## Supporting Information

## Stereoelectronic effects impact glycan recognition

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Figure S1. Schematic of biolayer interferometry (BLI) competition assay used to assess $\mathrm{IC}_{50}$ values of hItln-1 monosaccharide ligands. Biotinylated galactofuranose (Galf) was immobilized on streptavidin-coated biosensors and incubated with hItln- 1 in the presence of varying concentrations of soluble monosaccharides.


Figure S2. Biolayer interferometry (BLI) sensorgrams of soluble monosaccharides in competition with immobilized Galf. Real time sensorgrams are shown for competition with allyl-$\beta$-Galf, glycerol-1-phosphate, allyl- $\alpha$-KDO, allyl- $\alpha-\mathrm{KO}$, allyl-L,D-heptose, and allyl-D,D-heptose over a range of concentrations. Data from 710-720 s of each binding curve were averaged and used for $\mathrm{IC}_{50}$ determination (Figure 2).


Figure S3. Schematic of ELISA-like assay used to test binding of hItln-1 to immobilized monosaccharide ligands. Bovine serum albumin (BSA)-conjugated sugars were coated onto a plate and incubated with various concentrations of hItln-1. Binding to hItln-1 is detected via the enzyme horseradish peroxidase (HRP) conjugated to an antibody (either a secondary as shown or a directly conjugated primary) reacting with a chromogenic HRP substrate.


Figure S4. hItln-1 binding to monosaccharides in an ELISA-like assay using BSA-conjugated sugars. Data are shown as mean $\pm \operatorname{SEM}(\mathrm{n}=2$ technical replicates). Data are representative of two independent experiments. Data were fitted to a single-site binding equation (solid lines). OD, optical density.

Table S1. Data collection and refinement statistics

|  | Allyl- $\alpha$-KO bound hItln-1 |
| :---: | :---: |
| PDB code | 6USC |
| Data Collection |  |
| X-ray source | 23-ID-B |
| Detector | Eiger-16m |
| Wavelength, $\AA$ | 1.033202 |
| Resolution, $\AA$ A | 48.25-1.59 (1.79-1.59) |
| Space group | P 213 |
| $a, b, c(\AA)$ | 118.14, 118.14, 118.14 |
| $\alpha, \beta, \gamma\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | 90, 90, 90 |
| No. of Reflections | 2,622,179 (70,740) |
| No. Unique Reflections | 73,131 (6,680) |
| Redundancy | 35.8 (10.6) |
| Mean $I / \sigma$ | 16.9 (1.9) |
| Completeness | 99.2 (92.0) |
| $R_{\text {meas }}$ | 0.1384 (0.8223) |
| $R_{\text {merge }}$ | 0.1403 (0.8629) |
| $R_{\text {pim }}$ | 0.02237 (0.2486) |
| $\mathrm{CC}_{1 / 2}$ | 0.999 (0.514) |
| Wilson $B$-factor | 18.3 |
| Refinement |  |
| Working set | 73,130 (6680) |
| Test set | 3,522 (338) |
| $R_{\text {work }}$ | 0.1582 (0.2666) |
| $R_{\text {free }}$ | 0.1822 (0.3098) |
| RMS deviation bond lengths ( $\AA$ ) | 0.007 |
| RMS deviation bond angles ( ${ }^{\circ}$ ) | 0.86 |
| Protein residues | 558 |
| Total number of atoms | 4811 |
| Protein | 4438 |
| Allyl- $\alpha$-KO | 47 |
| Solvent | 326 |
| Mean $B$-factor ( $\AA^{2}$ ) | 21.94 |
| Protein | 21.35 |
| Allyl- $\alpha$-KO | 29.38 |
| Solvent | 28.88 |
| Ramachandran favored, allowed, outliers (\%) | 97, 3, 0 |
| Values in parentheses are for highest-resolution shell. |  |



Figure S5. Electron density of allyl- $\alpha-\mathrm{KO}$ bound to hItln-1. Final structures of allyl- $\alpha-\mathrm{KO}$ bound to chain A (A) and chain B (B) shown with the $2 F_{\mathrm{o}}-F_{\mathrm{c}}$ map contoured at $1.0 \sigma$. Both allyl- $\alpha-\mathrm{KO}$ ligands were removed from the final model and simulated annealing refinement was performed. Final structures of allyl $-\alpha-\mathrm{KO}$ bound to chain $\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{C})$ and chain $\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{D})$ are shown with the ensuing the $F_{\mathrm{o}}-F_{\mathrm{c}}$ map contoured at $3.0 \sigma$. Maps were prepared with phenix.refine and visualized with PyMOL.

Table S2A. Conformational analysis of saccharides containing exocyclic diols in the PDB.

| $\begin{gathered} \text { PDB } \\ \text { ID } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ligand } \\ & \text { ID } \end{aligned}$ | Residue | Trans to ring $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}$ : ring, side-chain | Proximal rotamer (y) | Distal rotamer <br> (z) | Glycan interactions | Protein interactions | Interacting residues |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pyranose |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1q9w | KDO | B301 | H,O | $\operatorname{tg}$ | gt | no | no |  |
|  | KDO | B302 | H,O | tg | gt | $1-\mathrm{Oz}$ | no |  |
|  | KDO | B303 | H,O | tg | gt | no | 1-Oy | Tyr92 mainchain |
|  | KDO | C311 | H,O | tg | gt | no | no |  |
|  | KDO | C312 | H,O | tg | gt | no | no |  |
|  | KDO | C313 | H,O | tg | gt | $1-\mathrm{Oz}$ | 1-Oy | Tyr92 mainchain |
| 2r1y | KDO | B212 | H,O | tg | gg | $1-\mathrm{Oz}$ | no |  |
|  | KDR | B213 | H,O | tg | tg | no | $1-\mathrm{Oz}$ | Asn52 sidechain |
| 2r23 | KO1 | B214 | H,O | tg | gg | no | no |  |
| 2r2b | KDO | B215 | H,O | tg | gg | no | no |  |
| 2r2h | KO2 | B212 | H,O | tg | gg | no | $1-\mathrm{Oy}$ | Asn30 sidechain |
| 2 ria | 289 | A356 | O,H | gt | gt | no | $2-\mathrm{Oy}$ | Arg343 sidechain |
|  | 289 | B356 | O,H | gt | gt | no | no |  |
|  | 289 | C356 | O,H | gt | gt | no | no |  |
| 2 rib | GMH | A356 | O,H | gg | gt | no | Ca | coordinates calcium |
|  | GMH | B356 | O,H | gg | gt | no | Ca |  |
|  | GMH | C356 | O,H | gg | gt | no | Ca |  |
| 2 ric | GMH | A356 | O,H | gg | gt | no | Ca | coordinates calcium |
|  | GMH | B356 | O,H | gg | gt | no | Ca |  |
|  | GMH | C356 | O,H | gg | gt | no | Ca |  |
| 2 rie | 293 | A356 | O,H | gg | gt | no | Ca | coordinates calcium |
|  | 293 | B356 | O,H | gg | gt | no | Ca |  |
|  | 293 | C356 | O,H | gg | gt | no | Ca |  |
| 3dur | KDO KDO | A303 D303 | $\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{O}$ $\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{O}$ | $\operatorname{tg}$ $\operatorname{tg}$ | gg gg | no no | $2-\mathrm{Oy}, 1-\mathrm{Oz}$ $2-\mathrm{Oy}$ | Tyr92 mainchain, Lys30 sidechain (both) <br> Tyr92 mainchain, Lys30 sidechain |
| 3dus | KDO KDO | A107 C108 | $\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{O}$ $\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{O}$ | $\operatorname{tg}$ $\operatorname{tg}$ | gg gg | no no | $2-\mathrm{Oy}, 1-\mathrm{Oz}$ $2-\mathrm{Oy}, 2-\mathrm{Oz}$ | Tyr92 mainchain, Lys30 sidechain (both) <br> Tyr92 mainchain, Lys30 sidechain (both), PEG |
| 3 duu | KDO KDO | B114 D114 | $\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{O}$ $\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{O}$ | tg tg | gg gg | no no | $2-\mathrm{Oy}, 1-\mathrm{Oz}$ $2-\mathrm{Oy}$ | Tyr92 mainchain, Lys30 sidechain (both) <br> Tyr92 mainchain, Lys30 sidechain |
| 3dv6 | KDO | B114 | H,O | tg | gg | no | $2-\mathrm{Oy}, 1-\mathrm{Oz}$ | Tyr33, Arg52 (both) |
| 3 etn | CMK | B500 | H,O | tg | gg | no | $1-\mathrm{Oy}, 1-\mathrm{Oz}$ | Asn96 both |
|  | CMK | C500 | H,O | tg | gg | no | $1-\mathrm{Oy}, 1-\mathrm{Oz}$ | Asn96 both |
|  | CMK | D500 | H,O | tg | gg | no | 1-Oy,1-Oz | Asn96 both |


