Synthesis of structurally defined scaffolds for bivalent ligand display based on glucuronic acid anilides. The degree of tertiary amide isomerism and folding depends on the configuration of a glycosyl azide.

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General Experimental Conditions

Optical rotations were determined with at the sodium D line at 20 °C. ¹H NMR Spectra were recorded at 300 and 500 MHz and ¹³C NMR spectra at 75 MHz or 125 MHz. All ¹³C spectra given are protondecoupled. Chemical shifts are reported relative to internal Me₄Si in CDCl₃ (δ 0.0) or HOD for D₂O (δ 4.79) for ¹H and (δ 77.16) for ¹³C. ¹³C signals were assigned with the aid of DEPT-135. ¹H signals were assigned with the aid of 2D-COSY. Homonuclear coupling constants (Hz) were determined from the corresponding ¹H spectra. The use of presaturation for solvent suppression was carried out in recording the ¹H-NMR spectrum of 16. TLC was performed on aluminium sheets precoated with Silica Gel 60 (HF₂₅₄, E. Merck) and spots visualized by UV and charring with H₂SO₄-EtOH (1:20). Flash Column Chromatography was carried out with Silica Gel 60 (0.040-0.630 mm, E. Merck) and using a stepwise solvent polarity gradient (starting from the conditions indicated in each case and increasing the polarity) correlated with TLC mobility. Chromatography solvents used were EtOAc (Riedel-deHaen), MeOH (Riedel-deHaen) and petroleum ether (b.p. 40-60°C, BDH laboratory supplies). Reaction solvents were freshly dried and distilled where stated: Acetonitrile, toluene and CH₂Cl₂ from calcium hydride, methanol from magnesium turnings and THF from sodium/benzophenone; anhydrous DMF and pyridine were used as purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Semi-prep HPLC was carried out using acetonitrile/water mixtures as eluant with a flow rate of 10 mL/min. The semi preparative columns used were YMC-Pack C-4 (S-10µm, 250 x 20mm) and YMC-Pack ODS-AQ (S5µm, 250 x 20 mm), both reverse phase. Wavelength for semi preparative HPLC was 220 nm.

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NOE and ROE Experiments

These NMR spectra were collected on a 500 MHz Spectrometer. All samples were made up in CDCl₃ or D₂O or D₂O:H₂O (10:90) at concentrations of 2.0 – 10.0 mg/mL. The spectra were run at temperatures of 5 °C or 30 °C with water suppression (transmitter presat) where appropriate. 2D NOESY ($\tau_{mix} = 0.4$ -1.0 s) and 2D TROESY (transverse-ROESY) spectra ($\tau_{mix} = 0.4$ -0.5 s) the phase-sensitive mode using States-TPPI for F1-quadrature detection in the indirect dimension with relaxation delays of 2.5 seconds (2048 in F2 and 1024 in F1 points were used). In the TROESY sequence the strength of the pulsed spin lock field(B1) was 2.2KHz. The 1D-NOE experiments were collected using a double pulsed field gradient spin echo 1D NOE sequence (DPFGNOE).

IR Spectroscopic studies

The data in Table 4 was obtained on an instrument with resolution of 2 cm⁻¹ and spectra were recorded from 5000 to 400 cm⁻¹. The solution studies in CDCl₃ and CHCl₃ were recorded in KBr cells at concentrations of compounds of 1-2 mg/mL and for measurements in CCl₄ were recorded at concentrations <0.5 mg/mL. The absorbtion frequencies obtained for secondary amides were the same over a range of concentrations. Spectra recorded in the solid state were of pure solids and measured by diffuse reflectance.

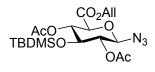
Molecular modelling

Monte Carlo conformational searches were carried out using Macromodel 8.5. The number of conformers generated was 20,000 and each was minimized using Merck Molecular Force Field (MMFF94). Structures greater than 10 kJ/mol above the lowest energy structure found were discarded. The H_4 -C₄-O-H torsion was also constrained to both exclude hydrogen bonding with carbonyl group in order to prevent bias towards model structures with only these features.

Calculations were also carried out allowing this hydrogen bonding and low energy conformers with similar features were obtained. The MMFF94 force field was chosen over other force fields as it provided the most reasonable geometries for the azide groups. When conformer minimization had not converged then all structures in the output file were re-minimized using the MULT facility. Selected low energy structures obtained from the conformational search were optimized using DFT at the BLYP level of theory with the 6-31+G** basis set using Jaguar.

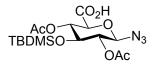
General deacetylation procedure: Sodium methoxide (0.01 mL of a freshly prepared 1.0 M solution in MeOH) was added to an ice-cold solution of reactant in methanol and the reactions were left to stir for 1h. The solvent was then evaporated and the residue was dissolved in water. The pH was lowered to 6.0 by adding Amberlite IR-120 (H^+) and filtration and freeze-drying afforded the desired compounds.

