

An Efficient Synthesis of Cyclodextrin-Based Carbohydrate Cluster Compounds

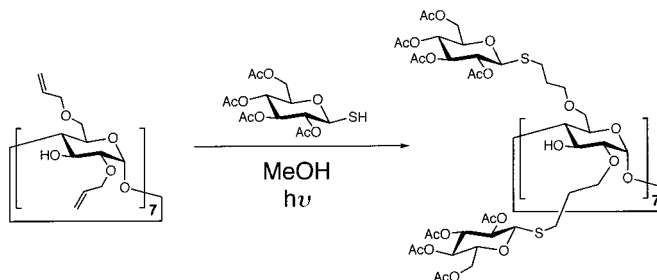
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ABSTRACT



The photoaddition of the thiol 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl- β -D-1-thioglucopyranose to the allyl ether functions of per-2-allyl-, per-6-allyl-, and per-2,6-diallyl- β -cyclodextrin derivatives provides a remarkably simple and efficient way for attaching glucopyranose units onto (1) the secondary face, as well as (2) the primary face, of β -cyclodextrin—not to mention (3) both the primary and secondary faces, simultaneously—in yields of up to 70%.

The synthesis and protein binding characteristics of highly branched carbohydrate-containing compounds, designed to exploit the so-called “multivalent” and “glycoside-cluster effect”, continue to receive much attention¹ in contemporary carbohydrate research. In addition, the preparation and characterization of compounds that not only possess multivalent carbohydrate recognition sites but also have the intrinsic potential to act as hosts for the complexation of

guest molecules is gaining in importance in part because compounds of this type could act as the forerunners of “intelligent” drug delivery systems.² For example, research groups headed by Dondoni³ and Roy⁴ have reported the attachment of carbohydrate residues onto calixarene scaffolds. More recently, Aoyama and co-workers⁵ have reported their findings on the synthesis and properties of calix[4]-resorcarene-based carbohydrate cluster compounds and have

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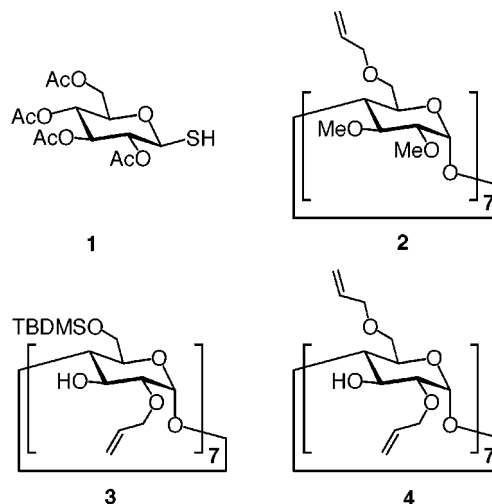
outlined how these hosts can be used to deliver guest molecules to surfaces^{5a} and lectins.^{5d}

The use of cyclodextrins⁶ (CDs), a class of cyclic oligosaccharides capable of forming inclusion complexes with a wide variety of substrates in aqueous solution, as a core for the attachment of additional carbohydrate residues (1) presents arguably a more biocompatible alternative to the calixarenes and (2) offers increased water solubility and a promiscuous potential for guest inclusion. Since Djedaini-Pilard and co-workers⁷ reported the synthesis of perthioglucosylated derivatives of β -CD in 1995, several other groups⁸ have recently described alternative synthetic strategies for the perfunctionalization of CDs—but on their primary faces only—with carbohydrate appendages. In at least one instance^{8b} the ability of compounds of this type to interact with plant lectins has been demonstrated.

