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Synthesis of the antigenic tetrasaccharide side chain from the major glycoprotein of *Bacillus anthracis* exosporium

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Abstract

A synthesis of the pententyl glycoside of the tetrasaccharide side chain from the major glycoprotein of *Bacillus anthracis* by a [3+1] approach is described. The construction of the 1,2-*trans*-glycosidic linkage in the terminal anthrose moiety was achieved through the application of known α -nitrilium ion-mediated β -selective glycosylation methodology. An iterative glycosylation strategy was used for the assembly of the trisaccharide building block. A new route to the anthrose saccharide was developed from D-galactose.

Introduction

Due to the recent uses of *Bacillus anthracis*, a gram positive bacteria and the etiological agent of anthrax,^{1,2} as a biological weapon, inexpensive, effective methods of detection and vaccination against this organism are highly desired. The similarity of the *B. anthracis* spore-cell-surface antigens with those of the opportunistic human pathogen *B. cereus* and other bacteria of this group complicates the design of reliable selective antibody-based detection systems. The spores of *Bacillus anthracis* are enclosed by a prominent loose fitting layer called the exosporium, which is the primary barrier of the spore and the source of the spore antigens,^{3,4} and which interacts with the environment, detection devices and with spore-binding cells in the mammalian host and host defenses. The exosporium therefore plays an important role in the spore survival and/or pathogenesis. A highly immunogenic glycoprotein **BclA**, an important constituent of the exosporium, was found to be substituted with multiple copies of an *O*-linked oligosaccharide **1**,⁵ which contains the previously unknown terminal substituent, 2-*O*-methyl-4-(3-hydroxy-3-methylbutylamino)-4,6-dideoxy-D-glucose. This sugar, which is also referred to as anthrose, appears to be specific for the spores of this bacteria as it was not found in spores of either *Bacillus cereus* or *Bacillus thuringiensis*, the most phylogenetically

similar species.⁵ Thus, tetrasacchride **1** is a very attractive tool for the development of species-specific biomarkers, as well as of novel vaccines which target anthrax spores. In view of the fact that pure cell surface oligosaccharides are often difficult to obtain by isolation, effective synthetic approaches to the tetrasaccharide and its analogs are highly desirable.

Since its isolation in 2004,⁵ the preparation of several synthetic tri-⁶ and tetrasaccharide^{7–10,11} analogs of **1** has been reported in the literature (Fig. 1). The first total synthesis described, that of the tetrasaccharide analog **2**,⁷ featured a terminal pentenyl group, which served as a convenient point of attachment to a carrier protein in vaccine development. In this first synthesis a convergent approach was utilized to facilitate access to analogs and shorter sequences, and assembly of the terminal anthrose was accomplished in a short, straightforward way starting from D-fucose. A different [3+1] tack was taken in the synthesis of **3**,^{8–10} both a stepwise approach in the direction of the proceeding from the downstream toward the upstream end of the oligosaccharide,^{9,10,12} as well as sequential glycosylation with different types of glycosyl donors⁸ were explored in the construction of the trirhamnan. In this second approach the terminal anthrose building block was synthesized by a more lengthy strategy from a 4-azido-4,6-dideoxy-D-mannose derivative.^{13–16} A similar, [2+1] approach was taken for the synthesis of trisaccharide analogs **4–7**,⁶ but in this case an azido deoxy galactose derivative¹⁷ was used as precursor of the terminal anthrose unit.

Despite the different overall strategies, these syntheses have many points in common. First, glycosylation with neighboring group (bromoacetyl or levulinoyl) participation was used in the construction of the β -linkage to the terminal anthrose unit,^{7–10} thereby necessitating subsequent removal of the protecting group at 2-position and then methylation.¹⁸ Second, α -selectivity in the rhamnosylation reactions was achieved in all but one case by anchimeric assistance.^{6,7} In all cases the synthesis of the anthrose building block required extensive protective group manipulations,^{13–16} or an expensive starting material.⁷ In planning our synthesis of **2** in a [3+1] manner, we wanted to address these problems through a) application of known α -nitrilium mediated β -selective glycosylation^{19,20} methodology for the construction of the 1,2-*trans* glycosidic linkage in the terminal anthrose moiety; b) the straightforward assembly of the rhamnan building block through the recently developed iterative glycosylation strategy²¹ using thiorhamnoside donors, known to give good α -selectivity without neighboring group participation; and c) developing a new, shorter route to the anthrose saccharide, utilizing inexpensive D-galactose as a precursor.

Results and Discussion

We began our synthesis of the anthrose monosaccharide building block with the galactose derivative **8**, which is readily available from D-galactose in 4 steps (Scheme 1).²² Regioselective installation of a 2-naphthylmethyl (Nap)^{23–25} group at the 3-position through the intermediacy of a tin acetal,^{26,27} followed by methylation, gave **10**. Deprotection in acidic media, followed by regioselective substitution of the primary 6-OH in the presence of the secondary 4-OH with a phenylseleno group²⁸ gave **12**. Reduction with tributyltin hydride^{29,30} gave the 6-deoxygalactose derivative **13**. Displacement of the 4-*O*-triflate leaving group, introduced by the reaction of **13** with triflic anhydride, with azide gave desired donor **14**.

With **14** in hand, we proceeded to the synthesis of the trirhamnan building blocks. Benzylolation of known n-pentenyl rhamnoside **15**,³¹ readily available through Fischer glycosylation of L-rhamnose and further acetonide protection,³¹ gave **16** (Scheme 2). Cleavage of the 2,3-*O*-isopropylidene group in acidic media, followed by stannyl activated regioselective benzylation, gave **17**,⁷ which was converted, using a known procedure,³² to the desired dibromide acceptor **18**. Building block **19**³³ was synthesized using a known procedure³³ and then converted to

the acceptor **20**,³³ following the protocol outlined in Scheme 3. A higher yield of **20** was achieved by utilizing a mixture of methanol and dichloromethane as a solvent.

The assembly of the trirhamnan moiety **22** started with preactivation of donor **19**, followed by the addition of acceptor **20**. Subsequent quenching of the reaction mixture with triethyl phosphite^{34,35} provided disaccharide **21**, predominantly as the α -anomer. In a similar manner, but omitting the quenching step, **21a** was allowed to react with **18**, to give the crude trisaccharide, which was further deprotected under oxidative conditions to give the desired trisaccharide building block **22** (Scheme 4).

