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Supporting Information

Facile and robust methods for the regioselective acylation of N-acetylneuraminic acid

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General Experimental

The reactions were performed using commercial reagents (Aldrich, Acros, Carbosynth) and solvents purified according to standard procedures. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel 60 (Silicycle, 70-230 mesh) or Sephadex LH-20 (GE Healthcare); reactions were monitored by TLC on TLC Silica Gel 60 F254S (Millipore). The compounds were detected by examination under UV light and by charring with 10% sulfuric acid in methanol. Solvents were removed under reduced pressure at <40 °C. CH₂Cl₂ and CH₃CN were purified by MBraun solvent purification system (MB-SPS-800). Molecular sieves (3Å), used for reactions, were crushed and activated *in vacuo* at 390 °C during 8 h in the first instance and then for 2-3 h at 390 °C directly prior to application. Optical rotations were measured at 'Jasco P-1020' polarimeter. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded using a Bruker Ascend 400 MHz NMR Spectrometer and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 75 MHz. The ¹H NMR chemical shifts are referenced to the signal of the residual CHCl₃ ($\delta_{\rm H}$ = 7.27 ppm) for solutions in CDCl₃ and CD₃OD ($\delta_{\rm H}$ = 3.31 ppm (q) and 4.87 ppm (s)). The ¹³C NMR chemical shifts are referenced to the central signal of CDCl₃ ($\delta_{\rm C}$ = 77.23 ppm) for solutions in CDCl₃. HRMS determinations were made with the use of JEOL MStation (JMS-700) Mass Spectrometer.

Synthesis of thiosialosides 3-6 from Polyol 1



Synthesis of 9-Picoloyl 4

Methyl (2-thiophenyl 5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-4,7,8-tri-O-hydroxyl-9-O-picoloyl-D-glycero-β-D-glacto-2-nonulopyranosid)onate (3)



To a solution of **1** (100 mg, 0.24 mmol) in dry pyridine (4 mL), picolinic acid (177.3 mg, 1.44 mmol, 6.0 equiv) was added followed by EDC (149.0 mg, 0.96 mmol, 4.0 equiv). The reaction was allowed to stir for 1 h under argon at rt. The reaction was then co-evaporated with toluene (5 mL). The residue was purified by column

chromatography on silica gel (ethanol/dichloromethane, 5% gradient) to afford **3** (103 mg, 0.198 mml, 82%).

Analytical Data: $R_f = 0.49$ (ethanol/dichloromethane, 1/5 v/v); $[\alpha]^{23}{}_D = +16.86$ (*c* = 1, MeOH) ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ 8.72 (dq, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 8.22 (bd, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 8.06 (td, *J* = 7.8, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.68 (ddd, *J* = 4.8, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.59-7.55 (m, 2H, aromatic), 7.34-7.30 (m, 3H, aromatic), 4.70 (dd, *J*_{8,9a} = 2.4 Hz, *J*_{9a,9b} = 11.4 Hz, 1H, H-9a), 4.39 (dd, *J*_{8,9b} = 6.9 Hz, 1H, H-9b), 4.13 (m, *J*_{7,8} = 9.1 Hz, 1H, H-8), 3.84 (bq, *J*_{4,5} = 10.2 Hz, 1H, H-5), 3.65 (m, *J*_{3eq,4} = 4.7 Hz, *J*_{3ax,4} = 11.4 Hz 1H, H-4), 3.60 (s, 3H, COOCH3), 3.55 (dd, *J*_{7,6} = 1.6 Hz, 1H, H-7), 3.47 (dd, *J*_{5,6} = 10.6 Hz, 1H, H-6), 2.85 (dd, *J*_{3ax,3eq} = 12.7, 1H, H-3eq), 1.98 (s, 3H, NHCOCH3), 1.86 (dd, 1H, H-3ax). ¹³C NMR δ 173.62, 169.5, 164.5, 149.1, 147.4, 137.9, 136.6, 129.6, 128.9, 128.4, 127.4, 125.2, 86.4, 75.5, 69.2, 68.8, 67.7, 67.5, 52.1, 51.7, 40.3, 31.3, 21.2, 13.0. HR-FAB MS [M+Na]⁺calcd for C₂₄H₂₈N₂O₉SNa 543.1413, found 543.1409.

Methyl (2-thiophenyl 4,7,8-tri-acetyl-5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-9-O-picoloyl-D-glycero-β-D-galacto-2nonulopyranosid)onate (4)



a: Picolinic acid, EDC, py, 45 min; b: Ac₂O, py, 16h

From **3**: To a solution of **3** (96 mg, 0.184 mmol) in dry pyridine (1.4 mL). Ac₂O (0.70 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction was allowed to stir for 16 h under argon at RT. The reaction was quenched with MeOH until no heat was detected, MeOH removed *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 and washed with brine (10mL), sat. aq. sodium bicarbonate (10mL), and brine

(10mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO4, filtered, concentrated *in vacuo*. The compound was then purified by column chromatography on silica gel (acetone/toluene, 10%) to afford **4** (88mg, 0.136 mmol, 75%).

