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### Expanded potential of seleno-carbohydrates as a molecular tool for X-ray structural determination of a carbohydrate-protein complex with single/multi-wavelength anomalous dispersion phasing



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### ABSTRACT

Seleno-lactoses have been successfully synthesized as candidates for mimicking carbohydrate ligands for human galectin-9 N-terminal carbohydrate recognition domain (NCRD). Selenium was introduced into the mono- or di-saccharides using *p*-methylselenobenzoic anhydride ( $Tol_2Se$ ) as a novel selenating reagent. The TolSe-substituted monosaccharides were converted into selenoglycosyl donors or acceptors, which were reacted with coupling partners to afford seleno-lactoses. The seleno-lactoses were converted to the target compounds. The structure of human galectin-9 NCRD co-crystallized with 6-MeSe-lactose was determined with single/multi-wavelength anomalous dispersion (SAD/MAD) phasing and was similar to that of the co-crystal with natural lactose.

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### 1. Introduction

Since Wrede first reported the synthesis of selenium-containing carbohydrates (seleno-carbohydrates),<sup>1</sup> various seleno-carbohydrates have been synthesized by a number of research groups.<sup>2</sup> With the exception of seleno-glycoside synthetic intermediates<sup>2a-j</sup> and selenylsulfide-linked glycoproteins found as metabolites in the liver or urine and recently synthesized by Davis and co-workers,<sup>3</sup> the seleno-carbohydrates synthesized to date are unnatural. Seleno-carbohydrates are expected to function as useful mimics of biologically significant carbohydrates because of the inherent chemical and physical properties of selenium. However, their use in biological studies has been limited since the pioneering work on the inhibition of glycosidase published by Pinto's research group.<sup>4</sup>

Because selenium has a spin of 1/2 (<sup>77</sup>Se) and exhibits anomalous dispersion characteristics in response to X-ray irradiation,

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selenium-containing molecules are likely to have great potential for structural analysis of biomolecules by NMR<sup>5</sup> and X-ray spectroscopy. In particular, the anomalous dispersion characteristics have been successfully used in single-wavelength anomalous dispersion (SAD) and multi-wavelength anomalous dispersion (MAD) phasing methods for X-ray crystallography. In protein Xray crystallography, methionine is replaced with selenomethionine (SeMet) by a recombinant technique, which allows the structural analysis of the SeMet-labeled proteins by the SAD/MAD phasing method. This technique only requires crystals of SeMet-labeled protein for structural determination whilst the conventional method such as multiple isomorphous replacement (MIR) requires more crystals, which are native and heavy atom (Hg etc.)-soaked crystals. Therefore, SAD/MAD methods are widely used and have allowed a dramatic increase in the number of protein structures solved.<sup>6</sup> However, the production of the sufficient quantities of Se-Met-labeled proteins for X-ray crystallography remains a challenge, mainly due to the low expression level of the labeled proteins and the high production costs in insect or mammalian cell expression systems. Structural changes or destabilization of

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proteins caused by SeMet labeling also limits the application of SAD/MAD.

However, if seleno-carbohydrates serve as a mimic of a ligand for the protein in carbohydrate-protein complexes, the three dimensional structure of the carbohydrate-protein complex could be determined by the SAD/MAD phasing method without a SeMetlabeled protein. Recently, it was demonstrated SAD/MAD phasing using methyl seleno-glycosides of monosaccharides as ligand mimetics.<sup>7</sup> However, further investigation using more than seleno-monosaccharide has not been carried out, probably because of the synthetic difficulties in the seleno-derivatization of carbohydrates. Determining high resolution three-dimensional structures of carbohydrate-protein complexes is invaluable for understanding biological processes that are mediated through carbohydrate-protein interactions on the cell membrane, including cell adhesion, cell proliferation, cell differentiation, and pathogenhost cell interactions. It is also useful for developing drugs based on the biological functions of carbohydrates. Therefore, in this study, to complete the proof-of-concept demonstration of SAD/MAD phasing with seleno-carbohydrates, we synthesized various seleno-lactose derivatives as lactose mimics through a facile and mild selenation method developed by our research group, co-crystallized the seleno-lactose derivatives with a carbohydratebinding protein and determined the protein structure by using the SAD/MAD phasing method.

### 2. Results and discussion

### 2.1. Synthesis of seleno-lactoses

Of the possible seleno-lactose analogues, seleno-glycoside analogues **1** and **2**, and methylseleno (MeSe)-substituted analogues **3** and **4** were selected as lactose mimics (Fig. 1). Based on our X-ray crystallography results for a synthesized glycan-protein complex,<sup>8</sup> the 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethyl group was chosen as the aglycon of seleno-lactoses **2–4**. X-ray analysis of these seleno-lactoses co-crystallized with a lactose-binding protein will provide information about whether the binding site allows differences in the van der Waals radius (O 1.52 Å, Se 1.90 Å) and the angle of the glycosidic bond (C–O–C 112°, C–Se–C 96°) between native lactose and seleno-lactoses.

We have previously reported a facile, mild method for the synthesis of seleno-glycosides using potassium *p*-methylselenobenzoate **5** as the key selenation reagent (Scheme 1).<sup>9</sup> Afterward, we noticed that this reagent was frequently contaminated with byproducts, such as diselenide **6**, which were produced during its preparation. Because of its reactivity, complete purification of **5** is not possible at large scales. Impurities in **5** produced several inseparable byproducts during selenation. To solve this problem, we envisioned the use of *p*-methylselenobenzoic anhydride (Tol<sub>2</sub>-Se) **7**<sup>10</sup> as the synthetic equivalent of the acyl selenolate anion, in light of the known stability of **7**. It was anticipated that reactive anhydride **7** would readily react with a nucleophile to generate a



Figure 1. Structures of seleno-lactoses synthesized in this study. SE = 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethyl.



**Scheme 1.** Reported method for the introduction of selenium into a carbohydrate with TolSeK **5** and the strategy for using  $Tol_2Se$  **7** as a  $TolSe^-$  equivalent. Tol = *p*-methylbenzoyl.

highly reactive acyl selenolate anion in situ, which would subsequently react with the sugar electrophile to produce a selenocarbohydrate. According to the modified protocol reported by Ishihara et al.,<sup>10</sup> Tol<sub>2</sub>Se (**7**) could be obtained on a large scale as pure crystals (Scheme 2).

Screening identified piperidine (1.0 equiv) and N,N-diisopropylethylamine (DIEA; 1.0 equiv) as the conditions that activated  $Tol_{2-}$ Se (7) (1.0 equiv) most effectively to afford the toluylselenylated sugar. For this system, morpholine could also be used as a nucleophile. However, when DIEA was replaced with an inorganic base such as Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, the reaction yield decreased considerably. Presumably, this is because of the instability of the cesium acyl selenolate generated from 7. This agrees well with the recently reported result that trialkylamines such as DIEA can form a more stable salt with acylselenolate anions than metals can.<sup>11</sup> This method was first used in the synthesis of 1-methylseleno-lactoside 1 (Scheme 3). Therefore, the anomeric center of 1-bromo-lactose derivative **9**<sup>12</sup> underwent substitution with a toluylselenyl (TolSe) group by reaction with  $Tol_2Se(7)$  in the presence of piperidine and DIEA in DMF, giving 1-seleno-lactoside 10 in 76% yield. Next, the TolSe group in compound **10** was converted into a methylselenyl (MeSe) group via the in situ reaction of the glycosyl selenolate anion with MeI in the presence of Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, following a previously reported method,<sup>9</sup> to afford compound **11** in high yield. Full deprotection of 11 under Zemplén conditions delivered 1-methylseleno-lactoside 1.

Scheme 4 summarizes the synthesis of seleno-lactose 2. To construct the intra-residual seleno-glycoside in target compound 2, toluylseleno-galactoside 13 was prepared by the reaction of 1-bromo-galactose tetraacetate 12 with 7. Then, seleno-glycoside 15 was synthesized by the previously reported reaction of compounds 13 and 14.<sup>9</sup> Compound 15 was then de-O-acetylated to give 2.

Taking advantage of the facile, mild toluylselenation with Tol<sub>2</sub>-Se (**7**), 6-methylseleno-glucosyl acceptor **23**, which is the key intermediate for the synthesis of target compound **3**, could also be derived from known 4,6-benzylidene-glucoside **16** (Scheme 5).<sup>13</sup> To boost the reactivity of the C-4 hydroxyl group for glycosylation, the 2,3-diol in **16** was converted into *p*-methoxybenzyl ethers, giving compound **17**. Following acid hydrolysis of the benzylidene acetal of **17**, the C-6 hydroxyl group was selectively substituted with bromine by treatment with CBr<sub>4</sub> and Ph<sub>3</sub>P to afford compound **19**. Next, the substitution reaction of 6-bromo-glucose **19** 



**Scheme 2.** Preparation of Tol<sub>2</sub>Se **7**.



**Scheme 3.** Synthesis of seleno-lactose **1**. Reagents and conditions: (a) **7**, piperidine, DIEA/DMF, rt, 76%; (b) MeI, MeNHNH<sub>2</sub>, Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>/DMF, rt, 99%; (c) NaOMe, MeOH/THF (2:1), rt, 88%. Bz = benzoyl, DIEA = *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine.



Scheme 4. Synthesis of seleno-lactose 2. Reagents and conditions: (a) 7, piperidine, DIEA/DMF, rt, 85%; (b) NaOMe, MeOH/THF (2:1), rt, quant.



**Scheme 5.** Synthesis of seleno-lactose **3.** Reagents and conditions: (a) *p*-methoxybenzyl chloride, NaH/DMF, rt; (b) TFA/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $-20 \circ C$ , 64% (2 steps); (c) CBr<sub>4</sub>, PPh<sub>3</sub>/Pyr, 65 °C, 93%; (d) **7**, piperidine, DIEA/DMF, 60 °C, 96%; (e) Ac<sub>2</sub>O/Pyr, rt, 98%; (f) Mel, MeNHNH<sub>2</sub>, Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>/DMF, rt, 89%; (g) NaOMe/MeOH, rt, 87%; (h) **24**, TMSOTf, 4 Å MS/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0 °C, 79%; (i) TFA/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $-20 \circ C$ , quant; (j) NaOMe, MeOH/THF (2:1), sonication, quant. MBn = *p*-methoxybenzyl, TMSOTf = trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate, MS = molecular sieves, TFA = trifluoroacetic acid.

with Tol<sub>2</sub>Se (**7**) in the presence of piperidine and DIEA at 70 °C in DMF afforded toluylseleno-glucose **20** in 96% yield. Acetylation of the C-4 hydroxyl group in **20**, followed by conversion of the TolSe group into a MeSe group gave **22** in 89% yield. The acetyl group was deprotected, producing **23** in high yield (75% from **20**). The 6-MeSe-glucosyl acceptor was subjected to glycosylation with galactosyl imidate donor **24**.<sup>14</sup> Equimolar amounts of **23** and **24** were reacted in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> in the presence of TMSOTf as a catalyst.<sup>15</sup> When this reaction was performed at 0 °C, the best yield of disaccharide **25** was 79%. The MBn protecting groups were quantitatively removed from the hydroxyl groups with trifluoroacetic acid in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at -20 °C without affecting the MeSe group. Compound **3** was obtained by subsequent de-O-benzoylation.