In order to find an optimal promoter/solvent combination for the synthesis of the tetrasaccharide, the glycosylation of donor **14** was investigated using model acceptor **23**³⁶ and the activation systems outlined in Scheme 5. In the case of preactivation of **14** with 1-benzenesulfinyl piperidine (BSP)/Tf₂O³⁷ in the presence of 2,4,6-tri-*tert*-butylpyrimidine (TTBP) and subsequent addition of acceptor **23**, a considerable improvement in the β -selectivity was observed, as expected, when the solvent was changed from dichloromethane to propionitrile.^{19,20} Use of analogous promoters (Ph₂SO,³⁵ 1 or 2 eq) did not improve the selectivity. However, activation of the donor **14** in the presence of acceptor **23** by the NIS/TfOH system^{38–40} resulted in a significant enhancement of the stereoselectivity, as well as in the overall yield of the reaction.

To complete the synthesis, the precursor to the anthrose unit was coupled to trisaccharide **22** using the optimal NIS/TfOH/propionitrile conditions to afford **25** as an approximately 3:1 β : α -mixture of anomers in 92% overall yield. Thus, the increased efficiency of the direct introduction of the anthrose moiety in this manner is achieved at the expense of some loss of selectivity. Debromination³² of **25b** gave **26** from which oxidative cleavage of the 2-naphthylmethyl group afforded tetrasaccharide **27**, suitable for further modifications in the terminal anthrose moiety, such as were found to be essential for the constitution of the highly specific antigenic determinant.⁴¹ The moderate yield of **27** is attributable to the previously reported problem of the competing debenzoylation reactions in the course of the DDQ promoted cleavage of 2-naphthylmethyl/p-methoxyphenyl ethers.³³ To overcome this difficulty the mixture of debenzylated byproducts of the 2-naphthylmethyl deprotection reaction was benzylated under standard conditions to give **28**, suitable for further transformations to the target molecule through the same routes as **27**. Final removal of the benzyl protecting groups and transformation of azide moiety to the amine was achieved by application of sodium in liquid ammonia to the mixture of **27** and **28**. Subsequent coupling to the 3-hydroxy-3-methylbutyric acid under peptide-coupling conditions⁴² led to the tetrasaccharide **2**, whose spectroscopic data was identical to that previously reported (Scheme 6).⁷

In conclusion, a synthesis of an antigenic tetrasaccharide from *Bacillus anthracis* has been accomplished in a [3+1] manner. A straightforward route to the anthrose building block from D-galactose was developed in which no extensive protective group manipulations or expensive starting materials were necessary. The assembly of the trirhamnan building block via an iterative glycosylation strategy, and the construction of the 1,2-*trans*-glycosidic linkage to the terminal anthrose moiety through the α -nitrilium ion-mediated β -selective glycosylation methodology, enables the use of a minimal protecting group strategy and increases the efficiency of the overall synthesis.

Experimental Section

General

Unless otherwise noted, reactions were conducted under an inert atmosphere of argon or nitrogen. All ^1H and ^{13}C spectra were recorded in CDCl_3 , except for **2**, where CD_3OD was used as a solvent.

S-Phenyl 4,6-O-Benzylidene-3-O-(2-naphthylmethyl)- β -D-thiogalactopyranoside (**9**)

A suspension of **8**²² (490 mg, 1.36 mmol) and dibutyltin oxide (610 mg, 2.45 mmol) in toluene (7 mL) was heated to reflux in a Dean-Stark apparatus for 4 h, after which most of the solvent was distilled off. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and the residual solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. CsF (414 mg, 2.72 mmol), 2-(bromomethyl)naphthalene (602 mg, 2.72 mmol), tetrabutylammonium iodide (1.00 g, 2.72 mmol), and DMF (6 mL) were then added. The reaction mixture was heated to reflux overnight, diluted with ethyl acetate, washed (sat. aq. NaHCO_3 , brine), dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated. Purification by column chromatography (SiO_2 , 1/9 to 1/3 ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave **9** (490 mg, 60%) as a white solid. M.p. 175–176 °C. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{21} +32.4$ (c 0.38, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (400 MHz) δ : 7.73–7.85 (m, 4H), 7.66–7.72 (m, 2H), 7.44–7.52 (m, 3H), 7.34–7.44 (m, 5H), 7.22–7.32 (m, 3H), 5.42 (s, 1H), 4.90 (s, 2H), 4.51 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.34 (dd, $J = 12.3$, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (dd, $J = 3.4$, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 3.92–4.02 (m, 2H), 3.56 (dd, $J = 9.3$, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.41–3.43 (m, 1H), 2.52 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz) δ : 137.8, 135.5, 133.8, 133.2, 133.1, 130.6, 129.1, 128.9, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7, 126.8, 126.6, 126.2, 126.1, 125.8, 101.2, 87.1, 80.2, 73.4, 71.9, 70.1, 69.4, 67.3; ESIHRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{28}\text{NaO}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 523.1555. Found 523.1562.

S-Phenyl 4,6-O-Benzylidene-2-O-methyl-3-O-(2-naphthylmethyl)- β -D-thiogalactopyranoside (**10**)

A solution of **9** (9.34 g, 18.7 mmol) in DMF (300 mL) was cooled to -15 °C, NaH (60% in mineral oil, 1.12 g, 28.0 mmol) was added slowly and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 30 min at this temperature. Methyl iodide (1.98 mL, 31.7 mmol) was then added slowly and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm up to r.t. and stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was quenched with MeOH, diluted with CHCl_3 , washed (water, brine), dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated. Purification by column chromatography (SiO_2 , 1/4 ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave **10** (7.7 g, 80%) as a white solid. M.p. 174–176 °C. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{21} +28.4$ (c 0.40, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (400 MHz) δ : 7.76–7.87 (m, 4H), 7.68–7.73 (m, 2H), 7.45–7.55 (m, 5H), 7.36–7.43 (m, 3H), 7.19–7.27 (m, 3H), 5.46 (s, 1H), 4.93 (d, $J = 12.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.86 (d, $J = 12.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.49 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.33 (dd, $J = 12.3$, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (dd, $J = 3.4$, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (dd, $J = 12.4$, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (t, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.57 (dd, $J = 9.2$, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.35–3.37 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz) δ : 137.9, 135.7, 133.2, 133.0, 132.9, 132.6, 129.1, 128.8, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7, 127.5, 126.7, 126.6, 126.2, 126.0, 125.8, 101.4, 86.4, 81.1, 76.9, 74.0, 72.1, 69.8, 69.4, 61.1; ESIHRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{30}\text{NaO}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 537.1712. Found 537.1696.