From 1: To a solution of 1 (100 mg, 0.24 mmol) in dry pyridine (4 mL), picolinic acid (177.3 mg, 1.44 mmol, 6.0 equiv) was added followed by EDC (149.0 mg, 0.96 mmol, 4.0 equiv). The reaction was allowed to stir for 1 h under argon at rt. When starting material was fully consumed Ac_2O (0.91 mL, 9.6 mmol) was added dropwise and allowed to stir overnight. The reaction was quenched with MeOH until no heat was detected, MeOH removed *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 and washed with brine (10mL), sat. aq. sodium bicarbonate (10mL), and brine (10mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO4, filtered, concentrated *in vacuo*. The compound was then purified by column chromatography on silica gel (acetone/dichloromethane, 10%) to afford **4** (81 mg, 0.13 mmol, 52%).

Analytical Data $R_f = 0.62$ (acetone/dichloromethane), 3/5 v/v); $[\alpha]^{23}{}_D = +22.67$ (c = 1, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CHCl₃) δ 8.84 (bd, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 8.17 (bd, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.92 (bt, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.58 – 7.51 (m, 3H, aromatic), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 3H, aromatic), 5.82 (bs, 1H, NH), 5.49-5.41 (m, 2H, H-7, H-8), 4.88 (ddd, 1H, $J_{3eqr4} = 4.8$ Hz, $J_{4,5} = 10.1$ Hz, H-4), 4.81 (dd, 1H, $J_{8,9a} = 2.8$ Hz, $J_{9a,9b} = -2.8$ H

12.5 Hz H-9a), 4.46 (dd, $J_{8, 9b}$ = 5.0 Hz, 1H, H-9b), 4.07-3.98 (m, 2H, H-5, H-6), 3.54 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 2.79 (dd, $J_{3eq,4}$ = 4.7 Hz, $J_{3ax,3eq}$ = 12.9 Hz, 1H, H-3eq), 2.16, 2.04, 2.03, 2.00, 1.84 (4s, 13H, COOCH₃, H-3ax). ¹³C NMR δ 170.8, 170.3, 170.2, 170.1, 149.5, 137.7, 136.5, 129.8, 128.8, 128.5, 127.2, 125.5, 87.4, 77.2, 74.5, 69.8, 69.7, 68.3, 63.7, 52.6, 49.3, 38.0, 31.5, 30.9, 23.1, 22.6, 20.9, 20.8, 14.1. HR-FAB MS [M+Na]⁺calcd for C₃₀H₃₄N₂O₁₂SNa 669.1722, found 669.1714.

Synthesis of C-4,9 di Picoloyl 6

Methyl (2-thiophenyl 5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-7,8-di-O-hydroxyl-4,9-O-di-picoloyl -D-glycero-β-D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosid)onate (5)



To a solution of **1** (100 mg, 0.24 mmol) was dissolved in dry pyridine (4 mL). Picolinic acid (177.3 mg, 1.44 mmol, 6 equiv) was added, followed by DCC (198.8 mg, 0.96 mmol, 4 equiv) and DMAP (14.8 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.5 equiv). The reaction was allowed to stir

for 2.5 h under argon at rt. After 2.5 h, the reaction was co-evaporated with toluene (5 mL). The excess of reagent was crystallized with dichloromethane (5 mL) in the freezer for 1 h. The mixture was then filtered with cold dichloromethane and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (acetone/dichloromethane, 10%, followed by methanol 100%) The residue was then further purified by column chromatography on silica gel (ethanol/dichloromethane, 5%) to afford **5** (113 mg, 0.18 mmol, 75%).

Analytical Data for **5** : $R_f = 0.82$ (ethanol/dichloromethane, 1/5, v/v); $[\alpha]^{23}_D = +22.56$ (c = MeOH) ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ 8.74-8.69 (m, J = Hz, 2H, aromatic), 8.24 (dt, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 8.15 (dt, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 8.07 (dt, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 8.02 (dd, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.71-7.64 (m, 2H, aromatic), 7.62-7.59 (m, 2H, aromatic) 7.37-7.31 9m, 3H, aromatic), 5.27 (ddd, J_{4,3eq} = 5.1 Hz, J_{4,5} = 10.6 Hz, 1H, H-4), 4.73 (dd, J_{9a,8} = 2.4 Hz, J_{9a,9b} = 11.5 Hz, 1H, H-9_a), 4.40 (dd, J_{8,9b} = 6.8 Hz, J_{9a,9b} = 11.4 Hz, 1H, H-9_b), 4.37 (bt, 1H, H-5), 4.16 (ddd, J_{8,9a} = 2.3 Hz, J_{8,9b} = 6.5 Hz, J_{8,7} = 8.9 Hz, 1H, H-8), 3.83 (dd, J_{6,7} = 1.4 Hz, J_{6,5} = 10.7 Hz, 1H, H-6), 3.67 (s, 3H, COOCH₃), 3.62 (dd, J_{7,6} = 1.42 Hz, J_{7,8} = 9.2 Hz, 1H, H-7), 3.08 (dd, J_{3ax,3eq} = 12.7 Hz, 1H, H-3eq), 2.18 (br t, 1H, H-3ax), 1.83 (s, 3H, NHCOCH₃,)). ¹³C NMR δ 174.2, 170.5, 166.1, 165.3, 150.9, 150.7, 148.9, 148.3, 139.4, 139.4, 138.2, 131.3, 130.2, 130.0, 129.1, 129.0, 126.9, 126.8, 87.9, 76.6, 73.1, 70.5, 70.3, 69.1, 56.1, 53.4, 50.6, 38.6, 32.2, 29.6, 22.8. HR-FAB MS [M+Na]⁺calcd for C₃₀H₃₁N₃O₁₀SNa 648.1620, found 648.1684.

