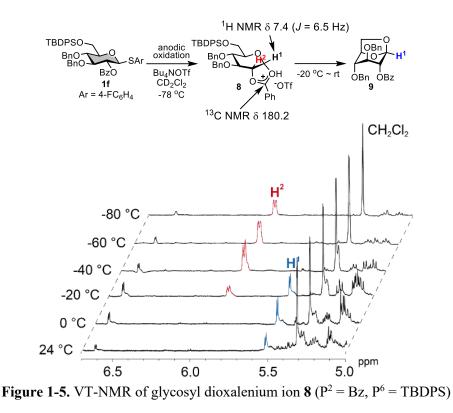


Figure 1-4. VT-NMR of glycoyl dioxalenium ion 7 ( $P^2 = Piv$ ,  $P^6 = TBDPS$ )

Other thioglycoside **1f** with Bz group at 2-OH also afforded the corresponding glycosyl dioxalenium ion **8** (P<sup>2</sup> = Bz, P<sup>6</sup> = TBDPS); however, stability of glycosyl dioxalenium ion **8** was lower than that of **7** (Figure 1-5). Formation of 1,6-anhydrosuger **9** was observed at -20 °C and glycosyl dioxalenium ion **8** was completely disappeared at 0 °C. These results suggest that not only TBDPS group at 6-OH but Piv group at 2-OH also contribute to higher stability of glycosyl dioxalenium ion intermediate. Based on the formation of 1,6-anhydrosugar as a decomposition product of glycosyl dioxalenium ions, the order of stability of glycosyl dioxalenium ions **6-8** was as follows; **7** (P<sup>2</sup> = Piv, P<sup>6</sup> = TBDPS) > **6** (P<sup>2</sup> = Piv, P<sup>6</sup> = Bn) > **8** (P<sup>2</sup> = Bz, P<sup>6</sup> = TBDPS). We assume that bulky protecting groups such as Piv group at 2-OH and TBDPS group at 6-OH may kinetically stabilize the dioxalenium ion **7** by preventing the formation of 1,6-anhydrosugar **5** via intramolecular glycosylation. Although further NMR analysis is required to identify other chemical species than glycosyl dioxalenium ion observed at low temperature,  $\alpha$ - and/or  $\beta$ -isomer of glycosyl triflate is the most plausible intermediate.<sup>8</sup>



Finally, we reinvestigated the trisaccharide synthesis at elevated temperature (Table 1-5). Based on optimization of disaccharide synthesis and VT-NMR study, both anodic oxidation and glycosylation were performed at -40 °C (entry 2). The desired trisaccharide **3e** was obtained in 46% yield, which is 1.5 times higher than the yield under conventional reaction conditions (entry 1). Although further optimization of reaction conditions and the temporary protecting group at 6-OH must be necessary, higher thermal stability of glycosyl dioxalenium ions enables both anodic oxidation and glycosylation at elevated temperature.

	SAr	HC BnO BnO oxidation		anodic oxidation	Piv <b>Ò</b> B	PSO BnO PivO BnO BnO BnO DO O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O	~
Piv0 <b>1e</b> Ar = 4-F0		T <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>2</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>2</sub>	PivÒ <sub>BnO</sub> ∽ 3e BnO	PivO SAr
-	entry	T1 (°C)	T <sub>2</sub> (°C)	yield	average yield per cycle	selectivity (α:β)	
-	1	-80	-50	29%	54%	β only	
	2	-40	-40	46%	68%	β only	

 Table 1-5. Synthesis of trisaccharide 3e at elevated temperature.

# Conclusion

In conclusion, we improved the yield of synthesis  $\beta$ -1,6-glucan trisaccharide based on temperature optimization and VT-NMR experiment of glycosylation intermediate. Electrochemically generated glycosyl dioxalenium ions were more stable than glycosyl triflates which decompose at elevated

temperature such as 0 °C.<sup>9</sup> VT-NMR study clearly indicated that not only protecting groups at 2-OH but also protecting group at 6-OH influenced thermal stability of glycosyl dioxalenium ions. Based on these findings, further optimization of synthesis of  $\beta$ -1,3-glucan trisaccharide and synthesis of the linear precursor of cyclic dodecasaccharide are in progress in our laboratory.

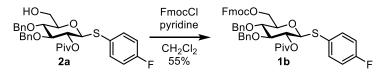
# **Experimental**

#### 1. General

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AVANCE II 600 (<sup>1</sup>H 600 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C 150 MHz) and JEOL JNM-ECZ500R (<sup>1</sup>H 500 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C 125 MHz). Electro-spray ionization mass spectra (ESI-MS) were recorded on Thermo Scientific Exactive spectrometer. Preparative recycling gel permeation chromatography (PR-GPC) was performed on Japan Analytical Industry LC-5060. Kanto silica gel 60 N (spherical, neutral, 63-210 μm) was used for silica gel column chromatography. The automated synthesizer is consisting of the commercially available instruments such as the chiller with a cooling bath (UCR-150, Techno Sigma), the power supply for constant current electrolysis (PMC 350-0.2 A, KIKUSUI), the syringe pump (PHD 2000 infusion, Harvard apparatus), and the system controller (LabVIEW, National Instruments). Optical rotation was recorded on JASCO DIP-1000 digital polarimeter in chloroform. Merck TLC (silica gel 60 F254) was used for TLC analysis. Starting materials **S1**,<sup>5</sup> **1a**,<sup>5</sup> and **2a**<sup>5</sup> were prepared according to the reported procedures. Unless otherwise noted, all materials were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification.

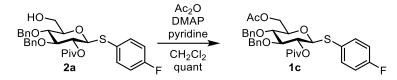
#### 2. Preparation of building blocks

Preparation of 4-fluorophenyl 3,4-di-*O*-benzyl-6-*O*-(9-fluorenylmethyloxycarbonyl)-2-*O*-pivaloyl-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**1b**)



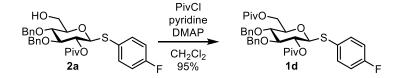
To the solution of 2a (1.00 mmol, 555 mg) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6.4 mL), pyridine (13.0 mmol, 1.0 mL) and FmocCl (2.00 mmol, 523 mg) were added at room temperature and the reaction mixture was stirred for another 2 days. After the completion of the reaction determined by TLC (hexane/EtOAc 4:1). The reaction was quenched with 1 N HCl. The reaction mixture was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O for three times and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and removal of solvent under reduced pressure the crude product was purified with silica gel chromatography to obtain 1b in 55% yield (0.553 mmol, 430 mg) as a pale-yellow solid. 4-Fluorophenyl 3,4-di-O-benzyl-6-O-(9-fluorenylmethyloxycarbonyl)-2-O-pivaloyl-1-thio-B-D**glucopyranoside (1b)**; TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1):  $R_f 0.52$ ;  $[\alpha]_D = -6.4$  (c = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz) δ 7.76 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.51–7.48 (m, 2 H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.32-7.22 (m, 12 H), 6.95 (pseudo-t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 5.04 (pseudo-t, J = 9.6 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 4.79 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.75 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 2 H, benzylic-H), 4.70 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.56–4.52 (m, 2 H, H-1 and benzylic-H), 4.47–4.40 (m, 3 H, H-6' and Fmoc-2H), 4.28–4.23 (m, 2 H, H-6 and Fmoc-1H), 3.73 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H, H-3), 3.60–3.58 (m, 2 H, H-4 and H-5), 1.25 (s, 9 H, Piv); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz) δ 176.7, 163.0 (d, J = 246.0 Hz, ArS), 155.0, 143.4, 143.3, 141.4, 137.8, 137.5, 135.7 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, ArS), 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.4, 127.3, 125.2, 125.1, 120.2, 116.0 (d, J = 21.0 Hz, ArS), 86.3 (C-1), 84.7 (C-3), 77.2 (C-4 or C-5), 77.0 (C-4 or C-5), 75.4 (benzylic-C), 75.2 (benzylic-C), 71.4 (C-2), 70.0 (Fmoc-CH<sub>2</sub>), 66.6 (C-6), 46.8 (Fmoc-CH), 38.9 (Piv-1C), 27.2 (Piv-3C); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>45</sub>FKO<sub>8</sub>S [M+K]<sup>+</sup> 815.2456; found 815.2463.

Preparation of 4-fluorophenyl 6-O-acetyl-3,4-di-O-benzyl-2-O-pivaloyl-1-thio-β-D-glucopyranoside (1c)



To the solution of **2a** (0.533 mmol, 296 mg) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3.00 mL), DMAP (0.066 mmol, 8.1 mg), pyridine (0.30 mL), and Ac<sub>2</sub>O (1.8 mmol, 0.17 mL) were added at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. After the completion of the reaction determined by TLC (hexane/EtOAc 4:1). The reaction was quenched with 1 N HCl. The reaction mixture was washed with  $H_2O$  for three times and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and removal of solvent under reduced pressure the crude product was purified with silica gel chromatography to obtain 1c in quantitative yield (0.544 mmol, 324 mg) as a white solid. 4-Fluorophenyl 6-O-acetyl-3,4-di-O-benzyl-2-O-pivaloyl-1-thio-β-D-glucopyranoside (1c); TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1):  $R_f 0.50$ ;  $[\alpha]_D = -8.1$  (c = 1.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)  $\delta$  7.50–7.48 (m, 2 H), 7.33–7.22 (m, 10 H), 6.99 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 5.01 (pseudo-t, J = 9.6 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 4.78 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.77 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.70 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H)H), 4.55-4.51 (m, 2 H, H-1 and benzylic-H), 4.43 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1 H, H-6'), 4.17 (dd, J = 12.0, 1.2 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 3.75–3.71 (m, 1 H, H-3), 3.58–3.54 (m, 2 H, H-4 and H-5), 2.04 (s, 3 H, Ac), 1.25 (s, 9 H, Piv); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz) δ 176.7, 170.6, 163.1 (d, J = 245.7 Hz, ArS), 137.8, 137.5, 135.9 (d, J = 7.5Hz, ArS), 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 127.8, 127.4, 127.02, 127.0, 115.9 (d, *J* = 19.5 Hz, ArS), 86.0 (C-1), 84.7 (C-3), 75.4 (benzylic-C), 75.1 (benzylic-C), 71.4 (C-2), 77.1 (C-4 or C-5), 77.0 (C-4 or C-5), 62.9 (C-6), 38.8 (Piv-1C), 27.2 (Piv-3C), 20.9 (Ac); HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>37</sub>FKO<sub>7</sub>S [M+K]<sup>+</sup> 635.1881; found 635.1879.

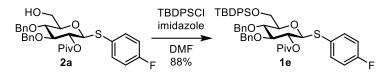
Preparation of 4-fluorophenyl 3,4-di-O-benzyl-2,6-di-O-pivaloyl-1-thio-β-D-glucopyranoside (1d)



To the solution of **2a** (0.542 mmol, 301 mg) were added pyridine (0.30 mL) and DMAP (0.61 mmol, 74 mg) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.0 mL), and pivaloyl chloride (0.82 mmol, 0.10 mL) was added at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. After the completion of the reaction determined by TLC (hexane/EtOAc 4:1), the reaction was quenched with aqueous hydrochloric acid solution. The reaction mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> for three times and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and removal of solvent under reduced pressure the crude product was purified with silica gel chromatography to obtain **1d** in 95% yield (0.516 mmol, 329 mg) as a white solid. **4-Fluorophenyl 3,4-di-***O*-benzyl-2,6-di-*O*-pivaloyl-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (1d) TLC (hexane/EtOAc 4:1): R<sub>f</sub> 0.72; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub> = -15.1 (*c* = 1.3, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)  $\delta$  7.49 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 4.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.34–7.27 (m, 6 H), 7.25–7.22 (m, 4 H), 6.98 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 4.99 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 4.78 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.53 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.68 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.54 (d, *J* = 12.0, 4.8 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 3.73 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H, H-3), 3.58 (ddd, *J* = 9.8, 4.8, 1.8 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 3.55 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 8.5 Hz, 1H, H-4), 1.25 (s, 9 H, Piv), 1,21 (s, 9 H, Piv); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)  $\delta$  178.1 (Piv-CO), 176.6 (Piv-CO), 163.0 (d, *J* = 246.9 Hz, ArS), 137.7, 137.5 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, ArS), 128.6,

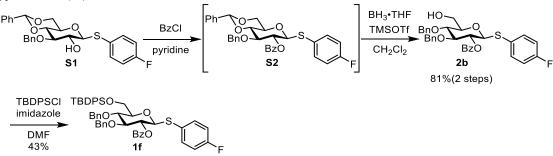
128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.5, 126.88, 126.86, 115.9 (d, *J*=21.5 Hz, ArS), 86.0 (C-1), 84.7 (C-3), 77.49 (C-4 or C-5), 77.47 (C-4 or C-5), 75.5 (benzylic-C), 75.3 (benzylic-C), 71.4 (C-2), 62.9 (C-6), 38.9 (Piv-1C), 38.8 (Piv-1C), 27.24 (Piv-3C), 27.22 (Piv-3C); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>37</sub>FKO<sub>7</sub>S, [M+K]<sup>+</sup> 677.2345; found 677.2318.

Preparation of 4-Fluorophenyl 3,4-di-*O*-benzyl-6-*O*-tert-butyldiphenylsilyl-2-*O*-pivaloyl-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (1e)



To the solution of 2a (1.22 mmol, 700 mg) in DMF (4.0 mL), imidazole (2.44 mmol, 166 mg), and tertbutylchlorodiphenylsilane (1.83 mmol, 0.469 mL) were added at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. After the completion of the reaction determined by TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1), the reaction was quenched with sat. aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The reaction mixture was washed with  $H_2O$ for three times and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and removal of solvent under reduced pressure the crude product was purified with silica gel chromatography to obtain **1e** in 88% yield (1.10 mmol, 876 mg) as colorless oil. 4-Fluorophenyl 3,4-di-O-benzyl-6-O-tert-butyldiphenylsilyl-2-O-pivaloyl-1-thio-β-Dglucopyranoside (1e); TLC (hexane/EtOAc 4:1):  $R_f 0.69$ ;  $[\alpha]_D = -18.9$  (c = 1.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz) δ 7.77 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.70 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.52 (dd, J = 7.2, 5.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.43-7.24 (m, 14 H), 7.10 (dd, J = 7.8, 4.2 Hz, 2 H), 6.89 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 5.09 (pseudo-t, J = 7.43-7.24 (m, 14 H), 7.10 (dd, J = 7.8, 4.2 Hz, 2 H), 6.89 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 5.09 (pseudo-9.6 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 4.79 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.78 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.70 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.62 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.58 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1 H, H-1), 3.99 (dd, J = 11.4, 1.8 Hz, 1 H, H-6'), 3.93 (dd, J = 11.4, 4.2 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 3.81 (pseudo-t, J = 9.6 Hz, 1 H, H-6) 4), 3.74 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H, H-3), 3.44 (ddd, *J* = 15.6, 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 1.26 (s, 9 H, pivalovl-H), 1.08 (s, 9 H, <sup>*t*</sup>Bu); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)  $\delta$  176.8, 174.1, 162.9 (d, *J* = 246.5 Hz, ArS), 138.1, 138.0, 135.9, 135.7, 135.1 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, ArS), 133.4, 133.0, 129.8, 128.5, 128.03, 128.01, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 115.9 (d, J = 21.8 Hz, ArS), 86.6 (C-1), 84.9 (C-3), 80.3 (C-5), 77.3 (C-4), 75.5 (benzylic-C), 75.2 (benzylic-C), 71.6 (C-2), 62.7 (C-6), 38.9 (pivaloyl-1C), 27.3 (pivaloyl-3C), 26.6 ('Bu-3C), 19.4 ('Bu-1C); HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>47</sub>H<sub>53</sub>FNaO<sub>6</sub>SSi [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 815.3208; found 815.3206.

Preparation of 4-Fluorophenyl 2-*O*-benzoyl-3,4-di-*O*-benzyl-6-*O*-tert-butyldiphenylsilyl-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (1f)

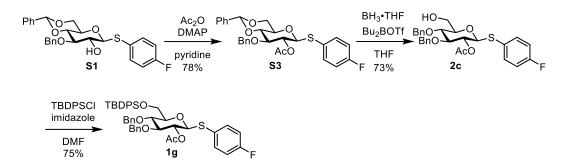


To the solution of **S1** (4.27 mmol, 2.00 g) in pyridine (15.0 mL), benzoyl chloride (4.27 mmol, 2.00 g) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C overnight. After the completion of the reaction

determined by TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 9:1), the reaction was guenched with 1 N HCl. The reaction mixture was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O for three times and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Solid was removed by filtration and the reaction mixture was evaporated to obtain crude product of S2. To the solution of S2 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (22.0 mL), tetrahydrofuran borane (23.5 mmol, 25.0 mL) was added at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 10 min. And trimethylsilyl triflate (0.676 mmol, 0.125 mL) was added at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After the completion of the reaction determined by TLC (eluent: Hexane/EtOAc 4:1). The reaction was quenched with sat. aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The reaction mixture was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O for three times and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and removal of solvent under reduced pressure the crude product was purified with silica gel chromatography to obtain 2b in 81% yield (3.44 mmol, 1.98 g) as a white solid. 4-Fluorophenyl 2-O-benzoyl-3,4-di-O-benzyl-1-thio-β-Dglucopyranoside (2b); TLC (hexane/EtOAc 4:1):  $R_f 0.14$ ;  $[\alpha]_D = 37.6$  (c = 1.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz) δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.59–7.55 (m, 1 H), 7.47–7.42 (m, 4 H), 7.33–7.27 (m, 5 H), 7.11 (bs, 5 H), 6.95 (pseudo-t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 5.22 (pseudo-t, J = 9.6 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 4.84 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.74 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.73 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.64 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.64 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.64 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.64 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.64 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.64 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.64 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.64 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.64 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.64 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.64 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.64 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.64 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.64 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.64 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.64 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.64 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.64 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1 Hz 11.0 Hz, 2 H, H-1 and benzylic-H), 3.92 (dd, J = 11.9, 2.2 Hz, 1 H, H-6'), 3.86 (pseudo-t, J = 9.1 Hz, 1 H, H-3), 3.74 (dd, J = 12.1, 4.7 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 3.67 (pseudo-t, J = 9.4 Hz, 1 H, H-4), 3.52–3.48 (m, 1 H, H-5); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)  $\delta$  165.2, 162.6 (d, J = 247.2 Hz, ArS), 137.7, 137.6, 135.7 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, ArS), 133.4, 130.2, 129.9, 128.6, 128.58, 128.54, 128.37, 128.30, 128.19, 128.13, 127.8, 127.0, 126.9, 116.1 (d, J = 21.8 Hz, ArS), 86.1 (C-1), 84.0 (C-3), 79.7 (C-5), 77.4 (C-4), 75.4 (benzylic-C), 75.2 (benzylic-C), 72.4 (C-2), 62.0 (C-6); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>31</sub>FKO<sub>6</sub>S [M+K]<sup>+</sup> 597.1718; found 597.1714.

To the solution of **2b** (1.39 mmol, 800 mg) in DMF (4.3 mL), imidazole (2.78 mmol, 190 mg), and tertbutylchlorodiphenylsilane (2.09 mmol, 0.536 mL) were added at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. After the completion of the reaction determined by TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1), the reaction was quenched with sat. aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The reaction mixture was washed with  $H_2O$ for three times and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and removal of solvent under reduced pressure the crude product was purified with silica gel chromatography to obtain 1f in 43% yield (0.602 mmol, 490 mg) as a white solid. 4-Fluorophenyl 2-O-benzoyl-3,4-di-O-benzyl-6-O-tert-butyldiphenylsilyl-1-thio-β-Dglucopyranoside (1f); TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1):  $R_f 0.59$ ;  $[\alpha]_D = 13.1$  (c = 5.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz) δ 8.06 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.79 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.71 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.51–7.48 (m, 3 H), 7.47–7.41 (m, 4 H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.35 (pseudo-t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 3.6 Hz, 3 H), 7.15–7.13 (m, 2 H), 6.86 (pseudo-t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 5.27 (pseudo-t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 4.86 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.75 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.71 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1 H, H-1), 4.67 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.64 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.02 (dd, J = 4.0, 1.6 Hz, 1 H, H-6'), 3.97 (dd, J = 11.4, 4.2 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 3.87 (dt, J = 14.4, 9.0 Hz, 2 H, H-4), 3.48 (ddd, J = 9.3, 3.6, 1.6 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 1.09 (s, 9 H, 'Bu); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz) δ 165.2, 162.9 (d, J = 264.4 Hz, ArS), 137.9, 137.6, 135.9, 135.7, 135.5 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, ArS), 133.38, 133.27, 132.9, 130.0, 129.9, 129.8, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 128.8, 127.78, 127.76, 127.4 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, ArS), 115.9 (d, J = 21.7 Hz, ArS), 86.2 (C-1), 84.4 (C-3), 80.3 (C-5), 77.4 (C-4), 75.5 (benzylic-C), 75.2 (benzylic-C), 72.4 (C-2), 62.6 (C-6), 26.7 (<sup>t</sup>Bu), 19.3 (<sup>t</sup>Bu); HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>49</sub>H<sub>49</sub>FNaO<sub>6</sub>SSi [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 835.2895; found 835.2889.

Preparation of 4-Fluorophenyl 2-*O*-acetyl-3,4-di-*O*-benzyl-6-*O*-tert-butyldiphenylsilyl-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (1g)

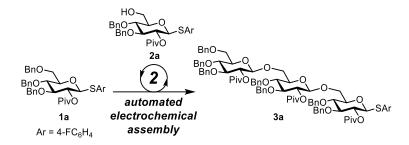


To the solution of S1 (2.77 mmol, 1.31 g) in pyridine (12.0 mL), DMAP (0.83 mmol, 100 mg) and acetic anhydride (3.6 mmol, 0.34 mL) were added, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C overnight. After the completion of the reaction determined by TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1), the reaction was quenched with 1 N HCl. The reaction mixture was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O for three times and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Solid was removed by filtration and the reaction mixture was evaporated to obtain crude product of S3. Thusobtained crude product was purified with silica gel chromatography to obtain S3 in 78% yield (2.15 mmol, 1.10 g) as a white solid. 4-Fluorophenyl 2-O-acetyl-3-O-benzyl-4,6-O-benzylidene-1-thio-β-Dglucopyranoside (S3); TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1):  $R_f 0.30$ ;  $[\alpha]_D = -5.6$  (c = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz) δ 7.49–7.46 (m, 4 H), 7.41–7.37 (m, 3 H), 7.32–7.25 (m, 4 H), 7.01 (pseudo-t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 5.56 (s, 1 H, benzylidene-H), 4.95 (dd, J = 10.2, 8.4 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 4.85 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.65 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.58 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1 H, H-1), 4.38 (dd, J = 10.8, 4.8 Hz, 1 H, H-1)6'), 3.78 (pseudo-t, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 3.74 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H, H-3), 3.69 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0Hz, 1 H, H-4), 3.48 (td, J = 10.2, 5.4 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 2.04 (s, 3 H, Ac); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)  $\delta$  169.3 (Ac-CO), 163.1 (*J* = 247.5 Hz, ArS), 138.0, 137.1, 136.1 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, ArS), 129.1, 128.6, 128.34, 128.29, 128.1, 127.93, 127.85, 127.7, 126.3 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, ArS), 126.0, 116.0 (d, J = 21.0 Hz, ArS), 101.2 (benzylidene-C), 86.4 (C-1), 81.3 (C-4), 79.7 (C-3), 74.4 (benzylic-C), 71.2 (C-2), 70.5 (C-5), 68.5 (C-6), 21.0 (Ac); HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>27</sub>FKO<sub>6</sub>S [M+K]<sup>+</sup> 549.1144; found 549.1122.

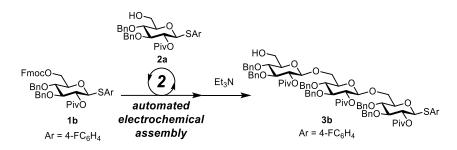
To the solution of **S3** (2.15 mmol, 1.10 g) in THF (16.0 mL), BH<sub>3</sub>-THF (14.0 mmol, 16.0 mL) was added at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 15 min. And 1.0 M dibutyl boron triflate dichloromethane solution (3.0 mmol, 3.0 mL) was added dropwise at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. After the completion of the reaction determined by TLC (eluent: Hexane/EtOAc 7:3). The reaction was quenched with sat. aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The reaction mixture was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O for three times and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and removal of solvent under reduced pressure the crude product was purified with silica gel chromatography to obtain 2c in 73% yield (1.56 mmol, 0.80 g) as a white solid. 4-Fluorophenyl 2-O-acetyl-3,4-di-O-benzyl-1-thio-β-Dglucopyranoside (2c); TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 7:3):  $R_f 0.15$ ;  $[\alpha]_D = 2.7$  (c = 1.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz) δ 7.46 (dd, J = 9.0, 5.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.35–7.25 (m, 9 H), 7.01 (*pseudo*-t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.93 (dd, J = 9.6, 9.0 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 4.811 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.807 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.67 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.63 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.54 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1 H, H-1), 3.87 (ddd, J = 12.0, 5.4, 2.4 Hz, 1 H, H-6'), 3.71–3.67 (m, 2 H, H-3 and H-6), 3.59 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H, H-4), 3.40 (ddd, J = 9.6, 4.2, 2.4 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 2.01 (s, 1 H, Ac), 1.78 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1 H, OH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz) δ 169.5 (Ac-CO), 163.0 (d, J = 247.5 Hz, ArS), 138.0, 137.7, 135.5 (d, J = 247.5 Hz, ArS), 138.0, 137.7, 137.5 (d, J = 247.5 Hz, 138.0, 137.7, 137.7, 137.5 (d, J = 247.5 Hz, 138.0, 137.7, 137.7, 137.5 (d, J = 247.5 Hz, 138.5 (d, J = 247.5 Hz, 7.5 Hz, ArS), 128.6, 128.5, 128.43, 128.35, 128.12, 128.09, 128.0, 127.88, 126.9, 116.1 (d, J = 21.0 Hz, ArS), 85.9 (C-1), 84.1 (C-3), 79.6 (C-5), 77.4 (C-4), 75.3 (benzylic-C), 75.2 (benzylic-C), 71.8 (C-2), 61.9 (C-6), 21.0 (Ac); HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>29</sub>FKO<sub>6</sub>S [M+K]<sup>+</sup> 551.1300; found 551.1282.

To the solution of 2c (0.977 mmol, 501 mg) in DMF (3.0 mL), imidazole (1.95 mmol, 134 mg), and tert-butylchlorodiphenylsilane (1.5 mmol, 0.40 mL) were added at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. After the completion of the reaction determined by TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 9:1), the reaction was quenched with sat. aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O for three times and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and removal of solvent under reduced pressure the crude product was purified with silica gel chromatography to obtain 1g in 75% yield (0.732 mmol, 550 mg) as colorless oil. 4-Fluorophenyl 2-O-acetyl-3,4-di-O-benzyl-6-O-tertbutyldiphenylsilyl-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (1g) TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1):  $R_f 0.72$ ;  $[\alpha]_D = -15.1$  (c =1.3, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz) δ 7.75 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.69 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.52–7.49 (m, 2 H), 7.42 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.37–7.31 (m, 6 H), 7.30–7.25 (m, 6 H), 7.13–7.11 (m, 2 H), 6.89 (pseudo-t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 4.98 (pseudo-t, J = 9.6 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 4.83 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.82 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.67 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.65 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1 Hz 10.7 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H) 4.53 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1 H, H-1), 3.98 (dd, J = 11.4, 1.4 Hz, 1 H, H-6'), 3.92 (dd, J = 10.1 Hz, 1 H, H-1), 3.98 (dd, J = 10.1 Hz, 1 H, H-6'), 3.92 (dd, J = 10.1 Hz, 1 H, H-1), 3.98 (dd, J = 10.1 Hz, 1 J = 11.4, 3.8 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 3.81 (pseudo-t, J = 9.4 Hz, 1 H, H-4), 3.68 (pseudo-t, J = 9.2 Hz, 1 H, H-3), 3.40 (ddd, J = 9.8, 3.5, 1.3 Hz, 1 H, H-5), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)  $\delta$  169.6 (Ac-CO), 162.8 (d, J =246.9 Hz, ArS), 135.9, 135.7, 135.3 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, ArS), 133.3, 132.9, 129.8, 128.54, 128.49, 127.98, 127.89, 127.82, 127.7, 127.5, 127.48, 115.9 (d, J = 21.5 Hz, ArS), 86.1 (C-1), 84.5 (C-3), 80.2 (C-5), 77.3 (C-4), 75.5 (benzylic-C), 75.2 (benzylic-C), 71.7 (C-2), 62.5 (C-6), 26.8 (Bu-3C), 21.1 (Ac), 17.3 (Bu-1C); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>47</sub>FKO<sub>6</sub>SSi, [M+K]<sup>+</sup> 789.2448; found 789.2477.

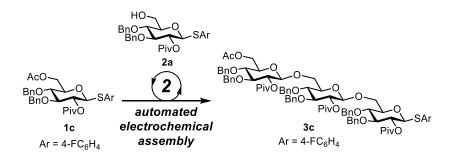
#### 3. Synthesis of trisaccharides



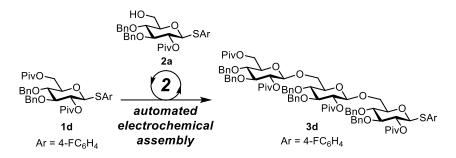
The automated synthesis of trisaccharide **3a** was carried out in an H-type divided cell (4G glass filter) equipped with a carbon felt anode (Nippon Carbon JF-20-P7) and a platinum plate cathode (10 mm×20 mm). In the anodic chamber were placed terminal building block **1a** (0.300 mmol, 196 mg), Bu<sub>4</sub>NOTf (1.55 mmol, 613 mg) and CH2Cl2 (15.0 mL). In the cathodic chamber were placed trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (0.63 mmol, 55  $\mu$ L), Bu<sub>4</sub>NOTf (1.55 mmol, 611 mg) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15.0 mL). The constant current electrolysis (8.0 mA) was carried out at -80 °C with magnetic stirring until 1.0 F/mol of electricity was consumed. After the electrolysis, building block 2a (0.210 mmol, 353 mg) dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.0 mL) was subsequently added by the syringe pump (1.0 mL (0.105 mmol) for one cycle) under an argon atmosphere at -50 °C and kept for 60 min. Then the second cycle started automatically. After the 2nd cycle, Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.5 mL) was added, and the mixture was filtered through a short column ( $4 \times 3$  cm) of silica gel to remove Bu4NOTf. Removal of the solvent under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified with silica gel chromatography and the mixture was purified by PR-GPC with CHCl3 as an eluent and trisaccharide **3a** was obtained in 61% isolated yield (0.184 mmol, 276 mg) as a white solid. **4-Fluorophenyl** 3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl-2-O-pivaloyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl-(1→6)-3,4-di-O-benzyl-2-O-pivaloyl-β-Dglucopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 6)$ -3,4-di-*O*-benzyl-2-*O*-pivaloyl-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**3**a); TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1):  $R_f = 0.66$ ;  $[\alpha]_D = -0.6$  (c = 1.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)  $\delta$  7.50–7.47 (m, 2 H), 7.32–7.21 (m, 3 H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.13–7.11 (m, 2 H), 7.03 (*pseudo-t*, J = 11.2 Hz, 2 H), 5.10–5.06 (m, 2 H), 4.99 (*pseudo-t*, J = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.76 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.74–4.54 (m, 13 H), 4.51 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 2 H), 3.97 (dd, J = 11.4, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.91 (dd, J = 11.4, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.73–3.55 (m, 12 H), 3.48–3.45 (m, 1 H), 3.40 (*pseudo-t*, J = 9.4 Hz, 1 H), 1.23 (s, 9 H), 1.15, (s, 9 H), 1.13 (s, 9 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)  $\delta$  176.8, 176.73, 176.61, 162.8 (d, J = 246.5 Hz), 138.3, 138.28, 138.21, 138.13, 138.07, 137.9, 135.3 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 128.6, 128.5, 128.45, 128.41, 128.39, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.78, 127.75, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 116.1 (d, J = 21.7 Hz), 101.8, 101.1, 86.5, 84.7, 83.3, 83.27, 79.0, 78.1, 78.0, 75.3, 75.2, 75.09, 74.05, 74.9, 74.89, 74.85, 73.5, 73.2, 72.9, 72.0, 71.5, 69.0, 68.9, 68.3, 38.85, 38.83, 38.80, 27.27, 27.24, 27.22; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>88</sub>H<sub>101</sub>FKO<sub>18</sub>S, [M+K]<sup>+</sup> 1535.6324; found 1535.6309.



