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# Highly efficient $\alpha$ -C-sialylation promoted by $(p-Tol)_2SO/Tf_2O$ with N-acetyl-5-N,4-O-oxazolidione protected thiosialoside as donor†

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Based on a preactivation protocol with  $(p-\text{Tol})_2\text{SO/Tf}_2\text{O}$ , a practical, straightforward, and high-yielding synthesis of  $\alpha$ -sialyl C-glycosides was accomplished by coupling N-acetyl-5-N,4-O-oxazolidione protected thiosialoside with various trimethylsilyl enol ethers and allyltrimethylsilanes. High yields and excellent  $\alpha$ -selectivities were obtained for the strong  $\pi$ -nucleophiles with large nucleophilicity values (N = 4.4-9.0), irrespective of whether silyl enol ethers, silyl ketene acetals or allyltrimethylsilanes were used for the electrophilic C-sialylation.

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## Introduction

*N*-Acetylneuraminic acids (Neu5Ac), mostly located at the terminal end of oligosaccharides and glycoconjugates, have vital biological functions in higher animals and human beings.<sup>1</sup> Among the types of sialosides, *C*-glycosides, whose interglycosidic oxygen atoms are substituted by carbon atoms, possess exclusive resistance to chemical and enzymatic degradation and display potential applications in the development of Neu5Ac-containing antiviral drugs and vaccines.<sup>2</sup>

Due to the requirement of C-C bond formation at a new tertiary carbon atom center, it is more challenging to synthesize C-sialosides than other C-glycosides. In 1991, three groups of investigators<sup>3</sup> independently reported the formation of simple allyl and hydroxymethyl C-glycosides of Neu5Ac, but with poor  $\alpha$ -selectivity or low reaction yield. Over the years, a few glycosylation strategies, especially the SmI2-mediated reductive coupling reactions with appropriate Neu5Ac donors such as sialyl sulfones,  $4^{4a}$  chlorides,  $4^{4b}$  sulfides and acetates,  $5^{4b}$  have been developed for efficient α-C-sialylation to provide novel series of catabolically stable C-sialoside analogues of glycoconjugates.4-6 It is reported that C-glycosides can be obtained from silyl enol ethers with high stereoselectivity in Sakurai/Mukayiama-type reactions.<sup>7</sup> For electrophilic  $\alpha$ -C-sialylation with silvl enol ethers, very recently, N-acetyl-5-N,4-O-oxazolidione-protected sialyl phosphate (2) was found to be an efficient sialyl donor for the construction of  $\alpha$ -C-sialosides in the presence of trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate.<sup>8a</sup> It is noted that donor

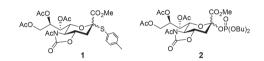


Fig. 1 Structures of N-acetyloxazolidinone protected sialyl donors.

2 is, in fact, derived from the corresponding *N*-acetyloxazolidinone protected thiosialoside  $1^{8b}$  (Fig. 1), which was first prepared by our laboratory and has proven to be an excellent *O*-sialylation donor to couple with various alcohol receptors.<sup>9a</sup> In an effort to simplify the synthetic sequence of *C*-sialosides and avoid the preparation of complex samarium(III) organometallic species, herein we report that donor **1** is truly a practical *C*-sialyl donor. The reaction, promoted by a  $(p-\text{Tol})_2\text{SO/Tf}_2\text{O}$ system, occurs with a wide variety of silyl enol ethers as acceptors in high  $\alpha$ -selectivity and good isolated yield.

### **Results and discussion**

In previous reports,<sup>9</sup> we have established that both diphenyl sulfoxide/trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride  $(Ph_2SO/Tf_2O)^{9d}$  and *N*-iodosuccinimide/trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (NIS/TfOH)<sup>9a</sup> promotion systems can efficiently activate thiosialoside  $1\alpha$  to afford the desired  $\alpha$ -*O*-sialylation products. The stereoselectivity and yield of the sialylation can be modulated by carefully changing the added amount of Ph<sub>2</sub>SO. In the current study, inspired by above results, we initially attempted the *C*-sialylation between  $1\alpha$  and acetophenone trimethylsilyl enol ether (3) under Ph<sub>2</sub>SO/Tf<sub>2</sub>O preactivation conditions in dichloromethane. To our surprise, the expected *C*-sialyl derivative **4** was successfully obtained in 71% yield with exclusive  $\alpha$ -stereoselectivity (Table 1, entry 1). When (*p*-Tol)<sub>2</sub>SO was used

