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Synthesis of a hexasaccharide partial sequence of hyaluronan for click chemistry and more

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1. General experimental methods

All reactions were carried out in flame-dried flasks under an argon atmosphere. Dry dichloromethane was freshly distilled from SICAPENT (phosphorus pentoxide on solid support with indicator) and dry tetrahydrofuran (THF) was freshly distilled from potassium. Dry *N,N*-dimethylformamide, dry methanol, dry acetonitrile, dry pyridine as well as all reagents were purchased from ABCR, Acros Organics, Carbolution, Fluka, Fluorochem, Merck, Sigma–Aldrich and VWR International and used without further purification. All reactions were performed at room temperature (22–25 °C) and ambient pressure (1013.25 hPa) unless otherwise indicated. Yields refer to chromatographically and spectroscopically pure compounds.

Analytical TLC was carried out on alumina plates precoated with silica gel (Merck 60-F $_{254}$, 0.2 mm). The visualization was accomplished under UV light (254 nm) and through coloring with Seebach [10.0 g Ce(SO $_4$) $_2$ ·H $_2$ O, 25.0 g molybdophosphoric acid hydrate, 60.0 mL H $_2$ SO $_4$ concentrated and 940 mL H $_2$ O; the solution was diluted 1:1 with H $_2$ O and the development was achieved by a stream of hot air (350 °C)] or ninhydrin [0.30 g ninhydrin, 3.0 mL acetic acid and 97 mL ethanol, the detection was achieved with stream of hot air (350 °C)] staining solution. Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel 60 (40–63 µm) from Sigma–Aldrich using a forced flow of eluent. Concentration under reduced pressure carried out by rotary evaporation at 40 °C at the appropriate pressure.

NMR spectra were recorded on: Varian "Mercury plus-300" (300 MHz: 1 H NMR, 75 MHz: 13 C NMR), "Mercury-plus 400" (400 MHz: 1 H NMR, 100 MHz: 13 C NMR) and "Bruker Avance-700" (700 MHz: 1 H NMR, 175 MHz: 13 C NMR). The residual solvent signal is used as internal standard (chloroform- d_1 : 7.26 (1 H NMR), 77.16 (13 C NMR); methanol- d_4 : 3.31 (1 H NMR), 49.00 (13 C NMR); dimethyl sulfoxide- d_6 : 2.50 (1 H NMR), 39.52 (13 C NMR). The chemical shifts δ are reported in ppm and multiplicities are classified using the following abbreviations: singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), multiplet (m) and combinations thereof. Coupling constants, J are given in Hertz (Hz), followed by the integrated proton number and signal interpretation. High resolution ESI mass spectra were obtained on a Bruker Daltonics FT-ICR-MS "APEX II" [7 T] mass spectrometer. IR spectra were recorded on an FTIR Genesis ATI spectrometer from Mattson/Unicam and FT/IR-4100 type A spectrometer from Jasco. The compounds were measured as KBr pellet. Optical rotation data were obtained using a fully automatic polarimeter Polartronic MHz-8 (Schmidt & Haensch) at the sodium-D line (λ = 598.59 nm). Melting points were measured on a Melting Point B-540 melting point apparatus from Büchi and are uncorrected.

Monosaccharides **1–3** were synthesized according to previously published syntheses [1-5], whereas synthesis of compounds **4–6** was based on earlier work of our group [6].

2. Synthesis overview

3.1 Prop-2-en-1-yl 2,3-di-O-benzoyl-4-O-[tert-butyl(dimethyl)silyl]-6-methyl-D-glucopyranuronosyl-(1 \rightarrow 3)-2-(acetylamino)-4,6-O-benzylidene-2-deoxy- β -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 4)-2,3-di-O-benzoyl-6-methyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 4)-2,3-di-O-benzoyl-6-methyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 4)-2,3-di-O-benzoyl-6-methyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 3)-2-(acetylamino)-4,6-O-benzylidene-2-deoxy- α -D-glucopyranoside (8)