The synthesis of 6'-methylseleno-lactose **4** was achieved by the glycosylation of the C-4 hydroxyl group of a glycosyl acceptor with the 6-MeSe-galactosyl donor (Scheme 6). The 4,6-diol derivative of galactoside **27**<sup>16</sup> was converted into 6-MeSe derivative **31** in relatively high yields via a similar route to that for compound **20** (63% over 4 steps). Acidic treatment of compound **31** afforded



**Scheme 6.** Synthesis of seleno-lactose **4.** Reagents and conditions: (a) CBr<sub>4</sub>, PPh<sub>3</sub>/ Pyr, 65 °C, 87%; (b) **7**, piperidine, DIEA/DMF, 100 °C, 96%; (c) Ac<sub>2</sub>O/Pyr, rt, 96%; (d) MeI, MeNHNH<sub>2</sub>, Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>/DMF, rt, 78%; (e) TFA/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0 °C, 81%; (f) CCl<sub>3</sub>CN, DBU/ CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0 °C, quant.; (g) **34**, TMSOTF, 4 Å MS/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -40 °C, 71%; (h) TFA/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -20 °C, 83%; (i) NaOMe, MeOH/THF (2:1), sonication, quant.

hemiacetal **32**, which was functionalized as a glycosyl imidate donor to give **33**. Based on the synthesis of **3**, the 2,3-di-MBn derivative of glucoside **34** was prepared from compound **17** as a coupling partner for **33**.<sup>17</sup> Examination of the glycosylation of **34** with **33** promoted by TMSOTf revealed that  $-40 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$  was the optimal reaction temperature, although it took a longer time to reach completion (51 h). This reaction produced disaccharide **35** in 71% yield.

We also examined the glycosidation of fluoride donor **37** by using a common promoter system, Cp<sub>2</sub>ZrCl<sub>2</sub> (2.5 equiv) and AgOTf (5.0 equiv)<sup>18</sup> (Scheme 7). Even with an acid-resistant, highly nucleophilic glycosyl acceptor **38**, the glycosidation reaction only began to proceed at room temperature and took a long time (24 h), providing glycosylated product **39** in 53% yield. Because these reaction conditions probably affect the MBn groups of glycosyl acceptor **33**, fluoride **37** was not used for the synthesis of **35**. Using the procedure for the full deprotection of **25** on seleno-lactose derivative **35** produced target compound **4** in high yield.

The glycosidations of glycosyl donors **33** and **37** indicated that the MeSe group at the C-6 position may affect the reactivity of the compounds. To confirm this, glycosylation reactions using lactosyl imidate donors **40**,<sup>19</sup> **41**, and **42** were performed.<sup>20</sup> All glycosylations were carried out in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at 0 °C in the presence of a catalytic amount of TMSOTf. The results clearly indicate that the reactivity of 6-MeSe-lactosyl donor **41** was substantially lower than that of **40** and **42** (Table 1). Thus, lactosyl donor **41** required four-fold the equivalents of TMSOTf and around eleven-fold longer than 6'-MeSe-lactosyl donor **42** to complete the glycosylation. Comparing entries 1 and 3 indicates that the MeSe group reduced the reaction rate, probably because of the coordination of the highly nucleophilic selenium and the Lewis acid.

In the case of 6-MeSe-lactosyl donor **41**, the coordination may induce a Se $\cdots$ O interaction,<sup>21</sup> which renders the glycosyl donor much less reactive. A similar deactivation may have occurred during the glycosidation of donors **33** and **37** (Scheme 8). Although the



**Scheme 7.** Glycosidation of 6-MeSe-galactosyl fluoride donor **37**. Reagents and conditions: (a) DAST/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0 °C, 97%. DAST = diethylaminosulfur trifluoride.

TMSOT

#### Table 1

Comparison of the glycosylations using lactosyl 40, 6-MeSe-lactosyl 41, and 6'-MeSe-lactsoyl 42 imidates

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	40 - 42 + HO	NHTFAC 4Å MS (AW-300) CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> 0 °C	p-giycosiae	
Entry	Donor	Equiv of TMSOTf	Time	Product (% yield)
1	$\begin{array}{c} BzO \\ BzO \\ OBz \\ OBz \\ 0 \\ O$	0.1	30 min	<b>43</b> (97)
2	$\begin{array}{c} BzO \\ BzO \\ BzO \\ OBz \\ SeMe \\ \textbf{41} (\alpha;\beta=20/1) \end{array} \xrightarrow{BzO \\ CCI_3 \\ \textbf{6} \\ \textbf{7} \\ \textbf{6} \\ \textbf{7} \\$	0.4	8 h	<b>44</b> (66)
3	$\begin{array}{c} AcO \\ BzO \\ BzO \\ OBz \\ CCl_3 \\ 42 \ (\alpha:\beta=20/1) \end{array} \xrightarrow{BzO} O \xrightarrow{NH} O \xrightarrow{CCl_3} O \mathsf$	0.1	45 min	<b>45</b> (90)

TFAc = trifluoroacetyl.



**Scheme 8.** Proposed mechanism for the diminished reactivity of the 6-MeSeglycosyl donor based on the results in this study. Lg = leaving group.

presence of the MeSe group affected the reactivity of the glycosyl donor, seleno-lactoses **1** to **4** were obtained.

## 2.2. Structure of human galectin-9 N-terminal carbohydrate recognition domain with seleno-lactose

We attempted to use seleno-lactoses **1** to **4** to solve the structure of human galectin-9 N-terminal carbohydrate recognition domain (NCRD).<sup>22</sup> Some crystal structures of human galectin-9 NCRD with various carbohydrates, including lactose, have been solved by X-ray crystallography.<sup>23</sup> First, we attempted to co-crystallize human galectin-9 NCRD with seleno-lactoses 1 to 4. Crystals of human galectin-9 NCRD with seleno-lactoses 1-3 were obtained under different conditions; however, seleno-lactose 4 crystals were not obtained. Although anomalous selenium signals were observed from the crystals of human galectin-9 NCRD with seleno-lactoses 1 to **3** in the X-ray absorption fine structure (XAFS) experiments, we could not obtain crystals with seleno-lactoses 1 and 2 with sufficient quality for phase determination. In the seleno-lactose 1 crystal, not all the selenium positions could be correctly identified in the asymmetric unit. The affinity of seleno-lactose 1 for human galectin-9 NCRD may be slightly weaker than that of the other seleno-lactoses. It was difficult for the phase determination and model building of human galectin-9 NCRD with seleno-lactose 2 because of the slight low resolution (2.7–2.8 Å). However, the structure of human galectin-9 co-crystallized with 6-MeSe-lactose **3** was successfully determined at a higher resolution (1.4 Å).

Good anomalous signals were obtained from all the crystals by XAFS before the diffraction data were collected. The structure of human galectin-9 NCRD with 6-MeSe-lactose **3** was solved by the SAD method and also by the MAD method (data not shown). In this case, the SAD method was sufficient to determine the structure of galectin-9 with 6-MeSe-lactose **3**. Therefore, the structural details described hereafter are from the SAD data.



**Figure 2.** Comparison of overall structure of human galectin-9 NCRD with  $\alpha$ -lactose and seleno-lactose **3.** (a) Cartoon representation of human galectin-9 NCRD with  $\alpha$ -lactose (PDB\_id: 2EAK), shown in pink.  $\alpha$ -Lactose is represented as a stick structure. (b) Cartoon representation of human galectin-9 NCRD with 6-MeSe-lactose **3**, shown in orange. Carbon atoms in 6-MeSe-lactose **3** are shown in green in the stick structure (PDB id: 3WLU).



**Figure 3.** Comparison of the binding site of human galectin-9 NCRD with 6-MeSe-lactose **3** and  $\alpha$ -lactose. (a) Cartoon representation of the  $\alpha$ -lactose binding site of human galectin-9 NCRD, shown in pink.  $\alpha$ -Lactose and residues that interacted with  $\alpha$ -lactose are shown as stick structures. (b) Cartoon representation of 6-MeSe-lactose binding site of human galectin-9 NCRD. 6-MeSe-lactose and residues that interact with 6-MeSe-lactose are shown as stick structures. The colors of galectin-9 and 6-MeSe-lactose are the same as in Figure 2. (c) Schematic diagram of  $\alpha$ -lactose created in Ligplot. Green dotted lines indicate hydrogen bonds between  $\alpha$ -lactose and the galectin-9 NCRD residues. Lengths of the hydrogen bonds are shown in green (Å). (d) Schematic diagram of 6-MeSe-lactose created in Ligplot.

Four molecules of galectin-9 with 6-MeSe-lactose **3** are present in an asymmetric unit. There are no significant differences between the four galectin-9 structures with 6-MeSe-lactose **3** in the asymmetric unit. The RMSD values obtained by secondary structure matching were between 0.303 and 0.548 Å. The positions of the anomalous signals at high occupancies were consistent with the positions of the selenium atoms on 6-MeSe-lactose **3** bound to human galectin-9 NCRD. The selenium atom in seleno-lactose **3** has multiple conformations in the binding forms. The details of the structure determination are described in the experimental section and the refinement statistics are presented in the Supplementary Material.

The overall structure of human galectin-9 NCRD with 6-MeSelactose **3** (PDB\_ID: 3WLU) is almost same as the structure of human galectin-9 NCRD with  $\alpha$ -lactose (PDB\_ID: 2EAK) (Fig. 2). 6-MeSe-lactose **3** is located on the same  $\alpha$ -lactose binding site in the structure of human galectin-9 NCRD. The difference in RMSD values between the structures obtained by secondary structure matching is less than 0.617 Å. There are no major distortions of the residues on the ligand binding site of human galectin-9 NCRD between 6-MeSe-lactose **3** and the  $\alpha$ -lactose binding forms (Fig. 3). The same residues form the hydrogen bonds to the sugar chain backbone in both structures. The relative positions of the protein to the ligand are very similar in both structures.

### 3. Conclusions

We have shown that  $Tol_2Se(7)$  functions as a synthetic equivalent of the toluylselenolate anion, which enabled the efficient incorporation of selenium at the electrophilic site of carbohydrate derivatives. The considerable advantage of selenation with 7 over the widely used method with RSeSeR and NaBH<sub>4</sub> is the compatibility with ester groups. Although the 6-MeSe glycosyl donors showed moderate reactivity in the coupling reaction, the compatibility of the seleno-carbohydrate units with conventional chemistry for carbohydrate synthesis allowed four types of seleno-lactose (1–4) to be synthesized.

