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Chemoenzymatic Synthesis of GD3 Oligosaccharides and Other Disialyl Glycans Containing Natural and Non-natural Sialic Acids

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Abstract: In order to understand the biological importance of naturally occurring sialic acid variations on disialyl structures in nature, we developed an efficient two-step multienzyme approach for the synthesis of a series of GD3 ganglioside oligosaccharides and other disialyl glycans containing a terminal Sia α 2–8Sia component with different natural and non-natural sialic acids. In the first step, α 2–3- or α 2–6-linked monosialylated oligosaccharides were obtained using a one-pot three-enzyme approach. These compounds were then used as acceptors for the α 2–8-sialyltransferase activity of a recombinant truncated multifunctional *Campylobacter jejuni* sialyltransferase CstII mutant, CstIIΔ32^{153S}, to produce disialyl oligosaccharides. The α 2–8-sialyltransferase activity of CstIIΔ32^{153S} has promiscuous donor substrate specificity and can tolerate various substitutions at C-5 or C-9 of the sialic acid in CMP-sialic acid, while its acceptor substrate specificity is relatively restricted. The terminal sialic acid residues in the acceptable monosialylated oligosaccharide acceptors are restricted to Neu5Ac, Neu5Gc, KDN, and some of their C-9-modified forms but not their C-5 derivatives. The disialyl oligosaccharides obtained are valuable probes for their biological studies.

Introduction

Sialic acids (Sia) are a diverse family of naturally occurring polyhydroxyketoadonic acids that are broadly distributed in animals and are involved in a wide range of biological processes.¹ In most cases, *N*-acetylneurameric acid (Neu5Ac), the most abundant sialic acid form, and other common forms such as *N*-glycolyneurameric acid (Neu5Gc), ketodeoxyxynonulosonic acid (KDN), and their naturally occurring derivatives, are frequently located on the cell surface as the terminal monosialyl residues α 2–3- or α 2–6-linked to galactosides or 2-acetamino-2-deoxygalactosides in biologically active glycoconjugates.² Disialyl structures Sia α 2–8Sia containing diverse sialic acid forms (Figure 1) have also been found as constituents of glycans in many glycoproteins and glycolipids including gangliosides, which are sialylated glycosphingolipids that are presented on the outer leaflets of plasma membranes.^{1c}

α 2–8-Linked disialyl moiety Neu5Ac α 2–8Neu5Ac is a common structural unit of GD1c, b-series gangliosides (e.g., GD3, GD2, GD1b, GT1b, GQ1b, and GQ1b α), and of GT1a and GP1c belonging to a- and c-series gangliosides, respectively.³ The simplest member of this group is ganglioside GD3 which has been shown to be a human melanoma associated antigen.⁴ Disialyl structures containing other sialic acid forms

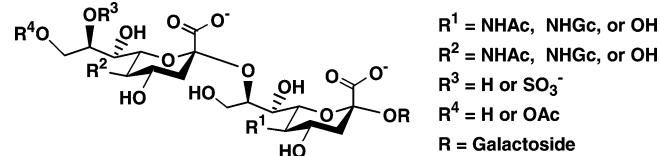


Figure 1. Structures of common naturally occurring disialyl motifs in glycolipids and glycoproteins.

have also been reported. For example, Neu5Ac α 2–8Neu5Gc has been found on gangliosides in mouse thymoma and thymocytes,⁵ cat and sheep erythrocytes,⁶ and bovine brain.⁷ Neu5Gc α 2–8Neu5Gc has been found on gangliosides in mouse thymoma and thymocytes,⁵ human gastrointestinal adenocarcinoma, and gastric cancer cell MKN74.⁸ Neu5Gc α 2–8Neu5Ac has been found on gangliosides in mouse⁵ and rabbit thymus.⁹ 9OAc-Neu5Ac α 2–8Neu5Ac has been found on GD3 (9OAc-GD3) gangliosides in human melanoma,¹⁰ GD1b in bovine

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brain,¹¹ GT3 in chicken and rat brain,¹² and GT2 in Alaskan pollack brain¹³ and cod brain.¹⁴ 9OAc-GD3 has been shown to be an important regulatory molecule involved in signal transduction, regulation of cell growth and differentiation, apoptosis, and inflammation, etc.¹⁵ Sulfated disialyl structure 8OSO₃⁻-Neu5Ac α 2-8Neu5Ac has been observed in ganglioside GD3 in bovine gastric mucosa¹⁶ and sea urchin sperm.¹⁷ Although most disialyl sequences are α 2-3-linked to a galactose (Gal) moiety in gangliosides, a few Neu5Ac α 2-8Neu5Ac sequences have also been found to link to N-acetylgalactosamine (GalNAc) or glucose (Glc) through an α 2-6-sialyl linkage.¹⁷

The α 2-8-linked disialyl glycans have also been discovered in glycoproteins.¹⁸ For example, Sia α 2-8Sia units have been found in both O-linked and N-linked polysialylglycoproteins from trout egg,¹⁹ vertebrates/embryonic brain,²⁰ eel/rat brain,²¹ human tumor,²² fruit fly (*Drosophila*),²³ cicada,²⁴ and rainbow trout ovarian fluid.²⁵ More specifically, Neu5Ac α 2-8Neu5Ac has been found in O-linked glycoproteins from bovine adrenal medulla²⁶ and human erythrocyte glycophorin²⁷ as well as N-linked glycoproteins from umbilical cord erythrocyte Band 3²⁸ and ovarian fluid of rainbow trout.²⁹ Neu5Gc α 2-8Neu5Gc has been found in both O-linked and N-linked glycans in the proteins from bovine adrenal medulla,²⁶ pig spleen,³⁰ rat thymus,³¹ and recently in mouse serum.³² Although not existing

in glycolipids, KDN α 2-8KDN has been found in O-linked glycoproteins from rat kidney³³ and various rat organs.³⁴ Moreover, polysialic acids with Neu5Ac α 2-8Neu5Ac repeating units are the major components of capsular polysaccharides of group B *Neisseria meningitidis*, *Escherichia coli* K1, *Moraxella nonliquefaciens*, and *Pasteurella hemolytica* A2.³⁵

Disialyl structures are believed to play important roles in numerous biological events.^{15,36} For example, Siglec-7, an inhibitory receptor expressed on natural killer (NK) cells, shows a significant preference for α 2-8-linked disialyl ligands³⁷ such as GD3, whose expression on the target cells can suppress NK cell-mediated cytolytic activity.³⁸

Nevertheless, the low availability of pure disialyl glycans and glycoconjugates from natural sources makes it difficult to elucidate their biological functions. On the other hand, chemical formation of Sia α 2-8Sia linkage is one of the most challenging tasks in chemical glycosylation due to the sterically hindered tertiary anomeric center, lack of a stereodirecting group adjacent to the anomeric position, the presence of an electron-withdrawing carboxyl group in sialyl donors, and the low reactivity of the C-8 hydroxyl group caused by C-1 carboxyl and/or the C-5 acetamide group in the sialic acid of sialyl acceptors.³⁹ Recently, the introduction of N,N-diacyl,⁴⁰ azido,⁴¹ N-trifluoroacetyl (N-TFA),⁴² N-Troc,⁴³ N-Fmoc,^{43b,c} N-trichloroacetyl,^{43b,c} and N-phthalimido group⁴⁴ at the C-5 position in sialyl donors has been reported to exhibit improved donor reactivity toward sialylation. Some of these sialyl donors have been applied in the synthesis of α 2-8-linked disialylated oligosaccharides in moderate yields.^{40b,42b,44} The 1,5-lactam derivative of sialic acids⁴⁵ and 5-N,4-O-carbonyl protected oxazolidinone sialyl donor⁴⁶ have also been developed for the synthesis of α 2-8-

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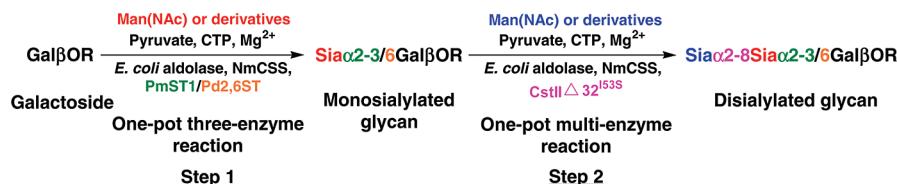


Figure 2. Two-step multienzyme chemoenzymatic synthesis of disialyl oligosaccharides containing different sialic acid forms and various sialyl linkages. Enzymes: *E. coli* aldolase, *Escherichia coli* K12 sialic acid aldolase; NmCSS, *Neisseria meningitidis* CMP-sialic acid synthetase; PmST1, *Pasteurella multocida* sialyltransferase for the formation of α2-3-linked sialosides; Pd2,6ST, *Photobacterium damsela* α2-6-sialyltransferase for the formation of α2-6-linked sialosides; CstII, *Campylobacter jejuni* sialyltransferase for the formation of α2-8-linked sialosides. Compounds: Man, mannose; ManNAc, N-acetylmannosamine; CTP, cytidine 5'-triphosphate; Sia, sialic acid.

linked disialosides. Despite the advance, current chemical synthesis of sialosides remains a time-consuming process and requires skillful expertise.

In comparison, sialyltransferase-catalyzed sialylation with intrinsic high regio- and stereoselectivity, as well as mild and environment-friendly reaction conditions, offers great advantages and is considered an attractive and a practical approach for the synthesis of sialosides including those containing disialyl motifs. Recent identification and cloning of a bifunctional bacterial sialyltransferase CstII from *Campylobacter jejuni* OH4384 that can catalyze the formation of both α2-8- and α2-3-sialyl linkages⁴⁷ provide a unique catalyst for efficient synthesis of ganglioside oligosaccharides and their derivatives.⁴⁸ Nevertheless, both chemical and enzymatic syntheses of α2-8-linked sialosides have been so far limited to Neu5Ac^{40b,42b,44-49} and some Neu5Gc-containing⁵⁰ structures. In order to understand the importance of variations of naturally existing sialic acid forms in α2-8-linked sialosides, herein we report a facile two-step multienzyme approach for preparative chemoenzymatic synthesis of α2-8-linked disialyl oligosaccharides containing Neu5Ac, Neu5Gc, KDN, and their derivatives. The success of this method is demonstrated by the production of a series of GD3 ganglioside oligosaccharides and other disialyl glycans containing natural and non-natural sialic acids.

Results and Discussion

Two-Step Multienzyme Approach for the Synthesis of Disialyl Oligosaccharides.