S-Phenyl 2-O-Methyl-3-O-(2-naphthylmethyl)- β -D-thiogalactopyranoside (**11**)

A mixture of **10** (510 mg, 1.0 mmol), *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (19 mg, 0.1 mmol) and MeOH (10 mL) was heated to reflux for 45 min, then cooled to r.t., diluted with ethyl acetate, washed (sat. aq. NaHCO_3 , brine), dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated. Purification by column chromatography (SiO_2 , 2/3 to 1/1 ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave **11** (401 mg, 95%) as a white solid. M.p. 144–145 °C. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{21} -11.7$ (c 0.62, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (400 MHz) δ : 7.78–7.87 (m, 4H), 7.46–7.57 (m, 5H), 7.22–7.32 (m, 3H), 4.88 (s, 2H), 4.54 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.02–4.05 (m, 1H), 3.90–3.98 (m, 1H), 3.73–3.81 (m, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.42–3.55 (m,

3H), 2.74 (br. s., 1H), 2.28–2.34 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz) δ : 135.1, 133.6, 133.2, 133.1, 131.7, 129.0, 128.5, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 126.8, 126.4, 126.2, 125.7, 87.4, 82.1, 78.8, 78.0, 72.4, 67.6, 62.7, 61.4; ESIHRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{NaO}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 449.1399. Found 449.1391.

S-Phenyl 2-O-Methyl-3-O-(2-naphthylmethyl)-6-deoxy-6-phenylseleno- β -D-thiogalactopyranoside (**12**)

A mixture of **11** (1.06 g, 2.49 mmol), diphenyl diselenide (3.89 g, 12.47 mmol), tributylphosphine (4.3 mL, 17.43 mmol), and toluene (20 mL) was heated to reflux for 24 h. Concentration of the reaction mixture, followed by purification by column chromatography (SiO_2 , hexanes to 2/3 ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave **12** (1.09 g, 77%) as a white solid. M.p. 128–132 °C. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{21} +16.4$ (c 1.01, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (500 MHz) δ : 7.78–7.88 (m, 4H), 7.58–7.63 (m, 2H), 7.43–7.54 (m, 5H), 7.18–7.34 (m, 6H), 4.87 (s, 2H), 4.48 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.12 (t, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.41–3.52 (m, 3H), 3.30 (dd, $J = 12.8, 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.18 (dd, $J = 12.7, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.36 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz) δ : 135.1, 133.7, 133.2, 133.1, 132.6, 132.1, 129.7, 129.2, 128.9, 128.5, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 127.1, 126.8, 126.3, 126.2, 125.8, 87.7, 82.4, 78.7, 77.6, 72.5, 67.5, 61.3, 27.5; ESIHRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{30}\text{NaO}_4\text{SSe}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 589.0928. Found 589.0900.

S-Phenyl 2-O-Methyl-3-O-(2-naphthylmethyl)- β -D-thiofucopyranoside (**13**)

A solution of **12** (820 mg, 1.45 mmol), AIBN (98 mg, 0.58 mmol), and Bu_3SnH (576 μL , 2.17 mmol) in benzene (145 mL) was heated to reflux for 3 h. The solvent was evaporated and the residual syrup was dissolved in acetonitrile, washed twice with hexanes and concentrated. Filtration of the crude through a pad of silica gel (with ethyl acetate as an eluent), purification by radial chromatography (SiO_2 , 1/19 to 1/4 ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave **13** (504 mg, 85%) as a white solid. M.p. 108–111 °C. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} -11.2$ (c 0.33, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (501 MHz) δ : 7.79–7.87 (m, 4H), 7.55–7.59 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.53 (m, 3H), 7.22–7.33 (m, 3H), 4.89 (s, 2H), 4.50 (d, $J = 9.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.51–3.55 (m, 2H), 3.43 (t, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.33 (br. s., 1H), 1.35 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz) δ : 135.3, 133.9, 133.2, 133.1, 132.0, 128.9, 128.5, 128.0, 127.8, 127.4, 126.8, 126.3, 126.2, 125.8, 87.4, 82.6, 78.7, 74.2, 72.3, 69.7, 61.4, 16.8; ESIHRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{NaO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 433.1450. Found 433.1445.

S-Phenyl 4-Azido-4-deoxy-2-O-methyl-3-O-(2-naphthylmethyl)- β -D-thioquinovo-pyranoside (**14**)

To a solution of **13** (313 mg, 0.76 mmol) and pyridine (185 μL , 2.29 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (7 mL) TiF_2O (256 μL , 1.52 mmol) was added at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1.5 h at r.t., diluted with CH_2Cl_2 , washed (sat. aq. NaHCO_3 , brine), dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in DMF (3 mL) and NaN_3 (64 mg, 0.98 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 2.5 h, diluted with ethyl acetate, washed (brine), dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated. Filtration of the crude through a pad of silica gel (with ethyl acetate as an eluent) and purification by radial chromatography (SiO_2 , hexanes to 1/19 ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave **14** (288 mg, 87%) as a white solid. M.p. 85–86 °C. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} +32.3$ (c 0.25, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (501 MHz) δ : 7.81–7.90 (m, 4H), 7.46–7.59 (m, 5H), 7.26–7.35 (m, 3H), 5.07 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.53 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.51 (t, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.20–3.28 (m, 2H), 3.18 (t, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.38 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz) δ : 135.2, 133.42, 133.35, 133.1, 132.1, 129.0, 128.3, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7, 127.2, 126.3, 126.2, 126.1, 87.4, 84.7, 83.0, 75.7, 74.8, 67.6, 61.2, 18.8; ESIHRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{25}\text{NaN}_3\text{O}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 458.1514. Found 458.1505.

***n*-Pentenyl 4-O-Benzyl-2,3-O-isopropylidene- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (16)**

To a solution of **15**³¹ (1.46 g, 5.36 mmol) in DMF (8 mL) NaH (60% in mineral oil, 321 mg, 8.04 mmol) was added slowly at 0 °C, followed by benzyl bromide (961 μ L, 8.04 mmol), and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 3 h at r.t. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate, washed (sat. aq. NH₄Cl, brine), dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Filtration of the crude through a pad of silica gel (with ethyl acetate as an eluent), purification by radial chromatography (SiO₂, hexanes to 1/19 ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave **16** (1.74 g, 90%) as a white solid. M.p. 38–39 °C. $[\alpha]_D^{19}$ –46.4 (*c* 0.71, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (500 MHz) δ : 7.26–7.40 (m, 5H), 5.77–5.86 (m, 1H), 5.04 (ddd, *J* = 17.1, 3.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (dq, *J* = 10.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 4.92 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.27–4.31 (m, 1H), 4.15 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.66–3.74 (m, 2H), 3.43 (dt, *J* = 9.6, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.09–2.17 (m, 2H), 1.64–1.74 (m, 2H), 1.53 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 3H), 1.29 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz) δ : 138.4, 138.0, 128.3, 128.0, 127.6, 115.0, 109.1, 97.0, 81.2, 78.7, 76.2, 73.0, 66.8, 64.5, 30.3, 28.6, 28.1, 26.4, 17.9; ESIHRMS Calcd for C₂₁H₃₀NaO₅ [M + Na]⁺: 385.1991. Found 385.1980.

