# Stereoselective Synthesis of 5-*epi*- $\alpha$ -Sialosides Related to the Pseudaminic Acid Glycosides. Reassessment of the Stereoselectivity of the 5-Azido-5-deacetamidosialyl Thioglycosides and Use of Triflate as Nucleophile in the Zbiral Deamination of Sialic Acids

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**Supporting Information** 

**ABSTRACT:** With a view to the eventual synthesis of glycosyl donors for the stereocontrolled synthesis of pseudaminic acid glycosides, the stereocontrolled synthesis of a D-glycero-D-gulo sialic acid adamantanylthioglycoside carrying an axial azide at the 5-position is described. The synthesis employs levulinic acid as nucleophile in the oxidative



deamination of an *N*-acetylneuraminic acid thioglycoside leading to the formation of a 3-deoxy-D-glycero-D-galacto-2nonulosonic acid (KDN) derivative selectively protected as 5-O-levulinate. Replacement of the levulinate by triflate enables introduction of the axial azide and hence formation of the glycosyl donor. A shorter synthesis uses trifluoromethanesulfonate as nucleophile in the oxidative deamination step when the 5-O-triflyl KDN derivative is obtained directly. Glycosylation reactions conducted with the 5-azido-D-glycero-D-gulo-configured sialyl adamantanylthioglycoside at -78 °C are selective for the formation of the equatorial glycosides, suggesting that the synthesis of equatorial pseudaminic acid glycosides will be possible as suitable donors become available. A comparable *N*-acetylneuraminic acid adamantanylthioglycoside carrying an equatorial azide at the 5position was also found to be selective for equatorial glycoside formation under the same conditions, suggesting that reinvestigation of other azide-protected NeuAc donors is merited. Glycosylation stereoselectivity in the D-glycero-D-gulo series is discussed in terms of the side-chain conformation of the donor.

#### INTRODUCTION

The legionaminic (1, Leg) and pseudaminic (2, Pse) acids are the most common members of a set of deoxy acetamido analogues of *N*-acetylneuraminic acid (3, NeuAc) that are unique to microorganisms (Figure 1). Their glycosides are found in the lipopolysaccharides and glycoproteins of multiple Gram-negative bacteria such as the important human pathogens *Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Legionella pneumophilia* serogroup 1, *Camphylobacter jejuni*, and *Camphylobacter coli*.<sup>1–3</sup> The equatorial glycosides of NeuAc and Leg are classified as  $\alpha$ glycosides because of the nomenclature convention<sup>4</sup> that links anomeric configuration to the configuration of the stereogenic center at the bottom of the Fischer projection. The equatorial glycosides of Pse, on the other hand, are formally  $\beta$ -glycosides. In this paper, to avoid confusion, we will simply refer to them all as equatorial or axial glycosides.

Unlike NeuAc, which is almost exclusively found in the form of its equatorial glycosides, Leg and Pse are both found as either equatorial or axial glycosides in different pathogenic bacteria. Further complications arise because of the variability of the substituents on the two amines in Leg and Pse, acetyl in Figure 1 for simplicity, but frequently more complex hydroxylsubstituted acyl groups or amidines. For example, in *L. pneumophila*, the cause of Legionnaire's disease, Leg is found<sup>5</sup> in the serotype 1 O-chain lipopolysaccharide in the form of an equatorially linked (2,4)-homopolymer 4 carrying an amidine at C5, while equatorially linked Pse is found in the lipopolysaccharide repeating unit from *P. aeruginosa* O10 (Figure 2).<sup>6</sup>

In view of their widespread occurrence in human pathogens, there is much interest in the biology of Leg and Pse glycosides and their applications in diagnostics and even in therapeutic vaccines.<sup>7-14</sup> All work in this area is, however, severely constrained by the difficulties in obtaining sufficient quantities of Leg and Pse from natural sources or by biosynthesis, not to mention the very considerable difficulties presented by the need for stereoselective glycosidic bond formation. Indeed, only two simple glycosides have been prepared chemically to date, one each of Leg and Pse, both involving formation of very simple axial glycosides with primary alcohols.<sup>13,14</sup> Seeberger has presented a synthesis of Leg in 11 steps from D-threonine<sup>13</sup> with numerous subsequent steps needed to prepare a simple axial glycoside; the more difficult equatorial glycosides were not addressed.<sup>13</sup> Earlier syntheses by Tsvetkov and Ito involved homologation of suitable hexoses and subsequent adjustment of functionality and were longer.  $^{\rm 14-16}$  NeuAc is also an attractive starting material for the synthesis of Leg, Pse, and even other higher carbon sugars, particularly given its current modest cost ( $\sim$ \$5/g for 100 g batches). For example, we recently described

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Figure 1. Fischer projections of legionaminic, pseudaminic, and N-acetylneuraminic acid and structures and formal names of their equatorial methyl pyranosides.



Figure 2. Structures of polylegionaminic acid and the O-specific lipopolysaccharide from *P. aeruginosa* O10.

a synthesis of the seven-carbon aglycon of the antibiotic septicidin by trimming one carbon from each end of NeuAc.<sup>17</sup> Even more recently, Kiefel and co-workers described the synthesis of Pse from NeuAc<sup>18,19</sup> exploiting an oxidative deamination reaction<sup>20</sup> for the stereospecific replacement of the C5–N bond by a C–O bond that was first applied to NeuAc

derivatives by the Ogura and Zbiral laboratories.<sup>21–23</sup> Chemoenzymatic approaches to Pse based on the biosynthetic pathways have not yet been conducted on a scale sufficient to provide material for synthetic work and have only recently become available for Leg.<sup>7,8,12,24,25</sup>

With regard to glycosylation, and especially to the formation of the equatorial glycosides, methods for the synthesis of the NeuAc glycosides<sup>26–31</sup> cannot be directly transposed owing to uncertainties arising from the differences in configuration at the 5-, 7-, and 8-positions in Pse and the replacement of the C–O bonds at the 7- and 9-positions by C–N and C–H bonds, respectively, in both Leg and Pse. Indeed, we have previously demonstrated that even the simple inversion of configuration at the 7-position in NeuAc affects the reactivity and selectivity of the widely used O4,N5-oxazolidinone-type sialyl donors,<sup>32</sup> due to the imposed change in side chain conformation.<sup>33</sup> Moreover, the influence of the N5 protecting group on the stereoselectivity in the formation of NeuAc glycosides is widely reported,<sup>34–40</sup> and the replacement of an equatorial substituent (typically a C–O bond) by the axial equivalent typically

Scheme 1. Use of Levulinate as Nucleophile in the Deamination of NeuAc Thioglycoside 6 and Formation of the Azido Derivative 13



influences reactivity and selectivity of glycopyranosyl donors.  $^{41-50}$ 

As a logical first step in a systematic investigation into the synthesis of the Pse glycosides, we describe here the synthesis of a 5-*epi*-NeuAc thioglycoside in which the native amide is protected in the form of an azide and the use of this donor in highly equatorial selective glycosylation reactions. We present improvements to the oxidative deamination of NeuAc employing levulinic acid and trifluoromethanesulfonic acid as nucleophile that considerably shorten the approach to the introduction of the axial azido group compared to the more conventional approach of Kiefel and co-workers.<sup>18,19</sup> Finally, we reinvestigate the azide moiety as a protecting group for N5<sup>51</sup> in the formation of NeuAc glycosides and report, contrary to the earlier literature, <sup>52–54</sup> that high equatorial selectivity with such donors is not restricted to primary acceptors.

#### RESULTS

We first explored the synthesis of a selectively protected derivative of a 3-deoxy-D-glycero-D-galacto-2-nonulosonic acid (KDN) derivative suitable for introduction of the nitrogen functionality at the 5-position from the readily available<sup>3</sup> NeuAc thioglycoside 6. Accordingly, 6 was converted to the Nnitroso derivative 7 by reaction with nitrosonium tetrafluoroborate in the presence of pyridine in dichloromethane at -10°C as described previously<sup>23,55</sup> before exposure to sodium isopropoxide and trifluoroethanol in dichloromethane at -10°C and subsequent addition of levulinic acid (Scheme 1). Workup and chromatographic purification then afforded the 5-O-levulinyl KDN derivative 8 in 49% yield together with the 4,5-di-O-levulinyl product 9 in 21% yield. The exchange of the 4-O-acetate group for the nucleophilic carboxylate as a minor process, as in the formation of 9, in the oxidative deamination reaction follows the pattern uncovered in our mechanistic work on the Zbiral deamination of 6 when using isotopically labeled acetic acid as nucleophile.<sup>23</sup> Treatment of the levulinate 8 with hydrazine hydrate in acetic acid and pyridine then gave 84% of the KDN 5-ol 10, whereas application of the same protocol to the dilevulinate 9 gave 78% of the 4,5-diol 11, thereby confirming the regioselectivity of the ester exchange reaction in the formation of 9. Reaction of 10 with triflic anhydride in the presence of pyridine gave the 5-O-triflate 12 in 81% yield. Subsequent heating with lithium azide in DMF then afforded the D-glycero-D-gulo-configured sialic acid thioglycoside 13 in 74% yield ready for use as a glycosyl donor (Scheme 1).