Thioglycoside **4** (475 mg, 447 µmol, 1.5 equiv) and alcohol 6 (467 mg, 298 µmol, 1.0 equiv) were coevaporated with toluene (3 × 3 mL) and dried under high vacuum for 3 h. The mixture was dissolved in dichloromethane (45 mL) and transferred through an injection needle into a flask containing activated 4 Å molecular sieves (1.7 g). Then, the mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. Afterwards, the suspension was cooled to 0 °C and *N*-iodosuccinimide (107 mg, 476 µmol, 1.6 equiv) and trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (10.5 µL, 18.3 mg, 119 µmol, 0.4 equiv) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 11 h at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with triethylamine (36 µL) and all solids were filtered off. All volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was passed through a short column [R_f : 0.44 (n-hexane/ethyl acetate = 4:6 v/v)] to yield crude product **7** (~ 600 mg) as a white solid that was used in the next reaction without further purification.

To a solution of the obtained product **7** (600 mg, 239 μ mol, 1.0 equiv) in acetic acid (15 mL) activated zinc (2.0 g) was added and the reaction mixture was left to stir at room temperature for 16 h. Then, all solids were filtered off and all volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The remaining solid residue was dried under high vacuum for 6 h. Afterwards it was taken up in pyridine (20 mL) and acetic anhydride (10 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 h. Then, the solution was diluted with dichloromethane (150 mL) and carefully quenched by addition of ice cooled saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate solution (200 mL). The organic phase was washed with saturated aqueous cupric sulfate solution (5 x 50 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (*n*-hexane/ethyl acetate, 4:6 \rightarrow 1:9 v/v) to afford hexasaccharide **8** (335 mg, 150 μ mol, 50%) as a white solid.

 R_f : 0.12 (*n*-hexane/ethyl acetate = 4:6 v/v).

¹H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] -0.26 (s, 3 H, -Si-CH₃), -0.12 (s, 3 H, -Si-CH₃), 0.67 (s, 9 H, -Si-C(CH₃)₃), 1.35 (s, 3 H, -CO-CH₃), 1.37 (s, 3 H, -CO-CH₃), 1.68 (s, 3 H, -CO-CH₃), 1.81-1.88 (m, 2 H), 1.95 (s, 1 H), 2.07 (s, 1 H), 2.44-2.53 (m, 2 H), 2.66-2.75 (m, 1 H), 3.16-3.23 (m, 3 H), 3.51 (s, 3 H, -COOCH₃), 3.53 (s, 3 H, -COOCH₃), 3.57-3.61 (m, 1 H), 3.65 (s, 3 H, -COOCH₃), 3.70 (s, 1 H),

3.76-3.82 (m, 4 H), 3.94-3.98 (m, 1 H), 4.03-4.08 (m, 1 H), 4.11-4.25 (m, 6 H), 4.50-4.55 (m, 1 H), 4.68-4.73 (m, 1 H), 4.76-4.80 (m, 3 H), 4.85-4.89 (m, 2 H), 4.96-5.02 (m, 1 H), 5.08 (s, 1 H), 5.10 (s, 2 H, Ph-CH-), 5.13-5.16 (m, 1 H), 5.20-5.29 (m, 5 H), 5.32-5.40 (m, 2 H), 5.42-5.46 (m, 2 H), 5.54 (s, 1 H, Ph-CH-), 5.65-5.79 (m, 1 H, -CH=CH₂), 7.34-7.40 (m, 15 H, H_{ar}), 7.43-7.61 (m, 13 H, H_{ar}), 7.77-8.09 (m, 17 H, H_{ar}).