2,4-Di-*O*-acetyl-1-azido-3-*O-tert*-butyldimethylsilyl-1-deoxy-β-D-glucopyranuronic acid, allyl ester



To an ice-cold solution of allyl ester **22** (0.311 g, 0.906 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (10 mL), 2,6lutidine (0.66 mL, 5.685 mmol) and *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl triflate (1.7 mL, 7.402 mmol) were added, respectively. The reaction was kept at 0 °C for 20 minutes and then warmed to room temperature. Deionised water (10 mL) was added and the two phases stirred for 10 minutes before separation. The organic layer was dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated and the title compound obtained as a colourless syrup (0.485 g). This crude product can be carried on directly to the next step. Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc: cyclohexane, 1:4) gave a sample for analytical purposes (0.135 g, 21%); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.91 (m, 1H, CH=CH₂), 5.33 (m, 2H, CH=CH₂), 5.10 (dd, 1H, *J*_{3,4} 8.9, H-4), 4.94 (apt t, 1H, *J*_{2,3} 8.9, H-2), 4.62 (m, 2H, OCH₂CH=CH₂), 4.46 (d, 1H, *J*_{1,2} 8.8, H-1), 3.98 (d, 1H, *J*_{4,5} 10.0, H-5), 3.89 (apt t, 1H, H-3) , 2.12, 2.06 (each s, each 3H, each COCH₃), 0.81 (s, 9H, SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.05 (s, 6H, Si(CH₃)₂); ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃): δ 169.3, 169.1 (each s, each *COCH₃*), 166.4 (s, COOAll), 131.1 (d, CH=CH₂), 119.5 (t, CH=CH₂), 88.0 (d, C-1), 74.5, 72.7, 72.6, 71.6 (each d, C-2—5), 66.7 (t, OCH₂CH=CH₂), 25.4 (q, SiC(CH₃)₃), 21.0, 20.9 (each q, each COCH₃), 17.7 (s, SiC(CH₃)₃), -4.6, -4.6 (each q, each Si(CH₃)₂); FTIR (CH₂Cl₂ solution): 2956, 2859, 2121, 1755, 1474, 1389, 1220 cm⁻¹; ES-HRMS: Found 480.1788, required 480.1778 [M+Na]⁺.

2,4-Di-O-acetyl-1-azido-3-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-1-deoxy-β-D-glucopyranuronic acid



The allyl ester prepared as described above (0.485 g, ~0.906 mmol) was dissolved in freshly distilled acetonitrile (10 mL) and reacted at 0 °C with Pd(Ph₃)₄ (0.104 g, 0.090 mmol) and pyrrolidine (0.10 mL, 1.200 mmol) for 30 minutes. The mixture was filtered through celite and the solvent evaporated; the yellow oily residue was taken into EtOAc and washed with deionised water. The two layers were separated and the aqueous phase, containing the carbohydrate product, was acidified to pH 2 using Amberlite IR-120. The beads were filtered off and the filtrate shaken with EtOAc to extract the sugar back into organic phase. After drying (Na₂SO₄), filtration and evaporation under reduced pressure of the organic layer gave the title compound as an orange solid (0.259 g, 68% over two steps); $[\alpha]_D$ -40° (*c* 0.2, (CH₃)₂CO); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.00 (br s, 1H, COO*H*), 5.13 (apt t, 1H, *J*_{3,4} 8.9, H-4), 4.93 (apt t, 1H, *J*_{2,3} 8.8, H-2), 4.52 (d, 1H, *J*_{1,2} 8.8, H-1), 4.03 (d, 1H, *J*_{4,5} 9.8, H-5), 3.92 (apt t, 1H,

H-3), 2.13, 2.10 (each s, each 3H, each COC*H*₃), 0.82 (s, 9H, SiC(C*H*₃)₃), 0.05 (s, 6H, Si(C*H*₃)₂); ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃): δ 170.1, 170.0 (each s, each COCH₃), 169.2 (s, COOH), 87.9 (d, C-1), 73.8, 72.6, 72.5, 71.4 (each d, C-2— 5), 25.4 (q, SiC(CH₃)₃), 21.0, 20.9 (each q, each COCH₃), 17.8 (s, SiC(CH₃)₃), -4.6, -4.7 (each q, each Si(CH₃)₂); FTIR (KBr): 3447, 2962, 2916, 2859, 2121, 1753, 1375, 1224, 1093, 1037, 842 cm⁻¹; ES-HRMS: Found 440.1455, required 440.1465 [M+Na]⁺.

Preparation of 18. 2,4-Di-O-acetyl-1-azido-3-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-1-deoxy-β-D-

glucopyranuronic acid (0.052 g, 0.125 mmol), HOBt (0.024 g, 0.178 mmol), p-phenylendiamine (0.007 g, 0.065 mmol) and DIPEA (0.02 mL, 0.115 mmol) in freshly distilled dichloromethane (1 mL) were reacted under N₂ atmosphere with EDCI (0.031 g, 0.165 mmol) for 30 minutes at 0 °C and 3 days at room temperature. The solution was then diluted with dichloromethane (5 mL) and deionised water (5 mL) added: the two phases were vigorously stirred for 10 minutes and separated. The organic layer was dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure: the residue (0.064 g) was purified by slow column chromatography (dichloromethane: EtOAc, 15:1) to give 18 as a white solid (0.021 g, 36%), Rf 0.68 (EtOAc: dichloromethane, 1:4), [a]_D -54° (c 0.3, (CH₃)₂CO); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.99 (s, 2H, NH), 7.42 (s, 4H, Ar H), 5.12 (apt t, 2H, J_{3.4} 9.0, H-4), 4.95 (apt t, 2H, J_{2,3} 8.8, H-2), 4.65 (d, 2H, J_{1,2} 9.0, H-1), 4.00 (d, 2H, J_{4,5} 9.6, H-5), 3.95 (apt t, 2H, H-3), 2.15, 2.13 (each s, each 6H, each COCH₃), 0.82 (s, 18H, SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.07 (s, 12H, Si(CH₃)₂); ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃): δ 169.6, 169.1 (each s, each COCH₃), 164.3 (s, CONH), 133.4 (s, Ar C), 121.6 (d, Ar CH), 88.2 (d, C-1), 75.2, 72.8, 72.5, 71.8 (each d, C-2—5), 25.4 (q, SiC(CH₃)₃), 21.1, 21.0 (each q, each COCH₃), 17.8 (s, SiC(CH₃)₃), -4.6, -4.7 (each q, each Si(CH₃)₂); FTIR (KBr): 3431, 2958, 2947, 2121, 1755, 1671, 1623, 1374, 1251, 1220, 1152, 1091, 1037, 839, 780 cm⁻¹; ES-HRMS: Found 907.3654, required 907.3689 [M+H]⁺.