With regard to the deamination chemistry, we note that the use of levulinic acid as nucleophile in the deamination of the diastereomeric thioglycoside 14 gave 41% of the 5-O-levulinate 16, via the N-nitroso amide 15, and that the formation of 4,5-di-O-levulinate diastereomeric with 9 was not observed (Scheme 2). This confirms our previous observation using isotopically labeled acetate as nucleophile that doubly substituted products such as 9 are only formed in substrates carrying an axial thioglycoside.<sup>56</sup>

# Scheme 2. Use of Levulinate as Nucleophile in the Deamination of the Epimeric Thioglycoside 14



A more direct entry into the key triflate **12** involved use of triflic acid as nucleophile in the Zbiral deamination of 7 when the desired product was isolated in 34% yield (Scheme 3). This reaction is clearly of interest as the triflate anion is best known as an excellent nucleofuge in substitution reactions, and this is by far its most common application.<sup>57,58</sup>

Scheme 3. Use of Triflate as Nucleophile in the Oxidative Deamination of NeuAc Thioglycoside 6

AcO OAc SAda	i) NaO <i>i</i> Pr, CF <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH, CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , -10 <sup>o</sup> C	AcO OAc SAda
χ΄ ÓΑc	ii) TfOH _10 °C 34%	ÓAc
6: X = H NOBF <sub>4</sub> , py	1) 11011, -10 0, 3470	12
7: X = NO ◄		

With a synthesis of donor 13 in hand, we turned to the study of its glycosylation reactions. Accordingly, 13 was activated in a 2:1 dichloromethane/acetonitrile mixture at -78 °C in the presence of 4 Å acid-washed molecular sieves and assorted acceptor alcohols by the action of *N*-iodosuccinimide and triflic acid. The acceptor alcohols 17–19 were either commercial or were prepared by standard methods, while 20<sup>59</sup> was accessed by HCl-mediated sodium cyanoborohydride reduction of the corresponding 4,6-O-benzylidene acetal.<sup>60</sup> As reported in Table 1, all glycosylation reactions gave good yields of the anticipated glycosides in the form of single equatorial anomers. As each of the glycosides isolated were found, on the basis of NMR coupling constant analysis, to exist as the  ${}^{2}C_{5}$  conformers depicted, their anomeric configuration was determined by measurement of the  ${}^{3}J_{C,H}$  heteronuclear coupling constant between the C1 carboxyl carbon and the axial H3. ${}^{32,61-65}$ 

Although azide-protected NeuAc donors have been described by several groups, their use has typically been constrained to the use of primary alcohols as acceptors.<sup>34</sup> The excellent results obtained with donor 13 in acetonitrile dichloromethane mixtures at -78 °C (Table 1) caused us to reexamine the use of the azide moiety as a protecting group for N5 in the formation of NeuAc glycosides as they clearly raise the possibility that azide-protected NeuAc donors would also be highly selective at -78 °C. With this in mind, we again turned to the use of the tertiary thioglycosides, which are more readily activated by the N-iodosuccinimide triflic acid combination than aryl thioglycosides or primary and secondary alkyl thioglycosides.<sup>37,66</sup> Accordingly, reaction of thioglycoside 25<sup>3</sup> with imidazole sulfonyl azide in the presence of copper sulfate and potassium carbonate gave 92% of the azide 26, which was converted to the donor 27 on standard acetylation (Scheme 4). Alternatively, and following reports by Zbiral and Schmidt,<sup>22,51</sup> conversion of acetamide 6 to the N-nitrosoacetamide 7 followed by treatment with sodium isopropoxide and trifluoroethanol and then hydrazoic acid gave 27 in 51% yield (Scheme 4).

Coupling reactions of donor 27 were then conducted with the acceptors 17-20 in 2:1 dichloromethane/acetonitrile at -78 °C with activation by *N*-iodosuccinimide and triflic acid (Table 2). As is clear from Table 2, donor 27 is exquisitely selective in its coupling reactions to the primary alcohol 18 as well as to the three secondary alcohols 17, 19, and 20 in reactions conducted at -78 °C.

The deprotection of selected glycosides was initiated by hydrogenolysis over palladium-charcoal in aqueous dioxane, resulting in benzyl ether cleavage and the reduction of the azide





Scheme 4. Synthesis of the 5-Azido D-Glycero-D-galacto Donor 27



functionality to the corresponding amine. Partial  $O \rightarrow N$  migration of acetyl groups<sup>67,68</sup> was observed in the course of the hydrogenolysis resulting in complex reaction mixtures. Consequently, the crude reaction mixtures were acetylated, thereby completing the process of acetamide formation and enabling the isolation of the peracetates in high yield (Table 3). Saponification of the esters was then achieved with barium hydroxide in water at 60 °C, followed by precipitation of barium salts with carbon dioxide and lyophilization to give the D-glycero-D-gulo- and D-glycero-D-galacto-nonulosonic acid glycosides 36–39 (Table 3) in high yield.

To ascertain the role, if any, of the anomeric configuration of donors 13 and 27 in the selectivity of the glycosylations reported in Tables 1 and 2, we prepared the anomer of 27. Thus, adapting the protocol employed (Scheme 4) for the preparation of 27, the equatorial adamantanyl thioglycoside  $14^{23,37}$  was converted to the *N*-Boc derivative 40 by treatment with Boc<sub>2</sub>O and DMAP in 76% yield. A three-step sequence of saponification, carbamate removal, and azide formation then gave the azido thioglycoside 43 in 86% overall yield via the intermediates 41 and 42. Finally, acetylation afforded 84% of the desired donor 44. Alternatively, 44 was accessed from 14, via the *N*-nitrosoamide 15, in 46% yield by the Zbiral deamination protocol employing hydrazoic acid as nucleophile (Scheme 5).

The equatorial thioglycoside 44 was then employed in the glycosylation of cyclohexanol in 2:1 dichloromethane/acetonitrile at -78 °C with activation by *N*-iodosuccinimide and triflic acid resulting in the formation of the equatorial glycoside 28 in 86% isolated yield as a single diastereomer (Scheme 6). As the equatorial glycoside 28 was formed with comparable yield and selectivity from either anomer of the donor, 27 or 44, we conclude that the equatorial selectivity observed with the axial thioglycosides 13 and 27 is not the result of direct displacement of the activated thioglycoside by the incoming acceptor alcohol.

#### Table 2. Glycosylation Reactions with D-Glycero-D-galacto Donor 27



Such  $S_N 2$ -like displacement of activated adamantanyl thioglycosides has been postulated recently in the sialic acid series to account for a dependence of stereoselectivity on the anomeric configuration of the donors in a set of spirocyclic glycoside forming reactions.<sup>69</sup> Those results, however, were obtained with an intramolecular alcohol as nucleophile and consequently benefited from the high effective molarity of the acceptor.

#### DISCUSSION

Use of Azide as a Protecting Group at the 5-Position in Sialyl Donors. The excellent equatorial selectivities observed with the D-glycero-D-gulo- and D-glycero-D-galactoconfigured donors 13 and 27 reported in Tables 1 and 2 clearly augur well for the stereocontrolled synthesis of equatorial Pse glycosides and of equatorial NeuAc glycosides.

The high selectivities observed with 13 find some parallel with the excellent equatorial selectivities reported by the Oscarson group with a 3-deoxy-D-manno-2-octulosonic acid (KDO) based thioglycoside carrying an axial acetoxy group at the 5-position.<sup>70</sup> The results observed with 27, on the other hand, stand in contrast to the reputation of azido-protected NeuAc donors as being only useful for glycosylation of primary alcohols (Figure 3).<sup>34</sup> Thus, Unverzagt and co-workers first described the synthesis of the 5-azido methylthio sialoside 45 in the form of an  $\alpha/\beta$  mixture and reported that it was less satisfactory than the corresponding 5-acetamido system in

coupling to a complex trisaccharyl galactosyl 3-OH acceptor on activation at -40 °C in acetonitrile: only a 26% yield of the desired tetrasaccharide was obtained, and the selectivity was not discussed.<sup>71</sup> Wong and co-workers subsequently reported that the equatorial anomers of both 45 and the *p*-tolyl thioglycoside 46 gave good yields and selectivity on coupling to carbohydrate-based primary alcohols in acetonitrile at -40 °C.<sup>52</sup> Li and co-workers reported the use of 46 in couplings to primary and secondary alcohols in acetonitrile at -40 °C but with the exception of a single primary alcohol found poor selectivities.<sup>72</sup> Schmidt and co-workers prepared the ethyl thioglycoside 47 but did not report on its use as a glycosyl donor.<sup>51</sup> The more highly armed thioglycoside 48 was prepared by Lin and co-workers and was reported to give moderate to excellent equatorial selectivity on coupling to primary alcohols in acetonitrile at -40 °C, but only very poor selectivity and yield with the single example of a secondary alcohol were described.<sup>54</sup> The sialyl phosphite **49** was found to give good yields and equatorial selectivity with primary alcohols at -40 °C in acetonitrile, but no couplings to secondary alcohols were reported.<sup>52</sup> Finally, Mukaiyama and co-workers prepared the sialyl fluoride 50 and reported its coupling to primary alcohols at -10 °C in propionitrile with excellent yield and selectivity, but attempted application to a secondary acceptor gave a much reduced yield and minimal selectivity.<sup>53</sup> The clear difference between this body of literature results and those reported in

## Table 3. Deprotection of Selected Examples











**Figure 3.** Literature 5-azido and 5-isothiocyanato D-glycero-D-galactononulosonic acid donors.

Table 2 is the reaction temperature, leading us to conclude that the azide group is an excellent protecting for peracetyl sialyl donors provided that the coupling reactions are conducted at -78 °C. We suspect that, if activation can be achieved at comparably low temperatures, other classes of sialyl donor carrying the azido moiety at the 5-position, such as donors 45–50, will also be equatorially selective for secondary acceptors.

Further, because of the results with azide-protected donors **45–50**, and in particular the very limited success in couplings to secondary alcohols, we were surprised to discover recently

that donor **51**, with an isosteric isothiocyanate group at the 5position, gave excellent yields and selectivities on coupling to both primary and secondary alcohols in acetonitrile dichloromethane mixtures at -78 °C.<sup>40</sup> The finding that the azideprotected NeuAc donor **27** is highly equatorially selective at -78 °C suggests that there is little difference between the influence of the isosteric azide and isocyanato groups provided that the reactions are conducted under the same lowtemperature conditions.