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**Table 1** Effects of different promoters and amount of  $(p-Tol)_2SO$  on the C-sialylation

AcO AcO AcO O	$\begin{array}{c} OAc \\ CO_2Me \\ S \\ CH_2O(/p-Tol)_2SO \\ CH_2Cl_2 - 70^{\circ}C50 \end{array}$	AcO QAC AcO AcN O Ac	
Entry	Conditions <sup><i>a</i></sup>	$\operatorname{Yield}^{b}(\%)$	$\alpha:\beta^{c}$
1	Tf <sub>2</sub> O/Ph <sub>2</sub> SO (2.0 equiv.)	71	α
2	$Tf_2O/(p-Tol)_2SO$ (0.6 equiv.)	61	α
3	$Tf_2O/(p-Tol)_2SO(1.2 \text{ equiv.})$	68	α
4	$Tf_2O/(p-Tol)_2SO(2.0 \text{ equiv.})$	82	α
5	$Tf_2O/(p-Tol)_2SO(3.0 \text{ equiv.})$	84	α
6	$Tf_2O/(p-Tol)_2SO(4.0 \text{ equiv.})$	15	α

 $^a$  1.2 equiv. Tf<sub>2</sub>O was used for the reactions.  $^b$  Isolated yields after column chromatography.  $^c$  Determined by  $^1{\rm H}$  NMR spectroscopy;  $\alpha$  indicates that no  $\beta$  product was detected.

as additive instead of Ph<sub>2</sub>SO for the *C*-sialylation, the reaction yield was improved from 71% to 82% (Table 1, entry 4), indicating that  $(p\text{-Tol})_2$ SO is more closely matched with sialyl donor **1** (containing *p*-tolyl sulfide as leaving group) than Ph<sub>2</sub>SO. The results are also comparable with our previous observations,<sup>9e</sup> wherein the  $(p\text{-Tol})_2$ SO was a superior additive for *O*-sialylation with *N*-acetyl-5-*N*,4-*O*-oxazolidione protected sialyl sulfoxide as donor.

Next, we further probed the influence of different added amounts of  $(p\text{-Tol})_2$ SO on the *C*-sialylation. As shown in Table 1, when the amount of  $(p\text{-Tol})_2$ SO was increased from 0.6 equiv. to 4.0 equiv., the optimum amount of  $(p\text{-Tol})_2$ SO additive was 2.0–3.0 equiv., with the highest *C*-sialylation yield reaching 82–84%. Meanwhile, only the  $\alpha$ -*C*-sialyl product was obtained in the reaction with different amounts of  $(p\text{-Tol})_2$ SO. In addition, the effect of reaction temperature on the model *C*-sialylation was also examined. The reaction yields were closely related to the temperature (Table 2). Ranging the temperature from -70 °C to -20 °C, the yield decreased gradually from 82% to 68%, suggesting that lower reaction temperature was more appropriate for the *C*-glycosylations. Finally, we used the sialylation conditions described in entry 1 of Table 2 for the following *C*-sialylations with silyl enol ethers as acceptors.

With regard to the mechanism of the *C*-glycosylation (Scheme 1), the *N*-acetyl-5-*N*,4-*O*-oxazolidione protected oxacarbenium cation **6** is believed to be the first crucial intermediate, resulting from the activation of thiosialoside **1** by di-*p*-tolyl

 Table 2
 Effect of temperature on the C-sialylation<sup>4</sup>

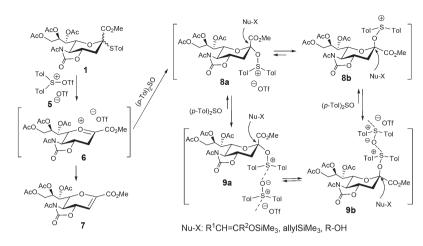
Entry	Conditions <sup>b</sup>	Yield <sup>c</sup> (%)	$\alpha$ : $\beta^d$	
1	−70 °C 2.0 h then −50 °C 2.0 h	82	α	
2	−50 °C 4.0 h	79	α	
3	−40 °C 4.0 h	75	α	
4	−30 °C 4.0 h	77	α	
5	−20 °C 4.0 h	68	α	

