## **ELECTRONIC SUPPORTING INFORMATIONS**

## Glycosylation with in situ separation: carbohydrate chemistry on a TLC plate<sup>†</sup>

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<sup>c</sup> Present address: Department of Medicinal Chemistry, National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Sector 67, SAS Nagar, Punjab 160062, India Known monosaccharide donors and acceptors 1,<sup>i</sup> 2,<sup>ii</sup> 6,<sup>iii</sup> 7,<sup>iv</sup> 9,<sup>v</sup>  $10^{vi}$  were synthesized according to the literature procedure and characterized by comparing with reported data. Compound **8** was synthesised from known octyl 2-acetamido-2-deoxy- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside (16)<sup>vii</sup> by following the reaction sequence described in Scheme 1.



Scheme 1: a. p-methoxybenzaldehyde dimethylacetal, p-TsOH, CH<sub>3</sub>CN; b. Ac<sub>2</sub>O, Py; c. Et<sub>3</sub>SiH, TFA

Compound 16 was converted to the corresponding *p*-methoxy benzylidene derivative 17 by using anisaldehydedimethylacetal and *p*-TsOH in acetonitrile in 87% yield and subsequently the 3-*OH* group was protected by acetylation with acetic anhydride in pyridine to give compound 18 in 93% yield. Regioselective opening of the acetal with triethylsilane and trifluoroacetic acid afforded target acceptor 8 in 71% yield as foam.

**Octyl 2-acetamido-2-deoxy-4,6-***O***-(4-methoxybenzylidene)**- $\alpha$ -**D**-glucopyranoside (17) To a mixture of compound 16 (3g, 9.0 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (40 mL) was added *p*-anisaldehyde dimethylacetal (2.5g, 13.5 mmol) followed by *p*-TsOH (100 mg) and stirred at room temperature. After complete conversion of the starting material (2 hours), the mixture was neutralised with Et<sub>3</sub>N and solvents were evaporated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography using 1:1 EtOAc-*n*-hexane to afford pure compound 17 (3.5g, 87%) as white foam. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>23</sup> +26° (*c* 

1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.41, 6.86 (2d, 4H, ArH), 5.96 (d, 1H,  $J_{2,NH} = 8.8$  Hz, NH), 5.49 (s, 1H, CH-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Ome), 4.78 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2} = 3.8$  Hz, H-1), 4.21 (m, 1H, H-6<sup>a</sup>), 4.16 (dt, 1H,  $J_{1,2}$ ,  $J_{2,3} = 9.0$  Hz,  $J_{2,NH}$ , H-2), 3.87 (t, 1H,  $J_{2,3} = J_{3,4} = 9.0$  Hz, H-3), 3.77 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.75-3.63 (m, 3H, H-5, H-6b, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.53 (t, 1H,  $J_{3,4}$ , H-4), 3.38 (m, 1H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.01 (NHCOCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.58 (m, 2H, O-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>6</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.24 (m, 10H, O-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.92 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 171.5 (NHCOCH<sub>3</sub>), 160.2, 129.7, 127.7, 113.6 (ArC), 101.6 (CH-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 97.7 (C-1), 82.0 (C-4), 70. 4 (C-3), 68.7 (C-6), 68.2 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 62.5 (C-5), 55.2 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 54.4 (C-2), 31.7, 29.2, 29.1, 28.9, 26.0, 22.5(octyl CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.1 (NHCOCH<sub>3</sub>), 13.9 (octyl-CH<sub>3</sub>). HRMS [M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>41</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> 469.2914, found 469.2912.

**Octyl 2-acetamido-2-deoxy-4,6-O-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-\alpha-D-glucopyranoside (18)** To a solution of compound **17** (3g, 6.6 mmol) in dry pyridine (15 mL) was added Ac<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) and stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. Solvents were evaporated *in vacuo* and co-evaporated with toluene to syrup. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography using 2:1 EtOAc-*n*-hexane to afford pure compound **18** (3.0g, 93%) as foam. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>23</sup> +42° (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.42, 6.89 (2d, 4H, ArH), 5.94 (d, 1H,  $J_{2,NH} = 8.6$  Hz, N*H*), 5.51 (s, 1H, *CH*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Ome), 5.09 (t, 1H,  $J_{2,3} = J_{3,4} = 9.0$  Hz, H-3), 4.81 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2} = 3.8$  Hz, H-1), 4.23 (m, 1H, H-6a), 4.19 (dt, 1H,  $J_{1,2}, J_{2,3} = 9.0$  Hz,  $J_{2,NH}$ , H-2), 3.79 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.78-3.64 (m, 3H, H-5, H-6b, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.55 (t, 1H,  $J_{3,4}$ , H-4), 3.41 (m, 1H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.04, 1.97 (2s, 6H, COCH<sub>3</sub>, NHCOCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.59 (m, 2H, O-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>6</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.21 (m, 10H, O-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.90 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 172.4 (COCH<sub>3</sub>), 171.1 (NHCOCH<sub>3</sub>), 160.0, 129.8, 127.6, 113.6 (ArC), 101.5 (CH-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 97.8 (*C*-1), 81.9 (C-4), 74. 4 (C-3), 68.6 (C-6), 68.1 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 62.4 (C-5), 55.2 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 54.5 (C-2), 31.8, 29.1, 29.0, 28.9, 26.1, 23.1 (octyl CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.5, 22.4 (COCH<sub>3</sub>, NHCOCH<sub>3</sub>), 13.9 (octyl-CH<sub>3</sub>). HRMS [M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>43</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>87</sub> 511.3019, found 511.3017.