Influence of the C5 Configuration on Side-Chain Conformation and Glycosylation Stereoselectivity. Typically, hexopyranosyl donors with an axial C-O bond at the 4position give a greater proportion of axial glycosides than do their C-4 epimers. This is because the axial C-O bond has a gauche relationship to and is better able to stabilize developing positive charge at the ring oxygen during glycosylation than the corresponding antiperiplanar equatorial ring oxygen.<sup>45,49</sup> It is remarkable, therefore, that both the D-glycero-D-gulo- and Dglycero-D-galacto-configured donors 13 and 27 exhibit very high levels of equatorial selectivity in their glycosylation reactions at -78 °C (Tables 1 and 2) in spite of their differing configurations at the 5-position (which corresponds to the 4position in the hexopyranosides). Indeed, a cursory analysis of the problem would have predicted donor 13 with the axial azide to afford a greater proportion of the axial glycosides than the 27 with the equatorial donor. However, inspection of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 13 and 27 reveals them to adopt different conformations about the exocyclic bond to the side chain. Thus, the D-glycero-D-galacto donor 27 has  ${}^{3}J_{673} = 2.2$  Hz consistent with a predominant ge-conformation<sup>3-76</sup> of the C6-C7 bond (Figure 4) in accordance with previous analyses



Figure 4. Predominant side-chain conformations of donors 13 and 27 and predicted side-chain conformation of the pseudaminic acid donor 52.

of N-acetylneuraminic acid, its derivatives and glycosides.<sup>32,75,77–81</sup> On the other hand, the D-glycero-D-gulo donor 13 has  ${}^{3}J_{6,7} = 8.8$  Hz, indicating H6 and H7 to be close to antiperiplanar and the C6–C7 bond to adopt very predominantly the *gt*-conformation (Figure 4). The  ${}^{3}J_{6,7}$  of 10.0 and 10.1 Hz found in 36 and 37, respectively, indicates that the predominant *gt* conformation about the C6–C7 bond of the Dglycero-D-gulo series is also found in aqueous solution. The switch from predominant *gg*- to predominant *gt*-conformations in 13 arises from a combination of steric and electrostatic repulsions between the C–N and C7–O bonds in the *gg*conformation (Figure 4). Indeed, the change in side conformation from 27 to 13 reflects that seen on going from glucopyranose, with its approximate 6:4:0 *gg;gt:tg* conformational mixture, to galactopyranose which displays an approximate 2:6:2 mixture of *gg;gt:tg* conformers.<sup>73–76</sup> Glycosyl donors on which the *gt*-conformation has been imposed are less reactive<sup>82,83</sup> and less prone to the formation of axial glycosides than their gg-isomers.<sup>33,84</sup> Therefore, the comparable selectivity of **13** and **27** appears to arise from the fortuitous canceling of the effect of the axial azide group in **13** by the switch to the predominant gt-conformation of its side chain. Extrapolating to the L-glycero-L-manno configuration found in the pseudaminic acid itself, the hypothetical donor **52** can be expected to populate the *tg*-conformation (Figure 4), which is the most electron-withdrawing and which leads to the expectation of high equatorial selectivity in glycosylation reactions.

Nucleophilic Triflate in the Deamination Reaction. Zefirov and Kozmin have previously demonstrated that supernucleofuges such as triflate and perchlorate are also powerful nucleophiles toward cation-like electrophiles, when they can even out-compete more common nucleophiles such as acetate.<sup>57,85</sup> Indeed, in close parallel with the result described in Scheme 3, Zefirov and co-workers reported on the use of perchlorate as nucleophile in the nitrous acid-based deamination of amines.<sup>85</sup> The high nucleophilicity of triflate toward cation-like species also is supported by recent computational work, which attributes a higher intrinsic nucleophilicity index to triflate than to methanol.<sup>86</sup> Similarly, it is the high nucleophilicity of triflate that underlies the formation glycosyl triflates<sup>87</sup> as intermediates in glycosylation reactions, even when conducted only in the presence of catalytic quantities of the triflate ion, and of other classes of transient covalent triflates.<sup>88–91</sup> The ability of the triflate anion to function as a nucleophile in S<sub>N</sub>1-like processes is no doubt related to its relatively low degree of solvation as discussed by Zefirov and Kozmin,<sup>85</sup> but also to the thermodynamic driving force provided by the formation of the strong C-O bond. The ability to detect, isolate, and study covalent triflates formed in such processes clearly depends on the blocking of their subsequent reactions as electrophiles, either by working with the exclusion of other nucleophiles,<sup>87</sup> or in systems that preclude their subsequent displacement.<sup>56,85</sup> In the present case, the two electron-withdrawing C-O bonds vicinal to the triflate in structure 12 retard any subsequent displacement reactions, as with a multitude of other carbohydrate-based triflates, and enable its isolation and characterization.

Nucleofuge-Dependent Stereoselectivity in Substitution at the NeuAc 5-Position. Finally, it is of interest to consider the contrasting stereoselectivities in the oxidative deamination of 6 and related substances, which proceed with exquisite levels of retention of configuration consistent with the literature from the Zbiral and other groups,<sup>18,19,21-23,55</sup> and the stereoinvertive displacement of the triflate from 12 by azide to give 13 and related reactions described by Kiefel and coworkers (Scheme 1).<sup>18,19</sup> On the basis of extensive experimentation, we have rationalized the stereoretentive nature of the deamination reaction on the basis of participation by the pyranoside ring oxygen in the displacement of molecular nitrogen via an oxabicyclo [3.1.0] hexanium ion.<sup>23</sup> This process is facilitated by the extreme leaving group ability of molecular nitrogen to the extent that the ring oxygen intervenes, either directly or at the level of an intermediate carbenium ion, before any intermolecular attack by external nucleophiles including azide.<sup>22,50</sup> Although for most purposes an outstanding leaving group, triflate is a weaker nucleofuge than molecular nitrogen and does not admit participation by the ring oxygen in competition with the observed  $S_N2$  displacement by azide in the formation of 13. When the displacement of the sulfonate by

external nucleophiles is sterically hindered, participation by the ring oxygen again becomes possible under forcing conditions. This is exemplified by a series of pyranose to furanose ring contractions described by the Stevens and Hanessian laboratories, of which an example is given in Scheme 7.<sup>92–94</sup> A related ring contraction has been reported, but only as a minor product, in a Zbiral-type deamination of an *N*-acetylneuraminic acid glycoside.<sup>21</sup>

Scheme 7. Ring Contraction of a Rhamnosyl 4-*O*-Methanesulfonate



## CONCLUSION

We conclude that the presence of an azido group at the 5position of sialyl donors, whether axial or equatorial, supports the highly stereoselective synthesis of the corresponding equatorial glycosides provided that the reactions are conducted at a sufficiently low temperature. The high selectivity observed in the D-glycero-D-gulo series is related to the gt-side chain conformation, which compensates for the presence of the axial azide in the pyranose ring. This suggests that the stereoselective synthesis of equatorial pseudaminic acid glycosides will be possible when suitable donors become available through either chemical or enzymatic methods and that azide-protected NeuAc donors merit reinvestigation at lower temperatures than those previously employed in the literature. We also conclude that the trifluoromethanesulfonate anion is a viable nucleophile in the Zbiral type oxidative deamination of NeuAc derivatives, consistent with the important role it plays in many glycosylation reactions, and with earlier descriptions of its exceptional nucleophilicity toward carbenium ion like electrophiles.

#### EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

**General Experimental Methods.** Commercially available starting materials were used without further purification. All solvents were dried according to standard methods. TLC was performed on precoated glass plates employing UV absorption and charring with ceric ammonium molybdate (CAM) stain for visualization. For column chromatography, silica gel 60, 230–400 mesh, 40–63  $\mu$ m was used. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on 400 and 600 MHz instruments at 300 K. Chemical shifts were calibrated to solvent residual peaks. Stereochemical assignments of coupled sialosides are based on  ${}^{3}J_{\rm C1-H3ax}$  values.<sup>32,61–65</sup> Specific rotations were measured using a digital polarimeter; values are given in  $10^{-1} \deg \cdot \rm{cm}^2 \cdot \rm{g}^{-1}$ . High-resolution mass spectra were recorded with an electrospray source coupled to a time-of-flight mass analyzer.

Methyl (1-Adamantyl 4,7,8,9-tetra-O-acetyl-5-O-levulinyl-3deoxy-2-thio-D-glycero- $\beta$ -D-galacto-non-2-ulopyranosid)onate (8) and Methyl (1-Adamantyl 7,8,9-tri-O-acetyl-4,5-di-O-levulinyl-3deoxy-2-thio-D-glycero- $\beta$ -D-galacto-non-2-ulopyranosid)onate (9). A solution of sialoside 6<sup>37</sup> (1 g, 1.56 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (14 mL) was treated with dry pyridine (1.14 mL, 14.04 mmol) under argon and cooled to -10 °C. After the solution was stirred for 15 min, crushed nitrosyl tetrafluoroborate (0.65 g, 2.62 mmol) was added in one portion. The reaction mixture was stirred at -10 °C until TLC/ MS showed complete conversion and then was diluted with cold dichloromethane and washed with cold 1 N HCl, saturated aq NaHCO<sub>32</sub> and brine. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under 10 °C to obtain the nitrosated sialoside 7, which was carried forward without any further purification. A solution of the crude nitrosated sialoside 7 (1.06 g, 1.59 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (16 mL) and 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol (184  $\mu$ L, 2.38 mmol) under argon at -10 °C was stirred for 0.5 h and then treated with freshly prepared sodium isopropoxide in 2-propanol (0.2 N; 9.49 mL, 1.91 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred for 2 min and then treated with a cold solution of levulinic acid (3.23 mL, 31.77 mmol) in 32 mL of dry dichloromethane. After being stirred for 5 min, the reaction mixture was warmed to 0 °C and quenched with saturated aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. It was then diluted with dichloromethane, washed with cold brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with 10% acetone in toluene to afford **8** (535 mg, 49%) and **9** (243 mg, 21%).