<sup>*a*</sup> See Table 1 for reaction scheme. <sup>*b*</sup> 1.2 equiv. Tf<sub>2</sub>O and 2.0 equiv.  $(p-Tol)_2SO$  were used for the reactions. <sup>*c*</sup> Isolated yields after column chromatography. <sup>*d*</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy.

sulfoxide bis(triflate) 5 which is generated in situ from the promoter pair  $(p-Tol)_2SO$  and  $Tf_2O$ . As proposed by Crich for the *N*,*N*-diacetyl counterpart<sup>10</sup> and our previous studies,  $9^{d,e}$  6 would either rapidly decompose to the 2,3-glycal 7, or be efficiently trapped by excess  $(p-Tol)_2$ SO  $(1-2 \text{ equiv.})^{11}$  to provide the N-acetyloxazolidinone protected C2-sialyloxosulfonium salt 8a/8b, which is considered as the second crucial intermediate for the sialvlation and should be more stable from -70 °C to -50 °C (Table 2). The more reactive β-C2-sialyloxosulfonium intermediate 8b could be quickly attacked by a nucleophile such as trimethylsilyl enol ether, allyltrimethylsilane or alcohol to obtain the  $\alpha$ -C- or O-sialyl product. It is noteworthy that more excess  $(p-Tol)_2SO$  (3 equiv.) additive led to a very low C-sialylation yield (Table 1, entry 6) with excellent  $\alpha$ -selectivity. In sharp contrast, the reaction yield of O-sialylation under similar reaction conditions was extraordinarily high (96%), but with declined  $\alpha$ -selectivity ( $\alpha/\beta = 2.7:1$ ).<sup>9d</sup> Similarly, as described in our previous work, the larger of excess (p-Tol)<sub>2</sub>SO (3 equiv.) may produce C2-sialyloxosulfonium supramer **9a/9b**,<sup>9d</sup> the third crucial intermediate, which accounts for the above experimental results. It is suggested that the sialyloxosulfonium species have following relative electrophilicity ranking:  $8b > 8a > 9a \cong 9b$ . In addition, the C- and O-nucleophiles should fit the relative nucleophilicity order: alcohol > trimethylsilyl enol ether or allyltrimethylsilane.<sup>12</sup> Therefore, alcohol reacts with 9a/9b to give high reaction yield and low α-selectivity; with 8a/8b to afford low reaction yield and high  $\alpha$ -selectivity.<sup>9d</sup> The nucleophilicity of trimethylsilyl enol ether is too weak to attack 9a/9b which could be the major intermediate with 4 equiv. of (p-Tol)<sub>2</sub>SO used for the sialylation (Table 1, entry 6), and consequently the yield of the C-sialylation is poor. Noticeably, with 2-3 equiv. of (p-Tol)<sub>2</sub>SO (Table 1, entries 4 and 5) trimethylsilyl enol ether mainly attacks 8a/8b, especially the more reactive **8b**, to provide higher product yield and excellent  $\alpha$ -selectivity.

To further verify the effectiveness of  $(p\text{-}Tol)_2\text{SO/Tf}_2\text{O}$  as a promoting system for *C*-sialylation, a series of trimethylsilyl enol ethers and allyltrimethylsilanes were applied to the *C*-glycosylation with thiosialoside **1** as donor under identical conditions (Table 3). All these neutral  $\pi$ -nucleophiles have varying nucleophilicity values (N = 1.8-9.0) as defined by Mayr and co-workers.<sup>13</sup>

The nucleophilicity of silyl enol ethers plays an important role in the *C*-sialylation. Both high reaction yield and exquisite  $\alpha$ -selectivity were obtained in the *C*-sialylation of donor **1** with enoxy silane nucleophiles **3**, **10**, **12**, **14** (N = 5.2-8.2, Table 3, entries **1**, 4–6).<sup>13,14</sup> When a weak nucleophile **16** (N = 3.8) was employed for the electrophilic substitution, the ketone **17** was obtained in moderate yield, but with low stereoselectivity ( $\alpha/\beta$  = 2.6 : 1, Table 3, entry 7). Similar results were also reported during the *C*-sialylation of *N*-acetyloxazolidinone protected sialyl phosphate (2) with **16**.<sup>8a</sup> With strong nucleophiles **18** and **20** (N = 8.2 and 9.0, respectively) derived from esters, only single  $\alpha$  isomers were obtained in 72–84% yields. Application of this method to the preparation of sialyl aldehyde **23** from trimethylsiloxyethene (**22**) gave exclusive  $\alpha$ -selectivity and 43%