Octyl 2-acetamido-3-O-acetyl-2-deoxy-4-O-(4-methoxybenzyl)-α-D-glucopyranoside (8) Α mixture of compound 18 (2g, 4.0 mmol) and MS 3Å (3g) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (30 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. NaCNBH<sub>3</sub> (1.5g, 24 mmol) was added followed by Me<sub>3</sub>SiCl (3 mL, 24 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 hours. After filtration through a celite<sup>®</sup> bed, filtrate was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL) and washed successively with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2×50 mL) and brine (50 mL). Organic layer was separated, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and evaporated to syrup. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography using 1:1 EtOAc-*n*-hexane to afford pure compound 8 (1.4g, 71%) as white foam.  $[\alpha]_D^{23}$  +37° (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.22, 6.83 (2d, 4H, ArH), 5.76 (d, 1H,  $J_{2,\text{NH}} = 8.2$  Hz, NH), 5.08 (t, 1H,  $J_{2,3} = J_{3,4} = 9.2$  Hz, H-3), 4.78 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2} = 3.2$ Hz, H-1), 4.52 (2d, 2H,  $J_{AB} = 11.6$  Hz,  $CH_2C_6H_4OMe$ ), 4.19 (dt, 1H,  $J_{1,2}$ ,  $J_{2,3}$ ,  $J_{2,NH}$ , H-2), 3.75 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.71-3.54 (m, 5H, H-4, H-5, H-6<sub>a</sub>, H-6<sub>b</sub>, O-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.34 (m, 1H, O-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.98 (bs, 1H, OH), 2.04, 1.89 (2s, 6H, COCH<sub>3</sub>, NHCOCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.58 (m, 2H, O-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>6</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.24 (m, 10H, O-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.92 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 172.2 (COCH<sub>3</sub>), 170.1 (NHCOCH<sub>3</sub>), 159.4, 129.8, 129.4, 113.9 (ArC), 97.1 (C-1), 74.0 (C-3), 73.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OMe), 70.3 (C-5), 69.7 (C-4), 68.1 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 61.1 (C-6), 55.2 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 51.7 (C-2), 31.7, 29.2, 29.1, 26.0, 23.1 (octyl CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.5 (NHCOCH<sub>3</sub>), 20.9 (COCH<sub>3</sub>), 13.9 (octyl-CH<sub>3</sub>). HRMS  $[M+NH_4]^+$  calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>45</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> 513.3176, found 513.3172.

NMR peak assignments:

| Disaccharides   |   | <sup>13</sup> C NMR |       |                           | <sup>1</sup> H NMR |
|---|---|---------------------|-------|---------------------------|--------------------|
|   |   | C-1                 | C-1′  | О <b>С</b> Н <sub>3</sub> | OC <b>H</b> 3      |
| BnO<br>OBn<br>OBn<br>OBn<br>OBn<br>OBn<br>OBn<br>OBn<br>OBn<br>OBn                    | α | 103.4               | 98.1  | 56.5                      | 3.34               |
|   | β | 103.4               | 104.1 | 56.6                      | 3.33               |
|   | α | 98.3                | 97.8  | 53.3                      | 3.41               |
|   | β | 98.4                | 102.2 | 53.4                      | 3.38               |
| HO<br>MeO<br>OBn<br>OBn<br>OBn<br>OBn<br>BnO<br>12                                    | α | 101.3               | 96.5  | 56.2                      | 3.40               |
|   | β | 101.5               | 104.1 | 56.3                      | 3.38               |
| HO<br>MeO<br>OBn<br>BnOOBn<br>HO<br>OBn<br>HO<br>MeO<br>OBn<br>BnOOBn<br>BnOOBn<br>H5 | α | 104.5               | 98.1  | 56.4                      | 3.58               |
|   | β | 104.6               | 103.9 | 56.5                      | 3.60               |
|   | α | 103.9               | 96.1  | 56.1                      | 3.42               |
|   | β | 103.9               | 101.9 | 56.2                      | 3.43               |

In all cases,  $\alpha/\beta$  ratio of the product is calculated from the corresponding integration of the  $-OCH_3$  signal in <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

## The apparatus used for the glycosylation experiments on TLC plate:



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