Compound 8:  $[\alpha]^{21}_{D}$  -36.9 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.41 (t, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (ddd, J = 11.9, 9.6, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (dt, J = 8.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (dd, J = 12.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (t, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (dd, J = 10.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (dd, J = 12.4, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.82–2.69 (m, 1H), 2.65–2.52 (m, 3H), 2.49–2.37 (m, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 2.02–1.96 (m, 9H), 1.92–1.84 (m, 4H), 1.71–1.62 (m, 8H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  205.9, 171.7, 170.7, 170.4, 170.2, 170.1, 169.8, 86.0, 73.2, 71.2, 69.0, 68.6, 68.2, 63.2, 63.2, 52.8, 50.5, 43.8, 43.4, 39.6, 37.7, 36.1, 35.9, 29.9, 29.8, 29.6, 27.9, 21.0, 20.8, 20.6; ESI-HRMS (C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>46</sub>NaO<sub>14</sub>S) [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> m/z 721.2506, found 721.2486.

Compound 9:  $[α]^{21}_{D}$  –28.1 (*c* 0.51, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.40 (t, *J* = 2.2, 1H), 5.36 (ddd, *J* = 11.9, 9.7, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (dt, *J* = 8.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (t, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 2.02–1.96 (m, 9H), 1.92–1.80 (m, 4H), 1.65 (br s, 8H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 206.6, 206.2, 171.7, 170.8, 170.4, 170.2, 169.8, 86.0, 73.2, 71.2, 69.0, 68.9, 68.1, 63.2, 52.8, 50.5, 43.4, 39.5, 37.7, 35.9, 29.8, 29.7, 27.9, 27.8, 21.0, 20.6; ESI-HRMS ( $C_{36}H_{50}NaO_{15}S$ ) [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> *m*/*z* 777.2768, found 777.2766.

Methyl (1-Adamantyl 4,7,8,9-tetra-O-acetyl-3-deoxy-2-thio-D*glycero-\beta-D-galacto-non-2-ylopyranosid*)onate (10). To a solution of 8 (0.56 g, 0.80 mmol) in 30 mL of dry dichloromethane at room temperature under argon was added 1.9 mL of dry pyridine. This was followed by addition of hydrazine monohydrate (0.11 mL, 3.18 mmol) and glacial acetic acid (1.42 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. Then the reaction mixture was quenched with 10 mL of acetone and further stirred for 15 min. The reaction mixture was then diluted with dichloromethane and washed with water and brine. The organic layer was dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with 45% EtOAc in hexane to afford **10** (0.40 g, 84%):  $[\alpha]^{21}_{D}$  -54.8 (c 0.81, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.53 (dd, J = 3.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 5.36–5.22 (m, 2H), 4.84 (dd, J = 12.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.43(dd, J = 9.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (dd, J = 12.5, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.22 (t, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (br s, 1H), 2.60 (dd, J = 13.6, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.98 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 6H), 1.88–1.81 (m, 4H), 1.79 (dd, J = 13.4, 11.9 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.5, 170.7, 170.5, 170.3, 170.1, 85.8, 73.0, 72.1, 71.0, 70.7, 69.2, 62.7, 52.7, 50.3, 43.4, 39.4, 35.9, 29.8, 21.1, 21.0, 20.8, 20.7; ESI- $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{HRMS } (C_{28} \mbox{H}_{40} \mbox{NaO}_{12} \mbox{S}) \ [M + \mbox{Na}]^+ \ m/z \ 623.2138, \ found \ 623.2137. \\ \mbox{Methyl} \ (1-\mbox{Adamantyl} \ 7,8,9-\mbox{tri-O-acetyl-3-deoxy-2-thio-D-glyc-baseline}) \end{array}$ 

Methyl (1-Adamantyl 7,8,9-tri-O-acetyl-3-deoxy-2-thio-*D*-glycero- $\beta$ -*D*-galacto-non-2-ulopyranosid)onate (11). To a solution of 9 (150 mg, 0.21 mmol) in 20 mL of dry dichloromethane at room temperature under argon was added 0.7 mL of dry pyridine. This was followed by addition of hydrazine monohydrate (28  $\mu$ L, 0.81 mmol) and glacial acetic acid (0.5 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. Then the reaction mixture was quenched with 10 mL of acetone and further stirred for 15 min. The reaction mixture was then diluted with dichloromethane and washed with water and brine. The organic layer was dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column

chromatography on silica gel eluting with 45% EtOAc in hexane to afford the pale yellow oil **11** (87 mg, 78%):  $[\alpha]^{21}{}_{\rm D}$  –55 (*c* 0.82, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.42 (dd, *J* = 3.7, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (ddd, *J* = 6.6, 3.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (dd, *J* = 12.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (ddd, *J* = 12.0, 8.9, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.39 (br s, 1H), 2.96 (t, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (br s, 1H), 2.54 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.81 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 4H), 1.75 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 12.1 Hz, 2H), 1.64 (s, 7H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.4, 170.5, 170.3, 170.3, 86.1, 72.7, 72.1, 71.9, 71.5, 67.8, 62.7, 52.7, 50.1, 43.4, 41.3, 35.9, 29.7, 21.1, 20.9, 20.7; ESI-HRMS (C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>38</sub>NaO<sub>11</sub>S) [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> *m*/z 581.2033, found 581.2020.

Methyl (1-Adamantyl 4,7,8,9-tetra-O-acetyl-5-O-triflyl-3-deoxy-2-thio- $\vec{p}$ -qlycero- $\beta$ - $\vec{p}$ -qalacto-non-2-ulopyranosid)onate (12). Method 1. A solution of sialoside 6 (50 mg, 0.08 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (1 mL) was treated with dry pyridine (63  $\mu$ L, 0.78 mmol) under argon and cooled to -10 °C. After the solution was stirred for 15 min, crushed nitrosyl tetrafluoroborate (36 mg, 2.62 mmol) was added in one portion. The reaction was stirred at -10 °C until TLC/MS showed complete conversion and then was diluted with cold dichloromethane and washed with cold 1 N HCl, saturated aq NaHCO3 and brine. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under 10 °C to obtain the nitrosated sialoside 7, which was carried forward without any further purification. 18-Crown-6 (47 mg, 0.18 mmol) and sodium 2,2,2-trifluoroethoxide (2 mg, 0.164 mmol) were dissolved in anhydrous dichloromethane (0.4 mL) under argon, cooled to -10 °C, and added to the crude nitrosyl sialoside 7 (55 mg, 0.082 mmol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (0.8 mL) at -10 °C under argon. After 2 min, triflic acid (0.37 mL, 4.1 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred for 5 min and quenched with methanol (2 mL). The volatiles were evaporated, and the crude compound was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: 25% EtOAc in hexane) to afford 12 (19 mg, 34%).

Method 2. To a solution of 10 (100 mg: 0.156 mmol) in 5 mL of dry dichloromethane was added dry pyridine (50  $\mu$ L, 0.62 mmol), and the temperature was lowered to -78 °C. At -78 °C, Tf<sub>2</sub>O (52  $\mu$ L, 0.312 mmol) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 15 min. Then the mixture was brought to 0  $^\circ \text{C}$  and further stirred for 2 h before it was diluted with dichloromethane and washed with 1 N HCl and water. Then the organic layer was dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated to give a yellowish solid, which was then subjected to column chromatography (25% EtOAc in hexane) to give 12 (98 mg, 81%):  $[\alpha]_{D}^{21}$  –72.1 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.45 (ddd, J = 11.7, 9.1, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (dt, J = 8.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 5.32-5.25 (m, 1H), 5.01 (t, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (dd, J = 9.6, 2.3 Hz, 1H),4.68 (dd, J = 12.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (dd, J = 12.4, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.85-3.76 (m, 2H), 2.72 (dd, J = 13.7, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.91-1.82 (m, 4H), 1.66 (s, 6H), 1.43(m, 5H);  $^{13}{\rm C}$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.8, 170.5, 169.4, 169.3, 169.2, 85.3, 79.9, 71.7, 70.0, 69.0, 68.2, 62.8, 52.9, 50.9, 43.5, 43.3, 39.4, 35.9, 29.8, 29.7, 20.6, 20.5; ESI-HRMS (C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>39</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NaO<sub>14</sub>S<sub>2</sub>)  $[M + Na]^+ m/z$  755.1601, found 755.1592.

Methyl (1-Adamantyl 4,7,8,9-tetra-O-acetyl-5-azido-3,5-dideoxy-2-thio-*p*-glycero- $\beta$ -*p*-gulo-non-2-ulopyranosid)onate (13). To a solution of 12 (201 mg, 0.28 mmol) in 15 mL of dry DMF was added LiN<sub>3</sub> (202 mg, 4.13 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 24 h, and then the was diluted with ethyl acetate and washed with NaHCO3, water, and brine. The organic layer was dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with 30% EtOAc in hexane to afford 13 (127 mg, 74%):  $[\alpha]^{21}_{D}$  -106 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.64 (dd, J = 8.8, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (ddd, J = 11.4, 5.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (dt, J = 6.5, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (dd, J = 8.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (dd, J = 12.1, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (dd, J = 12.1, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.35-2.21 (m, 2H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.97 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 8H), 1.82 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 3H), 1.65 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.6, 169.9, 169.9, 169.8, 169.3, 86.0, 70.7,

69.4, 69.0, 61.6, 58.5, 52.7, 50.4, 43.3, 36.0, 34.2, 29.8, 20.8, 20.7, 20.6, 20.6; ESI-HRMS ( $C_{28}H_{39}N_3NaO_{11}S$ ) [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> m/z 648.2203, found 648.2199.