As shown in Figure 2, we used a two-step process to produce disialyl oligosaccharides. In the first

step, α2-3- or α2-6-linked monosialyl oligosaccharides containing different sialic acid forms were prepared using the one-pot three-enzyme method and purified as described previously.⁵¹ They were then used in the second step as acceptors for the α2-8-sialyltransferase activity of CstIIΔ32^{153S} for the synthesis of Siaα2-8Siaα2-3/6Gal-terminated disialyl oligosaccharides using a one-pot multienzyme approach containing two (with a CMP-sialic acid synthetase and an α2-8-sialyltransferase) or three enzymes (with an additional sialic acid aldolase compared to the two-enzyme approach). CstIIΔ32^{153S} is a recombinant truncated form of CstII with a single amino acid mutation (I53S mutation was introduced to enhance the α2-8-sialyltransferase activity and to stabilize the enzyme^{47b}) compared to CstII from *C. jejuni* OH4384.^{47a} It was cloned from a synthetic gene whose codons were optimized for an *E. coli* expression system.^{47c} Although CstIIΔ32^{153S} is multifunctional and can catalyze the formation of both Siaα2-3Gal and Siaα2-8Sia linkages,^{47,48} its α2-3-sialyltransferase activity is lower than its α2-8-sialyltransferase activity. Therefore, CstIIΔ32^{153S} was used only for its α2-8-sialyltransferase activity in the two-step process for the synthesis of Siaα2-8Siaα2-3Gal-terminated disialyl oligosaccharides to provide a higher efficiency and a better control over the sialylation process.

The preparation of α2-3- or α2-6-linked monosialylated oligosaccharides was carried out using an efficient one-pot three-enzyme chemoenzymatic approach⁵² developed in our lab. In this system, *N*-acetylmannosamine (ManNAc), mannose (Man), or their derivatives obtained by chemical or enzymatic modification was coupled with pyruvate to form sialic acid derivatives by a sialic acid aldolase-catalyzed reaction. The sialic acid derivatives formed were then activated by a CMP-sialic acid synthetase and transferred to a suitable sialyltransferase acceptor for the formation of sialosides. Depending on the specificity of the sialyltransferase, α2-3- or α2-6-linked sialosides could be produced efficiently in a single pot without the purification of intermediates. Sialic acid aldolases from *E. coli* K12⁵³ and *Pasteurella multocida*,⁵⁴ CMP-sialic acid synthetase from *N. meningitidis* (NmCSS),⁵³ a multifunctional sialyltransferase from *Pasteurella multocida* (PmST1) for the formation of α2-3-linked sialosides,^{51a} and a sialyltransferase from *Photobacterium damsela* (Pd2,6ST) for the formation of α2-6-linked

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sialosides^{51b} were shown to be excellent catalysts for the synthesis of monosialylated glycans because they were able to be expressed in *E. coli* in large amounts with high activity and promiscuous substrate specificity.

With α 2–3- and α 2–6-linked monosialylated oligosaccharides in hand, α 2–8-linked disialyl oligosaccharides were synthesized in the second step using the one-pot multienzyme process with CstII Δ 32^{153S} as the α 2–8-sialyltransferase and NmCSS with or without *E. coli* K12 sialic acid aldolase.^{47c} The application of the method in the synthesis of the targeted GD3-type disialyl glycans was explored for two major groups: one group contained a penultimate α 2–3-linked Neu5Ac with different terminal α 2–8-linked sialic acid forms (**Sia** α 2–8Neu5Aco2–3Lac β ProN₃), and the other contained a terminal α 2–8-linked Neu5Ac with different α 2–3-linked penultimate sialic acid forms (Neu5Aco2–8**Sia** α 2–3Gal β OR). In addition, the synthesis of GD3-type disialyl glycans (Neu5Gc/KDN α 2–8Neu5Gc/KDN α 2–3Lac β ProN₃) containing the combination of two other common sialic acid forms such as Neu5Gc and KDN was also carried out. The synthesis of Sia2–8Sia α 2–6Gal β OR-type disialyl glycans was investigated for the compounds containing a terminal α 2–8-linked Neu5Ac with different α 2–6-linked penultimate sialic acid forms (Neu5Aco2–8Sia α 2–6Gal β OR) using a one-pot two-enzyme system.

Preparation of GD3-Type Disialyl Oligosaccharides Sia α 2–8Neu5Aco2–3Lac β ProN₃ Containing a Penultimate α 2–3-Linked Neu5Ac and Different Terminal α 2–8-Linked Sialic Acid Forms. GM3 oligosaccharide with a propyl azide aglycon (Neu5Aco2–3Gal β 1–4Glc β ProN₃ or Neu5Aco2–3Lac β ProN₃) **3** was readily obtained in a quantitative yield by incubating 3-azidopropyl β -D-galactopyranosyl-(1–4)- β -D-glucopyranoside (Lac β ProN₃) **1** with *N*-acetylmannosamine (ManNAc) **2** in the one-pot three-enzyme system as described previously.^{51a} The product Neu5Aco2–3Lac β ProN₃ **3** was then used as an acceptor for the α 2–8-sialyltransferase activity of CstII Δ 32^{153S} in the one-pot multiple-enzyme synthesis of GD3-type disialyl oligosaccharides containing different terminal sialic acid forms. As shown in Figure 3, CstII Δ 32^{153S} has promiscuous donor substrate specificity and can catalyze the transfer of different sialic acids from CMP-sialic acid derivatives synthesized by NmCSS with or without *E. coli* K12 sialic acid aldolase to form GD3 oligosaccharides **4**, **6**, **8**, **10**, **12**, **14**, **16**, and **18** with different terminal sialic acid forms in good to excellent yields (51–92%).

The synthesis of GD3 oligosaccharides **4**, **6**, **8**, **10**, **12**, and **14** was carried out in the one-pot three-enzyme system at pH 8.5. We found that the use of 1.2-fold excess amount of sialic acid precursors was optimum to prevent the multiple α 2–8-sialylation by CstII Δ 32^{153S}.^{47c,48} Under these conditions, disialyl GD3 oligosaccharides Neu5Aco2–8Neu5Aco2–3Lac β ProN₃ **4** and Neu5Gco2–8Neu5Aco2–3Lac β ProN₃ **6** were obtained in 76 and 73% yields, respectively, from ManNAc **2** and *N*-glycolyl mannosamine (ManNGc) **5** as sialic acid precursors. The yield (65%) for the formation of KDN α 2–8Neu5Aco2–3Lac β ProN₃ **8** from mannose **7** was lower due to the formation of byproduct with multiple α 2–8-linked sialic acids. Interestingly, the synthesis of Neu5GcMe α 2–8Neu5Aco2–3Lac β ProN₃ **10** containing a terminal modified Neu5Gc with a methyl group at the C-5-OH was achieved in high efficiency with a 92% yield from *N*-methylglycolyl mannose (ManNGcMe) **9**. This may be due to the prevention of additional α 2–8-sialylation by the extra methyl group at the C-5-OH in the terminal Neu5Gc in the disialyl product **10**. Non-natural GD3 oligosaccharides Neu5AcN₃ α 2–8Neu5Aco2–3Lac β ProN₃ **12** and Neu5Ac9N₃ α 2–8Neu5Aco2–3Lac β ProN₃ **14** containing

an azido group at the C-5 or C-9 position of the terminal Neu5Ac were also obtained in good yields (87 and 78%, respectively) from C-2- or C-6-modified ManNAc derivatives *N*-azidoacetyl mannosamine (ManNAz) **11** and *N*-acetyl-9-azidomannosamine (9N₃ManNAc) **13**, respectively.

Gangliosides, including GD3, containing a terminal 9-*O*-acetylated Neu5Ac are common.^{10,11,55} The biological functions of 9-*O*-acetylated GD3 are believed to be distinct from its non-acetylated counterpart. For example, it has been found as a marker for neural differentiation and malignant transformation⁵⁶ and has been suggested to protect tumor cells from apoptosis.⁵⁷ Both 9-*O*-acetylated Neu5Ac and Neu5Gc are readily available from their corresponding non-*O*-acetylated forms by a regioselective chemical acetylation.⁵⁸ Briefly, treatment of Neu5Ac or Neu5Gc with trimethyl orthoacetate in anhydrous DMSO in the presence of a catalytic amount of *p*-TsOH gave 9-*O*-acetyl-*N*-acetyl neuraminic acid (Neu5,9Ac₂) **15** or 9-*O*-acetyl-*N*-glycolyl neuraminic acid (Neu5Gc9Ac) **17** in excellent yields (over 90%). GD3 oligosaccharides Neu5,9Ac₂2–8Neu5Aco2–3Lac β ProN₃ **16** and Neu5Gc9Ac2–8Neu5Aco2–3Lac β ProN₃ **18** were obtained in a one-pot two-enzyme reaction containing NmCSS and CstII Δ 32^{153S} in 53 and 51% yields from **15** and **17**, respectively. A Tris-HCl buffer solution of pH 7.5 was used to prevent the deacetylation under basic solutions with pH higher than 7.5.

The structures of all purified GD3 oligosaccharide products were confirmed by nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy and high-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS). Comparing the ¹³C NMR spectra of GD3 oligosaccharide Neu5Aco2–8Neu5Aco2–3Lac β ProN₃ **4** and GM3 oligosaccharide Neu5Aco2–3Lac β ProN₃ **3** indicated a downfield chemical shift of 6.39 ppm for the C-8 of the internal Neu5Ac in Neu5Aco2–8Neu5Aco2–3Lac β ProN₃ **4** (78.28 ppm) compared to that for the C-8 of Neu5Ac (71.89 ppm) in Neu5Aco2–3Lac β ProN₃ **3**. These data confirmed the formation of an α 2–8-sialyl linkage by CstII Δ 32^{153S}-catalyzed sialylation when Neu5Aco2–3Lac β ProN₃ **3** was used as an acceptor for CstII Δ 32^{153S}. Among the GD3 oligosaccharides (**4**, **6**, **8**, **10**, **12**, and **14**) synthesized here, only the preparation of Neu5Aco2–8Neu5Ac terminated disialyl oligosaccharides using a similar CstII-catalyzed sialylation of Neu5Ac-containing GM3 oligosaccharides has been reported.^{47c,48,49e–i}

Preparation of GD3-Type Disialyl Oligosaccharides Neu5Aco2–8Sia α 2–3Gal β OR Containing a Terminal α 2–8-Linked Neu5Ac and Different Penultimate α 2–3-Linked Sialic Acid Forms. Small-scale one-pot three-enzyme reactions were performed first and analyzed by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) to study the acceptor specificity of the α 2–8-sialyltransferase (or GD3 synthase) activity of CstII Δ 32^{153S}. Preparative-scale syntheses were then carried out for suitable acceptors. As summarized in Figure 4, CstII Δ 32^{153S} exhibited good activity toward monosialylated oligosaccharides **19** or **21**, which possess a terminal Neu5Gc or KDN. GD3 oligosaccharides Neu5Aco2–8Neu5Gco2–3Lac β ProN₃ **20** and Neu5Aco2–8KDN α 2–3Lac β ProN₃ **22** were obtained in 72 and 71% yields, respectively, in the presence of *E. coli* K12 sialic acid aldolases, NmCSS, and CstII Δ 32^{153S} using ManNAc **2** as the

