

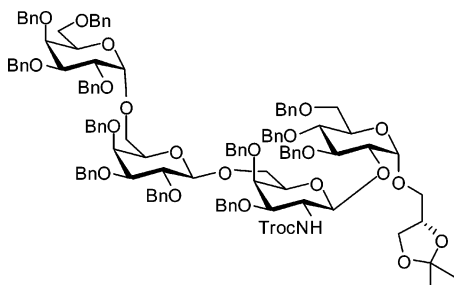
Synthesis of a Tetrasaccharide Glycosyl Glycerol. Precursor to Glycolipids of *Meiothermus taiwanensis* ATCC BAA-400

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Synthesis of a tetrasaccharide glycosyl glycerol, the core structure of glycolipid from *Meiothermus taiwanensis* ATCC BAA-400, was described. A one-pot glycosylation with three components was employed as a key step.

Glycoconjugates, including glycolipids, play an important role in modulating biological functions in many species.¹ Recently, we isolated a glycolipid (**1**) from thermophilic bacteria, *M. taiwanensis* ATCC BAA-400,² and preliminary biological studies in our laboratory suggest the glycolipid may be a potential immunomodulator. Although we are still investigating the biological functions of the glycolipid, we are also interested to understand the different roles played by the sugar moiety and lipids. Therefore, we decided to first synthesize the tetrasaccharide core (**2**) with the intention to derivatize it by adding various lipids in order to study the structure–function relationship.

Numerous methods are available for the synthesis of oligosaccharides. One-pot synthesis is an attractive one, which achieves multiple glycosylations without purification of the

intermediates.³ There are three approaches reported in the literature: the first one uses glycosyl donors with orthogonal glycosyl leaving groups;⁴ the second one relies on diverse protected glycosyl leaving groups,⁵ e.g. different thiol aglycons;⁶ the third one is an optimizer method developed by Wong and co-workers, which activates (armed and disarmed) thioglycosyl donors in a sequential manner because the activation of a thioglycoside apparently depends on their protecting groups.^{3c} Our approach toward the tetrasaccharide derivative (**2**), described herein, was based on a three-component one-pot strategy. Different glycosyl leaving groups were used in order to achieve better chemoselectivity. We chose 2,2,2-trichloroethoxycarbonyl as an amine protecting group and isopropylidene to protect glycerol hydroxyls for further lipidation.

A retrosynthetic analysis of glycolipid (**1**) is depicted in Scheme 1. The key synthetic consideration is control of anomeric stereochemistry during the respective glycosylation reactions with or without the participation of the protecting group at O-2. Furthermore, it was envisaged that all hydroxyl groups in saccharides would be protected as benzyl ethers before installation of the fatty acids. This strategy has the advantage that a final global deprotection step by catalytic hydrogenation would allow access to the deprotected glycolipids. On the basis of these considerations, three building blocks **3–5** were designed to incorporate a descending order of reactivity toward activation (Scheme 2). Building blocks **3** and **5** were further bisected into building blocks **6** and **7**, **8** and **9**, respectively.

Thioglycoside **10** was prepared from galactose pentaacetate.⁷ Followed by regioselective 6-O-tritylation, O-benylation, and subsequent removal of 6-O-trityl group, compound **10** was converted to compound **7** as both donor and acceptor.⁸ Compound **12** ($\alpha:\beta = 1:1$) was also synthesized from compound **10** in three steps: (i) O-benylation, (ii) treatment with NBS in aqueous acetone, and (iii) anomeric acetylation.⁹ Conversion of compound **12** into glycosyl iodide **6** by treatment with trimethylsilyl iodide in dichloromethane at 0 °C was im-