Methyl (1-Adamantyl 4,7,8,9-tetra-O-acetyl-5-O-levulinic-3deoxy-2-thio-p-glycero- $\alpha$ -p-galacto-non-2-ulopyranosid)onate (16). The nitrosyl sialoside 15 (157 mg, 0.23 mmol) was deaminated using the general procedure with 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol (27  $\mu$ L, 0.35 mmol), 0.2 N sodium isopropoxide in isopropanol (1.4 mL, 0.28 mmol), and levulinic acid (477  $\mu$ L, 4.68 mmol) to afford 16 after flash chromatography over silica gel eluting with 10% acetone in toluene as a colorless oil (67 mg, 41%):  $[\alpha]_{D}^{21}$  +24.5 (c = 0.96, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.28 (s, 2H), 4.87-4.78 (m, 2H), 4.30 (d, J = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (t, J = 10.6 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.87–2.77 (m, 1H), 2.76–2.70 (m, 1H), 2.60 (dd, J = 9.3, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.57– 2.52 (m, 1H), 2.50-2.42 (m, 1H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.96 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 4H), 1.86 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 3H), 1.66 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 206.1, 171.7, 170.7, 170.4, 169.9, 169.6, 84.5, 72.8, 69.3, 68.5, 67.8, 66.4, 61.5, 52.8, 51.1, 43.5, 39.6, 37.7, 36.0, 29.9, 29.7, 27.9, 21.1, 20.8, 20.7; ESI-HRMS  $(C_{33}H_{46}NaO_{14}S)$   $[M + Na]^+ m/z$  721.2506, found 721.2491.

Methyl (1-Adamantyl 5-azido-3,5-dideoxy-2-thio-*D*-glycero-β-*D*-galacto-non-2-ulopyranosid)onate (**26**). To a solution of **25**<sup>40</sup> (810 mg, 1.73 mmol) in 1:1 MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (18 mL) was added imidazole-1-sulfonyl azide hydrochloride (0.72 g, 3.46 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (717 mg, 5.19 mmol), and CuSO<sub>4</sub>.5H<sub>2</sub>O (43 mg, 0.17 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. Thereafter, the solvent was evaporated, and the residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel eluting 8% MeOH in CHCl<sub>3</sub> system to afford the white sticky solid **26** (724 mg, 92%):  $[\alpha]^{21}_{D}$  –48.1 (*c* 1.0, CH<sub>3</sub>OH); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ 4.84 (s, 3H), 4.22 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (ddt, *J* = 11.8, 9.8, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.90–3.75 (s, 4H), 3.75–3.63 (s, 3H), 3.35 (t, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.08–1.88 (br s, 8H), 1.81–1.60 (m, 7H), 1.22(m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD); δ 172.4, 85.9, 78.6, 70.9, 70.00, 69.8, 67.9, 63.9, 63.8, 59.8, 52.1, 49.5, 43.0, 35.7, 29.9, 19.9, 13.1; ESI-HRMS (C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaO<sub>7</sub>S) [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> m/z 480.1796, found 480.1789.

Methyl (1-Adamantyl 4,7,8,9-tetra-O-acetyl-5-azido-3,5-dideoxy-2-thio-D-glycero- $\beta$ -D-galacto-non-2-ulopyranosid)onate (27). Method 1. To a solution of 26 (724 mg, 1.58 mmol) in 15 mL of dry pyridine was added acetic anhydride (1.2 mL, 12.66 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred under argon at room temperature for 4 h, diluted with ethyl acetate, and washed successively with saturated aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, 1 N HCl, and again with saturated aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The organic layer was then dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with 30% EtOAc in hexane to afford 27 (0.84 g, 85%).

Method 2. A solution of sialoside 6 (300 mg, 0.468 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (4.6 mL) was treated with dry pyridine (0.38 mL, 4.68 mmol) under argon and cooled to -10 °C. After the solution was stireed for 15 min, crushed nitrosyl tetrafluoroborate (218 mg, 1.87 mmol) was added in one portion. The reaction was stirred at -10 °C until TLC/MS showed complete conversion and then was diluted with cold dichloromethane (25 mL) and washed with cold 1 N HCl, saturated aq NaHCO3 and brine. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na2SO4 and concentrated under 10 °C to obtain the nitrosated sialoside 7, which was carried forward without any further purification. A solution of the crude nitrosated sialoside 7 (320 mg, 0.48 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (4.8 mL) and 2,2,2trifluoroethanol (55 µL, 0.72 mmol) under argon at -10 °C was stirred for 30 min and treated with freshly prepared sodium isopropoxide in 2-propanol (0.2 N; 9.49 mL, 1.91 mmol). After being stirred for 3 min, the reaction mixture was treated with 1.7 N hydrazoic acid in chloroform<sup>95</sup> (5.61 mL, 9.54 mmol). The reaction mixture was further stirred at -10 °C for 10 min, warmed to 0 °C, and quenched with saturated aq NaHCO3. It was then diluted with dichloromethane, washed with cold brine, dried (Na2SO4), and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with 30% EtOAc in hexane to afford 27 (148 mg, 51%):  $[\alpha]^{21}_{D}$  –106 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H

NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  5.59 (dd, J = 3.6, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (ddd, J = 11.7, 9.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.25–5.17 (m, 1H), 4.82 (dd, J = 12.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (ddd, J = 15.8, 10.6, 4.7 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.19 (t, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (dd, J = 13.5, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 1H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.85–1.72 (m, 4H), 1.62 (s, 6H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.5, 170.4, 169.8, 169.7, 169.4, 85.7, 72.3, 71.0, 70.5, 70.1, 62.6, 60.4, 52.8, 50.6, 43.3, 39.3, 35.9, 29.7, 21.1, 20.9, 20.7; ESI-HRMS (C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>39</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaO<sub>11</sub>S) [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> m/z 648.2203, found 648.2187.

Acid-Washed Molecular Sieves. Molecular sieves (4 Å, 30 g) were soaked in 2 N HCl (80 mL) for 12 h. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and then slurried with water (100 mL). The slurry was filtered and washed with water (200 mL). The resulting solid was dried at 254 °C for 24 h to give acid-washed molecular sieves (28 g), which were used directly for glycosylation.

General Coupling Protocol with Donors 13 or 27. A mixture of donor 13 or 27 (0.15 mmol), acceptor (0.18 mmol), and activated 4 Å acid-washed powdered molecular sieves (300 mg, 2 g/mmol of donor) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2:1, 2 mL) was stirred for 2 h at room temperature, was cooled to -78 °C, and treated with NIS (42 mg, 0.18 mmol) and TfOH (2  $\mu$ L, 0.02 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 5 h and then quenched with triethylamine (7  $\mu$ L). The mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, filtered through Celite, washed with 20% aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with mixtures of EtOAc and hexane to afford the desired coupled products.

Methyl (Cyclohexyl 4,7,8,9-tetra-O-acetyl-3,5-dideoxy-5-azido-Dglycero- $\alpha$ -D-gulo-non-2-ulopyranosid)onate (21). Compound 21 was prepared according to the general glycosylation procedure using donor 13 (25 mg, 0.04 mmol) and compound 17 as acceptor (5  $\mu$ L, 0.05 mmol) in CH2Cl2/CH3CN (1.0 mL, 2:1) at -78 °C. After chromatographic purification on silica gel (gradient elution of EtOAc/ hexanes 2-30%), 21 (17.6 mg, 79%) was obtained as a white foam:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{21}$  -11.6 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  5.53-5.40 (dd, J = 6.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (td, J = 5.8, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.92–4.85 (m, 1H), 4.36 (dd, J = 12.4, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (dd, J = 12.4, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (dd, J = 4.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (t, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.70-3.61 (m, 1H), 2.38 (dd, J = 12.8, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.20 (dd, J = 12.1, 6.5, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.87 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.74–1.64 (m, 2H), 1.60 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 2H), 1.47 (dd, J = 8.8, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 1.41–1.02 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.6, 170.1, 170.0, 169.9, 169.0 ( ${}^{3}J_{C-H} = 6.9 \text{ Hz}$ ), 99.0, 74.2, 70.3, 70.1, 70.0, 69.1, 61.6, 58.9, 52.6, 34.5, 33.2, 32.8, 25.4, 24.4, 24.3, 21.0, 20.8, 20.7, 20.6; ESI-HRMS (C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>35</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaO<sub>12</sub>) [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> m/z 580.2118, found 580.2109.

Methyl [Methyl (4,7,8,9-tetra-O-acetyl-3,5-dideoxy-5-azido-Dglycero- $\alpha$ -D-gulo-non-2-ulopyranosid)onate]-(2  $\rightarrow$  6)-2,3,4-tri-Obenzyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranoside (22). Compound 22 was prepared according to the general glycosylation procedure using donor 13 (45 mg, 0.07 mmol) and acceptor 18 (40.07 mg, 0.08 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2/$ CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2.0 mL, 2:1) at -78 °C. After chromatographic purification on silica gel (gradient elution of EtOAc/hexanes 2-30%), compound 22 (47.5 mg, 72%) was obtained as a white foam:  $[\alpha]^{21}_{D}$  -18.4 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.37–7.30 (m, 15H), 5.43 (dd, J = 6.3, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (dd, J = 5.6, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.99–4.90 (m, 2H), 4.86 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 4.78-4.67 (m, 3H), 4.63 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.20–4.14 (m, 1H), 3.95 (dd, J = 7.1 Hz, 3.7 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dt, J = 7.1, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.79–3.74 (m, 2H), 3.64-3.59 (m, 3H), 3.53 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 3H), 2.38 (dd, J = 12.8, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (t, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (t, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.6, 170.0, 169.9, 169.8, 168.0 ( ${}^{3}J_{C-H} = 6.6$  Hz), 138.9, 138.8, 138.5, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.6, 127.4, 127.4, 127.2, 105.0, 98.8, 82.5, 79.6, 75.1, 74.3, 73.2, 72.9, 72.6, 70.5, 70.3, 69.9, 68.9, 62.3, 61.5, 58.8, 57.0, 52.8, 32.2, 29.7, 20.9, 20.8, 20.7, 20.6; ESI-HRMS  $(C_{46}H_{55}N_3NaO_{17})$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> m/z 944.3429, found 944.3409.