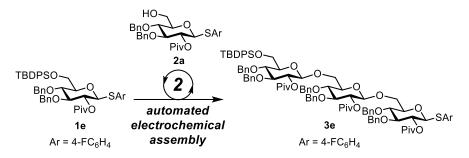
Automated electrochemical glycosylation of building blocks 1b (0.308 mmol, 239 mg) and 2a (0.629 mmol, 349 mg) afforded **3b** (0.0178 mmol, 25.0 mg) in 6% yield as a white solid, following the same procedure as that of compound 3a except deprotection of Fmoc group by adding excess amount of Et<sub>3</sub>N (3.0 mL). 4-Fluorophenyl 3,4-di-O-benzyl-2-O-pivaloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 6)$ -3,4-di-O-benzyl-2-O-pivaloyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl-(1→6)-3,4-di-O-benzyl-2-O-pivaloyl-1-thio-β-D-glucopyranoside (3b); TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 4;1):  $R_f 0.3$ ;  $[\alpha]_D = -6.7$  (c = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)  $\delta$ 7.48 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 6.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.34–7.21 (m, 30 H), 7.01 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 5.04–4.99 (m, 3 H), 4.80–4.68 (m, 8 H), 4.65 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.62-4.56 (m, 3 H), 4.41 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.39 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1 H)H), 3.86 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.82–3.79 (m, 1 H), 3.80 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.75 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.70-3.60 (m, 7 H), 3.59 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.49 (dd, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.44 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0Hz, 1 H), 3.36 (bs, 1 H), 2.50 (bs, 1 H), 1.23 (s, 9 H), 1.13 (s, 9 H), 1.13 (s, 9 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz) δ 176.8, 176.6, 176.5, 161.9, 138.2, 138.04, 137.97 137.93, 137.7, 135.0 (d, *J* = 8.25 Hz), 128.48, 128.46, 128.43, 128.31, 128.30, 128.2, 128.1, 127.98, 127.96, 127.9, 127.64, 127.59, 127.55, 127.4, 127.32, 127.30, 116.0 (d, *J* = 21.6 Hz), 102.1, 101.4, 86.5, 84.6, 83.2, 83.0, 78.7, 77.8, 77.6, 75.8, 75.1, 74.93, 74.89, 74.86, 74.7, 73.2, 73.0, 71.4, 69.6, 68.9, 61.9, 38.79, 38.76, 38.7, 27.2, 27.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>81</sub>H<sub>95</sub>FKO<sub>18</sub>S; [M+K]<sup>+</sup> 1445.5860; found 1445.5852.



Automated electrochemical glycosylation of building blocks 1c (0.100 mmol, 59.7 mg) and 2a (0.204 mmol, 113 mg) afforded 3c (0.0239 mmol, 34.7 mg) in 24% yield as a white solid, following the same procedure as that of compound 3a. 4-Fluorophenyl 6-O-acetyl-3,4-di-O-benzyl-2-O-piyaloyl-β-Dglucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 6)$ -3,4-di-*O*-benzyl-2-*O*-pivaloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 6)$ -3,4-di-*O*-benzyl-2-**O**-pivaloyl-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (3c); TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1): R<sub>f</sub> 0.27;  $\lceil \alpha \rceil_D = -9.2$  (c = 2.8, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz) δ 7.49 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.32–7.23 (m, 26 H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.04 (pseudo-t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 5.07 (dd, J = 9.0, 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 5.04 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.98 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.78 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.75–4.65 (m, 8 H), 4.58 (dd, J = 10.8, 5.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.53 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.44–4.42 (m, 3 H), 4.28 (dd, J = 11.8, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.19 (dd, J = 12.0, 5.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.96 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.89 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.73 (pseudo-t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.67–3.60 (m, 5 H), 3.55 (pseudo-t, J = 9.6 Hz, 2 H), 3.52–3.47 (m, 2 H), 3.40  $(pseudo-t, J = 9.6 \text{ Hz}, 1 \text{ H}), 1.96 (s, 3 \text{ H}), 1.23 (s, 9 \text{ H}), 1.15 (s, 9 \text{ H}), 1.13 (s, 9 \text{ H}); {}^{13}\text{C} \text{ NMR} (\text{CDCl}_3, 150 \text{ H})$ MHz) δ 176.71, 176.67, 176.5, 170.7, 162.8 (d, *J* = 246.0 Hz), 138.04, 138.02, 137.95, 137.9, 137.8, 137.6, 135.3 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 128.05, 128.01, 127.68, 127.66, 127.6, 127.4, 127.4, 127.2, 116.0 (d, J = 22.5 Hz), 101.3, 101.0, 86.4, 84.7, 83.2, 83.2, 79.0, 78.1, 77.9, 77.5, 75.3, 74.9, 74.9, 74.8, 73.2, 72.9, 71.4, 68.6, 68.2, 63.2, 38.79, 38.78, 38.75, 27.18, 27.17, 27.15, 20.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>83</sub>H<sub>97</sub>FKO<sub>19</sub>S; [M+K]<sup>+</sup> 1487.5966; found 1487.5952.



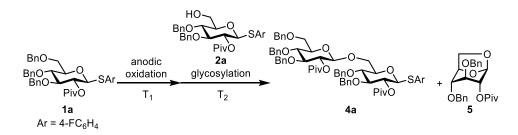
Automated electrochemical glycosylation of building blocks 1d (0.106 mmol, 67.5 mg) and 2a (0.211 mmol, 117 mg) afforded **3b** (0.0383 mmol, 57.1 mg) in 36% yield as a white solid, following the same procedure as that of compound 3a. 4-Fluorophenyl 3.4-di-O-benzyl-2.6-di-O-pivaloyl-B-Dglucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 6)$ -3,4-di-O-benzyl-2-O-pivaloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 6)$ -3,4-di-O-benzyl-2-**O-pivaloyl-1-thio-\beta-D-glucopyranoside (3d)** TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1): R<sub>f</sub> 0.42;  $[\alpha]_D = -11.0$  (c = 1.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz) δ 7.48 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 5.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.33–7.16 (m, 30 H), 7.04 (*pseudo*t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 5.07–5.02 (m, 4 H), 4.98 (pseudo-t, J = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.79–4.63 (m, 9 H), 4.57 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.47–4.43 (m, 3 H), 4.38 (dd, J = 12.0, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.16 (dd, J = 12.4, 4.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.97 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.90 (dd, J = 11.3, 1.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.74 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.67-3.61 (m, 5 H),3.57–3.54 (m, 2 H), 3.46–3.44 (m, 1 H), 3.41 (pseudo-t, J = 9.1 Hz, 1 H), 1.23 (s, 9 H), 1.17 (s, 9 H), 1.15 (s, 9 H), 1.12 (s, 9 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)  $\delta$  178.1, 176.71, 176.66, 176.6, 162.8 (d, J = 246.3 Hz), 138.04, 137.93, 137.79, 137.69, 135.2 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 128.6, 128.5, 128.48, 128.39, 128.35, 128.2, 127.98, 127.94, 127.91, 127.7, 127.64, 127.58, 127.45, 127.4, 127.21, 116.1 (d, *J* = 21.7 Hz), 101.27, 101.0, 86.4, 84.7, 83.2, 83.1, 79.0, 78.2, 77.9, 77.8, 77.3, 77.1, 76.9, 75.3, 75.1, 74.99, 74.96, 74.8, 73.5, 72.8, 38.79, 38.76, 27.3, 27.2, 27.18, 27.15; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>86</sub>H<sub>103</sub>FNaO<sub>19</sub>S; [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 1513.6691; found 1513.6671.



Automated electrochemical glycosylation of building blocks 1e (0.300 mmol, 238 mg) and 2a (0.633 mmol, 351 mg) afforded **3e** (0.0875 mmol, 144 mg) in 29% yield as a white solid, following the same procedure as that of compound 3e. 4-Fluorophenyl 3,4-di-O-benzyl-6-O-tert-butyldiphenylsilyl-2-Opivaloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 6)$ -3,4-di-O-benzyl-2-O-pivaloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 6)$ -3,4-di-**O-benzyl-2-O-pivaloyl-1-thio-B-D-glucopyranoside (3e)**; TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1);  $R_f 0.56$ ;  $[\alpha]_D = -13.3$ (*c* = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz) δ 7.71 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 3.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.67 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.49 (dd, J = 9.0, 5.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.38 (tt, J = 7.2, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.36–7.15 (m, 33 H), 7.08 (dd, J = 7.2, 4.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.03 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 5.11–5.05 (m, 2 H), 4.97 (pseudo-t, J = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.77– 4.46 (m, 16 H), 4.02 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.89–3.83 (m, 2 H), 3.75–3.60 (m, 7 H), 3.45 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H, 3.41 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.31 - 3.28 (m, 1 H), 1.22 (s, 9 H), 1.17 (s, 9 H), 1.13 (s, 9 H)H), 1.03 (s, 9 H);  ${}^{13}$ C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)  $\delta$  176.70, 176.68, 162.9 (d, J = 246.5 Hz), 138.2, 138.1, 137.9, 137.8, 135.8, 135.6, 135.3 (d, *J* = 8.25 Hz), 129.8, 129.7, 128.49, 128.45, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.84, 127.79, 127.76, 127.7, 127.65, 127.59, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 116.1 (d, *J* = 21.6 Hz), 101.3, 101.0, 86.4, 84.7, 83.30, 83.27, 79.1, 78.5, 77.9, 77.7, 77.3, 77.1, 76.9, 76.3, 75.33, 75.25, 75.0, 75.0, 74.9, 74.8, 73.1, 72.9, 71.4, 68.1, 67.9, 38.85, 38.82, 38.79, 27.3, 27.2, 26.9, 19.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>97</sub>H<sub>113</sub>FNaO<sub>18</sub>SSi; [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 1667.7293; found 1667.7330.

#### 4. Synthesis of disaccharides

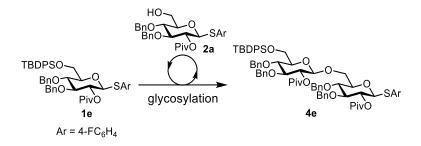
Preparation of 4-Fluorophenyl 3,4,6-tri-*O*-benzyl-2-*O*-pivaloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 6)$ -3,4-di-*O*-benzyl-2-*O*-pivaloyl-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**4a**)



The automated synthesis of trisaccharide **4a** was carried out in an H-type divided cell (4G glass filter) equipped with a carbon felt anode (Nippon Carbon JF-20-P7) and a platinum plate cathode (10 mm×20 mm). In the anodic chamber were placed terminal building block **1a** (0.300 mmol, 193 mg), Bu<sub>4</sub>NOTf (1.48 mmol, 578 mg) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15.0 mL). In the cathodic chamber were placed trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (0.296 mmol, 26  $\mu$ L), Bu<sub>4</sub>NOTf (1.51 mmol, 590 mg) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15.0 mL). The constant current electrolysis (12.0 mA) was carried out at -40 °C with magnetic stirring until 1.2 F/mol of electricity was consumed. After the electrolysis, building block **2a** (0.315 mmol, 176 mg) dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.0 mL)

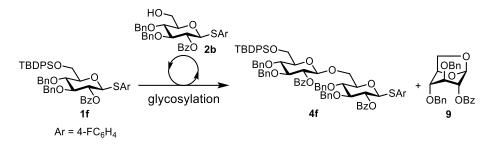
was subsequently added by the syringe pump under an argon atmosphere at -40 °C, and kept for 60 min. After the cycle, Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.5 mL) was added, and the mixture was filtered through a short column (4×3 cm) of silica gel to remove Bu4NOTf. Removal of the solvent under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified with silica gel chromatography to obtain 4a in 61% isolated yield (0.183 mmol, 196 mg) as a white solid. 4-Fluoropheny 3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl-2-O-pivaloyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl-(1→6)-3,4-di-O-benzyl-2-**O**-pivaloyl-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (4a) TLC (hexane/EtOAc 4:1): R<sub>f</sub>;  $[\alpha]_D = -12.6$  (c = 1.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz) δ 7.48 (dd, J = 8.8, 5.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.40–7.24 (m, 22 H), 7.23–7.21 (m, 4 H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 2.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.04 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 5.10 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.01 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 9.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.77–4.71 (m, 4 H), 4.69 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.66 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.58–4.52 (m, 3 H), 4.49–4.47 (m, 2 H), 4.46 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.00 (dd, J = 11.2, 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.75–3.70 (m, 2 H), 3.70–3.65 (m, 4 H), 3.61–3.57 (m, 1 H), 3.48 (ddd, J = 9.7, 4.4, 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.44 (pseudo-t, J = 9.3 Hz, 1 H), 1.23 (s, 9 H), 1.13 (s, 9 H);  ${}^{13}$ C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)  $\delta$  176.7, 162,8 (d, J = 246.7 Hz), 138.13, 138.09, 138.0, 137.8, 135.0 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 128.45, 128.43, 128.40, 128.05, 128.01, 127.9, 127.83, 127.81, 127.67, 127.64, 127.5, 127.3, 116.2 (d, *J* = 21.7 Hz), 101.2, 86.7, 84.6, 83.4, 78.3, 77.8, 77.5, 75.23, 75.21, 75.0, 74.95, 73.5, 72.9, 71.4, 68.8, 68.1, 38.8, 38.77, 27.20, 27.15; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>63</sub>H<sub>71</sub>FKO<sub>12</sub>S, [M+K]<sup>+</sup> 1109.4283; found 1109.4279.

1,6-Anhydrosugar **5** was obtained as a major product (33% yield) when the reaction was performed at elevated temperature (T<sub>1</sub> = T<sub>2</sub> = 0 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR and HRMS of **5** were compared with those reported in a literature to confirm its formation.<sup>10</sup> **1,6-Anhydro-3,4-di-***O***-benzyl-2-***O***-pivaloyl-β-D-glucopyranose (5)** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz) δ 7.33–7.25 (m, 10 H), 5.42 (s, 1 H), 4.78 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.71 (s, 1 H), 4.62 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.57 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.50 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.37 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.04 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.72 (*pseudo*-t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.50 (brs, 1 H), 3.33 (brs, 1 H), 1.22 (s, 9 H); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>, [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 465.1674; found 465.1669.



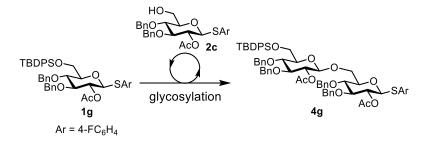
Automated electrochemical glycosylation of building blocks **1e** (0.299 mmol, 237 mg) and **2a** (0.315 mmol, 176 mg) afforded **3e** (0.216 mmol, 263 mg) in 72% yield as a white solid, following the same procedure as that of compound **4a**. **4-Fluorophenyl 3,4-di-O-benzyl-6-O-***tert*-**butyldiphenylsilyl-2-O-pivaloyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl-(1→6)-3,4-di-O-benzyl-2-O-pivaloyl-1-thio-β-D-glucopyranoside** (**4e**); TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1);  $R_f 0.64$ ;  $[\alpha]_D = -11.7$  (c = 1.3, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)  $\delta$  7.72 (dd, J = 6.6, 3.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.67 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.49 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.33–7.23 (m, 18 H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.18 (dd, J = 6.0, 2.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.15 (dd, J = 6.0, 2.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.03 (*pseudo*-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 5.09 (dd, J = 9.6, 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.97 (*pseudo*-t, J = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.82 (d, J = 20.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.80 (d, J = 20.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.75–4.65 (m, 5 H), 4.53–4.48 (m, 3 H), 4.01 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.95–3.90 (m, 2 H), 3.87 (*pseudo*-t, J = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.72–3.61 (m, 4 H), 3.36 (ddd, J = 9.6, 3.0, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.32 (*pseudo*-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.23 (s, 9 H), 1.16 (s, 9 H), 1.04 (s, 9 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)  $\delta$  176.8, 176.6, 162.1, 138.2, 138.1, 137.9, 137.7, 135.9, 135.6, 135.4 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 133.6,

133.0, 129.69, 129.67, 128.43, 128.41, 128.39, 127.93, 127.88, 127.8, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 127.3, 116.2 (d, *J* = 21.8 Hz), 101.1, 86.3, 84.7, 83.4, 79.7, 78.0, 77.6, 76.2, 75.2, 75.2, 75.1, 74.9, 73.1, 71.4, 67.8, 62.7, 38.8, 29.7, 27.2, 26.9, 19.3; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>72</sub>H<sub>83</sub>FNaO<sub>12</sub>SSi; [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 1241.5251; found 1241.5277.



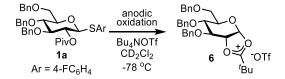
Automated electrochemical glycosylation of building blocks 1f (0299 mmol, 243 mg) and 2b (0.315 mmol, 182 mg) afforded 4f (0.194 mmol, 245 mg) in 65% yield as a white solid, following the same procedure as that of compound 4a. 4-Fluoropheny 2-O-benzoyl-3,4-di-O-benzyl-6-O-tertbutyldiphenylsilyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 6)$ -2-O-benzoyl-3,4-di-O-benzyl-1-thio- $\beta$ -Dglucopyranoside (4f). TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1):  $R_f = 0.39$ ;  $[\alpha]_D = 10.4$  (c = 12.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz) δ 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.77 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.71 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.58 (pseudo-t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.46–7.34 (m, 11 H), 7.30–7.28 (m, 5 H), 7.25–7.21 (m, 5 H), 7.15–7.13 (m, 5 H), 7.10–7.06 (m, 5 H), 6.95 (pseudo-t, J = 8.7 Hz, 1 H), 5.37 (dd, J = 8.4, 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 5.06 (pseudo-t, J = 9.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.91 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.78 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.75 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.69 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.63 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.57 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.56 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.49 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.47 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.38 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.00-3.97 (m, 3 H), 3.84 (pseudo-t, J = 9.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.70 (pseudo-t, J = 8.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.65 (dd, J = 11.6 Hz, 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.58–3.56 (m, 1 H), 3.44 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.40 (pseudo-t, J = 9.2 Hz, 1 H), 1.06 (s, 9 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz) δ 165.2, 165.0, 163.0 (d, *J* = 246.9 Hz), 138.1, 137.84, 137.83, 137.6, 136.0, 135.9 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 135.6, 133.6, 123.7, 133.2, 132.99, 132.96, 130.0, 129.9, 129.7, 128.5, 128.48, 128.39, 128.36, 128.2, 128.16, 128.1, 127.99, 127.88, 127.83, 127.8, 127.74, 127.65, 126.65, 126.63, 116.0 (d, J = 21.7 Hz), 101.2, 85.6, 84.13, 83.0, 79.1, 77.8, 77.5, 77.3, 77.1, 76.9, 76.2, 75.3, 75.2, 75.1, 74.8, 73.9, 72.0, 67.7, 62.6, 26.9, 19.4; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>76</sub>H<sub>75</sub>FKO<sub>12</sub>SSi, [M+K]<sup>+</sup> 1297.4364; found 1297.4343.

1,6-Anhydrosugar **9** was obtained as a minor product (7%) when the reaction was performed at elevated temperature ( $T_1 = T_2 = 0$  °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR and HRMS of **9** were compared with those reported in a literature to confirm its formation. <sup>11</sup> **1,6-Anhydro-2-***O***-benzoyl-3,4-di-***O***-benzyl-β-D-glucopyranose (9)** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)  $\delta$  8.10–8.06 (m, 2 H), 7.60–7.55 (m, 1 H), 7.45–7.40 (m, 2 H), 7.35–7.23 (m, 10 H), 5.59 (s, 1 H), 5.01 (s, 1 H), 4.83 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.69 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.61 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.50 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.13 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.78 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.70 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.42 (s, 1 H); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>, [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 469.1622; found 469.1606.



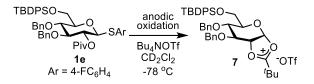
Automated electrochemical glycosylation of building blocks 1g (0.305 mmol, 229 mg) and 2c (0.315 mmol, 161 mg) afforded 4g (0.172 mmol, 195 mg) in 56% yield as a white solid, following the same of compound 4-Fluoropheny procedure as that **4a**. 2-O-acetyl-3,4-di-O-benzyl-6-O-tertbutyldiphenylsilyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl-(1→6)-2-O-acetyl-3,4-di-O-benzyl-1-thio-β-Dglucopyranoside (4g). TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1):  $R_f$ ;  $[\alpha]_D = 0.3$  (c = 4.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz) δ 7.74 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.68 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2 H), 7.47 (dd, J = 7.9, 5.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.41–7.25 (m, 22 H), 7.24–7.19 (m, 6 H), 5.28 (s, 1 H), 5.06 (*pseudo*-t, J = 8.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.89–4.87 (m, 2 H), 4.84 (d, J = 1.011.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.76 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.75 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.73 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.69 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.64 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.55 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.50 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.42 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.13 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.95–3.90 (m, 3 H), 3.68–3.64 (m, 2 H), 3.60–3.55 (m, 2 H), 3.39 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.34 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 1.99 (s, 3 H), 1.96 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)  $\delta$  169.45. 169.42, 162.9 (d, J = 247.1 Hz), 137.9, 137.7, 135.9, 135.6, 135.3 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 133.6, 132.9, 129.71, 129.70, 128.52, 128.49, 128.0, 127.97, 127.94, 127.87, 127.84, 127.8, 127.7, 127.1, 116.1 (d, *J* = 21.8 Hz), 85.8, 84.3, 83.1, 79.0, 77.8, 77.7, 76.0, 75.4, 75.3, 75.2, 75.0, 73.1, 71.5, 67.8, 62.4, 53.5, 26.8, 21.0, 19.3; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>66</sub>H<sub>71</sub>FNaO<sub>12</sub>SSi, [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 1157.4312; found 1157.4324.

#### 5. NMR analysis of glycosyl dioxalenium ions

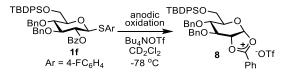


The anodic oxidation of thioglycoside **1a** was carried out in an H-type divided cell (4G glass filter) equipped with a carbon felt anode (Nippon Carbon JF-20-P7) and a platinum plate cathode (10 mm×20 mm). In the anodic chamber were placed terminal building block **1a** (0.100 mmol, 64.7 mg), Bu<sub>4</sub>NOTf (0.49 mmol, 191 mg) and CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mL). In the cathodic chamber were placed trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (0.091 mmol, 8  $\mu$ L), Bu<sub>4</sub>NOTf (0.50 mmol, 195 mg) and CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mL). The constant current electrolysis (4.0 mA) was carried out at -80 °C with magnetic stirring until 1.05 F/mol of electricity was consumed. After the electrolysis, the reaction mixture of anodic chamber was transferred to 5 mm  $\phi$  NMR tubes with a septum cap under argon atmosphere at -78 °C. The NMR measurement was carried out at low temperature. Chemical shifts were reported using signals of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at 5.32 ppm for <sup>1</sup>H NMR and CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at 53.8 ppm for <sup>13</sup>C NMR as standard. Selected data for **3,4,6-tri-***O***-benzyl-D-glucopyranosyl pivaloxonium triflate (6)**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 500 MHz, at -40 °C)  $\delta$  5.77 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 4.54 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.47 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.39 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.32 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 3.98 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 5.5 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 3.74 (brs, 1 H, H-4), 3.58 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 5.5 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 3.74 (brs, 1 H, H-4), 3.58 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 5.5 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 3.74 (brs, 1 H, H-4), 3.58 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 5.5 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 3.74 (brs, 1 H, H-4), 3.58 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 5.5 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 3.74 (brs, 1 H, H-4), 3.58 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 5.5 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 3.74 (brs, 1 H, H-4), 3.58 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 5.5 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 3.74 (brs, 1 H, H-4), 3.58 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 5.5 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 3.74 (brs, 1 H, H-4), 3.58 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 5.5 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 3.74 (brs, 1 H, H-4), 3.58 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 5.5 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 3.74 (brs, 1 H, H-4), 3.58 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 5.5 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 3.74 (brs, 1 H, H-4), 3.5

= 10.5, 5.5 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 3.49 (dd, J = 10.0, 5.0 Hz, 1 H, H-6); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 125 MHz, at -80 °C)  $\delta$  197.1 (cationic-C), 111.5 (C-1), 77.5 (C-2), 74.1 (C-5), 72.6 (benzylic-C), 71.6 (benzylic-C), 71.5 (benzylic-C), 69.1 (C-4), 67.8 (C-3 and C-6).



**3,4-Di-O-benzyl-6-***O-tert***-butyldiphenylsilyl-D-glucopyranosyl pivaloxonium triflate (7)**. Anodic oxidation of thioglycoside **1e** (0.102 mmol, 81.0 mg) afforded **7**. Selected data for **7**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 500 MHz, at -40 °C)  $\delta$  5.79 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 4.60 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.51 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.46 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.28 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.00 (brs, 1 H, H-3), 3.87 (brs, 1 H, H-4), 3.76–3.71 (m, 1 H, H-6), 3.67–3.62 (m, 2 H, H-5 and H-6); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 125 MHz, at -80 °C)  $\delta$  196.9 (cationic-C), 112.2 (C-1), 78.4 (C-2), 75.1 (C-5), 72.0 (benzylic-C), 71.6 (benzylic-C), 69.7 (C-4), 69.3 (C-3), 61.3 (C-6).



**3,4-Di-O-benzyl-6-***O-tert***-butyldiphenylsilyl-D-glucopyranosyl benzoxonium triflate (8)**. Anodic oxidation of thioglycoside **1f** (0.101 mmol, 82.2 mg) afforded **8**. Selected data for **8**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 500 MHz, at -80 °C)  $\delta$  5.89 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 4.70 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.59 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.36 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.27 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1 H, benzylic-H), 4.26 (brs, 1 H, H-3), 4.07 (brs, 2 H, H-4 and H-5), 3.88–3.80 (m, 1 H, H-6), 3.76–3.68 (m, 1 H, H-6); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 125 MHz, at -80 °C)  $\delta$  180.2 (cationic-C), 110.7 (C-1), 77.4 (C-2), 75.2 (C-5), 72.2 (benzylic-C), 71.8 (benzylic-C), 70.6 (C-4), 69.5 (C-3), 61.6 (C-6).

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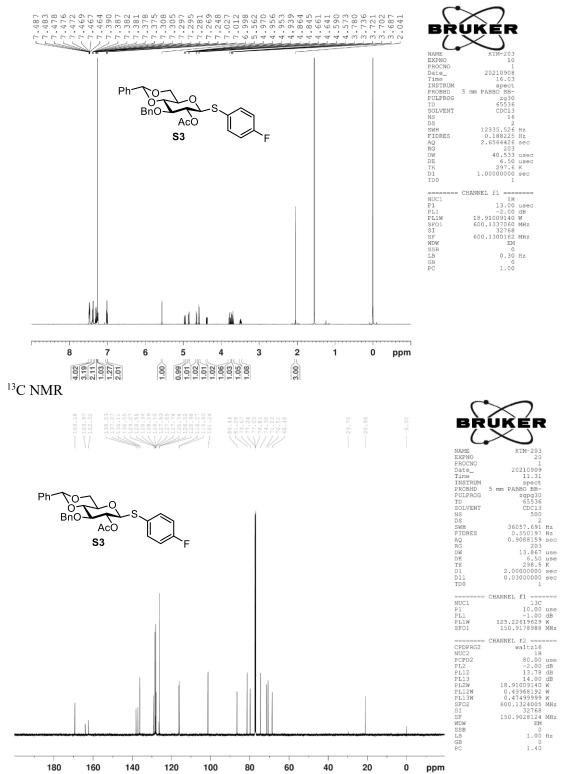
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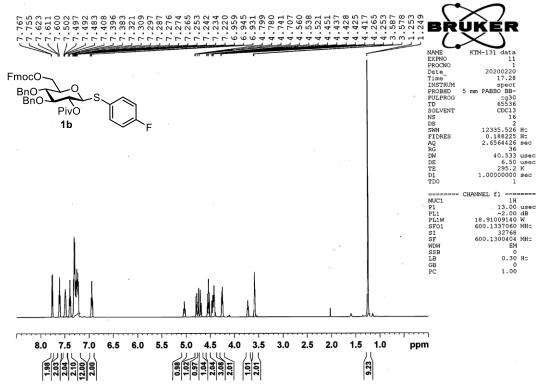
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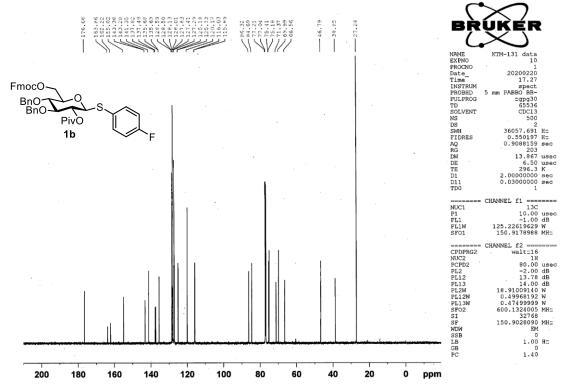
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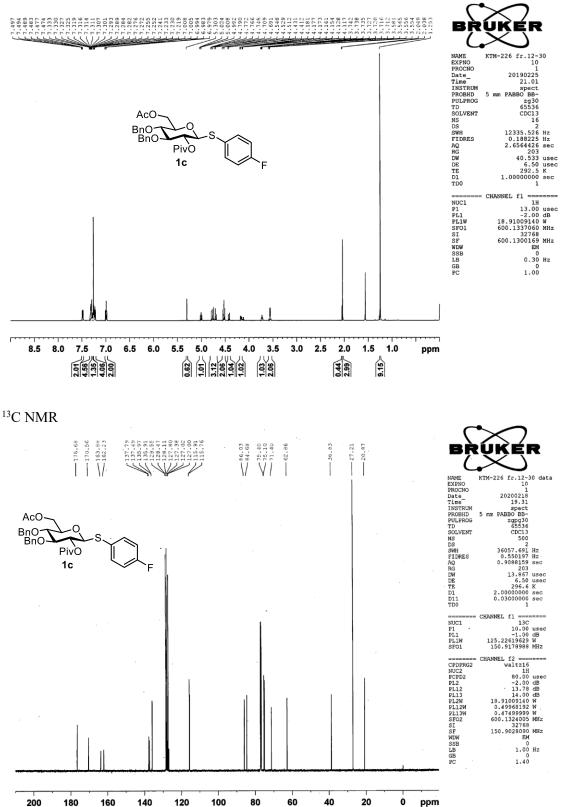


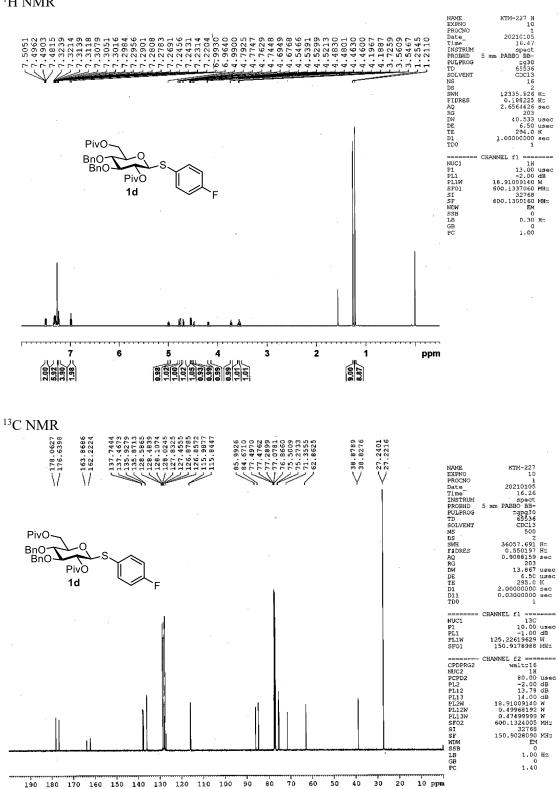
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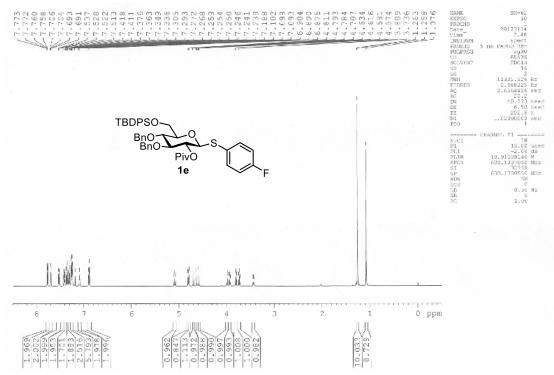