¹³C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] -5.1 (-Si-CH₃), -4.4 (-Si-CH₃), 17.8 (-Si-C(CH₃)₃), 22.9 (-CO-CH₃), 23.0 (2 C, -CO-CH₃), 25.5 (3 C, -Si-C(CH₃)₃), 52.2, 52.3 (-OCH₃), 52.9 (-OCH₃), 53.0 (-OCH₃), 58.3, 58.7, 62.9, 65.6, 67.9, 68.7, 68.8, 68.9, 70.9, 71.7, 72.6, 72.8, 73.0, 74.4, 75.0, 75.3, 76.3, 76.4, 76.7, 76.9, 77.0, 77.4, 77.5, 80.2, 81.7, 97.2 (C-1), 98.4 (-O-CH-O-), 98.8 (-O-CH-O-), 100.7 (Ph-CH-), 100.8 (2 C, Ph-CH-), 101.0 (-O-CH-O-), 101.1 (-O-CH-O-), 101.5 (-O-CH-O-), 117.9 (-CH=CH₂), 126.2, 128.4, 128. 7, 128. 8, 128.9, 129.2, 129.6, 129.9, 133.3, 133.4, 133.5, 133.7, 137.3, 165.0 (CO_{Bz}), 165.1 (CO_{Bz}), 165.28 (2 C, CO_{Bz}), 165.32 (CO_{Bz}), 165.7 (CO_{Bz}), 167.28 (-COOMe), 167.34 (-COOMe), 168.4 (-COOMe), 170.0 (-NH-CO-), 170.4 (-NH-CO-), 170.8 (-NH-CO-), some peaks are overlapping.

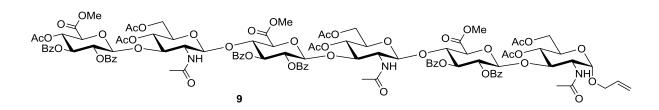
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IR: (KBr) v_{max} = 3443 cm⁻¹, 1734, 1654, 1646, 1637, 1452, 1376, 1315, 1273, 1178, 1093, 1072, 1029, 712.

Optical rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{23} (\text{deg cm}^3 \text{g}^{-1} \text{dm}^{-1}) = +65.6 (c = 1.0, \text{CHCl}_3).$

Melting point: 189 °C

3.2 Prop-2-en-1-yl 4-*O*-acetyl-2,3-di-*O*-benzoyl-6-methyl-D-glucopyranuronosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ -4,6-di-*O*-acetyl-2-(acetylamino)-2-deoxy- β -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 4)$ -2,3-di-*O*-benzoyl-6-methyl- β -D-glucopyranuronosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ -4,6-di-*O*-acetyl-2-(acetylamino)-2-deoxy- β -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 4)$ -2,3-di-*O*-benzoyl-6-methyl- β -D-glucopyranuronosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ -4,6-di-*O*-acetyl-2-(acetylamino)-2-deoxy- α -D-glucopyranoside (9)



To a solution of hexasaccharide 8 (330 mg, 147 µmol, 1.0 equiv) in tetrahydrofuran (9.9 mL) was carefully added Olah's reagent (4.9 mL, 5.4 g) and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for

5 d. Then, the reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (150 mL) and carefully quenched with saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate solution (200 mL). The organic phase was washed with saturated aqueous cupric sulfate solution (4 × 50 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 , and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The remaining solid was dried under high vacuum for 2 h before it was taken up in pyridine (10 mL). Then, acetic anhydride (5 mL) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (150 mL) and carefully quenched with ice cooled saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate solution (200 mL). Subsequently, the organic phase was washed with saturated aqueous cupric sulfate solution (5 × 50 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (dichloromethane/methanol, 50:1 \rightarrow 10:1 v/v) and compound 9 (223 mg, 103 µmol, 70%) was obtained as white solid.

 R_f : 0.25 (dichloromethane/methanol = 40:1 v/v).

¹H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] 1.62-1.93 (m, 27 H, 9 × -CO-CH₃), 2.07-2.08 (m, 3 H, -CO-CH₃), 2.53-2.62 (m, 1 H), 3.33-3.38 (m, 2 H), 3.46-3.60 (m, 5 H), 3.70-3.77 (m, 9 H, 3 × -COOCH₃), 3.88-3.99 (m, 4 H), 4.06-4.12 (m, 3 H), 4.18-4.25 (m, 3 H), 4.53-4.69 (m, 5 H), 4.74- 4.77 (m, 1 H), 4.82-4.93 (m, 3 H), 4.98-5.03 (m, 1 H), 5.09-5.40 (m, 11 H), 5.43-5.58 (m, 3 H), 5.62-5.68 (m, 1 H), 5.77-5.91 (m, 1 H, -CH=CH₂), 7.30-7.35 (m, 8 H, H_{ar}), 7.40-7.58 (m, 10 H, H_{ar}), 7.80-7.91 (m, 12 H, H_{ar}).