Methyl [Methyl (4,7,8,9-tetra-O-acetyl-3,5-dideoxy-5-azido-D $qlycero-\alpha$ -D-qulo-non-2-ulopyranosid)onate]- $(2 \rightarrow 3)$ -2,4,6-tri-Obenzyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranoside (23). Compound 23 was prepared according to the general glycosylation procedure using donor 13 (40 mg, 0.06 mmol) and acceptor 19 (35.63 mg, 0.07 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2/$ CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1.8 mL, 2:1) at -78 C. After chromatographic purification on silica gel (gradient elution of EtOAc/hexanes 2-30%), compound 23 (33.6 mg, 57%) was obtained as a white foam:  $[\alpha]^{21}_{D}$  -11.6 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.43-7.15 (m, 15H), 5.39 (dd, J = 6.9, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 5.29-5.22 (m, 1H), 5.07-5.01 (m, 1H),4.95 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.36–4.30 (m, 2H), 4.04 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (dd, J = 10.0, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 1H), 3.87 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.83-3.80 (m, 1H), 3.78 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.63 (m, 2H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 2.46 (t, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (dd, J = 13.5, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 1.88 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.5, 169.9, 169.8, 169.6, 168.2 ( ${}^{3}J_{C-H} = 7.1 \text{ Hz}$ ), 139.3, 138.5, 138.1, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 127.4, 127.1, 104.9, 100.0, 77.5, 76.2, 75.1, 74.7, 73.5, 73.4, 70.2, 69.9, 69.7, 69.0, 68.9, 61.3, 59.3, 57.0, 52.8, 29.6, 20.9, 20.7, 20.6; ESI-HRMS ( $C_{46}H_{55}N_3NaO_{17}$ ) [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> m/z 944.3429, found 944.3412.

Methyl [Methyl (4.7.8.9-tetra-O-acetyl-3.5-dideoxy-5-azido-Dglycero- $\alpha$ -D-gulo-non-2-ulopyranosid)onate]-(2  $\rightarrow$  4)-2,3,6-tri-Obenzyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranoside (24). Compound 24 was prepared according to the general glycosylation procedure using donor 13 (30 mg, 0.04 mmol) and acceptor 20 (30 mg, 0.05 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2/$ CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1.2 mL, 2:1) at -78 °C. After chromatographic purification on silica gel (gradient elution of EtOAc/hexanes 2-30%), compound 24 (19 mg, 44%) was obtained as a colorless oil:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{21}$  -10.2 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>2</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.53-7.06 (m, 15H), 5.54 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.40-5.30 (m, 2H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 4.77 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.40–5.30 (m, 2H), 4.73–4.66 (m, 1H), 4.60 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 4.42-4.36 (m, 1H), 4.31-4.25 (m, 1H), 4.22 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (s, 1H), 4.06 (dd, J = 12.3, 6.4Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.92-3.80 (m, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.58 (dd, J = 18.0, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (s, 2H), 2.42-2.30 (m, 1H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.6, 170.1, 169.8, 169.8, 167.7 (  $^{3}J_{\rm C-H}$  = 7.2 Hz), 138.6, 137.8, 137.6, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.6, 127.5, 104.9, 98.7, 78.3, 75.1, 73.5, 73.4, 72.6, 71.1, 69.4, 69.3, 68.9, 68.1, 67.3, 61.6, 60.0, 58.9, 57.1, 52.1, 21.0, 20.9, 20.7, 20.6; ESI-HRMS  $(C_{46}H_{55}N_3NaO_{17})$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> m/z 944.3429, found 944.3408.

Methyl (Cyclohexyl 4,7,8,9-tetra-O-acetyl-3,5-dideoxy-5-azidoglycero- $\alpha$ -D-galacto-non-2-ulopyranosid)onate (**28**). Method 1. Compound **28** was prepared according to the general glycosylation procedure using donor **27** (40 mg, 0.06 mmol) and acceptor **17** (8  $\mu$ L, 0.07 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1.8 mL, 2:1) at -78 °C. After chromatographic purification on silica gel (gradient elution of EtOAc/ hexanes 2–30%), compound **28** (28.4 mg, 81%) was obtained as a white foam.

Method 2. Compound 28 was also prepared according to the general glycosylation procedure using donor 44 (75 mg, 0.12 mmol) and acceptor 17 (15 µL, 0.15 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>CN (3.0 mL, 2:1) at -78 °C. After chromatographic purification over silica gel (gradient elution of 2-30% EtOAc in hexanes), 28 (57.2 mg, 86%) was obtained as a white foam:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{21}$  –9.2; (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.49 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (dd, J = 12.5, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (t, J = 5.1 Hz, 3H), 3.69–3.60 (m, 1H), 3.19 (t, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (dd, J = 12.7, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 1.88 (s, 1H), 1.71 (dd, J = 13.1 Hz, 8.7 Hz, 2H), 1.66 (d, J = 14.3 Hz, 2H), 1.55 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 2H), 1.48 (d, J = 12.3 Hz, 2H), 1.33 (dd, J = 10.3, 6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.26–1.18 (m, 2H), 1.11 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.7, 169.8, 169.7, 168.4 ( ${}^{3}J_{C-H} = 6.2$  Hz), 98.4, 74.3, 71.4, 71.1, 68.1, 67.9, 61.9, 60.1, 52.5, 38.0, 34.7, 33.0, 25.4, 24.2, 24.1, 21.0, 20.9, 20.8, 20.7; ESI-HRMS  $(C_{24}H_{35}N_3N_3O_{12})$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> m/z 580.2118, found 580.2109. Methyl [Methyl (4,7,8,9-tetra-O-acetyl-3,5-dideoxy-5-azido-D-

glycero- $\alpha$ -D-galacto-non-2-ylopyranosid)onate]-(2  $\rightarrow$  6)-2,3,4-tri-

O-benzyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranoside (29). Compound 29 was prepared according to the general glycosylation procedure using donor 27 (45 mg, 0.07 mmol) and acceptor 18 (40.1 mg, 0.09 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2/$ CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2.0 mL, 2:1) at -78 °C. After chromatographic purification on silica gel (gradient elution of EtOAc/hexanes 2-30%), compound **29** (48.8 mg, 74%) was obtained as a white foam:  $[\alpha]^{21}_{D}$  -15.7 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.43-7.14 (m, 15H), 5.48 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (dd, J = 9.0, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.96-4.92 (m, 1H),4.87 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 4.81(dd, J = 12.0, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.76-4.68 (m, 2H), 4.65 (t, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (dd, J = 5.1, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (dd, J = 8.8, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.80-3.75 (m, 2H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 3.50 (m, 2H), 3.28-3.18 (m, 1H), 2.70 (dd, J = 12.9 Hz, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.75 (t, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.7, 169.7, 169.7, 169.6, 167.4 (<sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-H</sub> = 6.4 Hz), 138.8, 138.7, 138.5, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 104.9, 99.0, 82.0, 79.5, 75.1, 74.2, 73.3, 72.9, 72.6, 71.6, 71.1, 68.0, 67.8, 52.9, 61.8, 59.9, 57.0, 52.8, 37.3, 21.0, 20.9, 20.8, 20.7; ESI-HRMS ( $C_{46}H_{55}N_3NaO_{17}$ ) [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> m/z 944.3429, found 944.3401.

Methyl [Methyl (4,7,8,9-tetra-O-acetyl-3,5-dideoxy-5-azido-D $qlycero-\alpha$ -D-galacto-non-2-ulopyranosid) $onate]-(2 \rightarrow 3)-2,4,6$ -tri-O-benzyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranoside (30). Compound 30 was prepared according to the general glycosylation procedure using donor 27 (35 mg, 0.05 mmol) and acceptor 19 (31.2 mg, 0.06 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2/$ CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1.5 mL, 2:1) at -78 °C. After chromatographic purification on silica gel (gradient elution of EtOAc/hexanes 2-30%), compound **30** (33.9 mg, 66%) was obtained as a white foam:  $[\alpha]^{21}_{D} - 17.8$  (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.50-6.99 (m, 15H), 5.45 (dd, J = 9.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (ddd, J = 9.3, 3.9, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.90-4.84 (m, 2H), 4.80 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (dd, J = 4.9, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.64-3.59 (m, 4H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 3.51 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (t, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (dd, J = 13.3, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.5, 169.5, 169.4, 167.6 (<sup>3</sup> $J_{C-H}$ = 6.8 Hz), 139.1, 138.8, 138.0, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 127.7, 127.4, 127.1, 104.9, 98.8, 77.5, 76.3, 76.2, 74.9, 74.8, 73.5, 73.1, 71.4, 71.2, 68.5, 68.2, 67.7, 61.6, 59.8, 57.1, 52.9, 41.7, 35.9, 35.4, 29.4, 28.5, 21.0, 20.8, 20.7, 20.4; ESI-HRMS ( $C_{46}H_{55}N_3NaO_{17}$ ) [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> m/z944.3429, found 944.3403.

Methyl [Methyl (4,7,8,9-tetra-O-acetyl-3,5-dideoxy-5-azido-Dglycero- $\alpha$ -D-galacto-non-2-ulopyranosid)onate]-(2  $\rightarrow$  4)-2,3,6-tri-O-benzyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranoside (31). Compound 31 was prepared according to the general glycosylation procedure using donor 27 (40 mg, 0.064 mmol) and acceptor 15 (35.63 mg, 0.077 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1.8 mL, 2:1) at -78 °C. After chromatographic purification on silica gel (gradient elution of EtOAc/hexanes 2-30%), compound 30 (23.2 mg, 41%) was obtained as a colorless oil:  $[\alpha]^{21}{}_{\mathrm{D}}$ -21.4 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.45-7.14 (m, 15H), 5.57 (s, 2H), 5.50-5.35 (m, 1H), 4.86-4.72 (m, 3H), 4.59 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (dd, J = 18.1, 12.2 Hz, 3H), 4.34–4.24 (m, 1H), 4.19 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.13–4.02 (m, 2H), 3.89–3.81 (m, 1H), 3.81-3.72 (m, 1H), 3.62-3.54 (m, 1H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 3.44 (s, 3H), 3.31 (dd, J = 16.2, 10.9 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (dd, J = 12.9, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.6, 170.4, 170.1, 169.4, 167.7 ( ${}^{3}J_{C-H} = 6.9 \text{ Hz}$ ), 138.1, 137.3, 128.6, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 127.4, 127.4, 105.2, 98.4, 82.0, 78.5, 75.1, 73.4, 73.3, 72.5, 70.7, 69.6, 69.1, 68.3, 66.8, 62.0, 60.9, 57.1, 51.9, 38.7, 21.2, 20.9; ESI-HRMS (C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>55</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaO<sub>17</sub>) [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> *m*/*z* 944.3429, found 944.3407.