Preparation of 19. Compound 18 (0.026 mg, 0.028 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous DMF (1.0 mL) and cooled to 0 °C under nitrogen. Sodium hydride (60 % dispersion in mineral oil, 0.005 g, 0.125 mmol) and methyl iodide (0.01 mL, 0.160 mmol) were added respectively. The reaction was judged to be complete after 40 min and water and EtOAc were added and the lavers separated. The organic layer was dried (Na₂SO₄) and the solvent removed: the residual yellow oil was subjected to silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: dichloromethane, 1:15) to give the title compound as a white solid (0.021 g)80%), [α]_D +21° (c 0.8, (CH₃)₂CO); FTIR (KBr): 2957, 2932, 2858, 1220, 1756, 1674, 1511, 1373, 1219, 1072, 1036, 841 cm⁻¹; ES-HRMS: Found 935.3959, required 935.4002 [M+H]⁺,¹H-NMR at room temperature displayed very broad signals while at 5 °C two sets of signals were detected. For the *EE* symmetric compound (63% by NMR integration): ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 5 °C): δ 7.45 (br s, 4H, Ar H), 5.27 (apt t, 2H, J_{3,4} 9.0, H-4), 4.68 (apt t, 2H, J_{2,3} 9.0, H-2), 4.09 (d, 2H, J_{1,2} 8.9, H-1), 4.02 (d, 2H, J_{4,5} 9.9, H-5), 3.79 (apt t, 2H, H-3), 3.29 (s, 6H, NCH₃), 2.12 (s, 6H, COCH₃), 2.06 (s, 6H, $COCH_3$, overlapping with one $COCH_3$ of EZ), 0.81 (s, 18H, SiC(CH_3)_3, overlapping with EZ signals), 0.01, 0.00 (each s, each 6H, each Si(CH₃)₂); ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃, 5 °C): δ 169.2, 169.0 (each s, each COCH₃), 164.8 (s, CONMe), 142.4 (s, Ar C), 128.6 (d, Ar CH), 88.1 (d, C-1), 74.2, 72.5, 72.4, 72.0 (each d, C-2—5), 39.0 (q, NCH₃), 25.4 (q, SiC(CH₃)₃, overlapping with EZ signals), 21.4, 21.1 (each q, each COCH₃), 17.8 (s, SiC(CH₃)₃), -4.4, -4.6 (each q, each Si(CH₃)₂); For the EZ asymmetric compound (37%), ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 5 °C)¹: δ 7.33 (br s, 4H, Ar H), 5.42 (apt t, 1H, J_{3,4} 9.5, H-4), 5.35 (apt t, 1H, $J_{3',4'}$ 9.5, H-4'), 5.01 (apt t, 1H, $J_{2',3'}$ 9.0, H-2'), 4.80 (apt t, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 9.0, H-2), 4.54 (d, 1H, J_{1',2'} 8.9, H-1'), 4.32 (d, 1H, J_{4',5'} 9.7, H-5'), 3.99 (d, 1H, J_{1,2} 8.9, H-1), 3.95 (apt t, 1H, H-3'), 3.88 (d, 1H, J_{4.5} 9.4, H-5), 3.69 (apt t, 1H, H-3), 3.60 (s, 3H, NCH₃), 3.29 (s, 3H, NCH_{3'}, overlapping with NMe of EE), 2.17 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 2.09 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 2.06 (two s, each 3H, each

¹ The ' denotes signals belonging to the Z sugar residue.