¹³C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] 20.52 (-CO-CH₃), 20.56 (-CO-CH₃), 20.63 (-CO-CH₃), 20.67 (-CO-CH₃), 20.9 (-CO-CH₃), 22.8 (-CO-CH₃), 22.9 (-CO-CH₃), 23.0 (-NH-CO-CH₃), 23.55 (-NH-CO-CH₃), 23.59 (-NH-CO-CH₃), 52.4 (-OCH₃), 52.8 (-OCH₃), 53.0 (-OCH₃), 59.0, 59.1, 59.2, 62.1 (-OCH₂-), 62.2 (-OCH₂-), 62.3 (-OCH₂-), 65.5, 65.6, 68.3, 68.4, 68.7, 68.8, 69.3, 69.5, 69.6 (-CH₂-CH=CH₂), 71.9, 72.0, 72.1, 72.4, 72.6, 72.7, 73.3, 74.5, 74.7, 75.1, 75.7, 76.4, 77.7, 80.1, 80.6, 96.6, 97.5, 97.8, 100.7, 101.2, 101.3, 101.6, 118.5 (-CH=CH₂), 126.1, 126.2, 128.3, 128.42, 128.47, 128.53, 128.59, 128.72, 128.75, 128.84, 128.87, 129.0, 129.21, 129.23, 129.4, 129.8, 129.9, 133.3, 133.46, 133.52, 133.6, 133.8, 164.6 (\mathbf{CO}_{Bz}), 164.7 (\mathbf{CO}_{Bz}), 164.9 (\mathbf{CO}_{Bz}), 165.3 (\mathbf{CO}_{Bz}), 165.5 (\mathbf{CO}_{Bz}), 169.42 (\mathbf{CO}_{Ac}), 169.48 (\mathbf{CO}_{Ac}), 169.6 (\mathbf{CO}_{Ac}), 169.7 (\mathbf{CO}_{Ac}), 170.57 (\mathbf{CO}_{Ac}), 170.63 (-NH-CO-), 170.68 (-NH-CO-), 170.9 (-NH-CO-), some peaks are overlapping.

HR-MS: (ESI positive, CHCl₃/MeOH) $[M+2Na]^{2+}$ calcd for $[C_{104}H_{113}N_3O_{47}Na_2]^{2+}$: 1100.81644, found 1100.81606, $[M+3Na]^{3+}$ calcd for $[C_{104}H_{113}N_3O_{47}Na_3]^{3+}$: 741.54070, found 741.54175.

IR: (KBr) v_{max} = 3444 cm⁻¹, 1736, 1654, 1452, 1373, 1275, 1109, 1094, 1070, 1042, 1030, 714.

Optical rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{23} (\text{deg cm}^3 \text{g}^{-1} \text{dm}^{-1}) = +29.2 \ (c = 1.0, \text{CHCl}_3).$

Melting point: 178 °C

3.3 3-Azido-2-hydroxypropyl 4-*O*-acetyl-2,3-di-*O*-benzoyl-6-methyl-D-glucopyranuronosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ -4,6-di-*O*-acetyl-2-(acetylamino)-2-deoxy- β -D-glucopyranosyl- $(1\rightarrow 4)$ -2,3-di-*O*-benzoyl-6-methyl- β -D-glucopyranuronosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ -4,6-di-*O*-acetyl-2-(acetylamino)-2-deoxy- β -D-glucopyranuronosyl- $(1\rightarrow 4)$ -2,3-di-*O*-benzoyl-6-methyl- β -D-glucopyranuronosyl- $(1\rightarrow 3)$ -4,6-di-*O*-acetyl-2-(acetylamino)-2-deoxy- α -D-glucopyranoside (10)