| 3 hzm | KDO | B303 | H,O | $\operatorname{tg}$ | gt | no | no |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3 hzv | KDA | A301 | H,O | tg | gt | 1-Oy | no |  |
|  | KDO | A303 | H,O | tg | gt | no | Oz-1 | Arg27 sidechain |
| 3k2v | CMK | A1 | H,O | $\operatorname{tg}$ | gt | no | $1-\mathrm{Oy}, 1-\mathrm{Oz}$ | Asn242 mainchain, His307 sidechain |
|  | CMK | B2 | H, O | tg | gt | no | 1-Oy | Asn242 mainchain |
| 3k8d | KDO | A1244 | H,O | tg | gg | no | $2-\mathrm{Oy}$ | His181 and Gln 211 sidechains |
|  | KDO | B1244 | H,O | tg | gg | no | $2-\mathrm{Oy}$ | His 181 and Gln 211 sidechains |
|  | KDO | C1244 | H,O | $\operatorname{tg}$ | gg | no | $2-\mathrm{Oy}$ | His 181 and Gln 211 sidechains |
|  | KDO | D1244 | H,O | tg | gg | no | $2-\mathrm{Oy}$ | His 181 and Gln 211 sidechains |
| 3 okd | KDO | B214 | H, O | $\operatorname{tg}$ | gg | no | no |  |
| 3 kk | KDO | B225 | H,O | tg | gg | 1-Oz | $2-\mathrm{Oy}$ | Tyr92 mainchain, Asn27 sidechain |
| 3okl | KDO | B216 | H,O | tg | gg | no | no |  |
| $3 \mathrm{sy0}$ | KDA | B301 | H,O | tg | gg | no | no |  |
|  | KDO | B303 | H,O | tg | gg | no | no |  |
| 3 t 4 y | KDO | B303 | H,O | tg | gg | no | no |  |
| $3 \mathrm{t65}$ | KDO | B303 | H,O | tg | gg | no | 1-Oy | Asn30 sidechain |
| 3 t 77 | KDO | B303 | H,O | tg | gt | no | $1-\mathrm{Oy}$ | Tyr92 mainchain |
| 3 v 0 w | GMH | H307 | O,H | gg | gt | 1-Oy | no |  |
|  | GM0 | H308 | O,H | gg | gt | no | no |  |
|  | KDO | H309 | H,O | tg | gt | 1-Oy | no |  |
| 4 e 52 | GMH | B404 | O,H | gg | gt | no | Ca |  |
|  | GMH | C404 | O,H | gg | gt | no | Ca | coordinates calcium |
| 4hgw | KDO | B302 | H,O | tg | gg | no | 1-Oy | Asn93 sidechain |
| 4 m 7 j | KDA | H303 | H,O | tg | gt | no | no |  |
|  | KDO | H305 | H,O | $\operatorname{tg}$ | $\operatorname{tg}$ | $2-\mathrm{Oz}$ | $1-\mathrm{Oy}, 2-\mathrm{Oz}$ | Thr99 sidechain, Asn28 and Tyr32 sidechain |
| 4o9k | CMK CMK | A401 B401 | $\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{O}$ $\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{O}$ | $\operatorname{tg}$ $\operatorname{tg}$ | gg gt | no no | $2-\mathrm{Oy}$ $2-\mathrm{Oy}, 1-\mathrm{Oz}$ | Leu240 mainchain, <br> Asn321 sidechain Leu240 mainchain, Asn321 sidechain and Arg304 sidechain |
| 4pf6 | KDO | A401 | H,O | tg | gg | no | 1-Oy, 1-Oz | Arg42 sidechain |
| 5 fvn | KDO | A417 | H,O | tg | gt | no | $1-\mathrm{Oz}$ | Arg 199 mainchain |
|  | KDO | B409 | H,O | tg | gt | no | no |  |
|  | GMH | B410 | O,H | gg | gt | no | no |  |
|  | KDO | B411 | H,O | tg | gt | no | $1-\mathrm{Oz}$ | Arg 199 mainchain |
|  | KDO | C415 | H,O | tg | gt | 1-Oy | no |  |
|  | GMH | C416 | H,O | tg | gt | no | no |  |
|  | KDO | C417 | H,C | gg | tg | no | Ca | coordinates calcium |
|  | KDO | C427 | H,O | tg | gt | no | no |  |
|  | KDO | C428 | H,O | tg | gt | no | 1-Oz | Arg 199 mainchain |
|  | KDO | D425 | H,O | tg | gt | no | no |  |
|  | KDO | D426 | H,O | tg | gt | no | $1-\mathrm{Oz}$ | Arg 199 mainchain |
|  | 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