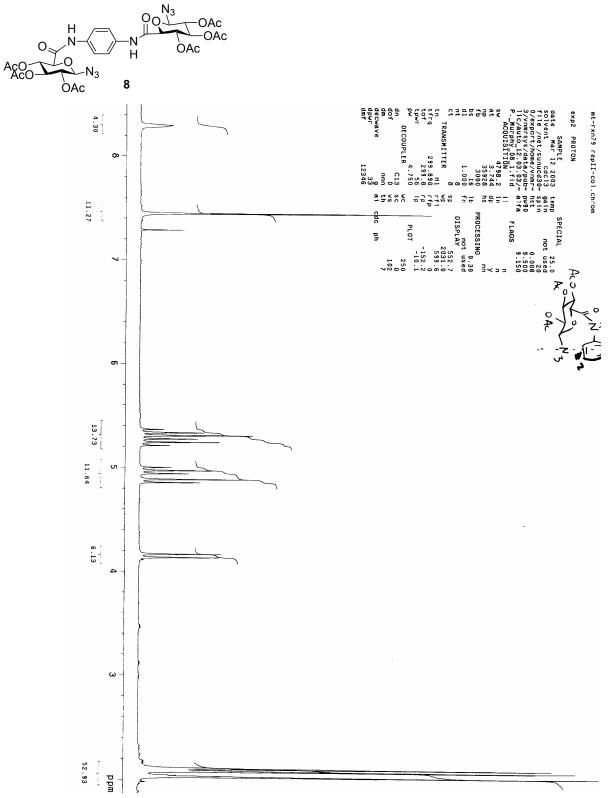
COCH₃, overlapping with COCH₃ of *EE*), 0.84 (two s, each 3H, each SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.81 (four s, each 3H, each SiC(CH₃)₃, overlapping with *EE* signals), 0.08 (two s overlapping, each 3H, each Si(CH₃)₂), 0.06, -0.02 (each s, each 3H, each Si(CH₃)₂); ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃, 5°C, selected signals): δ 169.7, 169.5 (each s, each *C*OCH₃), 169.2 (s, *C*OCH₃, overlapping with *EE* signals), 168.5 (s, *C*OCH₃), 165.7, 164.7 (each s, each *C*ONMe), 143.4, 140.9 (each s, each Ar C ipso), 128.2, 127.4 (each d, each Ar CH), 88.5, 88.4 (each d, C-1 and C-1'), 72.7 (two signals overlapping), 72.6, 71.1, 71.1 (each d, carbohydrate ring CHs), 38.2, 38.1 (each q, each NCH₃).

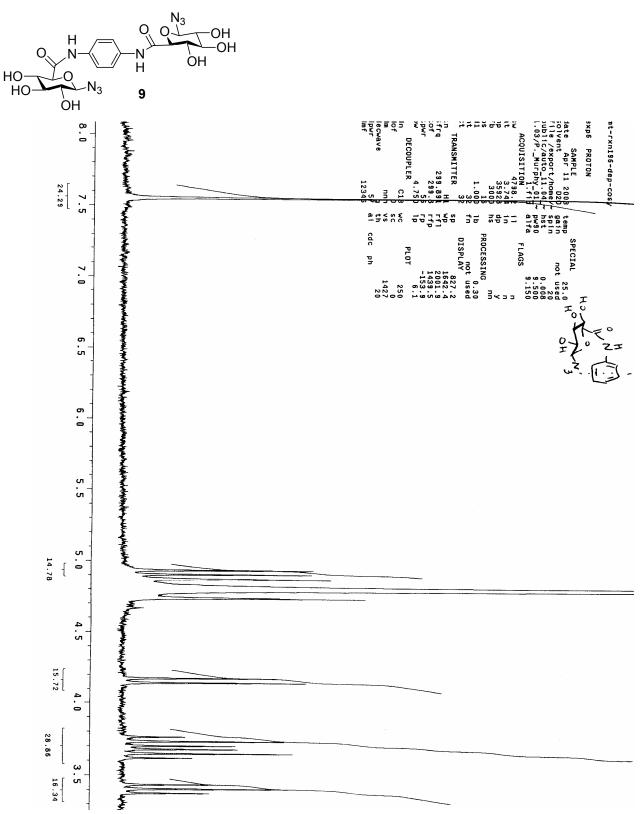
2,3,4,6-Tetra-O-acetyl-α-D-mannopyranosyl trichloroacetimidate 23

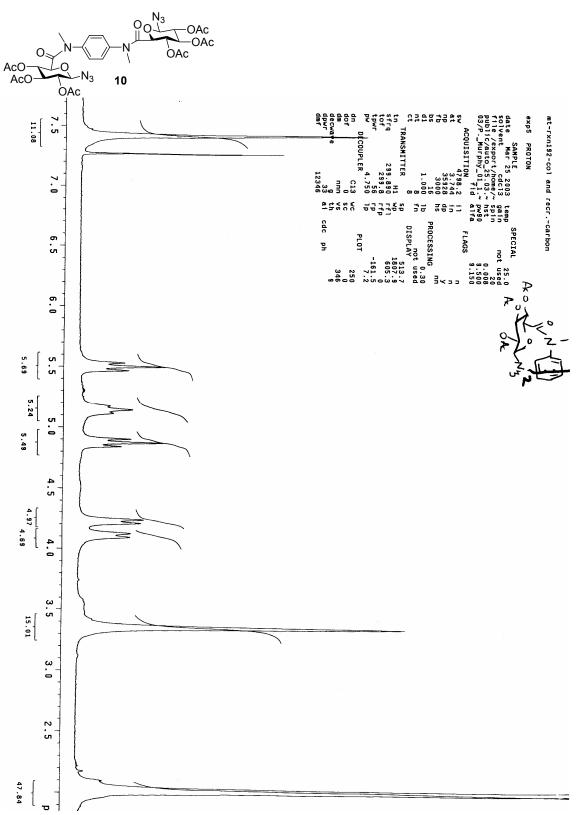
Penta-*O*-acetyl- α/β -D-mannopyranoside (13.98 g, 35.81 mmol) and benzylamine (5.90 mL, 54.01 mmoles) in THF (140 mL) were stirred for 20 h at room temperature, after which the reaction did not seem to proceed further. The solvent was evaporated and the crude material was taken into dichloromethane and washed progressively with HCl 1.0 M (50 mL x 2), sodium hydrogen carbonate (satd. aq., 50 mL) and deionised water (50 mL). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated leaving a yellow oil (17.97 g) that was subjected to column chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 1:4) gave 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl-D-mannopyranose (12.48 g, 99%), R_f 0.38 (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 1:1). NMR data (¹H and ¹³C) were in agreement with those described in the literature;² ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.43 (dd, 1H, $J_{2,3}$ 3.2, $J_{3,4}$ 10.0, H-3), 5.31 (apt t, 1H, $J_{4,5}$ 9.5, H-4, overlapping with H-2), 5.28 (dd, 1H, $J_{1,2}$ 1.8, H-2, overlapping with H-4), 5.25 (dd, 1H, $J_{OH,H-1}$ 4.0, H-1), 4.24 (m, 2H, $J_{5,6}$ 2.5, $J_{5,6}$ 5.0, H-5 and H-6), 4.13 (apt dd, 1H, $J_{6,6}$ 8.0, H-6'), 3.16 (d, 1H, OH), 2.17, 2.11, 2.05, 2.00 (each s, each 3H, each COCH₃); ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃): 171.2, 170.5, 170.4, 170.1 (each s, each COCH₃), 9.2.4 (d, C-1), 70.3, 69.0, 68.7, 66.4 (each d, C-2— 5), 62.8 (t, C-