Methyl (2-thiophenyl 7,8-di-O-acetyl-5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-9,4-di-O-picoloyl-d-glycero-β-d-galacto-2-nonulopyranosid)onate (6)



From 5: To a solution of 5 (111 mg, 0.177 mmol) in dry pyridine (1.34 mL). Ac₂O (0.67 mL) was added dropwise. DMAP (4.33 mg, 0.35 mmol, 0.2 equiv) was added. The reaction was allowed to stir for 16 h under argon at RT. The reaction was quenched with MeOH until no heat was detected, the residue was concentrated vacuo while co-evaporating with toluene. The compound was then purified by column chromatography on silica gel

a: Picolinic acid, DDC, DMAP, py, 2.5 h; b: Ac₂O, py, 16h

(acetone/dichloromethane, 10%) to afford 6 (90 mg, 0.13 mmol, 72%).

From 1: To a solution of 1 (100 mg, 0.24 mmol) in dry pyridine (4 mL), picolinic acid (177.3 mg, 1.44 mmol, 6 equiv) was added, followed by DCC (198.8 mg, 0.96 mmol, 4 equiv) and DMAP (14.8 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.5 equiv). The reaction was allowed to stir for 2.5 h under argon at rt. MeOH (0.4 mL) was added dropwise to quench any picolinic anhydride. Ac₂O (1.5 mL, 15.87 mmol) was added dropwise and allowed to stir overnight. The reaction was quenched with MeOH until no heat was detected, MeOH removed *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 and washed with brine (10mL), sat. aq. sodium bicarbonate (10mL), and brine (10mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO4, filtered, concentrated *in vacuo*. The compound was then purified by column chromatography on silica gel (acetone/dichloromethane, 10%) to afford **6** (129 mg, 0.182 mmol, 75%).

Analytical Data $R_f = 0.41$ (acetone/dichloromethane, 3/5 v/v); $[\alpha]^{23}{}_D = +31.29$ (c = 1, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CHCl₃) δ 8.85 (bdq, J = 0.8 Hz, J= 1.7 Hz, J= 4.8 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 8.80 (bdq, J = 0.8 Hz, J= 1.7 Hz, J= 4.8 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 8.80 (bdq, J = 0.8 Hz, J= 1.7 Hz, J= 4.8 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 8.14 (dt, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 8.06 (dt, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.89-7.80 (m, 2H, aromatic), 7.57-7.46 (m, 4H, aromatic), 7.38-7.29 (m, 3H, aromatic), 7.20-7.14 (m, 2H, aromatic), 6.25 (dd, J_{NH,5} = 8.8 Hz, 1H, NH), 5.53-5.44 (m, 2H, H-7, H-8), 5.34-5.24 (m, 1H, H-4), 4.84 (dd, J_{9a,8} = 2.4 Hz, J_{9a,9b} = 12.1 Hz, 1H, H-9_a), 4.48 (dd, J_{8,9b} = 4.8 Hz, 1H, H-9_b), 4.26-4.16 (m, 2H, H-5, H6), 3.54 (s, 3H, COOCH₃), 2.99 (dd, J_{3eq,4} = 4.4 Hz, J_{3ax,3eq} = 12.4 Hz, 1H, H-3eq), 2.18, 2.19, 2.03, 1.74 (3s, 10H, COOCH₃, NHCOCH3 H-3ax). ¹³C NMR δ 170.3, 170.3, 170.1, 167.9, 164.5, 150.2, 149.9, 147.1, 137.4, 137.3, 136.5, 129.8, 128.8, 128.5, 127.2, 125.6, 125.4, 87.4, 77.3, 74.3, 71.2, 69.7, 68.0, 63.6, 52.6, 49.4, 38.2, 23.1, 20.9. HR-FAB MS [M+Na]⁺calcd for C₃₄H₃₅N₃O₁₂SNa 732.1831, found 732.1826.