Scheme 1 Three proposed crucial intermediates in the sialylation of thiosialoside 1 with  $(p-Tol)_2SO/Tf_2O$ .

yield. Comparing the glycosylations with **16** and **22** as nucleophiles, the yields are comparative, but glycal 7 was obtained in lower yield in the case of **22** than that of **16**, suggesting that aldehyde **23** was partially decomposed during flash chromatography due to its instability to silica gel.

With allyltrimethylsilane **24** as a sialyl acceptor with a poor *N* value (*N* = 1.8), the coupling reaction provided **25** in 50% yield and very low stereoselectivity ( $\alpha/\beta = 1:1.2$ , Table 3, entry 12). However, in the case of **26** with a higher *N* value (*N* = 4.4), the *C*-sialylation yield jumped to 86%, and the stereoselectivity was also significantly improved from  $\alpha/\beta = 1:1.2$  to  $\alpha$  only (Table 3, entry 14). The results further illustrated that the *C*-sialylation is sensitive to the nucleophilicity values, and strong nucleophiles (either trimethylsilyl enol ethers or allyltrimethylsilane) give both higher yields and  $\alpha$ -selectivities.

The  $\beta$ -anomer  $\mathbf{1\beta}^{15}$  was also examined for the *C*-sialylation with trimethylsilyl enol ethers 3 and 22, and allyltrimethylsilane 24 as nucleophiles (Table 3, entries 3, 11 and 13). Similar reaction yields and stereoselectivities were obtained compared with the corresponding reactions with  $1\alpha$  as donor (Table 3, entries 1, 10 and 12). The results are different from the C-sialylation reported by Crich and co-workers,<sup>8a</sup> wherein the reaction yield or  $\alpha$ -selectivity was highly dependent on the anomer configuration of sially phosphate donor 2, and  $2\alpha$  was more favorable for C-sialylation than  $2\beta$ . Because the preactivation protocol was utilized for the glycosylation in this study, with anomer  $1\alpha$  as donor the crucial intermediates 6, 8a/8b and 9a/9b and their equilibrium concentrations should be nearly the same as those with anomer  $1\beta$  as donor (Scheme 1). As a result, donors  $1\alpha$  and  $1\beta$  have no distinguishable effects on the C-sialylation. In addition, to demonstrate the practicality of the current C-sialylation strategy, the model C-sialylation was successfully scaled up from the preparation of ~35 mg of ketone 4 (Table 3, entry 1) to ~140 mg (Table 3, entry 2) in high yields (82-88%). The anomeric stereochemistry of all new coupling products was assigned on the basis of  ${}^{3}J_{C1,H3ax}$  coupling constants.<sup>5c,16</sup> Generally, the  $\alpha$  isomers of the C-sialylations have higher  ${}^{3}J_{C1,H3ax}$  coupling constants varying from 6.6 to 7.6, which are consistent with the data described in literature.<sup>5c</sup>

#### Conclusion

In summary, in spite of the development of a few *C*-sialylation strategies in sialic acid chemistry, herein is described the first direct *C*-sialylation of *N*-acetyloxazolidinone<sup>17</sup> protected thiosialoside based on a preactivation protocol with (*p*-Tol)<sub>2</sub>SO/Tf<sub>2</sub>O. The efficiency of the *C*-sialylation is not only regulated by the reaction conditions, especially the added amount of (*p*-Tol)<sub>2</sub>SO, but also dependent on the reactivity of the nucleophiles. High reaction yield and excellent  $\alpha$ -selectivity were obtained for strong  $\pi$ -nucleophiles with large nucleophilicity values (*N* = 4.4–9.0), irrespective of whether silyl enol ethers, silyl ketene acetals or allyltrimethylsilane were used for the electrophilic *C*-sialylation. The *C*-sialylation methodology developed in this study simplifies the existing synthetic route to build sialyl *C*-glycosides and affords a powerful tool to explore the syntheses of complex *C*-sialylconjugates and glycomimetics.