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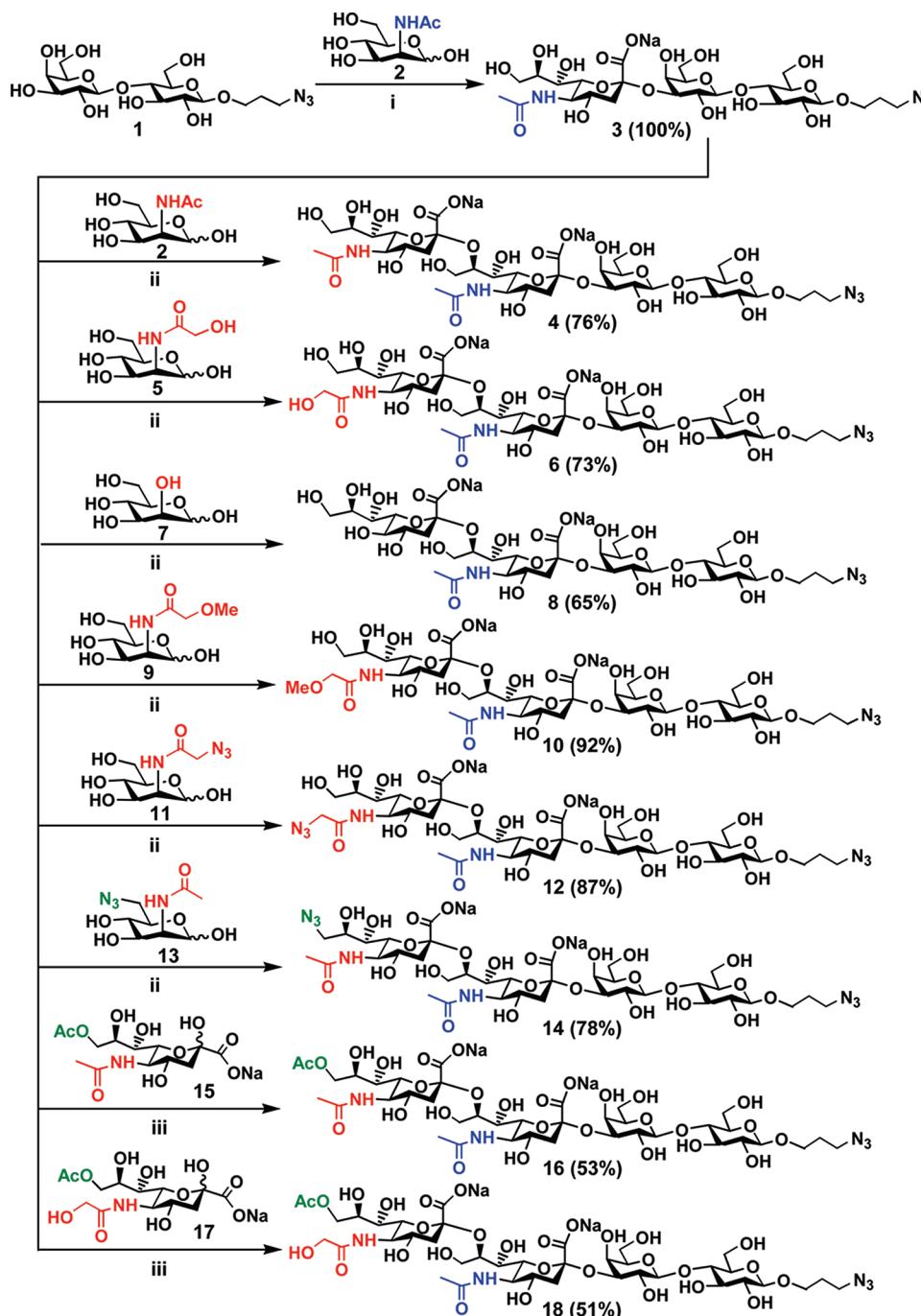


Figure 3. Synthesis of disialyl GD3 oligosaccharides Sia α 2–8Neu5Ac α 2–3Lac β ProN₃ containing a penultimate α 2–3-linked Neu5Ac and different terminal α 2–8-linked sialic acid forms. Reagents and conditions: (i) pyruvate, CTP, Mg²⁺, Tris-HCl buffer (pH 8.5), *E. coli* K12 sialic acid aldolase, NmCSS, and PmST1; (ii) pyruvate, CTP, Mg²⁺, Tris-HCl buffer (pH 8.5), *E. coli* K12 sialic acid aldolase, NmCSS, and CstII Δ 32^{153S}; (iii) CTP, Mg²⁺, Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.5), NmCSS, and CstII Δ 32^{153S}.

sialic acid precursor. The yields are comparable to that (76%) for the synthesis of Neu5Ac α 2–8Neu5Ac α 2–3Lac β ProN₃ **4** (Figure 3) from Neu5Ac α 2–3Lac β ProN₃ **3** (which contains the most abundant sialic acid form Neu5Ac) as an acceptor. Interestingly, substituting the C-9-hydroxyl group on the terminal Neu5Ac in sialoside **23** with an azido did not block the α 2–8-sialylation reaction catalyzed by CstII Δ 32^{153S}. Preparative synthesis of disialyl oligosaccharide **24** was achieved in 63% yield. Quite surprisingly, further modification on the C-5 of the terminal Neu5Ac, Neu5Gc, and KDN in α 2–3-linked monosialylated oligosaccharides Neu5AcN₃ α 2–3LacOMe **25**, Neu5GcMe α 2–3Lac β ProN₃ **26**, and

KDN5Me α 2–3Lac β ProN₃ **27** with either a methyl or an azido group totally blocked the α 2–8-sialylation reaction catalyzed by CstII Δ 32^{153S}. Taken together, these results indicate that the α 2–8-sialyltransferase activity of CstII Δ 32^{153S} can tolerate a limited number of groups (*N*-acetyl, *N*-glycol, and hydroxyl) at C-5 and modifications on the C-9 of the terminal sialic acid residue in α 2–3-linked monosialylated oligosaccharides as acceptor substrates.

Among the α 2–3-monosialylated oligosaccharides used here (**19**, **21**, **23**, **25**, **26**, and **27**) as the acceptors for the α 2–8-sialyltransferase activity of CstII Δ 32^{153S}, the synthesis of **19**, **21**, **25**, and **26** has been reported previously.^{51a} The synthesis

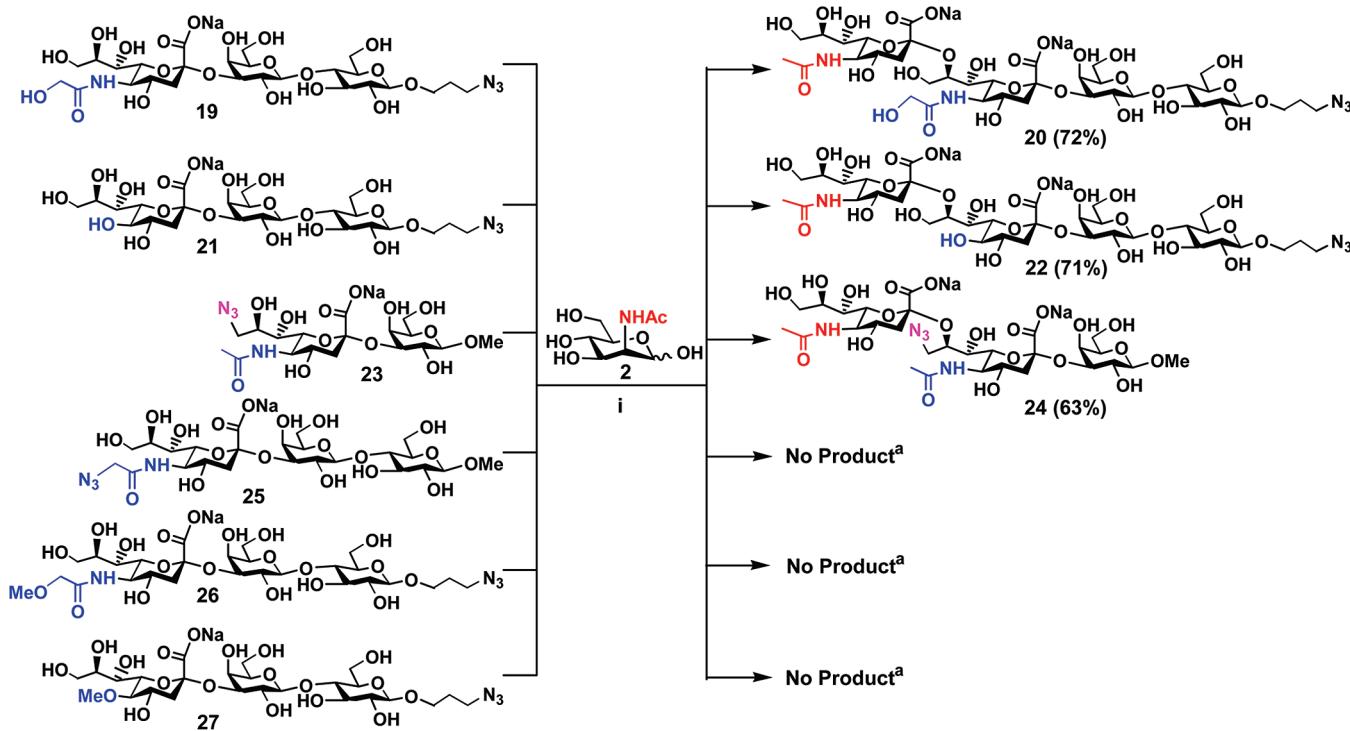


Figure 4. Synthesis of disialyl GD3 oligosaccharides Neu5Ac α 2–8Sia α 2–3Gal β OR containing a terminal α 2–8-linked Neu5Ac and different penultimate α 2–3-linked sialic acid forms. Reagents and conditions: (i) pyruvate, CTP, Mg²⁺, Tris-HCl buffer (pH 8.5), *E. coli* K12 sialic acid aldolase, NmCSS, and CstIIΔ32^{153S}. ^aDetermined by small-scale reactions using TLC analysis.

of two new α 2–3-linked monosialylated oligosaccharides **23** and **27** was carried out in a one-pot three-enzyme system containing an *E. coli* sialic acid aldolase, NmCSS, and PmST1 similar to that described previously for the synthesis of other α 2–3-linked sialosides.^{51a} Compound **23** was obtained from 6-azido-6-deoxy-*N*-acetyl-D-mannosamine (6-N₃-ManNAc) as the precursor of a sialic acid derivative and methyl β -D-galactopyranoside as a sialyltransferase acceptor. Compound **27** was obtained from 2-*O*-methyl-D-mannose as the precursor of a sialic acid derivative and azidopropyl β -D-lactoside as a sialyltransferase acceptor. The preparation of these starting materials for the one-pot three-enzyme synthesis of α 2–3-linked sialosides has been reported previously.⁵¹