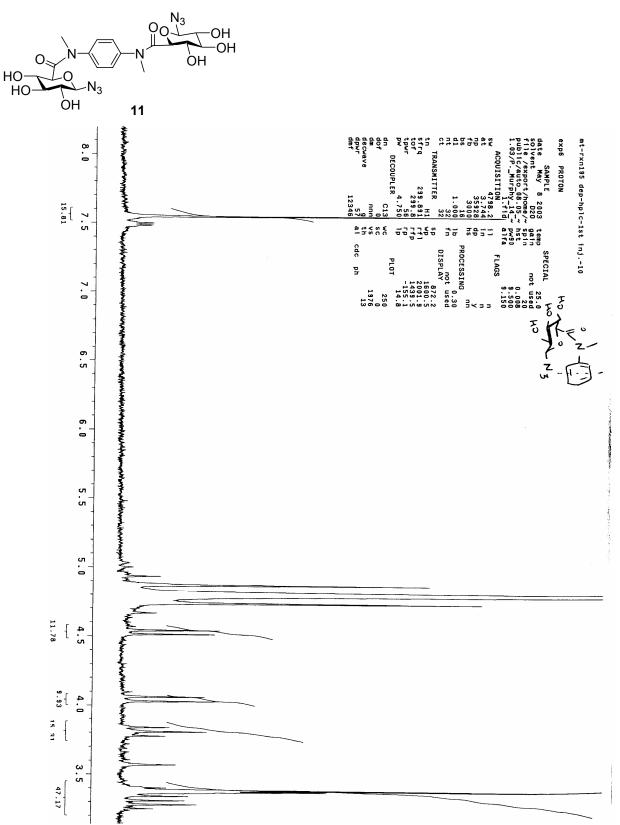
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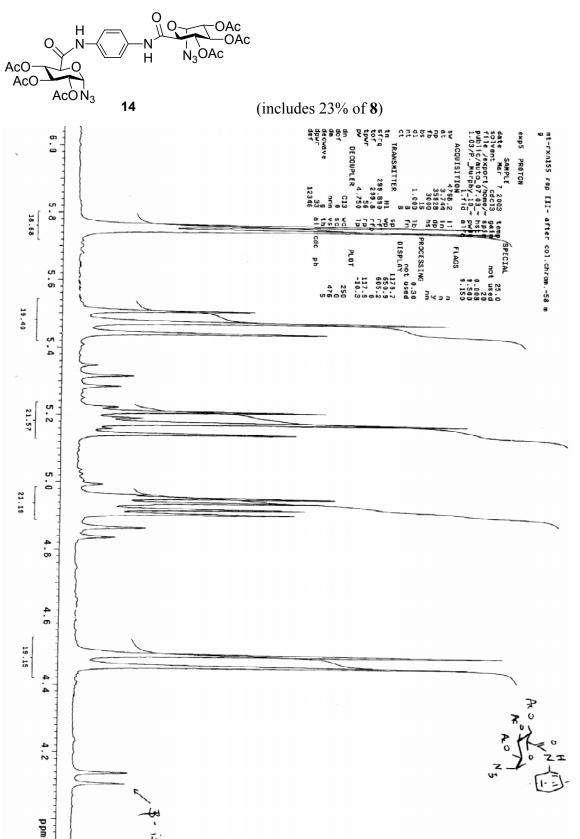
6), 21.1, 21.0, 21.0, 20.9 (each q, each COCH₃). To this hemiacetal (1.243 g, 3.564 mmol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (50 mL), in presence of 4 Å molecular sieves and under N₂, trichloroacetonitrile (4.3 mL, 42.884 mmol) and sodium hydride (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 0.214 g, 5.350 mmol) were added respectively. After an hour the solution was filtered through Celite and concentrated and the crude residue was purified by column chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 1:2) to yield **24** as a foam (1.264 g, 90%), R_f 0.56 (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 1:1); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.79 (s, 1H, N*H*), 6.28 (d, 1H, *J*_{1,2} 1.8, H-1), 5.43 (m, 1H, H-2), 5.40 (m, 2H, H-3 and H-4), 4.20 (m, 3H, H-5, H-6 and H-6^{*}), 2.20, 2.08, 2.07, 2.01 (each s, each 3H, each COC*H*₃); ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃): 170.8, 170.1, 170.0, 169.9 (each s, each COCH₃), 160.0 (s, *C*NH), 94.8 (d, C-1), 71.5, 69.0, 68.1, 65.6 (each d, C-2— 5), 62.3 (t, C-6), 21.0, 20.9 (two signals overlapping), 20.8 (each s, each COCH₃).