|  | KDO | E407 | H,O | $\operatorname{tg}$ | gt | no | no |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | KDO | E408 | H,O | tg | gt | no | $1-\mathrm{Oz}$ | Arg 199 mainchain |
|  | KDO | F408 | H,O | tg | gg | $1-\mathrm{Oz}$ | no |  |
|  | KDO | F410 | H, C | gg | tg | no | Ca | coordinates calcium |
|  | KDO | F420 | H,O | tg | gt | no | no |  |
|  | KDO | F421 | H,O | tg | gt | no | $1-\mathrm{Oz}$ | Arg 199 mainchain |
| $50 x r$ | GMH | B405 | O,H | gg | gt | no | Ca | coordinates calcium |
|  | GMH | B406 | O,H | gg | tg | $1-\mathrm{Oz}$ | no |  |
|  | GMH | C405 | O,H | gg | gt | no | Ca | coordinates calcium |
| 50xs | GMH | A405 | O,H | gg | tg | $2-\mathrm{Oz}$ | no |  |
|  | GMH | B404 | O,H | gg | gt | no | Ca | coordinates calcium |
|  | GMH | B405 | O,H | gg | gt | no | no |  |
|  | GMH | C404 | O,H | gg | gt | no | Ca | coordinates calcium |
| 6 c 5 h | KDO | H409 | H,O | tg | gt | no | no |  |
|  | KDO | H411 | H,O | tg | gg | $1-\mathrm{Oz}$ | $1-\mathrm{Oz}$ | Asn28 sidechain |
| 6 c 5 k | KDO | A406 | H,O | tg | gg | no | no |  |
|  | KDO | A408 | H,O | tg | gg | $1-\mathrm{Oz}$ | $1-\mathrm{Oz}$ | Asn28 sidechain |
|  | KDO | H406 | H,O | tg | gg | no | no |  |
|  | KDO | H408 | H,O | tg | gg | $1-\mathrm{Oz}$ | $1-\mathrm{Oz}$ | Asn28 sidechain |
| Furanose ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2vk2 | GZL | A1298 | O,C | gt | gt |  | $3-\mathrm{Oy}, 1-\mathrm{Oz}$ |  |
| 2 ydg | A5C | A1131 | H, H | gg | tg |  | $1-\mathrm{Oy}$ | Asn65 sidechain |
| 4 xad | 3ZW | A207 | O,H | gg | tg |  | $3-\mathrm{Oy}$ | Ser50, Asn59, Arg61 sidechain |
| 4wmy | 3S6 | A404 | O,H | gg | gt |  | Ca | Both coordinated |
| 51sh | KTS | A205_1 | O,H | gg | $\mathrm{tg} / \mathrm{gt}$ |  | no |  |
|  | KTS | A205_2 | O,H | gg | gg |  | $2-\mathrm{Oy}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Arg98 and Asp102 } \\ & \text { sidechain } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{\mathrm{a}}$ GLZ, 3ZW, 3S6, and KTS are all $\beta$-D-galactofuranose-containing

Table S2B. Summary of conformational analysis results

| Proximal rotamer | Number of instances | Distal rotamer | Number of instances |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pyranose, equatorial hydrogen (67 structures) |  |  |  |
| gg | 2 | gg | 0 |
|  |  | $\operatorname{tg}$ | 2 |
|  |  | gt | 0 |
| tg | 65 | gg | 34 |
|  |  | tg | 2 |
|  |  | gt | 29 |
| gt | 0 |  | 0 |
| Pyranose, equatorial hydroxyl group (24 structures) |  |  |  |
| gg | 21 | gg | 0 |
|  |  | tg | 2 |
|  |  | gt | 19 |
| tg | 0 |  | 0 |
| gt | 3 | gg | 0 |
|  |  | tg | 0 |
|  |  | gt | 3 |
| Furanose (6 structures) |  |  |  |
| gg | 5 | gg | 1 |
|  |  | tg | 3* |
|  |  | gt | 2* |
| tg | 0 |  | 0 |
| gt | 1 | gg | 0 |
|  |  | tg | 0 |
|  |  | gt | 1 |

Table S3. Cartesian coordinates of saccharides optimized at the M06-2X/6-311+G(d,p); IEFPCM:water level of theory

| C | 0.85349500 | $-1.87232600$ | -0.15394700 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| O | -0.24235900 | 0.08517200 | 0.72447000 |
| C | -0.14406900 | -1.89765100 | $-1.31608400$ |
| O | -2.14431300 | -1.94466900 | 0.07189900 |
| C | -1.45575000 | -1.20247600 | -0.93245100 |
| O | -0.39478000 | -3.23370300 | -1.71959200 |
| C | -1.15197500 | 0.17934800 | $-0.36659900$ |
| O | 1.47707000 | 0.00528600 | 2.71277600 |
| C | 1.02000300 | $-0.44623300$ | 0.38166200 |
| O | 3.08177400 | -0.90822200 | 1.43785400 |
| C | 1.94182800 | -0.44697900 | 1.65263600 |
| O | 1.60126300 | 0.29029000 | -0.66791600 |
| C | -2.40071200 | 0.89023900 | 0.15695500 |
| O | -3.40310400 | 0.91705400 | -0.84607100 |
| C | -2.06039500 | 2.28333100 | 0.65221800 |
| O | -3.22475400 | 2.84370500 | 1.23884900 |
| C | 1.93734400 | 1.63268800 | $-0.32144500$ |
| O | 0.42938100 | $-2.74924200$ | 0.87834600 |
| C | 2.26576800 | 2.36921900 | $-1.58118300$ |
| C | 3.40234200 | 3.02832900 | $-1.77380500$ |
| H | 4.17758300 | 3.04591000 | $-1.01398600$ |
| H | 1.82786400 | $-2.23070700$ | -0.48523100 |
| H | 0.29048900 | $-1.36722600$ | -2.16620900 |
| H | -2.46975500 | $-2.75677800$ | -0.33110800 |
| H | -2.08838000 | -1.09694300 | $-1.81781300$ |
| H | -0.28860100 | -3.79061800 | -0.93767400 |
| H | -0.70802400 | 0.78158800 | -1.17197300 |
| H | -2.81687000 | 0.30764000 | 0.98125700 |
| H | -3.14591300 | 1.55067200 | $-1.52536900$ |
| H | -1.72053700 | 2.89524800 | -0.19589300 |
| H | -2.99852300 | 3.70354200 | 1.60360000 |
| H | 2.78757300 | 1.63830200 | 0.36949200 |
| H | -0.45980400 | -2.47214400 | 1.14469600 |
| H | 1.49865300 | 2.35355500 | $-2.35205600$ |
| H | 3.59225300 | 3.57485200 | $-2.69004100$ |
| H | -1.24619100 | 2.21237600 | 1.37811700 |
| H | 1.07948500 | 2.10043100 | 0.17754300 |