Preparation of GD3-Type Disialyl Oligosaccharides Neu5Gc/KDN α 2–8Neu5Gc/KDN α 2–3Lac β ProN₃ Containing the Combination of Neu5Gc and KDN. GD3-type disialyl oligosaccharides containing naturally occurring Neu5Gc and KDN sialic acid forms including Neu5Gc α 2–8Neu5Gc, KDN α 2–8KDN, and hybrid KDN α 2–8Neu5Gc and Neu5Gc α 2–8KDN units were also synthesized. As shown in Figure 5, monosialylated oligosaccharides Neu5Gc α 2–3Lac β ProN₃ **19** (96%) and KDN α 2–3Lac β ProN₃ **21** (94%) were synthesized in the step 1 from Lac β ProN₃ **1** and ManNGc **5** or mannose **7** in the presence of *E. coli* aldolase, NmCSS, and PmST1. Using Neu5Gc α 2–3Lac β ProN₃ **19** as the acceptor for the α 2–8-activity of CstIIΔ32^{153S}, disialyl oligosaccharides Neu5Gc α 2–8Neu5Gc α 2–3Lac β ProN₃ **28** and KDN α 2–8Neu5Gc α 2–3Lac β ProN₃ **29** were prepared from donor substrates **5** and **7** in the one-pot three-enzyme system in 75 and 57% yields, respectively. Similarly, sialylation of KDN α 2–3Lac β ProN₃ **21** with the donor substrate **5** and **7** in the presence of *E. coli* K12 sialic acid aldolase, NmCSS, and CstIIΔ32^{153S} produced Neu5Gc α 2–8KDN α 2–3Lac β ProN₃ **30** (68%) and KDN α 2–8KDN α 2–3Lac β ProN₃ **31** (55%) in comparable yields. Again, the lower yields (55–57%) for the

formation of disialyl oligosaccharides containing a terminal KDN **29** and **31** compared to those (68–75%) for the formation of Neu5Gc-terminated disialyl oligosaccharides **28** and **30** were due to the formation of byproduct with multiple α 2–8-linked sialic acids for KDN-terminated glycans.

Preparation of Neu5Ac α 2–8Sia α 2–6Gal β OR-Type Disialyl Oligosaccharides Containing a Terminal α 2–8-Linked Neu5Ac and Different Penultimate α 2–6-Linked Sialic Acid Forms. Acceptor specificity of the α 2–8-sialyltransferase activity of CstIIΔ32^{153S} was also explored in a one-pot two-enzyme system with a panel of α 2–6-linked monosialylated oligosaccharides containing natural sialic acid forms (Neu5Ac, Neu5Gc, and KDN) and non-natural sialic acids with various modifications at C-9 or C-5. To do this, α 2–6-linked monosialylated oligosaccharides Sia α 2–6Gal β OR were synthesized from Gal β OR using *Photobacterium damsela* α 2–6-sialyltransferase (Pd2,6ST) in the one-pot three-enzyme system as described previously.^{51b} Evaluation of Sia α 2–6Gal β OR as potential acceptors for the α 2–8-sialyltransferase activity of CstIIΔ32^{153S} was carried out in small-scale one-pot two-enzyme reactions from Neu5Ac and analyzed by thin-layer chromatography (TLC). Similar to human polysialyltransferases ST8SiaII (STX) and ST8SiaIV (PST) reported previously,⁵⁹ CstII exhibited acceptor specificity toward a list of α 2–6-sialosides. α 2–6-Linked sialyl lactosides Neu5Ac α 2–6Lac β ProN₃ **33**, Neu5Gc α 2–6Lac β ProN₃ **35**, and KDN α 2–6Lac β ProN₃ **37** containing naturally occurring sialic acid forms including Neu5Ac, Neu5Gc, and KDN served as good acceptor substrates for the α 2–8-sialyltransferase activity of CstIIΔ32^{153S}. As shown in Figure 6, preparative-scale sialylation of **33**, **35**, and **37** from Neu5Ac **32** as a donor precursor for CstIIΔ32^{153S} successfully produced the disialylated products Neu5Ac α 2–8Neu5Ac α 2–6Lac β ProN₃ **34**, Neu5Ac α 2–8Neu5Gc α 2–6Lac β ProN₃ **36**, and Neu5Gc α 2–8Neu5Gc α 2–6Lac β ProN₃ **38**.

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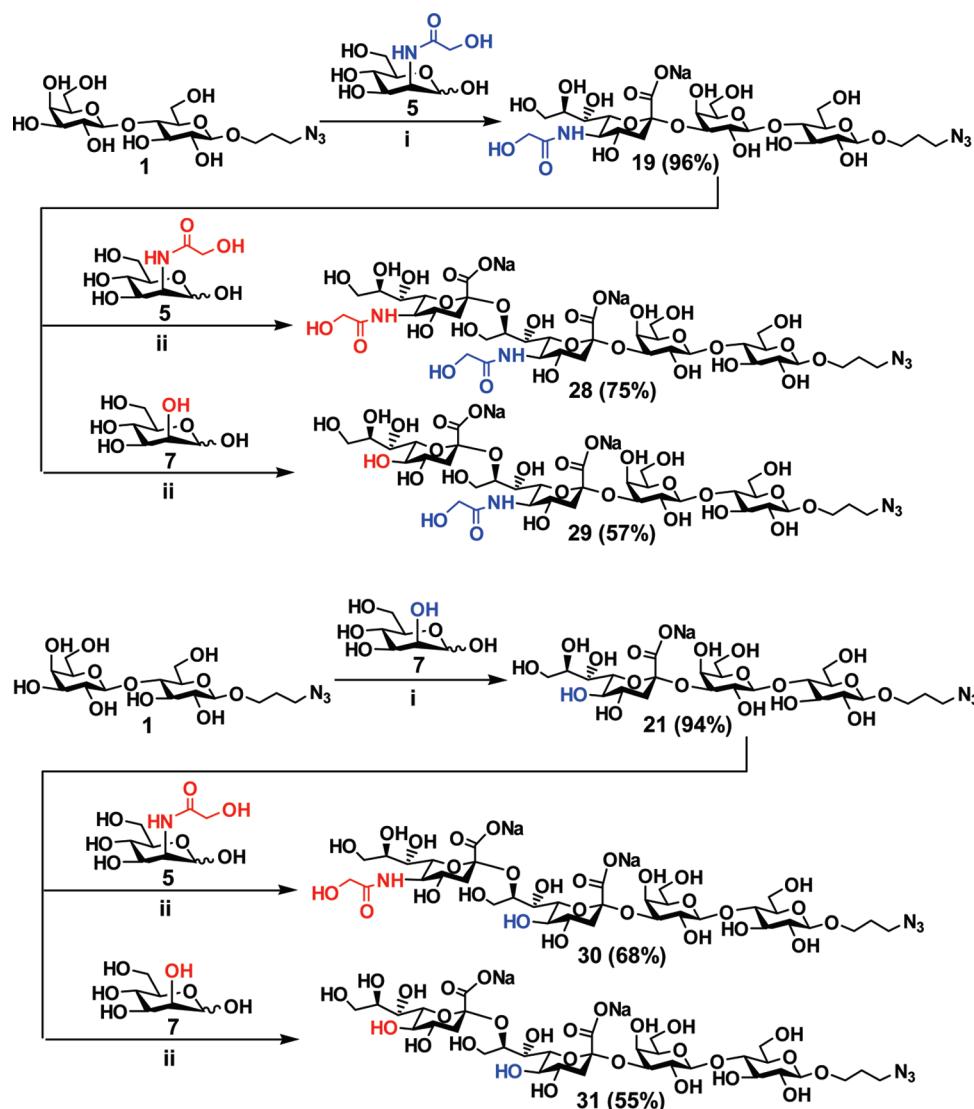


Figure 5. Enzymatic preparation of GD3-type disialyl oligosaccharides Neu5Gc/KDN α 2–8Neu5Gc/KDN α 2–3Lac β ProN₃ containing the combination of Neu5Gc and KDN. Reagents and conditions: (i) pyruvate, CTP, Mg²⁺, Tris-HCl buffer (pH 8.5), *E. coli* K12 sialic acid aldolase, NmCSS, and PmST1; (ii) pyruvate, CTP, Mg²⁺, Tris-HCl buffer (pH 8.5), *E. coli* K12 sialic acid aldolase, NmCSS, and CstII Δ 32¹⁵³⁸.

6Lac β ProN₃ **36**, and Neu5Ac α 2–8KDN α 2–6Lac β ProN₃ **38** in 80, 76, and 64% yields, respectively. Similar to its α 2–3-monosialylated counterpart Neu5Ac $N_3\alpha$ 2–3Gal β OMe **23**, α 2–6-linked sialoside Neu5Ac $N_3\alpha$ 2–3Gal β OMe **39** containing an azido substitution of the C-9-OH of the terminal Neu5Ac was also a suitable acceptor for CstII Δ 32¹⁵³⁸. Sialylation of **39** with Neu5Ac **32** in the one-pot two-enzyme system in preparative-scale produced disialyl product Neu5Ac α 2–8Neu5Ac $N_3\alpha$ 2–6Gal β OMe **40** in 56% yield. The α 2–6-linked monosialylated oligosaccharides containing various substitutions at C-5 of Neu5Ac, Neu5Gc, or KDN, including Neu5Ac $N_3\alpha$ 2–6GalOMe **41**, Neu5NPg α 2–6Lac β ProN₃ **42**, Neu5AcCbz α 2–6Lac β ProN₃ **43**, Neu5GcMe α 2–6Lac β ProN₃ **44**, KDN5Me α 2–6Lac β ProN₃ **45**, and KDN5N $_3\alpha$ 2–6GalOMe **46** did not serve as acceptor substrates for the α 2–8-sialyltransferase activity of CstII Δ 32¹⁵³⁸. These data, together with those obtained from the acceptor specificity studies using α 2–3-linked monosialylated oligosaccharides, indicate the importance of the C-5 groups on the terminal sialic acid residues, instead of the sialyl linkages, in defining the acceptor specificity of the α 2–8-sialyltransferase activity of CstII Δ 32¹⁵³⁸.