Our case study of the structural determination of a carbohydrate-protein complex has extended the potential of selenocarbohydrate as molecular tool for SAD/MAD phasing. Because the proteins do not need to be modified with SeMet, this phasing method does not interfere with protein production and does not alter the structural and chemical properties of the protein. Furthermore, the correct ligand configuration can be confirmed by detecting the anomalous signal from the selenium atoms incorporated in the seleno-carbohydrates, even if the collected data is diffracted at low resolution. This might be useful for drug design based on carbohydrate-protein recognition. However, since the proper positioning of selenium atom in the carbohydrate residue cannot be predicted in every case of co-crystallization with protein, the creation of a library of seleno-carbohydrates is necessary for analyzing the structures of unknown carbohydrate-binding proteins. Therefore, we are currently assembling a diverse collection of seleno-carbohydrates by using the facile selenation method developed in this study.

### 4. Experimental section

#### 4.1. General procedures

All reactions were performed in round-bottom flask fitted with balloon filled with argon, otherwise specified. Transfer of air and moisture sensitive liquids were performed via cannula under a positive pressure of argon. When necessary, reaction mixtures were sonicated with AS ONE US CLEANER USD-4R by following the reported procedure.<sup>24</sup> TLC analysis was performed on Merck TLC (silica gel 60F<sub>254</sub> on glass plate). Compounds were visualized by exposure to UV light (254 nm) or by spraying either with H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution in EtOH (10%) or with Ninhydrine Spray which was purchased from Wako Pure Chemical Industries Ltd, followed by heating. Flash column chromatography on silica gel (Fuji Silysia, 80 mesh and 300 mesh) or size exclusion chromatography on Sephadex (Pharmacia LH-20) was performed with the solvent systems (v/v) specified. Quantity of silica gel was usually estimated as 100 to 150-fold weight of sample to be charged. Dichloromethane, N,N-dimethylformamide (DMF), methanol, tetrahydrofuran (THF) and toluene as reaction media were purchased from Wako Pure Chemical Industries Ltd, dried over 3 Å or 4 Å molecular sieves and used without purification. When necessary, solvents were degassed prior to use by sonication under reduced presseure for 20 min, followed by bubbling argon through the solvents for 30 min. Molecular sieves were purchased from Wako Chemical Inc. and dried at 300 °C for 2 h in muffle prior to use. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>77</sup>Se NMR spectra were recorded with JEOL JNM-ECA400, JNM-ECA500, JNM-ECA600 and Bruker Avance III 500 spectrometers. <sup>1</sup>H NMR chemical shifts are expressed in ppm ( $\delta$ ) relative to the signal of Me<sub>4</sub>Si as an internal standard. <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts are expressed in ppm ( $\delta$ ) relative to the signal of the solvent as a standard. <sup>77</sup>Se NMR chemical shifts are expressed in ppm ( $\delta$ ) relative to the external standard. High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was performed with a Bruker Daltonics micrOTOF (ESI-TOF) mass spectrometer. Specific rotations were measured with a Horiba SEPA-300 high-sensitivity polarimeter.

#### 4.1.1. p-Methylselenobenzoic anhydride (7)

Triethylphosphite (8.7 mL, 50 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of **8** (19.9 g, 50 mmol) in toluene (250 mL) at rt. The mixture was stirred for 2 h at rt (completion of the reaction was confirmed by TLC analysis;  $CH_2Cl_2$ /hexane, 1:2), then the reaction mixture was evaporated. The residue was dissolved in Et<sub>2</sub>O and filtered through Celite. Combined filtrate and washings were directly crystallized from Et<sub>2</sub>O/hexane to give **7** (14.3 g, 90%). Spectroscopic

data (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, <sup>77</sup>Se NMR) of compound **7** were identical to those reported;<sup>10</sup> HRMS:  $m/z C_{16}H_{14}O_2SeNa^+$ : 341.0051 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 341.0051.

### 4.1.2. *p*-Methylbenzoyl (2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzoyl- $\beta$ -Dgalactopyranosyl)-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-2,3,6-tri-O-benzoyl-1-seleno- $\beta$ -Dglucopyranoside (10)

Compound 9 (298 mg, 264 µmol) in degassed DMF (2.7 mL) was added dropwise to a solution of 7 (101 mg, 318 µmol), N,N-diisopropylethylamine (48 µL, 279 µmol) and piperidine (30 µL, 302 µmol) in degassed DMF (2.7 mL) as bubbled with argon gas. The mixture was stirred for 40 min at rt (completion of the reaction was confirmed by TLC analysis; EtOAc/hexane, 2:3), then the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and the solution was washed with 2<sub>M</sub> aqueous HCl, water, saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/toluene, 1:30) to give **10** (250 mg, 76%).  $[\alpha]_{D} = +46.5^{\circ}$  (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): $\delta$  8.02–7.13 (m, 39H, Ar), 5.92 (t, 1H,  $J_{1,2} = J_{2,3} = 8.9$  Hz, H-2<sup>a</sup>), 5.79–5.71 (m, 4H, H-1<sup>a</sup>, H-3<sup>a</sup>, H-2<sup>b</sup>, H-4<sup>b</sup>), 5.35 (dd, 1H,  $J_{2,3} = 10.3$  Hz,  $J_{3,4} = 3.4$  Hz, H-3<sup>b</sup>), 4.86 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2} = 7.9$  Hz, H-1<sup>b</sup>), 4.57 (dd, 1H,  $J_{gem} = 12.4$  Hz,  $J_{5,6a} = 1.6$  Hz, H-6a<sup>a</sup>), 4.50 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,6b} = 4.2$  Hz, H-6b<sup>a</sup>), 4.24 (t, 1H,  $J_{3,4} = J_{4,5} = 9.6$  Hz, H-4<sup>a</sup>), 4.02 (m, 1H, H-5<sup>a</sup>), 3.88 (t, 1H,  $J_{5,6a} = J_{5,6b} = 6.9$  Hz, H-5<sup>b</sup>), 3.75–3.68 (m, 2H, H-6a<sup>b</sup>, H-6b<sup>b</sup>), 2.34 (s, 3H, ArCH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 190.7, 165.8, 165.6, 165.4, 165.4, 165.3, 165.2, 164.8, 145.3, 135.5, 133.5, 133.4, 133.3, 133.3, 133.2, 133.1, 130.0, 129.9, 129.8, 129.8, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 129.5, 128.9, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.6, 128.5, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.6, 101.0, 79.9, 78.5, 75.7, 74.2, 71.8, 71.3, 70.7, 69.8, 67.5, 62.6, 61.1, 21.7; <sup>77</sup>Se NMR (94 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  626.2; HRMS: m/z calcd for C<sub>69</sub>H<sub>56</sub>O<sub>18</sub>SeNa<sup>+</sup>: 1275.2524 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 1275.2524.

### 4.1.3. Methyl (2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzoyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl)-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-2,3,6-tri-O-benzoyl-1-seleno- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (11)

Methyl hydrazine (2.5 uL 64 umol) was added to a solution of **10** (40 mg, 32 umol), cesium carbonate (21 mg, 48 umol) and methyl iodide (4.0 uL. 64 umol) in degassed DMF (1.8 mL) in ice bath as bubbled with argon gas. The mixture was stirred for 40 min at rt (completion of the reaction was confirmed by TLC analysis; EtOAc/toluene, 1:10), then the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and the solution was washed with 2<sub>M</sub> aqueous HCl, water, saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/toluene, 1:25) to give **11** (37 mg, 99%).  $[\alpha]_{D} = +47.3^{\circ}$  (c 0.9, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.02– 7.13 (m, 35H, Ph), 5.80 (t, 1H,  $J_{2,3} = J_{3,4} = 9.3$  Hz, H-3<sup>a</sup>), 5.74–5.70 (m, 2H, H-2<sup>b</sup>, H-4<sup>b</sup>), 5.53 (t, 1H,  $J_{1,2}$  = 9.8 Hz, H-2<sup>a</sup>), 5.38 (dd, 1H,  $J_{2,3} = 10.3$  Hz,  $J_{3,4} = 3.4$  Hz, H-3<sup>b</sup>), 4.89–4.85 (m, 2H, H-1<sup>a</sup>, H-1<sup>b</sup>), 4.60 (dd, 1H,  $J_{gem}$  = 12.3 Hz,  $J_{5,6a}$  = 1.5 Hz, H-6a<sup>a</sup>), 4.49 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,6b}$  = 4.3 Hz, H-6b<sup>a</sup>), 4.25 (t, 1H,  $J_{4,5}$  = 9.6 Hz, H-4<sup>a</sup>), 3.91 (t, 1H,  $J_{5,6a} = J_{5,6b} = 6.8$  Hz, H-5<sup>b</sup>), 3.86 (m, 1H, H-5<sup>a</sup>), 3.79–3.70 (m, 2H, H-6a<sup>b</sup>, H-6b<sup>b</sup>), 2.34 (s, 3H, SeMe); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 166.8, 166.5, 166.4, 165.4, 165.3, 165.2, 164.8, 133.5, 133.3, 133.3, 133.3, 133.2, 133.1, 129.9, 129.8, 129.7, 129.6, 129.6, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.6, 128.5, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 100.9, 78.1, 77.2, 75.8, 73.8, 71.8, 71.3, 70.9, 69.9, 67.5, 62.5, 61.0, 29.6, 2.4; <sup>77</sup>Se NMR (94 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 211.2; HRMS: *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>62</sub>H<sub>52</sub>O<sub>17</sub>SeNa<sup>+</sup>: 1171.2262 [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 1171.2262.

## 4.1.4. Methyl ( $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl)-( $1 \rightarrow 4$ )-1-seleno- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (1)

Sodium methoxide (28% in MeOH, 8 mg, 39  $\mu$ mol) was added to a solution of **11** (45 mg, 39  $\mu$ mol) in THF (430  $\mu$ L) and MeOH (870  $\mu$ L). The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 days (completion

of the reaction was confirmed by TLC analysis; CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O, 5:4:1). Then the reaction mixture was concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O, 8:5:1) and Sephadex LH-20 (MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O, 8:1) to give **1** (15 mg, 88%).  $[\alpha]_D = -1.0^{\circ}$  (*c* 1.0, MeOH); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O):  $\delta$  4.75 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2} = 10.0$  Hz, H-1<sup>a</sup>), 4.48 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2} = 7.8$  Hz, H-1<sup>b</sup>), 4.00–3.70 (m, 10H, H-3<sup>a</sup>, H-4<sup>a</sup>, H-5<sup>a</sup>, H-6a<sup>a</sup>, H-6b<sup>a</sup>, H-3<sup>b</sup>, H-4<sup>b</sup>, H-5<sup>b</sup>, H-6a<sup>b</sup>, H-6b<sup>b</sup>), 3.57 (dd, 1H,  $J_{2,3} = 10.0$  Hz, H-2<sup>b</sup>), 3.50 (dd, 1H,  $J_{2,3} = 9.9$  Hz, H-2<sup>a</sup>), 2.15 (s, 3H, SeMe); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O):  $\delta$  104.3, 81.4, 79.6, 77.1, 76.8, 74.0, 73.6, 72.4, 70.0, 62.5, 61.7 3.2; <sup>77</sup>Se NMR (94 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O):  $\delta$  183.4; HRMS: *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>10</sub>SeNa<sup>+</sup>: 443.0427 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 443.0429.