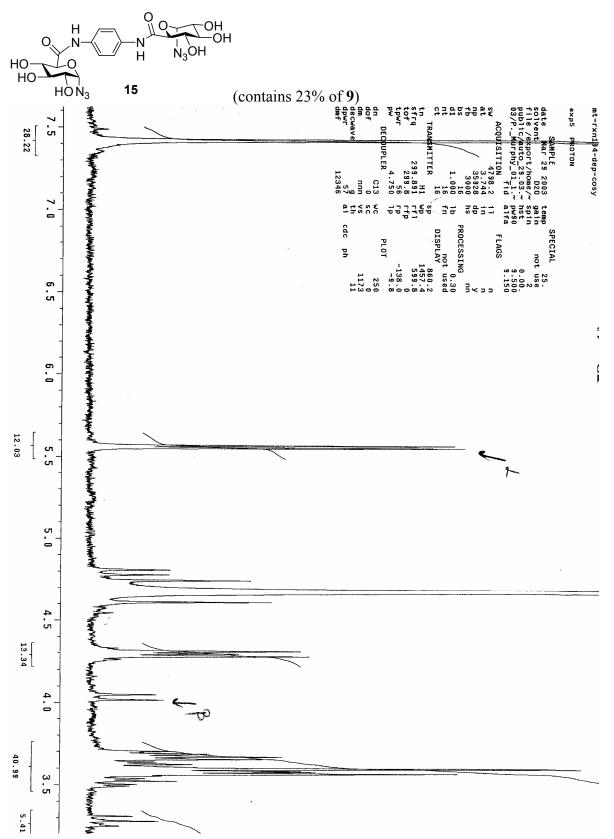


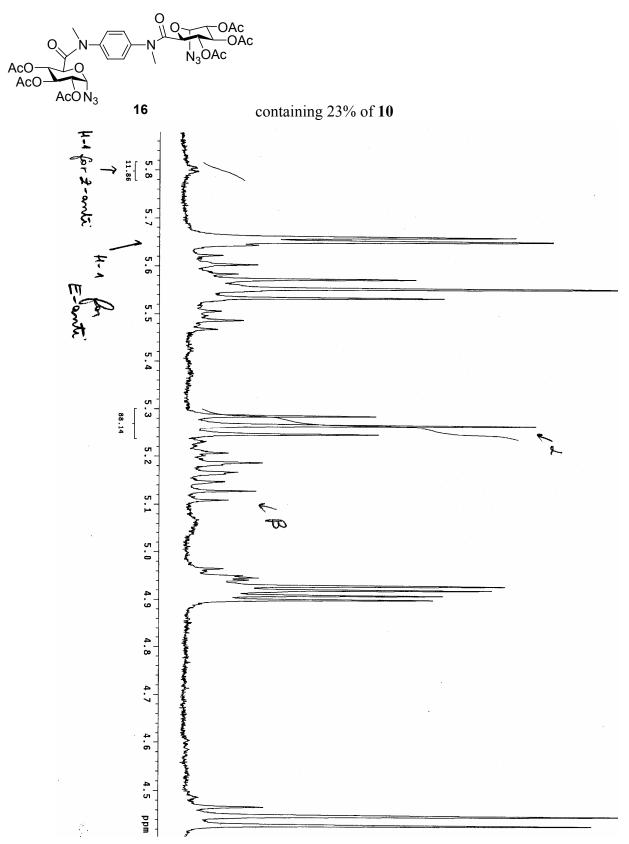


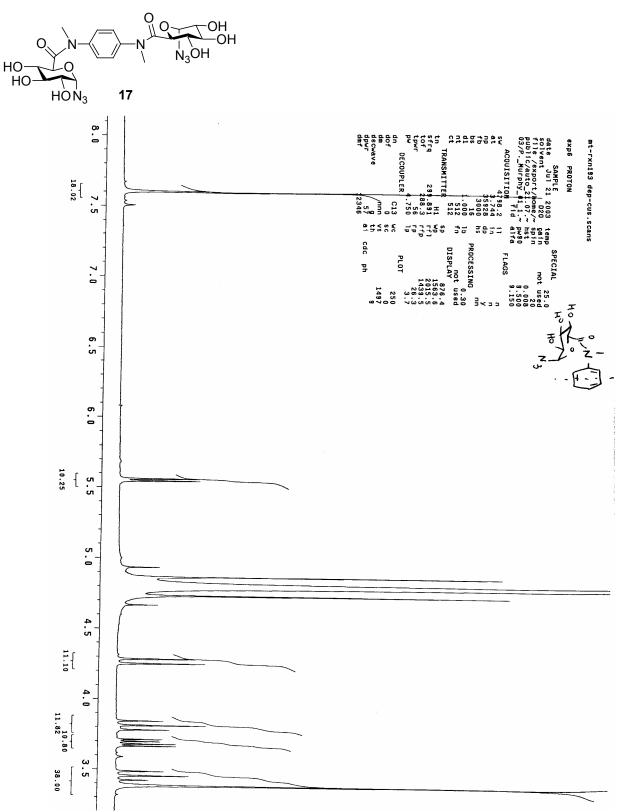




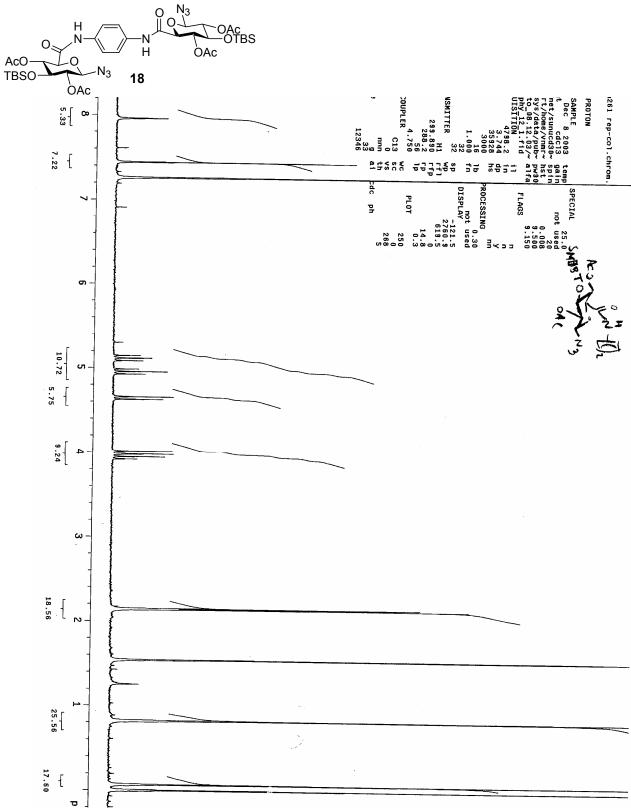