***n*-Pentenyl 2,4-Di-O-benzyl- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (17)**

A mixture of **16** (1.25 g, 3.45 mmol) and acetic acid (80% in water, 10 mL) was heated for 4 h at 90 °C. Solvents were then evaporated and residual syrup was dried by addition of toluene, followed by evaporation (2 times). Bu₂SnO (1.03 g, 4.14 mmol) was then added to this syrup, followed by benzene (25 mL) and mixture was heated to reflux in a Dean-Stark apparatus for 3 h, after which most of the solvent was distilled off. The reaction mixture was cooled to r. t. and the residual solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. CsF (1.05 g, 6.90 mmol), benzyl bromide (536 μ L, 4.49 mmol) and DMF (20 mL) were then added. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir overnight, diluted with ethyl acetate, washed (water, brine), dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Filtration of the crude through a pad of silica gel (with ethyl acetate as an eluent), purification by radial chromatography (SiO₂, hexanes to 3/17 ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave **17** (1.06 g, 74%). Spectral data matched that reported in literature.⁷

4,5-Dibromopentyl 2,4-Di-O-benzyl- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (18)

A solution of **17** (300 mg, 0.73 mmol) in THF/acetonitrile (3 mL/6 mL) was added to a mixture of CuBr₂ (812 mg, 3.64 mmol) and LiBr (632 mg, 7.28 mmol) in THF/acetonitrile (6 mL/12 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight in the dark at r.t., then diluted with ethyl acetate, washed (water, 2 times), dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Filtration of the crude through a pad of silica gel (with ethyl acetate as an eluent) and purification by radial chromatography (SiO₂, hexanes to 1/4 ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave **18** as a mixture of two diastereomers in the dibromopentyl chain (370 mg, 89%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz) δ : 7.28–7.41 (m, 10H), 4.91 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (s, 2H), 4.66 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.15–4.22 (m, 1H), 4.01–4.04 (m, 1H), 3.84–3.89 (m, 2H), 3.69–3.77 (m, 2H), 3.63 (t, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (t, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.42–3.47 (m, 1H), 2.60 (s, 1H), 2.20–2.30 (m, 1H), 1.79–1.93 (m, 2H), 1.67–1.76 (m, 1H), 1.34 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz) δ : 138.4, 137.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 99.1, 99.0, 80.0, 75.5, 72.1, 68.6, 67.5, 66.54, 66.51, 52.6, 52.5, 36.2, 33.01, 32.95, 26.9, 18.0; ESIHRMS Calcd for C₂₅H₃₂NaBr₂O₅ [M + Na]⁺: 593.0514. Found 593.0519.

***S*-Phenyl 2,4-Di-O-benzyl- α -L-thiorhamnopyranoside (20)**

To a solution of **19**³³ (1.83 g, 3.17 mmol) in MeOH/CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL/30 mL) DDQ (2.16 g, 9.51 mmol) was added at 0 °C. After 30 min, the reaction mixture was warmed to r. t. and stirred for a further 5 h before it was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and quenched with sat. aq. Na₂CO₃. The organic phase was separated, washed (sat. aq. Na₂CO₃), dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Filtration of the crude through a pad of silica gel (with ethyl acetate as an eluent),

purification by radial chromatography (SiO₂, hexanes to 1/9 ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave **20** (1.03 g, 74%), whose spectral data matched that reported in literature.³³

S-Phenyl 2,4-Di-O-benzyl-3-O-(2-naphthylmethyl)- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-2,4-di-O-benzyl- α -L-thiorhamnopyranoside (21 α**) and S-Phenyl 2,4-Di-O-benzyl-3-O-(2-naphthylmethyl)- β -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-2,4-di-O-benzyl- α -L-thiorhamno-pyranoside (**21 β**)**

To a solution of **19** (304 mg, 0.53 mmol), TTBP (262 mg, 1.05 mmol), Ph₂SO (107 mg, 0.53 mmol), and activated 3 Å powdered molecular sieves in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) Tf₂O (98 μ L, 0.58 mmol) was added at -60 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at this temperature and solution of **20** (391 mg, 0.90 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for an additional 30 min at -60 °C and then quenched by the addition of P(OEt)₃ (184 μ L, 1.05 mmol). The reaction mixture was warmed r.t., then filtered, diluted with CH₂Cl₂, washed (sat. aq. Na₂CO₃), dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Filtration of the crude through a pad of silica gel (with ethyl acetate as an eluent), purification by radial chromatography (SiO₂, hexanes to 1/9 ethyl acetate/hexanes), followed by the HPLC (SiO₂, hexanes to 1/9 ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave **21 α** (235 mg, 49%), **21 β** (34 mg, 7%) and **20** (70 mg, 18%) was recovered. **21 α** . [α]_D²⁴ -61.2 (c 0.20, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (501 MHz) δ : 7.66 – 7.83 (m, 4H), 7.41 – 7.49 (m, 5H), 7.35 – 7.40 (m, 6H), 7.18 – 7.35 (m, 17H), 5.52 (s, 1H), 5.18 (s, 1H), 5.04 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.67 – 4.74 (m, 3H), 4.60 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.45 – 4.55 (m, 4H), 4.12 – 4.20 (m, 1H), 4.07 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 4.01 – 4.04 (m, 1H), 3.99 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.81 – 3.88 (m, 1H), 3.73 – 3.76 (m, 1H), 3.70 (t, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (t, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 1.35 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.30 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz) δ : 139.0, 138.4, 137.8, 136.0, 134.6, 133.3, 133.0, 131.5, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.84, 127.81, 127.71, 127.66, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 127.0, 126.5, 126.1, 125.9, 99.9 (¹*J*_{CH} = 168.7 Hz), 85.5 (¹*J*_{CH} = 164.9 Hz), 80.8, 80.5, 79.9, 79.6, 76.0, 75.2, 74.7, 72.6, 72.5, 72.2, 69.5, 68.9, 18.2, 17.9; ESIHRMS Calcd for C₅₇H₅₈NaO₈S [M+Na]⁺: 925.3750. Found 925.3741. **21 β** . [α]_D²² +7.4 (c 0.50, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (501 MHz) δ : 7.69 – 7.86 (m, 4H), 7.37 – 7.51 (m, 9H), 7.26 – 7.37 (m, 13H), 7.18 – 7.25 (m, 6H), 5.54 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 4.66 – 4.75 (m, 2H), 4.69 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (s, 1H), 4.18 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.11 – 4.17 (m, 1H), 3.91 (t, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.63 – 3.70 (m, 2H), 3.40 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.22 – 3.29 (m, 1H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.37 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz) δ : 138.9, 138.7, 138.6, 137.7, 135.9, 134.8, 133.3, 133.0, 131.6, 129.1, 128.5, 128.44, 128.37, 128.24, 128.18, 128.14, 128.10, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 126.2, 125.9, 125.6, 99.0 (¹*J*_{CH} = 154.9 Hz), 85.4 (¹*J*_{CH} = 166.2 Hz), 82.2, 80.3, 80.2, 76.5, 76.3, 75.5, 74.7, 74.3, 74.1, 72.12, 72.09, 71.6, 69.0, 18.4, 18.2; ESIHRMS Calcd for C₅₇H₅₈NaO₈S [M+Na]⁺: 925.3750. Found 925.3744.