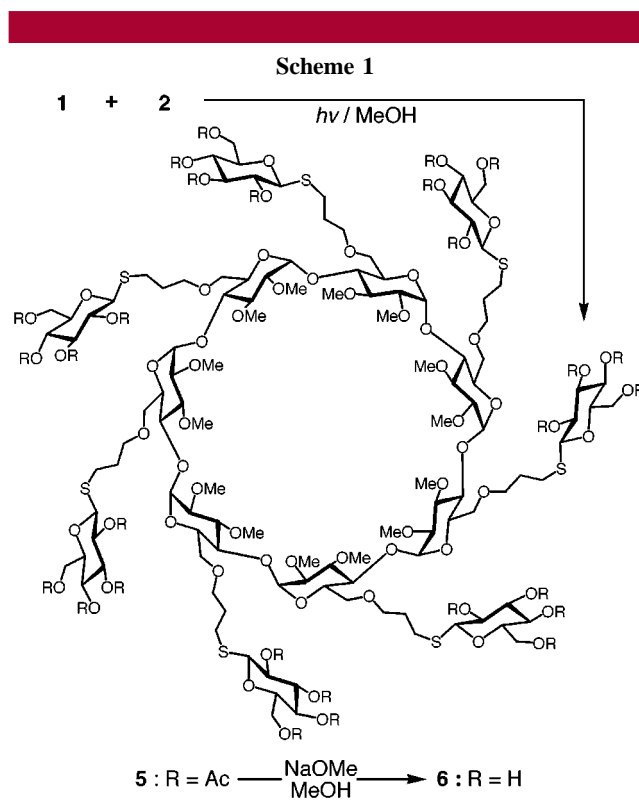
In furtherance of our own research⁹ on glycodendrimers, we have been seeking an efficient strategy for attaching carbohydrate residues onto (1) the secondary in addition to the primary faces of CDs and then extending this strategy to the perfunctionalization of (2) both the primary and secondary faces of CDs simultaneously. Here, we report the efficient synthesis of some β -CD-based carbohydrate cluster compounds.

In view of its inherently divergent nature, any perfunctionalization of CDs is notoriously difficult to accomplish.¹⁰ After a preliminary survey of possible reactions, we began to focus our attention on the well-known¹¹ photoaddition of thiols to allyl ethers in an anti-Markovnikov fashion to yield thioethers as the key step in the attachment of carbohydrate appendages to CD cores. The reaction's proven use in both carbohydrate¹² and CD¹³ chemistry, coupled with the ease

of introduction of (1) allyl ether functions onto the CD torus and (2) thiol groups onto the anomeric centers of saccharides, made it an appealing choice as the key step. β -D-Thioglucose¹⁴ (1) was chosen as the model thiol to react with the allyl ether containing β -CD derivatives 2,¹⁵ 3,¹⁶ and 4.¹⁷



Primary face modification of β -CD with seven carbohydrate appendages was achieved efficiently (Scheme 1) when



a methanolic solution of a mixture of 1 (21 equiv) and 2 was irradiated¹⁸ with UV light from an Hg lamp. After 5 h, TLC indicated an almost quantitative conversion to 5 when

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(10) The challenge in perfunctionalizing α -, β -, or γ -CD is at least three-fold. One is the need to identify bond-forming reactions that are high yielding over and over again so that, on repeating them 6, 7, or 8 (or perhaps 12, 14, or 16 or even 18, 21, or 24) times, the outcomes are high yields of pure products. The other is the need to obtain the pure products free from a multitude of undersubstituted compounds all with very similar properties to each other and to the pure products. Another challenge is the need to characterize the symmetrical products as being pure when the unsymmetrical impurities are so similar. The presence of axial symmetry (in the pure products) and the lack of it (in the impure compounds) can be simultaneously both a blessing and a curse!

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the concentration of **2** in the reaction mixture was ca. 5 mM. At lower concentrations “under substitution” of **2** occurs; if the concentration of the reactants is too high, then the major product of the reaction is the disulfide formed by dimerization of two molecules of **1**. Purification of the crude product from the photochemical reaction by column chromatography (SiO₂) afforded a pure compound in 67% yield.¹⁹ MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry of this compound revealed a peak at *m/z* 4185 [M + Na]⁺, corresponding to a β-CD derivative **5**, which is fully adorned with seven β-D-thioglucose residues. The identity of **5**²⁰ was established unequivocally from its ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra.²¹ Deprotection (NaOMe/MeOH) of **5** yielded (99%) **6**, which was also fully characterized by ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopies.²²

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(18) **General Experimental.** The thiol **1** (21 or 42 equiv) and the CD (**2**, **3**, or **4**, all at 5 mM) were dissolved in distilled MeOH, and benzene was added dropwise to dissolve the CD if required. A stream of Ar was bubbled through the solution for 20 min to thoroughly degas it. The solution, kept under an atmosphere of Ar, was placed in front of a Hg lamp and stirred for 5 h. Following removal of solvent(s), the residue was purified by column chromatography [SiO₂, EtOAc/Hexanes] to afford the product. Unreacted thiol **1** can be recovered and reused in subsequent reactions.