#### Experimental

#### General

All chemicals were purchased as reagent grade and used without further purification. Dichloromethane was distilled over calcium hydride  $(CaH_2)$ . The reactions between donor 1 and different acceptors were carried out under anhydrous conditions (argon atmosphere) with anhydrous solvent. Reactions were monitored by analytical thin-layer chromatography on silica gel F254 glass plates. Spots were detected under UV (254 nm) or by staining with a solution of acidic ceric ammonium molybdate and EtOH-H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (3%). Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel (200-300 mesh). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded with a 400 MHz NMR spectrometer at 20 °C. Chemical shifts (in ppm) were referenced to tetramethylsilane ( $\delta$  = 0 ppm) in deuterated chloroform. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded with a 400 MHz NMR spectrometer (100 MHz) and calibrated with  $CDCl_3$  ( $\delta$  = 77.23 ppm). High-resolution mass spectra were recorded using electrospray ionization (ESI).

Table 3 C-Sialylation of thiosialoside donor 1 with various trimethylsilyl enol ethers and allyltrimethylsilanes

$$\begin{array}{c} AcO & OAc & CO_2Me \\ \hline AcO & & & \\ AcO & & \\ \hline CH_2CI_2 & -70^\circ C & -50^\circ C \\ \hline AcO & & \\ \hline CH_2CI_2 & -70^\circ C & -50^\circ C \\ \hline AcO & & \\ \hline AcO &$$

Entry	Donor	Nucleophile	N value <sup>a</sup>	Product	Yield <sup>b</sup>	$\alpha:\beta^{c}$
1 <sup><i>d</i></sup>	1α	OTMS Ph 3	6.2	Aco Aco OAc CO <sub>2</sub> Me	82%	α
2 <sup>e</sup> 3 4	1α 1β 1α	3 3 OTMS	6.2 6.2 6.2–8.2	$\begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 4 \\ AcO \\ AcO \\ AcN \\ O \end{array} \begin{array}{c} CO_2 Me \\ CO_2 Me \\ O \end{array}$	88% 86% 95%	α α α
5	1α	10 OTMS 12	5.4	11 MeO Aco Aco OAc CO <sub>2</sub> Me Acn O 13	96%	α
6 <sup><i>d</i></sup>	1α	—отмя 14	5.2	Aco OAc CO <sub>2</sub> Me	71%	α
7 <sup><i>d</i></sup>	1α	⊖ <sup>OTMS</sup> t-Bu 16	3.8	ACO ACO DAC CO <sub>2</sub> Me ACN CO T t-BU	37% + 54% 7	2.6:1
8	1α	OTMS	8.2	ACO OAC CO <sub>2</sub> Me ACO OAC TO PhO 0 19 PhO	72%	α
9	1α	18 OMe OTMS 20	9.0	AcO OAc CO <sub>2</sub> Me	84%	α
$10^{d,f}$	1α	OTMS 22	_	ACO ACO OAC CHO	43% + 26% 7	α
$11^{f}$ $12^{d,f}$	1β 1α	22 	 1.8	<sup>O</sup> 23 <sup>23</sup> <sup>ACO</sup> OAc CO <sub>2</sub> Me <sup>ACO</sup> 25	40% + 24% 7 50% + 50% 7	α 1:1.2
13 <sup><i>f</i></sup> 14	1β 1α	<sup>24</sup> ————————————————————————————————————	1.8 4.4	$Aco$ $Aco$ $OAc$ $CO_2Me$	45% + 49% 7 86%	1:1 $\alpha$

<sup>*a*</sup> See ref. 13 and 14. <sup>*b*</sup> Yield of isolated products. <sup>*c*</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy. <sup>*d*</sup> The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopic data are consistent with those reported in ref. 8*a*. <sup>*e*</sup> A large-scale sialylation was carried out with 160 mg of donor  $1\alpha$  used for the reaction. <sup>*f*</sup> 10.0 equiv. of acceptor was used in the reaction.