4,5-Dibromopentyl 2,4-Di-O-benzyl- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-2,4-di-O-benzyl- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)-3,4-di-O-benzyl- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (22**)**

To a solution of **21 α** (677 mg, 0.75 mmol), TTBP (373 mg, 1.50 mmol), Ph₂SO (151 mg, 0.75 mmol), and activated 3 Å powdered molecular sieves in CH₂Cl₂ (22 mL) Tf₂O (139 μ L, 0.82 mmol) was added at -60 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at this temperature, and solution of **18** (644 mg, 1.13 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (7 mL) was added dropwise. After stirring for 30 min at -60 °C the reaction mixture was warmed r.t., then filtered, diluted with CH₂Cl₂, washed (sat. aq. Na₂CO₃), dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. The crude was filtered through a pad of silica gel (with ethyl acetate as an eluent) and purified by radial chromatography (SiO₂, hexanes to 1/9 ethyl acetate/hexanes). Fractions containing product were combined and concentrated to give clear oil. To a solution of this oil in CH₂Cl₂/MeOH (18 mL/6 mL) DDQ (400 mg, 1.76 mmol) was added at 0 °C. After 30 min, the reaction mixture was warmed to r.

t. and further stirred for 9 h before it was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and quenched with sat. aq. Na₂CO₃. The organic phase was separated, washed (sat. aq. Na₂CO₃), dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Filtration of the crude through a pad of silica gel (with ethyl acetate as an eluent), purification by radial chromatography (SiO₂, hexanes to 3/17 ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave **22** as a mixture of two diastereomers in the dibromopentyl chain (413 mg, 45%, 2 steps). ¹H NMR (501 MHz) δ: 7.14 – 7.40 (m, 30H), 5.23 (s, 1H), 5.13 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 4.70 – 4.75 (m, 2H), 4.57 – 4.69 (m, 4H), 4.48 – 4.55 (m, 2H), 4.36 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.16 – 4.22 (m, 1H), 4.12 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 4.01 – 4.05 (m, 1H), 3.97 (td, *J* = 9.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.79 – 3.89 (m, 4H), 3.60 – 3.77 (m, 6H), 3.42 – 3.47 (m, 1H), 3.42 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (t, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 2.20 – 2.30 (m, 1H), 1.79 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.67 – 1.77 (m, 1H), 1.33 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.30 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H), 1.25 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz) δ: 138.8, 138.6, 138.5, 138.3, 138.1, 137.8, 128.50, 128.47, 128.4, 128.1, 127.84, 127.78, 127.6, 126.9, 99.2 (¹*J*_{CH} = 170.0 Hz), 99.1 (¹*J*_{CH} = 168.7 Hz), 99.0 (¹*J*_{CH} = 170.0 Hz), 98.5 (¹*J*_{CH} = 170.0 Hz), 82.2, 81.1, 80.6, 79.9, 79.2, 77.9, 76.8, 75.5, 74.9, 74.7, 74.6, 72.6, 72.5, 72.4, 71.7, 68.9, 68.2, 67.7, 66.4, 52.6, 52.5, 36.1, 33.03, 33.00, 26.9, 18.2, 18.1, 18.0; ESIHRMS Calcd for C₆₅H₇₆Br₂NaO₁₃ [M+Na]⁺: 1245.3550. Found 1245.3521.

Methyl 2,4-Di-O-benzyl-3-O-(2-naphthylmethyl)-α-L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1→3)-2,4-di-O-benzyl-α-L-rhamnopyranoside (24α) and Methyl 2,4-Di-O-benzyl-3-O-(2-naphthylmethyl)-β-L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1→3)-2,4-di-O-benzyl-α-L-rhamnopyranoside (24β)

Method A—To a solution of **14** (17 mg, 0.039 mmol), TTBP (19 mg, 0.078 mmol), BSP (8 mg, 0.039 mmol), and activated 3 Å powdered molecular sieves in CH₂Cl₂ (1.5 mL) Tf₂O (7.2 μL, 0.043 mmol) was added at –60 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 5 min at this temperature, and solution of **23** (17 mg, 0.048 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.6 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for an additional 2 min at –60 °C, then slowly warmed to r.t., filtered, washed (sat. aq. Na₂CO₃), dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Filtration of the crude through a pad of silica gel (with ethyl acetate as an eluent) and purification by means of radial chromatography (SiO₂, hexanes to 3/17 ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave **24α** (19 mg, 72%) and **24β** (3 mg, 10%). **24α**. [α]_D²³ +252.3 (c 0.13, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (500 MHz) δ: 7.79 – 7.87 (m, 4H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.48 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.40 (m, 8H), 5.10 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 4.82 – 4.87 (m, 2H), 4.74 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (s, 1H), 4.59 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.81 – 3.88 (m, 2H), 3.62 – 3.71 (m, 2H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 3.39 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 3.13 (t, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 1.35 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 3H), 1.15 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz) δ: 138.4, 138.0, 135.6, 133.3, 133.0, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.73, 127.71, 127.67, 127.0, 126.2, 126.0, 125.9, 98.8 (¹*J*_{CH} = 168.7 Hz), 93.5 (¹*J*_{CH} = 167.4 Hz), 82.6, 79.8, 75.64, 75.56, 75.4, 74.3, 72.8, 68.3, 68.0, 66.4, 59.5, 54.7, 18.5, 18.1; FABHRMS Calcd for C₃₉H₄₅N₃NaO₈ [M+Na]⁺: 706.3104. Found 706.3097. **24β**. [α]_D²³ +12.2 (c 0.18, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz) δ: 7.81 – 7.89 (m, 4H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.39–7.43 (m, 4H), 7.27 – 7.37 (m, 6H), 5.1 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 4.96 – 5.02 (m, 2H), 4.84 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 4.55 – 4.65 (m, 3H), 4.03 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (dd, *J* = 3.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.59 – 3.68 (m, 2H), 3.45 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 3.11 – 3.22 (m, 3 H), 1.36 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 3H), 1.29 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz) δ: 138.8, 138.5, 135.5, 133.3, 133.1, 128.4, 128.24, 128.18, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 127.1, 126.3, 126.1, 126.0, 103.7 (¹*J*_{CH} = 160.9 Hz), 99.7 (¹*J*_{CH} = 168.3 Hz), 84.9, 82.8, 80.8, 79.1, 78.4, 75.5, 74.8, 73.5, 70.3, 67.9, 67.7, 60.8, 54.5, 18.6, 18.0; FABHRMS Calcd for C₃₉H₄₅N₃NaO₈ [M+Na]⁺: 706.3104. Found 706.3080.