(19) Reported yields have not been optimized.

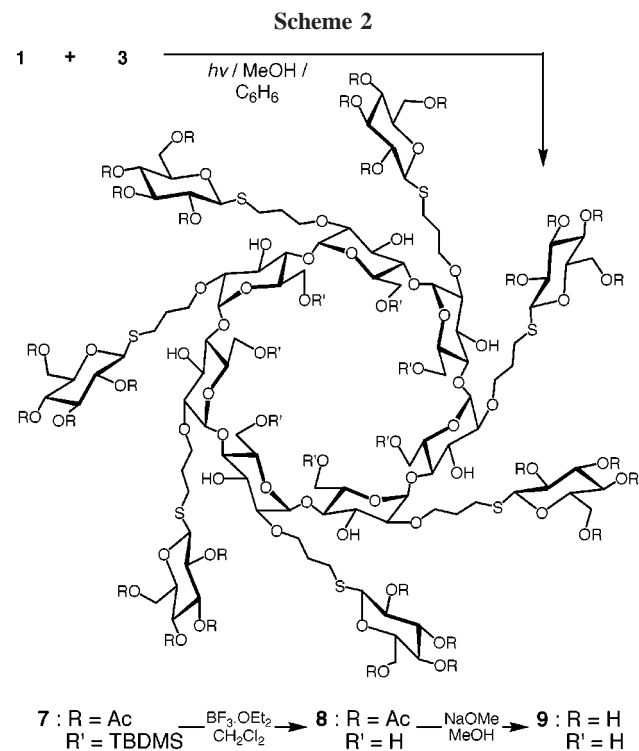
(20) **Data for 5.** ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 1.85–1.89 (14H, m, SCH₂CH₂), 1.98, 2.00, 2.04, 2.06 (84H, 4s, 4 × Ac), 2.64–2.73 (7H, m, SCH_a), 2.76–2.83 (7H, m, SCH_b), 3.12 (7H, dd, ³J_{1,2} = 3.0 Hz, ³J_{2,3} = 9.5 Hz, H-2), 3.46–3.64 (35H, m, H-3, H-4, H-6a, H-6b, OCH_a), 3.49 (21H, s, OCH₃), 3.60 (21H, s, OCH₃), 3.66–3.69 (7H, m, H-5), 3.71–3.81 (7H, m, H-5'), 3.80–3.84 (7H, m, OCH_b), 4.09–4.12 (7H, m, H-6a'), 4.24 (7H, dd, ³J_{5',6b'} = 4.6 Hz, ²J_{6a',6b'} = 12.4 Hz, H-6b'), 4.53 (7H, d, ³J_{1',2'} = 10.0 Hz, H-1'), 4.98 (7H, t, ³J_{1',2'} ≈ ³J_{2',3'} = 9.8 Hz, H-2'), 5.04–5.08 (14H, m, H-1, H-4), 5.21 (7H, t, ³J_{2',3'} ≈ ³J_{3',4'} = 9.4 Hz, H-3'). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 20.76, 20.79, 20.92, 20.96 (4 × CH₃CO), 27.3 (SCH₂), 30.4 (SCH₂CH₂), 58.8 (CH₃O), 61.5 (CH₃O), 62.3 (C-6'), 68.5 (C-4'), 69.7 (OCH₂), 70.0 (C-6), 70.1 (C-2'), 71.5 (C-5), 74.0 (C-3'), 75.9 (C-5'), 80.1 (C-3), 81.8 (C-4), 82.3 (C-2), 83.9 (C-1'), 99.1 (C-1), 169.5, 169.6, 170.3, 170.7 (4 × CH₃CO). MALDI-TOF: *m/z* = 4185 [M + Na]⁺.