| DD_gtgt |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C | -1.25090400 | 0.99202400 | 0.67333800 |
| C | -0.64381300 | -0.37806100 | 0.39774500 |
| C | 1.03284000 | 0.53549900 | $-1.03003400$ |
| C | 0.54444400 | 1.96160500 | -0.78948200 |
| C | -0.15930200 | 2.05495000 | 0.56688600 |
| H | 0.13424400 | -0.57492900 | 1.14480100 |
| H | 1.39276100 | 2.64646400 | -0.81411200 |
| H | 0.56792500 | 1.89111700 | 1.36626200 |
| O | -0.05407900 | $-0.36717400$ | -0.90727700 |
| O | 2.04510000 | 0.27719900 | -0.11265400 |
| C | 2.66970200 | $-0.99738800$ | -0.29030300 |
| H | 3.08602600 | $-1.06591400$ | -1.30151800 |
| H | 1.91674300 | $-1.78447000$ | -0.16760900 |
| C | 5.00574100 | $-1.41607100$ | 0.45746000 |
| H | 5.74776900 | $-1.54021900$ | 1.23720700 |
| H | 5.33800400 | $-1.53569500$ | -0.56905800 |
| C | 3.73970600 | $-1.13798900$ | 0.74421500 |
| H | 3.41857300 | $-1.01750200$ | 1.77578400 |
| C | -1.61342200 | $-1.55653100$ | 0.43038600 |
| H | -1.98569400 | $-1.66506100$ | 1.45135300 |
| C | -2.80076300 | $-1.38127000$ | -0.50297400 |
| H | -3.34138300 | $-0.46844100$ | -0.23306800 |
| H | -2.44930600 | $-1.28877600$ | $-1.53760800$ |
| O | -0.89483100 | -2.74460600 | 0.14260900 |
| H | -0.46896600 | -2.61920000 | -0.71429400 |
| O | -3.64181600 | -2.51358000 | $-0.35071600$ |
| H | -4.40188300 | $-2.40602600$ | -0.92882700 |
| H | 1.38349200 | 0.41213500 | $-2.05997800$ |
| H | -2.02128900 | 1.21196500 | -0.07898100 |
| O | -0.33446900 | 2.36506800 | $-1.82772900$ |
| H | -0.91539700 | 1.62745400 | $-2.05197000$ |
| O | -0.71058000 | 3.34244600 | 0.76933200 |
| H | -1.14634300 | 3.59922100 | $-0.05410900$ |
| O | -1.82655000 | 0.97052100 | 1.96207600 |
| H | -2.06283600 | 1.87827600 | 2.18718300 |



| LD_gggt |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C | 1.43296500 | -0.90169400 | 0.68699200 |
| C | 0.71924500 | 0.39063800 | 0.30483600 |
| C | -0.87532300 | -0.78204200 | -1.03696800 |
| C | -0.24021100 | -2.13365900 | -0.72515800 |
| C | 0.45907900 | -2.07551600 | 0.63288800 |
| H | -0.04509200 | 0.60949500 | 1.06021000 |
| H | -1.01072600 | -2.90537100 | -0.71376900 |
| H | -0.28937800 | -1.94338600 | 1.41840700 |
| O | 0.10965700 | 0.23472100 | -0.98096500 |
| O | -1.89693400 | $-0.57193400$ | -0.11662700 |
| C | -2.68202400 | 0.59270700 | $-0.38952400$ |
| H | -3.22712800 | 0.45639800 | $-1.33003200$ |
| H | -2.01519700 | 1.45619700 | $-0.49464800$ |
| C | -4.93809100 | 0.89453400 | 0.61696500 |
| H | -5.58422800 | 1.07342100 | 1.46815500 |
| H | -5.41086100 | 0.80363800 | $-0.35599000$ |
| C | -3.62119400 | 0.79886800 | 0.75500600 |
| H | -3.15855900 | 0.88741100 | 1.73489500 |
| C | 1.66956500 | 1.57627700 | 0.18063900 |
| C | 0.89954500 | 2.86679700 | $-0.04660600$ |
| H | 0.41779700 | 2.83654000 | $-1.03069500$ |
| H | 0.12085800 | 2.95851800 | 0.71970200 |
| O | 1.81636000 | 3.94565100 | 0.03684200 |
| H | 1.35698500 | 4.75683200 | $-0.19633600$ |
| H | -1.24809400 | $-0.75460600$ | $-2.06607600$ |
| H | 2.25102900 | $-1.07303700$ | -0.02613200 |
| O | 0.68141400 | $-2.49463800$ | $-1.74165100$ |
| H | 1.19283100 | $-1.71524300$ | -1.99211700 |
| O | 1.13710700 | -3.28666400 | 0.91341400 |
| H | 1.61459900 | -3.53862900 | 0.11210700 |
| O | 1.95580900 | $-0.74143400$ | 1.99075200 |
| H | 2.28721300 | $-1.60140100$ | 2.27452400 |
| H | 2.23263500 | 1.66106800 | 1.11308100 |
| O | 2.62556200 | 1.34811300 | $-0.84021400$ |
| H | 2.14217500 | 1.20016800 | -1.66212000 |


| LD_gtgt |  |  | H | 2.76963000 | -1.74561900 | 1.89698200 |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C | -1.18963400 | 1.13901600 | 0.44739600 | C | -1.87898400 | -1.16513100 | -0.52237300 |
| C | -0.75794000 | -0.24775600 | -0.02717100 | C | -2.83048400 | -1.60355700 | 0.57038300 |
| C | 1.28557400 | 0.61883600 | -0.95100800 | H | -2.27519200 | -2.19307400 | 1.30979700 |
| C | 0.94929200 | 2.05042400 | -0.55057900 | H | -3.25209500 | -0.72602400 | 1.06138400 |
| C | 0.03720500 | 2.02710400 | 0.67227500 | O | -3.84994500 | -2.38694100 | -0.03681400 |
| H | -0.19884800 | -0.75119500 | 0.77185000 | H | -4.48753300 | -2.62665600 | 0.64082900 |
| H | 1.86516800 | 2.59624600 | -0.32137400 | H | 1.81147800 | 0.59195600 | -1.91106300 |
| H | 0.59215800 | 1.62817500 | 1.52510700 | H | -1.82785200 | 1.59224900 | -0.32610500 |
| O | 0.08221100 | -0.09222800 | -1.18012500 | O | 0.32430800 | 2.73289600 | -1.62508000 |
| O | 2.04829300 | 0.05850100 | 0.06662000 | H | -0.30321800 | 2.13539800 | -2.05074800 |
| C | 2.52423200 | -1.25741200 | -0.23168500 | O | -0.37985700 | 3.33175600 | 1.03078900 |
| H | 3.14916400 | -1.22818600 | -1.13117100 | H | -0.64208300 | 3.78238000 | 0.21718200 |
| H | 1.66652100 | -1.91300400 | -0.42269000 | O | -1.90839300 | 1.02150800 | 1.65955700 |
| C | 4.54951800 | -2.19022700 | 0.87189600 | H | -2.00469200 | 1.91252100 | 2.01747500 |
| H | 5.06993800 | -2.56731800 | 1.74422100 | H | -2.44608900 | -0.62759800 | -1.29526000 |
| H | 5.08899400 | -2.19483400 | -0.07009600 | O | -1.29932600 | -2.33501600 | -1.07681800 |
| C | 3.29992900 | -1.74859700 | 0.94799100 | H | -0.64602000 | -2.04543500 | -1.72409500 |

Table S4. NBO Donor-acceptor interaction energies and calculated $\Delta E_{\text {NBO }}$ of bond rotation.