Method B—To a solution of **14** (18 mg, 0.042 mmol), TTBP (21 mg, 0.085 mmol), BSP (9 mg, 0.042 mmol), and activated 3 Å powdered molecular sieves in propionitrile (1.5 mL) Tf₂O (7.9 μL, 0.047 mmol) was added at –60 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 5 min

at this temperature, and solution of **23** (19 mg, 0.052 mmol) in propionitrile (0.6 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for an additional 2 min at -60°C , then warmed to r.t., filtered, diluted with CH_2Cl_2 , washed (sat. aq. Na_2CO_3), dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated. Filtration of the crude through a pad of silica gel (with ethyl acetate as an eluent) and purification by radial chromatography (SiO_2 , hexanes to 3/17 ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave **24a** (10.3 mg, 36%) and **24b** (9.7 mg, 34%).

Method C—A solution of **14** (27 mg, 0.062 mmol), **23** (18 mg, 0.050 mmol) and activated 3 Å powdered molecular sieves in propionitrile (1 mL) was stirred for 10 min at r.t., then cooled to -60°C and *N*-iodosuccinimide (14 mg, 0.062 mmol), followed by TfOH (1.1 μL , 0.012 mmol) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 8 h at -60 to -65°C , then quenched with Et_3N (9 μL , 0.062 mmol), filtered, diluted with CH_2Cl_2 , washed (sat. aq. $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$, sat. aq. Na_2CO_3), dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated. Filtration of the crude through a pad of silica gel (with ethyl acetate as an eluent) and purification by radial chromatography (SiO_2 , hexanes to 3/17 ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave **24a** (8 mg, 23%) and **24b** (25 mg, 70%).

4,5-Dibromopentyl 4-Azido-4-deoxy-2-O-methyl-3-O-(2-naphthylmethyl)- α -D-quinovopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-2,4-di-O-benzyl- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-2,4-di-O-benzyl- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)-3,4-di-O-benzyl- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (25a**) and 4,5-Dibromopentyl 4-Azido-4-deoxy-2-O-methyl-3-O-(2-naphthylmethyl)- β -D-quinovopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-2,4-di-O-benzyl- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-2,4-di-O-benzyl- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)-3,4-di-O-benzyl- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (**25b**)**

A solution of **22** (118 mg, 0.096 mmol), **14** (50 mg, 0.115 mmol), and activated 3 Å powdered molecular sieves in propionitrile (2.4 mL) was stirred for 10 min at r.t., then cooled to -60°C and *N*-iodosuccinimide (26 mg, 0.116 mmol), followed by TfOH (1.7 μL , 0.019 mmol) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 9 h at -60 to -65°C , then quenched with Et_3N (16 μL , 0.115 mmol), filtered, diluted with CH_2Cl_2 , washed (sat. aq. $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$, sat. aq. Na_2CO_3), dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated. Filtration of the crude through a pad of silica gel (with ethyl acetate as an eluent), purification by radial chromatography (SiO_2 , hexanes to 3/17 ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave **25a** as a mixture of two diastereomers in the dibromopentyl chain (32 mg, 21%) and **25b** of two diastereomers in the dibromopentyl chain (105 mg, 71%). **25a**. ^1H NMR (500 MHz): 7.74 – 7.87 (m, 4H), 7.51 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.12 – 7.35 (m, 30H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 5.10 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.00 – 5.04 (m, 2H), 4.91 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.85 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.82 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.75 (d, $J = 11.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.70 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.62 – 4.67 (m, 2H), 4.55 – 4.61 (m, 3H), 4.51 – 4.55 (m, 2H), 4.49 (s, 1H), 4.40 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.11 – 4.21 (m, 3H), 3.99 – 4.01 (m, 1H), 3.76 – 3.90 (m, 8H), 3.55 – 3.71 (m, 5H), 3.37 – 3.46 (m, 5H), 3.34 (dd, $J = 9.4, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.10 (t, $J = 9.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.18 – 2.27 (m, 1H), 1.77 – 1.89 (m, 2H), 1.63 – 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.282 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.278 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.24 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.06 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz) δ : 138.6, 138.4, 138.3, 138.0, 135.6, 133.3, 133.0, 128.47, 128.42, 128.34, 128.26, 128.12, 128.09, 128.0, 127.8, 127.68, 127.65, 127.60, 127.56, 127.5, 127.0, 126.2, 126.0, 125.9, 99.5 ($^1J_{\text{CH}} = 169.9$ Hz), 99.1 ($^1J_{\text{CH}} = 169.2$ Hz), 99.0 ($^1J_{\text{CH}} = 169.2$ Hz), 98.9 ($^1J_{\text{CH}} = 168.5$ Hz), 93.1 ($^1J_{\text{CH}} = 165.3$ Hz), 82.6, 80.8, 80.5, 79.9, 79.7, 77.6, 75.52, 75.49, 75.4, 75.2, 74.7, 74.5, 72.6, 72.4, 72.3, 68.8, 68.2, 68.1, 66.3, 59.1, 52.6, 52.5, 36.1, 33.01, 32.97, 26.8, 18.5, 18.10, 18.05; ESIHRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{83}\text{H}_{95}\text{N}_3\text{NaO}_{16}\text{Br}_2$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}$] $^{+}$: 1570.4977. Found 1570.4920. **25b**. ^1H NMR (501 MHz) δ : 7.82 – 7.87 (m, 4H), 7.53 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.44 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.37 (m, 28H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 5.06 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.95 – 5.00 (m, 2H), 4.87 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.66 – 4.72 (m, 2H), 4.54 – 4.66 (m, 7H), 4.44 – 4.50 (m, 3H), 4.10 – 4.21 (m, 3H), 3.99 – 4.01 (m, 1H), 3.88 – 3.91 (m, 1H), 3.81 – 3.87 (m, 4H), 3.75 – 3.80 (m, 1H), 3.66 – 3.69 (m, 4H), 3.59 – 3.71 (m, 3H), 3.55 (t, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.35 – 3.45 (m, 3H), 3.16 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.08 (t, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.00 – 3.08 (m, 1H), 2.17 – 2.28 (m, 1H), 1.77 – 1.89 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.283 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 3H),