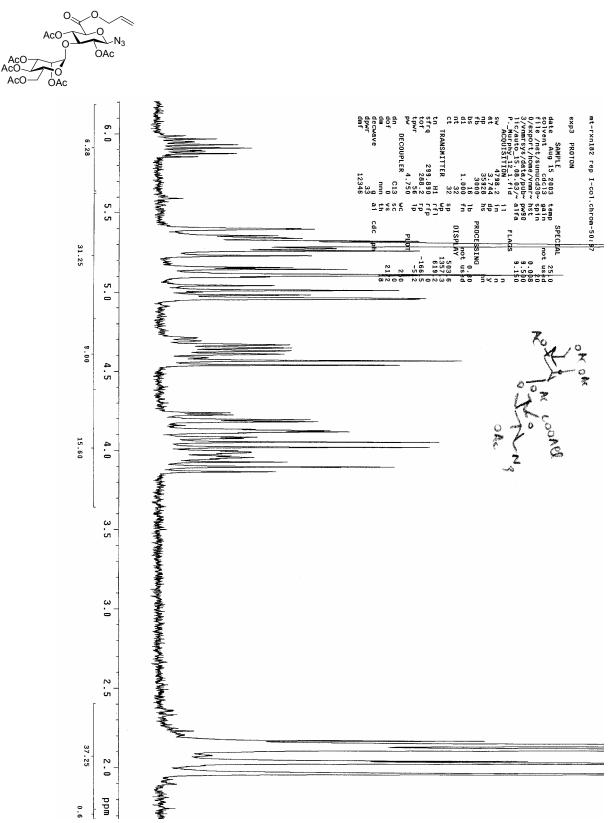


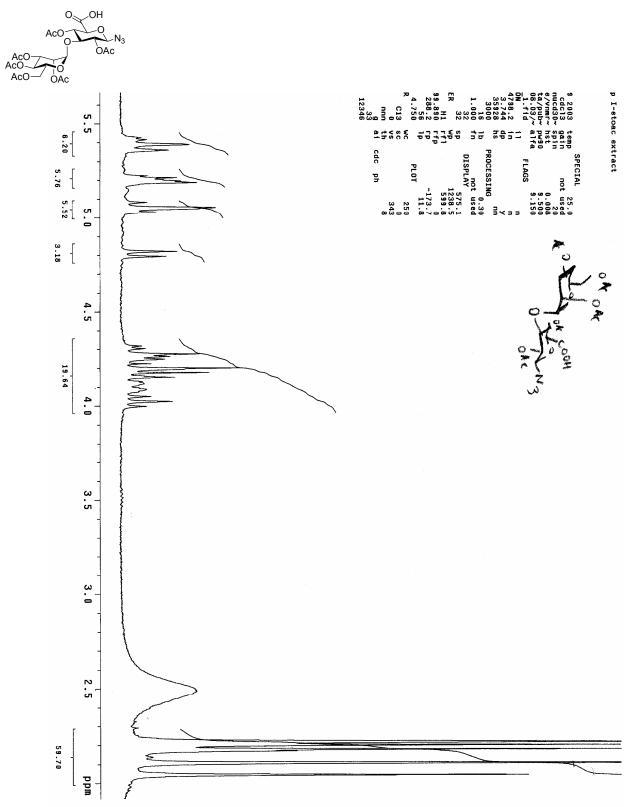


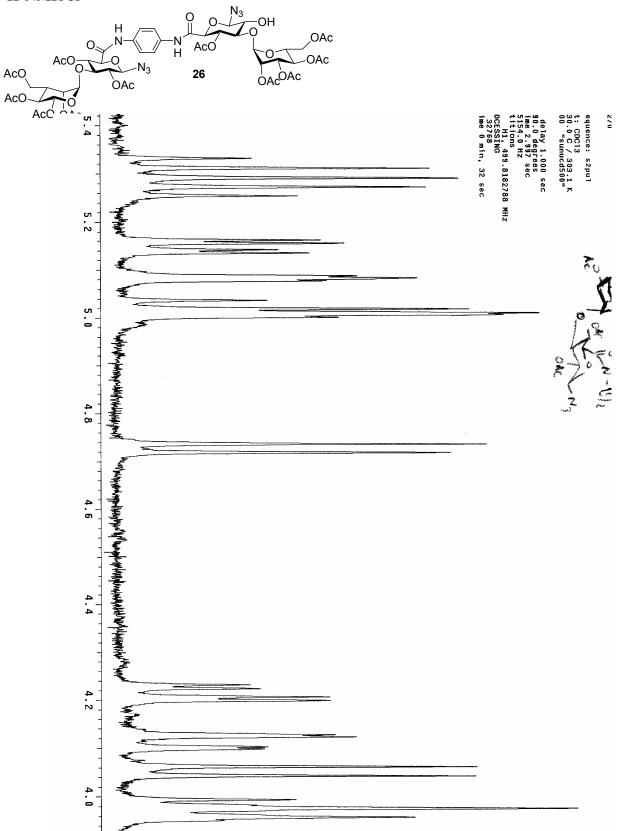


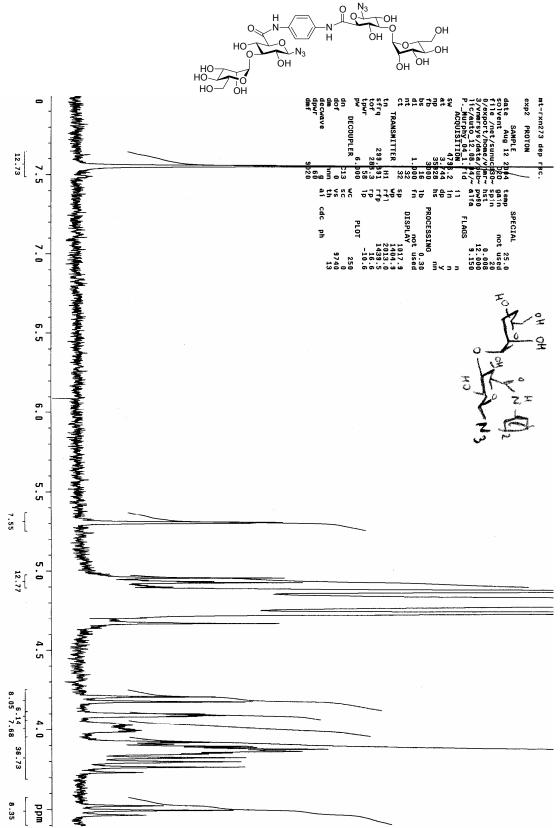