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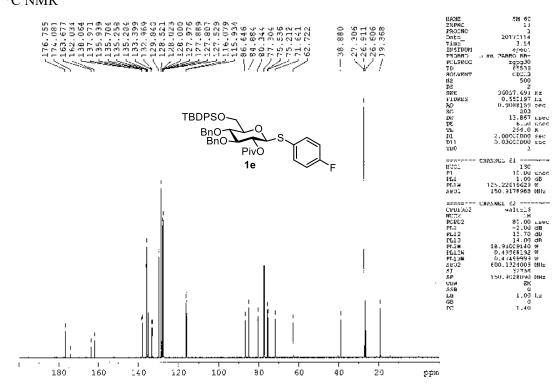


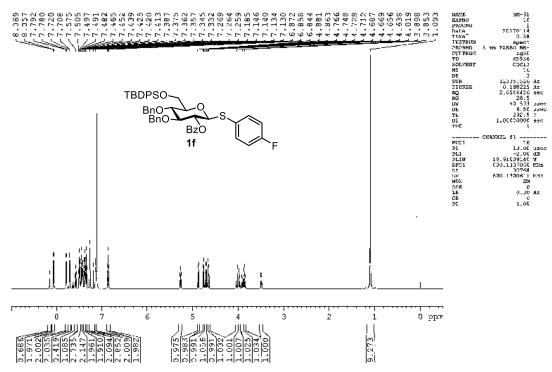




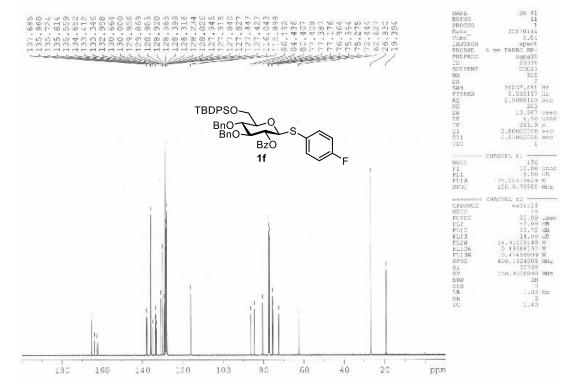


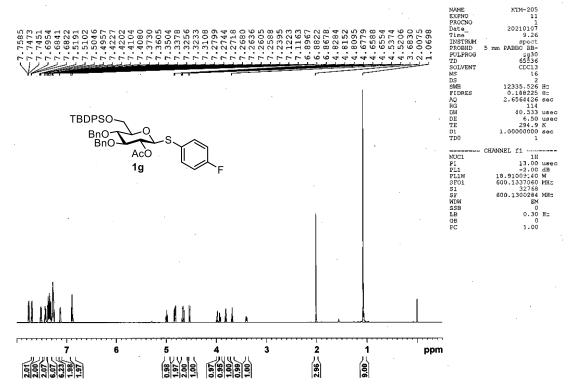
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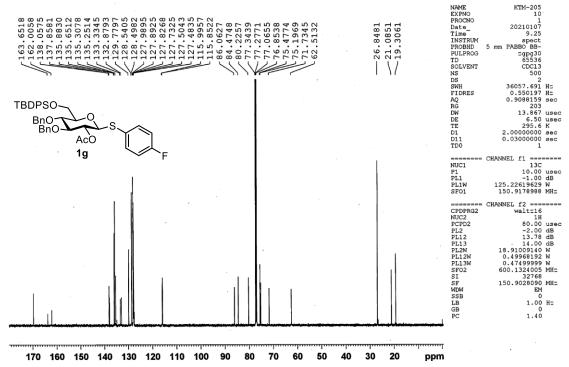


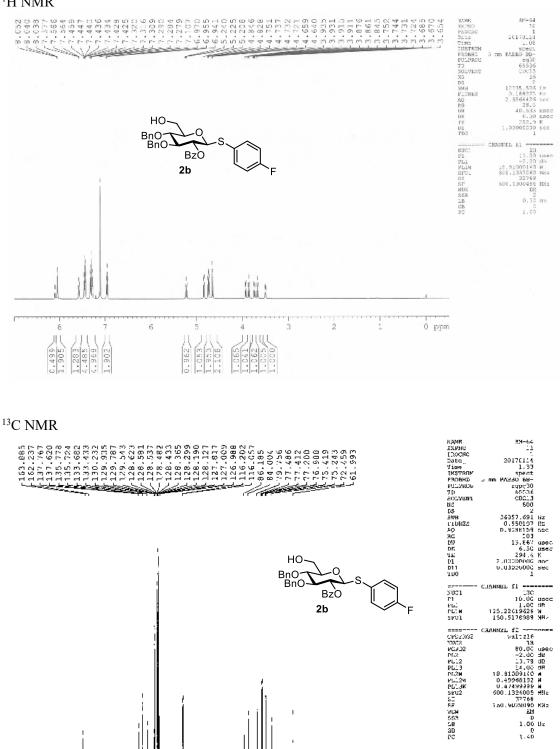


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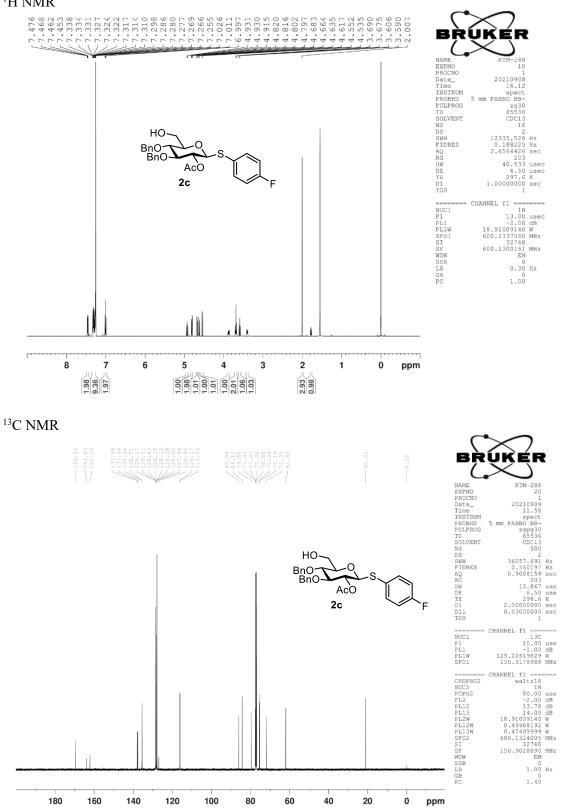


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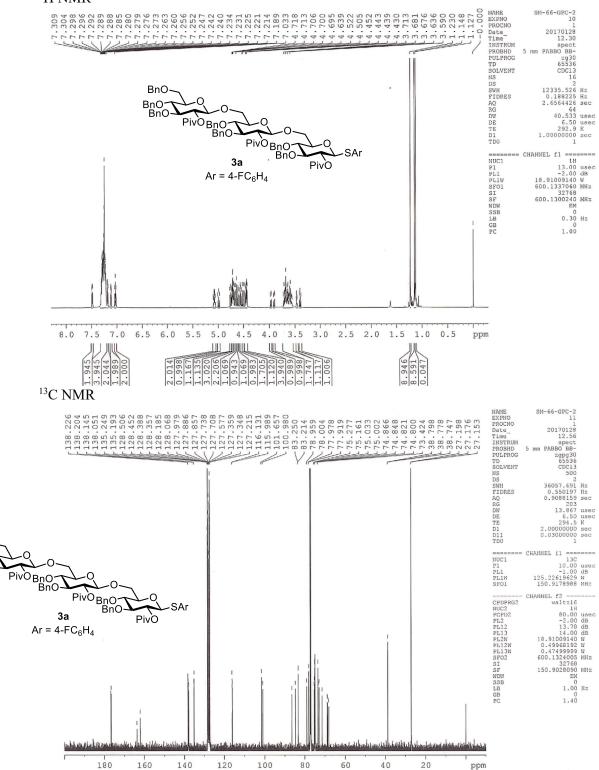
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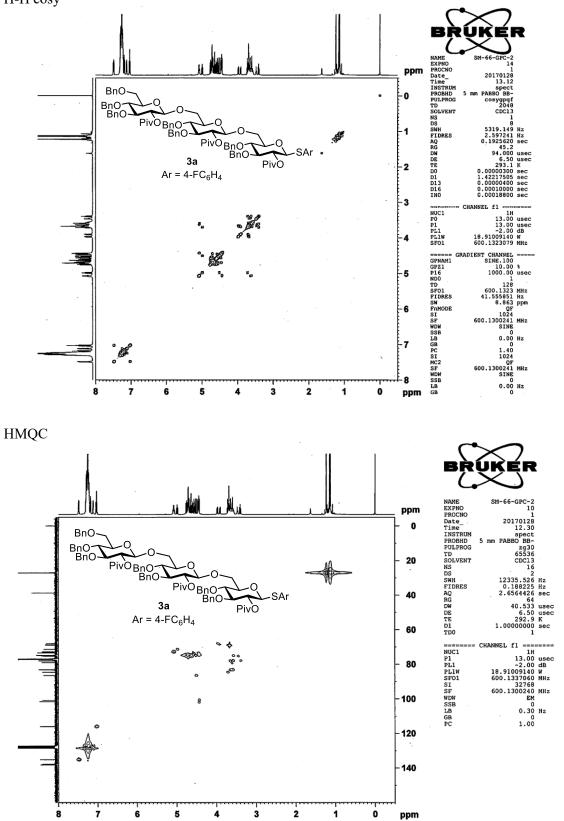
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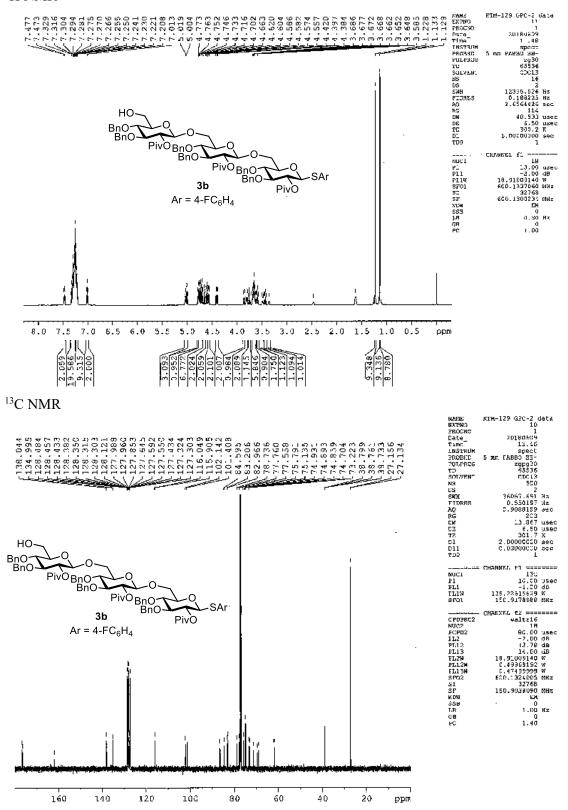
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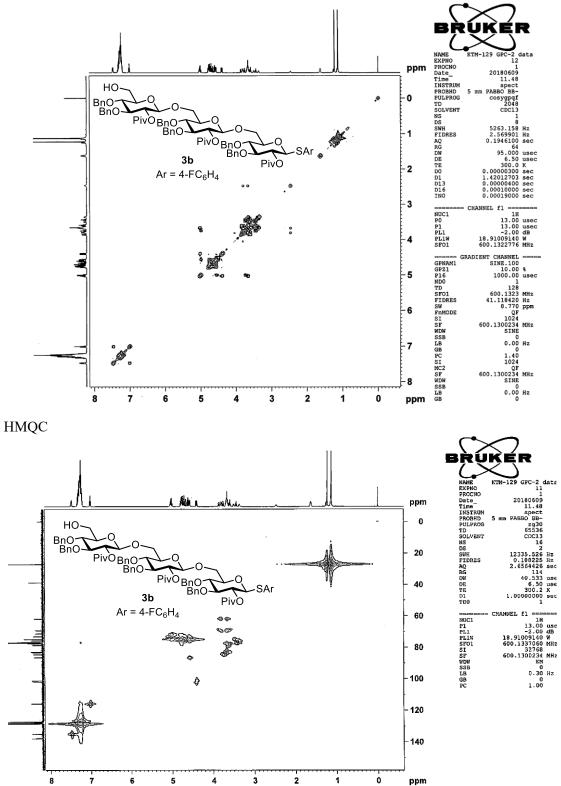








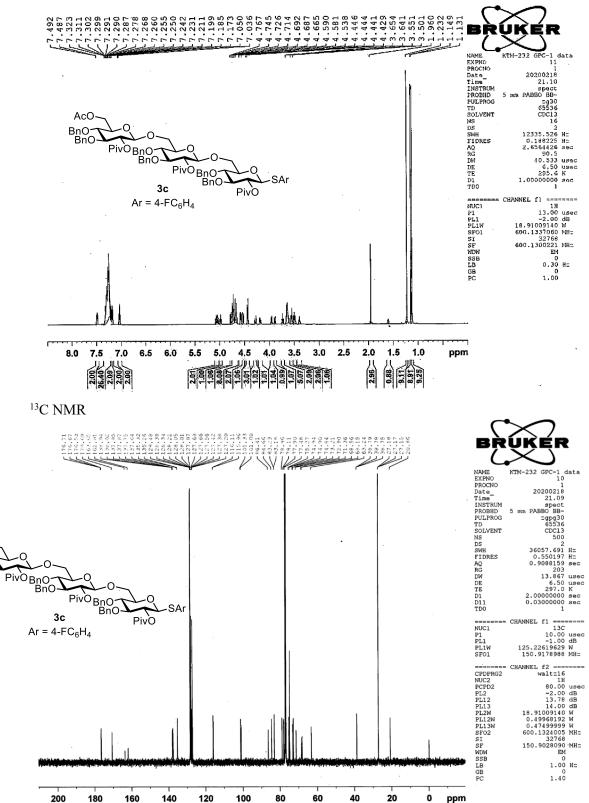




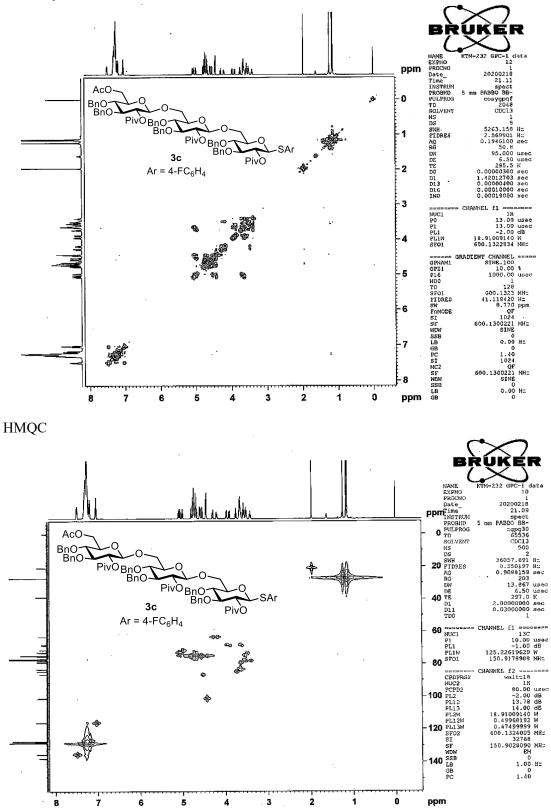
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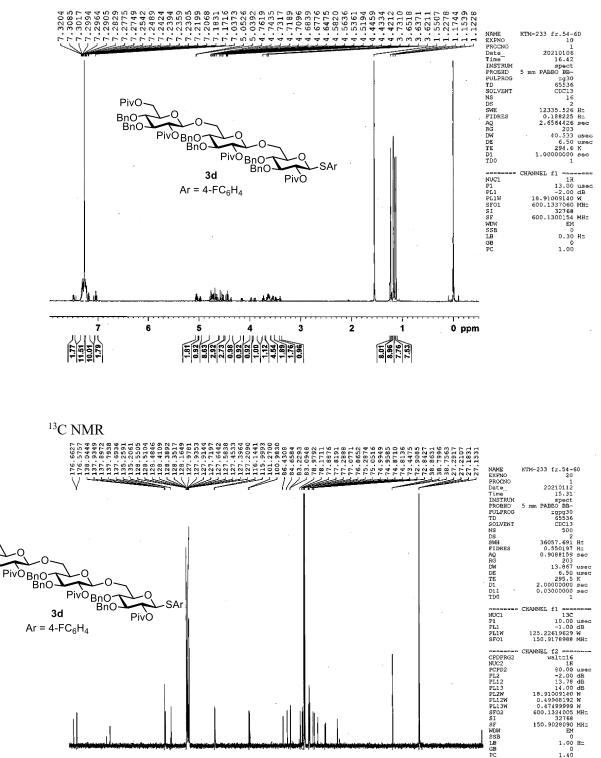
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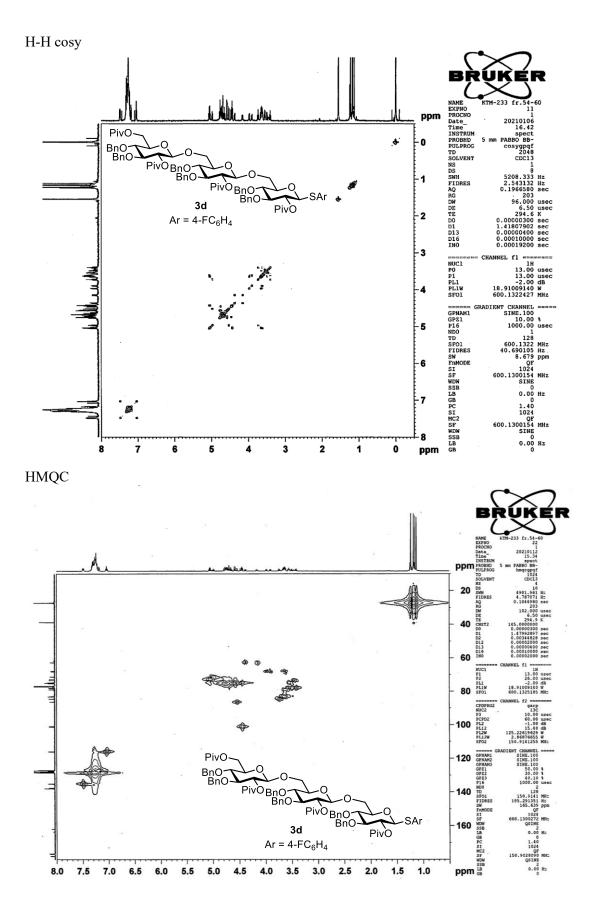
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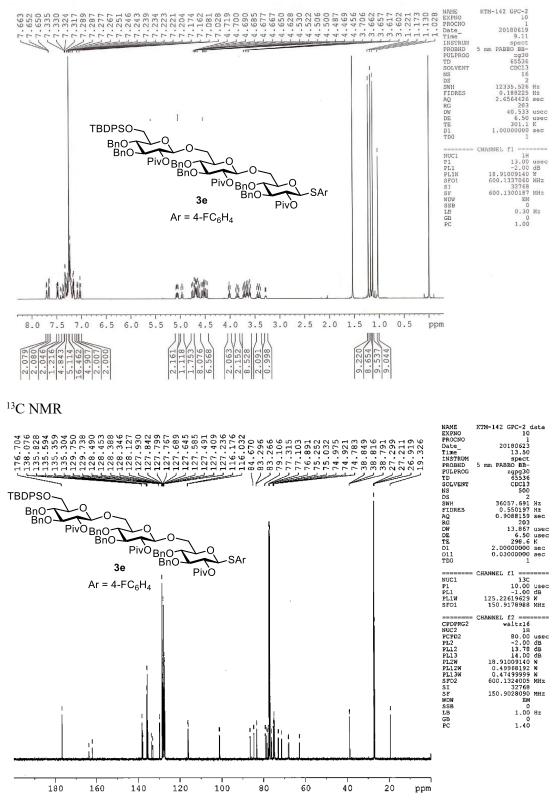
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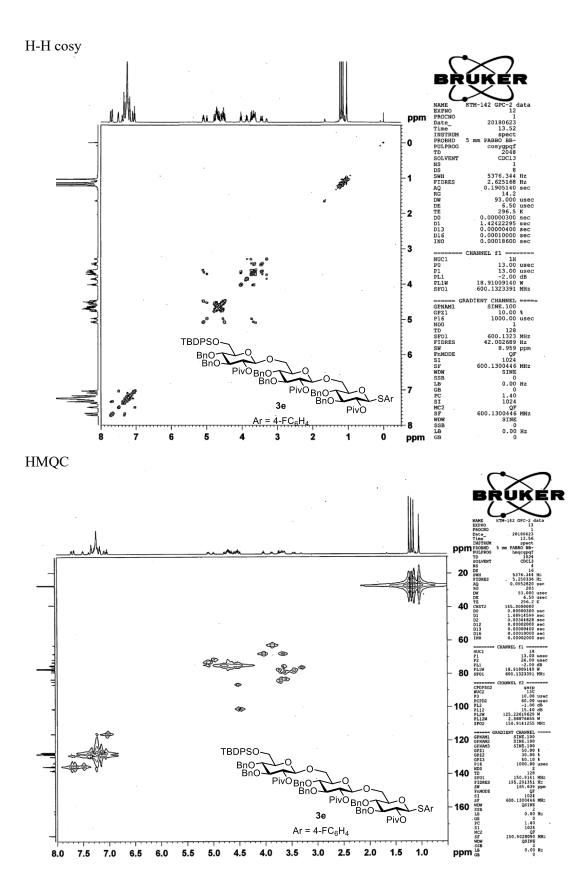
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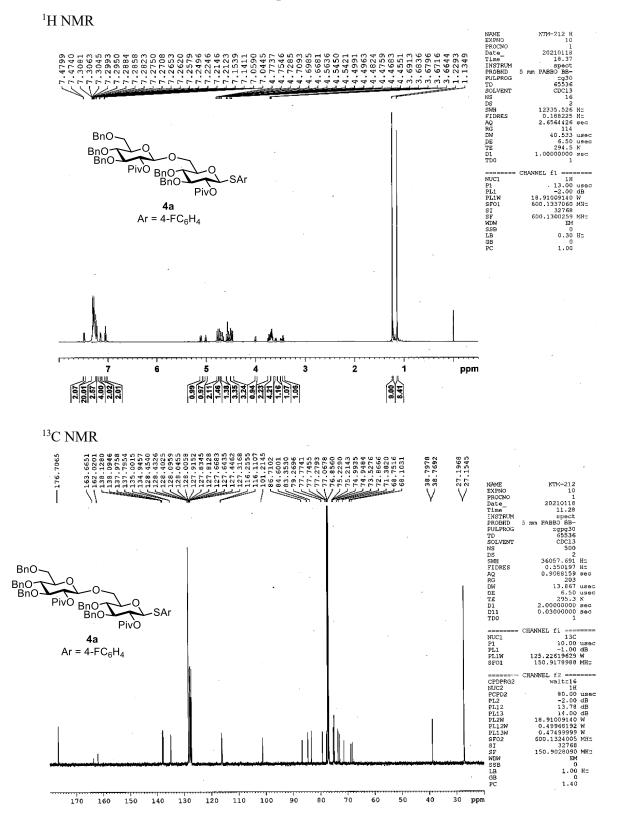
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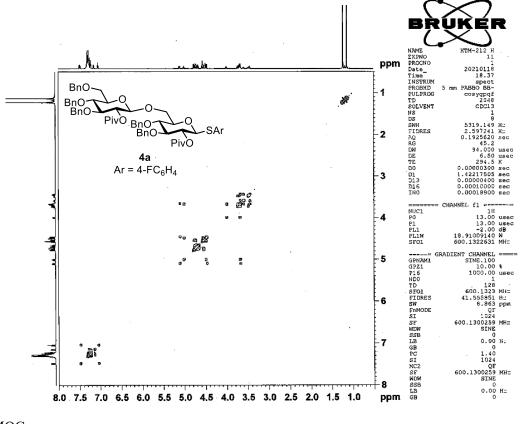




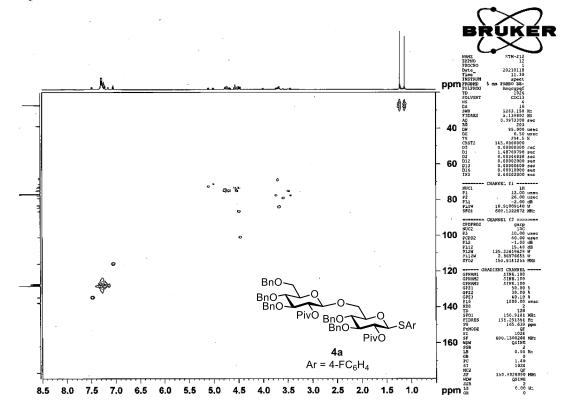


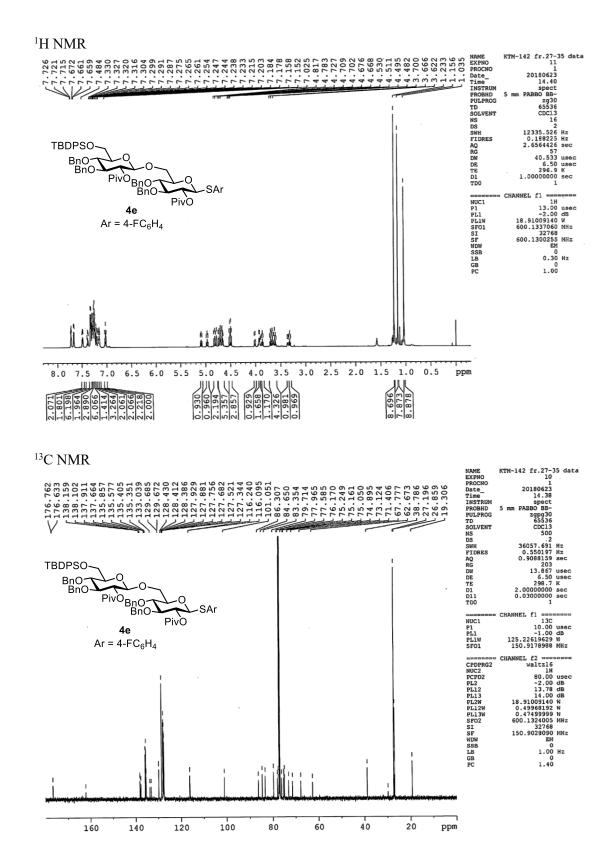
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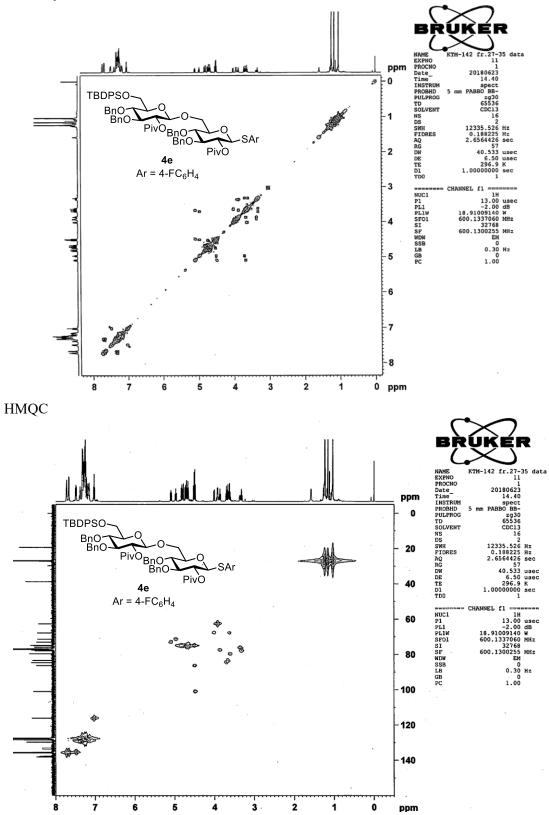


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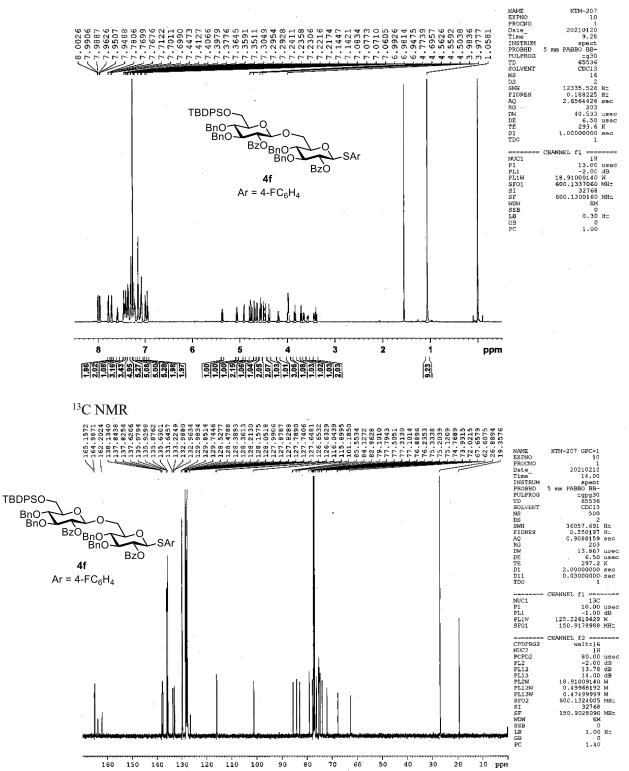




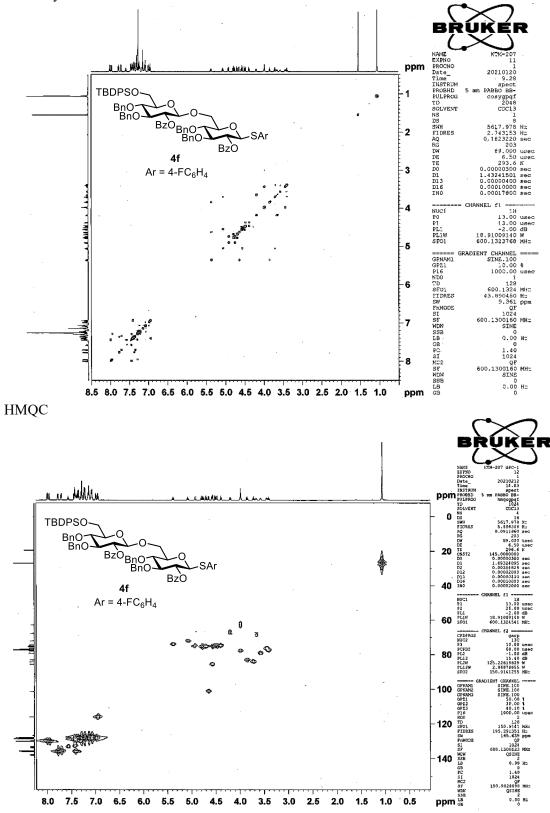
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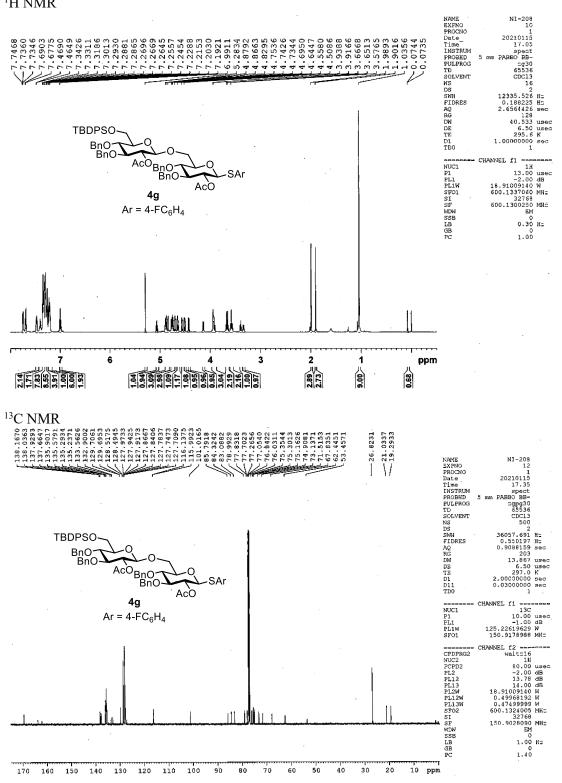