Conclusions

In conclusion, we have developed an efficient two-step multienzyme approach for the synthesis of a series of GD3 ganglioside oligosaccharides and other disialyl glycans containing natural and non-natural sialic acids. The α 2–8-sialyltransferase activity of a recombinant multifunctional CstII Δ 32¹⁵³⁸ has promiscuous donor substrate specificity and can tolerate various substitutions at C-5 or C-9 of sialic acid residues in the donor. In comparison, the α 2–8-sialyltransferase activity of CstII Δ 32¹⁵³⁸ has relatively restricted acceptor substrate specificity. While both α 2–3- and α 2–6-linked monosialyl oligosaccharides are potential acceptors for CstII Δ 32¹⁵³⁸, the terminal sialic acid residues in the acceptable monosialyl oligosaccharide acceptors are limited to Neu5Ac, Neu5Gc, KDN, and some of their C-9-modified forms. Additional modifications at the C-5 of the terminal sialic acid residues in the monosialyl oligosaccharides prevent them from being usable acceptors by the α 2–8-sialyltransferase activity of CstII Δ 32¹⁵³⁸. The disialyl oligosaccharides obtained in this work are valuable probes to study the

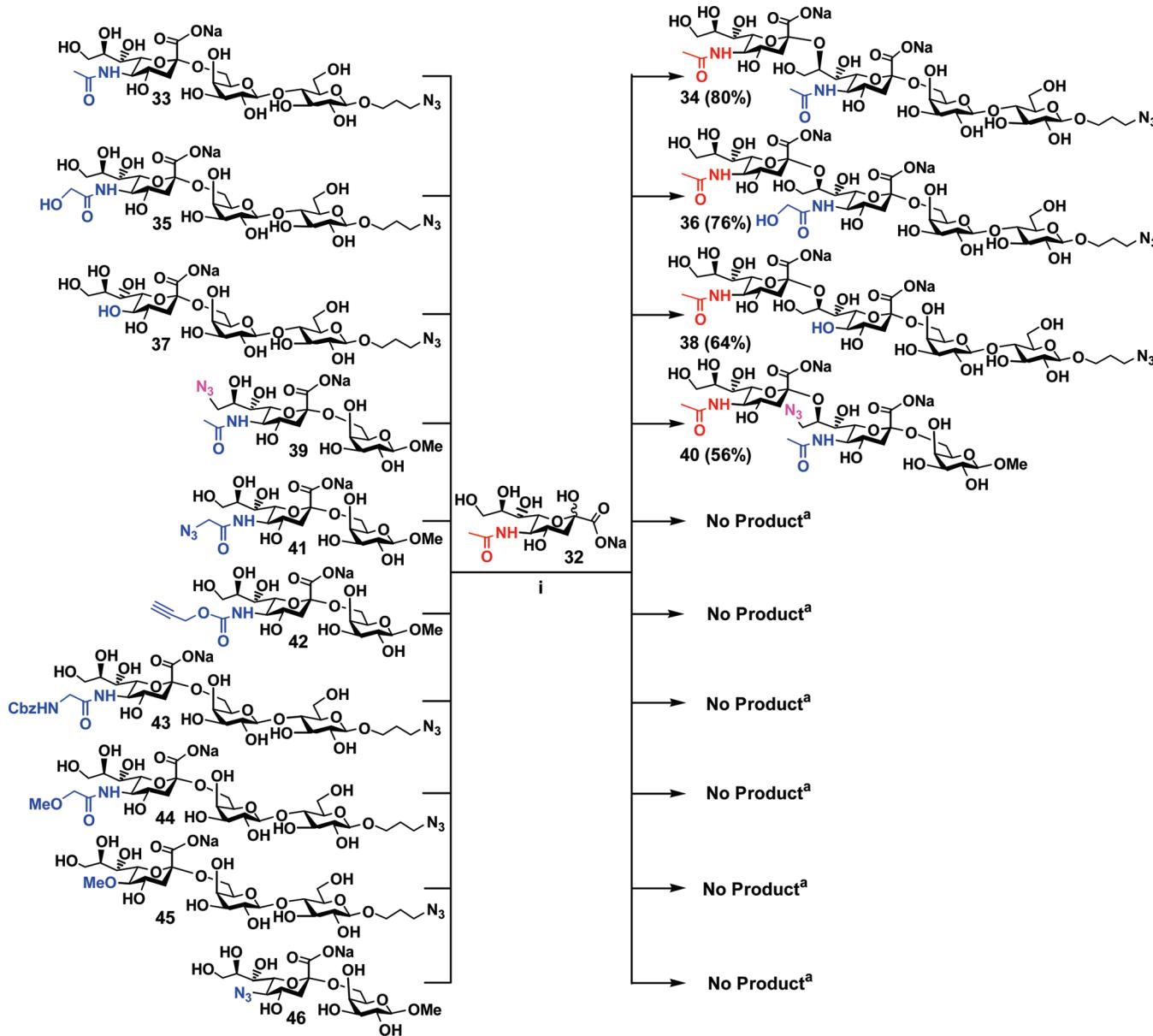


Figure 6. Synthesis of Neu5Ac2-8Siaα2-6GalβOR-type disialyl oligosaccharides containing a terminal α2-8-linked Neu5Ac and different penultimate α2-6-linked sialic acid forms. Reagents and conditions: (i) CTP, Mg²⁺, Tris-HCl buffer (pH 8.5), NmCSS, and CstIIΔ32^{153S}. ^aDetermined by small-scale reactions using TLC analysis.

biological importance of naturally occurring sialic acid modifications in disialyl structures in nature.

Experimental Section

Chemicals were purchased and used without further purification. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Mercury-300, Varian Inova-400, or Varian VNMRS 600 MHz spectrometer. High-resolution electrospray ionization (ESI) mass spectra were obtained at the Mass Spectrometry Facility in the University of California at Davis. Optical rotation was recorded on an Autopol IV Automatic polarimeter at 589 nm wavelength. Silica gel 60 Å (40–63 μm, Sorbent technologies) was used for flash chromatography. Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed on silica gel plates 60 GF₂₅₄ (Sorbent technologies) using *p*-anisaldehyde sugar stain for detection. Gel filtration chromatography was performed using a column (100 cm × 2.5 cm) packed with BioGel P-2 Fine resins (Bio-Rad, Hercules, CA).

Enzymatic Synthesis of Monosialyl Oligosaccharides. The synthesis of α2-3- and α2-6-linked monosialyl oligosaccharides

3, 19, 21, 25, 26, 33, 35, 37, 39, and 41–46 has been reported previously.⁵¹ Monosialylated oligosaccharides 23 and 27 were prepared in a one-pot three-enzyme system containing an *E. coli* sialic acid aldolase, NmCSS, and PmST1 as described previously.^{51a}

Methyl *O*-(5-acetamido-9-azido-3,5,9-trideoxy-D-glycero-α-D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylonic acid)-(2→3)-O-β-D-galactopyranoside (Neu5Ac9N₃α2-3GalβOMe, 23): Yield, 88%; white foam; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, D₂O) δ 4.36 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, H-1), 4.06 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.2 and 3.0 Hz), 3.98 (m, 1H), 3.93–3.46 (m, 11H), 3.56 (s, 3H, OMe), 2.74 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.6 and 4.8 Hz, H-3_{eq}'), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.78 (t, 1H, *J* = 12.0 Hz, H-3_{ax}'); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, D₂O) δ 172.48, 171.32, 101.06, 97.31, 73.36, 72.42, 70.17, 67.91, 66.63, 65.80, 65.01, 58.47, 56.89, 54.59, 50.55, 49.20, 37.20, 19.63; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₈H₂₉N₄Na₂O₁₃ (M + Na) 532.1629, found 532.1637.

3-Azidopropyl *O*-(5-O-methyl-D-glycero-α-D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylonic acid)-(2→3)-O-β-D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)-β-D-glucopyranose (KDN5Me₂α2-3LacβProN₃, 27): Yield, 70%; white foam; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, D₂O) δ 4.54 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8

Hz), 4.51 (1H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 4.11–3.59 (19H, m), 3.59 (3H, s, OMe), 3.50 (2H, t, $J = 7.20$ Hz), 3.37–3.32 (2H, m), 2.71 (1H, dd, $J = 12.6$ and 4.2 Hz, H-3_{eq}'), 1.94 (2H, m), 1.80 (1H, t, $J = 12.0$ Hz, H-3_{ax}'); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, D₂O) δ 174.17, 102.84, 102.33, 99.86, 79.88, 78.46, 75.63, 75.34, 74.96, 74.53, 73.22, 73.00, 72.35, 70.12, 69.54, 68.15, 67.56, 67.55, 62.82, 61.20, 60.28, 60.24, 48.08, 39.53, 28.42; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₅H₄₂N₃Na₂O₁₉ (M + Na) 711.2310, found 711.2318.

General Procedures for One-Pot Multienzyme Preparative Synthesis of α 2–8-Linked Sialosides Using CstIIΔ32^{153S}. A monosialylated oligosaccharide as an acceptor for the α 2–8-sialyltransferase activity of CstIIΔ32^{153S} (2.5–3.0 mg), a sialic acid precursor (mannose, ManNAc, or their derivatives, 1.2 equiv), sodium pyruvate (7.5 equiv), and CTP (1.5 equiv) were dissolved in H₂O. Stock solutions of Tris-HCl buffer (1 M, pH 8.5, 1 mL) and MgCl₂ (0.5 M, 0.4 mL) were added. After the addition of appropriate amounts of a recombinant *E. coli* K12 sialic acid aldolase, an *N. meningitidis* CMP-sialic acid synthetase, and CstIIΔ32^{153S}, H₂O was added to bring the volume of the reaction mixture to 10 mL. The reaction was carried out by incubating the solution in an incubator shaker at 37 °C for 2 h (or at room temperature for overnight) with agitation at 140 rpm. The product formation was monitored by TLC developed with EtOAc/MeOH/H₂O/HOAc = 5:3:1.5:0.2 (by volume) and stained with *p*-anisaldehyde sugar stain. When an optimal yield was achieved, the reaction was quenched by adding the same volume (10 mL) of ice-cold EtOH and incubation at 4 °C for 30 min. The mixture was then centrifuged, and the precipitates were removed. The supernatant was concentrated, passed through a BioGel P-2 gel filtration column, and eluted with water to obtain sialoside mixtures. Silica gel flash column was then used to obtain pure disialylated product.