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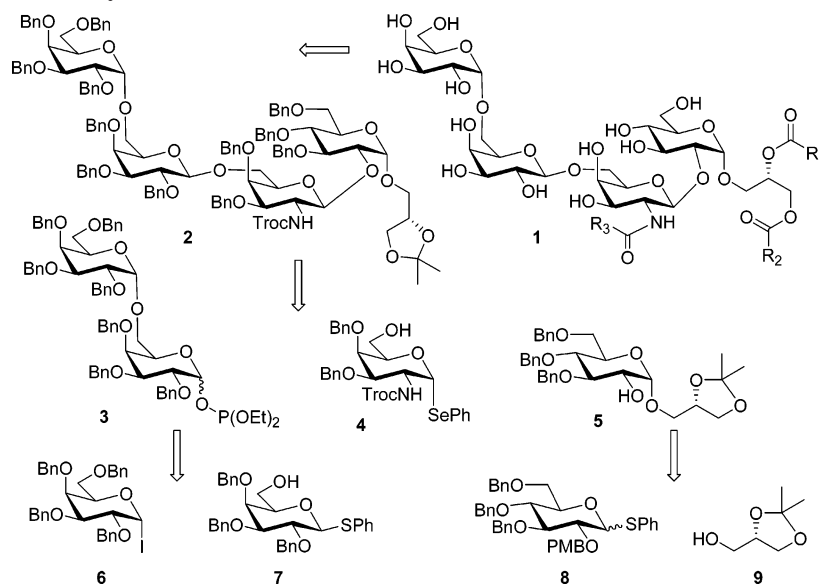
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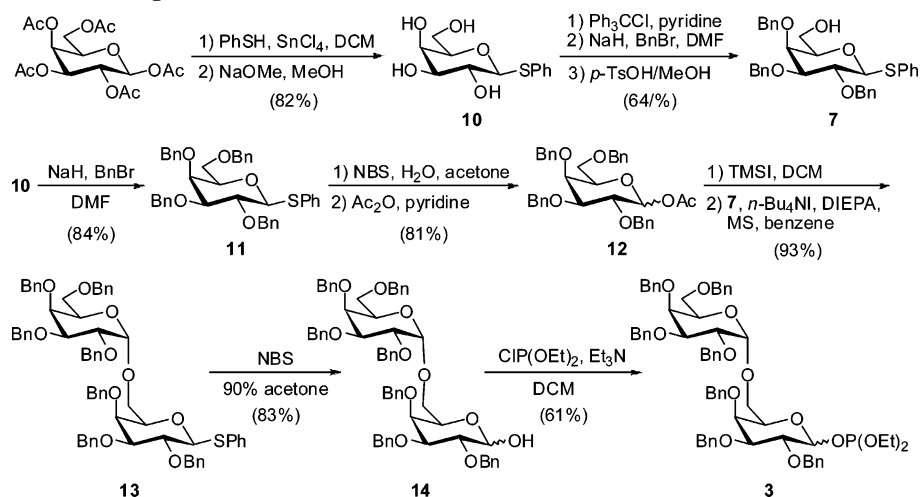
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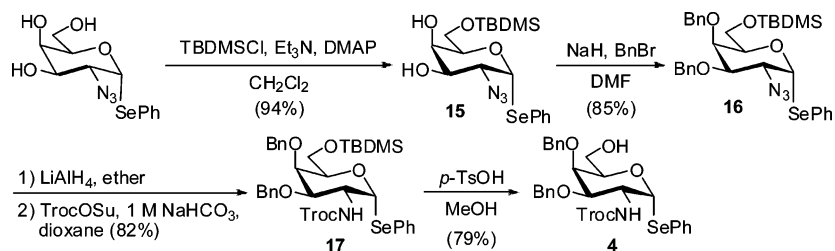
SCHEME 1. Retrosynthesis of Glycerolated Tetrasaccharide (1)



SCHEME 2. Synthesis of Building Block 3



SCHEME 3. Synthesis of Building Block 4



mediately followed by coupling with alcohol **7** under the conditions in a previous report¹⁰ to obtain disaccharide **13** in excellent yield with desired anomeric configuration.

Synthesis of building block **4** was achieved from phenyl 2-azido-1-selenyl-D-galactopyranoside¹¹ in five steps (Scheme 3), which included (i) a regioselective silylation with *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (TBDMSCl) to 6-*O*-protected **15**, (ii) *O*-benzylation to **16**, (iii) reduction of the azido group in

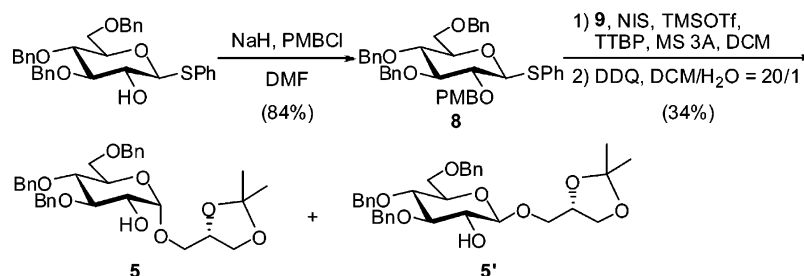
16 by lithium aluminum hydride, (iv) *N*-protection with 2,2,2-trichloroethoxycarbonyl carbamate to **17**, and (v) removal of 6-*O*-TBDMS of **17** with *p*-toluenesulfonic acid in methanol.