## 4.1.5. *p*-Methylbenzoyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-1-seleno-β-D-galactopyranoside (13)

**12** (90 mg, 220 µmol) in degassed DMF (2.2 mL) was added dropwise to a solution of **7** (84 mg, 264 µmol), *N*,*N*-diisopropyleth-ylamine (45 µL, 264 µmol) and piperidine (25 µL, 253 µmol) in degassed DMF (2.2 mL) as bubbled with argon gas. The mixture was stirred for 1.5 h at rt (completion of the reaction was confirmed by TLC analysis; EtOAc/hexane, 2:3), then the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and the solution was washed with 2<sub>M</sub> aqueous HCl, water, saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (acetone/hexane, 1:5) to give **13** (99 mg, 85%). Spectroscopic data (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, <sup>77</sup>Se NMR) of compound **13** were identical to those reported<sup>9</sup>; HRMS: *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>10</sub>SeNa<sup>+</sup>: 553.0583 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 553.0583.

## 4.1.6. 2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethyl Se-( $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl)-( $1 \rightarrow 4$ )-4-dexoy-4-seleno- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (2)

Sodium methoxide (28% in MeOH, 8 mg, 44 µmol) was added to a solution of 15 (35 mg, 44  $\mu mol)$  in THF (490  $\mu L)$  and MeOH (980 µL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 20 h (completion of the reaction was confirmed by TLC analysis; CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH, 2:1). Then the reaction mixture was neutralized with Dowex-50 (H<sup>+</sup>) and filtered through cotton, and removed resin was washed with MeOH. The combined filtrate and washings were concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on Sephadex LH-20 (MeOH) to give **2** (22 mg, quant.).  $[\alpha]_{D} = -41.7^{\circ}$ (c 0.5, MeOH); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  4.73 (d, 1H,  $I_{1,2} = 10.8 \text{ Hz}, \text{ H-1}^{\text{b}}$ ), 4.25 (d, 1H,  $I_{1,2} = 8.0 \text{ Hz}, \text{ H-1}^{\text{a}}$ ), 4.08–3.43 (m, 12H, H-3<sup>a</sup>, H-4<sup>a</sup>, H-5<sup>a</sup>, H-6a<sup>a</sup>, H-6b<sup>a</sup>, H-3<sup>b</sup>, H-4<sup>b</sup>, H-5<sup>b</sup>, H-6a<sup>b</sup>, H- $6b^{b}$ , TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.17 (t, 1H,  $J_{2,3} = 8.0$  Hz, H-2<sup>a</sup>), 2.92 (t, 1H,  $J_{2,3} = 10.8 \text{ Hz}, \text{ H-2}^{\text{b}}$ ), 1.05-0.91 (m, 2H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>), 0.00 (s, 9H, TMS); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD): δ 104.4, 83.0, 82.8, 79.0, 77.2, 76.8, 76.7, 72.7, 71.6, 68.9, 64.9, 63.7, 45.1, 20.0, -0.5; <sup>77</sup>Se NMR (94 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  288.0; HRMS: m/z calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>10</sub>SeNa<sup>+</sup>: 529.0979 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 529.0979.

## 4.1.7. 2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethyl 2,3-di-*O*-(*p*-methoxybenzyl)-β-D-glucopyranoside (18)

NaH (60% in oil, 220 mg, 5.49 mmol) was added to a solution of **16** (674 mg, 1.83 mmol) in DMF at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 30 min, after which *p*-methoxybenzyl chloride (632  $\mu$ L, 4.03 mmol) was added at 0 °C. Stirring was continued for 22 h at rt (completion of the reaction was confirmed by TLC analysis; EtOAc/hexane, 1:2), the reaction mixture was quenched by addition of saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl at 0 °C and the residual solvent was removed by coevaporation with toluene. The residue was dissolved in EtOAc and the solution was washed with water and brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/hexane, 1:10) to give the crude product **17**. The crude product **17** was dissolved in AcOH (16 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (4 mL) at rt. The reaction mixture was stirred

for 6 h at 50 °C (completion of the reaction was confirmed by TLC analysis; EtOAc/hexane, 1:2), then coevaporation with toluene. The residue was dissolved in EtOAc and the solution was washed with water, saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, and brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/hexane, 1:2) to give 18 (608 mg, 64% in 2 steps).  $[\alpha]_{D} = -27.5^{\circ}$  (*c* 0.7, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 7.31-6.86 (m, 8H, Ar), 4.90-4.87 (2 d, 2H, J<sub>gem</sub> = 11.6 Hz, ArCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.67 (d, 1H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.59 (d, 1H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.44 (d, 1H, J<sub>1,2</sub> = 7.5 Hz, H-1), 4.00 (m, 1H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.86 (m, 1H, H-6a), 3.80 (s, 3H, ArOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.79 (s, 3H, ArOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.74 (m, 1H, H-6b), 3.63 (m, 1H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.51-3.48 (near t, 1H,  $J_{3,4} = J_{4,5} = 8.9$  Hz,  $J_{4,OH} = 2.1$  Hz, H-4), 3.40 (t, 1H, *J*<sub>2,3</sub> = 8.9 Hz, H-3), 3.36 (t, 1H, H-2), 3.32–3.29 (m, 1H, H-5), 2.40 (d, 1H, OH), 2.15 (t, 1H, *J*<sub>6,OH</sub> = 6.2 Hz, OH), 1.07–1.04 (m, 2H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>), 0.04 (s, 9H, TMS);  $^{13}$ C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 159.3, 159.2, 130.6, 130.5, 129.8, 129.6, 114.0, 113.8, 103.4, 83.4, 81.6. 74.8. 74.7. 74.3. 70.4. 67.8. 62.7. 55.2. 18.6. -1.5: HRMS: *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>40</sub>O<sub>8</sub>SiNa<sup>+</sup>: 543.2390 [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 543.2390.

## 4.1.8. 2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethyl 6-bromo-6-deoxy-2,3-di-*O*-(*p*-methoxybenzyl)-β-D-glucopyranoside (19)

Carbontetrabromide (114 mg, 345 µmol) and triphenylphosphine (89 mg, 340 µmol) were added to a solution of 18 (117 mg, 225 µmol) in pyridine (2.3 mL) in ice bath, and stirred for 10 min. Then reaction mixture was warmed to 65 °C. Stirring was continued for 1 h (completion of the reaction was confirmed by TLC analysis; EtOAc/hexane, 1:1). Then the reaction mixture was quenched by addition of MeOH and the residual solvent was removed by coevaporation with toluene. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/toluene, 1:20) to give 19 (122 mg, 93%).  $[\alpha]_D = -25.4^\circ$  (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.31-6.86 (m, 8 H Ar), 4.89 (2 d, 2H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.66 (d, 1H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.56 (d, 1H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.43 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2}$  = 6.8 Hz, H-1), 4.03 (m, 1H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.79 (s, 6H, ArOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.71-3.64 (m, 2H, H-6a, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.45 (m, 1H, J<sub>5,6b</sub> = 5.9 Hz, H-6b), 3.42-3.36 (m, 4H, H-2, H-3, H-4, H-5), 2.24 (s, 1H, OH), 1.10-1.04 (m, 2H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>), 0.04 (s, 9H, TMS); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 159.4, 159.2, 130.5, 130.4, 129.8, 129.6, 114.0, 113.8, 103.1, 83.1, 81.5, 74.7, 74.2, 71.8, 67.5, 55.2, 32.6, 18.4, -1.5; HRMS: *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>39</sub>BrO<sub>7</sub>SiNa<sup>+</sup>: 605.1546 [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 605.1546.

# 4.1.9. 2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethyl 6-deoxy-2,3-di-*O*-(*p*-methoxybenzyl)-6-(*p*-methylbenzoylseleno)-β-D-glucopyranoside (20)

**7** (702 mg, 2.21 mmol), N,N-diisopropylethylamine (377 μL, 2.22 mmol) and piperidine (220 µL, 2.22 mmol) were added to a solution of 19 (1.03 g, 1.77 mmol) in degassed DMF (18 mL) at rt as bubbled with argon gas. Then reaction mixture was warmed to 60 °C. Stirring was continued for 45 min (completion of the reaction was confirmed by TLC analysis; EtOAc/toluene, 1:5), then the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc, and the solution was washed with 2<sub>M</sub> aqueous HCl, water, saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on Sephadex LH-20 (MeOH/CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 1:1) and silica gel (EtOAc/toluene, 1:20) to give 20 (1.19 g, 96%).  $[\alpha]_{D} = -8.9^{\circ}$  (c 1.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.82– 6.85 (m, 12H, Ar), 4.87-4.82 (m, 2H, ArCH2), 4.70-4.65 (m, 2H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.41 (d, 1H, J<sub>1,2</sub> = 8.3 Hz, H-1), 3.97 (m, 1H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.79 (2s, 6H, ArOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.62 (m, 1H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.52 (dd, 1H, J<sub>gem</sub> = 13.1 Hz, J<sub>5,6a</sub> = 2.7 Hz, H-6a), 3.48 (m, 1H, H-5), 3.44–3.42 (m, 2H, H-3, H-4), 3.39 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,6b}$  = 5.5 Hz, H-6b), 3.35 (t, 1H,  $J_{2,3}$  = 8.9 Hz, H-2), 2.97 (d, 1H,  $J_{4,OH}$  = 2.8 Hz, OH), 2.40 (s, 3H, ArCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.06–1.03 (m, 2H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>), 0.03 (s, 9H, TMS); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  195.8, 159.2, 159.2, 144.8, 136.2, 130.7, 130.7, 129.8, 129.6, 129.4, 127.4, 113.9, 113.7, 103.0, 83.0, 81.6, 75.0, 74.3, 73.1, 67.5, 55.2, 27.4, 21.7, 18.5, -1.4; <sup>77</sup>Se NMR (113 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  485.9; HRMS: m/z calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>9</sub>SeSiNa<sup>+</sup>: 725.2019 [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 725.2024.