Hexasaccharide **9** (222 mg, 102 µmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in acetone (2.0 mL) and the solution was cooled to -78 °C. Murray's reagent (0.1 M solution in acetone; 3.1 mL, 310 µmol, 3.0 equiv) was added and the reaction mixture was left to slowly warm to room temperature and was stirred for 22 h. An additional amount of Murray's reagent (0.1 M solution in acetone; 3.1 mL, 310 µmol, 3.0 equiv) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for additional 2 d. All volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the solid residue was dried under high vacuum for 6 h. Then, it was dissolved in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (2.3 mL) and sodium azide (19.9 mg, 306 mmol, 3.0 equiv) was added before the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 d. Afterwards, it was diluted with dichloromethane (20 mL) and washed with saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate solution (20 mL), brine (20 mL) and water (2 x 15 mL). The organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (dichloromethane/methanol, 50:1 \rightarrow 20:1 v/v) to give final product **10** (158 mg, 71.4 µmol, 70%) as white solid.

 R_f : 0.30 (dichloromethane/methanol = 20:1 v/v).

¹H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] 1.64-2.07 (m, 30 H, 10 × -CO-CH₃), 2.52-2.73 (m, 2 H), 3.31 (s, 1 H, -CH₂-N₃), 3.36-3.62 (m, 9 H), 3.66-3.75 (m, 9 H, 3 × -COOCH₃), 3.86-4.30 (m, 14 H), 4.55-4.72 (m, 5 H), 4.77-5.03 (m, 6 H), 5.15-5.54 (m, 8 H), 7.30-7.53 (m, 18 H, H_{ar}), 7.81-7.94 (m, 12 H, H_{ar}).

¹³C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ [ppm] 20.6 (-CO-CH₃), 20.66 (-CO-CH₃), 20.69 (-CO-CH₃), 20.8 (-CO-CH₃), 20.94 (-CO-CH₃), 20.98 (2 × -CO-CH₃), 23.0 (-NH-CO-CH₃), 23.5 (-NH-CO-CH₃), 23.7 (-NH-CO-CH₃), 52.8 (-OCH₃), 52.96 (-OCH₃), 53.03 (-OCH₃), 53.5 (-CH₂-N₃), 58.9, 59.1, 59.2, 62.1 (-OCH₂-), 62.2 (-OCH₂-), 62.4 (-OCH₂-), 68.3, 68.5, 68.7, 68.9, 69.0, 69.3, 69.4, 69.5, 69.7, 70.2, 70.34, 70.36, 70.5, 71.9, 72.2, 72.5, 72.7, 72.9, 74.8, 75.2, 75.7, 75.9, 97.5, 97.8, 98.1, 100.6, 101.0, 101.5, 126.0, 128.4, 128.5, 128.6, 128.7, 128.8, 129.1, 129.3, 129.7, 129.8, 133.5, 133.6, 133.8, 164.6 (CO_{Bz}), 164.7 (CO_{Bz}), 165.4 (3 C, CO_{Bz}), 165.6 (CO_{Bz}), 167.0 (-COOMe), 167.4 (-COOMe), 167.6

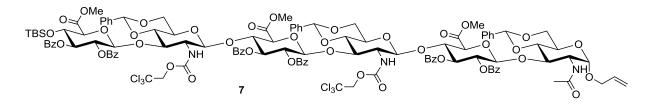
(-COOMe), 169.49 (2 \times CO_{Ac}), 169.54 (CO_{Ac}), 169.8 (CO_{Ac}), 170.7 (CO_{Ac}), 170.78 (CO_{Ac}), 170.80 (CO_{Ac}), 171.1 (-NH-CO-), 171.68 (-NH-CO-), 171.73 (-NH-CO-), some peaks are overlapping.