Initially, we attempted coupling thioglycoside **13** with alcohol **4** without success because of the decomposition of **4** under the reaction conditions. Consequently, thioglycoside **13** was converted to glycosyl phosphite **3** by treatment of **13** with NBS followed by reaction with diethyl chlorophosphite. It is known that glycosyl phosphite as a glycosyl donor generally results in excellent 1,2-*trans*-selectivity, even when there is no participating group at the 2-position.¹²

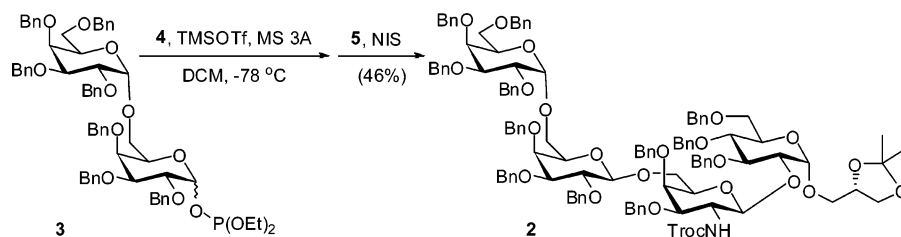
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SCHEME 4. Synthesis of Building Block 5



SCHEME 5. Synthesis of Glycosylated Tetrasaccharide (2)



Glycosyl donor **8** was synthesized from the starting material via intermediate 3,4,6-tri-*O*-benzyl-1-thio- β -D-glucopyranose¹³ by 2-*O*-protection with the 4-methoxybenzyl group. With **8** in hand, we investigated its coupling with **9**. Under acidic coupling conditions, we observed acid-catalyzed isopropylidene migration which resulted in glycoside products with undesired C-2' racemization. Therefore, the glycosylation reaction has to be carried out under neutral conditions. It has been reported that 2,4,6-tri-*tert*-butylpyrimidine (TTBP) is recommended in cases where the glycosylation reactions are acid sensitive.¹⁴ Thus, in the presence of excess TTBP, coupling of **8** with **9** was successfully performed using *N*-iodosuccinimide and a catalytic amount of trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate acid (TMSOTf) in dichloromethane to give an inseparable anomeric mixture (1:1) of glycosides in 78% yield (Scheme 4). Fortunately, after the mixture was treated with 2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone (DDQ) to remove the 2-*O*-PMB protecting group, building block **5** was obtained in 43% after silica gel chromatographic separation.

With all building blocks available, we carried out one-pot glycosylation with three components as outlined in Scheme 5 to obtain a fully protected tetrasaccharide glycosyl glycerol (**2**). A trisaccharide intermediate was formed from glycosyl phosphite (**3**) and selenoglycoside (**4**) by glycosylation activated by trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate acid, which could actually be isolated in 65% yield as an anomeric mixture (β : α = 6:1). Subsequent addition of acceptor **5** and *N*-iodosuccinimide allowed the second glycosylation to produce **2**. Purification by silica gel column chromatography provided **2** in 46% overall yield.

We synthesized a tetrasaccharide glycosyl glycerol, which represents the core structure of a glycosyl glycerol (**1**) of *M. taiwanensis*, by one-pot glycosylation in an acceptable yield.

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This intermediate would provide an easy entry to the native glycosyl glycerol and its analogues to investigate their immunomodulation activities.