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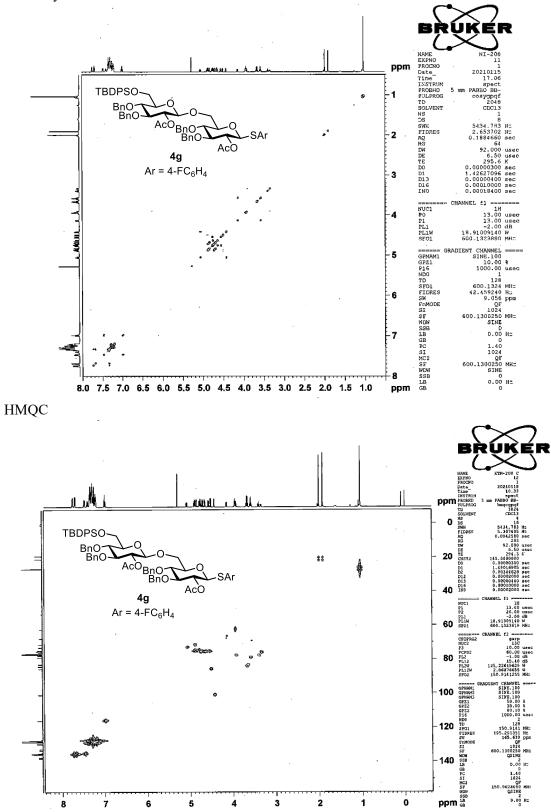


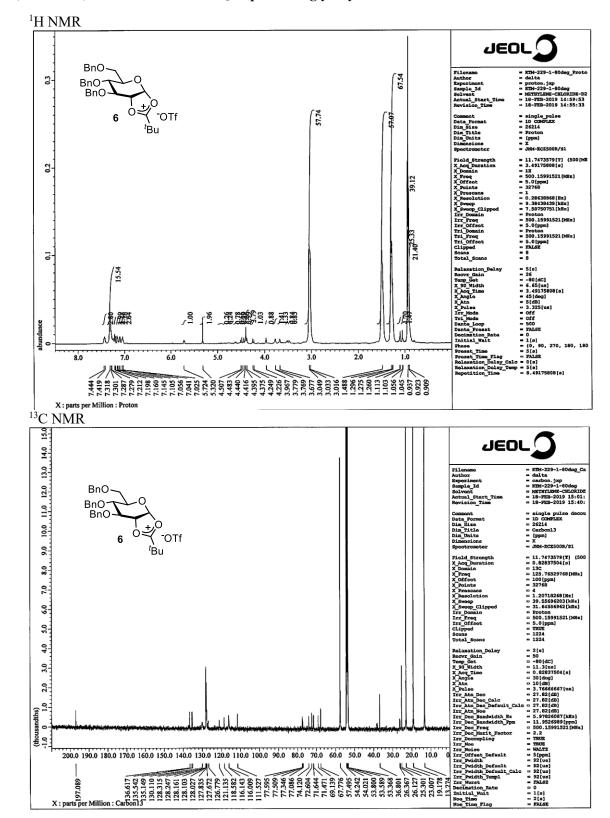
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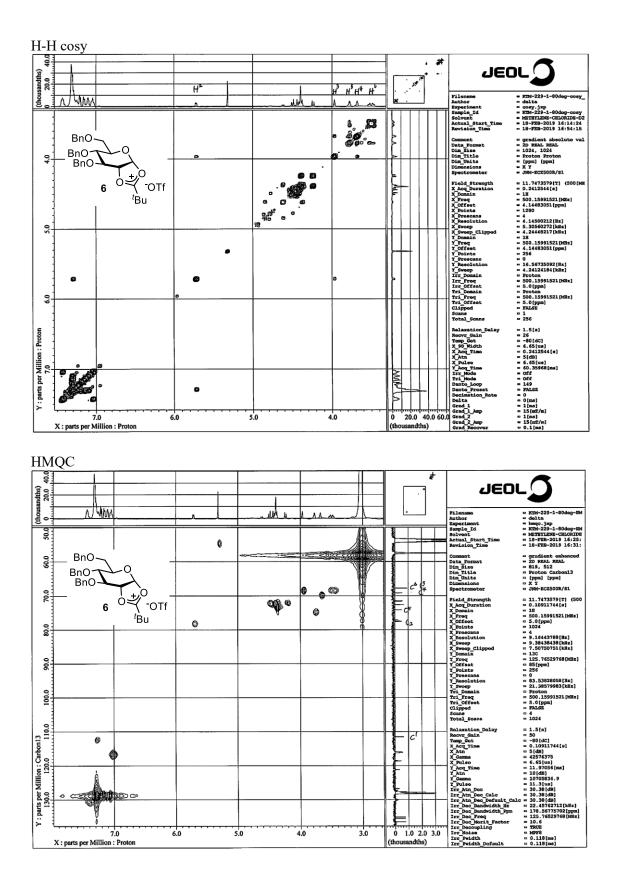


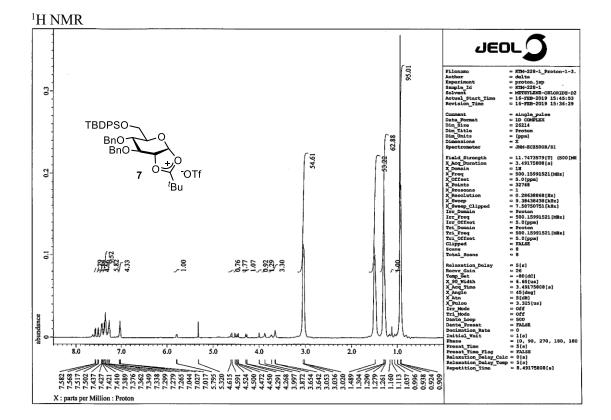
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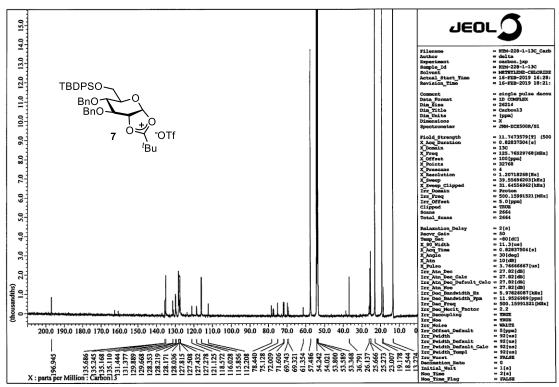


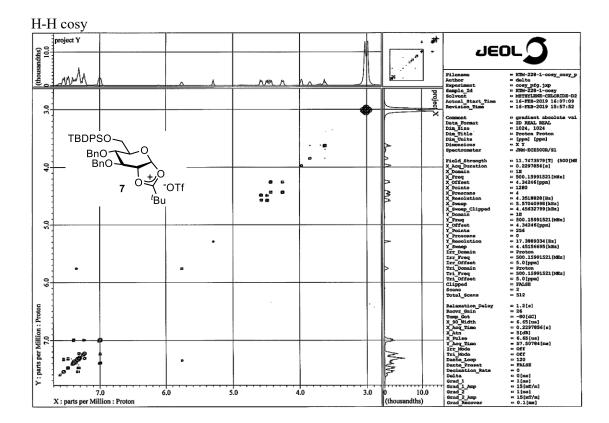
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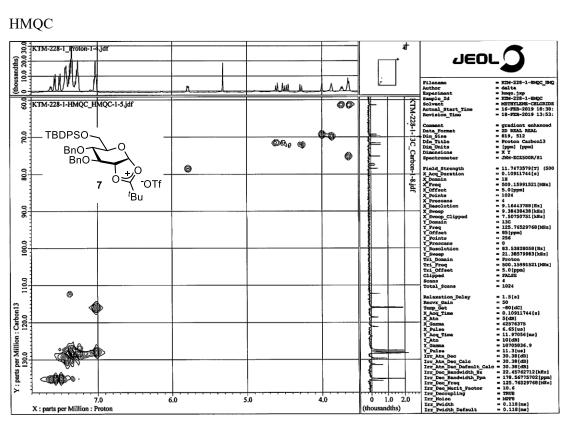


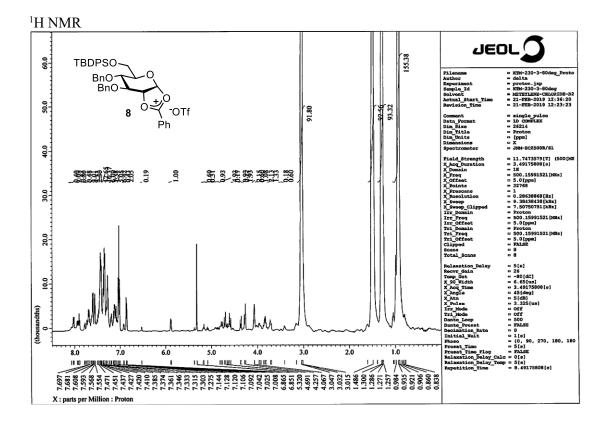




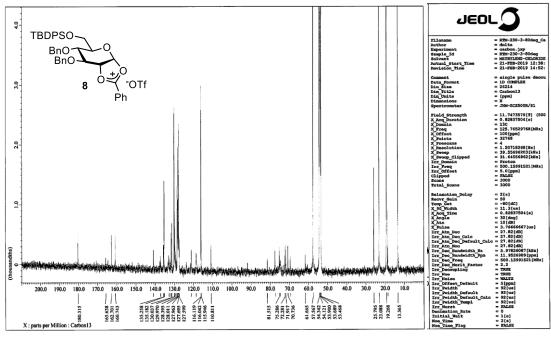


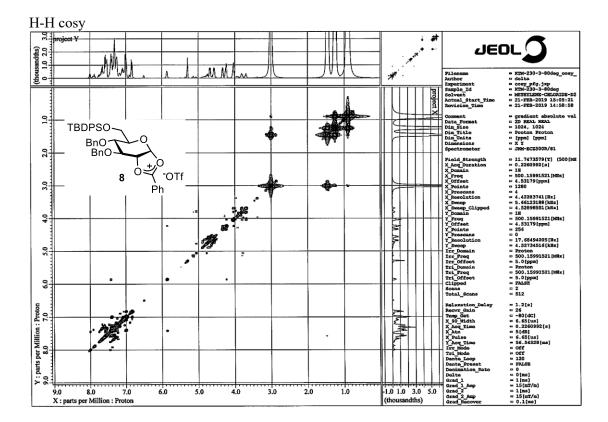


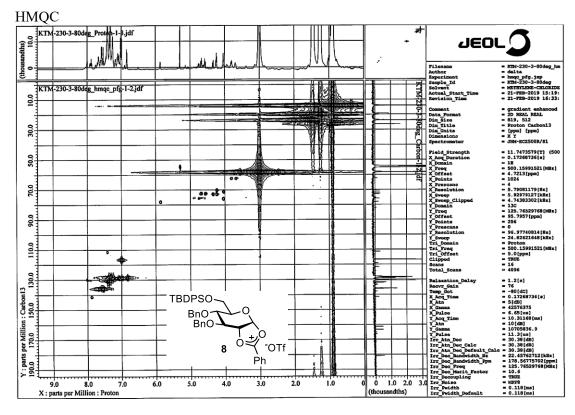




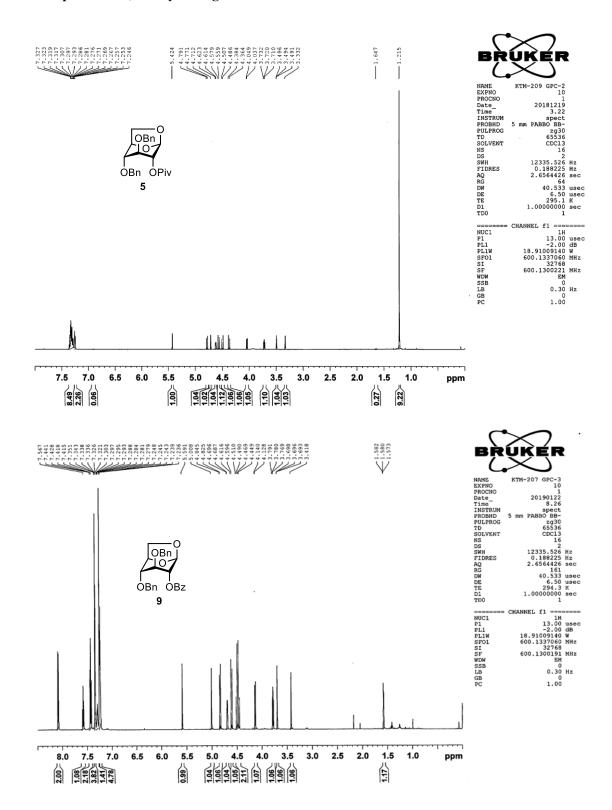








#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 1,6-anhydrosugars



## Chapter 2.

# Electrochemical Synthesis of the Protected Cyclic (1,3;1,6)-β-Glucan Dodecasaccharide

#### Introduction

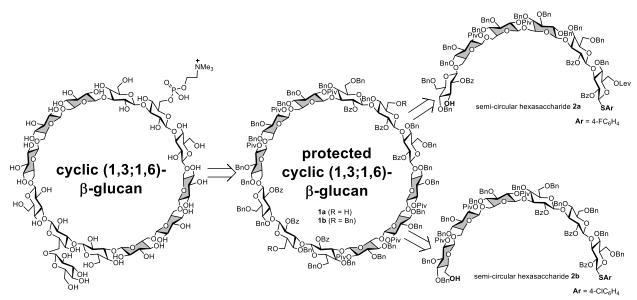
Electrochemical transformations of small molecules have been used as a powerful set of tools in organic synthesis for many decades.<sup>1</sup> Recent progress in this area has enabled the synthesis of complex molecules such as natural products,<sup>2</sup> peptides,<sup>3</sup> and oligosaccharides.<sup>4</sup> We have been interested in the automated synthesis of oligosaccharides using electrochemical methods and have developed a method named 'automated electrochemical assembly' (AEA), which is based on electrochemical generation of a glycosylation intermediate and its subsequent coupling with alcohols, including oligosaccharides.<sup>5</sup>

Cyclic oligosaccharides such as cyclodextrins (CDs), which contain  $1,4-\alpha$ -linked D-glucopyranose, have attracted the interest of researchers for more than a century because of their unique structures and properties.<sup>6</sup> To our knowledge,  $\delta$ -CD (nonasaccharide) is the largest CD that has been chemically synthesized to date.<sup>7</sup> With regard to cyclic oligosaccharides containing other glycosidic linkages and monosaccharides, cyclic oligo-1,6- $\beta$ -D-glucosamines up to the heptasaccharide were synthesized by the Nifantiev group<sup>8</sup> and our group.<sup>9</sup> More recently, our group reported the synthesis of cyclic oligo-1,4- $\alpha$ -*N*acetylglucosamine 'cyclokasaodorin' through an electrochemical polyglycosylation-isomerizationcyclization process.<sup>10</sup> In this case, however, only hexasaccharide and heptasaccharide were obtained. Therefore, the chemical synthesis of large cyclic oligosaccharides remains challenging.

We then focused on a natural oligosaccharide isolated from *Bradyrhizobium japonicum* MTCC120.<sup>11</sup> The oligosaccharide has a cyclic dodecasaccharide structure that consists of two types of glucose trisaccharides with  $\beta$ -(1,3)- and  $\beta$ -(1,6)-glycosidic linkages. Here, we report the electrochemical synthesis of the protected cyclic (1,3;1,6)- $\beta$ -glucan dodecasaccharide as a potential precursor of the natural cyclic dodecasaccharide.

#### **Results and Discussion**

Protected cyclic dodecasaccharide **1** has a symmetric structure that consists of  $\beta$ -(1,3)- and  $\beta$ -(1,6)glycosidic linkages (Figure 2-1). Thus, we envisioned that an ideal approach to synthesize protected cyclic dodecasaccharide **1** would be through dimerization of the semi-circular hexasaccharide building block **2** followed by cyclization in the same pot. These semi-circular hexasaccharides **2a** and **2b** were considered suitable building blocks because they both have a protecting-group-free hydroxy group (**2a**: 3-OH, **2b**: 6-OH) and thioaryl (SAr, **2a**: Ar = 4-FC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, **2b**: Ar = 4-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>) leaving group at the anomeric position (C-1). To examine the hypothesis, we synthesized the semi-circular hexasaccharide building block **2a**, bearing two  $\beta$ -(1,3)-glycosidic linkages and three  $\beta$ -(1,6)-glycosidic linkages.<sup>12</sup> Although **2a** was prepared under the electrochemical conditions, its total yield was very low. Moreover, **2a** had a protecting-group-free 3-OH which must be less reactive than the 6-OH group. Therefore, we designed semi-circular hexasaccharide **2b** as a building block equipped with a protecting-group-free 6-OH. Semi-circular hexasaccharide **2b** could be disconnected to disaccharide building block **3** and tetrasaccharide building block **4b** with  $\beta$ -(1,6)glycosidic and  $\beta$ -(1,3)-glycosidic linkages, respectively (Figure 2-2). Tetrasaccharide **4a**, as the precursor of **4b** derived from disaccharide building block **5**, with a  $\beta$ -(1,3)-glycosidic linkage, and two equivalents of monosaccharide building block **6**, equipped with the protecting-group-free 3-OH.



**Figure 2-1.** Semi-circular hexasaccharide building blocks for the protected cyclic (1,3; 1,6)- $\beta$ -glucan.

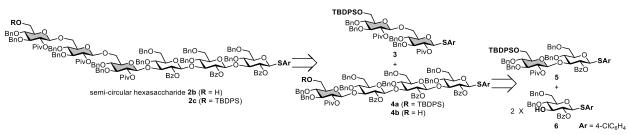
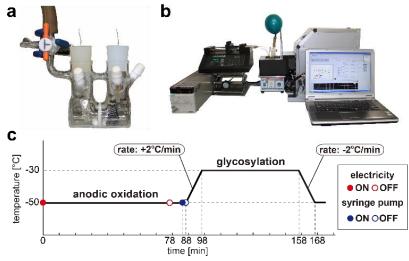


Figure 2-2. Retrosynthesis of semi-circular hexasaccharide 2b and its building blocks 3-6.



**Figure 2-3.** Devises for automated electrochemical assembly. a) Divided electrolysis cell equipped with platinum plate cathode and carbon fiber anode. b) The 1st generation automated electrochemical synthesizer. c) Schedule of synthesizer for a single cycle.

Automated electrochemical assembly was performed using a middle-size divided electrolysis cell (15 mL for anode and cathode) equipped with carbon fiber anode and platinum plate cathode under argon

atmosphere (Figure 2-3a). The electrolysis was placed in the cooling bath of the 1st generation automated electrochemical synthesizer (Figure 2-3b). The synthesizer was composed of chiller with a cooling bath, stable direct current (DC) power supply, syringe pump, magnetic stirrer, and personal computer (PC), and these devices were controlled by LabVIEW installed in the notebook PC. The schedule of a single cycle was shown in Figure 2-3c. The DC power supply applied a constant current (13 mA, 1.05 F/mol) during the anodic oxidation and the electrolysis time (4677 sec = ca 78 min) depended on both reaction scale (0.60 mmol) and current value (13 mA). The chiller kept two temperatures -50 °C and -30 °C during anodic oxidation and glycosylation, respectively. In some cases, we switched off the chiller before quenching of the reaction and raised the temperature up to 0 °C to complete the glycosylation. Two gastight syringes were filled with solution of a building block and solvent for anodic chamber and cathodic chamber, respectively. They were set to the syringe pump and solutions were added at rate 1.0 mL/min after electrolysis.

Monosaccharide building blocks 6, 7a and 7b were prepared from D-glucose pentaacetate according to the reported procedures (Figure 2-4). Disaccharide building block 3, with a  $\beta$ -(1,6)-glycosidic linkage, was prepared using AEA between 7a and 7b in the presence of tetrabutylammonium triflate (Bu<sub>4</sub>NOTf) as an electrolyte. Glycosyl dioxalenium ion intermediate 8 was generated by anodic oxidation of 7a under constant current conditions at -50 °C. Subsequent coupling of 8 and building block 7b (1.2 equiv.) afforded disaccharide 3 in 81% yield. This is a standard AEA protocol, and the details of reaction conditions and structures of possible intermediates have been omitted from the following figures (see the ESI for details of reaction conditions). Although disaccharide building block 5, with a  $\beta$ -(1,3)-glycosidic linkage, was also prepared using AEA of 7a and 6 (1.2 equiv.) in 85% yield, the one-pot synthesis of tetrasaccharide 4a from monosaccharide building block 7a using AEA with three cycles was sluggish.

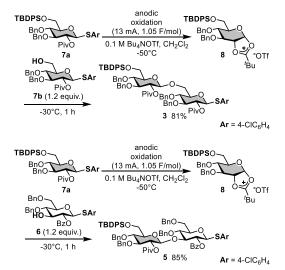


Figure 2-4. Synthesis of disaccharide building blocks 3 and 5.

The electrolyte for AEA was optimized using the electrochemical formation of  $\beta$ -(1,3)-glycosidic linkages using monosaccharides **9** and **6** (1.2 equiv.) as model building blocks (Table 2-1). Whereas the use of tetraethylammonium triflate (Et<sub>4</sub>NOTf) afforded disaccharide **10** in moderate yield (entry 1), Bu<sub>4</sub>NOTf, which has been used as a standard electrolyte for AEA, gave the product **10** in good yield (entry 2). We also examined the use of ionic liquids (entries 3–6). The initial voltage of anodic oxidation was significantly influenced by the electrolyte; however, there was no clear relationship between the initial voltage and the

product yield. Amongst these ionic liquids, 1-butyl-1-methylpyrrolidinium triflate ( $[P_{14}]OTf$ ) afforded the desired disaccharide **10** in the highest yield (entry 6). Therefore, we used ionic liquid  $[P_{14}]OTf$  as an electrolyte in the following glycosylation reactions. It has not been clarified why  $[P_{14}]OTf$  gave the best yield; however, oxidation potential (Eox) of monosaccharide building block **9** measured with  $[P_{14}]OTf$  (Eox = 1.67 V vs. SCE) was slightly lower than that measured with Bu<sub>4</sub>NOTf (Eox = 1.70 V vs. SCE). We assume that electrolytes may influence the structure of electrical double layer and the process of single electron transfer.

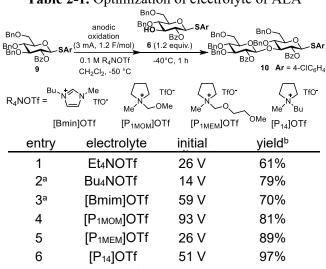


Table 2-1. Optimization of electrolyte of AEA

<sup>a</sup>Inter-electrode voltage. <sup>b</sup>Determined by NMR.

The synthesis of tetrasaccharide **4a**, with three  $\beta$ -(1,3)-glycosidic linkages, from disaccharide **5** was carried out using AEA with two consecutive glycosylation cycles with monosaccharide building block **6** (1.0 equiv). The process was still challenging; however, performing the reaction sequence in the presence of [P<sub>14</sub>]OTf gave a slightly better yield than with Bu<sub>4</sub>NOTf (Figure 2-5). Deprotection of the tert-butyldiphenylsilyl (TBDPS) group of 4a was achieved successfully in the presence of hydrogen fluoride pyridine complex (HF•pyridine) to obtain tetrasaccharide building block **4b**, equipped with a protecting-group-free 6-OH, in 83% yield.

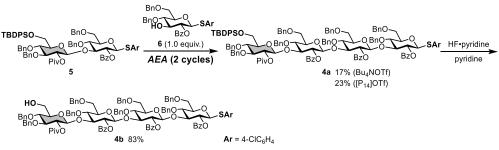


Figure 2-5. Synthesis of tetrasaccharide building block 4b.

Semi-circular hexasaccharide building block **2b** was prepared using AEA and subsequent TBDPS deprotection (Figure 2-6). Disaccharide **3** and tetrasaccharide **4b** (1.2 equiv.) were assembled to prepare TBDPS-protected semi-circular hexasaccharide **2c** in the presence of  $[P_{14}]OTf$  as an electrolyte.

Deprotection of the TBDPS group at 6-OH was carried out under the standard reaction conditions with HF•pyridine, and the desired semi-circular hexasaccharide **2b** was obtained in 86% yield. Thus-obtained **2b**, equipped with a protecting-group-free 6-OH, was used as a building block in the one-pot dimerization–cyclization process to synthesize protected cyclic dodecasaccharide **1b** (Scheme 2-1). Although the yield of **1b** was very low (3%), protected cyclic (1,3;1,6)- $\beta$ -glucan dodecasaccharide was obtained, together with by-products such as cyclic hexasaccharide and larger cyclic oligosaccharides, which were detected by MALDI-TOF-MS (see the experimental section for details).

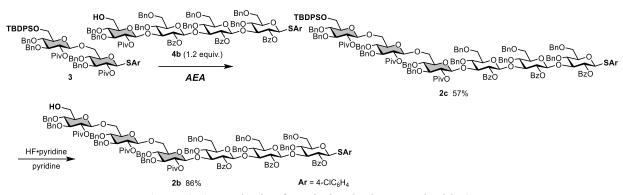
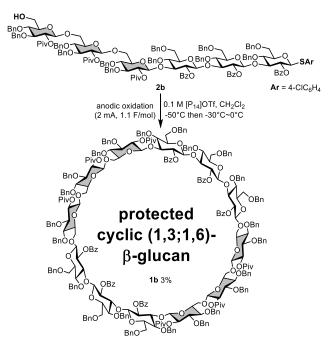


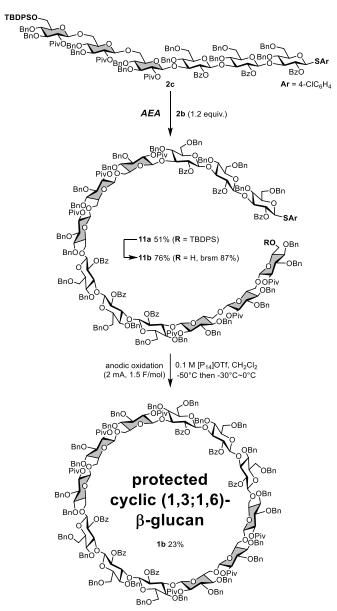
Figure 2-6. Synthesis of semi-circular hexasaccharide 2b.



Scheme 2-1. One-pot dimerization-cyclization process for the preparation of protected cyclic dodecasaccharide 1b.

The results of the one-pot dimerization-cyclization process encouraged us to synthesize protected cyclic dodecasaccharide **1b** using AEA (Scheme 2-2). Two semi-circular hexasaccharide building blocks, **2b** and **2c** (1.2 equiv.), were assembled using AEA to prepare linear dodecasaccharide **11a** in 51% yield. The major by-product of the reaction was hydroxy sugar of **2c**, which was detected by MALDI-TOF-MS. The TBDPS group on the 6-OH of **11a** was then deprotected to obtain **11b** as a precursor of protected cyclic dodecasaccharide **1b**. Finally, the intramolecular electrochemical glycosylation of **11b** was performed at a

low concentration (5 mM) to synthesize **1b** in 23% yield. The three-step yield of **1b** was ca. 10%, which was three times higher than that of the one-pot process shown in Scheme 2-1.



Scheme 2-2. Synthesis of protected cyclic dodecasaccharide 1b.

#### Conclusion

We have synthesized the protected precursor of cyclic (1,3;1,6)- $\beta$ -glucan dodecasaccharide, which is the core structure of the natural oligosaccharide isolated from *Bradyrhizobium japonicum* MTCC120. We designed a semi-circular hexasaccharide and its reactivity was confirmed by the electrochemical one-pot dimerization–cyclization process. Finally, the linear precursor of cyclic dodecasaccharide was prepared using AEA of linear hexasaccharides and subsequent electrochemical intramolecular glycosylation afforded the protected cyclic dodecasaccharide in a higher yield. Further optimization of the electrochemical intramolecular glycosylation and global deprotection to obtain cyclic dodecasaccharide are in progress in our laboratory.

## **Experimental**

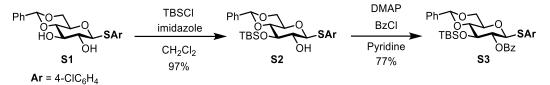
## 1. General

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AVANCE II 600 (<sup>1</sup>H 600 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C 150 MHz). ESI-MS and MALDI-TOF-MS were recorded on Thermo Scientific Exactive spectrometer and Bruker ultrafleXtreme, respectively. Measurements of oxidation potentials of monosaccharides (conc. 4.0 mM) were carried out in 0.1 M of electrolyte in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> using a glassy carbon disk working electrode, a platinum wire counter electrode, and a saturated calomel electrode (SCE) as a reference electrode with sweep rate of 10 mV/s at 2000 rpm. Preparative recycling gel permeation chromatography (PR-GPC) was performed on Japan Analytical Industry LC-5060. Kanto silica gel 60 N (spherical, neutral, 63-210 μm) was used for silica gel column chromatography. The automated synthesizer is consisting of the commercially available instruments such as the chiller with a cooling bath (UCR-150, Techno Sigma), the power supply for constant current electrolysis (PMC 350-0.2 A, KIKUSUI), the syringe pump (PHD 2000 infusion, Harvard apparatus), and the system controller (LabVIEW, National Instruments). Merck TLC (silica gel 60 F254) was used for TLC analysis. Starting material **S1** was prepared by the conventional method and characterized according to the reported method.<sup>13</sup> Unless otherwise noted, all materials were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification.

## 2. Preparation of building blocks

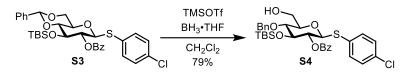
2-1. Preparation of 4-Chlorophenyl 2-O-benzoyl-4,6-di-O-benzyl-1-thio-β-D-glucopyranoside (6)

2-1-1. 4-Chlorophenyl 2-*O*-benzoyl-4,6-*O*-benzylidene-3-*O*-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-1-thio-β-Dglucopyranoside (S3)



To the solution of S1 (25.05 mmol, 9.89 g) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (48 mL), tert-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (30.1 mmol, 4.53 g) and imidazole (35.1 mmol, 2.39 g) were sequentially added at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. After the completion of the reaction determined by TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 1:1), the reaction mixture was quenched with MeOH. The mixture was washed with sat. aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> for three times and H<sub>2</sub>O and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified with silica gel chromatography to obtain S2 in 97% yield (24.3 mmol, 12.4 g). To the solution of S2 (8.02 mmol, 3.89 g) and DMAP (0.802 mmol, 99.2 mg) in pyridine (64 mL), benzoyl chloride (16.04 mmol, 1.85 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 55 °C overnight. The reaction was guenched by 1 N aqueous solution of hydrochloric acid and washed with deionized water three times. The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under the reduced pressure. Thus-obtained crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: Hexane/EtOAc 7:3) to afford S3 (6.15 mmol, 3.62 g) in 77% yield. TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 5:1)  $R_f = 0.70$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)  $\delta$  8.06 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.58 (td, J =7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.46 (td, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 4 H), 7.39–7.34 (m, 5 H), 7.25 (td, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 2 H), 5.53 (s, 1 H), 5.21 (pseudo-t, J = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.80 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.39 (dd, J = 10.8, 4.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.03(pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.79 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.61–3.55 (m, 2 H), 0.67 (s, 9 H), -0.07 (s, 3 H), -0.15 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)  $\delta$  165.1, 136.9, 134.5, 133.2, 130.5, 129.9, 129.8, 129.1, 129.0, 128.4, 128.1, 126.3, 101.9, 86.7, 81.1, 74.3, 73.4, 70.8, 68.5, 25.5, 17.9, -4.2, -4.9; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>37</sub>ClKO<sub>6</sub>SSi; [M+K]<sup>+</sup> 651.1400; found 651.1402.

2-1-2. 4-Chlorophenyl 2-*O*-benzoyl-4-*O*-benzyl-3-*O*-*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl-1-thio-β-D-glucopyranoside (**S4**)



To the mixture of **S3** (2.60 mmol, 1.60 g) and MS4A (855 mg) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (13 mL), BH<sub>3</sub>-THF (1 M) (13 mmol, 13 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 10 min. Then TMSOTf (0.39 mmol, 0.07 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. After the completion of the reaction determined by TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 5:1), the reaction mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and quenched with sat. aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The mixture was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O for three times and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and removal of solvent under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified with silica gel chromatography to obtain **S4** in 79% yield (2.06 mmol, 1.27 g). TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 5:1) R<sub>f</sub> = 0.34; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)  $\delta$  8.06–8.03 (m, 2 H), 7.59 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.47 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.36–7.29 (m, 7 H), 7.24–7.23 (m, 2 H), 5.16 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.85 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.74 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.63 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.95 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.47 (ddd, *J* = 9.6, 4.8, 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 1.80 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 0.77 (s, 9 H), 0.004 (s, 3 H), -0.17 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)  $\delta$  165.4, 137.8, 134.3, 133.9, 133.3, 133.1, 130.04, 129.93, 129.1, 128.5, 127.8, 127.6, 86.3, 79.7, 78.1, 76.5, 75.1, 73.1, 62.0, 25.6, 17.8, -4.0, -4.3; HRMS (ESI) *m*/z calculated for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>39</sub>CIKO<sub>6</sub>SSi; [M+K]<sup>+</sup>,653.1557; found 653.1556.