| Glycan conformation | Interaction | Energy (kcal/mol) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| DD-heptose-gtgt | $\sigma_{\mathrm{C} 19-\mathrm{H} 20} \rightarrow \sigma^{*}{ }_{\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{O} 9}$ | 5.34 |
|  | $\sigma_{\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2} \rightarrow \sigma^{*}{ }^{\text {C19-O24 }}$ | 2.42 |
|  | $\sigma_{\mathrm{C} 19-\mathrm{C} 21} \rightarrow \sigma^{*}{ }_{\text {C2-H6 }}$ | 1.95 |
|  | $\sigma_{\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{H} 6} \rightarrow \sigma^{*}{ }^{\text {C19-C21 }}$ | 3.54 |
|  | Sum of all interactions | 13.25 |
| DD-heptose-gggt | $\sigma_{\mathrm{C} 19-\mathrm{C} 21} \rightarrow \sigma^{*} \mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{O} 9$ | 2.72 |
|  | $\sigma_{\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{H} 6} \rightarrow \sigma^{*} \mathrm{C} 19-\mathrm{O} 24$ | 4.93 |
|  | $\sigma_{\mathrm{C} 19-\mathrm{H} 20} \rightarrow \sigma^{*}{ }_{\mathrm{Cl} 1-\mathrm{C} 2}$ | 3.93 |
|  | $\sigma_{\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2} \rightarrow \sigma^{*}{ }_{\mathrm{C} 19-\mathrm{H} 20}$ | 1.48 |
|  | Sum of all interactions | 13.06 |
|  | DD-heptose $\Delta E_{\text {NBO }}$ | 0.19 |
| LD-heptose-gggt | $\sigma_{\text {C19-H33 }} \rightarrow \sigma^{*}{ }_{\text {C2-O9 }}$ | 4.73 |
|  | $\sigma_{\mathrm{C} 19-\mathrm{H} 20} \rightarrow \sigma^{*}{ }_{\mathrm{Cl} 1-\mathrm{C} 2}$ | 2.06 |
|  | $\sigma_{\mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{H} 6} \rightarrow \sigma^{*} \mathrm{Cl}^{\text {c-O34 }}$ | 4.52 |
|  | $\sigma_{\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2} \rightarrow \sigma^{*}{ }_{\text {C19 }}{ }^{\text {C20 }}$ | 1.64 |
|  | Sum of all interactions | 13.25 |
| LD-heptose-gtgt | $\sigma_{\mathrm{C} 19-\mathrm{H} 33} \rightarrow \sigma^{*}{ }_{\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{H} 6}$ | 2.86 |
|  | $\sigma_{\mathrm{C} 19-\mathrm{C} 20} \rightarrow \sigma^{*}{ }_{\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{O} 9}$ | 2.15 |
|  | $\sigma_{\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{H} 6} \rightarrow \sigma^{*}{ }_{\text {C19 }} \mathrm{H} 33$ | 2.57 |
|  | $\sigma_{\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2} \rightarrow \sigma^{*} \mathrm{C} 19-\mathrm{O} 34$ | 2.12 |
|  | Sum of all interactions | 9.7 |
|  | LD-heptose $\Delta E_{\text {NBO }}$ | 3.25 |

## II. Synthetic Procedures

## a. General Procedures and Materials

All reagents and solvents were purchased from Sigma Aldrich and used without further purification unless otherwise noted. Methanol was dried over $4 \AA$ molecular sieves or neutral alumina. Dichloromethane was dried over $4 \AA$ molecular sieves. Aqueous solutions of salts were saturated unless stated otherwise. All reactions were run under an inert $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ atmosphere unless otherwise noted. All glassware and stir bars were dried prior to use. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out on E. Merck (Darnstadt) or Silicycle TLC plates pre-coated with silica gel 60 F254 ( $250-\mu \mathrm{m}$ layer thickness) or on HPTLC plates with a $2.5-\mathrm{cm}$ concentration zone (Merck). Analyte visualization was accomplished using a UV lamp and by charring with $p$-anisaldehyde or potassium permanganate solution. For column chromatography, silica gel ( $0.040-0.063 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) was used. Optical rotations were measured with an Anton Paar MCP100 Polarimeter. Proton and carbon magnetic resonance spectra ( ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR) were recorded on a Bruker Avance III 600 instrument or a Bruker Avance DRX 600 instrument ( ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR at 600 MHz and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR at 151 MHz ) using standard Bruker NMR software. Solvent resonance was used as the internal standard $-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ spectra were referenced to $7.26 \mathrm{ppm}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ and $0.00 \mathrm{ppm}\left(\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right.$, external calibration to 2,2-dimethyl-2-silapentane-5-sulfonic acid) or $0.00 \mathrm{ppm}\left(\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right.$, external calibration to 3-(trimethylsilyl)propionic acid- $d_{4}$ sodium salt). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ spectra were referenced to $77.00 \mathrm{ppm}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ and $67.40 \mathrm{ppm}\left(\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right.$, external calibration to 1,4-dioxane) or to $0.00 \mathrm{ppm}\left(\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right.$, external calibration to 3-(trimethylsilyl)propionic acid- $d_{4}$ sodium salt). Some assignments were based on COSY and HSQC data. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity $(\mathrm{s}=$ singlet, $\mathrm{d}=$ doublet, $\mathrm{t}=$ triplet, $\mathrm{q}=$ quartet, quint $=$ quintet, $\mathrm{dd}=$ doublet of doublets, ddd $=$ doublet of doublet of doublets, $\mathrm{td}=$ triplet of doublets, $\mathrm{qd}=$ quartet of doublets, $\mathrm{m}=$ multiplet, br. s . = broad singlet), coupling constants (Hz), and integration. ESI-MS data were obtained on a Micromass QTOF Ultima Global instrument. DART-TOF MS data were obtained on a JEOL AccuTOF DART instrument at $300^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization time-of-flight mass spectra (MALDI-TOF-MS) were obtained on Bruker Autoflex MALDI TOF/TOF or Bruker microflex LRFTM instrument using 2,5-dihydroxyacetophenone or sinapic acid as matrix.

## Commercially available and previously characterized compounds:

Cysteamine hydrochloride was purchased from Fluka. Bovine serum albumin was purchased from US Biological. Glycerol phosphate was purchased from Sigma Aldrich (Milwaukee, WI: cat. no. G7886). The synthesis of the Galf-biotin ligand was described previously ${ }^{1}$. Allyl-Gal $f^{1}$, allyl-KO ${ }^{2}$, allyl-KDO ${ }^{3}$, allyl-L,Dheptose ${ }^{4-6}$, and allyl-Neu5 $\mathrm{Ac}^{7}$ have all been previously synthesized and characterized. KO-BSA conjugate ${ }^{8}$ and KDO-BSA conjugate ${ }^{9}$ have also been previously synthesized and characterized.