## 4.1.10. 2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethyl 4-O-acetyl-6-deoxy-2,3-di-O-(*p*-methoxybenzyl)-6-(*p*-methylbenzoylseleno)-β-D-glucopyranoside (21)

Acetic anhydride (7.6 mL, 8.06 mmol) was added to a solution of 20 (1.13 g, 1.61 mmol) in pyridine (16.1 mL) in ice bath. The mixture was stirred for 17 h at rt (completion of the reaction was confirmed by TLC analysis; EtOAc/toluene 1:5), then reaction mixture was quenched by addition of MeOH and the residual solvent was removed by coevaporation with toluene. The residue was dissolved in EtOAc, and the solution was washed with 2<sub>M</sub> aqueous HCl, water, saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/toluene, 1:30) to give **21** (1.17 g, 98%).  $[\alpha]_{\rm D} = -4.7^{\circ}$  (c 0.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.78– 6.83 (m, 12 H Ar), 4.91 (t, 1H,  $J_{3,4} = J_{4,5} = 9.8$  Hz, H-4), 4.84 (d, 1H, J<sub>gem</sub> = 10.3 Hz, ArCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.72 (d, 1H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.63 (d, 1H, J<sub>gem</sub> = 11.0 -Hz, ArCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.54 (d, 1H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.37 (d, 1H, J<sub>1,2</sub> = 8.3 Hz, H-1), 3.97 (m, 1H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.78 (s, 6H, ArOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.66-3.62 (m, 1H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.54 (t, 1H, J<sub>2,3</sub> = 8.9 Hz, H-3), 3.48–3.43 (m, 2H, H-2, H-5), 3.38 (dd, 1H, Jgem = 13.1 Hz, J<sub>5,6a</sub> = 2.8 Hz, H-6a), 3.05 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,6b}$  = 9.6 Hz, H-6b), 2.38 (s, 3H, ArCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.05 (s, 3H, Ac), 1.06–1.01 (m, 2H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>), 0.26 (s, 9H, TMS); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  193.5, 170.0, 159.2, 159.1, 144.6, 136.2, 130.6, 129.8, 129.4, 127.2, 113.7, 102.9, 81.9, 81.1, 74.6, 74.5, 73.8, 73.6, 67.4, 55.2, 26.8, 21.7, 21.0, 18.4, -1.4; <sup>77</sup>Se NMR (113 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  499.1; HRMS: m/z calcd for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>48</sub>O<sub>9</sub>SeSiNa<sup>+</sup>: 767.2131 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 767.2130.

## 4.1.11. 2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethyl 4-O-acetyl-6-deoxy-2,3-di-O-(*p*-methoxybenzyl)-6-methylseleno-β-p-glucopyranoside (22)

Cesium carbonate (157 mg, 480 µmol), methyl iodide (28.3 µL, 456 µmol) and methyl hydrazine (24.0 µL, 456 µmol) were added to a solution of 21 (68 mg, 91 µmol) in degassed DMF (1.8 mL) at rt as bubbled with argon gas. The mixture was stirred for 25 min at rt (completion of the reaction was confirmed by TLC analysis: EtOAc/toluene, 1:5). Then the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc, and the solution was washed with  $2_{M}$  aqueous HCl, water, saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/hexane, 1:5) to give **22** (52 mg, 89%).  $[\alpha]_{D} = -10.6^{\circ} (c$ 0.9, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.28–6.84 (m, 8 H Ar), 4.87-4.82 (m, 2H, H-4, ArCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.73 (d, 1H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.64 (d, 1H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.54 (d, 1H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.41 (d, 1H, J<sub>1,2</sub> = 7.6 Hz, H-1), 4.01 (m, 1H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.80 (s, 3H, ArOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.79 (s, 3H, ArOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.67 (m, 1H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.48 (m, 3H, H-2, H-3, H-5), 2.64 (dd, 1H, J<sub>gem</sub> = 13.1 Hz, J<sub>5,6a</sub> = 8.9 Hz, H-6a), 2.58 (dd, 1H, J<sub>5,6b</sub> = 2.7 Hz, H-6b), 2.06 (s, 3H, SeMe), 1.95 (s, 3H, Ac), 1.06 (t, 2H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>), 0.04 (s, 9H, TMS); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 169.8, 159.2, 159.1, 130.6, 130.0, 129.4, 113.7, 113.7, 103.0, 81.9, 81.1, 75.1, 74.6, 74.5, 73.9, 67.4, 55.2, 26.3, 21.0, 18.5, 5.7, -1.5; <sup>77</sup>Se NMR (113 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  76.9; HRMS: m/z calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>44</sub>O<sub>8</sub>SeSiNa<sup>+</sup>: 663.1863 [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 663.1868.

## 4.1.12. 2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethyl 6-deoxy-2,3-di-*O*-(*p*-methoxybenzyl)-6-methylseleno-β-D-glucopyranoside (23)

A catalytic amount of sodium methoxide (28% in MeOH) was added to a solution of **22** (45 mg, 69  $\mu$ mol) in MeOH (1.4 mL). The mixture was stirred for 44 h at rt (completion of the reaction was confirmed by TLC analysis; EtOAc/hexane, 1:5). Then the reaction mixture was neutralized with Dowex-50 (H<sup>+</sup>), the mixture was filtered through cotton, and removed resin was washed with MeOH. The combined filtrate and washings were concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/hexane, 1:6) to give **23** (36 mg, 87%).  $[\alpha]_D = -29.7^\circ$  (*c* 0.7, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.31–6.87 (m, 8H, Ar), 4.89 (2 d, 2H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.66 (d, 1H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.56 (d, 1H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.41 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2} = 7.4$  Hz, H-1), 4.00 (m, 1H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.80 (s, 6H, ArOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.65 (m, 1H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.43–3.35 (m, 4H, H-2, H-3, H-4, H-5), 2.93 (dd, 1H,  $J_{gem} = 13.2$  Hz,  $J_{5,6a} = 2.9$  Hz, H-6a), 2.69 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,6b} = 8.2$  Hz, H-6b), 2.16 (s, 1H, OH), 2.07 (s, 3H, SeMe), 1.06 (t, 2H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>), 0.04 (s, 9H, TMS); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  159.4, 159.2, 130.6, 129.8, 129.6, 114.0, 113.8, 103.1, 83.3, 81.8, 76.2, 74.7, 74.2, 73.3, 67.4, 55.2, 26.9, 18.5, 5.6, -1.5; <sup>77</sup>Se NMR (113 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  63.3; HRMS: *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>44</sub>O<sub>8</sub>SeSiNa<sup>+</sup>: 621.1757 [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 621.1757.

# 4.1.13. 2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethyl (2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzoyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl)-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-6-deoxy-2,3-di-O-(*p*-methoxybenzyl)-6-methylseleno- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (25)

Molecular sieves (MS4Å, 148 mg) were added to a solution of 24 (58 mg, 78 µmol) and 23 (46 mg, 77 µmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.5 mL). The suspension was stirred for 2 h at rt. Then TMSOTf (1.5 µL, 7.7 µmol) was added to the solution at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 14 h at 0 °C (completion of the reaction was confirmed by TLC analysis; EtOAc/toluene, 1:8). The reaction mixture was quenched by addition of saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (500  $\mu$ L) then filtered through Celite, and the removed molecular sieves were washed with CHCl<sub>3</sub>. The combined filtrate and washings were extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>, and the organic layer was washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO3, dried (Na2SO4), and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on Sephadex LH-20 (MeOH/CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 1:1) to give **25** (71 mg, 79%).  $[\alpha]_{D} = +36.0^{\circ}$  (*c* 0.9, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.02–6.75 (m, 28H, Ar), 5.91 (d, 1H,  $J_{3,4} = 3.4$  Hz, H-4<sup>b</sup>), 5.78 (dd, 1H,  $J_{1,2} = 8.0$  Hz,  $J_{2,3} = 10.4$  Hz, H-2<sup>b</sup>), 5.53 (dd, 1H, H-3<sup>b</sup>), 5.15 (d, 1H, H-1<sup>b</sup>), 4.93 (s, 2H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.82 (d, 1H, J<sub>gem</sub> = 10.7 Hz, ArCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.61 (d, 1H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.36–4.33 (m, 2H, H-1<sup>a</sup>, H-6a<sup>b</sup>), 4.26 (dd, 1H, J<sub>gem</sub> = 11.2 Hz,  $J_{5,6b}$  = 7.8 Hz, H-6b<sup>b</sup>), 4.03 (t, 1H, H-5<sup>b</sup>), 3.92 (m, 1H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.78 (m, 3H, ArOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.68–3.55 (m, 6H, H-3<sup>a</sup>, H-4<sup>a</sup>, ArOCH<sub>3</sub>, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.45-3.35 (m, 2H, H-2<sup>a</sup>, H-5<sup>a</sup>), 2.83 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{gem}}$  = 12.7 Hz,  $J_{5,6a}$  = 2.7 Hz, H-6a<sup>a</sup>), 2.47 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5.6b}$  = 9.1 Hz, H-6b<sup>a</sup>), 1.86 (s, 3H, SeMe), 1.04-0.98 (m, 2H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>), 0.01 (s, 9H, TMS); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  165.7, 165.5, 165.4, 165.1, 159.2, 158.8, 133.5, 133.5, 133.3, 133.1, 131.1, 130.6, 129.9, 129.8, 129.7, 129.7, 129.7, 129.4, 129.0, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 113.7, 113.6, 102.9, 101.4, 82.3, 81.9, 81.8, 75.4, 74.5, 74.3, 71.8, 71.4, 70.6, 67.8, 67.3, 61.3, 55.2, 55.1, 26.5, 18.5, 5.3, 0.0, -1.5; <sup>77</sup>Se NMR (94 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 66.8; HRMS: *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>62</sub>H<sub>68</sub>O<sub>16</sub>SeSiNa<sup>+</sup>: 1199.3334 [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 1199.3334.

### 4.1.14. 2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethyl (2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzoyl-β-Dgalactopyranosyl)-(1→4)-6-deoxy-6-methylseleno-β-Dglucopyranoside (26)

Trifluoroacetic acid (290 µL) was added to a solution of 25 (52 mg, 44  $\mu$ mol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (580  $\mu$ L) at -20 °C, and the mixture was stirred for 75 min at -20 °C (completion of the reaction was confirmed by TLC analysis; MeOH/CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 1:10). The reaction mixture was quenched by addition of saturated aqueous NaHCO3 (3 mL) and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>, and the organic layer was washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/hexane, 3:8) to give **26** (41 mg, quant.).  $[\alpha]_{D} = +78.4^{\circ}$  (c 0.4, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.10–7.23 (m, 20H, Ph), 6.00 (d, 1H,  $J_{3,4} = 3.1$  Hz, H-4<sup>b</sup>), 5.87 (dd, 1H,  $J_{1,2} = 8.1$  Hz,  $J_{2,3} = 10.4$  Hz, H-2<sup>b</sup>), 5.63 (dd, 1H, H-3<sup>b</sup>), 4.99 (d, 1H, H-1<sup>b</sup>), 4.64 (dd, 1H,  $J_{gem}$  = 11.5 Hz,  $J_{5,6a}$  = 4.4 Hz, H-6a<sup>b</sup>), 4.53–4.45 (m, 2H, H- $5^{b}$ , H- $6b^{b}$ ), 4.36 (s, 1H, OH), 4.32 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2}$  = 7.8 Hz, H- $1^{a}$ ), 3.92 (m, 1H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.73 (t, 1H,  $I_{2,3} = I_{3,4} = 8.3$  Hz, H-3<sup>a</sup>), 3.61 (m, 1H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.56-3.49 (m, 2H, H-4<sup>a</sup>, H-5<sup>a</sup>), 3.41 (t, 1H,

H-2<sup>a</sup>), 2.58 (dd, 1H,  $J_{gem}$  = 12.7 Hz,  $J_{5,6a}$  = 2.0 Hz, H-6a<sup>a</sup>), 2.49–2.45 (m, 2H, H-6b<sup>a</sup>, OH), 1.69 (s, 3H, SeMe), 1.06–0.94 (m, 2H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>), 0.00 (s, 9H, TMS); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 166.1, 165.4, 165.0, 133.8, 133.7, 133.4, 133.4, 130.0, 129.8, 129.7, 129.1, 128.7, 128.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 102.3, 101.6, 85.7, 74.7, 74.7, 73.7, 72.3, 71.5, 69.6, 68.0, 67.2, 62.4, 29.7, 25.9, 18.2, 5.0, 0.0, -1.5; <sup>77</sup>Se NMR (94 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 61.1; HRMS: m/z calcd for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>52</sub>O<sub>14</sub>SeSiNa<sup>+</sup>: 959.2184 [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 959.2184.

