## **Supporting Information**

Synthesis of Biotinylated α-D-Mannoside or N-Acetyl β-D-Glucosaminoside Decorated Gold Nanoparticles – Study of Their Biomolecular Recognition with Con A and WGA Lectins

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Materials. All chemicals were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich or Acros Chemicals.

EZ-Link™ Biotin PEO-Amine, ((+)-Biotinyl-3,6-dioxaoctanediamine, Pierce), and other materials were used without further purification.

Synthesis of *N*-[8-((+)-biotinamido)-3,6-dioxaoctyl]-2-[[2-phenyl-1-thioxo]thio]-4-cyanopentanoate (BCBDBA). The biotin-CTA (BCBDBA) was synthesized from a precursor RAFT agent, the succinimido-4-[[2-phenyl-1-thioxo]thio]-4-cyanopentanoate(*1*,*2*), and a commercial biotin derivative, EZ-Link™ Biotin PEO-Amine. In a 100 mL round-bottomed flask equipped with a magnetic stirrer, the precursor RAFT agent (0.113 g, 0.300 mmol) was dissolved in chloroform (20 mL). A solution of EZ-Link™ Biotin PEO-Amine (0.112 g, 0.300 mmol) in 25 mL of chloroform was prepared. The latter was added dropwise to the solution of RAFT agent during 2 h at 30°C. Then, the organic phase was washed five times with 60 mL of distilled water

and dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. After solvent removal, a column chromatography (Silica gel 60, Merk) was performed (dichloromethane/ethanol: 90/10 v/v) to afford a very viscous red oil (0,093 g, yield 49%).

Fast Atom Bombardment (FAB) mass spectrometry: characteristic ion  $[M + Na^{\dagger}]$ :  $C_{29}H_{41}N_5NaO_5S_3$ ; calculated 658.22; found 658.21.

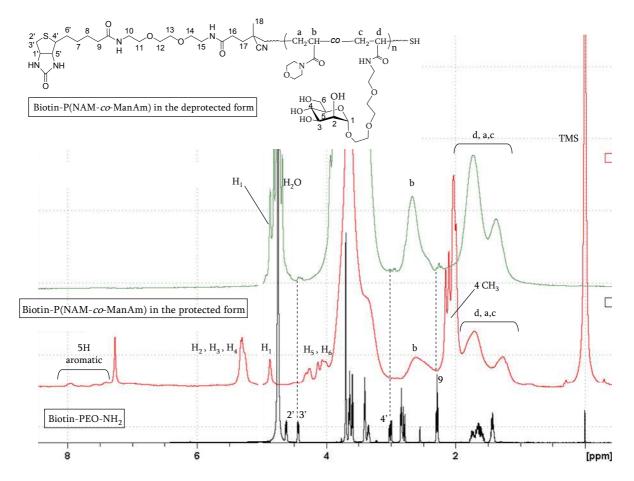
<sup>1</sup>H NMR 500MHz (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, RT, ppm) (see structure below for proton assignment): 7.90 (2 H, d, H<sub>19</sub>); 7.55 (1 H, dd, H<sub>21</sub>); 7.39 (2 H, dd, H<sub>20</sub>); 7.11 (1 H, t, H<sub>2</sub>); 6.61 (1 H, t, H<sub>3</sub>); 6.36 (1 H, d, H<sub>β</sub>); 5,37 (1 H, s, H<sub>α</sub>); 4.47, 4.30 (2 H, ddd, H<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>3</sub>); 3.64-3.43 (12 H, m, from H<sub>10</sub> to H<sub>15</sub>); 3.13 (1 H, dt, H<sub>4</sub>); 2.88 (1 H, ddd, H<sub>1</sub>); 2.72 (1 H, dd, H<sub>5</sub>); 2.58 (2 H, t, H<sub>16</sub>); 2.42 (2 H, t, H<sub>17</sub>); 2.22 (2 H, t, H<sub>9</sub>); 1.94 (3 H, s, H<sub>18</sub>); 1.71-1.64 (4 H, m, H<sub>7</sub> and H<sub>8</sub>); 1.44 (2 H, dt, H<sub>6</sub>).

## References.

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**Figure S1.** Synthetic route to the preparation of N-[8-((+)-biotinamido)-3,6-dioxaoctyl]-2-[[2-phenyl-1-thioxo]thio]-4-cyanopentanoate (BCBDBA).



**Figure S2.** Comparison of the NMR spectra before (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) and after (D<sub>2</sub>O) deprotection of the P(NAM-co-ManAm) copolymer with that of Biotin-PEO-amine (D<sub>2</sub>O).