Synthesis of thiosialosides 7-14 by ReSEt modified technology



Methyl (2-thiophenyl 5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-4,7,8,9-tetra-O-trimethylsilyl-D-glycero-β-D-galacto-2nonulopyranosid)onate (2)



a: MeoNa, MeOH; b:MSCI, HMDS, Pyridine, 69%

To a solution of methyl (phenyl 5acetamido-4,7,8,9-tetra-*O*-acetyl-3,5dideoxy-2-thio-D-glycero α -Dgalacto-non-2-ulopyranosid)onate (**A**,¹ 1.9 g, 3.2 mmol) in MeOH (167 mL), 1 M NaOMe (4.82 mL) was added dropwise. The resulting

mixture was stirred for 1 h under argon and then neutralized with Dowex H⁺. The resin was then filtered off, rinsed with MeOH, concentrated *in vacuo* and dried. Part of the residue (1.0 g, 2.4 mmol) was then dissolved in pyridine (10 mL), brought to 0 °C and hexamethyldisilazane (19.3 mmol, 4.2 mL, 8 equiv) was added drop wise followed by trimethylsilyl chloride (19.3 mmol, 2.4 mL, 8 equiv) and allowed to stir under argon for 16 h at rt. The reaction was then diluted with hexane, and washed with ice water (50 mL x 2), brine (50 mL x 2). The aqueous layer was washed with hexane (50 mL x2). The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (ethyl acetate/hexane, 10% gradient) to afford **2** (1.2 g, 1.6 mmol, amorphous, white, 69%).

Analytical Data $R_f = 0.59$ (ethyl acetate/hexane, 2/5 v/v); $[\alpha]^{23}{}_D = +11.13$ (c = 1, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CHCl₃) δ 7.6-7.5 (m, 2H, aromatic), 7.44 – 7.29 (m, 3H, aromatic), 5.30 (d, $J_{5,NH} = 8.1$ Hz, 1H, NH), 4.06 (dd, $J_{8,9a} = 2.8$ Hz, $J_{9a,9b} = 10.6$ Hz, 1H, H-9a), 3.95 (dd, $J_{5,6} = 10.5$ Hz, $J_{6,7} = 2.2$ Hz, 1H, H-6), 3.93-3.87 (m, $J_{3ax,4} = 11.4$ Hz, $J_{H3eq,4} = 4.5$ Hz 1H, H-4), 3,88-3.83 (m, $J_{7,8} = 2.9$ Hz, $J_{8,9b} = 6.4$ Hz, 1H, H-8), 3.78 (dd, 1H, H-7), 3.6 (s, 3H, COOCH₃), 3.5 (dd, 1H, H-9b), 3.41-3.32 (m, 1H, H-5), 2.63 (dd, $J_{3ax,3eq} = 12.9$, 1H, H-3eq), 1.90 (s, 1H, NHCOCH₃), 1.74 (dd, 1H, H-3ax), 0.16, 0.15, 0.11, 0.08 (s x4, 36H, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹³C NMR δ

169.8, 169.1, 136.4, 129.7, 129.4, 128.6, 87.5, 77.2, 75.7, 74.7, 68.8, 64.2, 54.5, 52.4, 41.9, 23.9, 0.5, 0.5, 0.08. HR-FAB MS [M+Na]⁺calcd for C₃₀H₅₇NO₈SSi₄Na 726.2779, found 726.2759.

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Methyl (2-thiophenyl 4-O-aceyl-5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-7,89-tri-O-trimethylsilyl -d-glycero- β -d-galacto-2-nonulopyranosid)onate (7)



A solution of **2** (200 mg, 0.28 mmol) in dry pyridine (3 mL). Ac₂O (2.8 mmol, 0.27 mL, 10 equiv) was added dropwise followed by DMAP (3.40 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.1 equiv). The reaction was allowed to stir for 15 hours under argon. The reaction was quenched with MeOH

until no heat was detected, and the solvent evaporated *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 and washed with brine (15mL), sat. aq. sodium bicarbonate (15mL), and brine (15mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (acetone/hexane, 10%) to afford 7 (90 mg, 0.133 mmol, 48%).

Analytical Data $R_f = 0.59$ (acetone/hexane, 2/5 v/v); $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} = +5.12$ (c = 1.1, CHCl₃) ¹H NMR (CHCl₃) δ 7.62 – 7.56 (m, 2H, aromatic), 7.41 – 7.29 (m, 3H, aromatic), 5.13 (d, $J_{5, NH} = 10.0$ Hz, 1H, NH), 4.84 (ddd, $J_{5,6} = 4.5$ Hz, 1H, H-4), 4.02 – 3.95 (m, 2H, H5, H-9a), 3.87 – 3.82 (ddd, $J_{8,9a} = 2.6$ Hz, $J_{7,8} = 5.5$ Hz, $J_{8,9b} = 7.3$ Hz, 1H, H-4), 3.72 (dd, $J_{6,7} = 1.7$ Hz, 1H, H-8), 3.69 – 3.65 (dd, s, 4H, H-6, COOCH₃), 3.51 (dd, $J_{9a,9b} = 10.5$ Hz, 1H, H-9b), 2.65 (dd, $J_{4,3eq} = 4.63$ Hz, $J_{3eq,3ax} = 12.7$ Hz, 1H, H-3eq.), 2.01, 1.89 (s, 6H, NHCOCH₃, COCH₃), 1.90 (t, 1H, H-3ax), 0.17,0.15, 0.10 (3s, 27H, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹³C NMR δ 171.0, 169.8, 169.5, 168.6, 145.0, 136.6, 129.6, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 107.6, 86.7, 77.2, 76.1, 74.7, 73.4, 72.8, 71.4, 70.9, 68.8, 64.2, 63.2, 52.7, 52.3, 50.0, 47.4, 37.5, 23.4, 21.1, 20.9, 0.5. HR-FAB MS [M+Na]⁺calcd for C₂₉H₅₁NO₉SSi₃Na 696.2482, found 696.2502