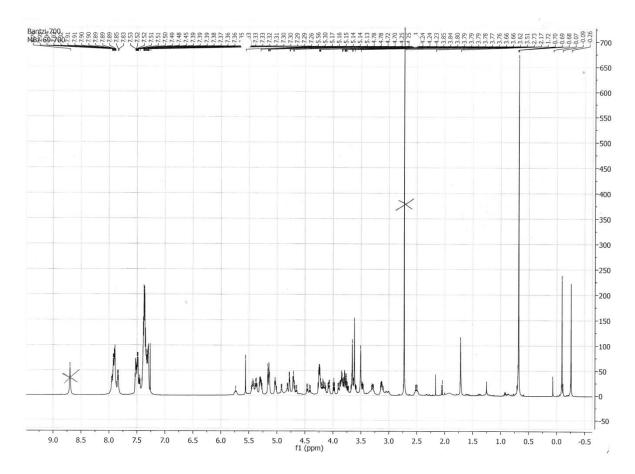
HR-MS: (ESI positive, CHCl₃/MeOH) $[M+2H]^{2+}$ calcd for $[C_{104}H_{116}N_6O_{48}]^{2+}$: 1108.34048, found 1108.34056, $[M+H+Na]^{2+}$ calcd for $[C_{104}H_{115}N_6O_{48}Na]^{2+}$: 1119.33145, found 1119.33170, $[M+2Na]^{2+}$ calcd for $[C_{104}H_{114}N_6O_{48}Na_2]^{2+}$: 1130.32242, found 1130.32270.

IR: (KBr) v_{max} = 3443 cm⁻¹, 2105, 1736, 1655, 1452, 1373, 1274, 1110, 1095, 1070, 1045, 714.

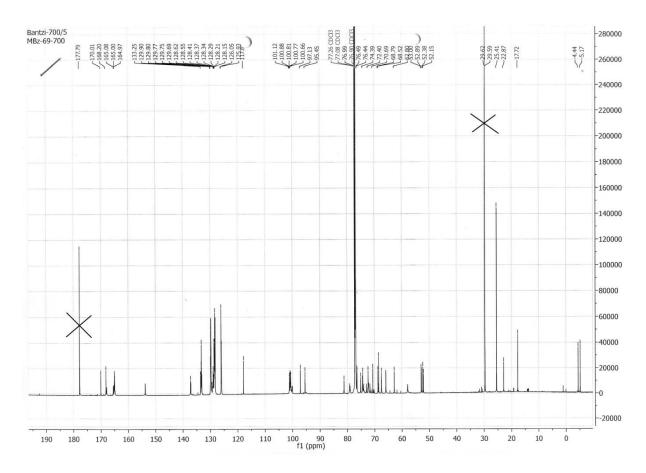
Melting point: 176 °C

4. NMR spectra

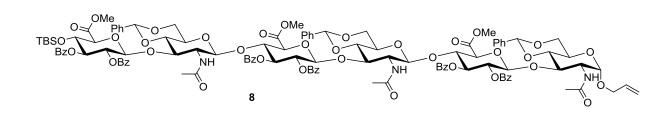


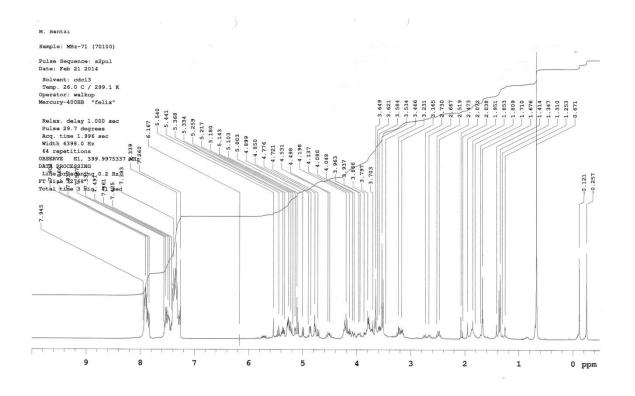


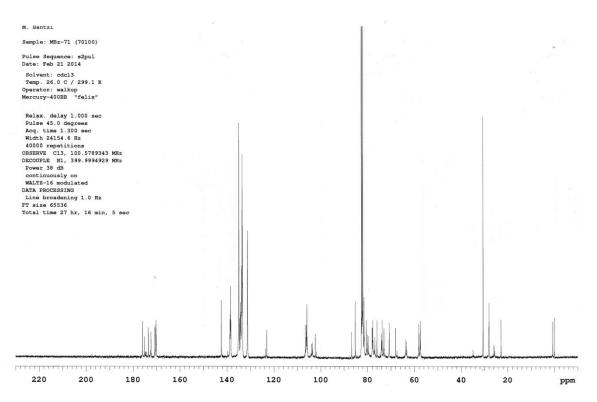
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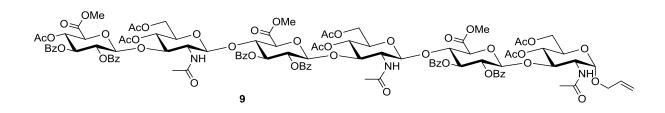