(21) The ¹H and ¹³C NMR signals in the spectra of all of the protected CD-based carbohydrate cluster compounds, i.e. **5**, **7**, and **10**, were assigned fully using a combination of 2D-COSY and HMQC experiments. A common feature of the ¹H NMR spectra of these CD-based carbohydrate clusters is that they display broadened signals corresponding to their CD protons, while the signals for the protons of the glucose appendages are sharp. This phenomenon is revealed also in the ¹³C NMR spectra, where the signals corresponding to the CD carbons are weaker and broader than those corresponding to the carbons in the glucose appendages. The reason for this signal broadening is most likely the outcome of a dynamic phenomenon; the glucose appendages start to cause the CD glucose residues to move on a time scale approaching that of the NMR time scale, thus causing the CD signals to broaden.

(22) **Data for 6.** Selected NMR data. ¹H NMR (D₂O, 500 MHz): δ 1.91–2.40 (14H, m, CH₂), 2.81–2.93 (14H, m, SCH₂), 3.21 (7H, dd, *J* = 2.9, 9.6 Hz, H-2), 3.54 (21H, s, OCH₃), 3.64 (21H, s, OCH₃), 4.43 (7H, d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, H-1'), 5.20 (7H, d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, H-1'). ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD, 125 MHz): δ 28.7, 32.1, 59.9, 62.6, 63.8, 71.6, 71.9, 72.3, 73.5, 75.2, 80.4, 81.4, 82.7, 83.9, 84.3, 88.1, 100.4.

(23) **Data for 7.** ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 0.029 (21H, s, SiCH₃), 0.037 (21H, s, SiCH₃), 0.879 (63H, s, C(CH₃)), 1.92–1.94 (14H, m, SCH₂CH₂), 2.02, 2.04, 2.07, 2.10 (84H, 4s, 4 × Ac), 2.77–2.91 (14H, m, SCH₂), 3.25 (7H, dd, ³J_{1,2} = 3.1 Hz, ³J_{2,3} = 9.6 Hz, H-2), 3.48 (7H, t, ³J_{3,4} ≈ ³J_{4,5} = 9.0 Hz, H-4), 3.54 (7H, d, ³J_{5,6a} = 9.6 Hz, H-5), 3.68 (7H, d, ²J_{6a,6b} = 10.8 Hz, H-6a), 3.77–3.83 (14H, m, H-5', OCH_a), 3.90–3.94 (14H, m, H-3, H-6b), 4.04–4.10 (7H, m, OCH_b), 4.17 (7H, dd, ³J_{5',6a'} = 2.3 Hz, ²J_{6a',6b'} = 12.0 Hz, H-6a'), 4.31 (7H, dd, ³J_{5',6a'} = 4.8 Hz, ²J_{6a',6b'} = 12.0 Hz, H-6b'), 4.64 (7H, d, ³J_{1',2'} = 10.1 Hz, H-1'), 4.91 Hz (7H, d, ³J_{1,2} = 3.1 Hz, H-1), 5.05 (7H, t, ³J_{1',2'} ≈ ³J_{2',3'} = 10.1 Hz, H-2'), 5.13 (7H, ³J_{3',4'} ≈ ³J_{4',5'} = 9.8 Hz, H-4'), 5.28 (7H, t, ³J_{2',3'} ≈ ³J_{3',4'} = 9.4 Hz, H-3'). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ -4.9, -4.8 (Si(CH₃)₂), 18.5 (Si(CH₃)₃),

The same synthetic strategy was applied to obtain a β-CD derivative perfunctionalized on its secondary face with seven carbohydrate appendages. Reaction (Scheme 2) of **1** with **3**,



under essentially the same conditions as those¹⁸ described above for the synthesis of **5**, gave the “fully substituted” compound **7** in 42% yield after purification by silica gel column chromatography. O-Desilylation²⁴ of **7** afforded the intermediate **8**, which after deprotection (NaOMe/MeOH) furnished **9**.²⁵