Methyl [Methyl (4,7,8,9-tetra-O-acetyl-3,5-dideoxy-5-acetamido-D-glycero- $\alpha$ -D-gulo-non-2-ulopyranosid)onate]-(2  $\rightarrow$  6)-2,3,4-tri-Oacetyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranoside (**32**). To a solution of **22** (50 mg, 0.06 mmol) in 10 mL of 1,4-dioxane/water (1:1) was added 50 mg of 5% Pd/C (100 wt %) followed by 0.18 mL of glacial acetic acid. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature under hydrogen gas

(1 atm) for 16 h. Then the solution was filtered off, and the solvents were evaporated. To the residue were added 5 mL of Ac<sub>2</sub>O and 5 mL of pyridine, and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 h. Then the solvents were evaporated, and the residue was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel (5% MeOH in  $CH_2Cl_2$ ) to afford the colorless oil 32 (35 mg, 82%):  $[\alpha]^{21}_{D}$  -13.8 (c 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.16 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.61 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (dd, J = 7.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (dd, J = 10.5, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.11-5.03 (m, 2H), 4.81-4.73 (m, 1H), 4.69-4.62 (m, 1H), 4.41 (t, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (dt, J = 12.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (dd, I = 11.8, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (dd, I = 7.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.91-3.86(m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.78-3.74 (m, 1H), 3.57-3.50 (m, 1H), 3.48 (s, 3H), 2.35 (dd, J = 13.4, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H),2.12 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.95 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.1, 170.8, 170.4, 170.2, 170.1, 170.0, 169.6, 169.5, 167.5, 102.0, 99.3, 73.4, 71.5, 71.3, 71.1, 68.8, 68.6, 67.3, 67.1, 62.9, 61.0, 57.0, 53.0, 45.5, 32.8, 23.0, 23.0, 20.9, 20.8, 20.8, 20.7, 20.6, 20.6; ESI-HRMS (C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>47</sub>NNaO<sub>21</sub>) [M +  $Na^{+} m/z$  816.2538, found 816.2487.

Methyl [Methyl (4,7.8,9-tetro-O-acetyl-3,5-dideoxy-5-acetamido-*D-glycero-* $\alpha$ -*D-gulo-non-2-ulopyranosid*)onate]-(2  $\rightarrow$  3)-2,4,6-tri-Oacetyl- $\beta$ -*D*-galactopyranoside (33). To a solution of 23 (30 mg, 0.03) mmol) in 6 mL of 1,4-dioxane/water (1:1) was added 30 mg of 5% Pd/C (100 wt %) followed by 0.1 mL of glacial acetic acid. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature under hydrogen gas (1 atm) for 16 h. Then the solution was filtered off, and the solvents were evaporated. To the residue were added 3 mL of Ac<sub>2</sub>O and 3 mL of pyridine, and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 h. Then the solvents were evaporated, and the residue was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel (5% MeOH in  $CH_2Cl_2$ ) to afford the colorless oil 33 (19 mg, 77%):  $[\alpha]^{21}_{D}$  -16.2 (c 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.88 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (td, J = 5.9, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.89–4.81 (m, 2H), 4.63 (dd, J = 9.9, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (dd, J = 9.4, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (dd, J = 11.8, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.17-4.13 (m, 1H), 4.12-4.07 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.79-3.72 (m, 1H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 3.49 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (dd, J = 13.3, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.5, 170.4, 170.3, 170.3, 170.2, 169.9, 169.8, 169.7, 167.9, 101.9, 96.8, 73.1, 72.0, 71.7, 71.2, 70.5, 69.3, 67.5, 67.5, 61.9, 60.9, 57.0, 53.1, 45.4, 32.4, 23.1, 21.3, 20.7, 20.7, 20.6, 20.6, 20.5, 20.5; ESI-HRMS ( $C_{33}H_{47}NNaO_{21}$ ) [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> m/z 816.2538, found 816.2483.

Methyl [Methyl (4,7,8,9-tetra-O-acetyl-3,5-dideoxy-5-acetamido-*D*-glycero- $\alpha$ -*D*-galacto-non-2-ulopyranosid)onate]-(2  $\rightarrow$  6)-2,3,4-tri-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranoside (34). To a solution of 29 (100 mg, 0.12 mmol) in 14 mL of 1,4-dioxane/water (1:1) was added 100 mg of 5% Pd/C (100 wt %) followed by 0.36 mL of glacial acetic acid. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature under hydrogen gas (1 atm) for 16 h. Then the palladium catalyst was filtered off, and the solvents were evaporated. To the residue were added 7 mL of Ac<sub>2</sub>O and 7 mL of pyridine, and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 h. Then the solvents were evaporated, and the residue was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel (5% MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to afford 34 (72 mg, 84%):  $[\alpha]^{21}_{D}$  -11.6 (c 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.42 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 5.36-5.31 (m, 1H), 5.26 (dd, J = 8.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (dd, J = 10.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.05-5.00 (m, 1H), 4.86-4.79 (m, 1H), 4.43 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.34-4.25 (m, 1H), 4.10-3.97 (m, 4H), 3.90 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (m, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 3.42-3.35 (m, 1H), 2.50 (dd, J = 12.9, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H) 2.11 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 3H);  ${}^{13}$ C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.9, 170.6, 170.3, 170.2, 170.1, 170.00, 169.7, 169.6, 167.9, 101.9, 98.9, 72.6, 71.4, 71.1, 69.1, 68.7, 68.1, 67.2, 67.1, 62.7, 62.6, 57.0, 52.9, 49.3, 37.9, 23.2, 21.0, 20.8, 20.8, 20.7, 20.7, 20.6, 20.5; ESI-HRMS ( $C_{33}H_{47}NNaO_{21}$ ) [M + Na] m/z 816.2538, found 816.2474.

Methyl [Methyl (4,7,8,9-tetra-O-acetyl-3,5-dideoxy-5-acetamido-D-glycero- $\alpha$ -D-galacto-non-2-ulopyranosid)onate]-(2  $\rightarrow$  3)-2,4,6-tri-

O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranoside (35). To a solution of 30 (90 mg, 0.11 mmol) in 12 mL of 1,4-dioxane/water (1:1) was added 90 mg of 5% Pd/C (100 wt %) followed by 0.29 mL of glacial acetic acid. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature under hydrogen gas (1 atm) for 16 h. Then the palladium catalyst was filtered off, and the solvents were evaporated. To the residue were added 6 mL of Ac<sub>2</sub>O and 6 mL of pyridine, and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 h. Then the solvents were evaporated, and the residue was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel (5% MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to afford 35 (64 mg, 84%):  $[\alpha]^{21}_{D}$  -12.2 (c 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.56–5.52 (m, 1H), 5.37 (dd, J = 9.2, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (dd, J = 10.1, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (d, I = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.89–4.84 (m, 1H), 4.54 (dd, I= 10.2, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (dd, J = 12.5, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.09-3.97 (m, 4H), 3.85 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.63 (dd, J = 10.7, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 2.57 (dd, J = 12.7, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.84 (s, 3H) ; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 170.9, 170.6, 170.5, 170.4, 170.3, 170.3, 169.7, 169.6, 167.9, 101.7, 96.0, 72.0, 71.4, 70.5, 69.6, 69.3, 67.8, 67.7, 67.0, 62.3, 62.0, 56.9, 53.2, 49.1, 37.5, 23.2, 21.5, 21.0, 20.8, 20.8, 20.7, 20.7, 20.6; ESI-HRMS  $(C_{33}H_{47}NNaO_{21})$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> m/z 816.2538, found 816.2502.

Methyl [(3,5-Dideoxy-5-acetamido-D-glycero- $\alpha$ -D-gulo-non-2ulopyranosid)onic acid]-(2  $\rightarrow$  6)- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranoside (36). To a solution of 32 (30 mg, 0.06 mmol) in 3 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O was added 0.5 mL of saturated aq Ba(OH)<sub>2</sub>. The resulting solution was stirred at 60 °C for 2 h. Then the reaction mixture was brought to room temperature and bubbled with CO<sub>2</sub>, followed by filtering off the precipitate formed. The filtrate was then frozen using a dry ice-acetone bath and lyophilized to obtain the white foam 36 (16.8 mg, 92%):  $[\alpha]^{21}_{D}$  -2.3  $(c \ 0.5, \ H_2O)$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  4.15 (dd, J = 9.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (dd, J = 10.1, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (t, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (t, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (m, 2H), 3.63 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (dd, J = 7.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.48-3.45 (m, 1H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 3.37-3.30 (m, 1H), 2.36 (dd, J = 12.8, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.88 (s, 3H), 1.54 (t, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  174.7, 173.6, 103.9, 100.8, 73.5, 72.5, 72.2, 72.1, 70.5, 70.4, 68.8, 66.7, 63.9, 62.1, 57.4, 50.4, 35.5, 22.1; ESI-HRMS  $(C_{18}H_{30}NO_{14})$   $[M - H]^{-} m/z$  484.1666, found 484.1683.