1.279 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.26 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.12 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz) δ : 138.8, 138.5, 138.3, 138.2, 135.5, 133.4, 133.1, 128.5, 128.33, 128.28, 128.2, 128.13, 128.07, 128.0, 127.73, 127.69, 127.66, 127.60, 127.58, 127.42, 127.39, 127.1, 126.3, 126.1, 126.0, 103.6 ($^1J_{\text{CH}} = 161.2$ Hz), 100.3 ($^1J_{\text{CH}} = 168.7$ Hz), 99.0 ($^1J_{\text{CH}} = 170.0$ Hz), 98.9 ($^1J_{\text{CH}} = 169.2$ Hz), 84.9, 82.8, 81.0, 80.61, 80.55, 80.0, 79.4, 78.6, 78.1, 75.49, 75.46, 74.84, 74.76, 74.7, 73.4, 72.5, 72.2, 70.3, 68.7, 68.4, 68.1, 67.8, 66.3, 60.8, 52.6, 52.5, 36.1, 33.02, 32.99, 26.8, 18.5, 18.1, 18.0; ESIHRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{83}\text{H}_{95}\text{N}_3\text{NaO}_{16}\text{Br}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 1570.4977. Found 1570.4930.

***n*-Pentenyl 4-Azido-4-deoxy-2-O-methyl-3-O-(2-naphthylmethyl)- β -D-quinovo-pyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-2,4-di-O-benzyl- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-2,4-di-O-benzyl- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)-3,4-di-O-benzyl- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (26)**

A mixture of **25 β** (98 mg, 0.063 mmol), NaI (190 mg, 1.268 mmol), and 2-butanone (6 mL) was heated to reflux for 5 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to r.t., diluted with ethyl acetate, washed (sat. aq. $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$), dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated. Filtration of the crude through a pad of silica gel (with ethyl acetate as an eluent), purification by radial chromatography (SiO_2 , hexanes to 1/9 ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave **26** (82 mg, 94 %). $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{15} +10.0$ (c 0.23, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (501 MHz) δ : 7.83 – 7.91 (m, 4H), 7.56 (dd, $J = 8.5, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 7.43 (m, 30H), 5.76 – 5.85 (m, 1H), 5.13 (br. s., 1H), 5.11 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.01 – 5.06 (m, 1H), 4.97 – 5.01 (m, 3H), 4.88 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.59 – 4.73 (m, 8H), 4.57 (d, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.44 – 4.51 (m, 3H), 4.11 – 4.17 (m, 2H), 4.02 – 4.04 (m, 1H), 3.90 (dd, $J = 2.6, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.82 – 3.87 (m, 3H), 3.77 – 3.82 (m, 1H), 3.62 – 3.71 (m, 6H), 3.56 (t, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.35 – 3.45 (m, 3H), 3.17 (dd, $J = 8.9, 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.09 (t, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.01 – 3.09 (m, 1H), 2.06 – 2.14 (m, 2H), 1.62 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.30 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.29 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.27 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.12 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz) δ : 138.7, 138.4, 138.33, 138.31, 138.2, 138.0, 135.5, 133.3, 133.1, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.14, 128.09, 128.05, 128.03, 127.98, 127.7, 127.64, 127.57, 127.53, 127.50, 127.4, 127.1, 126.2, 126.1, 125.9, 114.9, 103.5 ($^1J_{\text{CH}} = 161.2$ Hz), 100.3 ($^1J_{\text{CH}} = 168.7$ Hz), 98.9 ($^1J_{\text{CH}} = 168.7$ Hz), 84.8, 82.7, 80.9, 80.58, 80.55, 80.1, 79.3, 78.5, 78.0, 75.5, 75.4, 74.7, 74.6, 73.3, 72.4, 72.1, 70.2, 68.6, 68.4, 67.9, 67.7, 66.7, 60.8, 30.3, 28.6, 18.4, 18.02, 17.98, 17.95; ESIHRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{83}\text{H}_{95}\text{N}_3\text{NaO}_{16}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 1412.6610. Found 1412.6560.

***n*-Pentenyl 4-Azido-4-deoxy-2-O-methyl- β -D-quinovopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-2,4-di-O-benzyl- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-2,4-di-O-benzyl- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)-3,4-di-O-benzyl- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (27) and *n*-Pentenyl 4-Azido-3-O-benzyl-4-deoxy-2-O-methyl- β -D-quinovopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-2,4-di-O-benzyl- α -L-rhamno-pyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)-2,4-di-O-benzyl- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)-3,4-di-O-benzyl- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (28)**

To a solution of **26** (122 mg, 0.088 mmol) in $\text{MeOH}/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (0.7 mL/2.1 mL) DDQ (60 mg, 0.26 mmol) was added at 0 °C. After 30 min, the reaction mixture was warmed to r. t. and further stirred for 5h before it was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 and quenched with sat. aq. Na_2CO_3 . The organic phase was separated, washed (sat. aq. Na_2CO_3), dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated. Filtration of the crude through a pad of silica gel (with ethyl acetate as an eluent), purification by radial chromatography (SiO_2 , hexanes to 1/9 ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave **27** (74 mg, 67%). $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{15} -11.6$ (c 0.76, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (501 MHz) δ : 7.13 – 7.39 (m, 30H), 5.74 – 5.85 (m, 1H), 5.11 (br. s., 1H), 5.10 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.02 (dq, $J = 17.2, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.95 – 4.99 (m, 1H), 4.88 (t, $J = 10.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.70 (d, $J = 11.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.65 – 4.69 (m, 2H), 4.54 – 4.63 (m, 6H), 4.48 (d, $J = 11.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.39 – 4.44 (m, 2H), 4.12 (ddd, $J = 12.2, 9.4, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.00 – 4.02 (m, 1H), 3.87 (dd, $J = 2.8, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.81 – 3.86 (m, 3H), 3.76 – 3.82 (m, 1H), 3.60 – 3.69 (m, 6H), 3.54 (t, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.47 (td, $J = 9.1, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.41 (t, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.34 – 3.39 (m, 1H), 3.01 – 3.09 (m, 1H), 3.01 (t, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.97 (dd, $J = 9.2, 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.66 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.06 – 2.13 (m, 2H), 1.60 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.27 – 1.29 (m, 6H), 1.26 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 1.11 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz) δ : 138.7, 138.54,