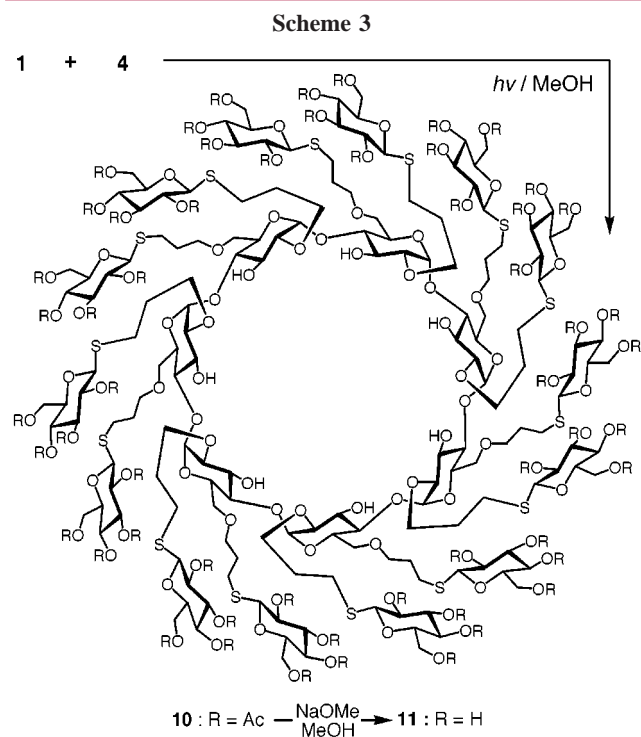
20.8–21.1 (4 × CH₃CO), 26.1 (SiC(CH₃)₃), 27.6 (SCH₂CH₂), 30.5 (SCH₂), 61.9 (C-6), 62.4 (C-6'), 68.6 (C-3'), 70.3 (C-2'), 71.3 (OCH₂), 71.9 (C-5), 73.3 (C-3), 74.2 (C-3'), 75.9 (C-4'), 81.2 (C-2), 82.4 (C-4), 84.3 (C-1'), 101.4 (C-1), 169.6, 169.7, 170.4, 170.8 (4 × CH₃CO). MALDI-TOF: *m/z* 4789 [M + Na]⁺.

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(25) **Data for 9.** Selected NMR data. ¹H NMR (D₂O, 500 MHz): 1.85–1.92 (14H, m, CH₂), 2.71–2.77 (7H, m, SCH_a), 2.80–2.86 (7H, m, SCH_b), 3.25 (7H, t, *J* = 9.8 Hz, H-2'), 3.37 (7H, dd, *J* = 2.0, 5.7 Hz, H-2), 3.41 (7H, t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, H-3'), 4.45 (7H, d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, H-1'), 5.12, (7H, s, H-1). ¹³C NMR (D₂O, 125 MHz): δ 26.3, 29.4, 60.0, 60.8, 69.4, 70.4, 71.1, 72.1, 73.5, 79.7, 80.9, 85.2, 99.6.

(26) **Data for 10.** ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 1.82–1.90 (28H, m, SCH₂CH₂), 1.99, 2.00, 2.04, 2.06, 2.07 (168H, 5s, Ac), 2.56–2.85 (28H, m, SCH₂), 3.27 (7H, d, ³J_{2,3} = 9.2 Hz, H-2), 3.39 (7H, t, ³J_{2,3} = 9.0 Hz, H-4), 3.45–3.54 (28H, m, H-6a, H-6b, OCH₂), 3.56–3.68 (7H, m, H-5), 3.70–3.78 (21H, m, H-5', OCH_a), 3.81 (7H, t, ³J_{2,3} = 9.0 Hz, H-3), 3.97–4.04 (7H, m, OCH_b), 4.11 (14H, d, ²J_{6a',6b'} = 10.9 Hz, H-6a'), 4.24 (14H, dd, ³J_{5',6b'} = 3.5 Hz, ²J_{6a',6b'} = 11.5 Hz, H-6b'), 4.54 (7H, d, ³J_{1',2'} = 10.0 Hz, H-1'), 4.57 (7H, d, ³J_{1',2'} = 10.0 Hz, H-1'), 4.82 (7H, bs, H-1), 4.98 (14H, t, ³J_{2',3'} = 9.2 Hz, H-2'), 5.06 (7H, t, ³J_{3',4'} = 9.7 Hz, H-4'), 5.07 (7H, t, ³J_{3',4'} = 9.7 Hz, H-4'), 5.22 (7H, t, ³J_{3',4'} = 9.3 Hz, H-3'). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 20.4, 20.66 (CH₃CO), 26.9, 27.0 (SCH₂CH₂), 29.5, 30.0 (SCH₂), 62.2 (C-6'), 68.4 (C-4'), 69.1 (C-6), 69.9 (OCH₂), 70.0, 70.1 (C-2'), 70.6 (C-5), 71.3 (OCH₂), 73.1 (C-3), 73.9, 74.0 (C-3'), 75.7, 75.8 (C-5'), 80.7 (C-2), 83.3 (C-4), 83.7, 83.9 (C-1'), 101.9 (C-1), 169.20, 169.23, 169.29, 169.77, 169.96, 170.02, 170.37, 170.47 (8 × CH₃CO). MALDI-TOF: *m/z* 6820 [M + Na]⁺.