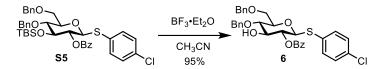
2-1-3. 4-Chlorophenyl 2-*O*-benzoyl-4,6-di-*O*-benzyl-3-*O*-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-1-thio-β-Dglucopyranoside (**S5**)



To the mixture of **S4** (2.06 mmol, 1.27 g) and DMF (10 mL), benzyl bromide (7.4 mmol, 0.18 g) was added at 0 °C. NaH 60% in mineral oil (7.42 mmol, 298 mg) was dissolved in DMF (10 mL) and added to the reaction mixture in five portions (2.0 mL). After the completion of the reaction confirmed by TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 5:1), the reaction mixture was quenched with MeOH. The mixture was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O for three times and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and removal of solvent under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified with silica gel chromatography to obtain **S5** in 98% yield (2.01 mmol, 1.42 g). TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 5:1) R<sub>f</sub> = 0.67; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)  $\delta$  8.04 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.58 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.46 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.41–7.34 (m, 8 H), 7.33–7.27 (m, 2 H), 7.14 (td, *J* = 9.0, 2.4 Hz, 2 H), 5.16 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.81 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.69 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.59 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.55 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.52 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1 H),

3.95–3.91 (m, 1 H), 3.75 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.68 (dd, J = 10.8, 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.58 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2 H), 0.76 (s, 9 H), -0.02 (s, 3 H), -0.18 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)  $\delta$  165.3, 138.1, 138.0, 134.0, 133.2, 131.3, 130.1, 129.9, 128.9, 128.8, 128.41, 128.35, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 86.0, 79.4, 78.6, 76.8, 75.0, 73.4, 73.0, 69.0, 25.6, 17.7, -4.0, -4.3; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calculated for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>45</sub>ClNaO<sub>6</sub>SSi; [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>,727.2287; found 727.2271.

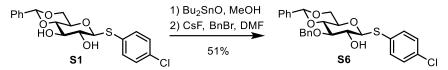
2-1-4. 4-Chlorophenyl 2-O-benzoyl-4,6-di-O-benzyl-1-thio-β-D-glucopyranoside (6)



To the solution of **S5** (3.88 mmol, 2.74 g) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (50 mL), BF<sub>3</sub>-Et<sub>2</sub>O (5.82 mmol, 0.736 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. After the completion of the reaction determined by TLC (hexane/EtOAc 9:1), the reaction mixture was quenched with 1 N HCl. The mixture was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O for three times and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and removal of solvent under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified with silica gel chromatography to obtain **6** in 96% yield (3.71 mmol, 2.19 g). TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 9:1) R<sub>f</sub> 0.086; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)  $\delta$  8.06 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.56 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.45–7.23 (m, 14 H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 5.01 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.72 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.62 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.59 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.44 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.91–3.88 (m, 1 H), 3.80 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.72 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 4.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.59–3.56 (m, 2 H), 2.73 (s, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)  $\delta$  166.2, 138.14, 138.05, 134.4, 133.6, 130.7, 130.1, 129.5, 129.1, 128.62, 128.56, 128.51, 128.12, 128.06, 127.82, 127.79, 85.3, 79.2, 77.9, 77.2, 75.0, 73.5, 73.2, 69.0; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>31</sub>ClKO<sub>6</sub>S; [M+K]<sup>+</sup>,629.1161; found 629.1168.

2-2. Preparation of 4-Chlorophenyl 3,4-di-*O*-benzyl-6-*O*-tert-butyldiphenylsilyl-2-*O*-pivaloyl-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (7a)

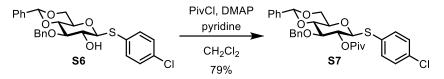
2-2-1. 4-Chlorophenyl 3-O-benzyl-4,6-O-benzylidene-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (S6)



To the solution of **S1** (8.17 mmol, 3.23 g) in MeOH (33 mL), and dibutyltin oxide (10.2 mmol, 2.54 g) was added at room temperature and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. After removal of solvent under reduced pressure, DMF (63 mL), CsF (10.22 mmol, 1.55 g) and BnBr (10.2 mmol, 1.22 mL) were added, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. After the completion of the reaction determined by TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 1:1). The reaction mixture was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O for three times and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and removal of solvent under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified with silica gel chromatography to obtain **S6** in 51% yield (4.15 mmol, 2.01 mg). TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 1:1) R<sub>f</sub> = 0.89; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)  $\delta$  7.48-7.46 (m, 4 H), 7.39–7.28 (m, 10 H), 5.56 (s, 1 H), 4.95 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.77 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.59 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.36 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 4.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.78 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.68 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.64 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.68 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.64 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.68 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.64 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.68 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.64 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.68 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.64 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.68 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.64 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.68 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.64 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.68 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.64 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.68 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.64 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.68 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.64 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.68 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.64 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.68 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.64 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.68 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.64 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.68 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H)

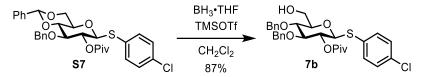
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2-2-2. 4-Chlorophenyl 3-O-benzyl-4,6-O-benzylidene-2-O-pivaloyl-1-thio-β-D-glucopyranoside (S7)



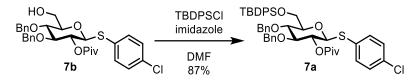
To the solution of **S6** (2.13 mmol, 1.00 g) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6.81 mL), DMAP (3.20 mmol, 391 mg), pyridine (10.7 mmol, 0.860 mL) and pivaloyl chloride (3.20 mmol, 0.395 mL) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C overnight. After the completion of the reaction determined by TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1), the reaction mixture was quenched with 1 N HCl. The mixture was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O for three times and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and removal of solvent under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified with silica gel chromatography to obtain **S7** in 79% yield (1.68 mmol, 928 mg). TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1) Rf = 0.68; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)  $\delta$  7.47–7.46 (m, 2 H), 7.41 (dt, *J* = 9.0, 2.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.39–7.36 (m, 3 H), 7.29–7.24 (m, 7 H), 5.56 (s, 1 H), 5.08–5.00 (m, 1 H), 4.86 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 3.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.68 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.64 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.38 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 4.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.82–3.77 (m, 2 H), 3.73 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.52 (td, *J* = 9.6, 5.4 Hz, 1 H), 1.23 (s, 9 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)  $\delta$  176.5, 138.0, 137.1, 134.7, 134.5, 130.4, 129.13, 129.07, 128.3, 127.6, 127.5, 126.0, 101.3, 86.7, 81.2, 80.4, 74.6, 70.9, 70.6, 68.5, 38.8, 27.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>33</sub>ClKO<sub>6</sub>S [M+K]<sup>+</sup> 607.1318; found 607.1328.

2-2-3. 4-Chlorophenyl 3,4-di-O-benzyl-2-O-pivaloyl-1-thio-β-D-glucopyranoside (7b)



To the solution of **S7** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (8.12 mL), BH<sub>3</sub>-THF (8.16 mmol, 9.06 mL) was added at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 10 min. Then trimethylsilyl triflate (0.245 mmol, 0.0451 mL) was added at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2.5 h. After the completion of the reaction determined by TLC (eluent: Hexane/EtOAc 4:1), the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The mixture was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O for three times and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and removal of solvent under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified with silica gel chromatography to obtain **7b** in 87% yield (1.43 mmol, 815 mg). TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1) R<sub>f</sub> = 0.36; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)  $\delta$  7.39 (dt, *J* = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.33–7.24 (m, 12 H), 5.04 (*pseudo-t*, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.79 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.78 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.70 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.62 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 10.8 Hz, 2 H), 3.88 (ddd, *J* = 12.0, 6.0, 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.74 (*pseudo-t*, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.73–3.68 (m, 1 H), 3.63 (*pseudo-t*, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.44 (ddd, *J* = 9.6, 4.8, 3.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.47 (s, 1 H), 1.23 (s, 9 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)  $\delta$  176.8, 138.11, 138.07, 138.05, 137.94, 137.89, 134.3, 133.7, 131.5, 129.3, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.4, 86.4, 84.5, 79.90, 79.85, 75.3, 75.2, 71.6, 61.9, 38.9, 27.3; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>35</sub>ClKO<sub>6</sub>S [M+K]<sup>+</sup> 609.1474; found 609.1480.

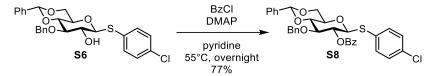
2-2-4. 4-Chlorophenyl 3,4-di-*O*-benzyl-6-*O*-tert-butyldiphenylsilyl-2-*O*-pivaloyl-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (7a)



To the solution of **7b** (2.71 mmol, 1.55 g) in DMF (8.41 mL), imidazole (5.43 mmol, 370 mg) and *tert*butylchlorodiphenylsilane (4.07 mmol, 1.05 mL) were added at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. After the completion of the reaction determined by TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1), the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The mixture was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O for three times and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and removal of solvent under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified with silica gel chromatography to obtain **7a** in 67% yield (1.83 mmol, 1.48 g). TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1)  $R_f = 0.67$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)  $\delta$  7.75 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.69 (dd, J= 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.45 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.42 (td, J = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.36–7.24 (m, 12 H), 7.15 (dt, J = 9.0, 2.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.09 (dd, J = 7.8, 3.6 Hz, 2 H), 5.09 (*pseudo*-t, J = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.79 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.78 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.69 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.61 (dd, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 3.98 (dd, J = 11.4, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.92 (dd, J = 11.4, 4.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.80 (*pseudo*-t, J = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.73 (*pseudo*-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.44 (ddd, J = 9.6, 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 1.24 (s, 9 H), 1.07 (s, 9 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)  $\delta$  176.7, 138.1, 138.0, 136.0, 135.7, 134.1, 133.8, 133.4, 133.0, 131.8, 129.9, 129.1, 128.5, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 86.4, 84.9, 80.4, 75.5, 75.2, 71.7, 62.8, 38.9, 27.3, 27.0, 19.4; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>47</sub>H<sub>53</sub>ClKO<sub>6</sub>SSi [M+K]<sup>+</sup> 847.2652; found 847.2664.

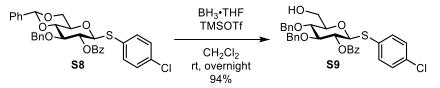
#### 2-3. Preparation of 4-Chlorophenyl 2-O-benzoyl-3,4,6-O-tribenzyl-1-thio-β-D-glucopyranoside (9)

2-3-1. 4-Chlorophenyl 2-O-benzoyl-3-O-benzyl-4,6-O-benzylidene-1-thio-β-D-glucopyranoside (S8)



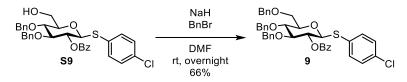
To the mixture of **S6** (8.02 mmol, 3.89 g) and DMAP (0.802 mmol, 97.98 mg) in pyridine (64 mL), benzoyl chloride (16.0 mmol, 1.86 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 55 °C overnight. After the completion of the reaction determined by TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 7:3), the reaction mixture was quenched with 1 N HCl. The mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, washed with H<sub>2</sub>O for three times and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and removal of solvent under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified with silica gel chromatography to obtain **S8** in 77% yield (6.15 mmol, 3.62 g). TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1) R<sub>f</sub> = 0.67; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.02–8.00 (m, 2 H), 7.62 (*pseudo-*t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.51–7.46 (m, 4 H), 7.42–7.38 (m, 5 H), 7.25 (s, 2 H), 7.14–7.04 (m, 5 H), 5.61 (s, 1 H), 5.24 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.80 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.78 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.66 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.42 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 5.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.88 (*pseudo-*t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.83 (*pseudo-*t, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.79 (*pseudo-*t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.56 (td, *J* = 9.6, 4.8 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.9, 137.5, 137.0, 134.7, 133.3, 130.0, 129.0, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.5, 125.9, 101.2, 86.4, 81.3, 79.1, 74.2, 71.8, 70.5, 68.4; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>29</sub>ClKO<sub>6</sub>S [M+K]<sup>+</sup> 627.1005; found 627.1010.

2-3-2. 4-Chlorophenyl 2-O-benzoyl-3,4-di-O-benzyl-1-thio-β-D-glucopyranoside (S9)



To the mixture of **S8** (4.70 mmol, 2.77 g) and MS4A (1.5 g) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (24 mL), BH<sub>3</sub>-THF (1.0 M, 24 mmol, 24 mL) and TMSOTf (0.703 mmol, 127 µL) were added at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. After the completion of the reaction determined by TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 7:3), the reaction mixture was diluted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  and quenched with sat. aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The mixture was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O for three times and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and removal of solvent under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified with silica gel chromatography to obtain **S9** in 81% yield (3.81 mmol, 2.25 g). TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 5:1) R<sub>f</sub> = 0.20; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)  $\delta$  8.04–8.01 (m, 2 H), 7.62-7.59 (m, 1 H), 7.46 (pseudo-t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.38-7.29 (m, 8 H), 7.24 (s, 1 H), 7.14-7.09 (m, 5 H), 5.22 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.84 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.76 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.74 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.76 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.74 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.76 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 Hz, 1 Hz), 4.76 (d, J = 10.8 Hz), 4.86 (d, J = 10.8 Hz), 4 11.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.66 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.65 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.62 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.91 (ddd, J = 12.0, 6.0, 3.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.86 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.75–3.71 (m, 1 H), 3.68 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.75–3.71 (m, 1 H), 3.68 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.75–3.71 (m, 1 H), 3.68 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.75–3.71 (m, 1 H), 3.75–3.71 1 H), 3.44 (ddd, J = 9.6, 4.8, 3.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.82 (dd, J = 7.8, 6.0 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)  $\delta$ 165.20, 137.83, 137.72, 137.57, 134.48, 134.14, 133.98, 133.40, 133.25, 130.74, 129.89, 129.69, 129.24, 129.15, 128.59, 128.54, 128.33, 128.21, 128.14, 128.10, 128.07, 127.78, 86.53, 85.95, 83.97, 79.77, 79.47, 77.42, 75.86, 75.61, 75.40, 75.22, 72.43, 62.00; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for  $C_{33}H_{31}ClKO_6S [M+K]^+$ 629.1161; found 629.1163.

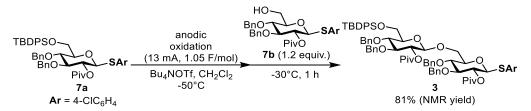
2-3-3. 4-Chlorophenyl 2-O-benzoyl-3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl-1-thio-β-D-glucopyranoside (9)



To the mixture of **S9** (3.81 mmol, 2.25 g) and DMF (30 mL), BnBr (13.7 mmol, 1.63 mL) was added at 0 °C. NaH 60% in mineral oil (13.7 mmol, 548 mg) was dissolved in DMF (10 mL) and added to the reaction mixture in five portions (2.0 mL×5). After the completion of the reaction determined by TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1), the reaction mixture was quenched with MeOH, diluted with EtOAc. The mixture was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O for three times and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and removal of solvent under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified with silica gel chromatography to obtain **9** in 60% yield (2.30 mmol, 1.57 g). TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 5:1) R<sub>f</sub> = 0.25; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)  $\delta$  8.03 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.58 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.45 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.38–7.28 (m, 8 H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.15–7.07 (m, 7 H), 5.23 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.80 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.72 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 2 H), 4.63 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.60–4.53 (m, 3 H), 3.84 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.83–3.79 (m, 1 H), 3.75–3.69 (m, 2 H), 3.62–3.58 (m, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)  $\delta$  165.18, 138.15, 137.89, 137.64, 134.33, 134.26, 133.34, 130.85, 129.90, 129.81, 128.97, 128.62, 128.52, 128.48, 128.33, 128.07, 127.97, 127.77, 127.72, 85.67, 84.25, 79.45, 77.75, 75.43, 75.19, 73.52, 72.36, 68.95; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>37</sub>ClKO<sub>6</sub>S [M+K]<sup>+</sup> 719.1631; found 719.1630.

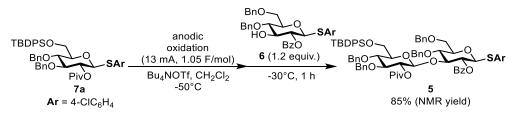
#### 3. Synthesis of disaccharide building blocks

3-1. Preparation of 4-Chlorophenyl 3,4-di-*O*-benzyl-6-*O*-*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl-2-*O*-pivaloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)-3,4-di-*O*-benzyl-2-*O*-pivaloyl-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (3)



The automated synthesis of **3** was carried out in an H-type divided cell (4G glass filter) equipped with a carbon felt anode (Nippon Carbon JF-20-P7) and a platinum plate cathode (10 mm×20 mm). In the anodic chamber were placed terminal building block 7a (0.601 mmol, 486 mg), Bu<sub>4</sub>NOTf (1.50 mmol, 588 mg) and  $CH_2Cl_2$  (15 mL). In the cathodic chamber were placed trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (0.65 mmol, 57 μL), Bu<sub>4</sub>NOTf (1.50 mmol, 588 mg) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15 mL). The constant current electrolysis (13.0 mA) was carried out at -50 °C with magnetic stirring until 1.05 F/mol of electricity was consumed. After the electrolysis, building block **7b** (0.72 mmol, 418 mg) dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.0 mL) was subsequently added by the syringe pump under an argon atmosphere at -30  $^{\circ}$ C, and kept for 60 min. After the cycle, Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.50 mL) was added, and the mixture was filtered through a short column ( $4 \times 3$  cm) of silica gel to remove Bu4NOTf. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified with silica gel chromatography to obtain 3 (241 mg). NMR yield was determined using tetrachloroethane as internal standard (0.487 mmol, 81% yield). TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1) Rf 0.66; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz) δ 7.74-7.70 (*m*, 2 H), 7.67 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.38 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.34–7.22 (m, 21 H), 7.21 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.18 (ddd, J = 5.4, 2.4, 1.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.15 (dd, J = 6.0, 2.4 Hz, 2 H), 5.09 (dd, J = 9.6, 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.99 (*pseudo-t*, J = 10.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.84–4.66 (m, 7 H), 4.54 (pseudo-t, J = 9.6 Hz, 2 H), 4.48 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.01 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.86 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.71 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.67–3.61 (m, 3 H), 3.36–3.32 (m, 2 H), 1.22 (s, 9 H), 1.15 (s, 9 H), 1.04 (s, 9 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz) δ 176.8, 176.7, 138.23, 138.16, 137.95, 137.69, 135.9, 135.6, 134.3, 134.1, 133.6, 133.1, 131.4, 129.8, 129.3, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 127.84, 127.77, 127.73, 127.6, 127.4, 101.1, 86.3, 84.7, 83,4, 79.8, 78.0, 77.7, 76.2, 75.34, 75.27, 75.1, 75.0, 73.2, 71.5, 67.8, 62.7, 38.9, 38.8, 27.3, 19.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>72</sub>H<sub>83</sub>ClKO<sub>12</sub>SSi [M+K]<sup>+</sup> 1273.4695; found 1273.4636.

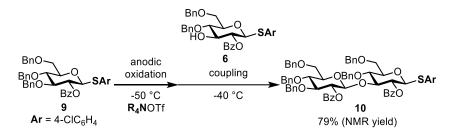
3-2. Preparation of 4-Chlorophenyl 3,4-di-*O*-benzyl-6-*O*-*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl-2-*O*-pivaloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-2-*O*-benzoyl-4,6-di-*O*-benzyl-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (5)



The automated synthesis of **5** was carried out in an H-type divided cell (4G glass filter) equipped with a carbon felt anode (Nippon Carbon JF-20-P7) and a platinum plate cathode (10 mm×20 mm). In the anodic chamber were placed terminal building block **7a** (0.603 mmol, 489 mg), Bu<sub>4</sub>NOTf (1.50 mmol, 595 mg) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15 mL). In the cathodic chamber were placed trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (0.67 mmol, 59

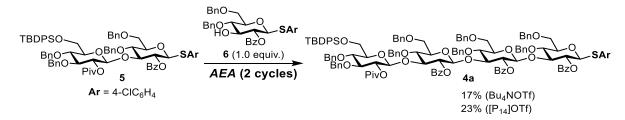
µL), Bu4NOTf (1.50 mmol, 595 mg) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15 mL). The constant current electrolysis (13.0 mA) was carried out at -50 °C with magnetic stirring until 1.05 F/mol of electricity was consumed. After the electrolysis, building block 6 (0.741 mmol, 438 mg) dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.0 mL) was subsequently added by the syringe pump under an argon atmosphere at -30 °C, and kept for 60 min. After the cycle, Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.50 mL) was added, and the mixture was filtered through a short column ( $4 \times 3$  cm) of silica gel to remove Bu<sub>4</sub>NOTf. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified with silica gel chromatography to obtain 5 (276 mg). NMR yield was determined using tetrachloroethane as internal standard (0.513 mmol, 85% yield). TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1) R<sub>f</sub> 0.63; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz) δ 8.02 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.74 (dd, J = 5.4, 2.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.68 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.60 (pseudo-t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.45–7.20 (m, 28 H), 7.10 (dt, J = 9.0, 2.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.05 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 2 H), 5.21 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.05 (dd, J = 9.6, 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.96 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.72 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H)1 H), 4.68-4.56 (m, 6 H), 4.52 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.50 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.48 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.92 (dd, J = 10.8, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.77 (dt, J = 11.4, 1.8 Hz, 2 H), 3.69 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.60 (ddd, J = 10.8, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.60 (ddd, J = 10.8, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.60 (ddd, J = 10.8, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.60 (ddd, J = 10.8, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.60 (ddd, J = 10.8, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.60 (ddd, J = 10.8, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.60 (ddd, J = 10.8, 1.2 Hz, 1 Hz,J = 9.6, 6.6, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.52 - 3.48 (m, 2 H), 3.44 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.19 (dd, J = 9.6, 3.6 Hz, 1 H)H), 1.21 (s, 9 H), 1.02 (s, 9 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz) δ 177.3, 164.9, 138.3, 138.1, 137.8, 136.0, 135.7, 134.1, 133.8, 133.2, 133.1, 131.8, 129.8, 129.6, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.99, 127.95, 127.8, 127.63, 127.56, 98.8, 86.3, 83.2, 79.4, 78.2, 77.8, 76.7, 75.31, 75.25, 74.8, 74.0, 73.5, 69.6, 62.6, 39.0, 27.3, 26.9, 19.3; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>74</sub>H<sub>79</sub>ClKO<sub>12</sub>SSi [M+K]<sup>+</sup>1293.4382; found 1293.4398.

#### 4. Optimization of electrolyte

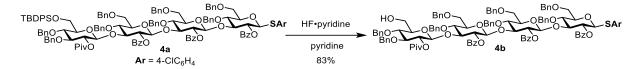


The automated synthesis of disaccharide 10 was carried out in an H-type divided cell (4G glass filter) equipped with a carbon felt anode (Nippon Carbon JF-20-P7) and a platinum plate cathode (10 mm×20 mm). In the anodic chamber were placed terminal building block 9 (0.101 mmol, 68.9 mg), Bu<sub>4</sub>NOTf (0.5 mmol, 196 mg) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mL). In the cathodic chamber were placed trifluoromethanesulfonic acid  $(0.09 \text{ mmol}, 8.0 \text{ }\mu\text{L}), \text{Bu}_4\text{NOTf} (0.5 \text{ mmol}, 196 \text{ mg}) \text{ and } \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2 (5.0 \text{ }\text{mL}).$  The constant current electrolysis (3.0 mA) was carried out at -50 °C with magnetic stirring until 1.2 F/mol of electricity was consumed. After the electrolysis, building block 6 (0.120 mmol, 71.2 mg) dissolved in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (0.60 mL) was subsequently added by the syringe pump under an argon atmosphere at -40 °C, and kept for 60 min. After the cycle, Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.20 mL) was added, and the mixture was filtered through a short column (4×3 cm) of silica gel to remove Bu4NOTf. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, NMR yield was determined using tetrachloroethane as internal standard (0.079 mmol, 79% yield). 4-Chlorophenyl 2-O-benzoyl-3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 3)$ -2-O-benzyl-4,6-di-O-benzyl-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (10). TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 7:3) R<sub>f</sub> = 0.53; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.99 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.80 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.66 (pseudo-t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.59 (pseudo-t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.52 (pseudo-t, J = 7.8Hz, 2 H), 7.43–7.41 (m, 2 H), 7.35–7.33 (m, 2 H), 7.30–7.27 (m, 13 H), 7.22-7.21 (m, 4 H), 7.14–7.08 (m, 8 H), 7.00 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2 H), 5.24 (dd, J = 9.6, 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 5.16 (pseudo-t, J = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.06 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.80 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.73 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.65 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.55 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1 12.0 Hz, 2 H), 4.53–4.48 (m, 4 H), 4.44 (*pseudo*-t, J = 11.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.28 (*pseudo*-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.82 (dd, J = 11.4, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.75 (dd, J = 10.8, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.62–3.57 (m, 5 H), 3.52 (ddd, J = 10.2, 6.0, 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.44 (ddd, J = 10.8, 5.4, 1.8 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.45, 164.60, 138.45, 138.42, 138.20, 137.71, 137.58, 133.73, 133.61, 133.18, 133.07, 132.16, 129.96, 129.90, 129.77, 129.56, 129.36, 128.93, 128.71, 128.60, 128.53, 128.45, 128.42, 128.41, 128.40, 128.27, 128.24, 128.16, 128.01, 128.00, 127.91, 127.84, 127.76, 127.69, 127.59, 127.54, 127.48, 127.31, 100.27, 86.23, 83.00, 80.41, 79.22, 78.14, 75.81, 75.69, 75.25, 75.15, 75.04, 74.00, 73.57, 73.50, 73.44, 73.01, 69.32, 69.12, 29.76; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>67</sub>H<sub>63</sub>ClKO<sub>12</sub>S [M+K]<sup>+</sup> 1165.3360; found 1165.3311.

#### 5. Synthesis of tetrasaccharide building block

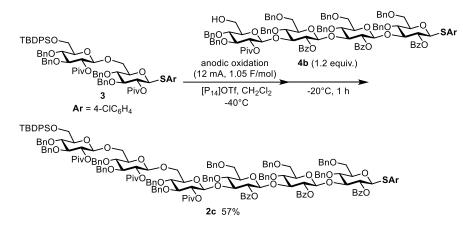


The automated synthesis of tetrasaccharide **4a** was carried out in an H-type divided cell equipped with a carbon felt anode and a platinum plate cathode (10 mm×10 mm). In the anodic chamber were placed disaccharide building block **5** (0.10 mmol, 126 mg), [P<sub>14</sub>]OTf (0.50 mmol, 0.12 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL). In the cathodic chamber were placed trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (0.1 mmol, 9  $\mu$ L), [P<sub>14</sub>]OTf (0.50 mmol, 0.12 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL). The constant current electrolysis (3.0 mA) was carried out at -50 °C with stirring until 1.2 F/mol of electricity was consumed. After the electrolysis, building block **6** (0.10 mmol, 59 mg) dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.6 mL) was subsequently added by the syringe pump under an argon atmosphere at -50 °C and then -30°C kept for 60 min. This process was repeated two cycles. After the second cycle, Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.2 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was filtered through a short column (4×3 cm) of silica gel to remove electrolyte. Removal of the solvent under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified with silica gel chromatography (eluent: Hexane/EtOAc 4:1) and preparative recycling GPC (eluent: CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Target tetrasaccharide **4a** was obtained in 23% isolated yield (0.023 mmol, 49 mg). Thus-obtained **4a** was used as a starting material for the next step without detailed structural characterization.



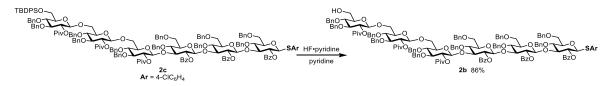
Tetrasaccharide **4a** (0.46 mmol, 0.98 g) was dissolved in pyridine (3.5 mL) and the solution was cooled to 0 °C. 70% HF•pyridine (0.35 mL) was added to the solution and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C to room temperature for overnight. Conversion of **4a** was confirmed by TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 3:1) and aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution was added to quench the reaction. The aqueous solution was extracted with chloroform and the combined organic layer was washed with aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution and 1 N aqueous hydrochloric acid. The reaction mixture was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain crude product (1.45 g). Thus-obtained crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: Hexane/EtOAc 4:1) and tetrasaccharide **4b** (0.38 mmol, 723 mg) in 83% yield. **4-Chlorophenyl 3,4-di-O-benzyl-2-O-pivaloyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl-(1→3)-2-O-benzoyl-4,6-di-O-** benzyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 3)$ -2-O-benzyl-4,6-di-O-benzyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 3)$ -2-O**benzoyl-4,6-di**-*O*-**benzyl-1-thio**- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (4b). TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 3:1) R<sub>f</sub> = 0.19; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.87 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.73 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.67–7.62 (m, 3 H), 7.61–7.57(m, 1 H), 7.55–7.51 (m, 1 H), 7.46–7.43 (m, 2 H), 7.38–7.35 (m, 4 H), 7.34–7.18 (m, 40 H), 7.16-7.14 (m, 2 H), 7.07-7.04 (m, 2 H), 5.05 (dd, J = 9.0, 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.98-4.90 (m, 4 H), 4.89 (dd, J = 9.0 H), 4.9 H), 49.6, 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.81 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.71 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.67 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.59 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.57 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.55 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.51 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.47–4.38 (m, 10 H), 4.33 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.11 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.90 (pseudo-t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.88 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.73–3.62 (m, 4 H), 3.55–3.36 (m, 10 H), 3.30 (ddd, J = 9.6, 4.8, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.27 (*pseudo*-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.00 (ddd, J = 9.6, 4.8, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 1.03 (s, 9 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 177.1, 164.5, 164.4, 164.3, 138.49, 138.46, 138.31, 138.14, 137.8, 137.6, 133.6, 133.4, 133.2, 133.1, 132.1, 129.88, 123.83, 129.79, 129.76, 129.53, 129.37, 129.35, 128.79, 128.46, 128.38, 128.31, 128.25, 128.13, 128.05, 127.81, 127.65, 127.62, 127.45, 127.16, 100.3, 100.2, 99.5, 86.1, 82.7, 80.7, 79.6, 79.1, 78.1, 77.6, 76.1, 76.0, 75.8, 75.4, 75.3, 75.2, 75.0, 74.9, 74.8, 74.6, 74.2, 74.0, 73.39, 73.38, 73.31, 73.0, 72.9, 69.6, 69.2, 68.9, 61.4, 38.7, 27.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>112</sub>H<sub>113</sub>ClKO<sub>24</sub>S [M+K]<sup>+</sup> 1947.6663; found 1947.6721.