138.47, 138.4, 138.2, 138.1, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.74, 127.68, 127.62, 127.56, 127.41, 127.38, 115.0, 103.4 ($^1J_{\text{CH}} = 161.2$ Hz), 100.2 ($^1J_{\text{CH}} = 166.2$ Hz), 99.0 ($^1J_{\text{CH}} = 168.7$ Hz), 84.0, 81.1, 80.62, 80.59, 80.1, 79.4, 78.2, 78.1, 75.5, 75.2, 74.8, 74.7, 73.4, 72.5, 72.1, 70.5, 68.6, 68.4, 67.9, 67.4, 66.8, 61.0, 30.3, 28.7, 18.3, 18.1, 18.02, 17.99; ESIHRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{72}\text{H}_{87}\text{N}_3\text{NaO}_{16}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 1272.5984. Found 1272.5943. Further elution of with ethyl acetate gave a mixture of the debenzylated byproducts, which was dissolved in DMF (2 mL). Benzyl bromide (60 μL , 0.50 mmol) was then added, followed by NaH (60% in mineral oil, 20 mg, 0.50 mmol) and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight, then diluted with ethyl acetate, washed (brine, water), dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated. Purification by radial chromatography (SiO_2 , hexanes to 3/17 ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave **28** (26 mg, 22%, 2 steps). $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} +2.4$ (c 1.08, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (501 MHz): 7.12 – 7.45 (m, 35H), 5.75 – 5.85 (m, 1H), 5.08 – 5.14 (m, 2H), 5.02 (dq, $J = 17.2, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.96 – 4.99 (m, 2H), 4.90 (d, $J = 10.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.81 (d, $J = 10.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.65 – 4.72 (m, 3H), 4.54 – 4.64 (m, 6H), 4.44 – 4.50 (m, 3H), 4.13 (td, $J = 9.5, 3.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.01 – 4.02 (m, 1H), 3.89 (dd, $J = 2.8, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.76 – 3.86 (m, 4H), 3.61 – 3.70 (m, 6H), 3.55 (t, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.42 (t, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.31 – 3.39 (m, 2H), 3.13 (dd, $J = 9.1, 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.95 – 3.07 (m, 2H), 2.06 – 2.13 (m, 2H), 1.61 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.284 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.279 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.26 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.11 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz) δ : 138.80, 138.78, 138.5, 138.40, 138.38, 138.2, 138.1, 138.0, 128.44, 128.40, 128.32, 128.26, 128.12, 128.08, 127.9, 127.71, 127.68, 127.60, 127.56, 127.5, 127.40, 127.37, 114.9, 103.6 ($^1J_{\text{CH}} = 161.2$ Hz), 100.3 ($^1J_{\text{CH}} = 173.7$ Hz), 99.1 ($^1J_{\text{CH}} = 167.4$ Hz), 99.0 ($^1J_{\text{CH}} = 167.4$ Hz), 84.8, 82.7, 81.0, 80.64, 80.63, 80.1, 79.4, 78.6, 78.1, 75.49, 75.45, 74.8, 74.6, 73.4, 72.5, 72.2, 70.3, 68.7, 68.4, 68.0, 67.7, 66.8, 60.8, 30.3, 28.7, 18.5, 18.1, 18.02, 17.99; ESIHRMS Calcd for $\text{C}_{79}\text{H}_{93}\text{N}_3\text{NaO}_{16}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 1362.6454. Found 1362.6404.

***n*-Pentenyl 4-deoxy-4-(3-hydroxy-3-methylbutanamido)-2-O-methyl- β -D-quinovo-pyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 3)- α -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- α -L-rhamnopyranoside (**2**)**

Ammonia was condensed at -78 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ in a reaction vessel, containing a solution of **27** (26 mg, 0.021 mmol) and **28** (9 mg, 0.007 mmol) in THF (6 mL), until a total volume of about 20 mL was reached. Sodium (45 mg, 1.96 mmol) was then added in small pieces, affording a solution of dark blue color. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1h at this temperature and then quenched by the addition of the methanol. The reaction mixture was warmed to r.t., in order to evaporate the ammonia, and then concentrated. Purification by column chromatography (eluting first with CHCl_3 to remove most of the byproducts, and then with 1/4 MeOH/ CHCl_3 , and finally MeOH) gave a crude product, which was dissolved in (*i*-Pr) $_2$ EtN and concentrated (2 times). DMF (2 mL) was then added, followed by 3-hydroxy-3-methylbutyric acid (5 mg, 0.042 mmol), HATU (16 mg, 0.042 mmol), and (*i*-Pr) $_2$ EtN (28 μL , 0.16 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight and then concentrated. Purification by column chromatography (SiO_2 , CHCl_3 to 9/31 MeOH/ CHCl_3), followed by purification by preparative TLC (9/31 MeOH/ CHCl_3) and further column chromatography (SiO_2 , CHCl_3 to 9/31 MeOH/ CHCl_3), gave **2** (12 mg, 54%, 2 steps), whose spectral data matched that reported in the literature.⁷ $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} -63.5$ (c 0.2, MeOH); Lit.⁷ $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} -7.9$ (c 0.18, CHCl_3).⁴³ IR (thin film): 3377, 2972, 2931, 2879, 1658, 1649, 1641, 1381, 1122, 1061 cm^{-1} .

Supplementary Material

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Figure 1.
Literature Approaches to the Target

Scheme 1.
Synthesis of the Anthrose Donor

Scheme 2.
Synthesis of Monosaccharide 18

Scheme 3.
Synthesis of Monosaccharide 19

Scheme 4.
Trisaccharide Synthesis

Promoter	Solvent	α/β ratio, (yield)
BSP/TTBP/Tf ₂ O	CH ₂ Cl ₂	7.3/1 (82%)
BSP/TTBP/Tf ₂ O	C ₂ H ₅ CN	~ 1/1 (70%)
NIS/TfOH	C ₂ H ₅ CN	1/3.3 (93%)

Scheme 5.
Exploratory Couplings to the Anthrose Donor

Scheme 6.
Completion of the Synthesis