## b. Experimental Procedures i. Synthesis of L,D-heptose BSA conjugate (4)



3-(2-Aminoethylthio)propyl L-glycero- $\alpha$-D-manno-heptopyranoside (2).- A solution of allyl-L,Dheptose $1^{4}(6.0 \mathrm{mg}, 24 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ and cysteamine hydrochloride ( $2.7 \mathrm{mg}, 24 \mu \mathrm{~mol}$ ) in $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(0.1 \mathrm{~mL})$ was irradiated at 254 nm for 3 h at RT. The reaction mixture was diluted with water and applied onto a column of Dowex $50 \mathrm{H}^{+}$cation exchange resin ( $10 \mathrm{~cm} \times 1 \mathrm{~cm}$ diameter). Elution with 0.1 M aq. $\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ afforded first a pool containing unreacted educt and cysteamine followed by fractions containing 2 . Lyophilization of the latter fractions afforded $2(4.5 \mathrm{mg}, 52 \%)$ as an amorphous solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ): $\delta 4.83(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $1.71 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-1$ ), 4.01 (ddd, $J=1.1,5.3,7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-6), 3.90$ (dd, $J=1.7,3.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-2), 3.83$ (t, $J=9.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-4), 3.78-3.74\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 3.76(\mathrm{dd}, J=3.4,9.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-3), 3.714 .42(\mathrm{dd}, J=$ $7.6,11.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-7 \mathrm{a}$ ), 3.67 (dd, $J=5.4,11.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-7 \mathrm{~b}), 3.58-3.53$ (m, 2 , H-5, OCH $)_{2}$, 3.18 (t, $J$ $\left.=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NCH}_{2}\right), 2.98\left(\mathrm{t}, J=6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right), 2.73\left(\mathrm{t}, J=6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{SCH}_{2}\right), 2.66-2.61(\mathrm{~m}$, $2.4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{SCH}_{2}$ ), 1.92-1.84 (m, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~S}$ ), 1.63-1.60 (m, $\left.0.4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~S}\right) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ): $\delta 100.6$ (C-1), 72.1 (C-5), 71.7 (C-3), 70.9 (C-2), 69.6 (C-6), 66.9 (OCH2), 66.8 (C-4), 63.8 (C-7), 41.4 and 39.9 $\left(\mathrm{NCH}_{2}\right), 31.8$ and $28.4\left(\mathrm{SCH}_{2}\right), 29.2\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~S}\right)$. ESI TOF HRMS: $m / z$ calc'd for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{25} \mathrm{NO}_{7} \mathrm{~S}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$ 328.1424; found 328.1429.

## BSA conjugate 4

A solution of $2(4.5 \mathrm{mg}, 12 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ in $0.1 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(1.3 \mathrm{~mL})$ was vigorously stirred with a solution of thiophosgene $(2 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 26 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ in $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}(2 \mathrm{~mL})$ for 1 h at RT to produce isocyanate 3. The organic phase was removed using a pipette and the aqueous phase was extracted with three portions of $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$. Traces of organic solvent were then removed by using a stream of air until a clear solution was obtained. The water phase was then combined with a solution of $\mathrm{BSA}(2 \mathrm{mg})$ in $0.1 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{NaHCO}_{3} / 0.3 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{NaCl}(2 \mathrm{~mL})$ and stirred
for 60 h at RT. The solution was twice dialyzed against water ( 2 L ) and freeze-dried to give $\mathbf{4}$ as colorless powder ( 1.8 mg ). MALDI-TOF-MS: M+ 70096 (determined for BSA: 66488 ); 9.7 mol ligand $/ \mathrm{mol}$ BSA.

## ii. Synthesis of allyl D,D-heptose (8)



2,3,4,6,7-Penta-O-acetyl-D-glycero- $\alpha$-D-manno-heptopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate (6). A suspension of 2,3,4,6,7-penta-O-acetyl-D,D-heptose $5^{10}(33.8 \mathrm{mg}, 80 \mu \mathrm{~mol}), \mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ (140 mg, 1 mmol ), and trichloroacetonitrile ( $65 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.64 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in dry $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(5 \mathrm{~mL})$ was stirred for 18 h at RT . Additional portions of $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(40 \mathrm{mg})$ and trichloroacetonitrile $(20 \mu \mathrm{~L})$ were added and stirring was continued for 3 h at RT. The suspension was diluted with toluene and concentrated. The residue was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel (toluene-EtOAc $3: 1$, containing $0.1 \%$ triethylamine) to give 6 ( $38 \mathrm{mg}, 84 \%$ ) as colorless prisms, m.p. 121-123 ${ }^{\circ}$ (from EtOAc-hexane), followed by the $\beta$-anomer ( $2 \mathrm{mg}, 4 \%$ ) as a syrup. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ for 6: $\delta 8.79(\mathrm{NH}), 6.26(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-1), 5.44(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-2), 5.40-$ $5.36(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-3, \mathrm{H}-4), 5.20(\mathrm{dt}, J=2 \times 3.5,7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-6), 4.42(\mathrm{dd}, J=3.8,12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-7 \mathrm{a})$, $4.26(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.3,12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-7 \mathrm{~b}), 4.22-4.20(\mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{H}-5), 2.19(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.11(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.05(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.04$ $(\mathrm{s}, 3 \mathrm{H})$ and $2.00\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 5 \times \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CO}\right)$. Compound 6 was directly used for the glycosylation reaction.

Allyl 2,3,4,6,7-penta-O-acetyl-D-glycero- $\alpha$-D-manno-heptopyranoside (7). A suspension of allyl alcohol ( $25 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.37 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and molecular sieves $4 \AA(200 \mathrm{mg})$ in dry $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(5 \mathrm{~mL})$ was stirred for 1 h at RT under Ar followed by addition of $\mathbf{6}(82 \mathrm{mg}, 125 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ in dry $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(5 \mathrm{~mL})$. Stirring was continued for 30 min and TMSO-triflate ( $6 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 33 \mu \mathrm{~mol}$ ) was added. The suspension was stirred for 4 h at RT. Additional portions of allyl alcohol ( $25 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ ) and TMSO-triflate ( $4 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ ) were added and stirring was continued for 2 h . The reaction was quenched by addition of triethylamine $(0.1 \mathrm{~mL})$ at ice-bath temperature followed by addition of dry pyridine ( 2 mL ), a catalytic amount of $N, N$-dimethylaminopyridine, and acetic anhydride $(0.25 \mathrm{~mL})$. The suspension was stirred overnight at RT. Methanol $(0.2 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added, the suspension was filtered over Celite©, concentrated, and coevaporated three times with toluene. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (toluene-EtOAc 2:1), which gave $7(31.8 \mathrm{mg}, 47 \%)$ as a syrup followed by a fraction of 7 containing $10 \%$ of the $\beta$-anomer ( $28.5 \mathrm{mg}, 43 \%$ ); $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{20}+42\left(c 0.3 \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 600 $\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 5.89(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H},=\mathrm{CH}-), 5.34(\mathrm{dd}, J=3.4,9.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-3), 5.30\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H},=\mathrm{CH}_{2 \mathrm{rans}}\right), 5.27(\mathrm{t}$, $J=9.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-4), 5.24\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H},=\mathrm{CH}_{2 \mathrm{cis}}\right), 5.22(\mathrm{dd}, J=1.9,3.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-2), 5.19(\mathrm{dt}, J=2 \times 3.3,6.9$
$\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-6), 4.83(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-1), 4.43(\mathrm{dd}, J=3.6,12.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-7 \mathrm{a}), 4.26(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.4$, $12.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-7 \mathrm{~b}), 4.18\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 4.02\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 4.02(\mathrm{dd}, J=3.4,9.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-5), 2.15$ (s, 3 H ), $2.08\left(2 \mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}\right.$ ) and $1.99\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 5 \times \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CO}\right) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 170.6,169.6,169.8$ (2 C), and 169.7 ( $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ ), 132.9 ( $=\mathrm{CH}-$ ), $118.3\left(=\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right.$ ), 96.4 (C-1), 70.3 (C-6), 69.9 (C-5), 69.5 (C-2), 69.2 (C-3), $68.4\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 66.8(\mathrm{C}-4), 61.7(\mathrm{C}-7)$; ESI TOF HRMS: $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{28} \mathrm{O}_{12}\left[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}^{+}\right]^{+} 483.1473$; found 483.1483.