#### 6. Synthesis of semi-circular hexasaccharide



The automated synthesis of semi-circular hexasaccharide **2c** was carried out in an H-type divided cell equipped with a carbon felt anode and a platinum plate cathode (20 mm×20 mm). In the anodic chamber were placed disaccharide building block **3** (0.75 mmol, 930 mg),  $[P_{14}]OTf (1.6 mmol, 0.63 g)$  and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15 mL). In the cathodic chamber were placed trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (0.79 mmol, 70 µL),  $[P_{14}]OTf$  (0.50 mmol, 0.12 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15 mL). The constant current electrolysis (12 mA) was carried out at -40 °C with stirring until 1.05 F/mol of electricity was consumed. After the electrolysis, tetrasaccharide building block **4b** (0.90 mmol, 1.71 g) dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3.5 mL) was subsequently added by the syringe pump under an argon atmosphere at -40 °C and then -20 °C kept for 60 min. Then Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.75 mL) was added, and solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified with silica gel chromatography (eluent: Hexane/EtOAc 5:1). Target semi-circular hexasaccharide **2c** was obtained in 57% isolated yield (0.423 mmol, 1.27 g). **4-Chlorophenyl 3,4-di-***O***-benzyl-6-***O-tert***-butyldiphenylsilyl-2-***O***-pivaloyl-\beta-D-glucopyranosyl-(1\rightarrow6)-3,4-di-***O***-benzyl-2-***O***-pivaloyl-\beta-D-glucopyranosyl-(1\rightarrow6)-3,4-di-***O***-benzyl-2-***O***-pivaloyl-\beta-D-glucopyranosyl-(1\rightarrow3)-2-***O***-benzoyl-4,6-di-***O***-benzyl-2-***O***-benzoyl-4,6-di-***O***-benzyl-2-***O***-benzoyl-4,6-di-***O***-benzyl-1-thio-\beta-D-glucopyranoside (2c); (Hexane/EtOAc 3:1) R<sub>f</sub> = 0.50; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** 

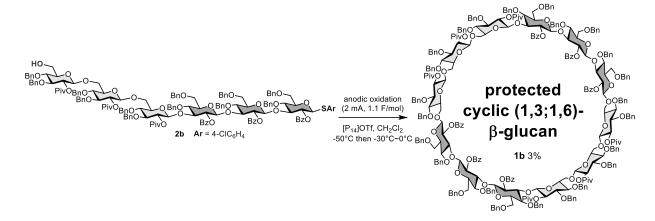
δ 7.82 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.78 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.70–7.69 (m, 2 H), 7.63 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.55–7.48 (m, 4 H), 7.37–7.08 (m, 75 H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 5.09–5.04 (m, 3 H), 4.94–4.85 (m, 5 H), 4.83 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.76–4.66 (m, 8 H), 4.64–4.51 (m, 10 H), 4.49–4.44 (m, 4 H), 4.41 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.38 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.34–4.29 (m, 3 H), 4.26 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.20 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.10 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.07 (pseudo-t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.99 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.95–3.90 (m, 3 H), 3.85–3.79 (m, 2 H), 3.75 (*pseudo-*t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.71 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 5.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.67–3.64 (m, 4 H), 3.59 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.35–3.26 (m, 13 H), 3.21 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.13 (ddd, J = 9.6, 3.6, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 1.14 (s, 9 H), 1.13 (s, 9 H), 1.06 (s, 9 H), 1.00 (s, 9 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 177.1, 176.64, 176.59, 164.51, 164.47, 164.45, 138.5, 138.4, 138.3, 138.2, 138.1, 138.0, 137.98, 137.91, 137.66, 135.8, 135.7, 135.5, 135.4, 133.54, 133.45, 133.26, 133.0, 132.9, 132.1, 129.77, 129.72, 129.64, 129.60, 129.45, 129.24, 129.16, 128.75, 128.42, 128.35, 128.27, 128.20, 128.13, 128.01, 127.91, 127.84, 127.62, 127.57, 127.51, 127.46, 127.41, 127.35, 127.30, 127.26, 126.9, 100.9, 100.3, 99.80, 99.77, 99.5, 86.0, 83.13, 83.11, 82.5, 80.3, 79.04, 78.98, 78.6, 78.2, 77.8, 77.4, 76.2, 76.1, 76.0, 75.8, 75.7, 75.14, 75.05, 74.89, 74.85, 74.79, 74.76, 74.73, 74.65, 74.55, 74.52, 74.46, 74.35, 74.03, 73.8, 73.3, 73.2, 73.1, 72.7, 72.6, 69.8, 69.2, 69.1, 67.5, 66.4, 62.5, 38.7, 38.6, 27.23, 27.18, 27.0, 26.7, 19.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>178</sub>H<sub>191</sub>ClKO<sub>36</sub>SSi [M+K]<sup>+</sup> 3038.1925; found 3038.2100.



Semi-circular hexasaccharide 2c (0.26 mmol, 790 mg) was dissolved in pyridine (2.0 mL) and the solution was cooled to 0 °C. 70% HF•pyridine (0.35 mL) was added to the solution and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C to room temperature for 4 h. Conversion of 2c was confirmed by TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 7:3) and aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution was added to quench the reaction. The aqueous solution was extracted with chloroform and the combined organic layer was washed with aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution and 1 N aqueous hydrochloric acid. The reaction mixture was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain crude product. Thus-obtained crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: Hexane/EtOAc 3:1) and semi-circular hexasaccharide 2b (0.227 mmol, 628 mg) in 86% yield. 4-Chlorophenyl 3,4-di-O-benzyl-2-O-pivaloyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl-(1→6)-3,4-di-Obenzyl-2-O-pivaloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)-3,4-di-O-benzyl-2-O-pivaloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 3)$ -2-*O*-benzoyl-4,6-di-*O*-benzyl- $\beta$ -glucopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 3)$ -2-*O*-benzoyl-4,6-di-*O*-benzyl- $\beta$ -Dglucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ -2-*O*-benzoyl-4,6-di-*O*-benzyl-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (2b);TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 7:3)  $R_f = 0.50$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.83 (dd, J = 7.2, 4.2 Hz, 4 H), 7.55 (pseudot, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.49 (pseudo-t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.38–7.14 (m, 63 H), 7.12–7.07 (m, 8 H), 5.12 (pseudo-t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.01–4.89 (m, 3 H), 4.88–4.70 (m, 7 H), 4.69–4.58 (m, 6 H), 4.58-4.44 (m, 11 H), 4.42 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.37 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.32 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1 H)1 H), 4.29-4.27 (m, 2 H), 4.24 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.21 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.12 (pseudo-t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.09 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.93 (pseudo-t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.88 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.74–3.42 (m, 20 H), 3.37–331 (m, 5 H), 3.26 (ddd, J = 10.2, 4.8, 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.11 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.15 (pseudo-t, 1 H), 1.18 (s, 9 H), 1.11 (s, 9 H), 1.09 (m, 9 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 177.2, 176.6, 176.5, 164.53, 164.49, 138.52, 138.47, 138.26, 138.23, 138.20, 138.15, 138.09, 138.07, 138.02, 137.9, 137.8, 133.7, 133.6, 133.56, 133.32, 133.25, 133.0, 132.9, 132.1, 129.8, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 129.2, 129.1, 128.77, 128.65, 128.49, 128.36, 128.29, 128.24, 128.21, 128.19, 128.13, 128.08, 128.01, 127.95, 127.92, 127.78, 127.74, 127.64, 127.57, 127.47, 127.41, 127.38, 127.33, 127.28, 127.25, 127.22, 127.14, 127.04, 126.99, 101.4, 100.6, 99.71, 99.68, 99.63, 86.0, 83.0, 82.8, 82.4, 80.3, 79.1, 78.8, 78.7, 77.8, 77.7, 77.4, 76.2, 76.0, 75.7, 75.5, 75.1, 74.90, 74.78, 74.76, 74.62, 74.58, 74.55, 74.49, 74.37, 74.29, 73.8, 73.7, 73.3, 73.2, 73.1, 72.84, 72.79, 72.57, 70.0, 69.2, 68.5, 67.3, 61.8, 38.73, 38.69, 38.66, 27.25, 27.08, 27.00. 26.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>162</sub>H<sub>173</sub>ClKO<sub>36</sub>S [M+K]<sup>+</sup> 2800.0753; found 2800.0688.

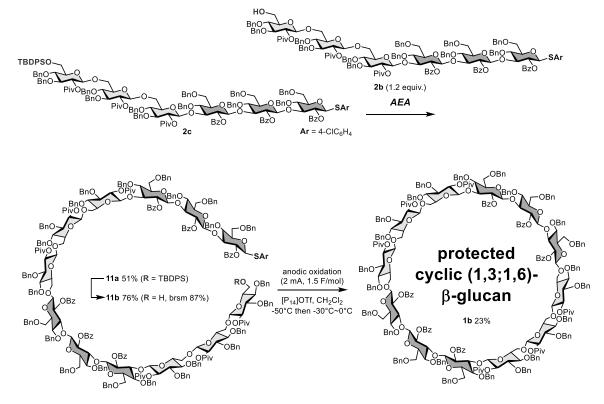
#### 7. Synthesis of protected cyclic dodecasaccharide

#### 7-1. One-pot dimerization-cyclization process



The dimerization and cyclization of linear dodecasaccharide 2b was carried out in an H-type divided cell equipped with a carbon felt anode and a platinum plate cathode (10 mm×10 mm). In the anodic chamber were placed protected linear dodecasaccharide **2b** (0.135 mmol, 374 mg),  $[P_{14}]OTf$  (0.63 mmol, 0.15 mL) and  $CH_2Cl_2$  (5.0 mL). In the cathodic chamber were placed trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (0.15 mmol, 13 µL), [P<sub>14</sub>]OTf (0.50 mmol, 0.12 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4.2 mL). The constant current electrolysis (2.0 mA) was carried out at -50 °C with stirring until 1.1 F/mol of electricity was consumed and then -30 °C kept for 60 min. After elevation of the reaction temperature to 0 °C, Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.2 mL) was added to both chambers, and the reaction mixture was dissolved in  $CHCl_3$  and washed with water to remove electrolyte [P<sub>14</sub>]OTf. Thusobtained organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain the crude product (479 mg). Silica gel chromatography (eluent: Hexane/EtOAc 4:1) and preparative recycling GPC (eluent: CHCl<sub>3</sub>) afforded target protected cyclic dodecasaccharide **1b** in 3% yield (2.3 µmol, 12 mg). Cyclobis-(1→6)-(3,4-di-O-benzyl-2-O-pivaloyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl)-(1→6)-(3,4-di-O-benzyl-2-Opivaloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)-(3,4-di-*O*-benzyl-2-*O*-pivaloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl)-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-(2-*O*-benzoyl-4,6-di-*O*-benzyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl)-(1→3)-(2-*O*-benzoyl-4,6-di-*O*-benzyl-β-Dglucopyranosyl)- $(1 \rightarrow 3)$ - $(2 - O - benzoyl - 4, 6 - di - O - benzyl - \beta - D - glucopyranosyl)$  (1b); TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 3:1) Rf = 0.30; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.79 (*pseudo*-t, J = 6.6 Hz, 4 H), 7.67–7.62 (m, 4 H), 7.59  $(d, J = 7.2 \text{ Hz}, 4 \text{ H}), 7.46 - 7.43 \text{ (m, 6 H)}, 7.36 - 7.14 \text{ (m, 126 H)}, 7.05 \text{ (d, } J = 6.0 \text{ Hz}, 2 \text{ H}), 5.09 - 5.00 \text{ (m, 6 H)}, 7.05 \text{ (m, 6$ 12 H), 4.96–4.88 (m, 6 H), 4.74 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 4.70 (dd, J = 10.8, 3.0 Hz, 2 H), 4.66–4.61 (m, 6 H), 4.56-4.42 (m, 26 H), 4.38-4.25 (m, 12 H), 4.15 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 4.09 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 4.02 (pseudo-t, J = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 4.00-3.96 (m, 4 H), 3.79-3.74 (m, 4 H), 3.67-3.27 (m, 48 H), 3.21-3.15 (m, 4 H), 1.11 (s, 36 H), 1.08 (s, 18 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 177.0, 176.5, 176.4, 164.7, 164.4, 163.8, 138.7, 138.6, 138.43, 138.38, 138.2, 138.1, 138.04, 137.95, 137.91, 133.30, 133.24, 133.20, 129.82, 129.75, 129.5, 129.4, 129.3, 128.8, 128.61, 128.56, 128.43, 128.35, 128.25, 128.20, 128.15, 128.10, 128.05, 128.01, 127.96, 127.7, 127.6, 127.45, 127.39, 127.35, 127.31, 127.26, 127.21, 127.13, 127.0, 126.9, 126.8, 100.7, 100.5, 100.43, 100.35, 100.14, 99.3, 83.0, 82.9, 82.8, 82.7, 79.75, 79.66, 78.3, 78.2, 78.1, 77.6, 77.5, 76.3, 76.1, 75.6, 75.3, 75.2, 75.1, 74.85, 74.80, 74.72, 74.59, 74.54, 74.48, 74.33, 74.21, 73.84, 73.76, 73.3, 73.2, 73.1, 72.9, 72.2, 69.7, 69.15, 69.07, 67.7, 66.9, 38.65, 38.63, 38.59, 27.3, 27.1, 26.9; MS (MALDI) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>312</sub>H<sub>336</sub>KO<sub>72</sub> [M+K]<sup>+</sup> 5273.22; found 5273.04.

#### 7-2. Stepwise process via AEA



The automated synthesis of linear dodecasaccharide **11a** was carried out in an H-type divided cell equipped with a carbon felt anode and a platinum plate cathode (20 mm×20 mm). In the anodic chamber were placed hexasaccharide building block **2c** (0.135 mmol, 405 mg), [P<sub>14</sub>]OTf (0.76 mmol, 0.175 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3.9 mL). In the cathodic chamber were placed trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (0.20 mmol, 18  $\mu$ L), [P<sub>14</sub>]OTf (0.50 mmol, 0.12 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4.9 mL). The constant current electrolysis (2.0 mA) was carried out at -50 °C with stirring until 1.1 F/mol of electricity was consumed. After the electrolysis, hexasaccharide building block **2b** (0.162 mmol, 450 mg) dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.9 mL) was subsequently added by the syringe pump under an argon atmosphere at -50 °C and then -30 °C kept for 60 min. After elevation of the reaction temperature to 0 °C, Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.4 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was filtered through a short column (4×3 cm) of silica gel to remove electrolyte Bu<sub>4</sub>NOTf. Removal of the solvent under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified with silica gel chromatography (eluent: Hexane/EtOAc 3:1) and preparative recycling GPC (eluent: CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Target linear dodecasaccharide **11a** was used as a starting material for the next step without detailed structural characterization.

Linear dodecasaccharide **11a** (0.069 mmol, 389 mg) was dissolved in pyridine (0.53 mL) and the solution was cooled to 0 °C. 70% HF•pyridine (0.10 mL) was added to the solution and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C to room temperature for 2 h. Conversion of **11a** was confirmed by TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 7:3) and aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution was added to quench the reaction. The aqueous solution was

extracted with chloroform and the combined organic layer was washed with aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution and 1 N aqueous hydrochloric acid. The reaction mixture was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain crude product (430 mg). Thus-obtained crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: Hexane/EtOAc 7:3) and 11b (0.053 mmol, 284 mg) in 76% yield (87% 3,4-di-O-benzyl-2-O-pivaloyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl-(1→6)-3,4-di-Oconversion). 4-Chlorophenyl benzyl-2-O-pivaloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)-3,4-di-O-benzyl-2-O-pivaloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 3)$ -2-*O*-benzoyl-4,6-di-*O*-benzyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 3)$ -2-*O*-benzoyl- $(1 \rightarrow 3)$ -2-*D*-benzoyl- $(1 \rightarrow 3)$ -2-*D*-benzoyl- $(1 \rightarrow 3)$ -2-benzoyl- $(1 \rightarrow 3)$ -2-benz glucopyranosyl-(1→3)-2-O-benzoyl-4,6-di-O-benzyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl-(1→6)-3,4-di-O-benzyl-2-O-pivalovl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 6)$ -3,4-di-O-benzyl-2-O-pivalovl- $(1 \rightarrow 6)$ -3,4-di-O-benzyl-2-O-pivalovl- $(1 \rightarrow 6)$ -3,4-di-O-benzyl-2-O-be di-O-benzyl-2-O-pivaloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 3)$ -2-O-benzoyl-4,6-di-O-benzyl- $\beta$ -Dglucopyranosyl-(1→3)-2-O-benzoyl-4,6-di-O-benzyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl-(1→3)-2-O-benzoyl-4,6-di-**O-benzyl-1-thio-\beta-D-glucopyranoside** (11b); TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 7:3) Rf = 0.20; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.80 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.76–7.73 (m, 5 H), 7.52–7.48 (m, 2 H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.41–7.39 (m, 2 H), 7.36–6.99 (m, 141 H), 6.89–6.86 (m, 1 H), 5.08–5.05 (m, 2 H), 4.99–4.80 (m, 16 H), 4.74-4.14 (m, 55 H), 4.10-4.00 (m, 6 H), 3.90-3.82 (m, 5 H), 3.71-3.62 (m, 6 H), 3.60-3.16 (m, 41 H), 3.04-3.00 (m, 1 H), 2.17 (pseudo-t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.10 (s, 18 H), 1.08 (s, 9 H), 1.06 (s, 9 H), 1.05 (s, 9 H), 1.04 (s, 9 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 177.3, 177.2, 177.1, 176.7, 176.6, 176.5, 176.4, 164.52, 164.47, 163.9, 138.58, 138.54, 138.51, 138.45, 138.35, 138.31, 138.28, 138.21, 138.18, 138.15, 138.11, 138.07, 138.01, 137.96, 137.87, 137.8, 137.7, 133.6, 133.28, 133.25, 133.22, 133.14, 133.0, 132.93, 132.90, 132.1, 129.78, 129.72, 129.65, 129.55, 129.48, 129.45, 129.38, 129.32, 129.25, 129.18, 129.15, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.53, 128.46, 128.35, 128.29, 128.24, 128.21, 128.18, 128.14, 128.03, 127.97, 127.94, 127.92, 127.91, 127.76, 127.73, 127.69, 127.63, 127.60, 127.56, 127.43, 127.41, 127.37, 127.35, 127.31, 127.26, 127.22, 127.21, 127.1, 127.0, 126.9, 101.5, 100.8, 100.7, 100.6, 100.5, 100.2, 99.8, 99.6, 99.5, 86.0, 83.1, 82.99, 82.95, 82.93, 82.85, 82.5, 82.4, 80.4, 79.1, 79.0, 78.78, 78.60, 77.73, 77.65, 77.63, 77.43, 76.4, 76.3, 75.98, 75.93, 75.89, 75.87, 75.72, 75.59, 75.56, 75.44, 75.15, 75.11, 75.03, 74.85, 74.77, 74.65, 74.61, 74.51, 74.37, 74.34, 74.27, 74.15, 74.12, 74.02, 73.96, 73.87, 73.79, 73.30, 73.25, 73.17, 73.11, 73.09, 72.82, 72.80, 72.52, 72.44, 72.22, 69.9, 69.21, 69.17, 69.10, 67.6, 61.8, 38.68, 38.62, 38.58, 27.24, 27.19, 27.13, 27.09, 26.99, 26.80, 26.76; MS (MALDI) m/z calculated for C<sub>318</sub>H<sub>341</sub>ClKO<sub>72</sub>S [M+K]<sup>+</sup> 5417.21; found 5417.67.

The intramolecular glycosylation of linear dodecasaccharide **11b** was carried out in an H-type divided cell equipped with a carbon felt anode and a platinum plate cathode ( $10 \text{ mm} \times 10 \text{ mm}$ ). In the anodic chamber were placed protected linear dodecasaccharide **11b** (0.028 mmol, 151 mg), [P<sub>14</sub>]OTf (0.74 mmol, 0.17 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mL). In the cathodic chamber were placed trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (0.14 mmol, 12  $\mu$ L), [P<sub>14</sub>]OTf (0.50 mmol, 0.12 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.1 mL). The constant current electrolysis (2.0 mA) was carried out at -50 °C with stirring until 1.5 F/mol of electricity was consumed and then -30 °C kept for 60 min. After elevation of the reaction temperature to 0 °C, Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.1 mL) was added to both chambers, and the reaction mixture was dissolved in CHCl<sub>3</sub> and washed with water to remove electrolyte [P<sub>14</sub>]OTf. Thusobtained organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain the crude product (160 mg). Silica gel chromatography (eluent: Hexane/EtOAc 3:1) and preparative recycling GPC (eluent: CHCl<sub>3</sub>) afforded target protected cyclic dodecasaccharide **1b** in 23% yield (6.9 µmol, 36 mg).

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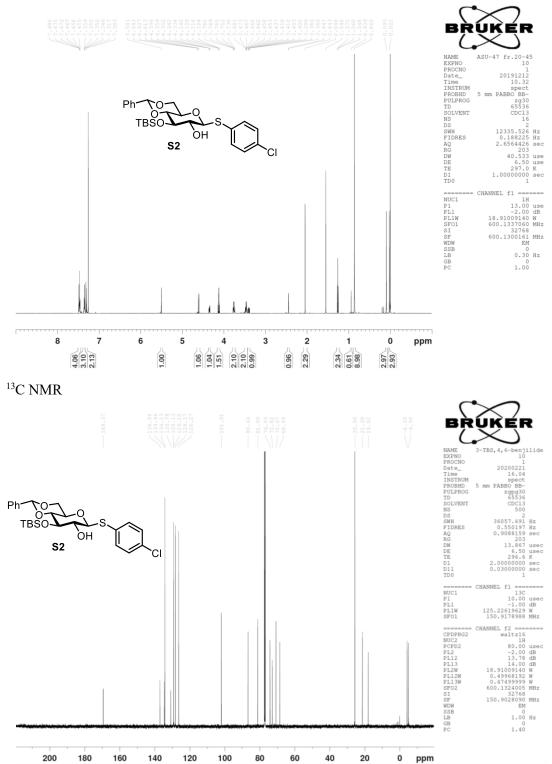
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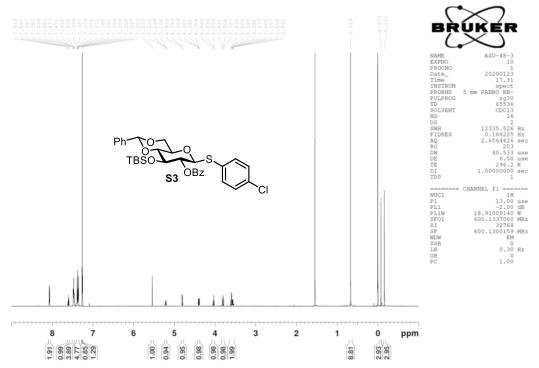
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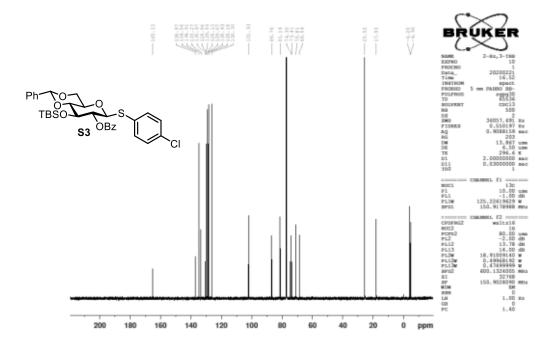
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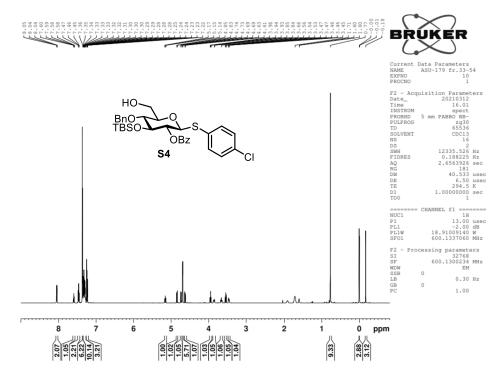
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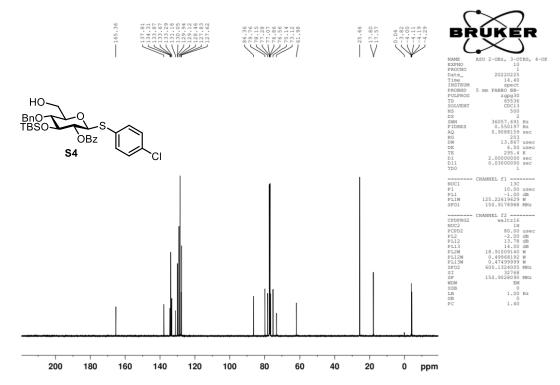
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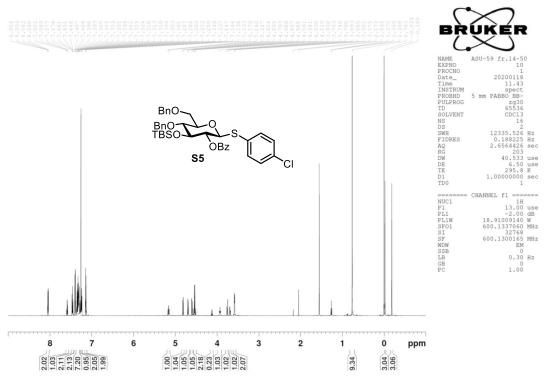


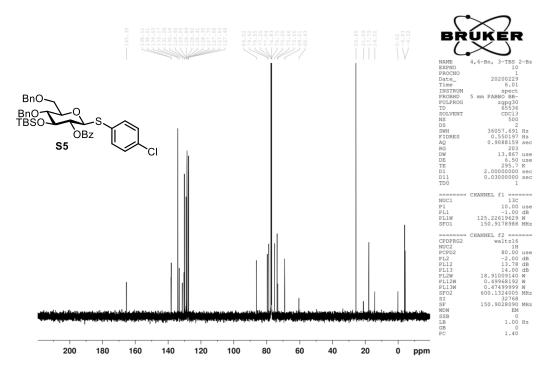


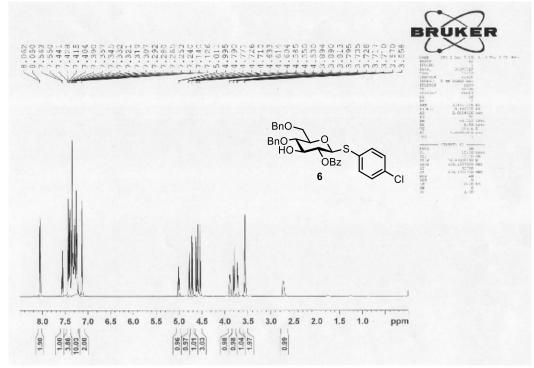


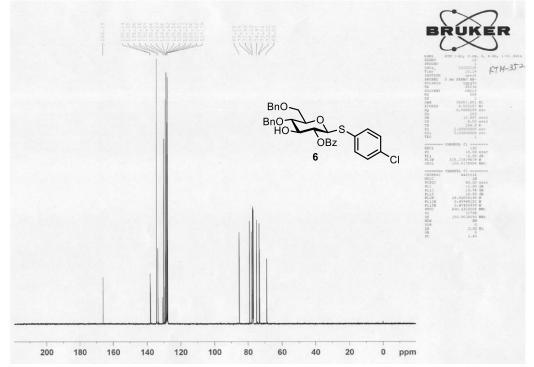




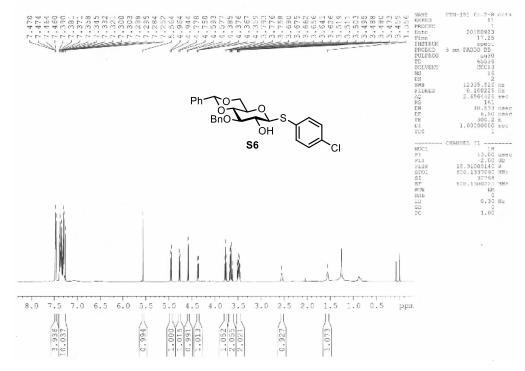


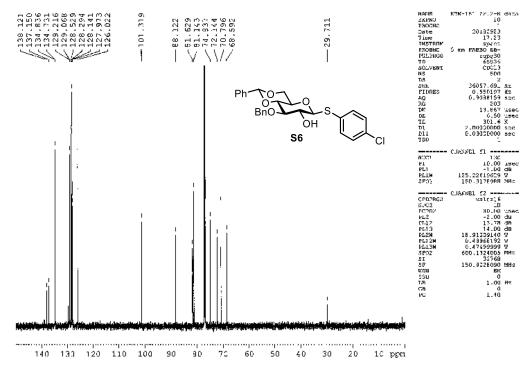


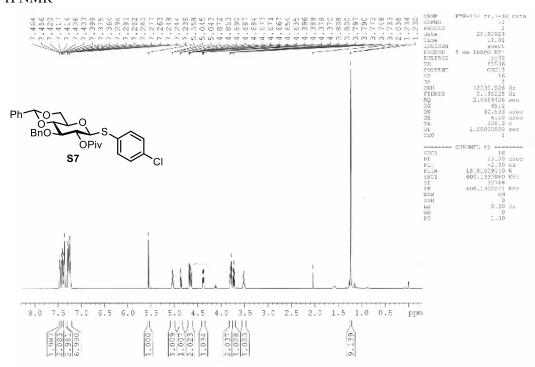


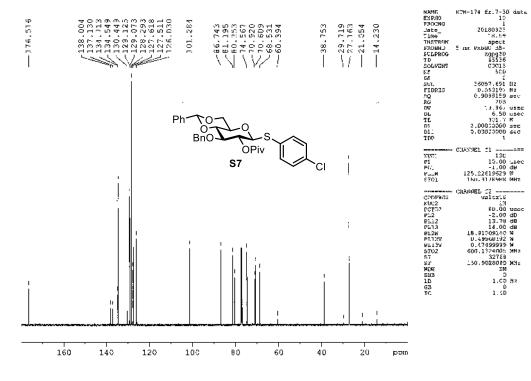


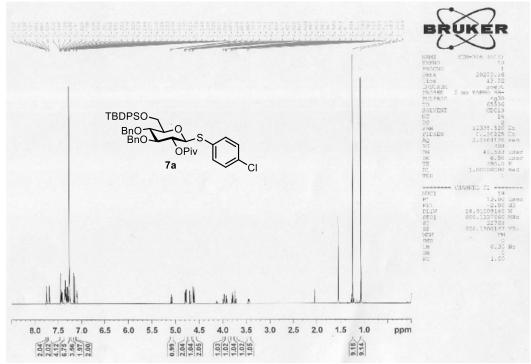
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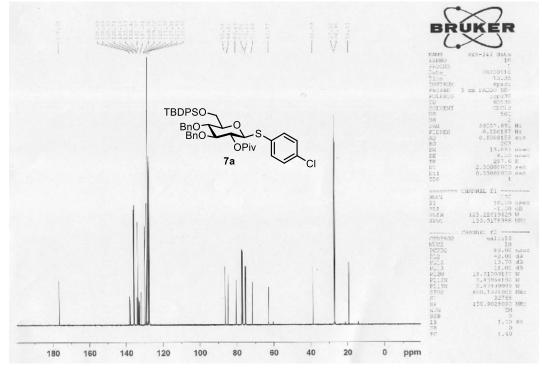




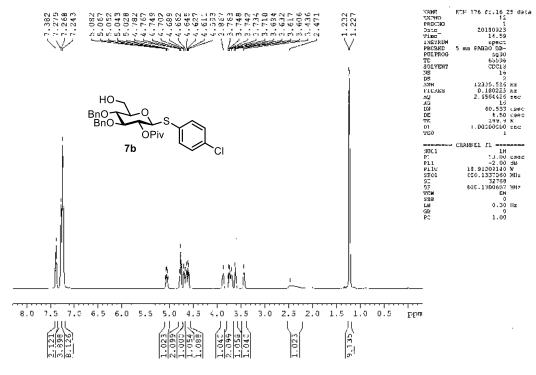


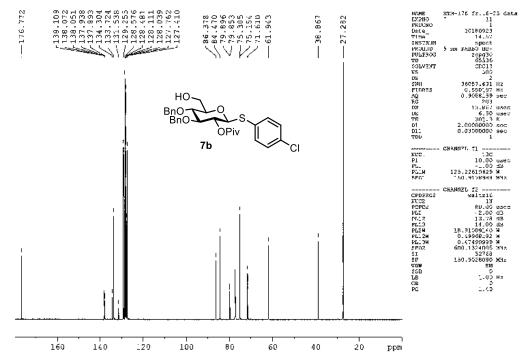


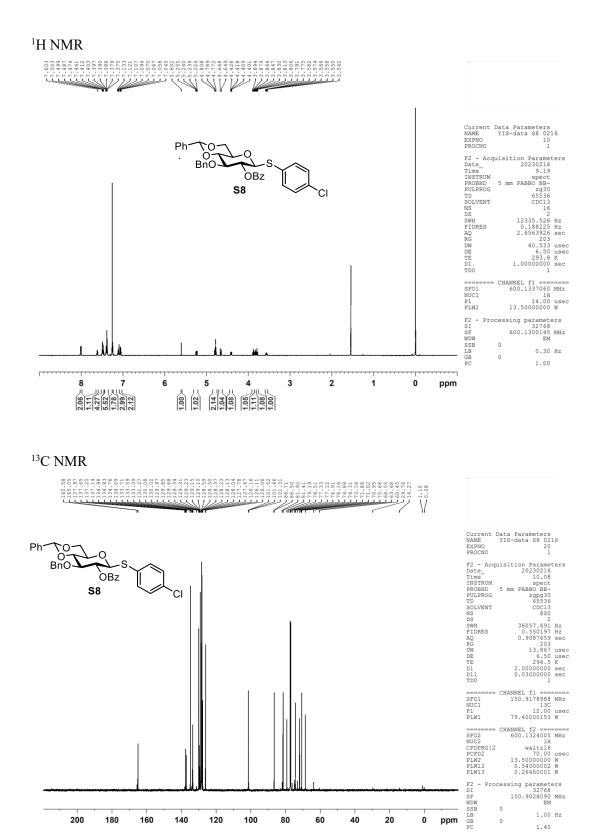


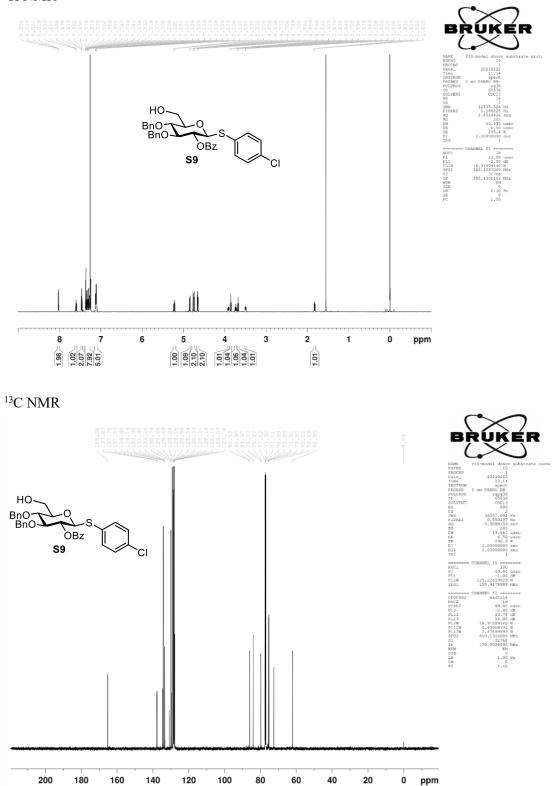


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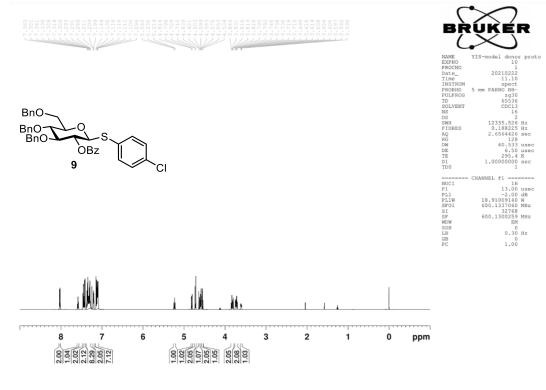