3-Azidopropyl *O*-(5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero- α -D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylonic acid)-(2→8)-*O*-(5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero- α -D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylonic acid)-(2→3)-*O*- β -D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)- β -D-glucopyranoside (Neu5Aco2-8Neu5Aco2-3Lac β ProN₃, 4): Yield, 76%; white foam; $[\alpha]^{22}_D = -0.23$ (*c* 2.15, H₂O); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, D₂O) δ 4.53 (d, 1H, $J = 8.4$ Hz, Glc H-1), 4.50 (d, 1H, $J = 8.4$ Hz, Gal H-1), 4.19–3.99 (m, 6H), 3.94–3.55 (m, 21H), 3.47 (t, 2H, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 3.33 (t, 1H, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 2.80 (dd, 1H, $J = 12.0$ and 4.8 Hz, Neu5Ac H-3_{eq}''), 2.67 (dd, 1H, $J = 12.6$ and 4.2 Hz, Neu5Ac H-3_{eq}''), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.77 (t, 1H, $J = 12.6$ Hz, Neu5Ac H-3_{ax}''), 1.75 (t, 1H, $J = 12.0$ Hz, Neu5Ac H-3_{ax}'); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, D₂O) δ 175.18 (2C), 173.87, 173.46, 102.86, 102.33, 100.74, 100.52, 78.28 (Neu5Ac C-8), 78.22, 75.59, 75.32, 74.98, 74.48, 74.25, 73.02, 72.81, 71.96, 69.49, 69.46, 68.64, 68.36, 68.13, 67.89, 67.55, 62.78, 61.73, 61.26, 60.20, 52.44, 51.93, 48.06, 40.68, 39.63, 28.41, 22.48, 22.22; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₇H₆₀N₅O₂₇ (M – 2Na + H) 1006.3476, found 1006.3476.

3-Azidopropyl *O*-(5-glycolylamido-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero- α -D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylonic acid)-(2→8)-*O*-(5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero- α -D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylonic acid)-(2→3)-*O*- β -D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)- β -D-glucopyranoside (Neu5Gco2-8Neu5Aco2-3Lac β ProN₃, 6): Yield, 73%; white foam; $[\alpha]^{22}_D = -0.95$ (*c* 1.37, H₂O); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, D₂O) δ 4.49 (d, 1H, $J = 8.4$ Hz, Glc H-1), 4.45 (d, 1H, $J = 7.8$ Hz, Gal H-1), 4.18–4.04 (m, 5H), 3.99–3.52 (m, 21H), 3.43 (t, 2H, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 3.28 (t, 1H, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 2.77 (dd, 1H, $J = 12.0$ and 4.2 Hz, H-3_{eq}''), 2.61 (dd, 1H, $J = 12.0$ and 3.6 Hz, H-3_{eq}''), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.88 (m, 2H), 1.74 (t, 1H, $J = 12.6$ Hz, H-3_{ax}''), 1.72 (t, 1H, $J = 12.0$ Hz, H-3_{ax}'); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, D₂O) δ 175.86 (2C), 175.15, 173.44, 102.81, 102.28, 100.70, 100.55, 78.21 (Neu5Ac C-8), 78.10, 75.50, 75.24, 74.91, 74.42, 74.26, 72.98, 72.44, 72.00, 69.43, 69.40, 68.31, 68.23, 68.07, 67.95, 67.50, 62.68, 61.70, 61.22, 61.11, 60.14, 52.36, 51.57, 48.00, 40.66, 39.46, 28.37, 22.44; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₇H₆₀N₈O₂₈ (M – 2Na + H) 1022.3425, found 1022.3433.

3-Azidopropyl *O*-(3-deoxy-D-glycero- α -D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylonic acid)-(2→8)-*O*-(5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero- α -D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylonic acid)-(2→3)-*O*- β -D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)- β -D-glucopyranoside (KDN α 2-8Neu5Aco2-3Lac β ProN₃, 8): Yield, 65%; white foam; $[\alpha]^{22}_D = -10.0$ (*c* 1.64, H₂O); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, D₂O) δ 4.50 (d, 1H, $J = 7.8$ Hz, Glc H-1), 4.46 (d, 1H, $J = 7.8$ Hz, Gal H-1), 4.15–4.07 (m, 3H), 4.02–3.49 (m, 21H), 3.44 (t, 2H, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 3.29 (t, 1H, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 2.71 (dd, 1H, $J = 12.0$ and 4.2 Hz, H-3_{eq}''), 2.61 (dd, 1H, $J = 12.0$ and 4.2 Hz, H-3_{eq}''), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.89 (m, 2H), 1.76 (t, 1H, $J = 12.6$ Hz, H-3_{ax}''), 1.67 (t, 1H, $J = 12.0$ Hz, H-3_{ax}'); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, D₂O) δ 175.16 (2C), 174.00, 173.57, 102.80, 102.27, 100.72, 100.62, 78.24 (Neu5Ac C-8), 77.97, 75.48, 75.20, 74.90, 74.42, 74.31, 73.73, 72.96, 72.24, 70.52, 69.88, 69.44, 69.35, 68.09, 67.93, 67.49, 62.76, 61.67, 61.21, 60.15, 52.34, 47.99, 40.19, 39.31, 28.36, 22.42; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₅H₅₇N₄O₂₇ (M – 2Na + H) 965.3210, found 965.3214.

3-Azidopropyl *O*-(5-methoxyacetamido-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero- α -D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylonic acid)-(2→8)-*O*-(5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero- α -D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylonic acid)-(2→3)-*O*- β -D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)- β -D-glucopyranoside (Neu5GcMeo2-8Neu5Aco2-3Lac β ProN₃, 10): Yield, 92%; white foam; $[\alpha]^{22}_D = -0.28$ (*c* 3.2, H₂O); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, D₂O) δ 4.49 (d, 1H, $J = 8.4$ Hz, Glc H-1), 4.45 (d, 1H, $J = 7.8$ Hz, Gal H-1), 4.15–4.10 (m, 2H), 4.06–4.01 (m, 3H), 3.98–3.52 (m, 24H), 3.43 (t, 2H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 3.39 (s, 3H), 3.28 (t, 1H, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 2.75 (dd, 1H, $J = 12.0$ and 4.2 Hz, H-3_{eq}''), 2.64 (dd, 1H, $J = 12.0$ and 4.2 Hz, H-3_{eq}''), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.88 (m, 2H), 1.73 (t, 1H, $J = 12.0$ Hz, H-3_{ax}''), 1.71 (t, 1H, $J = 12.0$ Hz, H-3_{ax}'); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, D₂O) δ 175.09 (2C), 173.65, 173.56, 173.54, 102.83, 102.29, 100.70, 100.34, 78.29 (Neu5Ac C-8), 78.16, 75.55, 75.32, 74.92, 74.39, 74.14, 72.99, 72.48, 72.00, 71.03 (OCH₃), 69.47, 69.40, 68.34, 68.25, 68.03, 67.60, 67.50, 62.70, 61.72, 61.23, 60.64, 59.17, 52.39, 51.55, 48.01, 40.69, 39.80, 28.38, 22.51; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₈H₆₂N₅O₂₈ (M – 2Na + H) 1036.3581, found 1036.3579.

3-Azidopropyl *O*-(5-azidoacetamido-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero- α -D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylonic acid)-(2→8)-*O*-(5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero- α -D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylonic acid)-(2→3)-*O*- β -D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)- β -D-glucopyranoside (Neu5AcN₃α2-8Neu5Aco2-3Lac β ProN₃, 12): Yield, 87%; white foam; $[\alpha]^{22}_D = +1.37$ (*c* 2.05, H₂O); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, D₂O) δ 4.49 (d, 1H, $J = 7.8$ Hz, Glc H-1), 4.46 (d, 1H, $J = 7.8$ Hz, Gal H-1), 4.16–4.05 (m, 3H), 4.04 (s, 2H), 3.99–3.52 (m, 24H), 3.44 (t, 2H, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 3.29 (t, 1H, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 2.76 (dd, 1H, $J = 12.6$ and 4.8 Hz, H-3_{eq}''), 2.65 (dd, 1H, $J = 12.6$ and 4.8 Hz, H-3_{eq}''), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.89 (m, 2H), 1.73 (t, 1H, $J = 12.0$ Hz, H-3_{ax}''), 1.71 (t, 1H, $J = 12.0$ Hz, H-3_{ax}'); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, D₂O) δ 175.11, 173.65, 173.51, 171.27, 102.82, 102.29, 100.68, 100.34, 78.32 (Neu5Ac C-8), 78.15, 75.57, 75.34, 74.93, 74.39, 74.15, 72.99, 72.45, 71.99, 69.52, 69.41, 68.44, 68.21, 68.04, 67.60, 67.50, 62.70, 61.71, 61.23, 60.14, 52.40, 52.04, 51.97, 48.01, 40.62, 39.82, 28.38, 22.50; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₇H₅₉N₈O₂₇ (M – 2Na + H) 1047.3490, found 1047.3486.

3-Azidopropyl *O*-(5-acetamido-9-azido-3,5,9-trideoxy-D-glycero- α -D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylonic acid)-(2→8)-*O*-(5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero- α -D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylonic acid)-(2→3)-*O*- β -D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)- β -D-glucopyranoside (Neu5Ac9N₃α2-8Neu5Aco2-3Lac β ProN₃, 14): Yield, 78%; white foam; $[\alpha]^{22}_D = +5.11$ (*c* 0.92, H₂O); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, D₂O) δ 4.48 (d, 1H, $J = 7.8$ Hz, Glc H-1), 4.44 (d, 1H, $J = 7.8$ Hz, Gal H-1), 4.11 (dd, 1H, $J = 12.0$ and 3.0 Hz), 4.07–3.94 (m, 6H), 3.81–3.53 (m, 19H), 4.47 (dd, 1H, $J = 13.2$ and 5.4 Hz), 3.42 (t, 2H, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 3.27 (t, 1H, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 2.74 (dd, 1H, $J = 12.0$ and 4.2 Hz, H-3_{eq}''), 2.60 (dd, 1H, $J = 12.6$ and 4.8 Hz, H-3_{eq}''), 2.02 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.87 (m, 2H), 1.72 (t, 1H, $J = 12.0$ Hz, H-3_{ax}''), 1.69 (t, 1H, $J = 12.0$ Hz, H-3_{ax}'); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, D₂O) δ 175.11, 175.06, 173.70, 173.30, 102.79, 102.27,

100.95, 100.39, 78.18 (Neu5Ac C-8), 78.14, 75.52, 75.26, 74.91, 74.41, 73.97, 72.97, 72.59, 72.58, 70.50, 69.40, 69.21, 68.78, 68.59, 68.05, 67.87, 61.56, 61.22, 60.13, 53.09, 52.37, 51.87, 47.99, 40.61, 39.62, 28.36, 22.43, 22.19; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₃₇H₅₉N₈O₂₆ (M - 2Na + H) 1031.3540, found 1031.3552.