Allyl D-glycero- $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$-D-manno-heptopyranoside (8). A solution of $7(15.5 \mathrm{mg}, 33.7 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ and 0.1 M methanolic $\mathrm{NaOMe}(0.2 \mathrm{~mL})$ in dry $\mathrm{MeOH}(5 \mathrm{~mL})$ was stirred for 4 h at RT. The pH of the solution was adjusted to 7 by addition of Dowex $50 \mathrm{H}^{+}$cation-exchange resin and the resin was filtered off. The filtrate was concentrated to afford $\mathbf{8}(8.4 \mathrm{mg}, \sim 99 \%)$ as a colorless syrup; $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{20}+73.5\left(c 0.4, \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right) ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 600 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right): \delta 5.95(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H},=\mathrm{CH}-), 5.34\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H},=\mathrm{CH}_{2 \text { trans }}\right), 5.26\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H},=\mathrm{CH}_{2 \mathrm{cis}}\right), 4.86(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1$ H, H-1), $4.21\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 4.04\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right)$, (dt, $\left.J=2 \times 3.2,7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-6\right), 3.90(\mathrm{dd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-$ 2), 3.79 (dd, $J=3.4,11.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-7 \mathrm{a}), 3.75(\mathrm{dd}, J=3.2,9.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-3), 3.73(\mathrm{t}, J=9.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-$ 4), 3.69 (dd, $J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-7 \mathrm{~b}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ): $\delta 134.1(=\mathrm{CH}-), 119.2\left(=\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 99.8(\mathrm{C}-$ 1), 73.8 (C-5), 72.6 (C-6), 71.7 (C-3), 70.7 (C-2), $68.9(\mathrm{C}-4), 68.2\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 62.6(\mathrm{C}-7)$; ESI TOF HRMS: $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{7}\left[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}^{+}\right]^{+}: 251.1125$; found: 251.1133.

## iii. Synthesis of D,D-heptose BSA conjugate (11)




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3-(2-Aminoethylthio)propyl D-glycero- $\alpha$-D-manno-heptopyranoside (9). A solution of $\mathbf{8}$ ( $5.1 \mathrm{mg}, 26$ $\mu \mathrm{mol}$ ) and cysteamine hydrochloride ( $2.6 \mathrm{mg}, 23 \mu \mathrm{~mol}$ ) in $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(50 \mu \mathrm{~L})$ was irradiated at 254 nm for 3 h at RT. A second portion of cysteamine hydrochloride ( $2 \mathrm{mg}, 17.6 \mu \mathrm{~mol}$ ) was added and irradation was continued for 1.5 h . The reaction mixture was diluted with water and applied onto a column of Dowex 50 $\mathrm{H}^{+}$cation exchange resin ( $10 \mathrm{~cm} \times 1 \mathrm{~cm}$ diameter). Elution with 0.1 M aq. $\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ afforded first a pool
containing unreacted educt and cysteamine ( 3.9 mg ) followed by fractions containing $\mathbf{9}$ and byproducts. Final elution of the column with copious volumes of $0.1 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{NH}_{3}(100 \mathrm{~mL})$ afforded 9 . In order to remove aromatic residuals released from the resin, the crude was dissolved in water and passed over anion-exchange resin Dowex AG 1-X8 ( $\mathrm{HCO}_{3}{ }^{-}$form). The resin was rinsed with water and the filtrate was lyophilized to give 9 ( $2.9 \mathrm{mg}, 30 \%$ ) as an amorphous solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ): $\delta 4.81(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-1)$, $4.00(\mathrm{dt}, J=3.3(2 \mathrm{x})$ and $7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-6), 3.88(\mathrm{dd}, J=1.9,2.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-2), 3.79\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 3.78$ (dd, $J=3.3,11.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-7 \mathrm{a}), 3.74-3.72$ (m, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-3, \mathrm{H}-4$ ), 3.69 (dd, $J=7.7,12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-7 \mathrm{~b}), 3.67$ (m, 1 H, H-5), $3.56\left(\mathrm{dt}, J=5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 3.16\left(\mathrm{t}, J=6.7,10.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NCH}_{2}\right), 2.82(\mathrm{t}, J=6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{SCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}$ ), 2.68-2.63 (m, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~S}$ ), 1.93-1.84 (m, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 150 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right): \delta 100.3(\mathrm{C}-1), 73.7(\mathrm{C}-5), 72.3(\mathrm{C}-6), 71.6(\mathrm{C}-3), 70.3(\mathrm{C}-2), 68.1(\mathrm{C}-4), 66.7\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 62.5$ (C-7), $39.4\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right), 29.3\left(\mathrm{SCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right), 28.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 28.5\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~S}\right)$; ESI TOF HRMS: $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{25} \mathrm{NO}_{7} \mathrm{~S}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$328.1424; found 328.1429.

BSA conjugate 11. A solution of $9(2.2 \mathrm{mg}, 6 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ in $0.1 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(1.5 \mathrm{~mL})$ was vigorously stirred with a solution of thiophosgene $(1 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 13 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ in $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}(1 \mathrm{~mL})$ for 2 h at RT to provide isocyanate $\mathbf{1 0}$. The organic phase was removed using a pipette and the aqueous phase was extracted with four portions of $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$. Traces of organic solvent were then removed by using a stream of $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ until a clear solution was obtained. The water phase was then added to a solution of BSA $(1.7 \mathrm{mg})$ in $0.1 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{NaHCO}_{3} / 0.3 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{NaCl}$ $(1.5 \mathrm{~mL})$ and stirred for 48 h at RT. The solution was twice dialyzed against water ( 2 L ) and freeze-dried to give 11 as an off-white powder ( 2.2 mg ). MALDI-TOF-MS: M+ 69021 (determined for BSA: 66488); 6.8 mol ligand $/ \mathrm{mol} \mathrm{BSA}$.