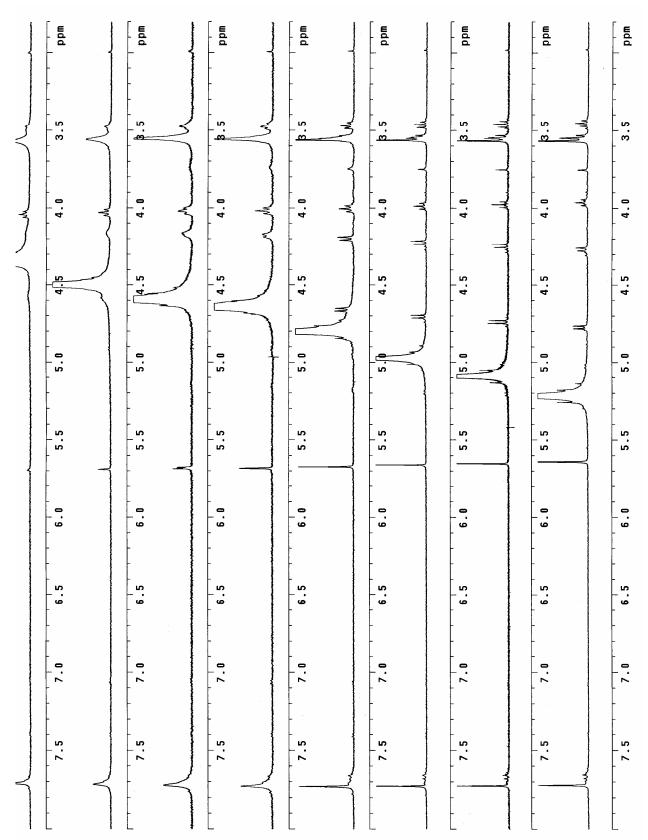








Variable temperature study for **11** (5-70 °C)



Variable temperature study for **17** (5-70 °C)