Methyl [(3,5-Dideoxy-5-acetamido-D-glycero- $\alpha$ -D-gulo-non-2-solution of 33 (10 mg, 0.02 mmol) in 2 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O was added 0.2 mL of saturated aq  $Ba(OH)_2$ . The resulting solution was stirred at 60 °C for 2 h. Then the reaction mixture was brought to room temperature and bubbled with CO<sub>2</sub>, followed by filtering off the precipitate formed. The filtrate was then frozen using a dry ice-acetone bath and lyophilized to obtain the white foam 37 (5.7 mg, 93%):  $[\alpha]^{21}_{D}$  –1.6 (*c* 0.5, H<sub>2</sub>O); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  4.21 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (dd, J = 10.0, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (d, J = 9.6Hz, 1H), 3.68 (m, 4H), 3.57 (m, 3H), 3.53-3.46 (m, 2H), 3.41 (s, 3H), 2.42 (dd, J = 12.5, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.89 (s, 3H), 1.56 (t, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  174.7, 173.8, 103.6, 99.6, 75.3, 74.8, 72.2, 71.8, 70.9, 69.3, 66.8, 66.6, 61.9, 60.9, 60.0, 57.1, 50.2, 35.6, 22.0; ESI-HRMS ( $C_{18}H_{30}NO_{14}$ ) [M - H]<sup>-</sup> m/z 484.1666, found 484.1697.

Methyl [(3,5-Dideoxy-5-acetamido-D-glycero- $\alpha$ -D-gulo-non-2ulopyranosid)onic acid]-(2  $\rightarrow$  3)- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranoside (**38**). To a solution of **34** (40 mg, 0.08 mmol) in 4 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O was added 0.7 mL of saturated aq Ba(OH)<sub>2</sub>. The resulting solution was stirred at 60 °C for 2 h. Then the reaction mixture was brought to room temperature and bubbled with CO<sub>2</sub> followed by filtering off the precipitate formed. The filtrate was then frozen using a dry ice-acetone bath and lyophilized to obtain the white foam **38** (22.1 mg, 93%): [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>21</sup><sub>D</sub> –1.4 (c 0.5, H<sub>2</sub>O); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  4.14 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (t, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (t, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (m, 2H), 3.49–3.47 (m, 3H), 3.47–3.43 (m, 1H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 3.32 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.86 (s, 3H), 1.52 (t, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  175.0, 173.4, 103.8, 100.4, 73.3, 72.6, 72.5, 71.7, 70.6, 68.6, 68.2, 68.1, 63.3, 62.6, 57.3, 51.8, 40.1, 22.0); ESI-HRMS ( $C_{18}H_{30}NO_{14}$ ) [M – H]<sup>-</sup> m/z 484.1666, found 484.1692.

Methyl [(3,5-Dideoxy-5-acetamido-D-glycero- $\alpha$ -D-galacto-non-2ulopyranosid)onic acid]-(2  $\rightarrow$  3)- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranoside (**39**). To a solution of **35** (50.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) in 5 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O was added 0.8 mL of saturated aq Ba(OH)<sub>2</sub>. The resulting solution was stirred at 60 °C for 2 h. Then the reaction mixture was brought to room temperature and bubbled with CO<sub>2</sub> followed by filtering off the precipitate formed. The filtrate was then frozen using a dry ice-acetone bath and lyophilized to obtain the white foam **39** (29.0 mg, 95%): [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>21</sup><sub>D</sub> +0.3 (c 0.5, H<sub>2</sub>O); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  4.21 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (dd, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (m, 3H), 3.59–3.54 (m, 2H), 3.53–3.42 (m, 4H), 3.41 (s, 3H), 2.57 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (s, 3H), 1.62 (t, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  174.9, 173.8, 103.4, 99.8, 75.8, 74.8, 72.8, 71.7, 69.1, 68.2, 68.0, 67.5, 62.5, 60.9, 57.00, 51.6, 39.5, 22.0; ESI-HRMS (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO<sub>14</sub>) [M – H]<sup>-</sup> m/z 484.1666, found 484.1678.

Methvl (1-Adamantvl 5-acetamido-4,7,8,9-tetra-O-acetyl-3,5dideoxy-5-N-(1,1-dimethylethoxy)carbonyl-2-thio-D-glycero- $\alpha$ -Dgalacto-non-2-ulopyranosid)onate (40). To a stirred solution of 14 (1.5 g, 2.35 mmol) in anhydrous THF (10 mL) were added di-tertbutyl dicarbonate (5.11 g, 23.52 mmol) and DMAP (114 mg, 0.95 mmol) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 10 h at 60  $^\circ C$ under argon before it was cooled to room temperature and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography eluting with 35% EtOAc in hexanes to give **40** (1.3 g, 76%):  $[\alpha]_{D}^{21}$  +42.3 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  5.32–5.22 (m, 2H), 5.19–5.10 (m, 1H), 4.86 (t, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (m, 1H), 4.04 (dd, J = 12.6, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.76 (m, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.99 (m, 6H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 1.88 (s, 3H), 1.65 (m, 6H), 1.54 (s, 9H), 1.49 (m, 3H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.9, 170.6, 170.1, 170.1, 169.9, 169.6, 151.8, 84.7, 84.3, 73.0, 69.0, 67.2, 66.5, 61.4, 52.6, 52.4, 51.2, 43.5, 41.2, 36.0, 27.9, 27.8, 26.7, 21.2, 20.1, 20.7, 20.6; ESI-HRMS ( $C_{35}H_{51}NNaO_{14}S$ ) [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> m/z 764.2928, found 764.2936.

Methyl (1-Adamantyl 5-azido-3,5-dideoxy-2-thio-D-glycero- $\alpha$ -Dgalacto-non-2-ulopyranosid)onate (43). To a stirred solution of 40 (1.25 g, 1.68 mmol) in dry methanol (7 mL) was added a catalytic amount of sodium methoxide. The solution was stirred for 1 h at room temperature and then guenched with Amberlyst 15 ion-exchange resin. The mixture was filtered through Celite and concentrated under reduced pressure to give a crude preparation of 41 (0.9 g), which was dissolved in 8 mL of dry THF and was treated with 2 N HCl in diethyl ether (6 mL) at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was brought to room temperature and stirred for 5 h, and then the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to give a crude preparation of 42 (0.75 g, 1.6 mmol), which was dissolved in 1:1 MeOH/H2O (16 mL) followed by addition of imidazole-1-sulfonyl azide hydrochloride (0.66 g, 3.2 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.66 g, 4.8 mmol), and CuSO<sub>4</sub>.5H<sub>2</sub>O (40 mg, 0.16 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. Thereafter, the solvent was evaporated, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel eluting with 8% MeOH in CHCl<sub>3</sub> to afford the white sticky solid 43 (0.66 g, 86% for three steps):  $[\alpha]^{21}_{D}$ +20.6 (c 1.0, MeOH); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  3.84 (s, 3H), 3.65 (m, 3H), 3.56-3.40 (m, 3H), 3.31 (m, 1H), 2.64 (dd, J = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (m, 9H), 1.72 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  171.9, 84.6, 75.1, 71.8, 69.5, 68.9, 63.3, 62.8, 59.1, 52.2, 50.1, 43.4, 42.1, 41.7, 39.5, 35.7, 31.5, 29.9; ESI-HRMS (C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaO<sub>7</sub>S) [M +  $Na^{+} m/z$  480.1796, found 480.1775.

Methyl (1-Adamantyl 4,7,8,9-tetra-O-acetyl-5-azido-3,5-dideoxy-2-thio-*p*-glycero- $\alpha$ -*p*-galacto-non-2-ulopyranosid)onate (44). Method 1. To a solution of 43 (420 mg, 1.30 mmol) in 8 mL of dry pyridine was added acetic anhydride (0.99 mL, 10.44 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred under argon at room temperature for 4 h and then was diluted with ethyl acetate and washed successively with saturated aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, 1 N HCl, and again with saturated aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The organic layer was then dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by

column chromatography on silica gel eluting with 30% EtOAc in hexane to afford 44 (480 mg, 84%).

Method 2. A solution of sialoside 14 (300 mg, 0.47 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (4.6 mL) was treated with dry pyridine (0.38 mL, 4.68 mmol) under argon and cooled to -10 °C. After the solution was stirred for 15 min, crushed nitrosyl tetrafluoroborate (218 mg, 1.87 mmol) was added in one portion. The reaction was stirred at -10 °C until TLC and MS showed complete conversion and then diluted with cold dichloromethane (25 mL) and washed with cold 1 N HCl, saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, and brine. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under 10 °C to give the nitrosated sialoside 15, which was carried forward without any further purification. A solution of the crude nitrosated sialoside 15 (320 mg, 0.48 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (4.8 mL) and 2,2,2trifluoroethanol (55  $\mu$ L, 0.72 mmol) under argon at -10 °C was stirred for 30 min and treated with freshly prepared sodium isopropoxide in 2-propanol (0.2 N; 9.49 mL, 1.91 mmol). After being stirred for 3 min, the reaction mixture was treated with 1.7 N hydrazoic acid in chloroform<sup>95</sup> (5.61 mL, 9.54 mmol). The reaction mixture was further stirred at -10 °C for 10 min, warmed to 0 °C, and quenched with saturated aq NaHCO3. It was then diluted with dichloromethane, washed with cold brine, dried (Na2SO4), and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with 30% EtOAc in hexane to afford 44 (135 mg, 46%):  $[\alpha]^{21}_{D}$  + 63.2 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.48 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (d, J = 9.8Hz, 1H), 4.69 (t, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (dd, J = 11.4, 4.6 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.16 (t, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dd, J = 12.7, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.86 (m, 9H), 1.65 (m, 6H);  ${}^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.7, 170.0, 169.9, 169.6. 169.6, 84.1, 72.8, 71.2, 68.4, 67.6, 61.5, 60.1, 52.8, 51.2, 43.5, 39.3, 35.9, 29.9, 21.0, 20.9, 20.8; ESI-HRMS (C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>39</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaO<sub>11</sub>S) [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> m/z 648.2203, found 648.2180.

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