3-Azidopropyl O-(5-acetamido-9-O-acetyl-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero-α-D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylic acid)-(2→8)-O-(5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero-α-D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylic acid)-(2→3)-O-β-D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)-β-D-glucopyranoside (Neu5Ac₂α2-8Neu5Ac₂-3Lac_βProN₃, 16): Yield, 53%; white foam; [α]_D²² = -2.36 (*c* 1.78, H₂O); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, D₂O) δ 4.54 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, Glc H-1), 4.50 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, Gal H-1), 4.41 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.4 Hz), 4.24 (dd, 1H, *J* = 11.4 and 5.4 Hz), 4.19-4.08 (m, 3H), 4.03-3.57 (m, 22H), 3.48 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 3.33 (t, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 2.80 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.0 and 3.6 Hz, Neu5Ac H-3_{eq}"), 2.67 (dd, 1H, *J* = 13.2 and 4.8 Hz, Neu5Ac H-3_{eq}"), 2.16 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.76 (t, 2H, *J* = 12.0 Hz, Neu5Ac H-3_{ax}"); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, D₂O) δ 175.13, 173.95, 173.81, 102.85, 102.30, 100.95, 100.29, 78.20 (KDN C-8), 78.08, 75.62, 75.38, 75.20, 74.95, 74.42, 73.00, 72.84, 71.87, 70.74, 69.65, 69.42, 68.67, 68.34, 67.60, 67.51, 62.74, 61.60, 61.22, 61.06, 60.17, 51.89, 48.03, 40.02, 39.43, 28.38, 22.21; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₃₅H₅₇N₄O₂₇ (M - 2Na + H) 965.3210, found 965.3211.

Methyl O-(5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero-α-D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylic acid)-(2→8)-O-(5-acetamido-9-azido-3,5,9-trideoxy-D-glycero-α-D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylic acid)-(2→3)-O-β-D-galactopyranoside (Neu5Ac₂-8Neu5Ac₉N₃α2-3Gal_βOMe, 24): Yield, 63%; white foam; [α]_D²² = +10.07 (*c* 1.47, H₂O); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, D₂O) δ 4.36 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.6 Hz, Gal H-1), 4.34 (m, 1H), 4.05 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.2 and 3.0 Hz), 3.99 (m, 1H), 3.94 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 3.90-3.49 (m, 18H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 2.77 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.6 and 4.8 Hz, H-3_{eq}"), 2.62 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.0 and 4.2 Hz, H-3_{eq}"), 2.05 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.72 (t, 1H, *J* = 12.0 Hz, H-3_{ax}"), 1.71 (t, 1H, *J* = 12.0 Hz, H-3_{ax}"); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, D₂O) δ 175.17, 175.15, 174.13, 173.28, 103.66, 100.40, 100.23, 75.84, 75.72, 74.79, 74.30, 72.65, 71.80, 69.38, 69.23, 68.49, 68.10, 68.04, 62.74, 61.12, 60.68, 57.21, 52.25, 51.81, 51.59, 40.40, 39.42, 22.41, 22.23; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₃₀H₅₀N₅O₂₁ (M - 2Na + H) 816.2998, found 816.2986.

3-Azidopropyl O-(9-O-acetyl-5-glycolylamido-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero-α-D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylic acid)-(2→8)-O-(5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero-α-D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylic acid)-(2→3)-O-β-D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)-β-D-glucopyranoside (Neu5Gc₉Aco₂-8Neu5Ac₂-3Lac_βProN₃, 18): Yield, 51%; white foam; [α]_D²² = +3.33 (*c* 0.63, H₂O); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, D₂O) δ 4.51 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, Glc H-1), 4.47 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz, Gal H-1), 4.38 (dd, 1H, *J* = 11.4 and 3.0 Hz), 4.20 (dd, 1H, *J* = 11.4 and 5.4 Hz), 4.16 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.0 and 3.6 Hz), 4.11 (s, 2H), 4.08 (m, 3H), 4.02-3.53 (m, 21H), 3.44 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 3.30 (t, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 2.78 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.6 and 4.8 Hz, H-3_{eq}"), 2.65 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.6 and 4.8 Hz, H-3_{eq}"), 2.12 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.89 (m, 2H), 1.75 (t, 1H, *J* = 12.6 Hz, H-3_{ax}"), 1.73 (t, 1H, *J* = 12.0 Hz, H-3_{ax}"); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, D₂O) δ 175.81, 175.08, 174.53, 173.62, 173.43, 102.77, 102.26, 100.75, 100.31, 78.32 (Neu5Ac C-8), 78.09, 75.56, 75.31, 74.92, 74.38, 74.01, 72.96, 72.95, 72.27, 69.46, 69.40, 69.38, 69.27, 68.39, 68.03, 67.66, 67.45, 62.59, 61.60, 61.21, 61.08, 52.39, 51.51, 47.96, 40.64, 39.75, 28.34, 22.41, 20.41; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₃₉H₆₂N₅O₂₉ (M - 2Na + H) 1064.3530, found 1064.3521.

3-Azidopropyl O-(5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero-α-D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylic acid)-(2→8)-O-(5-glycolylamido-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero-α-D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylic acid)-(2→3)-O-β-D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)-β-D-glucopyranoside (Neu5Ac₂-8Neu5Gc₂-3Lac_βProN₃, 20): Yield, 72%; white foam; [α]_D²² = -0.78 (*c* 1.53, H₂O); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, D₂O) δ 4.49 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, Glc H-1), 4.45 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, Gal H-1), 4.19-4.06 (m, 5H), 3.99-3.53 (m, 24H), 3.43 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 3.29 (t, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 2.74 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.6 and 4.2 Hz, H-3_{eq}"), 2.66 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.6 and 4.2 Hz, H-3_{eq}"), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.88 (m, 2H), 1.73 (t, 1H, *J* = 12.0 Hz, H-3_{ax}"), 1.70 (t, 1H, *J* = 12.6 Hz, H-3_{ax}"); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, D₂O) δ 176.24, 175.18, 173.78 (2C), 102.89, 102.33, 100.42 (2C), 78.49 (Neu5Gc C-8), 78.28, 75.64, 75.36, 74.98, 74.47, 73.95, 73.03, 72.79, 71.97, 69.47, 69.25, 68.57, 68.37, 67.81, 67.66, 67.54, 62.79, 61.67, 61.31, 61.26, 60.22, 52.28, 51.93, 48.07, 40.77, 39.77, 28.41, 22.23; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₃₇H₆₀N₅O₂₈ (M - 2Na + H) 1022.3425, found 1022.3456.

3-Azidopropyl O-(5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero-α-D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylic acid)-(2→8)-O-(3-deoxy-D-glycero-α-D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylic acid)-(2→3)-O-β-D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)-β-D-glucopyranoside (Neu5Ac₂-8KD_Nα2-3Lac_βProN₃, 22): Yield, 71%; white foam; [α]_D²² = -8.22 (*c* 3.2, H₂O); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, D₂O) δ 4.48 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, Glc

H-1), 4.45 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, Gal H-1), 4.16-4.12 (m, 3H), 4.04-3.79 (m, 5H), 3.75-3.51 (m, 18H), 3.43 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 3.37 (t, 1H, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 3.28 (t, 1H, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 2.73 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.6 and 4.8 Hz, H-3_{eq}"), 2.61 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.6 and 4.8 Hz, H-3_{eq}"), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.88 (m, 2H), 1.78 (t, 1H, *J* = 12.0 Hz, H-3_{ax}"), 1.67 (t, 1H, *J* = 12.0 Hz, H-3_{ax}"); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, D₂O) δ 175.13, 173.95, 173.81, 102.85, 102.30, 100.95, 100.29, 78.20 (KDN C-8), 78.08, 75.62, 75.38, 75.20, 74.95, 74.42, 73.00, 72.84, 71.87, 70.74, 69.65, 69.42, 68.67, 68.34, 67.60, 67.51, 62.74, 61.60, 61.22, 61.06, 60.17, 51.89, 48.03, 40.02, 39.43, 28.38, 22.21; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₃₅H₅₇N₄O₂₇ (M - 2Na + H) 965.3210, found 965.3211.

Methyl O-(5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero-α-D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylic acid)-(2→8)-O-(5-acetamido-9-azido-3,5,9-trideoxy-D-glycero-α-D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylic acid)-(2→3)-O-β-D-galactopyranoside (Neu5Ac₂-8Neu5Ac₉N₃α2-3Gal_βOMe, 24): Yield, 63%; white foam; [α]_D²² = +10.07 (*c* 1.47, H₂O); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, D₂O) δ 4.36 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.6 Hz, Gal H-1), 4.34 (m, 1H), 4.05 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.2 and 3.0 Hz), 3.99 (m, 1H), 3.94 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 3.90-3.49 (m, 18H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 2.77 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.6 and 4.8 Hz, H-3_{eq}"), 2.62 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.0 and 4.2 Hz, H-3_{eq}"), 2.05 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.72 (t, 1H, *J* = 12.0 Hz, H-3_{ax}"), 1.71 (t, 1H, *J* = 12.0 Hz, H-3_{ax}"); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, D₂O) δ 175.17, 175.15, 174.13, 173.28, 103.66, 100.40, 100.23, 75.84, 75.72, 74.79, 74.30, 72.65, 71.80, 69.38, 69.23, 68.49, 68.10, 68.04, 62.74, 61.12, 60.68, 57.21, 52.25, 51.81, 51.59, 40.40, 39.42, 22.41, 22.23; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₃₀H₅₀N₅O₂₁ (M - 2Na + H) 816.2998, found 816.2986.

3-Azidopropyl O-(5-glycolylamido-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero-α-D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylic acid)-(2→8)-O-(5-glycolylamido-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero-α-D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylic acid)-(2→3)-O-β-D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)-β-D-glucopyranoside (Neu5Gc₂-8Neu5Gc₂-3Lac_βProN₃, 28): Yield, 75%; white foam; [α]_D²² = -6.90 (*c* 2.03, H₂O); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, D₂O) δ 4.54 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, Glc H-1), 4.50 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz, Gal H-1), 4.24-4.10 (m, 7H), 4.04-3.58 (m, 24H), 3.48 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 3.33 (t, 1H, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 2.80 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.6 and 4.82 Hz, H-3_{eq}"), 2.72 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.0 and 4.2 Hz, H-3_{eq}"), 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.77 (t, 2H, *J* = 12.0 Hz, H-3_{ax}"); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, D₂O) δ 176.24, 175.90, 173.85, 173.59, 102.86, 102.30, 100.34, 100.30, 78.56 (Neu5Gc C-8), 78.15, 75.59, 75.38, 74.95, 74.41, 73.88, 72.99, 72.48, 71.98, 69.41, 69.22, 68.29, 68.20, 67.60, 67.59, 67.50, 62.69, 61.63, 61.27, 61.12, 60.21, 60.15, 52.24, 52.59, 48.01, 40.79, 39.88, 28.37; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₃₇H₆₀N₅O₂₉ (M - 2Na + H) 1038.3374, found 1038.3363.