The next obvious question was whether this photochemical approach could be used to modify, simultaneously and fully, *both* the primary and secondary faces of a β -CD derivative in a reaction that would involve the formation of 14 thioether bonds per molecule. Reaction (Scheme 3) of per-2,6-diallyl-



β -CD¹⁷ (**4**) with 42 equiv of **1** in MeOH gave the desired compound²⁶ **10** in 70% yield, following purification by column chromatography on silica gel. Analysis of the carbohydrate region of the ¹³C DEPT NMR spectrum (Figure 1) of **10** reveals signals corresponding to all of the carbons on the primary and secondary face glucose appendages and

(27) **Data for 11.** Selected NMR data. ¹H NMR (D₂O, 360 K, 500 MHz): δ 2.33–2.41 (28H, m, CH₂), 3.19–3.35 (28H, m, SCH₂), 4.91 (7H, d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, H-1'), 4.93 (7H, d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, H-1''), 5.56 (7H, d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, H-1). ¹³C NMR (D₂O, 345 K, 125 MHz): δ 23.7, 26.9, 27.1, 29.9, 30.1, 61.59, 61.66, 69.4, 70.1, 70.3, 70.9, 71.3, 71.6, 72.89, 72.97, 77.82, 77.89, 80.30, 80.35, 81.96, 85.81, 85.88, 100.4.

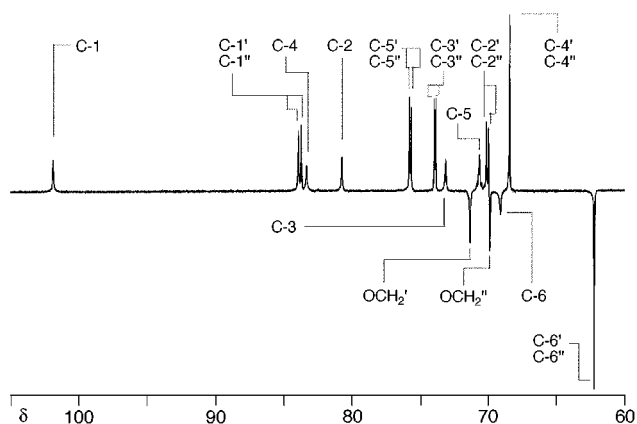


Figure 1. ¹³C DEPT NMR spectrum of **10** showing the carbohydrate region.

the cyclodextrin torus. The signals corresponding to the carbons on both the primary and secondary face glucose appendages appear at a very similar or, for all intents and purposes, the same chemical shift. Deprotection (NaOMe/MeOH) of **10** afforded the free cluster compound **11**, which was fully characterized by both ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopies.²⁷

In conclusion, we have described a novel synthetic strategy for the per-modification of *either* or *both* faces of β -CD. It utilizes the photoaddition of thiols to allyl ethers. We believe this method could be of great utility in the preparation of CD-based carbohydrate clusters, as it should work equally well with any monosaccharide thiol substrate and oligosaccharides. We are currently (1) investigating the binding abilities of these cluster compounds and (2) studying their interactions with plant lectins.

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Supporting Information Available: ¹H and ¹³C NMR data for compounds **5**–**11**. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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