Experimental Section

6-*O*-(2,3,4,6-Tetra-*O*-benzyl- α -D-galactopyranosyl)-2,3,4-tri-*O*-benzyl- β -D-galactopyranose (14**).** To a solution of compound **13** (650 mg, 0.61 mmol) in 90% acetone aqueous solution (10 mL) was added NBS (370 mg, 2.08 mmol) in small portions, and the resulting solution was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. The solvent was evaporated at room temperature until turbidity developed. The residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate and washed with water and brine. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated in vacuo. The product was isolated by silica gel column chromatography to give compound **14** (492 mg, 82.9%) as a 3:1 anomeric mixture. [α]_D²⁰ +43.6 (*c* 1.22, CHCl₃). *R*_f = 0.33 (hexane/EtOAc, 2:1, v/v). Characteristic ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for α : δ 5.24 (d, 1 H, *J* = 3.4 Hz, H1), 4.83 (d, 1 H, *J* = 5.1 Hz, H1'); for β : 4.80 (d, 1 H, *J* = 3.1 Hz, H1'), 4.62 (d, 1 H, *J* = 9.6, H1). Characteristic ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for α : δ 98.4 (C1'), 91.6 (C1); for β : 98.2 (C1'), 97.7 (C1). HR-ESIMS [*M* + *H*]⁺ calculated for C₆₁H₆₄O₁₁H 973.4527, found 973.4521.

Building Block 3. To a solution of lactol **14** (508 mg, 0.522 mmol) and Et₃N (0.20 mL, 1.43 mmol) at -78 °C was added diethyl chlorophosphite (0.10 mL, 0.70 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h, poured into saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (10–30% gradient of EtOAc in hexane with 2% Et₃N) to yield compound **3** (349 mg, 61.2%, 1:1 anomeric mixture) as white amorphous. *R*_f = 0.30 (hexane/EtOAc, 3:1, v/v). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.39–7.23 (35 H, Ph), 6.10 (d, anomeric position), 4.91–3.51, 1.57–1.25 (CH₃).

Phenyl 3,4-Di-*O*-benzyl-6-*O*-(*tert*-butyl-dimethyl-silyl)-1-selenanyl-2-(2,2,2-trichloroethoxycarbonylamino)- β -D-galactopyranoside (17**).** To a solution of **16** (1.1 g, 1.72 mmol) in dry ether (30 mL) at 0 °C was added LiAlH₄ (132 mg, 3.48 mmol). After 1 h, water (1.0 mL) was added to quench excess reagent. The resulting solution was filtered and concentrated. The concentrated residue was dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (3.0 mL) and 1 N NaHCO₃ (3.0 mL), and a solution of succinimidyl 2,2,2-trichloroethyl carbonate (600 mg, 2.06 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The solvent was

removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was diluted with water (10 mL), and extracted with ethyl acetate (2 × 30 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (10–20% gradient of EtOAc in hexane) to yield the compound **17** (1.12 g, 82.6%) as a colorless solid. $[\alpha]_D^{20} +97.2$ (c 0.87, CHCl₃). mp 131–132 °C. $R_f = 0.35$ (hexane/EtOAc, 10:1, v/v). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.56–7.26 (15 H, Ph), 6.07 (d, 1 H, *J* = 4.7 Hz, H1), 4.97 (d, 1 H, *J* = 11.4 Hz, CH₂Ph at C4), 4.78 (d, 1 H, *J* = 12.0 Hz, CH₂Ph at C3), 4.77 (d, 1 H, *J* = 12.1 Hz, CH₂CCl₃), 4.70 (d, 1 H, *J* = 12.1 Hz, CH₂CCl₃), 4.66 (d, 1 H, *J* = 11.4 Hz, CH₂Ph at C4), 4.56 (d, 1 H, *J* = 12.0 Hz, CH₂Ph at C3), 4.55 (m, 1 H, H2), 4.14 (m, 1 H, H5), 4.12 (br, 1 H, H4), 3.78 (t, 1 H, *J* = 8.9 Hz, H6), 3.65 (t, 1 H, *J* = 8.9 Hz, H6), 3.53 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 2.1, 11.0 Hz, H3), 0.92 (s, 9H, Me at *t*-Bu), 0.08 (s, 3 H, SiMe₂), 0.07 (s, 3 H, SiMe₂). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.0 (C=O), 138.4, 137.4, 134.2–127.6 (Ph), 95.4 (CCl₃), 89.6 (C1), 78.3 (C3), 74.7 (CH₂Ph at C4), 74.6 (CH₂), 74.4 (C5), 72.0 (C4), 71.5 (CH₂Ph at C3), 61.2 (C6), 52.1 (C2), 25.9 (Me at *t*-Bu), 18.24 (CMe₃), –5.4 (SiMe₂), –5.5 (SiMe₂). HR-ESIMS [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₃₅H₄₄Cl₃NO₆SeSiH 788.1247, found 788.1243.