Synthesis of C-7,8 di Picoloyl 11

Methyl (2-thiophenyl 4,9-di-O-aceyl-5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-7,8-tri-O-trimethylsilyl-d-glycero-β-d-galacto-2-nonulopyranosid)onate (8)

To a solution of 2 (100 mg, 0.142 mmol) in dry pyridine (1.5 mL), Ac₂O (0.71, mmol, 0.07 mL, 5 equiv)



was added followed by DMAP (3.47 mg, 0.028 mmol, 0.2 equiv). The reaction was allowed to stir for 20 h under argon at RT. The reaction was quenched with MeOH until no heat was detected, MeOH removed *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2

and washed with brine (15mL), sat. aq. sodium bicarbonate (15mL), and brine (15mL The organic phase

was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (acetone/hexane, 10%) to afford **8** (52 mg, 0.08 mmol, 57%).

Analytical Data $R_f = 0.54$ (acetone/hexane, 2/5 v/v); $[\alpha]^{23}{}_D = +8.73$ (c = 1, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CHCl₃) δ 7.61-7.53 (m, 2H, aromatic), 7.42-7.13 (m, 3H, aromatic), 5.06 (d, $J_{NH,5} = 9.9$ Hz, 1H, NH), 4.85 (ddd, $J_{4,3eq} = 4.6$ Hz, $J_{4,5} = 10.1$ Hz, 1H, H-4), 4.46 (dd, $J_{9a,8} = 2.6$ Hz, $J_{9a,9b} = 12.1$ Hz, 1H, H-9a), 4.09 (dd, $J_{9b,8} = 6.1$ Hz, 1H, H-9b), 3.99 (bq, $J_{5,6} = 10.6$ Hz, 1H, H-5), 3.95 (td, $J_{8,7} = 5.1$ Hz, 1H, H-8), 3.77 (dd, $J_{7,6} = 1.2$ Hz, 1H, H-7), 3.68 (s, 3H, COOC*H*₃), 3.60 (dd, 1H, H-6), 2.70 (dd, $J_{3eq, 3ax} = 12.8$ Hz, 1H, H-3eq), 1.94 (bt, 1H, H-3ax), 2.09, 2.03, 1.89 (3s, 9H, NHCOC*H*₃, COC*H*₃), 0.17, 0.08 (2s, 18H, Si(C*H*₃)₃). ¹³C NMR δ 171.1, 170.8, 168.6, 136.9, 128.7, 86.7, 73.0, 72.1, 70.7, 66.4, 52.8, 50.2, 37.6, 23.5, 21.2, 20.9. HR-FAB MS [M+Na]⁺calcd for C₂₈H₄₅NO₁₀SSi₂Na 666.2200, found 666.2161

Methyl (2-thiophenyl 4,9-di-O-acetyl 5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-7,8-di-O-hydroxyl-d-glycero-β-d-galacto-2-nonulopyranosid)onate (10)

From 8: Dowex H⁺(176.8 mg) was added to a solution of 8 (172 mg, 0.76 mmol) in MeOH (15.2 mL). The residue was allowed to stir for 2.5 h under argon. It was then filtered, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified



by column chromatography on silica gel (acetone/hexane, 10%) to afford **10** (277 mg, 0.55 mmol, 73%)

From 1: to a solution of 1 (200 mg, 481 mmol) in dry pyridine (9.6 mL), Ac_2O (4.81mmol, 0.46 mL, 10 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction was allowed to stir for 3.5 h under argon at RT. The reaction was quenched with MeOH until no heat was detected, and the crude mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. The compound was

then purified by column chromatography on silica gel (acetone/dichloromethane, 10%) to afford **10** (150 mg, 0.301 mmol, 62%).

Analytical Data $R_f = 0.17$ (acetone/hexane, 2/5 v/v); $[\alpha]^{23}_D = +23.75$ (c = 1, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CHCl₃) δ 7.56-7.51 (2H, aromatic), 7.47-7.30 (3H, aromatic), 5.99 (bs, 1H, NH), 4.90 (ddd, $J_{4,3eq} = 4.9$ Hz, $J_{4,5} = 10.7$ Hz, 1H, H-4), 4.77 (d, $J_{7,OH} = 4.3$ Hz, 1H, OH-7), 4.42 (bd, $J_{9a,9b} = 11.4$ Hz, 1H, H-9a), 4.14 (dd, $J_{9b,8} = 6.7$ Hz, 1H, H-9b), 4.05-3.96 (m, 2H, H-5, H-8), 3.67 (s, 3H, COOCH₃), 3.43 (bdd, $J_{7,6} = 1.4$ Hz, $J_{7,8} = 9.4$ Hz, 1H, H-7), 3.33 (dd, $J_{5,6} = 10.5$ Hz, 1H, H-6), 3.27 (d, $J_{8,OH} = 4.0$ Hz, 1H, OH-8), 2.85 (dd, $J_{3eq, 3ax} = 13.0$ Hz, 1H, H-3eq), 2.15 (m, 1H, H-3ax), 2.11, 2.10, 1.96 (s, 9H, NHCOCH₃, COCH₃). ¹³C NMR δ 172.8, 171.2, 169.2, 136.9, 130.5, 128.0, 85.9, 69.3, 69.3, 68.9, 66.1, 53.3, 51.3, 37.2, 30.9, 23.0, 21.0, 21.0. HR-FAB MS [M+Na]⁺calcd for C₂₂H₂₉NO₁₀SNa 522.1409, found 522.1411

