Supporting Information

Combinatorial design of a sialic acid imprinted binding site exploring a dual ion receptor approach

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Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectra of FM1 with increasing amount of SA·Na (A) and SA·Na18C6 (B) in DMSO- d_6 .



Figure S2. ¹H NMR spectra of FM2 with increasing amount of SA·Na (A) and SA·Na18C6 (B) in DMSO- d_6 .



Figure S3. ¹H NMR spectra of FM1 with increasing amount of GA·Na (A) and GA·Na18C6 (B) in DMSO-d₆.



Figure S4. ¹H NMR spectra of FM2 with increasing amount of GA·Na (A) and GA·Na18C6 (B) in DMSO-d₆.



Figure S5. Complexation induced shifts of H_a protons of FM2 upon addition of GA·Na (A) and GA·Na18C6 (B) in DMSO-d₆, fitted to one site specific binding isotherm.



Figure S6. Complexation induced shifts of H^a protons of FM1 upon addition of GA·Na (A) and GA·Na18C6 (B) in DMSO-d₆, fitted to one site specific binding isotherm.



Figure S7. FTIR spectra of P_N1 (A) and P1 (B) polymers.



Figure S8. FTIR spectra of $P_N 2$ (A) and P2 (B) polymers.



Figure S9. FTIR spectra of P_N3 (A) and P3 (B) polymers.



Figure S10. FTIR spectra of P_N4 (A) and P4 (B) polymers.



Figure S11. SEM images of P1 (A) and P_N1 (B) at x25000 magnification.



Figure S12. SEM images of P2 (A) and P_N2 (B) at x25000 magnification.



Figure S13. SEM images of P3 (A) and P_N3 (B) at x25000 magnification.



Figure S14. SEM images of P4 (A) and P_N4 (B) at x25000 magnification.



Figure S15. SEM images of P5 (A) and P_N5 (B) at x25000 magnification.



Figure S16. Batch binding of control polymers $P2/P_N2$ with 0.5 mM SA·Na in 80-95% MeOH and 80-95% ACN.



Figure S17. SA·Na-MIP **P2** batch binding with 0.5 mM SA·Na in 95% MeOH with 50 mM ammonium buffers – bicarbonate, acetate and formate.



Figure S18. Binding isotherms of non-imprinted polymer $P_N 2$ with GA·Na in 95% MeOH.



Figure S19. Binding isotherms in 95% MeOH with SA·Na and GA·Na for thiourea-based polymers $P3/P_N3$ (A) and $P4/P_N4$ (B).



Figure S20. MALDI-TOF-MS of tryptic peptide mixture of fetuin bovine (A) and sialidase treated fetuin bovine (B). General peptide spectrum with loading (L), flowthrough (FT), elution (E) fractions after incubation with **P2**.

Table S1. Values obtained from fitting binding isotherm of **P2** with SA-Na and GA-Na in95% methanol to one site specific binding isotherm.

	SA•Na	GA•Na
One site Specific binding [2]		Interrupted
Best-fit values		
Bmax	76.44	n/a
Ка	2.650	n/a
Std. Error		
Bmax	3.659	
Ка	0.3673	
95% CI (asymptotic)		
Bmax	68.59 to 84.29	
Ка	1.862 to 3.438	
Goodness of Fit		
Degrees of Freedom	14	
R squared	0.9674	
Sum of Squares	133.0	
Sy.x	3.082	

Table S2. Values obtained from fitting binding isotherm of P6 with SA-Na and GA-Na in

95% methanol to one site specific binding isotherm.

	SA•Na	GA•Na
One site Specific binding [2]	Interrupted	
Best-fit values		
Bmax	n/a	77.36
Ка	n/a	1.381
Std. Error		
Bmax		15.26
Ка		0.5994
95% CI (asymptotic)		
Bmax		41.28 to 113.4
Ка		-0.03672 to 2.798
Goodness of Fit		
Degrees of Freedom		7
R squared		0.9138
Sum of Squares		203.9
Sy.x		5.397