Phenyl 3,4-Di-*O*-benzyl-1-selanyl-2-(2,2,2-trichloroethoxycarbonylamino)-β-D-galactopyranoside (4). To a solution of compound **17** (1.12 g, 1.42 mmol) in DCM and MeOH (1:1, 10 mL) was added *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (38 g, 0.2 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred for 30 min. The solvent and volatile material were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) and washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ and brine. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (10–30% gradient of EtOAc in hexane) to provide compound **4** (756 mg, 78.9%) as a colorless crystalline solid. $[\alpha]_D^{20} +104.0$ (c 0.99, CHCl₃). mp 146–148 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.40–7.23 (15 H, Ph), 6.10 (d, 1 H, *J* = 4.8 Hz, H1), 5.09 (d, 1 H, *J* = 7.6 Hz, NH), 4.97 (d, 1 H, *J* = 11.6 Hz, CH₂Ph at C4), 4.81 (d, 1 H, *J* = 11.4 Hz, CH₂Ph at C3), 4.78 (d, 1 H, *J* = 12.0 Hz, CH₂ at Troc), 4.68 (d, 1 H, *J* = 12.0 Hz, CH₂ at Troc), 4.64 (d, 1 H, *J* = 11.6 Hz, CH₂Ph at C4), 4.59 (m, 1 H, H2), 4.55 (d, 1 H, *J* = 11.4 Hz, CH₂Ph at C3), 4.14 (t, 1 H, *J* = 5.6 Hz, H3), 4.03 (br s, 1 H, H4), 3.78 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 6.6, 11.4 Hz, H6a), 3.58 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 6.6, 11.4 Hz, H6b), 3.55 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 2.0, 10.8 Hz, H3). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.3 (C=O), 138.0, 137.4, 134.6, 129.4–128.0 (Ph), 95.6 (CCl₃), 89.1 (C1), 78.4 (C3), 74.8 (CH₂ at Troc), 74.6 (CH₂Ph at C4), 74.3 (C5), 72.1 (C4), 71.9 (CH₂Ph at C3), 62.2 (C6), 52.2 (C2). HR-ESIMS [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₂₉H₃₀Cl₃NO₆SeH 674.0382, found 674.0372.

Phenyl 3,4,6-Tri-*O*-benzyl-2-*O*-(*p*-methoxybenzyl)-1-thio-β-D-galactopyranoside (8). To a solution of phenyl 3,4,6-tri-*O*-benzyl-1-thio-β-D-galactopyranoside (6.0 g, 11.1 mmol) in DMF (25 mL) were added NaH (0.88 g of a 60% suspension in oil, 22.0 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzyl chloride (3.2 mL, 22.0 mmol) at 0 °C. After 4 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (300 mL), washed with water (3 × 100 mL) and brine (100 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to yield the compound **8** (6.16 g, 84%) as a colorless solid. $[\alpha]_D^{20} +6.2$ (c 1.29, CHCl₃). mp 83–84 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.66 (m, 2H, Ph), 7.41–7.25 (20 H, Ph), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.99 (d, 1 H, *J* = 10.8 Hz, CH₂Ph at C4), 4.92 (d, 1 H, *J* = 10.8 Hz, CH₂Ph at C4), 4.89 (br d, 2 H, CH₂Ph at C3 and CH₂ at PMB), 4.74 (d, 1 H, *J* = 11.6 Hz, H1), 4.74 (d, 1 H, *J* = 7.6 Hz, CH₂ at PMB), 4.67 (d, 1 H, *J* = 12.0 Hz, CH₂Ph at C6), 4.66 (d, 1 H, *J* = 10.8 Hz, CH₂Ph at C3), 4.60 (d, 1 H, *J* = 12.0 Hz, CH₂Ph at C6), 3.84 (s, 3 H, OMe), 3.83 (m, 2 H, H6), 3.75 (m, 1 H, H4), 3.73 (m, 1 H, H3), 3.58 (m, 1 H, H2), 3.57 (m, 1H, H5). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.5, 138.6, 138.4, 138.2, 134.1, 132.0, 130.4–127.6 (Ph), 87.6 (C1),

86.9 (C4), 80.7 (C2), 79.2 (C5), 77.6 (C3), 75.9 (CH₂Ph at C4), 74.2 (CH₂Ph at C2 and C3), 73.6 (CH₂Ph at C6), 69.2 (C6), 55.4 (OMe). HR-ESIMS [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₄₁H₄₂O₆SH 663.2780, found 663.2775.