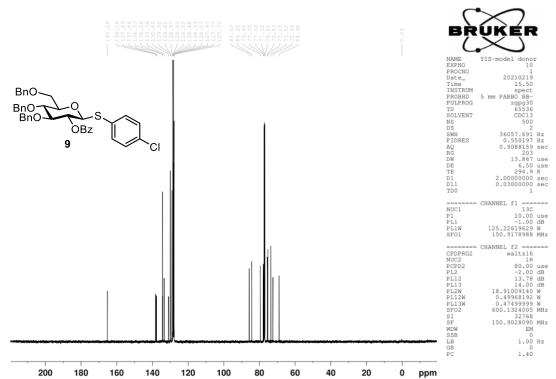




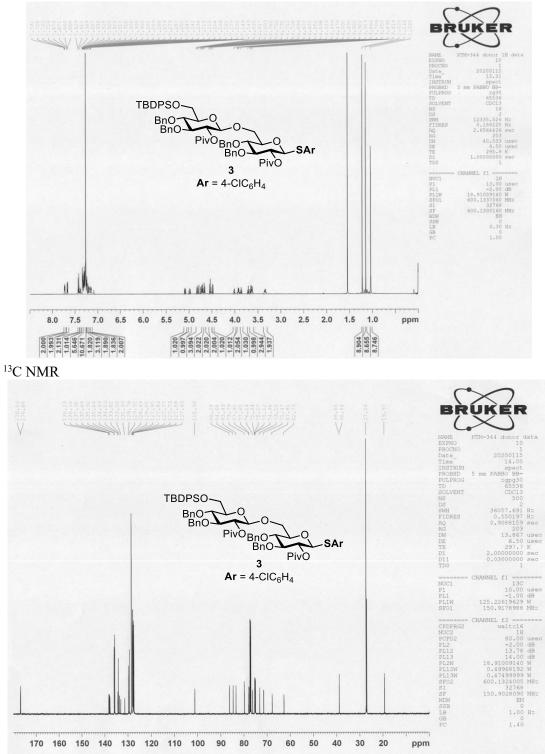


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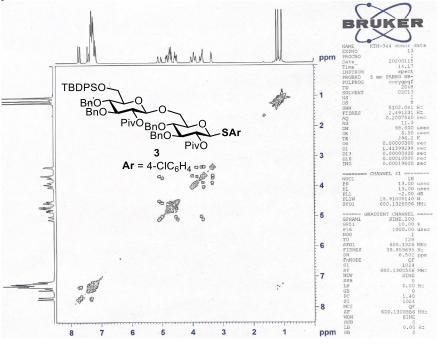




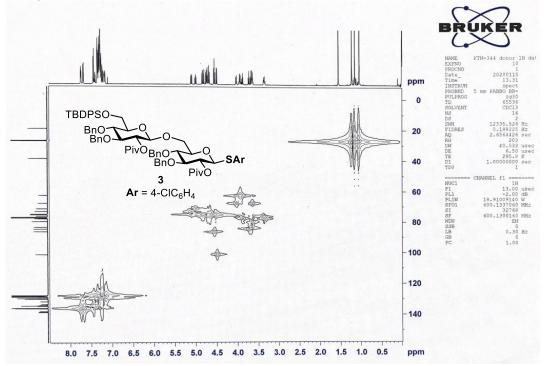
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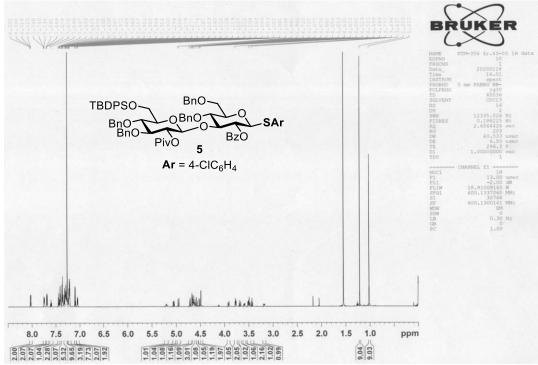


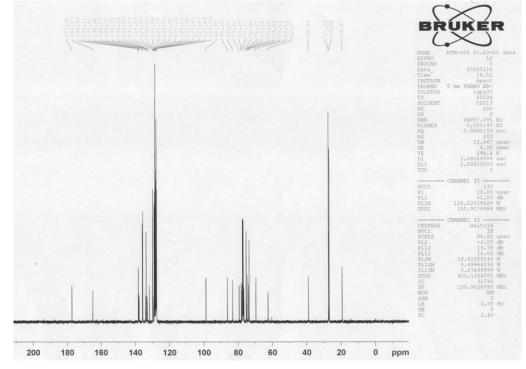
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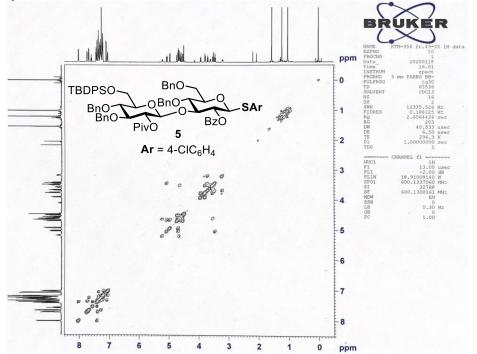
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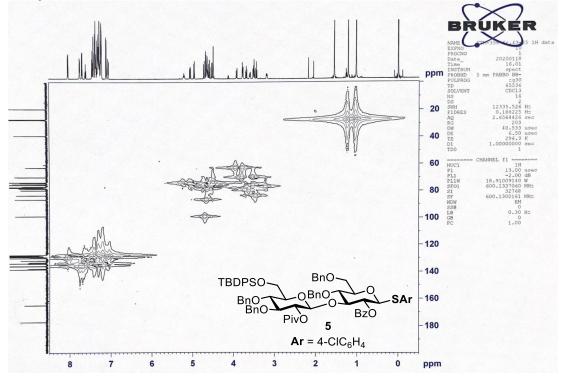


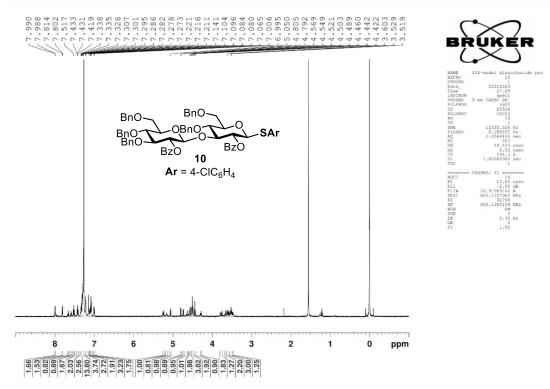


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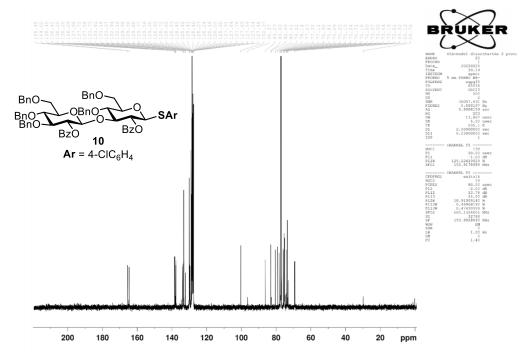


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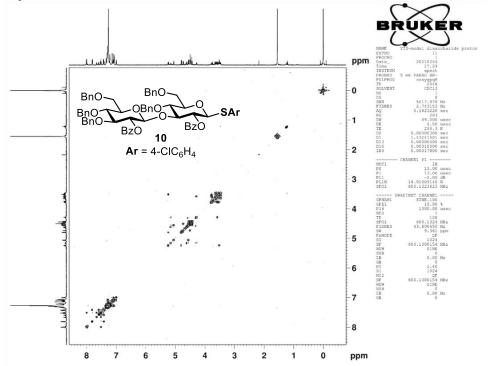




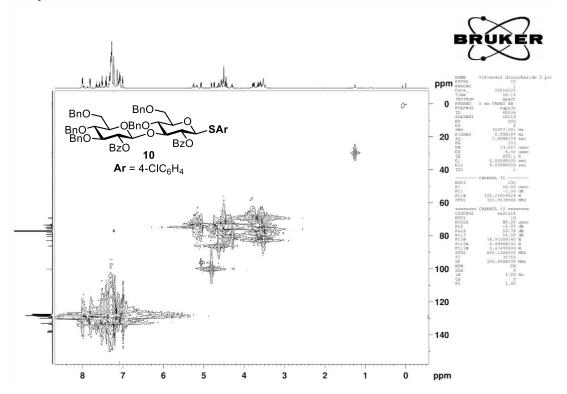


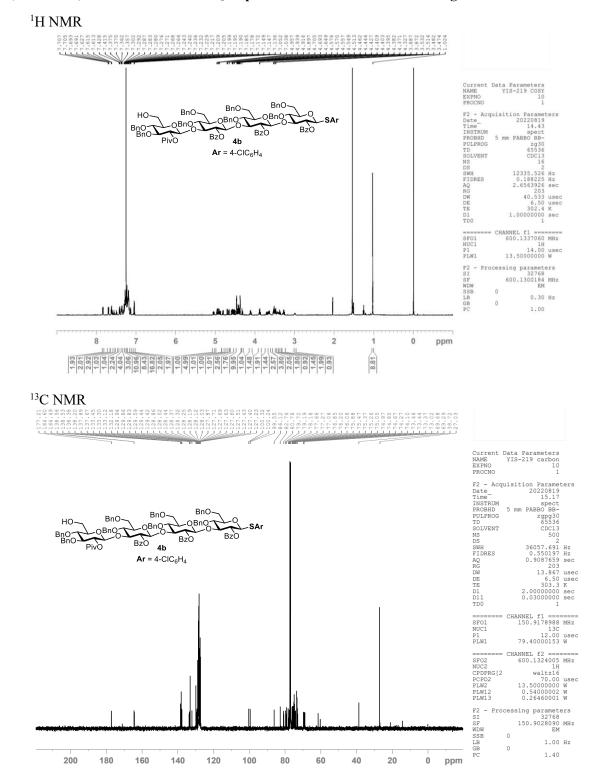






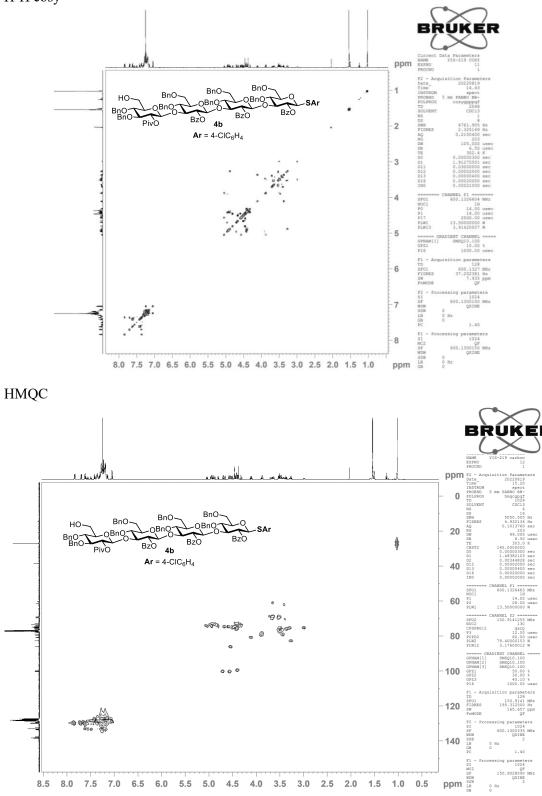
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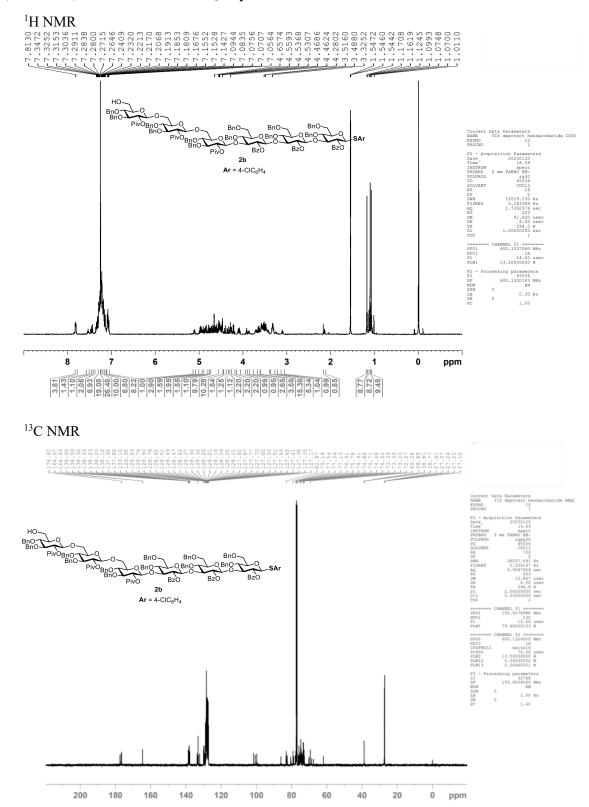
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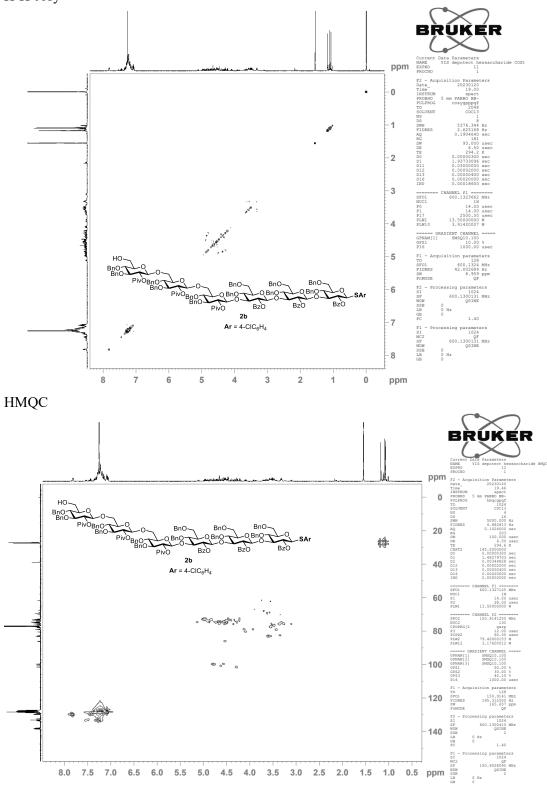


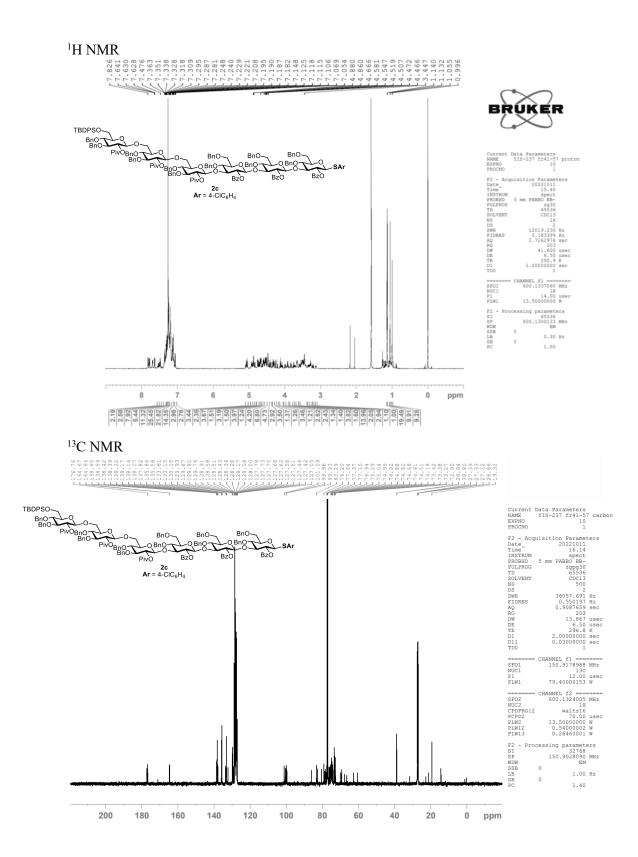
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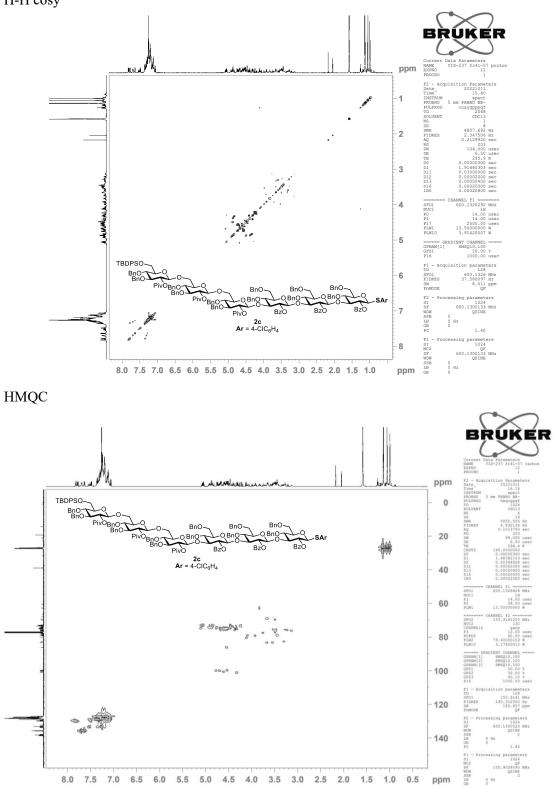




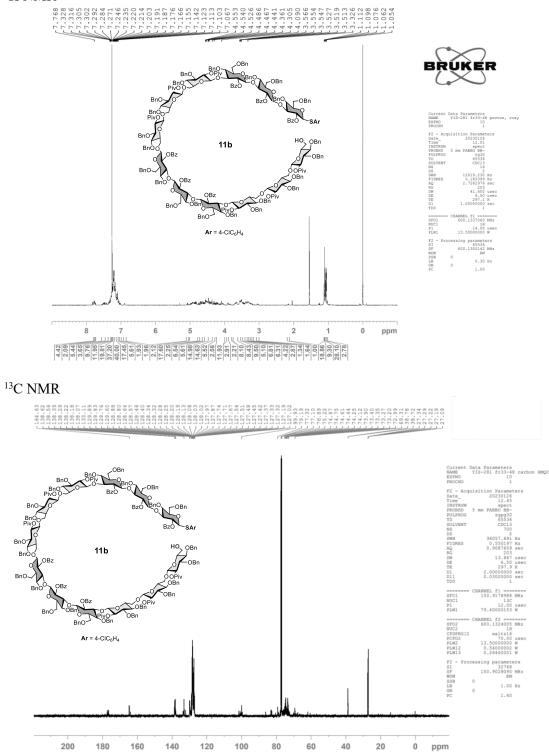




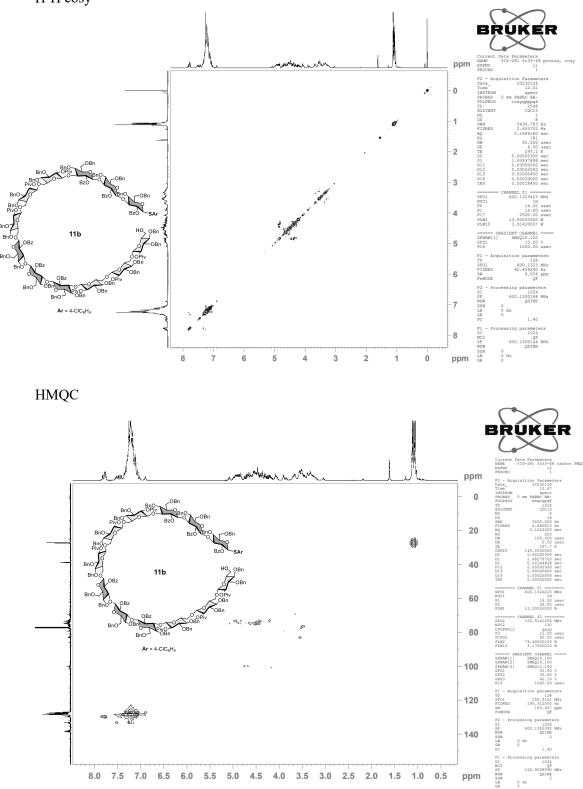




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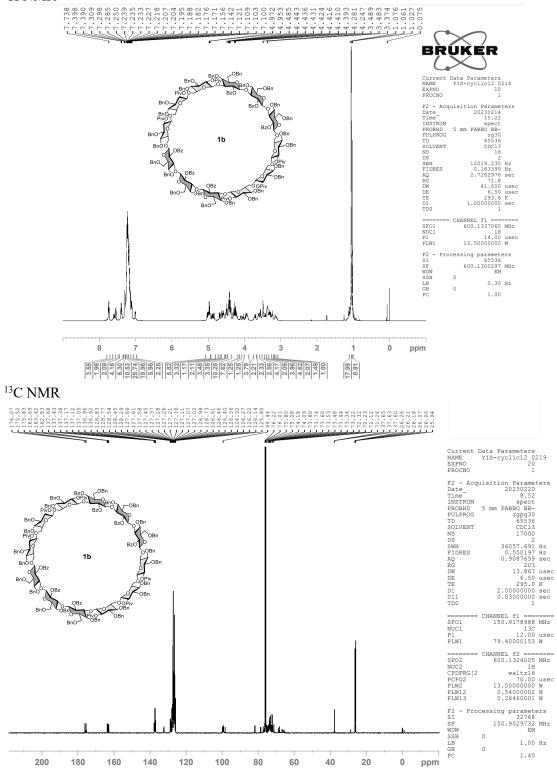




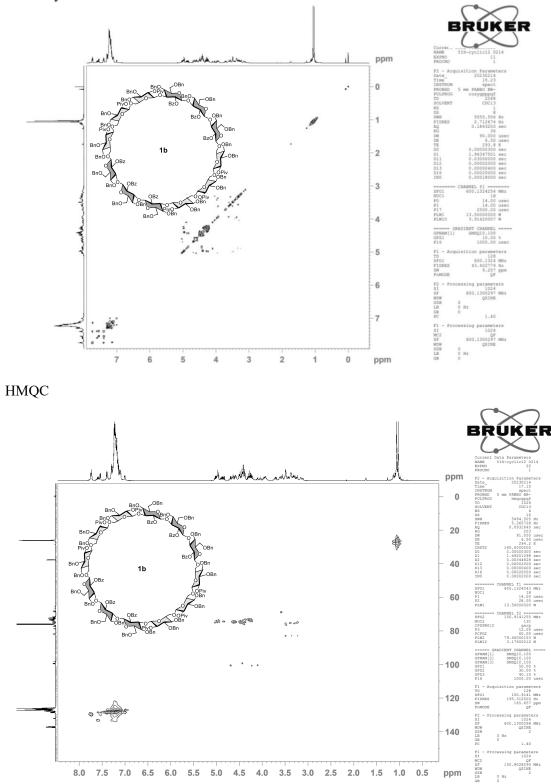


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## Chapter 3.

## Towards Rational Design of Oligosaccharide Building Blocks of Cyclic β-Glucans

### Introduction

As described in chapter 2, protected cyclic dodecasaccharide 1 was successfully synthesized from semicircular hexasaccharide 2a (Figure 3-1). To explore the possibility of further improvement of the yield, we planned to synthesize the cyclic dodecasaccharide 1 from other hexasaccharide precursors 2b and 2c (Figure 3-2). Among potential precursors, semi-circular hexasaccharide 2c was synthesized because it also has protecting-group free 6-OH as a reaction site and can be synthesized by automated electrochemical assembly of building blocks in hand.

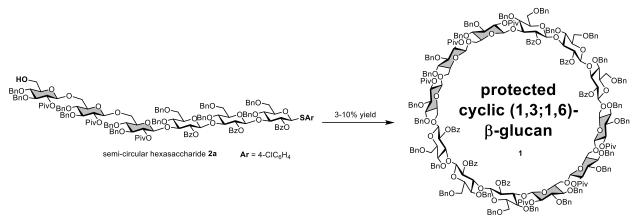


Figure 3-1. Dimerization-cyclization of semi-circular hexasaccharide precursor 2a.

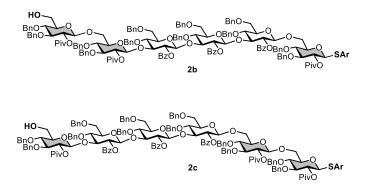
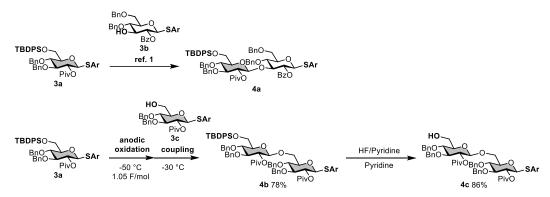


Figure 3-2. Potential hexasaccharide precursors of cyclic dodecasaccharide 1.

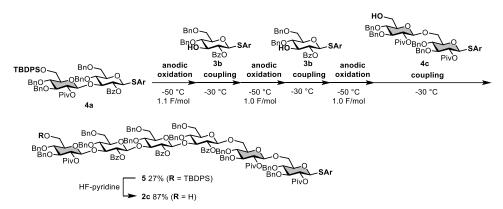
#### **Results and Discussion**

First, disaccharide building blocks **4a** and **4c** were synthesized (Scheme 3-1). Disaccharide **4a** and monosaccharides **3a-c** were prepared according to the reported procedures.<sup>1</sup> Glycosylation reaction of **3a** and **3c** and following deprotection of TBDPS group afforded disaccharide building block **4c**. Then, hexasaccharide **5** was synthesized by three steps of AEA using disaccharides **4a** and **4c** and two equivalents

of monosaccharide **3b**. Hexasaccharide **5** was converted to hexasaccharide precursor **2c** by deprotection of TBDPS group (Scheme 3-2).



Scheme 3-1. Synthesis of disaccharide building blocks 4a and 4c.



Scheme 3-2. Synthesis of semi-circular hexasaccharide precursor 2c.

Contrary to our expectation, electrochemical oxidation of precursor **2c** afforded neither cyclic dodecasaccharide nor linear dodecasaccharide. Then we carefully checked by-products of the reaction and found formation of hydroxysugars of hexasaccharide **6** and pentasaccharide **7** (Figure 3-2). MALDI-TOF-MS showed two major molecular ion peaks  $[M+K]^+$  which are derived from hydroxysugars **6** and **7** (Figure 3-3). Although hydroxysugars are typical by-products of glycosylation, the formation of shorter oligosaccharide **7** is rare. By comparison of the structures of precursors **2a** and **2c**, glycosidic linkage of the disaccharide unit of the reducing end was supposed to be a key factor for the side reactions. For better understanding of the relationship between the disaccharide structure and its reactivity, we planned to investigate using model disaccharides **4d-e** (Scheme 3-3).  $\beta$ -1,3-Disaccharide **4d** is a model compound of hexasaccharide **4d** was synthesized according to the reported procedure.<sup>1</sup> Disaccharide **4e** was synthesized by glycosylation reaction of monosaccharides **3c** and **3e**.

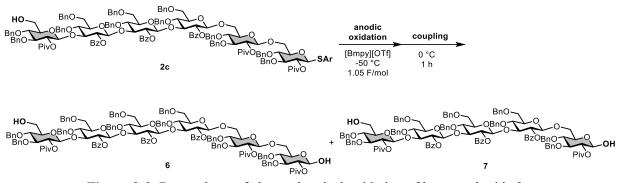


Figure 3-2. By-products of electrochemical oxidation of hexasaccharide 2c.

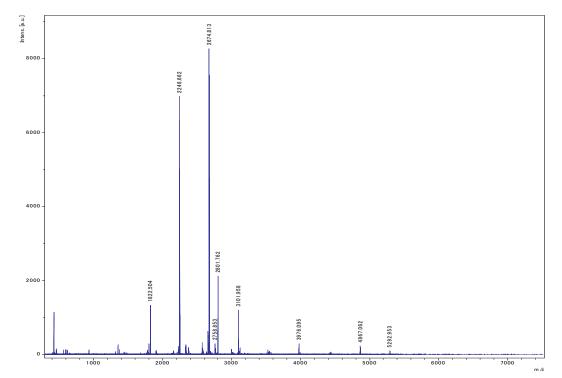
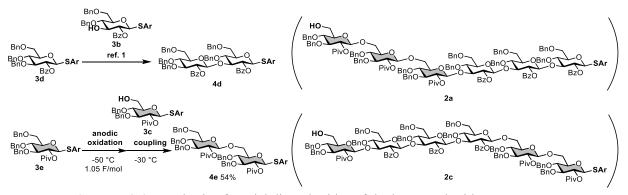


Figure 3-3. MALDI-TOF MS of crude products of electrochemical oxidation of 2c.



Scheme 3-3. Synthesis of model disaccharides of the hexasaccharide precursors.

To explore information which can reveal the relationship, we focused on RRV (Relative Reactivity Value). RRV, developed by C.-H. Wong and co-workers, is an index of reactivity of glycosyl donors.<sup>2</sup> RRV is calculated based on ratio of reaction rate between a target thioglycoside and a standard thioglycoside (Figure 3-4). Competitive reaction of them with methanol gives relative reactivity of the target thioglycoside. Reactivities of multiple thioglycosides can be compared by comparing RRVs of them. We examined RRVs of model disaccharides **4d** and **4e**. RRV values of **4d** and **4e** are 108.9 and 57.7, respectively (Figure 3-5). Although RRV of **4d** was larger than that of **4e** as we expected, the difference was not enough to explain the relationship between the structure and the reactivity.

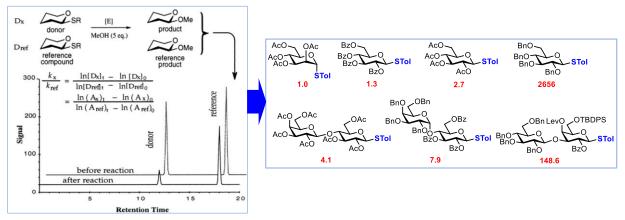


Figure 3-4. Principle of RRV.

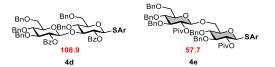


Figure 3-5. RRV values of model disaccharides 4d and 4e.