## 4.1.15. 2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethyl ( $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl)-( $1 \rightarrow 4$ )-6-deoxy-6-methylseleno- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (3)

Sodium methoxide (28% in MeOH, 7 mg, 38 µmol) was added to a solution of 26 (36 mg, 39 µmol) in THF (420 µL) and MeOH (840 µL). The reaction mixture was sonicated for 5.5 h (completion of the reaction was confirmed by TLC analysis; CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O, 5:4:1). Then the reaction mixture was neutralized with Dowex-50  $(H^{+})$  and filtered through cotton, and the removed resin was washed with MeOH. The combined filtrate and washings were concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (MeOH/CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 1:7) and Sephadex LH-20 (MeOH) to give 3 (20 mg, quant.).  $[\alpha]_{D} = +3.5^{\circ} (c \ 0.4, \text{ MeOH})$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>) OD):  $\delta$  4.34 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2}$  = 7.6 Hz, H-1<sup>b</sup>), 4.29 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2}$  = 7.9 Hz, H-1<sup>a</sup>), 3.95 (m, 1H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.82 (d, 1H,  $J_{3,4}$  = 2.9 Hz, H-4<sup>b</sup>), 3.78 (dd, 1H,  $J_{gem} = 11.5$  Hz,  $J_{5,6a} = 7.6$  Hz,  $H-6a^{b}$ ), 3.71–3.65 (m, 2H,  $H-6b^{b}$ , TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.60–3.51 (m, 3H, H-5<sup>a</sup>, H-2<sup>b</sup>, H-5<sup>b</sup>), 3.50-3.43 (m, 3H, H-3<sup>a</sup>, H-4<sup>a</sup>, H-3<sup>b</sup>), 3.23 (t, 1H, H-2<sup>a</sup>), 3.18 (dd, 1H,  $J_{gem}$  = 13.0 Hz,  $J_{5,6a}$  = 2.5 Hz, H-6a<sup>a</sup>), 2.79 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,6b}$  = 8.1 Hz, H-6b<sup>a</sup>), 2.06 (s, 1H, SeMe), 1.02 (m, 2H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>), 0.0 (s, 9H, TMS);  ${}^{13}$ C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  105.5, 103.5, 84.6, 77.1, 77.0, 76.3, 74.9, 74.8, 72.5, 70.2, 68.0, 62.5, 27.5, 19.1, 5.2, -1.4; <sup>77</sup>Se NMR (94 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  56.5; HRMS: m/z calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>10</sub> SeSiNa<sup>+</sup>: 543.1135 [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 543.1135.

### 4.1.16. 2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethyl 2,3-di-O-benzoyl-6-bromo-6deoxy-β-D-galactopyranoside (28)

Carbontetrabromide (262 mg, 790 µmol) and triphenylphosphine (310 mg, 1.18 mmol) were added to a solution of 27 (384 mg, 787 umol) in pyridine (5.3 mL) in ice bath, and stirred for 10 min. Then the reaction mixture was warmed to 65 °C. Stirring was continued for 1 h (completion of the reaction was confirmed by TLC analysis; EtOAc/toluene, 1:5), then the reaction mixture was guenched by addition of MeOH, and the residual solvent was removed by coevaporation with toluene. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/toluene, 1:20) to give **28** (379 mg, 87%).  $[\alpha]_{D} = +63.8^{\circ}$  (c 1.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.99–7.36 (m, 10H, Ph), 5.69 (dd, 1H,  $J_{1,2}$  = 7.8 Hz,  $J_{2,3}$  = 10.5 Hz, H-2), 5.32 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3,4}$  = 3.2 Hz, H-3), 4.72 (d, 1H, H-1), 4.47 (dd, 1H, J<sub>4.0H</sub> = 6.0 Hz, H-4), 4.07 (m, 1H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.93 (t, 1H,  $J_{5,6a} = J_{5,6b} = 6.9$  Hz, H-5), 3.69–3.57 (m, 3H, H-6a, H-6b, TMSCH2CH2), 2.25 (d, 1H, OH), 1.00-0.81 (m, 2H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>), -0.07 (s, 9H, TMS); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 165.8, 165.3, 133.5, 133.1, 129.9, 129.7 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 100.8, 74.6, 74.3, 69.5, 67.6, 67.3, 28.9, 17.9, -1.5; HRMS: m/z calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>31</sub>BrO<sub>7</sub>SiNa<sup>+</sup>: 573.0915 [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found:573.0912.

## 4.1.17. 2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethyl 2,3-di-O-benzoyl-6-deoxy-6-(*p*-methylbenzoylseleno)-β-D-galactopyranoside (29)

**7** (4.12 g, 13.0 mmol), *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine (2.2 mL, 13.0 mmol) and piperidine (1.3 mL, 13.0 mmol) were added to a solution of **28** (5.61 g, 10.2 mmol) in degassed DMF (67 mL) at rt as bubbled with argon gas. Then mixture was warmed to 100 °C and stirred for 45 min (completion of the reaction was confirmed by TLC analysis; EtOAc/hexane, 1:2). The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc, and the solution was washed with 2<sub>M</sub> aqueous HCl, water, saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatog-

raphy on silica gel (EtOAc/toluene, 1:15) to give **29** (6.52 g, 96%). [α]<sub>D</sub> = +36.8° (*c* 0.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.99– 7.47 (m, 14H, Ar), 5.72 (dd, 1H,  $J_{1,2}$  = 8.1 Hz,  $J_{2,3}$  = 10.4 Hz, H-2), 5.30 (dd, 1H,  $J_{3,4}$  = 3.2 Hz, H-3), 4.70 (d, 1H, H-1), 4.36 (dd, 1H,  $J_{4,0H}$  = 6.0 Hz, H-4), 4.06 (m, 1H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.85 (t, 1H,  $J_{5,6a}$  =  $-J_{5,6b}$  = 7.3 Hz, H-5), 3.63 (m, 1H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.50–3.39 (m, 2H, H-6a, H-6b), 2.59 (d, 1H, OH), 2.41 (s, 3H, ArCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.00–0.84 (m, 2H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>), -0.07 (s, 9H, TMS); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 194.3, 165.9, 165.3, 145.1, 136.0, 133.3, 133.0, 129.9, 129.7, 129.5, 129.1, 129.0, 128.4, 128.2, 127.4, 100.7, 74.5, 69.7, 68.4, 67.4, 24.5, 21.7, 17.9, -1.5; <sup>77</sup>Se NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 530.7; HRMS: *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>8</sub>SeSiNa<sup>+</sup>: 693.1393 [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 693.1390.

### 4.1.18. 2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethyl 4-O-acetyl-2,3-di-O-benzoyl-6deoxy-6-(*p*-methylbenzoylseleno)-β-D-galactopyranoside (30)

Acetic anhydride (3.9 mL, 41.3 mmol) was added to a solution of 29 (5.48 g, 8.18 mmol) in pyridine (40.9 mL) in ice bath. The reaction mixture was stirred for 25 h at rt (completion of the reaction was confirmed by TLC analysis, EtOAc/hexane, 1:3), which was then guenched by addition of MeOH, and the residual solvent was removed by coevaporation with toluene. The residue was dissolved in EtOAc and the solution was washed with  $2_M$  aqueous HCl, water, saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/hexane, 1:8) to give **30** (5.60 g, 96%).  $[\alpha]_D$  = +30.8° (*c* 1.3, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.97–7.25 (m, 14H, Ar), 5.76 (d, 1H,  $J_{3,4}$  = 3.3 Hz, H-4), 5.67 (dd, 1H,  $J_{1,2}$  = 7.8 Hz, J<sub>2,3</sub> = 10.5 Hz, H-2), 5.40 (dd, 1H, H-3), 4.73 (d, 1H, H-1), 4.07 (m, 1H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.97 (t, 1H,  $J_{5,6a} = J_{5,6b} = 7.3$  Hz, H-5), 3.64 (m, 1H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.36-3.25 (m, 2H, H-6a, H-6b), 2.41 (s, 3H, ArCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.16 (s, 3H, Ac), 1.02-0.85 (m, 2H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>), -0.07 (s, 9H, TMS); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  193.0, 170.1, 165.5, 165.2, 145.0, 135.9, 133.2, 133.0, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 129.0, 128.3, 128.2, 127.3, 100.7, 73.2, 72.1, 69.6, 69.1, 67.7, 60.3, 24.4, 21.7, 20.6, 17.9, 14.1, -1.5; <sup>77</sup>Se NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 495.6; HRMS: m/z calcd for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>40</sub>O<sub>9</sub>SeSiNa<sup>+</sup>: 735.1504 [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 735.1504.

### 4.1.19. 2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethyl 4-O-acetyl-2,3-di-O-benzoyl-6deoxy-6-methylseleno- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranoside (31)

Cesium carbonate (289 mg, 885 µmol), methyl iodide (53.9 µL, 865 µmol) and methyl hydrazine (34.2 µL, 650 µmol) were added to a solution of **30** (308 mg, 432 µmol) in degassed DMF (8.7 mL) at rt as bubbled with argon gas. The mixture was stirred for 2 h at rt, while monitoring the reaction by TLC analysis (EtOAc/toluene, 1:10). Then another amount of methyl iodide (53.9  $\mu$ L, 865  $\mu$ mol) and methyl hydrazine (34.2 µL, 650 µmol) were added to the reaction mixture and then bubbling with argon gas was stopped. Stirring was continued for another 15h, then the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc, and the solution was washed with 2<sub>M</sub> aqueous HCl, water, saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/hexane, 1:3) to give 31 (206 mg, 78%).  $[\alpha]_{D}$  = +31.2° (*c* 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.98– 7.33 (m, 10H, Ph), 5.69-5.64 (m, 2H, H-4, H-2), 5.41 (dd, 1H,  $J_{2,3} = 10.5$  Hz,  $J_{3,4} = 2.8$  Hz, H-3), 4.74 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2} = 8.2$  Hz, H-1), 4.06 (m, 1H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.98 (m, 1H,  $J_{5,6a}$  = 7.8 Hz,  $J_{5,6b}$  = 6.0 Hz, H-5), 3.64 (m, 1H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.84 (dd, 1H, J<sub>gem</sub> = 12.8 Hz, H-6a), 2.60 (dd, 1H, H-6b), 2.14 (s, 3H, Ac), 2.09 (s, 3H, SeMe), 1.02–0.85 (m, 2H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>), -0.07 (s, 9H, TMS); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 170.2, 165.6, 165.2, 133.3, 133.1, 132.3, 129.7, 129.6, 129.0, 128.4, 128.4, 128.3, 100.8, 74.6, 72.1, 69.6, 69.3, 67.7, 24.6, 20.6, 17.9, 5.6, -1.5; <sup>77</sup>Se NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  73.2; HRMS: m/z calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>8</sub>SeSiNa<sup>+</sup>: 631.1237 [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 631.1237.