Building Block 5. To a mixture of **8** (6.87 g, 10.36 mmol), **9** (1.48 g, 11.2 mmol), TTBP (500 mg, 2.01 mmol), and molecular sieves (3 Å, 8.5 g) in CH₂Cl₂ (60 mL) was added NIS (2.52 g, 11.2 mmol) followed by TMSOTf (0.15 mL, 0.83 mmol) at 10 °C. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 1 h, quenched with Et₃N (0.5 mL), diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL), filtered through a pad of celite, and washed with saturated aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ and NaHCO₃. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel (10–30% gradient of EtOAc in hexane) to afford PMB-ether (1:1 anomeric mixture, 5.54 g, 78%) as a colorless syrup. To a solution of PMB-ether (1:1 mixture, 5.54 g, 8.09 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (70 mL) and water (3.5 mL) at 0 °C was added DDQ (2.2 g, 9.7 mmol), and the resulting solution was allowed to warm to 25 °C and stirred for 1 h. After the reaction was completed by TLC analysis, the reaction was quenched by addition of saturated aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ and saturated aqueous NaHCO₃. The reaction mixture was then extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 100 mL), and the combined extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (20–40% gradient of EtOAc in hexanes) to provide alcohol **5** (1.94 g, 42.5%) and alcohol **5'** (1.89 g, 41.4%) as a colorless syrup. **5**: $[\alpha]_D^{20} +70.1$ (c 3.12, CHCl₃). mp 78–80 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.40–7.14 (15 H, Ph), 4.96 (d, 1 H, *J* = 11.2 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.94 (1 H, H1), 4.85 (d, 1 H, *J* = 11.2 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.84 (d, 1 H, *J* = 10.8 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.63 (d, 1 H, *J* = 12.4 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.52 (d, 1 H, *J* = 12.4 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.50 (d, 1 H, *J* = 10.8 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.33 (quin, 1H, *J* = 6.0 Hz, H2'), 4.07, 3.76, 3.71, 3.56 (m, 4 H, H1', H3'), 3.82 (m, 1 H, H5), 3.76 (m, 1H, H3), 3.74 (m, 1 H, H2), 3.71 (m, 2 H, H6), 3.63 (m, 1 H, H4), 1.44 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.36 (s, 3 H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 138.9, 138.4, 138.1, 128.6–127.8 (Ph), 109.9 (C4'), 99.6 (C1), 83.5 (C3), 77.6 (C4), 75.5, 75.2 (CH₂), 74.8 (C2'), 73.7 (CH₂), 73.3 (C2), 71.0 (C5), 69.9, 66.7 (C1' and C3'), 68.7 (C6), 27.0 (CH₃), 25.5 (CH₃). HR-ESIMS [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₃₃H₄₀O₈H 565.2801, found 565.2796.

Tetrasaccharide 2. To a mixture of **3** (230 mg, 0.210 mmol) and **4** (142.2 mg, 0.211 mmol) and molecular sieves (3 Å) in CH₂Cl₂ (14 mL) at –78 °C was added TMSOTf (0.02 mL, 0.01 mmol). After the reaction was stirred for 1 h at –78 °C, TLC analysis indicated completion. To the reaction mixture was added a solution of **5** (122 mg, 0.216 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) via a cannula. The resulting solution was stirred for 30 min at –78 °C, and NIS (56 mg, 0.249 mmol) was added. The reaction was stirred for 1 h, quenched with Et₃N (0.5 mL), diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL), filtered through a pad of Celite, and washed with saturated aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ and NaHCO₃. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel (10–30% gradient EtOAc in hexane) to afford **2** (198 mg, 46.3%) as white amorphous. $[\alpha]_D^{20} +42.6$ (c 1.16, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*₆-acetone): δ 5.18 (d, 1 H, *J* = 3.4 Hz, anomeric), 4.99 (d, 1 H, *J* = 2.3 Hz, anomeric), 4.88 (d, 1 H, *J* = 7.6 Hz, anomeric), 4.53 (d, 1 H, *J* = 7.4 Hz, anomeric), 1.35 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.26 (s, 3 H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, *d*₆-acetone): δ 104.5 (anomeric), 103.7 (anomeric), 99.7 (anomeric), 99.4 (anomeric). HR-ESIMS [M + H + 2]⁺ calculated for C₁₁₇H₁₂₆Cl₃NO₂₄H₂ 2036.7813, found 2036.7824.

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