3-Azidopropyl O-(3-deoxy-D-glycero-α-D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylic acid)-(2→8)-O-(5-glycolylamido-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero-α-D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylic acid)-(2→3)-O-β-D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)-β-D-glucopyranoside (KD_Nα2-8Neu5Gc₂-3Lac_βProN₃, 29): Yield, 57%; white foam; [α]_D²² = -7.72 (*c* 1.84, H₂O); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, D₂O) δ 4.51 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz, Glc H-1), 4.47 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz, Gal H-1), 4.21-4.08 (m, 5H), 4.01-3.52 (m, 24H), 3.45 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 3.31 (t, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 2.70 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.0 and 4.2 Hz, H-3_{eq}"), 2.68 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.0 and 4.2 Hz, H-3_{eq}"), 1.90 (m, 2H), 1.76 (t, 1H, *J* = 12.0 Hz, H-3_{ax}"), 1.68 (t, 1H, *J* = 12.0 Hz, H-3_{ax}"); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, D₂O) δ 178.84, 176.22, 176.20, 105.47, 104.89, 103.23, 102.99, 81.03 (Neu5Gc C-8), 80.85, 78.21, 77.95, 77.55, 77.03, 76.52, 76.38, 75.59, 74.84, 73.07, 72.55, 72.32, 72.02, 71.77, 70.56, 70.21, 70.11, 65.41, 64.19, 63.87, 62.78, 62.07, 54.86, 50.63, 42.96, 42.39, 30.98; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₃₅H₅₇N₄O₂₈ (M - 2Na + H) 981.3159, found 981.3143.

3-Azidopropyl O-(5-glycolylamido-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero-α-D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylic acid)-(2→8)-O-(3-deoxy-D-glycero-α-D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylic acid)-(2→3)-O-β-D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)-β-D-glucopyranoside (Neu5Gc₂-8KD_Nα2-3Lac_βProN₃, 30): Yield, 68%; white foam; [α]_D²² = -9.90 (*c* 0.98, H₂O); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, D₂O) δ 4.53 (d, 1H, *J*

= 7.8 Hz, Glc H-1), 4.50 (d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz, Gal H-1), 4.21–3.56 (m, 27H), 3.48 (t, 2H, J = 6.6 Hz), 3.42 (t, 1H, J = 9.6 Hz), 3.33 (t, 1H, J = 9.0 Hz), 2.80 (dd, 1H, J = 12.6 and 4.8 Hz, H-3_{eq}'''), 2.66 (dd, 1H, J = 12.6 and 4.8 Hz, H-3_{ax}'''), 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.84 (t, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz, H-3_{ax}''), 1.73 (t, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz, H-3_{ax}''); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, D₂O) δ 175.90, 173.93, 173.71, 102.88, 102.32, 100.99, 100.29, 78.27 (KDN C-8), 78.07, 75.65, 75.39, 75.27, 74.98, 74.47, 73.02, 72.59, 71.95, 70.76, 69.75, 69.67, 69.47, 68.44, 68.33, 67.71, 67.54, 62.74, 61.64, 61.25, 61.16, 60.22, 51.63, 48.06, 40.12, 39.37, 28.41; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₅H₅₇N₄O₂₈ (M – 2Na + H) 981.3159, found 981.3097.

3-Azidopropyl O-(3-deoxy-D-glycero- α -D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylonic acid)-(2→8)-O-(3-deoxy-D-glycero- α -D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylonic acid)-(2→3)-O- β -D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)- β -D-glucopyranoside (KDN α 2-8KDN α 2-3Lac β ProN₃, 31): Yield, 55%; white foam; $[\alpha]^{22}_D$ = –20.0 (*c* 0.3, H₂O); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, D₂O) δ 4.37 (d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz, Glc H-1), 4.35 (d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz, Gal H-1), 4.06–3.38 (m, 26H), 3.32 (t, 2H, J = 6.6 Hz), 3.26 (t, 1H, J = 9.6 Hz), 3.19 (t, 1H, J = 8.4 Hz), 2.55 (dd, 1H, J = 12.6 and 4.8 Hz, H-3_{eq}'''), 2.50 (dd, 1H, J = 12.6 and 4.8 Hz, H-3_{ax}''), 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.64 (t, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz, H-3_{ax}''), 1.57 (t, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz, H-3_{ax}''); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, D₂O) δ 173.36, 173.21, 105.46, 104.89, 103.49, 103.03, 80.86 (KDN C-8), 80.58, 78.33, 77.97, 77.85, 77.56, 77.03, 76.45, 75.59, 74.73, 73.31, 73.20, 72.54, 72.32, 72.29, 72.03, 70.62, 70.25, 70.11, 65.41, 64.17, 63.83, 62.79, 50.63, 41.97, 41.96, 30.98; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₃H₅₄N₃O₂₇ (M – 2Na + H) 924.2945, found 924.2934.

3-Azidopropyl O-(5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero- α -D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylonic acid)-(2→8)-O-(5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero- α -D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylonic acid)-(2→6)-O- β -D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)- β -D-glucopyranoside (Neu5Ac α 2-8Neu5Ac α 2-6Lac β ProN₃, 34): Yield, 80%; white foam; $[\alpha]^{22}_D$ = –9.14 (*c* 1.04, H₂O); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, D₂O) δ 4.51 (d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz, Glc H-1), 4.45 (d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz, Gal H-1), 4.41 (m, 1H), 4.14 (dd, 1H, J = 12.0 and 3.6 Hz), 4.03–3.54 (m, 25H), 3.48 (t, 2H, J = 6.6 Hz), 3.35 (t, 1H, J = 9.0 Hz), 2.79 (dd, 1H, J = 12.0 and 4.2 Hz, H-3_{eq}'''), 2.64 (dd, 1H, J = 12.0 and 4.8 Hz, H-3_{ax}''), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.76 (t, 1H, J = 12.6 Hz, H-3_{ax}''), 1.70 (t, 1H, J = 12.6 Hz, H-3_{ax}'); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, D₂O) δ 175.19, 175.13, 173.43, 173.30, 103.43, 102.19, 101.00, 100.72, 79.86 (Neu5Ac C-8), 78.49, 74.85, 74.83, 74.29, 73.92, 72.93, 72.88, 72.55, 71.92, 71.01, 69.67, 68.69, 68.60, 68.36, 67.99, 67.51, 63.89, 62.82, 61.70, 60.50, 52.43, 51.95, 48.09, 40.67, 40.12, 28.44, 22.50, 22.26; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₇H₆₀N₅O₂₇ (M – 2Na + H) 1006.3476, found 1006.3489.

3-Azidopropyl O-(5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero- α -D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylonic acid)-(2→8)-O-(5-glycolylamido-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero- α -D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylonic acid)-(2→6)-O- β -D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)- β -D-glucopyranoside (Neu5Ac α 2-8Neu5Gc α 2-6Lac β ProN₃, 36): Yield, 76%; white foam; $[\alpha]^{22}_D$ = –5.53 (*c* 1.03, H₂O); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, D₂O) δ 4.48 (d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz, Glc H-1), 4.41 (d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz, Gal H-1), 4.19–4.07 (m, 4H), 4.00–3.50 (m, 25H), 3.44 (t, 2H, J = 6.6 Hz), 3.31 (t, 1H, J = 9.0 Hz), 2.74 (dd, 1H, J = 12.6 and 4.2 Hz, H-3_{eq}'''), 2.61

(dd, 1H, J = 12.0 and 4.8 Hz, H-3_{ax}''), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.89 (m, 2H), 1.71 (t, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz, H-3_{ax}''), 1.68 (t, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz, H-3_{ax}'); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, D₂O) δ 178.20, 176.19, 175.18, 173.88, 103.45, 102.17, 101.16, 100.34, 79.88 (Neu5Gc C-8), 78.85, 74.84, 74.13, 73.92, 72.91, 72.79, 72.53, 71.95, 70.99, 69.80, 69.68, 68.70, 68.56, 68.39, 67.51, 63.92, 62.81, 61.73, 61.30, 60.47, 52.28, 51.94, 48.07, 40.76, 40.28, 28.42, 22.24; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₇H₆₀N₅O₂₈ (M – 2Na + H) 1022.3425, found 1022.3431.

3-Azidopropyl O-(5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero- α -D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylonic acid)-(2→8)-O-(3-deoxy-D-glycero- α -D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylonic acid)-(2→6)-O- β -D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)- β -D-glucopyranoside (Neu5Ac α 2-8KDN α 2-6Lac β ProN₃, 38): Yield, 64%; white foam; $[\alpha]^{22}_D$ = –7.45 (*c* 0.98, H₂O); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, D₂O) δ 4.47 (d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz, Glc H-1), 4.39 (d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz, Gal H-1), 4.20 (m, 1H), 4.13–4.08 (m, 2H), 3.99–3.47 (m, 23H), 3.43 (t, 2H, J = 6.6 Hz), 3.38 (t, 1H, J = 9.6 Hz), 3.29 (t, 1H, J = 9.0 Hz), 2.73 (dd, 1H, J = 12.6 and 4.8 Hz, H-3_{eq}''), 2.54 (dd, 1H, J = 12.6 and 4.8 Hz, H-3_{ax}''), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.88 (m, 2H), 1.77 (t, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz, H-3_{ax}'); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, D₂O) δ 175.14, 173.98, 173.70, 103.45, 102.17, 101.07, 100.88, 79.95 (KDN C-8), 78.40, 75.34, 74.81, 74.80, 73.94, 72.89, 72.86, 72.51, 71.86, 70.97, 70.75, 69.95, 69.59, 68.68, 68.67, 68.40, 67.50, 63.90, 62.77, 61.66, 60.47, 51.91, 48.06, 40.08, 39.84, 28.40, 22.22; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₅H₅₇N₄O₂₇ (M – 2Na + H) 965.3210, found 965.3207.

Methyl O-(5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero- α -D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylonic acid)-(2→8)-O-(5-acetamido-9-azido-3,5,9-trideoxy-D-glycero- α -D-galacto-2-nonulopyranosylonic acid)-(2→6)-O- β -D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)- β -D-glucopyranoside (Neu5Ac α 2-8Neu5Ac α 9N₃ α 2-6Gal β OMe, 40): Yield, 56%; white foam; $[\alpha]^{22}_D$ = –7.54 (*c* 1.14, H₂O); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, D₂O) δ 4.37 (m, 1H), 4.27 (d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz, Gal H-1), 3.97 (m, 1H), 3.89–3.44 (m, 18H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 2.75 (dd, 1H, J = 12.6 and 4.8 Hz, H-3_{eq}''), 2.57 (dd, 1H, J = 12.0 and 4.2 Hz, H-3_{eq}''), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.72 (t, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz, H-3_{ax}'); 1.58 (t, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz, H-3_{ax}'); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, D₂O) δ 175.21, 175.13, 173.65, 173.56, 104.04, 101.03, 100.09, 76.29, 74.18, 73.58, 72.73, 72.69, 71.84, 70.77, 69.45, 68.72, 68.59, 68.39, 67.93, 63.65, 62.68, 60.51, 57.53, 52.51, 51.86, 51.37, 40.33, 22.45, 22.18; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₀H₅₀N₅O₂₁ (M – 2Na + H) 816.2998, found 816.2993.

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