## iv. Synthesis of Galf-BSA conjugate (15)



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3-(2-Aminoethylthio)propyl- $\boldsymbol{\beta}$-D-galactofuranoside (13). Allyl $\beta$-D-galactofuranose ${ }^{1}$ (12) ( 12.6 mg , 0.057 mmol ) was dissolved in anhydrous dioxane (Sigma-Aldrich, SureSeal) ( $219 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.26 \mathrm{M}$ ), along with cysteamine hydrochloride ( $32.4 \mathrm{mg}, 0.285 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and azobisisobutyronitrile (AIBN) ( $2.8 \mathrm{mg}, 0.017 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), and heated to $65^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h , diluted with methanol, and concentrated by rotary evaporation. The resulting product was purified on Dowex $50 \mathrm{Wx} 8 \mathrm{H}^{+}$resin (100-200 mesh). The resin was pretreated with two cycles of $3 \mathrm{~N} \mathrm{HCl}, \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ until neutral, $1.5 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{NaOH}, \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ until neutral. After these cycles, the resin was again treated with 3 N HCl and rinsed with water. The reaction mixture was added to the resin and eluted with 0.1 M aq. $\mathrm{NH}_{3}$. Unreacted cysteamine began eluting off the column when the color change (orange-brown) reached the bottom of the column. Fractions were monitored using TLC staining with p-anisaldehyde. After cysteamine finished eluting, product was collected and fractions were evaporated, yielding 20 mg of $\mathbf{1 3}$ (quant.) as a solid. Analytical data for $\mathbf{1 3}:{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right): \delta$ $5.01(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.10-4.04(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.97(\mathrm{dd}, J=6.4,4.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.87-3.81(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.74-$ $3.63(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.93(\mathrm{t}, J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.73(\mathrm{t}, J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.67(\mathrm{t}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.91$ (quint, $J=6.7$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ): $\delta 110.0,85.5,83.8,79.3,73.6,69.6,65.6,41.9,34.3,31.6,30.2$;

DART-SVP HRMS (positive ion mode) calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{NO}_{6} \mathrm{~S}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}=298.13243$, found $=$ 298.13242.

BSA conjugate 15. A solution of $\mathbf{1 3}(20 \mathrm{mg}, 0.06 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $0.1 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(7.5 \mathrm{~mL})$ was stirred at RT. A solution of thiophosgene ( $12.4 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.162 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}(4.6 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added. The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously at RT overnight to produce isocyanate 14 . The reaction mixture was extracted with $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ three times, and the aqueous layer was sparged with nitrogen to remove any remaining $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$. The resulting aqueous solution was added to a solution of bovine serum albumin (BSA) ( 30 mg ) in 4.7 mL buffer ( 0.1 M $\left.\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}, 0.3 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{NaCl}\right)$. The reaction mixture was stirred slowly at RT for 48 h . The reaction mixture was then dialyzed into water ( $20,000 \mathrm{MW}$ cassette) for 2 h , then 24 h , then 24 h . The resulting solution was lyophilized to produce 27.8 mg of $\mathbf{1 5}$ as a white solid. A $20 \mu \mathrm{M}$ sample of $\mathbf{1 5}$ was made in water and mixed with a saturated sinapic acid matrix solution (30:70 acetonitrile:water) in a 1:1 ratio for MALDI characterization. MALDI-TOF-MS: M+ 70443 (determined for BSA: 66933); 10 mol ligand/mol BSA.

## v. Synthesis of Neu5Ac-BSA conjugate (19)



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2-O-[3-(2-aminoethylthio)propyl]-3,5-dideoxy-5-acetamino-D-glycero- $\alpha$-D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosidonic acid (2-O-[3-(2-aminoethylthio)propyl] sialic acid) (17). Allyl $\alpha-\mathrm{Neu}^{2} \mathrm{Ac}^{7}$ (16) ( 10 mg , $26 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ was dissolved in a 1:1 methanol:water mixture $(400 \mu \mathrm{~L})$ in a quartz reaction tube, along with cysteamine hydrochloride ( $14.8 \mathrm{mg}, 130 \mu \mathrm{~mol}$ ) and azobisisobutyronitrile (AIBN) ( $1.6 \mathrm{mg}, 10 \mu \mathrm{~mol}$ ). The tube was stirred at RT overnight in a UV reactor, exposed to 254 nm light. The mixture was then diluted with methanol and concentrated by rotary evaporation. The product was purified as described for $\mathbf{1 3}$ (Dowex resin, elution with aq. $\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ ) to provide 3.3 mg of $\mathbf{1 7}$ as a solid. Analytical data for $\mathbf{1 7}$ matched that of literature data. ${ }^{11}$

BSA conjugate 19. A solution of $\mathbf{1 7}(3.3 \mathrm{mg}, 7 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ in $0.1 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(875 \mu \mathrm{~L})$ was stirred at RT. A solution of thiophosgene $(2 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 19 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ in $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}(540 \mu \mathrm{~L})$ was added. The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously at RT overnight to produce isocyanate $\mathbf{1 8}$. The reaction mixture was extracted with $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ three times, and the aqueous layer was sparged with nitrogen to remove any remaining $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$. The resulting aqueous solution was added to a solution of bovine serum albumin (BSA) ( 3.5 mg ) in $550 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ of buffer ( 0.1 $\mathrm{M} \mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}, 0.3 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{NaCl}$ ). The reaction mixture was stirred slowly at RT for 48 h . The reaction mixture was then dialyzed into water ( 20,000 MW cassette) for 2 h , then 24 h , then 24 h . The final product was lyophilized to produce 3.95 mg of $\mathbf{1 9}$ as a white solid. A $20 \mu \mathrm{M}$ sample of $\mathbf{1 9}$ was made in water and mixed with a saturated sinapic acid matrix solution (30:70 acetonitrile:water) in a 1:1 ratio for MALDI characterization. MALDI-TOF-MS: M+ 72023 (determined for BSA: 66943); 10.3 mol ligand/mol BSA

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## IV. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR Spectra



Fig. S6. $600 \mathrm{MHz}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{2}$.


Fig. S7. $600 \mathrm{MHz}^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 7 .


Fig. S8. $150 \mathrm{MHz}^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of 7 .


Fig. S9. $600 \mathrm{MHz}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{8}$.


Fig. S10. $150 \mathrm{MHz}{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of 8 .


Fig. S11. $600 \mathrm{MHz}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{9}$.


Fig. S12. $600 \mathrm{MHz}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{1 3}$.


Fig. S13. $151 \mathrm{MHz}{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{1 3}$.

## V. MALDI Spectra of BSA Conjugates



Fig. S14 MALDI-TOF spectra of BSA (top) and BSA conjugate 4.


Fig. S15. MALDI-TOF spectrum of BSA conjugate 11.


Fig. S16. MALDI-TOF spectra of BSA and BSA conjugate 15.


Fig. S17. MALDI-TOF spectra of BSA and BSA conjugate 19.