#### General coupling protocol for the C-salylation

A solution of sialyl donor (0.069 mmol, 1 equiv.),  $(Tol)_2SO$  (0.138 mmol, 2 equiv.) and activated 4 Å powdered sieves in anhydrous dichloromethane (2 mL) was stirred for 15 min at -70 °C under argon, followed by addition of Tf<sub>2</sub>O (13.4 µL, 1.2 equiv.). After stirring the mixture for 30 min, a solution of

acceptor (5 equiv.) in anhydrous dichloromethane (1 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was then stirred for 2.0 hours at -70 °C then warmed to -50 °C for another 2.0 hours. After quenching with Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.1 mL), the mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (50 mL), filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup>, washed with saturated brine (10 mL × 3), dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was

purified by silica gel column chromatography eluting with a petroleum ether–EtOAc system to give the coupling products.

Methyl (2-C-(2-oxa-2-p-methoxylphenylethyl)-5-N-acetamido-7,8,9-tri-O-acetyl-5-N,4-O-carbonyl-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero-α-Dgalacto-non-2-ulopyranitol)onate (11). This compound was prepared according to the general procedure for C-sialylation with a sialyl donor  $1\alpha$  (40.1 mg, 0.069 mmol) and 10 (76.7 mg, 0.345 mmol). Purification by column chromatography over silica gel (hexanes-AcOEt = 1:1) gave the desired product (39.8 mg, 95%) as colorless viscous oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ :  $\delta = 7.96$  (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.45 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (dt, J = 2.6, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (dd, J = 2.6, 12.2 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (dt, J = 3.3, 12.5 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.86 (dd, J = 6.8, 12.2 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H, COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.57 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (t, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dd, J = 3.5, 12.4 Hz, 1H, H-3eq), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.31 (t, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H, H-3ax), 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.93 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 193.9, 172.1, 171.5 (C1,  ${}^{3}J_{C1,H3ax}$  = 7.1 Hz), 170.6, 170.4, 169.8, 164.0, 153.7, 131.1, 130.1, 113.7, 78.5, 75.8, 75.6, 72.2, 70.1, 62.7, 59.4, 55.6, 52.9, 46.1, 35.1, 24.7, 21.1, 20.8, 20.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>33</sub>NO<sub>14</sub>Na  $[M + Na]^+$  630.1799, found: 630.1771.

Methyl (2-C-(2-oxa-2-methylethyl)-5-N-acetamido-7,8,9-tri-Oacetyl-5-N,4-O-carbonyl-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero-a-D-galacto-non-2-ulopyranitol)onate (13). This compound was prepared according to the general procedure for C-sialylation with a sialyl donor  $1\alpha$  (40.1 mg, 0.069 mmol) and 12 (45.0 mg, 0.345 mmol). Purification by column chromatography over silica gel (hexanes-AcOEt = 1:1) gave the desired product (34.1 mg, 96%) as colorless viscous oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ :  $\delta = 5.50$  (dd, J = 1.5, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (dt, J = 2.5, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (dd, J = 1.4, 9.4 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (dd, J = 2.5, 12.2 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (dt, J = 3.6, 12.9 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (dd, J = 7.4, 12.2 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H, COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.61 (dd, J = 9.6, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (dd, J = 3.6, 12.3 Hz, 1H, H-3eq), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.19 (t, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H, H-3ax), 2.14 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 2.05(s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  203.9, 172.2, 171.4 (C1,  ${}^{3}J_{C1,H3ax}$  = 7.6 Hz), 170.8, 170.4, 169.9, 153.6, 77.9, 76.1, 75.3, 72.7, 70.6, 63.1, 59.3, 53.0, 51.1, 34.9, 31.7, 24.7, 21.1, 20.8 ppm; HRMS(ESI-TOF): m/z calcd for  $C_{22}H_{29}NO_{13}Na$  $[M + Na]^+$  538.1537, found: 538.1528.