Methyl (2-thiophenyl 4,9-di-O-aceyl-5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-7,8-di-O-picoloyl-d-glycero-β-d-galacto-2-nonulopyranosid)onate (11)

DCC (419.3 mg, 2.03 mmol, 8 equiv), DMAP (24.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 0.8 equiv), and Picolinic acid (250.13 mg, 2.03 mmol, equiv) were added to a solution of **10** (127 mg, 0.254 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (3.81 mL). The



mixture was stirred under argon for 3 h at rt. The resulting residue was then diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and washed with brine (15 mL), sat. aq. Sodium bicarbonate (15 mL), and brine (15 mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO4, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue

was then purified by column chromatography on silica gel (acetone/methylene chloride, 10% gradient) to afford **5b** (120 mg, 0.169 mmol, 67%).

Analytical Data $R_f = 0.20$ (acetone/dichloromethane, 2/5 v/v); $[\alpha]^{23}_D = +54.64$ (c = 1, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CHCl₃) δ 8.81 (dt, J= 4.5 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 8.75 (dt, J= 4.4 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 8.12 (bdd, J= 3.3 Hz, J= 7.8 Hz, 2H, aromatic), 7.92-7.82 (m, 2H, aromatic), 7.62-7.57 (m, 2H, aromatic), 7.54-7.47 (m, 2H, aromatic), 7.45-7.33 (m, 3H, aromatic), 5.90 (dd, J_{7,6} = 1.7 Hz, J_{7,8} = 7.3 Hz, 1H, H-7), 5.85-5.77 (m, 2H, NH, H-8), 4.95 (ddd, J_{4,3eq} = 4.7 Hz, J_{4,5} = 10.8 Hz, 1H, H-4), 4.66 (dd, J_{9a,9b} = 12.6 Hz, J_{9a,8} = 2.8 Hz, 1H, H-9a), 4.43 (dd, J_{9b,8} = 5.7 Hz, 1H, H-9b), 4.17 (dd, J_{5,6} = 10.8 Hz, 1H, H-6), 3.99 (bq, 1H, H-5), 2.83 (dd, J_{3eq, 3ax} = 12.9 Hz, 1H, H-3eq), 1.99, 1.98, 1.96, 1.88 (s, 10H, H-3ax, NHCOCH₃, COCH₃). ¹³C NMR δ 170.7, 170.7, 170.3, 168.1, 163.8, 163.7, 150.2, 149.7, 147.7, 147.4, 137.2, 137.1, 129.9, 128.7, 125.7, 125.6, 87.7, 74.7, 71.2, 69.6, 69.3, 62.1, 52.5, 49.8, 38.0, 30.9, 29.3, 23.2, 20.8. HR-FAB MS [M+Na]⁺calcd for C₃₄H₃₅N₃O₁₂SNa 732.1838, found 732.1836.

Synthesis of C-7 Picoloyl 13

Methyl (2-thiophenyl 4,8,9-tri-O-aceyl-5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-7-O-trimethylsilyl -d-glycero- β -d-galacto-2-nonulopyranosid)onate (9)

To a solution of 2 (100mg, 0.142 mmol) in dry pyridine (1.5 mL), Ac₂O (2.84 mmol, 0.27 mL, 20 equiv)



was added followed by DMAP (3.42 mg, 0.028 mmol, 0.2 equiv). The reaction was brought to 40°C and allowed to stir for 20 h under argon. The reaction was then brought to RT and quenched with

MeOH until no heat was detected, MeOH removed *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 and washed with brine (15mL), sat. aq. sodium bicarbonate (15mL), and brine (15mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO4, filtered, concentrated *in vacuo*. The compound was then purified by column chromatography on silica gel (acetone/hexane, 10%) to afford **9** (55 mg, 0.089, 63%)