### 4.1.20. 4-O-Acetyl-2,3-di-O-benzoyl-6-deoxy-6-methylseleno-D-galactopyranose (32)

Trifluoroacetic acid (2.1 mL) was added to a solution of **31** (190 mg, 312 µmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4.1 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 2 h at rt (completion of the reaction was confirmed by TLC analysis; MeOH/CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 1:50), then the reaction mixture was coevaporation with toluene. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/hexane, 1:20) to give **32** (128 mg, 81%):  $\alpha$ -isomer; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.00–7.35 (m, 10H, Ph), 5.88 (dd, 1H,  $J_{2,3}$  = 11.0 Hz,  $J_{3,4}$  = 2.8 Hz, H-3), 5.75–5.71 (m, 2H, H-1, H-4), 5.58 (dd, 1H,  $J_{1,2}$  = 3.4 Hz, H-2), 4.54 (t, 1H,  $J_{5,6a}$  =  $J_{5,6b}$  = 6.9 Hz, H-5), 3.36 (br s, 1H, OH), 2.74 (dd, 1H,  $J_{gem}$  = 13.1 Hz, H-6a), 2.58 (dd, 1H, H-6b), 2.16 (s, 3H, Ac), 2.05 (s, 3H, SeMe); <sup>77</sup>Se NMR (113 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): $\delta$  64.4; HRMS: *m/z* calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>8</sub>SeNa<sup>+</sup>: 531.0534 [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 531.0534.

## 4.1.21. 4-O-Acetyl-2,3-di-O-benzoyl-6-deoxy-6-methylseleno-D-galactopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate (33)

Trichloroacetonitrile (70.8 µL, 706 µmol) and DBU (3.2 µL, 210  $\mu$ mol) were added to a solution of **32** (36 mg, 71  $\mu$ mol) in CH<sub>2-</sub> Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.4 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 70 min at 0 °C (completion of the reaction was confirmed by TLC analysis; MeOH/CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 1:15). The reaction mixture was concentrated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/hexane, 1:2) to give **33** (46 mg, quant.,  $\alpha/\beta = 20/1$ ). α-isomer;  $[\alpha]_D$  = +75.0° (*c* 0.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.62 (s, 1H, NH), 8.00–7.26 (m, 10H, Ph), 6.76 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2}$  = 2.3 Hz, H-1), 5.92–5.82 (m, H-2, H-3, H-4), 4.52 (t, 1H, J<sub>5.6a</sub> = J<sub>5.6b</sub> = 6.9 Hz, H-5), 2.76 (dd, 1H, J<sub>gem</sub> = 12.8 Hz, H-6a) 2.58 (dd, 1H, H-6b), 2.19 (s, 3H, Ac), 2.03 (s, 3H, SeMe); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 170.0, 165.7, 165.5, 160.6, 133.5, 133.4, 129.8, 129.6, 129.0, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 93.8, 90.9, 72.5, 69.5, 68.7, 67.6, 24.0, 20.6, 5.3, 0.0; <sup>77</sup>Se NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  71.3; HRMS: m/z calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>24</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub> O<sub>8</sub>Se Na<sup>+</sup>: 673.9631 [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 673.9630.

### 4.1.22. 2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethyl (4-0-acetyl-2,3-di-0-benzoyl-6deoxy-6-methylseleno- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl)-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-6-0acetyl-2,3-di-0-(4-methoxybenzyl)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (35)

Molecular sieves (MS4Å, 206 mg) were added to a solution of 33 (48 mg, 74 µmol) and **34** (61 mg, 109 µmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.5 mL). The suspension was stirred for 1 h at rt. Then TMSOTf (1.4 µL, 7.3  $\mu$ mol) was added to the solution at -40 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 48 h at -40 °C, after which TMSOTf (1.4  $\mu$ L, 7.3  $\mu$ mol) was added to the solution at -40 °C. Stirring was continued for another 3 h at -40 °C (completion of the reaction was confirmed by TLC analysis; EtOAc/toluene, 1:4). The reaction mixture was quenched by addition of saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (500  $\mu$ L) then filtered through Celite, and the removed molecular sieves were washed with CHCl<sub>3</sub>. The combined filtrate and washings were extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>, and the organic layer was washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on Sephadex LH-20 (MeOH/CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 1:1) and silica gel (EtOAc/toluene, 1:8) to give **35** (55 mg, 71%).  $[\alpha]_D$  = +40.3° (*c* 0.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.98–6.80 (m, 18H, Ar), 5.71 (d, 1H, J<sub>3,4</sub> = 3.4 Hz, H-4<sup>b</sup>), 5.65 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2}$  = 8.2 Hz,  $J_{2,3}$  = 10.3 Hz, H-2<sup>b</sup>), 5.35 (dd, 1H, H-3<sup>b</sup>), 4.94 (d, 1H,  $J_{gem}$  = 10.3 Hz, ArCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.91 (d, 1H, H-1<sup>b</sup>), 4.83 (d, 1H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.81 (d, 1H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.62 (d, 1H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.32-4.30 (m, 2H, H-1<sup>a</sup>, H-6a<sup>a</sup>), 4.07 (dd, 1H, J<sub>5.6b</sub> = 4.8 Hz, H-6b<sup>a</sup>), 3.89 (m, 1H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.84-3.74 (m, 8H, H-4<sup>a</sup>, H-5<sup>b</sup>, ArOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.61-3.53 (m, 2H, H-3<sup>a</sup>, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.39 (m, 1H, H-5<sup>a</sup>), 3.45 (t, 1H, H-2<sup>a</sup>), 2.58 (dd, 1H,  $J_{gem}$  = 13.1 Hz,  $J_{5,6a}$  = 6.2 Hz, H-6a<sup>b</sup>), 2.49 (dd, 1H, J<sub>5,6b</sub> = 7.6 Hz, H-6b<sup>b</sup>), 2.12 (s, 3H, Ac), 1.90 (s, 3H, Ac), 1.87 (s, 3H, SeMe), 0.99 (t, 2H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>), 0.00 (s, 9H, TMS); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 170.4, 169.9, 165.4, 165.1, 159.1, 158.9, 133.4, 133.3, 131.2, 130.5, 129.8, 129.7, 129.6, 128.9, 128.9,

128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 113.7, 113.5, 102.9, 100.6, 82.2, 81.5, 77.3, 74.6, 74.4, 72.3, 72.1, 70.2, 68.6, 67.5, 62.4, 55.3, 55.2, 29.7, 23.9, 20.7, 20.6, 18.4, 5.5, 1.0, 0.0, -1.5; <sup>77</sup>Se NMR (113 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  64.8; HRMS: *m/z* calcd for C<sub>52</sub>H<sub>64</sub>O<sub>16</sub>SeSiNa<sup>+</sup>: 1075.3021 [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 1075.3021.

# 4.1.23. 2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethyl (4-O-acetyl-2,3-di-O-benzoyl-6-deoxy-6-methylseleno- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl)-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-6-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (36)

Trifluoroacetic acid  $(350 \,\mu\text{L})$  was added to a solution of 35 (55 mg, 52  $\mu$ mol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (700  $\mu$ L) at -20 °C, and the mixture was stirred for 2.5 h at -20 °C (completion of the reaction was confirmed by TLC analysis; MeOH/CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 1:15). The reaction mixture was guenched by addition of saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (3 mL) and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>, and the organic layer was washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/hexane, 3:8) to give **36** (35 mg, 83%).  $[\alpha]_D$  = +43.8° (*c* 0.7, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.95–7.34 (m, 10H, Ph), 5.72–7.68 (m, 2H, H-2<sup>b</sup>, H-4<sup>b</sup>), 5.43 (dd, 1H,  $J_{2,3}$  = 10.3 Hz,  $J_{3,4} = 3.4$  Hz, H-3<sup>b</sup>), 4.91 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2} = 8.0$  Hz, H-1<sup>b</sup>), 4.32 (d, 1H, OH), 4.28 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2}$  = 7.5 Hz, H-1<sup>a</sup>), 4.17 (dd, 1H,  $J_{gem}$  = 12.0 Hz,  $J_{5,6a}$  = 1.9 Hz, H-6a<sup>a</sup>), 4.02 (m, 1H, H-5<sup>b</sup>), 3.95–3.88 (m, 2H, H-6b<sup>a</sup>, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.75 (m, 1H, H-2<sup>a</sup>), 3.61–3.54 (m, 2H, H-3<sup>a</sup>, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>- $CH_2$ ), 3.49 (m, 1H, H-5<sup>a</sup>), 3.41 (t, 1H,  $J_{3,4} = J_{4,5} = 8.6$  Hz, H-4<sup>a</sup>), 2.79 (dd, 1H,  $J_{gem} = 13.1$  Hz,  $J_{5,6a} = 8.3$  Hz, H-6a<sup>b</sup>), 2.66 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,6b}$  = 5.5 Hz, H-6b<sup>b</sup>), 2.57 (br s, 1H, OH), 2.17 (s, 3H, Ac), 1.69 (s, 3H, SeMe), 1.77 (s, 3H, Ac), 1.04-0.89 (m, 2H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), -0.01 (s, 9H, TMS); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 170.0 169.9, 165.4, 165.1, 133.5, 133.4, 129.7, 129.6, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 101.7, 101.6, 80.9, 75.1, 73.5, 73.3, 71.9, 71.6, 69.4, 68.9, 67.4, 62.2, 24.7, 20.5, 20.4, 18.1, 5.6, -1.5; <sup>77</sup>Se NMR (94 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  61.1; HRMS: m/z calcd for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>52</sub>O<sub>14</sub>SeSiNa<sup>+</sup>: 835.1876 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 835.1876.