Methyl (2-*C*-(2-oxa-2-phenoxylethyl)-5-*N*-acetamido-7,8,9-tri-*O*-acetyl-5-*N*,4-*O*-carbonyl-3,5-dideoxy-*D*-*glycero*-α-*D*-*galacto***non-2-ulopyranitol)onate (19).** This compound was prepared according to the general procedure for *C*-sialylation with a sialyl donor 1α (40.1 mg, 0.069 mmol) and 18 (71.9 mg, 0.345 mmol). Purification by column chromatography over silica gel (hexanes–AcOEt = 1:1) gave the desired product (29.5 mg, 72%) as white solid. M.p. 62–63 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.48 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (dt, *J* = 2.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (dd, *J* = 2.6, 12.2 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (dt, *J* = 3.4, 12.9 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H, COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.72 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dd, *J* = 3.5, 12.2 Hz, 1H, H-3eq), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.40 (t, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H, H-3ax), 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.93 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 172.1, 171.0 (C1, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C1,H3ax</sub> = 6.8 Hz), 170.6, 170.5, 170.0, 166.6, 153.4, 150.3, 129.4, 126.1, 121.4, 78.1, 76.6, 75.4, 73.0, 70.8, 62.9, 59.3, 53.2, 43.7, 35.2, 24.7, 21.1, 20.7 ppm; HRMS(ESI-TOF): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>31</sub>NO<sub>14</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 616.1642, found: 616.1621.

Methyl (2-C-(1,1-dimethyl-2-oxa-2-methoxylethyl)-5-N-acetamido-7,8,9-tri-O-acetyl-5-N,4-O-carbonyl-3, 5-dideoxy-D-glyceroα-D-galacto-non-2-ulopyranitol)onate (21). This compound was prepared according to the general procedure for C-sialylation with a sialyl donor  $1\alpha$  (40.1 mg, 0.069 mmol) and 20 (70.0 µL, 0.345 mmol). Purification by column chromatography over silica gel (hexanes-AcOEt = 1:1) gave the desired product (32.4 mg, 84%) as colorless viscous oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ :  $\delta = 5.51$  (dd, J = 1.6, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (dt, J = 2.7, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (dd, J = 1.5, 9.4 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (dd, J = 2.6, 12.2 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (dd, J = 6.9, 12.2 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (dt, J = 3.7, 12.7 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H, C1OOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.57 (dd, J = 9.6, 11.1 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (dd, J = 3.8, 12.1 Hz, 1H, H-3eq), 2.68 (t, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H, H-3ax), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.21 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 173.7, 171.6, 170.3, 170.0, 169.9 (C1,  ${}^{3}J_{C1,H3ax}$  = 6.8 Hz), 169.4, 153.3, 84.2, 76.1, 75.7, 72.5, 69.8, 62.5, 58.7, 52.3, 51.7, 49.1, 31.6, 24.3, 20.9, 20.8, 20.7, 20.4 ppm. HRMS(ESI-TOF): m/z calcd for  $C_{24}H_{34}NO_{14}$  $([M + H])^+$  560.1979, found: 560.1980.

Methyl (2-C-(2-methylallyl)-5-N-acetamido-7,8,9-tri-O-acetyl-5-N,4-O-carbonyl-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero-α-D-galacto-non-2-ulopyranitol)onate (27). This compound was prepared according to the general procedure for C-sialylation with a sialyl donor 1α (40.1 mg, 0.069 mmol) and 26 (61.0 µL, 0.345 mmol). Purification by column chromatography over silica gel (hexanes-AcOEt = 2:1) gave the desired product (30.5 mg, 86%) as colorless viscous oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 5.55 (dd, J = 1.4, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (dt, J = 2.7, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 4.50 (dd, J = 2.4, 12.2 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (dd, J = 1.4, 9.4 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (dd, J = 7.0, 12.2 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (dt, J = 3.6, 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H, COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.60 (dd, J = 9.5, 11.1 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 12.2 Hz, 1H, H-3eq), 2.60 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 2.06  $(t, J = 12.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}, \text{H}-3ax), 2.05 (s, 3\text{H}), 1.84 (s, 3\text{H}) \text{ ppm}; {}^{13}\text{C}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 172.3 (C1,  ${}^{3}J_{C1,H3ax}$  = 6.6 Hz), 170.4, 170.2, 169.6, 153.5, 139.7, 116.6, 80.9, 76.1, 75.7, 72.5, 70.6, 62.6, 59.3, 52.5, 46.5, 34.4, 24.5, 23.5, 20.9, 20.5 ppm; HRMS(ESI-TOF): m/z calcd for  $C_{23}H_{32}NO_{12}([M + H])^+$  514.1925, Found 514.1917.

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