Analytical Data: $R_f = 0.28$ (acetone/hexane, 2/3 v/v); $[\alpha]^{23}_D = +10.26$ (c = 1, CHCl₃); H NMR (CHCl₃) δ 7.59 - 7.51 (m, 2H, aromatic), 7.43 - 7.36 (m, 1H, aromatic), 7.36 - 7.30 (m, 2H, aromatic), 5.16 (d, $J_{NH,5} = 10.0$ Hz, 1H, NH), 5.12 (ddd, $J_{7,8} = 7.1$ Hz, $J_{8.9a} = 4.4$ Hz, $J_{8.9b} = 2.4$ Hz, 1H, H-8), 4.81 (ddd, $J_{4,5} = 11.9$ Hz, 1H, H-4), 4.67 (dd, 1H, H-9b), 4.29 (dd, $J_{9a,9b} = 12.4$ Hz, 1H, H-9a), 4.10 - 3.97 (m, 2H, H-5, H-7), 3.63 (s, 1H, OCH₃), 3.57 (dd, $J_{6,7} = 10.6$ Hz, $J_{5,6} = 1.2$ Hz, 1H, H-6), 2.71 (dd, J = 12.8 Hz, $J_{3eq,4} = 4.7$ Hz, 1H, H-3eq), 2.08, 2.05, 2.03 (s x3, 9H, N(COCH₃)₂, OCOCH₃), 1.96 (t, $J_{3ax,4} = 10.2$ Hz 1H, H-3ax), 1.89 (s, 3H, OCOCH₃), 0.18 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃); ¹³C NMR δ 171.1, 170.6, 170.3, 170.1, 168.6, 136.6, 129.8, 128.8, 87.4, 77.2, 76.5, 73.9, 70.7, 70.1, 62.7, 52.9, 49.8, 37.6, 23.4, 21.2, 20.9, 20.9. HR-FAB MS [M+Na]⁺calcd for C₂₇H₃₉NO₁₁SSiNa 636.1913, found 636.1890

Methyl (2-thiophenyl 4,8,9-tri-O-aceyl-5-acetamido-7-O-hydroxyl -3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero-β-D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosid)onate (12)

Dowex H⁺(104.1mg) was added to a solution of 9 (289.1 mg, 0.47 mmol) in MeOH (9.42 mL). The residue



a) Dowex, H⁺, MeOH, 82%;

was allowed to stir for 1 h under argon. It was then filtered, concentrated *in vacuo*, yielding **12** (209.2 mg, 0.39, 82%).

Analytical Data: $R_f = 0.49$ (acetone/hexane, 1/1 v/v); $[\alpha]^{23}_D = -$

15.37 ; ¹H NMR (CHCl₃) δ 7.53-7.48 (m, 2H, aromatic), 7.44 – 7.29 (m, 3H, aromatic), 5.97 (d, $J_{5,NH} = 8.0$ Hz, 1H, NH), 5.19 (ddd, $J_{7,8} = 9.1$, $J_{8,9a} = 4.1$, $J_{8,9b} = 2.4$ Hz, 1H, H-8), 4.90 (td, $J_{3ax,4} = 11.7$ Hz, 1H, H-4), 4.65 (dd, 1H, H-9b), 4.55 (d, $J_{OH,8} = 3.8$ Hz, 1H, OH-8), 4.34 (dd, $J_{9a,9b} = 12.2$ Hz, 1H, H-9a), 3.99 (td, $J_{5,6} = 10.5$ Hz, 1H, H-5), 3.69 (d, $J_{6,7} = 8.9$ Hz, 1H, H-7), 3.53 – 3.41 (m, 4H, OCH₃, H-6), 2.83 (dd, $J_{3ax,3eq} = 12.8$ Hz, $J_{3eq,4} = 4.7$ Hz, 1H, H-3eq), 2.10, 2.05, 1.99, 1.97 (s x4, 13H, NCOCH₃, OCOCH₃, H-3ax). ¹³C NMR δ 172.6, 172.3, 170.8, 169.6, 167.8, 136.2, 129.7, 128.9, 128.7, 87.3, 75.7, 70.0, 69.2, 66.9, 62.9, 52.5, 51.7, 37.9, 29.3, 23.1, 21.0, 21.0, 20.9. HR-FAB MS [M+Na]+calcd for C₂₄H₃₁NO₁₁SNa 564.1508, found 564.1514.

Methyl (2-thiophenyl 4,8,9-tri-O-aceyl-5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-7-O-picoloyl-D-glycero-β-D-galacto-2nonulopyranosid)onate (13)



DCC (159.2 mg, .77 mmol, 4 equiv), DMAP (9.4 mg, .077 mmol, 0.4 equiv), and Picolinic acid (95.03 mg, 0.77 mmol, 4 equiv) were added to a solution of **12** (209.2 mg, 0.39 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (6.27 mL). The mixture was stirred under argon for 2 h at rt. The resulting residue was then diluted with CH_2Cl_2 and washed with

brine (15 mL), sat. aq. Sodium bicarbonate (15 mL), and brine (15 mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂, placed in the freezer overnight, and filtered in the morning and then purified by column chromatography on silica gel (acetone/hexane, 10% gradient) to afford **13** (229.3 mg, 0.35 mmol, 92%). Analytical Data for **13**: $R_f = 0.5$ (acetone/toluene, 3/2 v/v); $[\alpha]^{21}_D = + 29.68$ (c = 1, CHCl₃) ¹H NMR (CHCl₃) δ 8.83 (bd, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 8.10 (bd, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.90 (td, J = 7.7 Hz, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.60 – 7.50 (m, 3H, aromatic), 7.45 – 7.31 (m, 3H, aromatic), 5.65 (dd, $J_{7,8} = 6.9$ Hz, 1H, H-7), 5.48-5.39 (m, 2H, NH, H-8), 5.01 (ddd, $J_{4,5} = 10.5$ Heq, $J_{3ax,4} = 11.3$ Hz, 1H, H-4), 4.52 (dd, $J_{8,9a} = 3.1$ Hz, $J_{9a,9b} = 12.5$ Hz, 1H, H-9a), 4.26 (dd, $J_{8,9b} = 5.4$ Hz, 1H, H-9b), 4.16 (dd, $J_{5,6} = 10.9$ Hz, $J_{6,7} = 1.8$ Hz, 1H, H-6), 3.86 (dd, $J_{5,NH}$