## 4.1.24. 2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethyl (6-deoxy-6-methylseleno- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl)-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (4)

Sodium methoxide (28% in MeOH, 9 mg, 48 umol) was added to a solution of 36 (39 mg, 48 µmol) in THF (530 µL) and MeOH (1.1 mL). The reaction mixture was sonicated for 3.5 h (completion of the reaction was confirmed by TLC analysis; CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O, 5:4:1). Then the reaction mixture was neutralized with Dowex-50 (H<sup>+</sup>) and filtered through cotton, and removed resin was washed with MeOH. The combined filtrate and washings were concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on Sephadex LH-20 (MeOH) to give **4** (24.8 mg, quant.).  $[\alpha]_{\rm D} = -6.7^{\circ}$ (c 0.5, MeOH); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  4.38 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2} = 7.3$  Hz, H-1<sup>b</sup>), 4.30 (d, 1H,  $J_{1,2} = 7.8$  Hz, H-1<sup>a</sup>), 3.99 (m, 1H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.95 (d, 1H,  $J_{3,4} = 2.6$  Hz, H-4<sup>b</sup>), 3.91 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{gem}}$  = 12.1 Hz,  $J_{5,6a}$  = 5.6 Hz, H-6a<sup>a</sup>), 3.84 (dd, 1H,  $J_{5,6b}$  = 4.2 Hz, H-6b<sup>a</sup>), 3.70 (t, 1H, H-5<sup>b</sup>), 3.63 (m, 1H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.58-3.51 (m, 4H, H-3<sup>a</sup>, H-4<sup>a</sup>, H-2<sup>b</sup>, H-3<sup>b</sup>), 3.41 (m, 1H, H-5<sup>a</sup>), 3.23 (t, 1H, H-2<sup>a</sup>), 2.83-2.76 (m, 2H, H-6a<sup>b</sup>, H-6b<sup>b</sup>), 2.04 (s, 1H, SeMe), 1.09-0.94 (m, 2H, TMSCH<sub>2</sub>), 0.0 (s, 9H, TMS);  $^{13}$ C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$ 105.1, 103.7, 80.9, 76.5, 76.3, 76.1, 74.9, 72.2, 70.8, 68.2, 62.0, 25.5, 19.1, 4.5, -1.4; <sup>77</sup>Se NMR (94 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  51.8; HRMS: m/z calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>10</sub>SeSiNa<sup>+</sup>: 543.1135 [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 543.1135.

### 4.1.25. 4-O-Acetyl-2,3-di-O-benzoyl-6-deoxy-6-methylseleno-Dgalactopyranosyl fluoride (37)

*N*,*N*-diethylaminosulfur trifluoride (39.6  $\mu$ L, 300  $\mu$ mol) was added to a solution of **32** (101 mg, 199  $\mu$ mol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.0 mL) at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred for 30 min at 0 °C (completion of the reaction was confirmed by TLC analysis; EtOAc/hexane, 1:2), then the reaction mixture was diluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>, and the solution

was washed with brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/ toluene, 1:2) to give **37** (99 mg, 97%,  $\alpha/\beta = 1/1.7$ ).  $\alpha$ -isomer;  $[\alpha]_{\rm D} = +113.5^{\circ}$  (c 0.8, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.01– 7.36 (m, 10H, Ph), 5.98 (dd, 1H,  $J_{1,2}$  = 2.8 Hz,  $J_{1,F}$  = 53.2 Hz, H-1), 5.86–5.81 (m, 2H, H-3, H-4), 5.63 (m, 1H, J<sub>2,F</sub> = 23.8 Hz, H-2), 4.47 (t, 1H,  $J_{5,6a} = J_{5,6b} = 7.7$  Hz, H-5), 2.77 (dd, 1H,  $J_{gem} = 12.8$  Hz, H-6a) 2.61 (dd, 1H, H-6b), 2.18 (s, 3H, Ac), 2.08 (s, 3H, SeMe); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  169.8, 165.9, 165.4, 133.4, 129.9, 129.6, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 105.8, 103.5, 71.9, 69.2, 68.3. 68.1. 68.0, 23.8, 20.6, 5.4; <sup>77</sup>Se NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  64.8; HRMS: m/z calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>23</sub>FO<sub>8</sub>SeNa<sup>+</sup>: 533.0485 [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 533.0482; β-isomer;  $[\alpha]_D = +74.4^\circ$  (*c* 0.8, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.99–7.35 (m, 10 H Ph), 5.81–5.73 (m, 2H, H-2, H-4), 5.60–5.45 (m, 2H, J<sub>1,F</sub> = 52.7 Hz, H-1, H-3), 4.10 (t, 1H,  $J_{5,6a} = J_{5,6b} = 6.9$  Hz, H-5), 2.87 (dd, 1H,  $J_{gem} = 13.3$  Hz, H-6a), 2.66 (dd, 1H, H-6b), 2.17 (s, 3H, Ac), 2.09 (s, 3H, SeMe); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  169.9, 165.4, 165.1, 133.5, 129.8, 129.6, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 108.2, 106.1, 74.9, 71.0, 70.9, 69.6, 69.3, 68.3, 23.9, 20.6, 5.7; <sup>77</sup>Se NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 71.3; HRMS: *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>23</sub>FO<sub>8</sub>SeNa<sup>+</sup>: 533.0485 [*M*+Na] <sup>+</sup>; found: 533.0485.

# 4.1.26. Methyl (4-O-acetyl-2,3-di-O-benzoyl-6-deoxy-6-methylseleno- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranosyl)-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)-2,3,4-tri-O-benzyl- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside (39)

Molecular sieves (MS4Å, 106 mg) were added to a solution of 37 (52 mg, 102 µmol) and **38** (47 mg, 102 µmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL). The suspension was stirred for 1 h at rt. Then Cp<sub>2</sub>ZrCl<sub>2</sub> (74 mg, 254 µmol) and AgOTf (131 mg, 510 µmol) were added to the mixture at 0 °C. Stirring was continued for 24 h at rt (completion of the reaction was confirmed by TLC analysis; EtOAc/hexane, 2:3). The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite and the removed molecular sieves were washed with CHCl<sub>3</sub>. The combined filtrate and washings were washed with brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on Sephadex LH-20 (MeOH/CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 1:1) to give **39** (52 mg, 53%).  $[\alpha]_{\rm D} = +44.6^{\circ} (c \ 0.9, \ CHCl_3); {}^{1}\text{H} \ \text{NMR} (500 \ \text{MHz}, \ \text{CDCl}_3); \ \delta \ 7.88-$ 7.06 (m, 25H, Ph), 5.72 (dd, 1H,  $J_{1,2}$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J_{2,3}$  = 10.3 Hz, H-2<sup>b</sup>), 5.66 (d, 1H,  $J_{3,4}$  = 2.9 Hz, H-4<sup>b</sup>), 5.41 (dd, 1H, H-3<sup>b</sup>), 4.88 (d, 2H,  $J_{\text{gem}} = 10.9 \text{ Hz}, \text{ PhCH}_2$ ), 4.74–4.67 (m 3H, H-1<sup>b</sup>, PhCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.58 (d, 1H, PhCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.47 (d, 1H,  $I_{1,2}$  = 3.4 Hz, H-1<sup>a</sup>), 4.32 (d, 1H, PhCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.19 (m, 1H, H-6a<sup>a</sup>), 3.92-3.87 (m, 2H, H-3<sup>a</sup>, H-5<sup>b</sup>), 3.75-3.71 (m, 2H, H-5<sup>a</sup>, H-6b<sup>a</sup>), 3.43–3.36 (m, 2H, H-2<sup>a</sup>, H-4<sup>a</sup>), 3.20 (s, 3H, OMe), 2.81 (dd, 1H, J<sub>gem</sub> = 13.2 Hz, J<sub>5,6a</sub> = 8.0 Hz, H-6a<sup>b</sup>), 2.58 (dd, 1H, J<sub>5.6b</sub> = 5.7 Hz, H-6b<sup>b</sup>), 2.16 (s, 3H, Ac), 2.06 (s, 3H, SeMe); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 170.1, 165.6, 165.1, 138.8, 133.3, 133.1, 128.4, 128.3, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.6, 127.5, 101,6, 97.9, 81.9, 79.8, 77.4, 75.5, 74.7, 74.7, 73.3, 71.9, 69.4, 69.3, 68.5, 54.9, 24.5, 20.6, 5.7; <sup>77</sup>Se NMR (113 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  72.6; HRMS: m/z calcd for C<sub>51</sub>H<sub>54</sub>O<sub>13</sub>SeNa<sup>+</sup>: 977.2622, [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 977.2627.

#### 4.2. Protein expression, purification and crystallization

The human galectin-9 NCRD was expressed as a glutathione Stransferase (GST) fusion protein and purified as described.<sup>23</sup> 5 mg/ ml of human galectin-9 NCRD was mixed with seleno-lactose **1** to **4** (10 mM) before crystallization. The crystallization was manually performed by using grid screening based on the crystallization condition of human or mouse galectin-9 NCRD with lactose (pdb\_id:2EAK and 2D6M).<sup>23</sup> Finally, the crystals of human galectin-9 NCRD with seleno-lactoses **1**, **2** and **3** were obtained under the optimized condition (**1**. 20% w/v PEG 3350 and 8% v/v Tacsimate pH 8.0; **2**. 20% w/v PEG 3350, 0.2 M Sodium Iodide and 100 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0; **3**. 10% w/v PEG 6000 and 100 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, respectively) at 289 K for 2 or 3 days.

## **4.3.** Data collection and structure determination of co-cystal with seleno-lactose (3)

The crystals were soaked in the cryo protectant buffer (10% w/v PEG6000, 100 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5 and 20% glycerol) in a minute and flash-cooled in liquid nitrogen before data collection. The diffraction data of crystals are collected at BL-17A beamline on Photon Factory of KEK (Tsukuba, Japan). The best data was collected at 0.97889 Å for SAD phasing method. The data was processed by XDS package.<sup>25</sup> The scaling was performed with pointless and aimless in CCP4 suite.<sup>26</sup> The maximum resolution is determined by a correlation factor CC (1/2).<sup>27</sup> The structure of human galectin-9 NCRD was solved using Autosol in phenix software.<sup>28</sup> After Autosol, 562 residues were built and R and  $R_{\rm free}$  was 0.20 and 0.21, respectively. Further refinement was performed using Coot,<sup>2</sup> manually. Finally, deposited structure was refined using Refmac<sup>30</sup> with TLS option and no NCS restrains. Seleno-lactose 3 coordinate and cif files were made using Iligand and phenix.elbow.<sup>31</sup> The geometry of refined structure was validated with MolProbity.<sup>32</sup> The statistics of data collection and refinements were described in the Supplementary Material.

## 4.4. Structure analysis of human galectin-9 with seleno-lactose (3)

RMSD value was calculated by SUPERPOSE in CCP4 suite.<sup>26</sup> Hydrogen bonds between human galectin-9 NCRD and selenolactose **3** were determined using Ligplot+<sup>33</sup> and CONTACT programs.<sup>26</sup> All figures of crystal structures were prepared using Pymol.<sup>34</sup>

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