We turned our attention to mechanism of formation of pentasaccharide hydroxysugar 7. Because 1,6anhydrosugar 10 was often observed as a by-product in glycosylation reaction, we presumed that leaving of 1,6-anhydrosugar 10 caused the fragmentation. Our plausible mechanism is depicted in Figure 3-6. Electrochemical oxidation of 2c afford the corresponding dioxalenium ion 8. The 6-position oxygen in the reducing end attacks the anomer carbon of 8. The following attack of 2-pivaloyl oxygen on the anomer carbon leads to leaving of 1,6-anhydrosugar 10. Thus-obtained pentasaccharide dioxalenium ion 11 was finally hydrolysed to form pentasaccharide hydroxysugar 7. Although 1,6-anhydrosugar 10 was not isolated from the reaction mixture, we regarded it as a potential by-product.

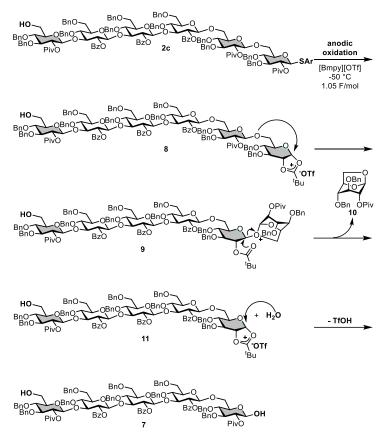


Figure 3-6. Plausible mechanism of the shortening reaction.

Next,  $\beta$ -1,6-disaccharide **4e** was electrochemically oxidized, followed by addition of methanol. Not only 1-methylglycoside disaccharide **4f** but also 1-methylglycoside monosaccharide **3f** was observed (Figure 3-7). In other words, the fragmentation also occurred in the reaction using disaccharide **4e**. We presumed that monosaccharide **3f** was produced by the mechanism shown in Figure 3-8 via leaving of 1,6-anhydrosugar **10** was not isolated, it was detected by mass analysis of the reaction mixture.

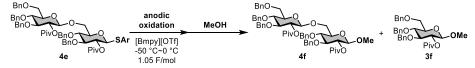


Figure 3-7. Model reaction using  $\beta$ -1,6-disaccharide 4e as a glycosyl donor.

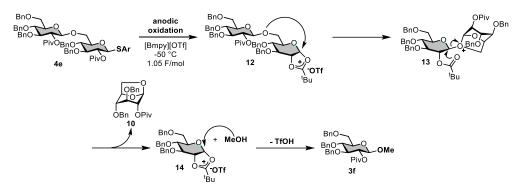


Figure 3-8. Plausible mechanism of formation of 1-methylglycoside monosaccharide 3f.

We have focused on the reducing end of the hexasaccharide precursors. However, there is still room for investigation in other moieties. For example, glycosidic linkage of the disaccharide unit of the non-reducing end could affect the dimerization-cyclization and the side reactions. Deeper understanding of glycosylation of semi-circular hexasaccharides is expected to lead to rational design of oligosaccharide building blocks for the cyclic dodecasaccharide.

#### Conclusion

In the course of synthetic study of protected cyclic dodecasaccharide 1, two hexasaccharide precursors 2a and 2c exhibited different reactivity. Dimerization-cyclization of hexasaccharide 2c was failed. In this reaction, hydroxysugars of hexasaccharide 6 and pentasaccharide 7 were obtained. By comparison of the structures of the precursors, glycosidic linkage of the disaccharide unit of the reducing end was supposed to be a key factor for the side reactions. In the reaction using disaccharide 4e, which is a model compound of hexasaccharide 2c, fragmentation was also observed. Monosaccharide 3f and 1,6-anhydrosugar 10 were detected by mass analysis. The result was consistent with our plausible mechanism. More detailed knowledge regarding structure-reactivity relationship is expected to lead to rational design of oligosaccharide building blocks in future.

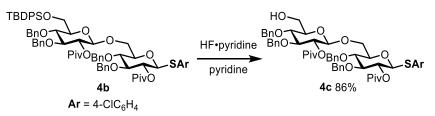
## **Experimental**

#### 1. General

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AVANCE II 600 (<sup>1</sup>H 600 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C 150 MHz). ESI-MS and MALDI-TOF-MS were recorded on Thermo Scientific Exactive spectrometer and Bruker ultrafleXtreme, respectively. Preparative recycling gel permeation chromatography (PR-GPC) was performed on Japan Analytical Industry LC-5060. Kanto silica gel 60 N (spherical, neutral, 63-210 μm) was used for silica gel column chromatography. The automated synthesizer is consisting of the commercially available instruments such as the chiller with a cooling bath (UCR-150, Techno Sigma), the power supply for constant current electrolysis (PMC 350-0.2 A, KIKUSUI), the syringe pump (PHD 2000 infusion, Harvard apparatus), and the system controller (LabVIEW, National Instruments). Merck TLC (silica gel 60 F254) was used for TLC analysis. Monosaccharide **S1**, monosaccharides **3a-d** and disaccharides **4a**, **4b**, and **4d** were prepared according to the reported procedures.<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise noted, all materials were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification.

#### 2. Preparation of building blocks

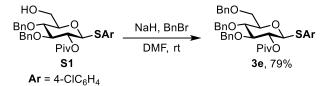
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Disaccharide 4b (0.880 mmol, 1.09 g) was dissolved in pyridine (8.8 mL) and the solution was cooled to 0 °C. 70% HF•pyridine (0.70 mL) was added to the solution and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C to room temperature for 5 h. Conversion of 4b was confirmed by TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 7:3) and aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution was added to quench the reaction. The aqueous solution was extracted with chloroform and the combined organic layer was washed with aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution and 1 N aqueous hydrochloric acid. The reaction mixture was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain crude product. Thus-obtained crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography to obtain 4c (0.761 mmol, 759 mg) in 86% yield. TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1)  $R_f 0.21$ ;  $[\alpha]^{22}_D = 28.181$  (c = 1.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz) δ 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 16 H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4 H), 5.06 (pseudo-t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 5.02 (pseudo-t, J = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.81 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.77 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.74 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.70 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.68 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.91 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.82 (ddd, *J* = 16.0, 8.8, 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.72-3.64 (m, 5 H), 3.56-3.53 (m, 1 H), 3.47 (Pseudo-t, J = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.40-3.37 (m, 1 H), 1.22 (s, 9 H), 1.12 (s, 9 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz) & 176.71, 138.06, 137.89, 137.82, 137.74, 134.19, 133.58, 131.83, 129.31, 128.54, 128.43, 128.13, 128.06, 128.01, 127.74, 127.69, 127.45, 127.36, 101.20, 86.73, 84.58, 83.11, 79.37, 77.58, 77.51, 75.56, 75.30, 75.05, 75.01, 74.99, 72.84, 71.36, 68.30, 62.02.

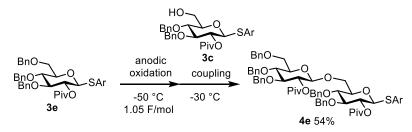
2-2. 4-Chlorophenyl 3,4,6-tri-*O*-benzyl-2-*O*-pivaloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 6)$ -3,4-di-*O*-benzyl-2-*O*-pivaloyl-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**4e**)

2-2-1. 4-Chlorophenyl 3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl-2-O-pivaloyl-1-thio-β-D-glucopyranoside (3e)



4-Chlorophenyl 3,4-di-O-benzyl-2-O-pivaloyl-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside S1 (4.90 mmol, 2.80 g) was dissolved in DMF (35 mL) and the solution was cooled to 0 °C. BnBr (17.6 mmol, 2.10 g) was added to the solution, followed by addition of a solution of NaH (17.9 mmol, 0.430 g) in DMF (15 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C to room temperature for 5 h. Conversion of S1 was confirmed by TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1) and methanol was added to quench the reaction. The solution was diluted with hexane/EtOAc (4:1), washed with water, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain crude product. Thus-obtained crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography to obtain 3e (3.90 mmol, 2.58 g) in 79% yield. TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1) Rf 0.56; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz) δ 7.44 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.37-7.28 (m, 11 H), 7.23 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4 H), 5.05 (pseudot, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.76 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.75 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.68 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.59 (pseudo-t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.56 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.53 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.78 (dd, J = 10.8, 1.8 Hz, 1.8 Hz)1 H), 3.73-3.70 (m, 2 H), 3.66 (*pseudo-t*, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.23 (s, 9 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)  $\delta$ 176.74, 138.21, 138.07, 137.98, 134.23, 134.13, 133.94, 133.77, 133.52, 132.15, 131.49, 131.33, 129.26, 129.23, 128.55, 128.53, 128.51, 128.07, 127.81, 127.79, 127.77, 127.20, 86.05, 84.74, 80.75, 77.07, 75.59, 75.16, 74.89, 73.52, 71.55, 69.01, 38.87, 38.82, 27.29, 27.17; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>87</sub>H<sub>83</sub>ClKO<sub>18</sub>S; [M+K]<sup>+</sup> 699.1944; found 699.1951.

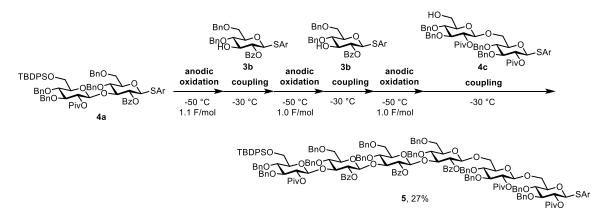
2-2-2. 4-Chlorophenyl 3,4,6-tri-*O*-benzyl-2-*O*-pivaloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 6)$ -3,4-di-*O*-benzyl-2-*O*-pivaloyl-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**4e**)



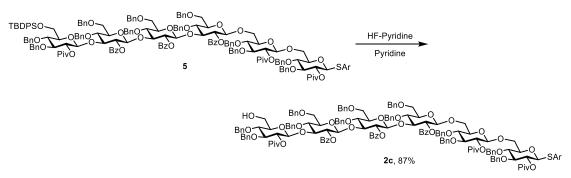
The automated synthesis of **4e** was carried out in an H-type divided cell (4G glass filter) equipped with a carbon felt anode (Nippon Carbon JF-20-P7) and a platinum plate cathode (10 mm×20 mm). In the anodic chamber were placed terminal building block **3e** (0.60 mmol, 497 mg), Bu<sub>4</sub>NOTf (1.50 mmol, 587 mg) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15 mL). In the cathodic chamber were placed trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (0.63 mmol, 56  $\mu$ L), Bu<sub>4</sub>NOTf (1.50 mmol, 587 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15 mL). The constant current electrolysis (13.0 mA) was carried out at -50 °C with magnetic stirring until 1.05 F/mol of electricity was consumed. After the electrolysis, building block **3c** (0.72 mmol, 411 mg) dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.0 mL) was subsequently added by the syringe pump under an argon atmosphere at -30 °C, and kept for 60 min. After the cycle, Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.50 mL) was added to quench the mixture. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified with silica gel chromatography to obtain **4e** (0.52 mmol, 570 mg) in 54% yield. TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 4:1) R<sub>f</sub> 0.56; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)  $\delta$  7.41 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 20 H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 5 H), 7.15-7.13 (m, 2 H), 5.10 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.02 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.76 (t, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 3 H), 4.70 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.66 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.49-4.57 (m, 5 H), 4.46 (*pseudo*-t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.00 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.75-3.66 (m, 6 H), 3.60 (td, *J* = 7.2, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.50-3.43 (m, 2 H), 1.21 (s, 9 H), 1.12 (s, 9 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)  $\delta$  176.69, 176.65, 138.15, 138.11, 137.98, 137.98, 137.78, 134.09, 133.64, 131.86, 129.28, 128.48, 128.45, 128.42, 128.09, 128.02, 127.85, 127.83, 127.70, 127.65, 127.46, 127.32, 101.22, 86.55, 84.57, 83.36, 79.28, 77.77, 77.10, 76.89, 75.27, 75.21, 75.02, 74.99, 73.52, 72.86, 71.39, 68.76, 68.08, 38.81, 38.77, 27.20, 27.16; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>87</sub>H<sub>83</sub>ClKO<sub>18</sub>S; [M+K]<sup>+</sup> 1125.3986; found 1125.3959.

#### 3. Synthesis of hexasaccharide precursor 2c by AEA

3-1. 4-Chlorophenyl 3,4-di-*O*-benzyl-2-*O*-pivaloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-2-*O*-benzoyl-4,6-di-*O*-benzyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-2-*O*-benzoyl-4,6-di-*O*-benzyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-2-*O*-benzoyl-4,6-di-*O*-benzyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)-3,4-di-*O*-benzyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)-3,4-di-*O*-benzyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (**2c**) 3-1-1. 4-Chlorophenyl 3,4-di-*O*-benzyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-2-*O*-pivaloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-2-*O*-benzoyl-4,6-di-*O*-benzyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)-3,4-di-*O*-benzyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosy

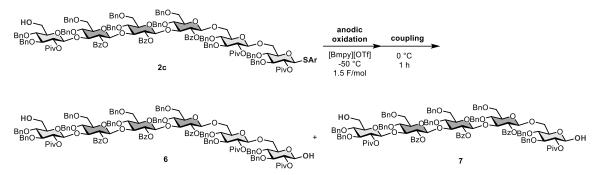


The automated synthesis of **5** was carried out in an H-type divided cell (4G glass filter) equipped with a carbon felt anode (Nippon Carbon JF-20-P7) and a platinum plate cathode (10 mm×20 mm). In the anodic chamber were placed terminal building block **4a** (0.30 mmol, 377 mg), [Bmpy][OTf] (1.50 mmol, 0.35 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15 mL). In the cathodic chamber were placed trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (0.32 mmol, 28  $\mu$ L), [Bmpy][OTf] (1.50 mmol, 0.35 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15 mL). The constant current electrolysis (12.0 mA) was carried out at -50 °C with magnetic stirring until 1.1 F/mol of electricity was consumed. After the electrolysis, building block **3b** (0.30 mmol, 178 mg) dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.0 mL) was subsequently added by the syringe pump under an argon atmosphere at -30 °C, and kept for 60 min. After cooling to -50 °C, The constant current electrolysis (12.0 mA) was carried out at -50 °C with magnetic stirring until 1.1 F/mol of electricity was consumed. After the electrolysis, building block **3b** (0.30 mmol, 178 mg) dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.0 mL) was subsequently added by the syringe pump under an argon atmosphere at -30 °C, and kept for 60 min. After cooling to -50 °C, The constant current electrolysis (12.0 mA) was carried out at -50 °C with magnetic stirring until 1.1 F/mol of electricity is (12.0 mA) was carried out at -50 °C with magnetic stirring until 1.1 F/mol of electricity is (12.0 mA) was carried out at -50 °C with magnetic stirring until 1.1 F/mol of electricity is (12.0 mA) was carried out at -50 °C with magnetic stirring until 1.1 F/mol of electricity was consumed. After the electrolysis (12.0 mA) was carried out at -50 °C with magnetic stirring until 1.1 F/mol of electricity was consumed. After the electrolysis, building block **4c** (0.30 mmol, 300 mg) dissolved in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2.0 mL) was subsequently added by the syringe pump under an argon atmosphere at -30 °C, and kept for 60 min. After the cycle,  $Et_3N$  (0.50 mL) was added, and the mixture was filtered through a short column (4×3 cm) of silica gel to remove [Bmpy][OTf]. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified with silica gel chromatography to obtain 486 mg of a mixture containing **5**. The mixture was purified by PR-GPC to obtain **5** (0.0822 mmol, 247 mg) in 27% yield.



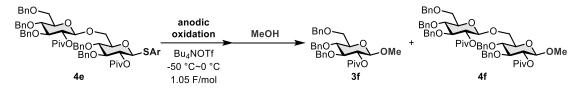
Hexasaccharide 5 (0.121 mmol, 365 mg) was dissolved in pyridine (1.0 mL) and the solution was cooled to 0 °C. 70% HF-pyridine (0.10 mL) was added to the solution and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C to room temperature for 5 h. Conversion of 5 was confirmed by TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 7:3) and aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution was added to quench the reaction. The aqueous solution was extracted with chloroform and the combined organic layer was washed with aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution and 1 N aqueous hydrochloric acid. The reaction mixture was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain crude product. Thus-obtained crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography to obtain 2c (0.105 mmol, 289 mg) in 87% yield. TLC (Hexane/EtOAc 7:3) Rf. 0.65;  $[\alpha]^{22}_{D} = -16.363$  (c = 1.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz) δ 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.58-7.55 (m, 4 H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 7 H), 7.25-7.13 (m, 46 H), 7.09-6.94 (m, 2 H), 5.00 (dd, *J* = 19.5, 19.5, 9.0 Hz, 4 2.4 Hz, 3 H), 4.61 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 4.8 Hz, 3 H), 4.58 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 2 H), 4.52 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 6.0 Hz, 3 H), 4.45-4.35 (m, 12 H), 4.31 (pseudo-t, J = 12.0 Hz, 2 H), 4.26 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.21 (dd, J = 23.4, 10.8Hz, 2 H), 4.07 (pseudo-t, 18 Hz, 1 H), 4.00 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.88 (pseudo-t, J = 16.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.81 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.72 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.63-3.57 (m, 4 H), 3.54-3.47 (m, 7 H), 3.45-3.38 (m, 6 H), 3.36 (m, 1 H), 3.32 (pseudo-t, J = 18.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.28-3.23 (m, 4 H), 2.95 (m, 1 H), 1.21 (s, 9 H), 1.06 (s, 9 H), 1.01 (s, 9 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz) δ 177.18, 176.57, 176.48, 164.52, 138.61, 138.38, 138.35, 138.24, 138.15, 138.00, 137.89, 137.80, 137.72, 137.57, 133.79, 129.83, 129.75, 129.64, 129.18, 128.48, 128.41, 128.39, 128.31, 128.28, 128.26, 128.19, 128.17, 128.13, 128.12, 128.09, 128.03, 127.99, 127.86, 127.80, 127.73, 127.68, 127.63, 127.53, 127.50, 127.47, 127.38, 127.29, 127.19, 127.16, 100.37, 84.41, 82.64, 77.51, 77.49, 75.23, 75.06, 75.01, 74.96, 74.80, 74.78, 74.74, 73.37, 73.34, 73.33, 38.71, 38.64, 38.60, 27.13, 27.05, 26.94.

#### 4. Electrochemical oxidation of hexasaccharide precursor 2c



The one-pot synthesis of **2c** was carried out in an H-type divided cell (4G glass filter) equipped with a carbon felt anode (Nippon Carbon JF-20-P7) and a platinum plate cathode (10 mm×10 mm). In the anodic chamber were placed hexasaccharide building block **2c** (0.10 mmol, 277 mg), [Bmpy][OTf] (0.50 mmol, 117  $\mu$ L) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mL). In the cathodic chamber were placed trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (0.10 mmol, 8  $\mu$ L), [Bmpy][OTf] (0.50 mmol, 117  $\mu$ L) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mL). In the cathodic chamber were placed trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (0.10 mmol, 8  $\mu$ L), [Bmpy][OTf] (0.50 mmol, 117  $\mu$ L) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mL). The constant current electrolysis (3.0 mA) was carried out at -50 °C with magnetic stirring until 1.5 F/mol of electricity was consumed. After the electrolysis, the reaction temperature was raised to 0 °C, and kept for 60 min. Then, Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.20 mL) was added to quench the reaction. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, electrolyte was removed by silica gel short pad (eluent: hexane/EtOAc 1:1). Crude product (333 mg) was analyzed by MALDI-TOF- MS and formation of hydroxy sugars **6** and **7** was confirmed.

#### 5. Electrochemical glycosylation of model disaccharide 4e with methanol



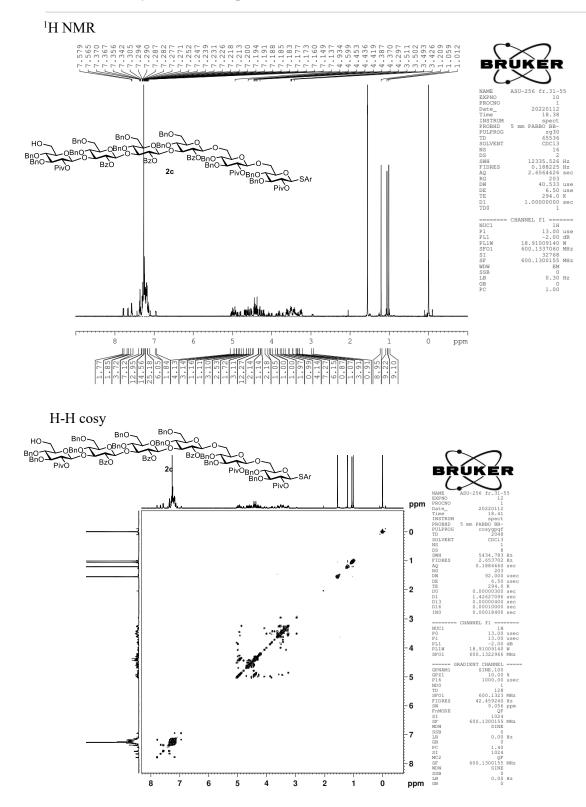
Electrochemical activation of **4e** was carried out in an H-type divided cell (4G glass filter) equipped with a carbon felt anode (Nippon Carbon JF-20-P7) and a platinum plate cathode (10 mm×10 mm). In the anodic chamber were placed disaccharide building block **4e** (0.10 mmol, 109 mg), Bu<sub>4</sub>NOTf (0.50 mmol, 210 mg) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mL). In the cathodic chamber were placed trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (0.11 mmol, 10 µL), Bu<sub>4</sub>NOTf (0.50 mmol, 203 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mL). The constant current electrolysis (4.0 mA) was carried out at -50 °C with magnetic stirring until 1.05 F/mol of electricity was consumed. Then the reaction temperature was raised to 0 °C and kept for 1 h. Methanol (1.0 mmol, 40µL) was added at 0 °C and kept for another 1 h. After the cycle, Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.10 mL) was added to quench the mixture. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified with silica gel chromatography to obtain methyl glycoside **3f**<sup>3</sup> and disaccharide **4f** have been detected by MALDI-TOF-MS.

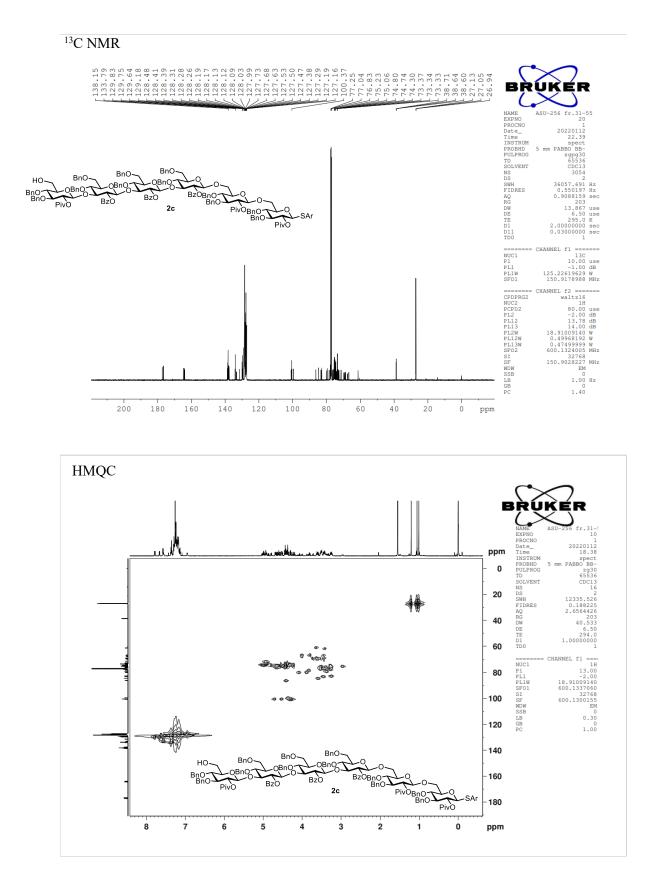
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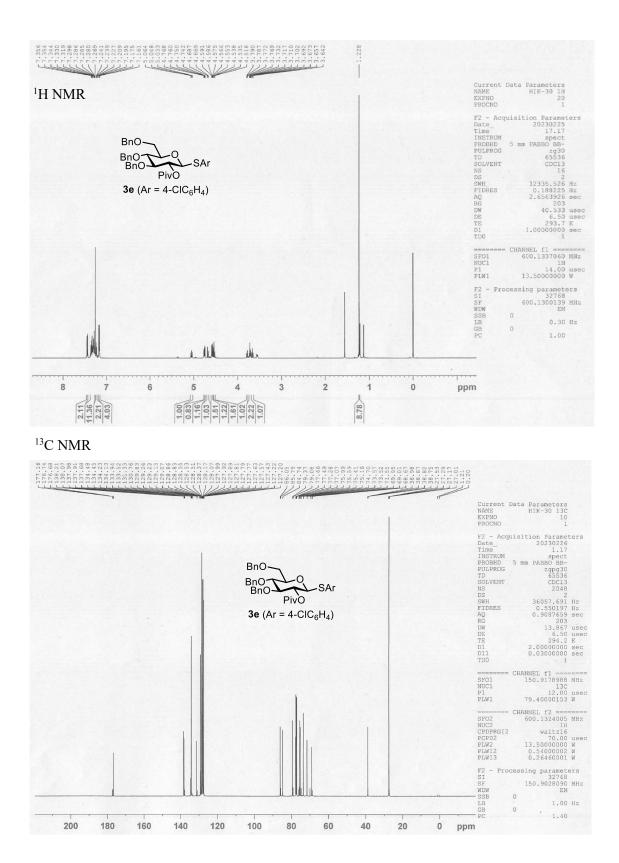
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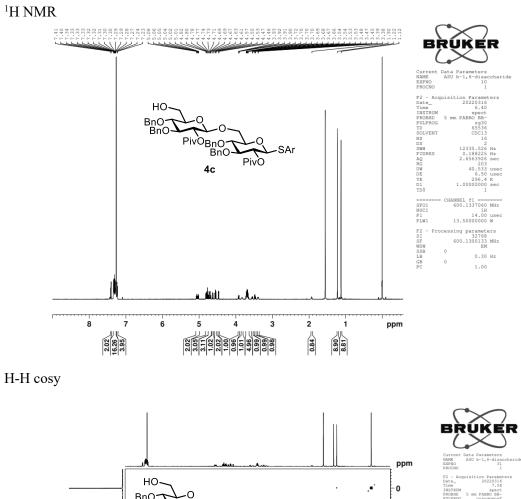
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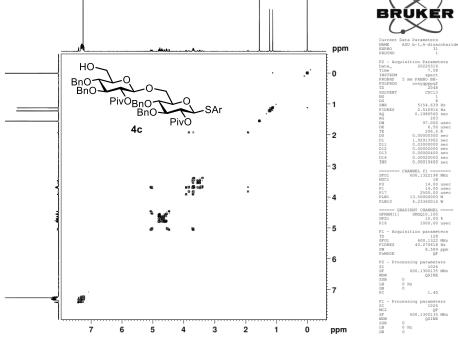
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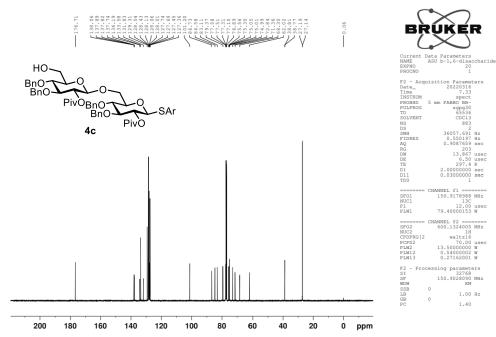




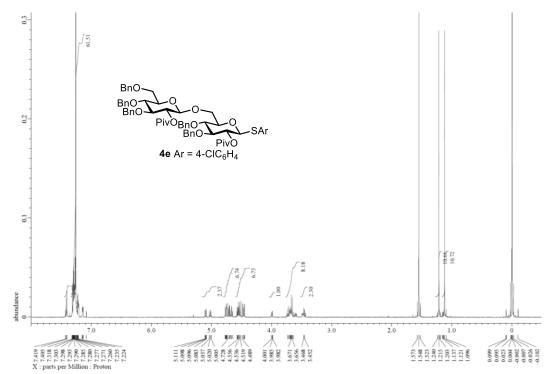


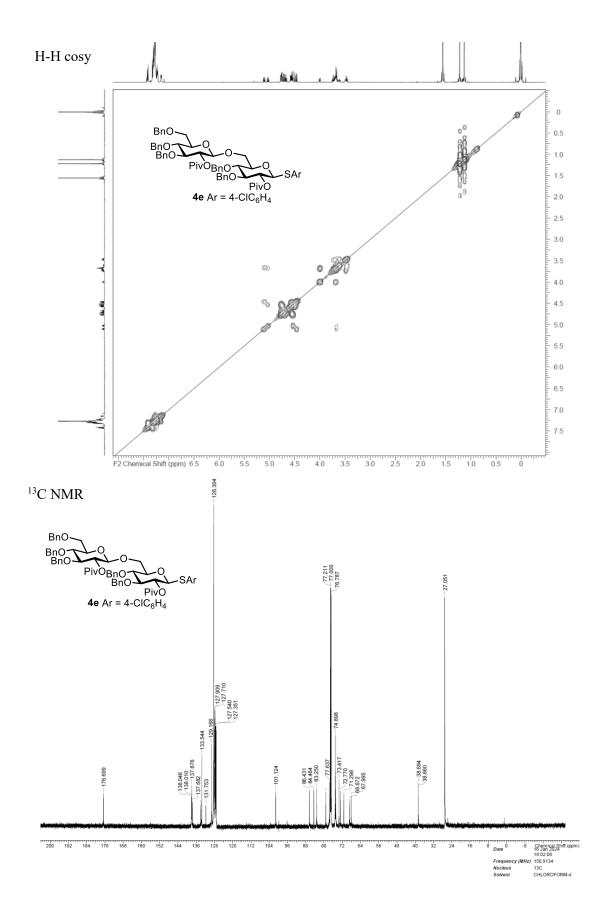


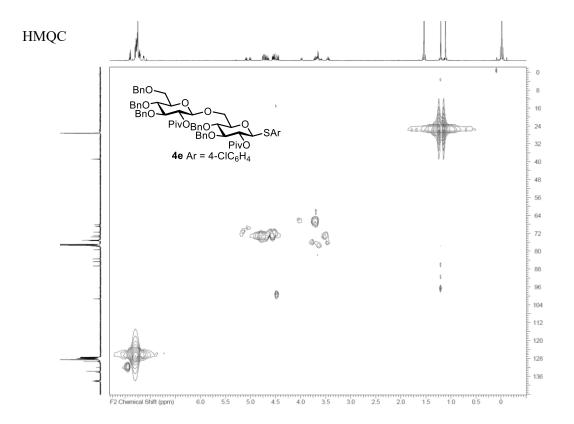
## <sup>13</sup>C NMR



<sup>1</sup>H NMR







### Summary

We have been interested in electrochemical glycosylation, which can computationally control activation of thioglycosides, and developed 'automated electrochemical assembly' (AEA). A variety of oligosaccharides have been synthesized with AEA method. In this study, we then focused on a cyclic (1,3;1,6)- $\beta$ -glucan, which is produced by root-nodulating bacteria *Bradyrhizobium japonicum* MTCC 120.

In Chapter 1, for efficient glycosylation, we analyzed the reactive intermediates by VT-NMR. As a result, the glycosyl dioxalenium ion intermediates were identified and their thermal stability was evaluated. Based on the thus-obtained knowledge, reaction conditions were optimized and a  $\beta$ -(1,6)-glucan trisaccharide was synthesized in good yield.

In Chapter 2, our target compound had a symmetric dodecasaccharide structure that consists of  $\beta$ -(1,3)and  $\beta$ -(1,6)-glycosidic linkages. As a result of our investigation, it was found that one of the semi-circular hexasaccharide precursors can be dimerized and cyclized in one-pot manner to form the cyclic dodecasaccharide. Moreover, the yield can be increased by separation of dimerization and cyclization.

In Chapter 3, in the course of synthetic study of the cyclic dodecasaccharide, it was found that side reactions vary depending on monosaccharide sequences of the hexasaccharide precursors. In particular, the glycosidic linkage of the disaccharide unit of the reducing end has great effect on reactivity. Therefore, we prepared model disaccharides of the hexasaccharides. One of the hexasaccharides and its model disaccharide caused similar fragmentation reaction. More detailed knowledge regarding structure-reactivity relationship is expected to lead to rational design of oligosaccharide building blocks in future.

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