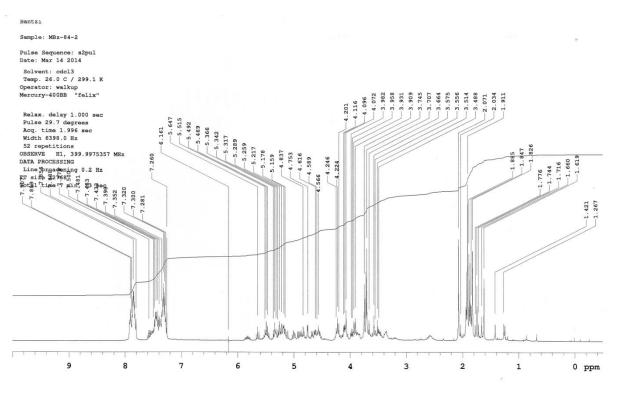
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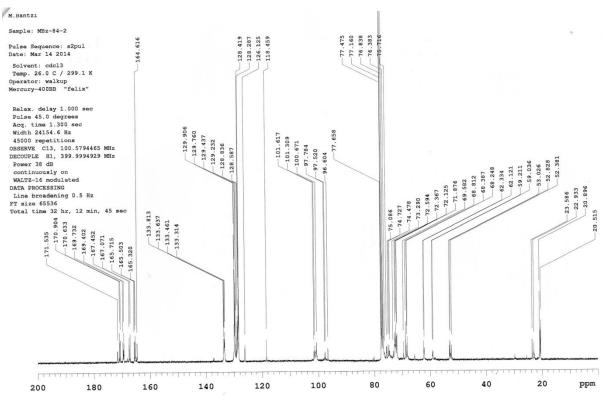


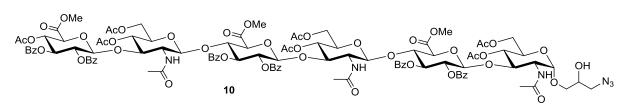


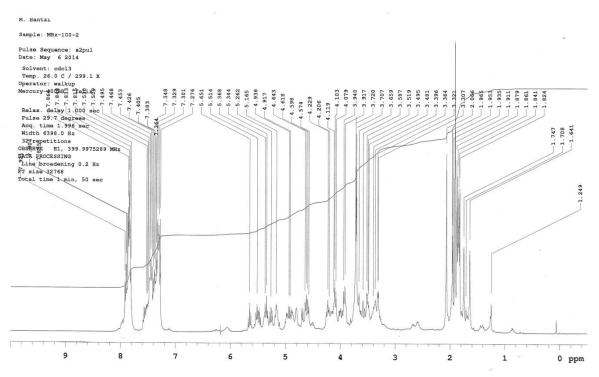


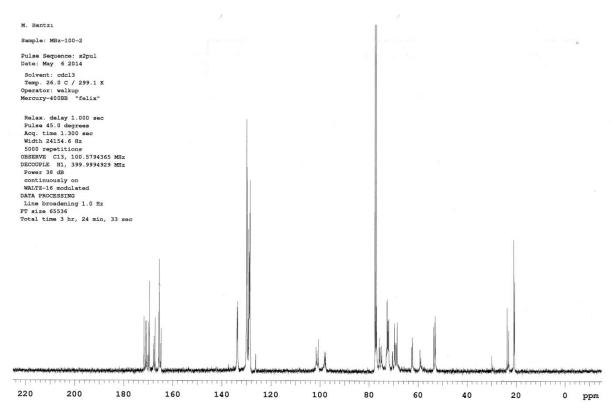












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