= 9.8 Hz, 1H, H-5), 3.61 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.85 (dd, $J_{3ax,3eq}$ = 12.8 Hz, $J_{3eq,4}$ = 4.7 Hz, 1H, H-3eq), 2.08, 2.03, 2.00, 1.97, 1.89 (s x4, 13H, NCOCH₃, OCOCH₃, H-3ax). ¹³C NMR δ 170.8, 170.6, 170.2, 170.2, 167.9, 163.6, 150.0, 147.1, 137.4, 136.6, 129.9, 128.9, 128.6, 127.2, 125.6, 87.5, 74.4, 69.8, 69.3, 69.2, 62.1, 52.9, 50.1, 38.2, 21.0, 20.8, 20.8. HR-FAB MS [M+Na]⁺calcd for C₃₀H₃₄N₂O₁₂SNa 669.1722, found 669.1749.

Synthesis of C-4 Picoloyl 14

Methyl (2-thiophenyl 4-O-picoloyl 7,8,9-tri-O-trimethylsilyl 5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-d-glycero-β-d-galacto-2-nonulopyranosid)onate



To a solution of **2** (200mg, 0.284 mmol) in dry pyridine (6mL), Picolinic Acid (87.9 mg, 0.71 mmol, 2.5 eq), EDC (110 mg, 0.71 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and DMAP (8.7 mg, 0.07 mmol) were added and

stirred at room temperature under argon. Every 1.5 hours an additional 2.5 equivalents of Picolinic acid and EDC were added to solution for a total of 4.5 hours. The resulting residue was then diluted with CH_2Cl_2 and washed with brine (15 mL), sat. aq. sodium bicarbonate (15 mL), and brine (15 mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was then purified by column chromatography on silica gel (acetone/hexane, 10% gradient) to afford **14** (129 mg, 0.097 mmol, 62%).

Analytical Data $R_f=0.69$ (acetone/hexane, 2/3 v/v); $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} = +19.616$ (c = 1, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CHCl₃) δ 8.79-8.72 (m, 1H, aromatic), 8.07 (bd, 1H, aromatic), 7.85-7.80 (td, 1H aromatic), 7.63-7.59 (m, 2H, aromatic), 7.48-7.43 (m, 1H, aromatic) 7.41 – 7.29 (m, 3H, aromatic), 5.45-5.37 (bs, 1H, NH), 5.15 (ddd, J_{5,6} = 4.3 Hz, 1H, H-4), 4.17 (dd, J_{5,6} = 10.0 Hz, 1H, H5), 4.01(dd, J_{8,9a} = 2.6 Hz, J_{9a,9b} = 10.6 Hz 2H, H-9a), 3.92-3.84 (m, 2H, H-8, H-6), 3.78 (dd, J_{6,7} = 1.9 Hz, 1H, H-7), 3.71 (s, 3H, COOCH₃), 3.54 (dd, , 1H, H-9b), 2.89 (dd, J_{4,3eq} = 4.3 Hz, J_{3eq,3ax} = 12.6 Hz, 1H, H-3eq.), 1.79 (s, 3H, NHCOCH₃), 2.05 (t, 1H, H-3ax), 0.18,0.16, 0.12 (3s, 27H, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹³C NMR δ 170.0, 168.7, 168.5, 164.4, 149.9, 148.3, 147.3, 136.8, 136.6, 129.6, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 127.0, 125.7, 86.8, 75.3, 74.7, 73.5, 73.1, 72.6, 72.0, 64.2, 63.1, 52.8, 49.9, 37.8, 37.6, 23.5, 23.3, 19.1, 14.1, 1.3, 0.6. HR-FAB MS [M+Na]+calcd for C₃₃H₅₂N₂O₉SSi₃Na 759.2591, found 759.2610.

Methyl (2-thiophenyl 4-O-picoloyl 7,8,9-tri-O-Acetyl 5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-d-glycero-β-d-galacto-2nonulopyranosid)onate (16)



To a solution of **14** (170 mg, 0.23 mmol) in dry pyridine (2.5 mL), Ac_2O (1.3 mL) was added dropwise and DMAP (0.05 mmol, 5.6 mg, 0.2 equiv) was added. The reaction was allowed to stir for 16 h under argon at 40°C. The reaction was quenched

with MeOH until no heat was detected, and the crude mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. The compound was then purified by column chromatography on silica gel (acetone/dichloromethane, 10%) to afford **16** (110 mg, 0.17 mmol, 74%). The compound isolated matched previously published data.



















































